

Mariposa County

February 2012



# 4-H Pancake Breakfast

VALENTINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST– SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
7A.M. TO 1:00P.M.  
MARIPOSA MASONIC HALL

How are your ticket sales coming? Let’s make this pancake breakfast the best council fundraiser yet!

**Displays:** Has your club or project group put together a display to share with the community on what you have been doing or studying.

**Tickets sales:**

Every club has received tickets to sell. Have you been promoting the breakfast among your family and friends? This is a 4-H Council fundraiser. Its success is very important to our program and this success is dependent upon YOU. Funds from this breakfast help pay for our county 4-H events, awards, training and travel for teens and leaders, and supplies. Help us help you– support our breakfast!! Sell, sell, sell!! **Give your money or tickets to your Community Club Leader by Wednesday, February 8. All money/tickets are due into the office NO LATER than Friday, Feb. 10th.**

**Set-up-and Serving:**

Club members & leaders will be setting up and serving at the breakfast. Members will take or sell tickets, seat diners, pour coffee/juice, and clear tables. Please wear your 4-H uniform. **All clubs are to help with clean-up.**

**Cooking-** We need adult and senior members to help cook. Someone that has attended the “Make It Safe, Keep It Safe” workshop must be in the kitchen at all times. When preparing the food make sure you wear clean clothes, hair is pulled back, remove loose jewelry, wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds and re-wash them if you touch your face, sneeze or cough, eat something, or use the restroom. If you have a cut or sore on your hand, please wear disposable gloves.

**Menu-** Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, and juice. **Cost- \$7.00 per person purchased by Feb. 8 and \$8.00 after Feb. 8.**

If you have questions, please contact Kristin Stoesser, chair, or the UCCE office at 966-4829.

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**ATTENTION 4-H LEADERS**

**THE LEADER’S DINNER/TRAINING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 4 TO MARCH 3.**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED OUT TO ALL LEADERS IN FEBRUARY.**

University of California Cooperative Extension



Motto-  
“To Make the Best Better”

4-H Spirit

2012 Mariposa County Fair  
**Mariposa County Fair & Homecoming**  
 August 31 ~ September 3, 2012

**Important Dates for Livestock Exhibitors**

Birthday Dates for Market Animals

|         |                               |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Chevon  | 1/01/2012 ~ or after          |
| Chicken | 6/08/2012 (not over 12 weeks) |
| Turkeys | 4/27/2012 (not over 18 weeks) |
| Ducks   | 3/23/2012 (not over 6 months) |
| Geese   | 3/23/2012 (not over 6 months) |
| Pigeons | 3/23/2012 (not over 6 months) |
| Rabbits | 6/22/2012 (not over 70 days)  |

Ownership Dates (minimum time)

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Leased Horses              | 04/19/2012 (120 days) |
| Beef                       | 05/03/2012 (120 days) |
| Sheep, Hogs & Chevon       | 07/03/2012 (60 days)  |
| Rabbits, Poultry & Pigeons | 08/01/2012 (30 days)  |

VERY IMPORTANT-ALL INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITORS MUST FILL OUT AFFIDAVIT AND SUBMIT A PHOTO OF THE ANIMAL BY THE OWNERSHIP DATES LISTED ABOVE.



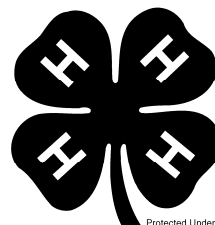
**Prices for 4-H Supplies**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Hat</b>       | <b>12.50</b> |
| <b>Tie</b>       | <b>10.50</b> |
| <b>Scarf</b>     | <b>13.00</b> |
| <b>Scarf kit</b> | <b>7.00</b>  |
| <b>Chevron</b>   | <b>1.50</b>  |
| <b>Binder</b>    | <b>4.00</b>  |
| <b>Gate Sign</b> | <b>3.50</b>  |

**Make checks payable to :  
 Mariposa County 4-H Council**

**4-H EMBLEM**

The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf. The four “H’s” stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The leaves of the clover are green and the “H’s” are white. The white is for purity; green is nature’s most common color and symbolizes youth, life, and growth.



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## *Presentation/Favorite Foods Day Slated for March 10*

### *Entries due March 1*



Just a reminder that Presentation/Favorite Foods Day will take place on Saturday, March 10 at the Grace Community Church. Presentation skills are an important part of the 4-H experience and often are cited by former 4-H members as the most valuable skill they developed through the 4-H program.

**Members can only enter two Presentations and one Favorite Food.** Copies of state guidelines are available on-line at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2193.pdf> and Sectional guidelines available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/71285.doc>

Categories that are eligible to advance to Sectional Presentation Day are demonstrations, illustrated talks, prepared speeches, interpretive reading, impromptu speech, educational display, share the fun, cultural arts, audio/visual presentation, science demonstration or illustrated talks, and problem solving.

At the county level, presentations may be given by any age member. Only junior, intermediate and seniors may advance to the sectional or state levels. A gold medal at county level qualifies a member to advance to sectional. All presentations include an introduction, body, conclusion, and questions by judges. **Make sure you have the correct number of posters for demonstrations (4) and illustrated talks (3) and the correct size of display boards for educational displays.**

At Sectional Presentation Day, April 14 in Tuolumne County, only a gold medal winner may advance to State 4-H Presentation Day that will be held May 26 at UC Davis.

**Primary members receive participation awards only and cannot receive medals or judges awards for presentations, or favorite foods.**

**Remember, entries for both Presentations and Favorite Foods are due in the UCCE office by March 1 by 5:00p.m. All Favorite Food entries must include the recipe. Entries available at the office or on-line at [http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Mariposa\\_County\\_Project\\_Forms\\_and\\_more/](http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Mariposa_County_Project_Forms_and_more/)**

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## **Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day**

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will be holding its annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd, 2012. This field day is open to FFA and 4-H high school students from California and surrounding states. These high school students come to Davis to compete in 24 different agriculturally based judging contests, ranging from livestock judging to agriculture computer applications. UC Davis students from a variety of majors coordinate the contests. Faculty and staff in CA&ES serve as advisors for these contests.

For questions about registration or how to become involved, contact the 2012 Field Day Coordinator, Sarah Warren, at [fieldday@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fieldday@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-4939 or visit <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/NewsEvents/Events/fieldday>

## 4-H Camp Tweety



'Camp Tweety' is scheduled for June 16-18, 2012. Two days and two nights of fun! Campers will be arriving on Saturday morning, stay Saturday and Sunday nights and go home on Monday afternoon. Theme is "Science Camp".

This camp is open to all 4th-8th grade 4-H members and non-4-H members. The camp will be at Lions Camp Pacifica in Ahwahnee. Registration fee is \$85.00 for 4-H members and non-4-Hers \$105 (includes \$20 insurance fee) and \$45 for teen counselors. Registrations are due into the UCCE Office by June 3. After this date the registration fee will go up by \$5. If you need financial assistance, please check with your club Community Club Leader or contact Donna to make payment arrangements.

We are looking for 4-H certified leaders to be chaperones, helpers, and certified lifeguards. There is no fee for these helpers. If interested, please contact Donna so registration forms can be sent out. Registration forms for campers will be available at the March club meetings or at the UCCE office. Ask a friend to join you at camp!

## Winter Fun Day

On Saturday, February 25 will be 4-H Winter Fun Day. 4-Hers will be ice skating at the Tenaya Lodge Ice Rink from 1-3p. Council will provide snacks and drinks. Cost is \$11 for youth (4-12) and \$14 for adults which includes skates. Registration forms will be available at the February club meetings, office and on-line at <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu>. Make checks payable to "Mariposa County 4-H Council".



## 4-H 'KID'S NIGHT' SLATED FOR

On Friday, March 30, the 4-H 'Kid's Night' will take place. This event is for 4-H members in kindergarten through 6th grades. It will be held at the Grace Church off of Woodland Drive. This event is from 5-9:30p. The committee, Triangle Club, is planning an exciting evening! Dinner, games/activities, arts/crafts, movie and more will take place.

Registration forms will be available at the March club meetings and at the UCCE Office. The forms will be due into the office by March 21 so the committee can get a head count to buy supplies. Mark your calendars!!

## FASHION REVUE AND STYLE SHOW SLATED FOR APRIL 28

**Fashion Revue** is an event for our 4-H members in the sewing project. Our event will take place Saturday, April 28 location TBA. Members model their garments in front of judges and are also interviewed. The top winner has the opportunity to attend the State-wide Fashion Revue on Saturday, May 26 at UC Davis.

**The Style Show** portion of this event is where all of our 4-H members, both boys & girls, can model a purchased, borrowed from a store, or home-sewn selection. They are also judged but not interviewed.

We would like to see as many of our 4-Hers enter in this event. Watch for entries and more information in the 4-H Spirit and at club meetings.

## WHO'S WHO IN 4-H

- ◆ All Community Club Leaders (CCL) and project leaders in the 4-H program are adult volunteers. They accept the responsibility of serving as a leader because they enjoy working with, and teaching 4-H members. They also receive much self satisfaction in knowing that they have helped the youth in their community. Without volunteer leaders, 4-H would not exist.
- ◆ Junior leaders are members in the sixth through eighth grade in school. They help project leaders in leading projects and are available to answer any questions about their projects and 4-H.
- ◆ Teen leaders are members in the ninth grade and above. They lead project groups (an adult leader must be present for insurance purposes) and help with other things in the club. Most teen leaders can answer any questions concerning 4-H or direct you to someone who can.
- ◆ All-Stars are 4-H members in 9th-12th grades who have earned their gold star and have gone through an interview process to earn this top county 4-H star rank. They are our "County Ambassadors" who speak at clubs, give sessions at LCORT and State Leadership Conference, and promote county 4-H activities.
- ◆ The Mariposa County 4-H Club Council is a group of 4-H adult leaders, 4-H members (7th-12th graders), and 4-H staff whose purpose is to plan, coordinate, conduct and assist with the many 4-H activities of the youth program. Council focuses on developing funds to sponsor the local 4-H events/activities. All meetings are open to members, leaders, and parents to express their ideas and views.
- ◆ The 4-H staff, located in the UC Cooperative Extension Office are available to assist you in many ways. Stop by or call when questions arise. The staff supports you in county-wide activities. They are willing to help you solve problems that arise occasionally and are usually as available as your nearest telephone. The 4-H staff is part of the University of California Cooperative Extension Service. In Mariposa County, this staff consists of a 4-H Coordinator, Donna Wice. She can acquaint you with project materials available. She can also answer questions about county deadlines and paperwork. The 4-H Coordinator can also answer or help with any other questions or problems you might have. The Interim County Director/Farm Advisor is Maxwell Norton.

## WHAT'S WHAT IN 4-H

Mariposa County 4-H publishes a monthly newsletter that is on-line and sent to all with email addresses. This newsletter is called "*4-H Spirit*". The "*4-H Spirit*" should be **read and kept**, as it contains important information on county, regional, and state activities for the 4-H member and family. This newsletter is also on the Mariposa County UC website at <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu>.

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## SAFE FOOD HANDLING

It is important for 4-H members and leaders providing food for bake sales, pot lucks, or any other food fundraiser to follow safe food handling guidelines.

When preparing your food:

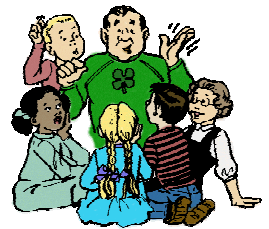
- ◆ Wear clean clothing
- ◆ Pin back loose hair, put in a scrunchie or wear a hair net
- ◆ Remove loose jewelry from your hands. Wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds. Re-wash them if you touch your face, sneeze or cough, eat something, or use the restroom. If you have a cut or sore on your hand, wear disposable gloves or if at a fundraiser do another job
- ◆ Use clean equipment-bowls, spoons, etc.
- ◆ Keep your cooking and prep area clean
- ◆ Do not chew gum or eat while preparing food
- ◆ Keep eggs refrigerated before using them
- ◆ Keep food from contamination while it is being transported to your activity



## **BASIC NEEDS FOR PEOPLE IN GROUPS FOR LEADERS AND OFFICERS TO KEEP IN MIND**

Leader! If you want my loyalty, interest, and best efforts as a group member, you must take into account the fact that.....

1. I need a **SENSE OF BELONGING**
  - a. A feeling that no one objects to my presence.
  - b. A feeling that I am sincerely welcome.
  - c. A feeling that I am honestly needed for my total self, not just for my hands, my money, etc.
2. I need to have a **SHARE IN PLANNING THE GROUP GOALS**, my need will be satisfied only when I feel that my ideas have had a fair hearing.
3. I need to feel that the **GOALS ARE WITHIN REACH** and they make sense to **ME**.
4. I need to feel that what I'm doing contributes to **HUMAN WELFARE**-that its value extends beyond the group itself.
5. I need to share in **MAKING THE RULES OF THE GROUP**- the rules by which together we shall live and work toward our goals.
6. I need to know in some clear detail just **WHAT IS EXPECTED** of me so that I can work confidently.
7. I need to have **RESPONSIBILITIES THAT CHALLENGE**, that are within range of my abilities, and that contribute toward reaching our goals.
8. I need to **SEE** that **PROGRESS** is being made toward the goal **WE** have set.
9. I need to be **KEPT INFORMED**. What I'm not up on, I may be down on.
10. I need to have **CONFIDENCE IN OUR LEADER**- Confidence based upon assurance of consistent fair treatment, of recognition when it is due, and trust that loyalty will bring increased security.



In brief- the situations in which I may find myself as a member must **MAKE SENSE** to me regardless of how much sense it makes to the leader.

**ADULT/YOUTH PARTNERSHIP = TEAMWORK**

# Record Books - Purpose

The California 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of record-keeping for 4-H members. In early 4-H history, Record Books focused on project profit and loss and other necessities for agricultural work. As 4-H moved from a primarily agricultural focus to encompassing suburban and urban clubs, the Record Book format changed. In the late 80's, the state level Record Book was reformatted to conform to national achievement (which was then eliminated in the early 90's) and the core values of the 4-H Youth Development Program. However, this left the California 4-H YDP with two different Record Book formats - local and state.

The Statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee has combined the local Record Book format (Personal Development Report) and the state level Project Competition format into an integrated California 4-H Record Book system. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, practices must transform to meet the needs of a changing society: industrial agricultural practices have moved to computerized systems, and record-keeping has become streamlined. In order for the 4-H Record Book process to pilot youth into prepared and engaged partners within their communities, it needs to become modernized, streamlined, and relevant.

## **The Purpose of Record Books:**

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. While society has changed, so have the goals of 4-H record-keeping. 4-H Record Books allow 4-H members to reflect on their yearly work completed as well as maintain records of project and club work. 4-H members demonstrate growth and measure achievements across their years in 4-H.

In record-keeping, 4-H members develop the following life skills:

- Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work and school and community activities
- Keeping personal and business records
- Improving communication with other people
- Learning time management and organizational skills
- Learning responsibility and developing goal setting skills

4-H Record Books are an educational component of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

## ***In Mariposa County 4-H YDP -***

4-H Record Books are required to complete a program year and to receive the year stripe and pin. Each project report must be current and a demonstration must be done for each project a member is in plus PDR by July 15 to attend fair and to receive participation awards such as star ranking. In many clubs, counties and at state, 4-H members receive medals or pins for 4-H Record Book achievements.

Members must turn in their Record Books which includes PDR, project record forms, if Junior/Teen Leader, a leadership form must be completed, and photos (nice but optional) at the September club meetings or by the date specified by the 4-H Office. The Community Club leader and committee review the books and the members requesting to go on to county level and receiving a Gold Seal can go onto County Record Book Judging. At this level, members are interviewed by the county judges on their project. The winners of this county judging is then recognized at the annual Achievement Night scheduled in October.

If you have questions on the Record Books, please contact the 4-H Office at 966-4829. A Record Book workshop will take place in spring. Watch for the date.

## RANKING SYSTEM: STAR AWARDS

Part of the 4-H fun of learning is measuring your progress. The Star Awards in 4-H are designed to help you plan attainable objectives and to measure the progress you are making toward those objectives. The Star Award is a program unique to California. Bronze, Silver, Gold, Emerald, Platinum, and All-Stars are awarded at the county level to 4-H members in recognition of their achievements. There is no time limit for achieving a star rank, and there is no limit to the number of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Emerald, Platinum, or All-Stars a county can award.



Star ranks are based on individual member's participation. The member sets goals each year to try to accomplish this set goal. Some members earn their Bronze star in their first year, and others may take a couple of years. Star Ranks are designed to encourage members to participate in a wide variety of activities over a number of years. Stars provide 4-H members opportunities to accomplish goals. Each star level takes an average of two years to complete.

**At the State Level,** State Ambassadors are awarded for outstanding achievement and leadership in 4-H.

4-H State Ambassador are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and



have been selected to serve the California State 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador Advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working

with older youth in a youth-adult partnership atmosphere. The term is a 14 month commitment from July to August and may only serve a term.

### **Eligibility Requirements for 4-H State Ambassador:**

**Youth:** 4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H Youth Development Program member, and be at least 16 years of age as of December 31 of the program year yet no older than 18 as of December 31.

## PDR CORNER

To earn a new star rank there are 8 different sections to complete. Here are various activities we have had the past few months. If you participated in one or more, find the section and write in your PDR.

### **LCORT-**

as a delegate or on the leadership team-

**Sec. 3 or 4**

### **Judging Day -**

Attended-

**Sec. 3**

Medallist-

**Sec. 7**

High Point Winner

**Sec. 7**

### **4-H Thrive training- Attended**

**Sec. 3**

### **Committee Chair-**

**Sec. 4**

### **Committee Member-**

**Sec. 4**

### **News Articles-**

**Sec. 6**

### **Junior or Teen Leader training- Attended**

**Sec. 3**

## 4-H THRIVE TRAINING

**4-H statewide has adopted the Thrive model to enhance our program. There will be a focus on goal setting, personal reflection and positive outcomes in all of our projects and activities.**

**There will be a 4-H Thrive leadership project next program year 2012-13 and will be having a workshop for current and upcoming junior and teen leaders sometime in the summer. Watch for further details.**



## 4-H Judging Day Winners!

4-H Judging Day was held on Saturday, January 21 at McCay Hall in Catheys Valley. We had around 50+ members, leaders, and parents that participated in this decision-making activity. A big 'Thank You' goes out to the Triangle Club for chairing this event. It was a great success!!!

### The winners were:

#### Junior-

**Livestock- Gold-** Bernadette Wall, Haylie Davis, and McKenszie Lettice **Silver-** Kestrel Holt **Bronze-** Annie Jonson, Taylar Davis **4th-** Erin Bryson

**Home Ec- Gold-** Bernadette Wall **Silver-**Taylar Davis **Bronze-** Erin Bryson **4th-** Haylie Davis, McKenzie Lettice **5th-** Annie Jonson

**General- Gold-** Bernadette Wall, Haylie Davis, Kestrel Holt **Silver-** McKenzie Lettice **Bronze-** Erin Bryson, Annie Jonson **4th-** Taylar Davis

**High Point Winner- Bernadette Wall**

#### Intermediate-

**Livestock- Gold-** Saylor Cramer **Silver-** Maria Loya, Katy Park, Wyatt Harrison, Dalton Talbot **Bronze-** Bob Robinson, Emily Metcalf **4th-** Josh Mandeville, Raegan Broomfield, Brittany Collier, Claire Gorham **5th-** Walt Palmer, Alex Pettis-Teem.

**Home Ec- Gold-** Wyatt Harrison **Silver-** Wyatt Estep **Bronze-** Raegan Broomfield, Riley Gibson **4th-**Bob Robinson, Emily Metcalf **5th-** Brittany Collier

**General- Gold-** Katy Park **Silver-** Maria Loya, Claire Gorham **Bronze-** Brittany Collier **4th-** Walt Palmer, Josh Mandeville, Analise Wall **5th-** Wyatt Harrison, Dalton Talbot, Saylor Cramer, Wyatt Estep, and Riley Gibson

**High Point Winner- Wyatt Harrison**

#### Senior-

**Livestock- Gold-** Josh Stoesser **Silver-** Elseana Skowronski, Katie Wall, Alyssa Mounts **Bronze-** Krystal Robinson, Clancy Kramer **4th-** Shawnee Metcalf, Alicia Stoesser, Shelby Mandeville **5th-** Bobbie Edwards

**Home Ec- Gold-** Josh Stoesser **Silver-** Alyssa Mounts **Bronze-** Krystal Robinson **4th-** Alicia Stoesser **5th-** Shawnee Metcalf

**General- Gold-** Elseana Skowronski **Silver-** Krystal Robinson **Bronze-** Josh Stoesser **4th-** Alyssa Mounts **5th-** Clancy Kramer

**High Point Winner- Josh Stoesser**

**Primary- All primary members received a 2012 Kid's calendar & magic kit-** Daisy Jonson, Khily Brower, Khiera Brower, and Morgan Lettice

#### Adults-

**Livestock- 1st-**Bear Metcalf, Jennifer Metcalf, Calvin Teem **2nd-** Yvonne Holt, Linda Brower **3rd-**Heidi Estep **4th-** Paul Bryson, Tina Sula

**Home Ec- 1st-** Heidi Estep **2nd-** Paul Bryson **3rd-**Tina Sula **4th-**Jennifer Metcalf, Yvonne Holt, Linda Brower **5th-** Bear Metcalf

**General- 1st-** Jennifer Metcalf **2nd-** Paul Bryson, Yvonne Holt **3rd-** Tina Sula, Linda Brower, Calvin Teem **4th-**Heidi Estep and Bear Metcalf

**High Point Winner- Jennifer Metcalf**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!**

Also thank you to the 4-H Thrive Team, Erica Jonson, Jennifer Metcalf and Donna Wice, for having the first workshop of the year. There were 10 leaders and 17 junior/teen leaders that attended. Next activity will be in the summer and a 4-H Thrive project will be for all junior and teen leaders next program year. Watch for details.

## State 4-H News

### State Leadership Conference - Support Group Applications

**Deadline: February 24, 2012**

The support group is an opportunity for teens to assist with the planning of the 2012 4-H State Leadership Conference. During the conference, the support group acts as a resource to the planning staff by serving as group facilitators, delegation hosts, logistical support, and State Ambassador assistants (among other roles). Serving as a member of the support group is a great opportunity for older members to take on a leadership responsibility at the state level, and provides valuable experience for youth who intend to apply for the 4-H State Ambassador team. Applications are available online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>

The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will hold its **36th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**. The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2012 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to <http://www.calaged.org/registration>. Select the event (2012 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link "Get Access Code". Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes. After your chapter is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to "UC Regents" and mailed to:

Attn: Francesca Ross  
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616

The **2012 California Camping Conference**, planned for **March 23-25, 2012** at YMCA Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA, inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. The weekend conference offers staff, volunteers, and teen leaders the opportunity to learn new practices, acquire new skills, and network with others from all over the state. One of our key presenters will be Dr. Jim Cain who is an innovator in team building and author of several books including *Raccoon Circles* and *Teamwork & Teamplay*. The fee is \$130 per person and includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials. The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. If you plan to take the archery certification there is an additional \$30 fee for class material. Archery is a full twelve hour course. For more information about the conference visit the 4-H Camp website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Camps/Conference/> To register online visit: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7206>. Registration deadline is **March 9, 2012**.

### 4-H State Ambassador Applications

**Deadline: March 31, 2012**

The California 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides members with the opportunity to serve as a representative of the 4-H Program, plan the annual CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, and implement a service-learning project during their 14 month term. Youth members ages 16-18 are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2012-2013 State Ambassador team are available online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>.



## More State-wide news

### Higher Education Scholarships

**Deadline: April 30, 2012**

The California 4-H Youth Development Program, with help from donors, offers statewide scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, room and board. Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply. For scholarship categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>.

The **State Fashion Revue Manual** has been revised for 2012 and posted on our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The rubric scorecards used at SFR are also online for use at local events. As county fashion revues are planned, please have someone from your county notify Jillian Barden of your event date. Then after the county event, notify the SFR committee again with the names of your qualifying delegates. State Fashion Revue will be Saturday, May 26 at UC Davis, as part of State Field Day. Delegates must qualify at their local County Fashion Revue. See the updated manual for information. SFR registration will open be open from **April 1 to May 12**. Contact Jillian Barden, staff liaison at [jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu) or Sue Moore, SFR Registrar at [2moores@mlode.com](mailto:2moores@mlode.com), with questions. If you need a pattern for the Tote Bag Challenge or you have questions about the SFR service projects, contact Mary Engebretth at [maryengebretth@comcast.net](mailto:maryengebretth@comcast.net).

### Online Record Book Training – Webinar Series for the 4hOnline Record Book

The [4-H Online Record Book](#) (ORB) is a record keeping tool that helps 4-H members compile their annual 4-H Record Books. It also provides an arena for 4-H members to share their experiences with other members in their 4-H Club. A webinar series is being offered during the month of February to help 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth become familiar with the system. Space is limited to the first 150 people to register for each webinar. This will be facilitated by [Scott Mautte](#) and [Steven Worker](#) at the California State 4-H Office. The trainings offered will be as follows:

#### Introduction and Logging-In

Staff Version on February 8, 11-12pm

Volunteers and Youth Version on February 9, 7-8pm

#### Paper vs. Electric: Navigating the Forms in the Online Record Book: PDR, APR, Story|

Staff Version on February 15, 11-12pm

Volunteers and Youth Version on February 16, 7-8pm

#### Youth Functions, Forms, and Privacy Settings

Staff Version on February 22, 11-12pm

Volunteer and Youth Version on February 23, 7-8pm

#### Project & Club Leader Functions and Approving Forms

Staff Version on February 29, 11-12pm

Volunteer and Youth Version on March 1, 7-8pm

To register for the webinars, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/>

### 4-H Day at the Sacramento Kings game!

The CA 4-H Foundation Alumni program is sponsoring a day at the Sacramento Kings game on Sunday, March 11. It is the Kings vs. Atlanta Hawks starting at 6pm. Discount tickets are available at \$9, \$17.50 and \$29. 4-H youth will be featured in activities before, after, and throughout the game. It is a great way to show support for 4-H, enjoy a great family activity at a reduced price. Tickets are limited. Contact Amy McGuire at [almcquire@ucdavis.edu](mailto:almcquire@ucdavis.edu) with questions or to purchase tickets.

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## February Important Dates

- 8 Catheys Valley Club meeting-7p
- 9 Bootjack Club Meeting– 6:30p & Triangle Club Meeting– 6:30p
- 12 4-H Valentine Pancake Breakfast-7a-1p
- 13 Don Pedro Rattlers meeting-6:30p
- 20 UCCE Office closed-President's Day**
- 25 Winter Fun Day-Tenaya Lodge Ice Rink
- 28 4-H Council meeting– 6:00p.

## March Activity Dates

- 3 Dinner/Training for 4-H leaders**
- 10 Presentation/Favorite Foods Day
- 23-25 State-wide Camping Conference
- 27 4-H Council meeting-6p
- 30 Kid's Night-5:00 Grace Church

