



**Spring is  
Here, Enjoy!**

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## Teen Night Set for May 11th

Bootjack 49ers 4-H Club invites all 4-Her's in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up to Teen Night!! There will be lots of fun. Dinner, scavenger hunt, games and other activities will take place at the Mariposa Park! Meet at the Mariposa Park at 4p. and be picked up by 8:30p.

Registration forms will be available at the April club meetings and on-line. They are due into the office by May 4th! More details will be in the May 4-H Spirit and club announcements.

4-H leaders are needed to help chaperone and for transportation through the town of Mariposa and help with dinner. Let the office know if you can assist.

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## 4-H Fashion Revue/Style Show Scheduled for April 28

Mariposa County 4-H Fashion Revue and Style Show is slated for Saturday, April 28 at the Lake Don Pedro Elementary School.

**Fashion Revue** is an event for our 4-H members in the sewing project. They model their garments in front of judges and are interviewed. The top winner has the opportunity to attend the State 4-H Fashion Revue (pre-registration due by May 12, 2012).

**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.

Entries for both events, the Fashion Revue and Style Show, are now available at the office or on-line at <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/?calitem=158782&g=37458> and are due into office by April 18, 2012.

This event will take place at the Lake Don Pedro Elementary School.



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK  
APRIL 15-21, 2012**



**4-H Volunteers**

Somewhere between the sternness of a parent and the comradeship of a pal is that mysterious creature we call a 4-H Leader.

These leaders come in all shapes and sizes, and may be male or female. But they all have one thing in common—a glorious twinkle in their eyes!

4-H Leaders are found everywhere— at judging contest, fairs, square dances, and talent shows. They always are preparing for, sitting through, participating in, or recuperating from a meeting of some kind.

They are tireless consumers of muffins, expert at taking knots out of thread, peerless coaches, and spend hours on the telephone.

A 4-H Leader is many things— an artist making a float for the Fourth of July, a doctor prescribing for an underfed calf, a counselor at camp, a lawyer filling out reports, and a shoulder to cry on when that dress just won't fit. Nobody else is so early to rise and so late to get home at night. Nobody else has so much fun with so many boys and girls.

We sometimes forget them, but we can't do without them. They receive no salary, but we can never repay them.

They are angels in aprons, saints in straw hats. Their only reward is the love of the kids and the respect of the community. But when they look around them at the skills they've taught, and the youth they've built, there's an inner voice from somewhere that says, "Well done."

Author Unknown

Mariposa County 4-H YDP has 65 volunteer leaders in our program. Members, please thank your project leaders for their generosity, for we wouldn't have a 4-H program without them!!



**Carol Suggs , 4-H County-wide Horse leader, Selected  
2012 Rodeo Grand Marshall by Fair Board**

The Mariposa Fair Board of Directors selected at their March 19 meeting to honor Carol Suggs as the 2012 Rodeo Grand Marshal. Their letter stated,  
"Thank you Carol for all the time you dedicate to the fair and your outstanding leadership in the 4-H horse project. You are a mentor and role model for many of the youth in Mariposa. Congratulations Carol, you truly deserve this recognition."

**Attention Livestock/Poultry Members  
Per NEW 4-H Council Policy:**

Members may not be away from their ongoing livestock project for more than a continuous 14 day period prior to fair; ownership days are 120 days for beef & horses, 60 days for sheep & swine, and 30 days for rabbits & poultry so as to have adequate management time with the project. Allowances may be made at the discretion of the project leader and 4-H Council.

**4-H Camp Tweety  
"Space Science"**



June 16-June 18 will be 4-H Camp Tweety. This camp is for 4th-8th grade 4-H members and non-members in Mariposa and surrounding counties. Camp will be held at Lions Camp Pacifica in Ahwahnee.

**Cost- \$85 for 4-Hers  
\$105 for non-4-Hers  
(must be postmarked by June 1)**

After June 1 an additional \$5 will be added on. Registration forms are available at 4-H clubs, UCCE office, and on-line at [http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Camp\\_Tweety.htm](http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Camp_Tweety.htm)

Registration fee includes (2) nights lodging, (7) meals, materials, & souvenir.

For more details, call Donna at 966-4829.

**2012-13 4-H Leadership Team Applications  
Now Available**

Members 13 years & up, have their bronze star and have been a junior or teen leader for at least one year can apply for the 2012-13 Leadership Team. Applications now available on-line at <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu>, at the office or at club meetings. Applications due into the office by May 4.

**PDR CORNER**

**This is the way members earn Star Ranks. 4-H Events & Sections– If you have attended one or more of these events, enter on the New PDR.**

**Pancake Breakfast–**

Attended in 4-H uniform	3
committee member	4
Served	4
Decorated/clean-up	4
Sold tickets to others than immediate family	4

**Presentation Day–**

attended in 4-H uniform	3
attended-participant	6
medalist– Gold	7
committee member	4
Judges’ Award	7
Room Monitor	4
Command Performance	6

**Regional Presentation Day-**

Attended in 4-H uniform	3
Attended-participant	6
medalist– Gold	7
Room Monitor	4
Command Performance	6

**Camp Tweety-**

Committee member/teen counselor	4
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**4-H Avian Science Day-**

Attended	3
Exhibited poultry showmanship	2

**Kid’s Night–**

Chair/committee member	4
Attended	3
Decorated/clean-up	4

**Poultry or Rabbit Shows-**

Attended	3
Exhibited animal	2
Showmanship	2
Demonstrated skills	6

**Farm Bureau Dinner-**

Served or clean-up	5
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## ARE YOU A JUNIOR OR TEEN LEADER?

If you are, then you should be experiencing the time of your life working with younger members, providing project materials for your members, doing presentations, and helping your project leader in many other ways.

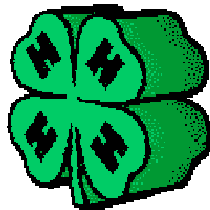
As a Junior or Teen Leader you are never permitted to work with a project group without an adult project leader present. Teen Leaders are not covered by UC liability when driving during, to, or from any 4-H event or activity. There is no longer liability coverage for anyone under the age of 18. The University of California extends liability coverage to volunteers and the 4-H program defines volunteers as those being adults 18 years of age or older.

Remember, that you and your project leader must have filled out your goals and planned activities on the Leadership Plan and Report Form at the beginning of the project year. You should get together at mid-year to review the goals, and at the end-of-year to see if you attained them. The project leader must evaluate the junior or teen leader to see if the member will receive their junior or teen leader patch or pin.

## PROJECT MEETINGS

**IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF 4-H STAFF THAT SOME LEADERS HAVE NOT HELD ANY MEETINGS AS OF THIS DATE. THE FIRST PROJECT MEETING WAS TO BE HELD BY JANUARY 31, 2012.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A MEETING, PLEASE HAVE ONE NO LATER THAN APRIL 15. MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY NEED FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS, DATES TO PURCHASE ANIMALS, ETC. REMEMBER YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST 6 PROJECT MEETINGS WITH AT LEAST 10 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE MEMBERS TO COMPLETE THEIR PROJECT.**



## 4-H and Jackpot Livestock Shows

In 1997, the California 4-H Program adopted a policy regarding official 4-H participation in shows defined as “jackpot” shows.

*A jackpot show is defined as one in which entry fees are charged and cash prizes or premiums are awarded from the accumulated entry fees or other matching funds.*

**4-H youth may participate as individuals in jackpot shows with their 4-H project animals. However, youth may not participate as 4-H members nor will their participation be recognized as a 4-H experience. (i.e. cannot be counted in the 4-H record book except as an “other than 4-H activity”.) Coverage under the 4-H accident insurance program and protection under the University’s liability program will not be in effect during participation in a jackpot show.**

The reason for this decision was a growing concern that the project participation and entry requirements of some “jackpot” shows were not consistent with the California 4-H Youth Development Program’s emphasis on learning and practicing animal project lessons.

Members, leaders, and parents should take care in reviewing the rules of a show to determine if it meets the definition of a jackpot show. Some shows that members have traditionally participated in do meet that definition and will not be considered as a 4-H experience.

### Junior Livestock Auction Committee Meeting

Date: April 17

Time: 5:30p.m.

Where: Fairgrounds Boardroom

2011-12 4-H representatives will be Amy Gibson and Stacy O’Hagan along with Donna Wice, 4-H Coordinator.

## STATE 4-H NEWS

**4-H State Leadership Conference – Financial Aid Applications** will be released at the end of March and due at the end of April. Applications will be available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at [cmabrams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmabrams@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-5644.

**4-H State Leadership Conference – Registration** Conference registration will be released mid-April and due in June. The complete registration packet will be posted at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at [cmabrams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmabrams@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-5644.

**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/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at [cmabrams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmabrams@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-5644.

### **California State Fair, Youth Art & Design Expo Deadline: April 13, 2012**

The Youth Art & Design Expo highlights the creative talents of California's youth. The competition is open to all California youth, ages 5-18. There are many categories to enter in four shows: Fine Art, Crafts & Hobbies, Fashion & Textiles, and Media. There are no prerequisites for entry. Send in an Entry Form, an Entry Fee of \$8, and an image of your artwork or craft on a CD. Winning entries are delivered or shipped to the fairgrounds and will be featured in a formal exhibit from July 12-29 during the California State Fair. All entry materials are available online at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org). For more information contact Michelle Johnson, Youth Programs Coordinator at 916.263.3189 or [mejoh-nson@calexpo.com](mailto:mejoh-nson@calexpo.com).

**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/>.

**Nordstrom Scholarship Program** - Apply now for a \$10,000 scholarship! Nordstrom is excited to award \$10,000 scholarships to 80 outstanding high school students and help them achieve their dreams of going to college. The Nordstrom Scholarship recognizes students across the country for their exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement. The Nordstrom Scholarship is open to high school juniors who:

- Have at least a 2.7 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) throughout high school.
- Volunteer or participate in community services or extracurricular activities.
- Plan on attending an accredited four-year college or university.
- Plan on applying for financial assistance in order to attend college.

Application deadline is May 1, 2012 - winners will be notified by the end of October 2012. For complete details and additional information, visit [www.nordstrom.com/scholarship](http://www.nordstrom.com/scholarship).



## 4-H Presentation /Favorite Foods Day Results

Thanks to our committee, Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H Club, for making the 2012 Presentation/Favorite Foods Day a fun event. There were demonstrations, interpretive reading and yummy food presentations. Gold medals, & blue seals were awarded to enthusiastic 4-H participants. Judges' awards went to skillful demonstrators. Several presenters presented their presentations again before the awards ceremony.

We want to thank the judges Niarja Marchand, Noma Moore, Ruth Catalan, Jennifer & Debra Genung and Kathy Lyons for attending. Also in attendance was former 4-Her and State Ambassador, Jennifer Lyons. We also thank the participants, kitchen help, tally crew, and all the many helpers who made this event fun and educational.

The Presentation Gold Medal winners have the opportunity to attend the Sub-Regional Presentation Day, April 14th at Sonora High School in Tuolumne County. At this event, 4-H members from Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, & Tuolumne counties will present their gold medal presentations. Gold medal winners on this day will have the opportunity to attend State 4-H Presentation Day on May 26 at 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis.



### Demonstration-

Josh Mandeville- Gold medal/seal

Wyatt Estep- Blue Seal

Alyssa Mounts- Blue Seal

Emily Metcalf- Gold medal/seal



### Interpretive Reading-

Claire Gorham- Gold medal /seal



### Favorite Foods-

Emily Metcalf- Silver medal

Haylie Davie- Silver medal

Taylor Davis- Bronze medal

Alyssa Mounts- Silver medal

Shawnee Metcalf- Silver medal





# Multiple Sclerosis Bike-a-Thon

## BIKE MS 10 Miles

Starting at Indian Gulch Rd., Catheys Valley to the Hornitos Park, Hornitos, CA



Sunday, April 29, 2012

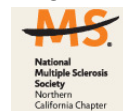
Open to the public and all ages

Register with pledges at the corner of Indian Gulch  
and Hwy 140 at 8:30a.m.

Bike-a-thon begins at 10a.m. and will finish at the  
Hornitos Park with BBQ and awards

Sponsored by Mariposa County 4-H Citizenship Project

All proceeds will be going to the MS Society



For more information and pledge form contact at 209 376-2320.

# 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

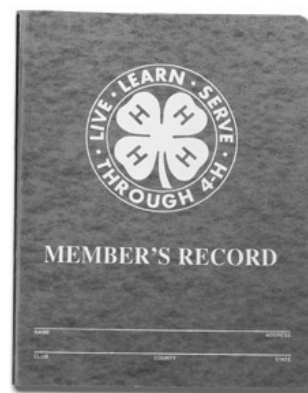
4-H Record Books are an educational component of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

## *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 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 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 receiving a Gold Seal can go onto County Record Book Judging. The winners of this county judging is then recognized at the annual Achievement Night.

If you have questions on the Record Books, please contact the 4-H Office at 966-4829.



**\*\*\*A RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD APRIL 25 AT 3:30P AT THE UCCE OFFICE. CALL DONNA BY APRIL 23 IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING.\*\*\***



# University of California Cooperative Extension

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## April Important Dates

- 2 4-H Sectional Scholarships due
- 5 Triangle 4-H Club meeting– 6:30p
- 9 Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H meeting– 6:30p
- 12 Bootjack 49ers 4-H meeting-6:30p
- 13 4-H Council Scholarships due
- 14 Sub-Regional Presentation Day- Sonora
- 18 Catheys Valley 4-H Club meeting– 7:00p
- Fashion Revue/Style Show entries due
- 24 4-H Council meeting-6p
- 25 Record book workshop-3:30p office
- 28 Fashion Revue/Style Show
- 29 MS Bike-a-thon

## May

- 11 Teen Night-Mariposa Park
- 12/13 Pow Wow-fairgrounds
- 22 4-H Council– 6p
- 26 State 4-H Field Day-UC Davis
- Memorial Day Parade-VFW Hall
- 28 Office closed-Memorial Day

## June

- 1 Camp Tweety registrations due
- 16-18 Camp Tweety

## Attention All 4-H Members & Project Leaders

Just a reminder that members in your projects need to present a demonstration in front of your project members at one of your meetings. These presentations must be related to your project. These presentations must take place by July 15 for fair eligibility.

Also need to have 80% attendance of project and club meetings, complete project forms and PDR to complete the year and turn in record book at the September club meeting.