



Remember the  
men and women  
who have fought  
for, and are  
fighting for our  
country & World!  
May 28th



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Former 4-Her**

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## Regional Presentation Day Results

All of our Mariposa 4-H members did a great job at the Sub-Regional Presentation Day in Tuolumne County at Sonora High School, a multi-county competition that included Mariposa, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties. All Mariposa participants received a gold medal and have the opportunity to attend the State-wide Presentation Day on May 26 at UC Davis.

*Congratulations to Josh Mandeville, Claire Gorham, and Emily Metcalf.*

Thanks to Niarja Marchand, and 4-H Staff for taking their time to judge.

## 4-H Teen Night

Teen Night is slated for May 11. Teens (7th –12th grades) meet at the Mariposa Park at 4p and teams will be formed for the Scavenger Hunt. The hunt will take place in town until about 6p and then the teens will have dinner and games at the park. Parents are to pick up teens by 8:30p. Get registration form at <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/?calitem=160188&g=37458> and turn in at the office by May 4th.

## California 4-H Centennial

2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California, an important milestone for an organization that is deeply connected to communities throughout the state. Core to the 4-H experience is service learning, which takes the form of youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by leading, collaboration through collaborating, and the importance of civic engagement by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. The *Revolution of Responsibility* Centennial Campaign will celebrate the power of California 4-H youth taking action through an ambitious statewide program that will fund 1,000 service learning projects at \$1,000 each through the end of 2013. It will also provide an opportunity to re-connect with an estimated one million past 4-H participants living in California, engaging them as volunteers, donors, and advocates.

**JOIN** | THE REVOLUTION  OF RESPONSIBILITY

If your club or project would like to engage in a community project go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/> to get more details.



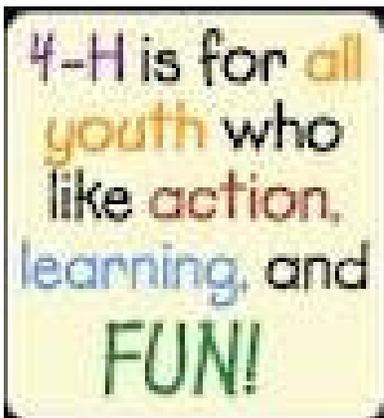
## **How 4-H Got Me into Graduate School** *by Jennifer Lyons, former 4-Her and State Ambassador*

When you have been in 4-H since the age of six, it becomes a big part of your life. But when you are in grade school or middle school, and even throughout much of high school, you don't really think about how it could affect your life later on. Or at least, I certainly didn't. It wasn't until I started applying to college that I really noticed how helpful 4-H had been. But before I get into all that, let me introduce myself. My name is Jenifer Lyons; I am a 21 year old graduating senior at UC Davis with an animal biology major and a 2014 UC Davis animal biology masters candidate. I was in 4-H for 12 years and did pretty much everything there is to do; I raised meat animals, submitted homemade items to the fair, attended more presentation days than I can remember, received my emerald star, attended National Conference, was a state ambassador in 2008 and even hosted the National Conference in 2009. The reason I did all of those things however was not because it would look good on a resume or help me later in life; I just did it because I enjoyed it. However, when I began applying to colleges and for jobs, I realized that I was lucky to have done all those things.

When applying to UC's I was able to check the box asking if I was in 4-H. After coming to Davis and learning more about the application process I found out that having been a 4-H member, and especially one so involved in the program, had given me a huge step up against other applicants. But college applications weren't the only form asking if I had been in 4-H. Everything from my commencement application, to my financial aid forms, to my graduate school application have asked if I was a 4-H member.

Beyond just being able to say I was in 4-H, all the experiences I participated in really gave me a leg up in other areas as well. I hold two different jobs here in Davis and in each job I was able to find something that 4-H had taught me that was applicable. My favorite job, which I have had for the past two years, entails working in a feline genetics colony. My extensive 4-H animal background helped me get that job! Additionally, I work as a transfer advisor for the university. When I applied I was able to show them I had a great history with public speaking, organizing workshops and dealing with large groups of people, thus landing me the job.

Even past all the bonus points those things gave me on my resume, probably the most important and useful tool 4-H taught me was how to take an interview. Interviews, as many of you probably already know, are everywhere. No matter how big or small the job is, and no matter how qualified or unqualified you are, a good interview will make or break you. And in 4-H there were lots of interviews, so I got a lot of practice. Now in my professional life all that practice is paying off and I have been reaping the rewards by having good interviews thus getting where I need to go.



## **Attention 4-H Members** **June Club Meeting Dates**

**Meeting dates may have changed due to school graduations so see below dates.**

<b>Bootjack 49ers-</b>	<b>June 14 at 6:30p</b>
<b>Catheys Valley-</b>	<b>June 13- 7p</b>
<b>Don Pedro Rattlers-</b>	<b>June 11 at 6:30p</b>
<b>Triangle Club-</b>	<b>No June meeting</b>

## Youth Horse Fair

By Elseana Skowronski

On March 24<sup>th</sup> 2012, I put on the “2012 Youth Horse Fair” as my Emerald Star Project. I had 3 speakers come out and speak about important equine topics.

First off in the morning, I had Madison Seamans DVM who began with his talk on equine nutrition. He told the audience about all the important things you need to feed your horse, and how to tell if your horse is over or under weight.

Next was a horse trainer, Shawna Dahl. She talked about what to look for when buying a horse. She talked about health and training being some of the most important things to think about when making a decision like buying a horse.

After that, a horse farrier named J.A. Thomas came and spoke about why we trim and shoe our horse’s hooves regularly. He explained that if our horses did not have their feet trimmed they would be walking uncomfortably on their heels all the time. Also, he said that depending on the type of riding you do with your horse, it may need shoes so that their hooves do not get worn down, which would also be uncomfortable.

The last presentation was another by Madison Seamans. His second talk was about immunology. He explained that the four most important vaccinations for a horse are rabies, tetanus, eastern and western encephalomyelitis, and strangles.

There was free coffee, provided by Starbucks, and we served chili and taco salad for lunch which was included in the admission price. We offered door prizes that had been donated by several local businesses. We were pleased to have Miss Jocelynn Barrington, the 2011-12 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen, as our Master of Ceremonies.

We had a wonderful day. The Horse and Pony Project hopes to put on an annual horse fair.



## 4-H Uniform

When you shop for white shirts and blouses, remember that sleeveless shirts and t-shirts are **not allowed** when showing or selling at fair and other 4-H events. Pants should be **dark blue jeans** and can not be too tight, no hip huggers or too baggy. **No shorts are allowed.** Long sleeves are required for Rabbit and Horse Showmanship and always appropriate in other species. The white shirts need to have a collar, have buttons or snaps. **Please check the fair premium book for uniform requirements.**

**Note: When showing at other fairs or shows, please check if the Mariposa County 4-H uniform is approved or if white pants are required.**

PDR Corner	
<u>Event</u>	<u>Section</u>
<b>Regional Presentation Day-</b>	
<b>Medalist</b>	7
<b>Event attended in uniform</b>	3
<b>Command Performance</b>	7
<b>Room Emcee</b>	6
<b>Door Monitor</b>	4
<b>Community Service-</b>	5
<b>Kid's Night-</b>	
<b>Attended</b>	3
<b>Committee member</b>	4
<b>Decorated/clean-up</b>	4
<b>News Articles-</b>	
<b>Published</b>	6
<b>Horse Show-</b>	
<b>attended</b>	3
<b>Exhibited animal</b>	2
<b>Fashion Revue-</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	4
<b>Attended</b>	3
<b>County winner</b>	7
<b>Escort</b>	4
<b>Medalist</b>	7
<b>Style Show-</b>	
<b>Modeled</b>	6
<b>Medalist</b>	7

## Memorial Day Parade Scheduled for May 26



On Saturday, May 26, the VFW and other organizations will be honoring our veterans beginning at 10:30a.m. at the Visitor's Center at the corner of 140 & 49N. All 4-H members and leaders are invited to participate in this parade. Members please wear your 4-H uniform. Please be at the Visitors Center by 10a.m. so we can get the members lined up for the parade. 4-H Council will be presenting a wreath. If clubs would like to present a wreath or flowers contact the VFW to let them know.

## Ironstone Concours d'Elegance 4-H Fundraiser



On Saturday, September 22 at the Ironstone Vineyard in Murphys, the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance 4-H Fundraiser will take place. This event is a vintage car show and some of the proceeds go to the California 4-H Program the Foothill Counties 4-H programs, and supports the California State Fair.

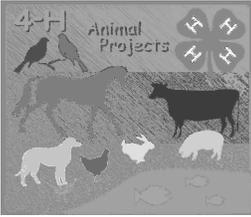
For the past 9+ years, the Foothill 4-H Counties have had members participate by doing presentations, displays, and give out the prizes to the car winners. This year will be the same. The County All-Stars will be presenting the gifts to the car winners while other 4-H youth will do their presentations, do public speaking, and put gift bags together.

Mariposa County 4-H Council and 4-H Staff would like to see many youth from our county attend this event to share what the 4-H youth have been doing in their projects and more. Members who attend get in for free along with one adult plus the member gets a free lunch. Admission is \$20 per adult or \$35 per couple or a family (a family is considered 2 adults and 2 children); children under 14 admitted free. Discount coupons available online <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/ticket-information/>

If you are interested on attending this event, please contact Donna at the UCCE Office. Registration forms will be available in June.

**For attending the 2011 event, Mariposa County 4-H Council received a donation of \$500.**

**Thanks to those who participated!**



## 2012 Mariposa Fair Entry Dates

**August 4:** Stills and Horse Show  
**August 18:** Jr. Livestock  
**August 25:** Jr. Horticultural & Floricultural

New 4-H members call the fairgrounds office or email at mariposafair.com name and address to be put on the mailing list for the premium book or get your entry forms on-line.

Reminder that there are only 4 Feature Booths this year, so if your club plans on having one get it early.

**\*\*\*\*\*A reminder to all 4-H members-your record books must be up-to-date , have 80% attendance for club and project meetings, and must have done a demonstration at your project meetings as of July 15 to be eligible for fair. Please check with your project leaders and community club leader for have to sign your entry form.**

**Junior livestock meeting will be held August 14th at 6p in the Strathern Pavilion.**

### Attention Project Leaders and Members

Please let the UCCE office know of any changes, either drops or additions, to your rosters as they occur so members get their proper credit.



**Members who plan on transferring to FFA or independent must notify the UCCE office 120 or 60 days before fair to qualify to show at the 2012 fair.**

**Leaders-** all eligibility reports will be due by July 15th for horses & stills and July 27 for animal and horticulture projects!!

Remember **all members** need to do a presentation for each of their projects, attend 80% of project & club meetings, project record books must be up-to-date, and have the Community Club Leader and project leaders sign the form for the members to be eligible for the fair.

**\*\*\*Please read livestock members and project leaders :**

**IMPORTANT NEWS- MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE SALES LIST TO MAKE SURE YOUR NAME AND CORRECT ANIMAL IS ON THE LIST.** If there is an error please let someone from the Junior Livestock Auction Committee know, **NOT the Livestock Superintendent**, as soon as possible to correct and to prevent you not being eligible to sale. Also remember to have your picture taken with the correct animal to prevent a no sale.

**If you want to sell at the 2012 junior livestock auction, remember you need to do showmanship with your animal. SHOWMANSHIP must be on your fair entry form along with your animal entry. Fair entries will need the community club leader and project leader's signatures. Without all of the above, you will not be able to sell!!**

**Animal Insurance must be purchased-**  
**Large animals- \$45- Small animals- \$28**

# Important Information for Livestock Members

## Rules for Enrolling in 4-H, FFA or as an Independent Member

There have been several questions concerning enrollment as an independent exhibitor for the Mariposa County Fair, or to change enrollment from 4-H to FFA or vice versa. The rules are as follows:

### 4-H/FFA/Grange

- ◆ You may change your PROJECT membership one time during a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) by **properly notifying** both organizations of your intentions. ***If a 4-H member plans on transferring to FFA or independent, that member must notify the UCCE office 120 or 60 days before fair to be qualified to show at the 2012 fair. (depending on species)***
- ◆ The same SPECIE may not be carried in both organizations, although you may have a leadership project in one and the project in the other (e.g. Teen leader for sheep in 4-H and a sheep project in FFA).
- ◆ Ownership requirements must be observed: (Bill of sale)
  - \* 60 consecutive days– sheep, swine, veal, goats
  - \* 120 consecutive days– beef and horses
  - \* 30 consecutive days– rabbits & poultry
- ◆ Projects must be under the direct supervision of a project leader, advisor or FFA instructor.
- ◆ Project enrollment: Must be enrolled in the project at least 60 days (120 days for beef and horses) prior to the first day of the fair and that any member who has been a 4-H/FFA/Grange member WITHIN 60 days (120 days for beef and horses) of the first day of the fair is NOT eligible to show as an Independent in that project. This applies to all projects including stills.
- ◆ **4-H POLICY IN MARIPOSA REQUIRES ENROLLMENT DATES OF OCTOBER 1 FOR RETURNING MEMBERS AND NOVEMBER 1 FOR NEW MEMBERS.**



### Independent

- ◆ Ownership and enrollment requirement must be observed: (Bill of Sale)
  - \* 60 consecutive days– sheep, swine, veal, goats
  - \* 120 consecutive days– beef and horses
  - \* 30 consecutive days– rabbits & poultry
- ◆ Must have supervision of project by parent or advisor
- ◆ Shall keep management records as provided by the Fair management
- ◆ Provide a picture of their animal, proof of ownership (permanent tag, tattoo, and/or hog ear notch information) as per Ownership ruling above.
- ◆ Youth may transfer a PROJECT from one organization to another only **ONCE DURING A CALENDAR YEAR.**

If you have questions about 4-H enrollment, please call the 4-H office for clarification. Questions about exhibiting your project in the Fair should be directed to the Fair Office at 966-2432.

## 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)

## 4-H Club, Project and Council News

### Catheys Valley 4-H Club Fundraiser



On Saturday, May 5, the CV 4-H Club will have their Rigatoni Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser. This will be held at McCay Hall in Catheys Valley from 4-8p. Dinner will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Menu is all you can eat Rigatoni, salad, bread, dessert and drink. Please support the Catheys Valley 4-H Club.

### Farm Bureau Rib Dinner

Thank you to the 4-H members that helped serve and clean-up at the Mariposa County Farm Bureau Rib Dinner March 24 at Stag Hall.

Here are some photos!



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### 4-H Kid's Night

Thanks to the Triangle 4-H Club for being the chair for Kid's Night that took place March 30 at Grace Church. The members had a great time playing games, making rockets, having dinner, and watching the movie "Mars Needs Moms".

### Attention 4-H Community Club and Project Leaders

Are you returning for the 2012-13 program year? Now is time to let 4-H Staff know if you will be returning as a leader for next year. If you are not returning, please begin asking parents or other leaders about taking your club or project. Thank you.

### Mariposa County 4-H Council Treasurer Needed for 2012-13

Contact Kristin Stoesser, current treasurer, Beth Broomfield, President or the office if you are interested ASAP so you can work with Kristin the rest of this program year.

Thank you.

## State 4-H News

**Registration for State Fashion Revue is open** April 1 to May 12 at <http://ucanr.org/sfr12>.

If you were selected as the County winner for Fashion Revue in Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased with \$100 limit, Wearable Art-Embellished, "Bag Up Fashion" Tote Bag Challenge or the \$19.99 Challenge then you are eligible to participate in State Fashion Revue. Congratulations! Each county may send one delegate per category and age group. Before you register, write out your commentary (60 words maximum), complete the information form for your category, choose a digital photograph showing your outfit and scan receipts for the purchased categories. Complete instructions are on the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>. Registration closes after May 12 and we will no longer accept applications. For registration assistance, contact Sue Moore at [2moores@mlode.com](mailto:2moores@mlode.com) or 209-743-2020.

State Fashion Revue is May 26, 2012 at UC Davis, as part of State Field Day. There are many morning activities open to the public in Olson Hall. For the Pattern Exchange, bring some and take some, limit 5. The American Sewing Guild Sacramento Chapter will offer make-it-take-it crafts. Try your hand at the judging classes. Bring your completed pillowcases for the Million Pillowcase Project, which will be donated to nursing homes, special needs camps, foster care organizations and shelters throughout California. Bring red, white and blue quilt squares, quilt tops, or completed quilts for the Wounded Warriors service project. The quilts are given to injured soldiers while they are in transport and taken home upon their release as part of the healing process. We invite you to support your county delegates at the Fashion Show at 2:00 pm at Wellman Hall.

### **Robert Brownlee Science Award for 4-H members and volunteers**

Deadline: May 31, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>

Robert Brownlee (1942-1991) was a visionary, whose practical inventions were elegant solutions to complicated technical problems, and whose generosity continues to extend that vision to science education for young people. This category is awarded to a member and volunteer for utilizing science inquiry and experiential learning in 4-H work to help youth increase knowledge, skills and competencies and improve their attitudes about science. This category includes increasing science awareness and use in 4-H projects by testing predictions and making sense of observations.

**Golden Clover Awards Deadline: May 31, 2012** The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a \$500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>.

### **Statewide 4-H Advisory Committee Applications**

Deadline: Postmarked by May 31, 2012

The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are accepting applications. If you are a 4-H member, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteer, 4-H YDP staff, or County 4-H YDP staff and have a desire to work in a collaborative team setting, we encourage you to apply. Statewide 4-H YDP Committees offer insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are due to the State 4-H YDP Office. For more information, go to: [http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory\\_Committees/](http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/).

#### **2012 State 4-H Leader's Forum**

**When-** November 9-11, 2012

**Where-** Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacifica Grove, CA

**Cost-** Conference only \$60 before Sept. 1, 2012 or \$70 after Sept. 1

**Lodging varies check on-line at** <http://www.ca4h.org/files/141178.pdf>

**Go to** <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/> for more details

## Questions and Answers about 4-H Secondary Auto Liability Insurance for 4-H Volunteer Leaders



**What is the minimum primary automobile coverage required of a 4-H volunteer to be covered under UC's secondary automobile liability insurance?**

*University policy requires employees or volunteers who are driving on University business to maintain insurance coverage in the following amounts: \$50,000 for personal injury to, or death of, one person; \$100,000 for injury to, or death of, two or more persons in one accident; and \$50,000 for property damage. These limits are commonly referred to as: "50/100/50". These University minimums are higher than the State minimum insurance requirements of 15/30/5. If a volunteer driver is involved in an accident, the secondary coverage from the University would apply only after the limits of the volunteers' vehicle primary liability insurance policy have been reached.*

**What if a 4-H volunteer does not have this minimum primary coverage? Are they afforded any UC automobile liability coverage? Are they still allowed to transport 4-H youth?**

*If a 4-H volunteer does not maintain coverage in accordance with the University's minimums, and the auto accident occurred as part of a 4-H activity, then the volunteer would be responsible for paying the amount between their auto insurance maximum coverage limits and the University's minimums. i.e., if the volunteer has the State minimum coverage of 15/30/5 and is involved in an accident while on University business and the policy limits are exceeded the volunteer would be liable for the difference between their policy limits and the University's secondary coverage 50/100/50.*

**Who pays for an automobile accident if I, as a UC volunteer, am negligent while driving my personal vehicle?** *If you are a formal volunteer who is involved in an automobile accident while in the course and scope of your UC activities, and you are found to be negligent, UC provides secondary coverage (as described above) after your personal auto insurance limits have been depleted.*

**How does a 4-H volunteer file an automobile liability insurance claim?**

*A claim is initiated by completing an incident report form and submitting it to the county UCCE office. The UCCE will forward the form to ANR Risk Services. The form is available from the UCCE office or from the Risk Services website at: <http://danr.ucop.edu/riskmanagement/ANR-IncidentFormI.pdf>*

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### 2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference

**August 9 – 12, 2012 at UC San Diego – "California Dreamin', California Leadin'!"**

The Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. Registration will open in April 2012 with financial aid applications now available and due by May 10. Visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/> Mark your calendars!



# University of California Cooperative Extension

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[www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)

**Donna Wice**  
4-H Coordinator



## May Important Dates

- 9 Catheys Valley 4-H Club meeting– 7:00p
- 10 Bootjack 4-H Club meeting-6:30p  
Triangle 4-H Club meeting-6:30p
- 11 Teen Night– 4p meet at Mariposa Park
- 14 Don Pedro Rattlers 4-H Club meeting-6:30p
- 22 4-H Council meeting– 6p at office
- 26 State Presentation Day– UC Davis  
VFW Parade-meet at 10a VFW Hall
- 28 Office closed-Memorial Day
- 31 Triangle 4-H meeting– 6:30p

## June

- 1 4-H Camp Tweety registrations due**
- 16-18 Camp Tweety
- 26 4-H Council meeting-6p

### 4-H Camp Tweety Registrations Due by June 1

**Camp will take place June 16-18, 2012 at Lions Camp Pacifica. This camp is for 4-H members and non-4-Hers in grades 4-8 or 9 years old by December 31, 2011.**

**Cost is \$85 for 4-H members and \$105 for non-4-Hers. Registrations along with fee are due by June 1. Make check payable to ‘Mariposa County 4-H Council’.**

**More information and form are on-line at <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/?calitem=159537&g=37458>**

**Come and join the fun!**

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