

4-H Spirit



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Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

November 2013

WELCOME TO ALL RETURNING AND NEW MEMBERS AND LEADERS!

The new 4-H year began October 1st and we want to welcome all new and returning members, leaders, and parents. Remember that all members can add or change projects through December 15. **Clubs are Bootjack 49ers, Catheys Valley, Clover Pioneers (town), Don Pedro Rattlers, Hornitos and Triangle.**

To have a positive and educational 4-H year, the members, leaders, and parents need to take an active role. Parents and Grandparents ask your Community Club Leader if there is a project you could lead, or maybe plan a club fieldtrip or fill-out the enclosed "Volunteer Opportunities" form and return it to the office ASAP. **Remember, 4-H is a family affair!!**

Remember if you haven't re-enrolled, you are not covered by the 4-H insurance for 4-H projects and club meetings attended will not count. Late enrollments must now be approved by 4-H Council.

LCORT 2014 NEWS

Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger will be the location for LCORT slated for January 24-26, 2014. This year's theme is "**Riding the 4-H Wave to Success.**" Cost is \$150 per delegate. 7th-9th graders can attend with the 10th-12th graders presenting the workshops.

Most of our clubs have put funds in their budget to assist their members, so if you would like to attend this conference, ask your club for assistance.

Chaperones of both genders are needed for this event. Must be 21 or older and be a certified 4-H leader.

Registration forms are available at the office. Registrations along with fee are due into the office by November 20 by 5p. Make checks payable to "4-H Council".

Notice!!!

The 4-H Gala Dinner scheduled for November 16 has been cancelled due to a venue mix-up.

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Seeking applicants for LCORT 2015 Youth Chair positions

Serving as one of the youth chairs for the Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT) is a challenging and rewarding opportunity to serve 4-H while developing your own leadership skills. Eligibility criteria are:

- ✦ Member in good standing of the California 4-H Youth Development Program in one of the 12 member counties of the South Central Section
- ✦ Minimum of 16 years old and maximum of 18 years old by December 31, 2014
- ✦ Gold Star rank or higher
- ✦ Has attended LCORT as a youth delegate
- ✦ Has excellent public speaking skills
- ✦ Has the ability to communicate and work with people of varied ages and backgrounds
- ✦ Has demonstrated leadership and organizational competence by making a significant contribution to the planning and implementation of at least one similar event within or outside of 4-H
- ✦ Able to attend LCORT 2014 (January 24-26, 2014) to “shadow” the 2014 youth chairs
- ✦ Committed to remaining on-site during the entirety of LCORT 2015 (January 23 -25, 2015)

Can provide appropriate references

A detailed job description and the application packet are available on the LCORT page of the state 4-H website.

Applications are due by Friday, December 6, 2013.

County Judging Day Slated for January 11

4-H Judging Day will be held at McCay Hall on Saturday, January 11, 2014 starting around 10am.

Judging Day is an event on decision making. Four items of the same type are placed on tables for the members to rate them from 1 through 4 and then give their reasons why they placed them to judges. Members can earn medals for their hat.

There will be other competitions such as table displays, apron design and more. Additional information will be at your November club meetings.

Come join the fun!!!

**RECORD BOOK JUDGING RESULTS
2012/13 COUNTY WINNERS & MEDALISTS**

CATEGORY	(Gold)	(Silver)	(Silver)	
	(Silver)			
Beef	Gauge Butler			
Rabbits	Taylor Davis	Claire Cleary		
Horses/Ponies		Analise Wall		
Swine	Wyatt Harrison	Walt Palmer	Robbie Stark	
Sheep	Haylie Davis	Gauge Butler		
Poultry	Shelby Mandeville	Wyatt Estep	Brittany Collier	Gracie Tafoya
Goats	Shelby Mandeville	Maria Loya	Jac Quinn	Taylor Davis-
Food/Nutrition	Robbie Stark	Cole Harrison	Walt Palmer	
Self-Defense	Maria Loya			
Leadership	Wyatt Harrison			
Citizenship	Jac Quinn			
Shooting Sports		Wyatt Estep		

Intermediate Achievement Award- Haylie Davis

Outstanding Record Books-

- Junior- Cali Butler**
- Intermediate- Wyatt Harrison**
- Senior- Maria Loya**

Most Dedicated Volunteer Leader- Niarja Marchand

Scrapbook Award- Catheys Valley 4-H Club- Historian- Robbie Stark

National 4-H Week Window Display- Triangle 4-H Club

Table Display- Hornitos 4-H Club

Congratulations to All!!!



**I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
 My HEART to greater loyalty,
 My HANDS to larger service, and
 My HEALTH to better living,
 for my club, my community, my country and my world.**

ENJOY YOUR 4-H YEAR!

**BE ACTIVE IN YOUR CLUB,
PROJECTS, COUNTY-WIDE
4-H ACTIVITIES, AND REGIONAL
& STATE ACTIVITIES.**

**SET GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR
SO YOU CAN EARN YOUR NEW
STAR RANK; BRONZE, SILVER,
GOLD OR PLATINUM!!**

4-H Record Books

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. In 4-H, young people have, skill development and learning experiences, and much more using the iconic 4-H Record Book. In addition to record keeping, the 4-H Record Book gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, and set goals, and develop plans to meet those goals.

Why have 4-H record books? 4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program.

- 4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work. They document their skill development and their learning experiences in a written report. 4-H members measure their achievements and growth in their total years in 4-H.
- 4-H Record Books encourage members to set goals, pursue strategies to meet those goals, and to shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles. Completion of the Personal Development Report awards 4-H members for participation in 4-H activities, which provides an incentive for participation, learning, and achievement.
- Completing a 4-H Record Book is a process where 4-H members record project and club work. Records management is a competency skill to identify, create, classify, archive, and preserve records. The 4-H Record Book teaches 4-H members these skills through a standard format.



What is happening in your club or project? Have you had a special event or been involved in a community service project? Let others know what you are doing by writing an article for the 4-H Spirit. **Articles and photos are due into the office by the 15th of each month by your club reporter.** Let all clubs & projects share their 4-H happenings!!! Remember you get credit on your PDR for news articles.

Who Pays for Project Materials & Supplies?

The project leader should figure the overall cost of the project (publication fees, duplicating costs, project material cost, etc.). The members should be charged accordingly to cover these costs or have the member purchase their own curriculum through the 4-H catalog. If leaders collect money from members, they must give a receipt to the member for that amount. **Remember, that non-4-H curriculum must be approved by the 4-H staff before sharing it with the 4-H youth.**

A project leader cannot charge for their services, lessons, or rental as 4-H is a volunteer organization.

Any situation where an adult charges a fee for the above is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance. Also, the 4-H youth are not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance in this situation.



About UCCE Insurance

What the University of California Cooperative Extension Insurance does cover:

Automobile Liability-

The insurance program provides secondary auto liability coverage while driving to and from an official UCCE business activity.

Coverage is secondary to the insurance which covers the vehicle driven by the volunteer involved in an accident, and only if the volunteer's action is determined to be negligent in causing the accident. Recommended coverage is \$50k and \$100k.

General Liability-

UCCE insurance program provides limited liability coverage for volunteers in cases where it has been determined, through investigation, that they acted negligently. Coverage is for supervision of people and general supervision of a UCCE-sponsored programmatic activity. There are some exceptions and limitations which are determined on a case-by-case basis through investigation.

What UCCE insurance does NOT cover-

The insurance program does not provide coverage for any personal or real property not within its care, custody and control. Examples could be ownership of and use of an animal in a project, using one's home, ranch, garden or arena for a program. Livestock, horse, and dog project leaders need especially to be aware of this.

Volunteers should check with their insurance carrier and review their liability coverage before assuming the risks involved in using their personal property for UCCE programs. Adequate coverage is usually determined through a careful appraisal of personal assets. Coverage should be adequate to at least cover potential lawsuit related to the ownership, care and maintenance of their property.

PDR Corner

Remember to complete the program year, each member needs to complete a PDR and project forms including the primary members. The PDR Corner is to help you place your 4-H activities in the correct section. At the beginning of the program year, set your goals for the year, plan on writing news articles, doing community service, and attend 4-H activities.

Activities and PDR sections-

Fair Parade-

Decorated float Section 6

Achievement Night-

attended Section 3

Committee- Section 4

County Winner- Section 7

100% attendance Section 7

Star Ranks Section 7

Decorated or clean-up Section 4

Club table display winner Section 7

Presentation of Flags Section 6

Sang National Anthem Section 6

Achievement Award winner Section 7

MC Section 6

Citizenship/Community Service-(ex.: food baskets, Manna House-counts once for same activity)

Attended a Board of Supervisor's meeting Section 5

Chaired a Service activity Section 4



HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!!!

4-H Club, Council & Project News

Sweetheart Valentine Pancake Breakfast

Mariposa County 4-H Club Council will have its annual Sweetheart Valentine Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at the Fairgrounds in the Red Bud Room. Tickets will be available at the January club meetings for members and leaders to sell to family and friends. Menu will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, & drinks. We will need member and adult helpers so please mark your calendars for this council fundraiser.



Here are some upcoming activities and dates– Mark your calendar!

Judging Day & other activities- January 11 McCay Hall Chair- Triangle Club

LCORT- Jan. 24-26- Wonder Valley Ranch

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser- Feb. 2 Chair– Hornitos Club

Winter Fun Day- Feb. 1 Ice skating at Tenaya Chair- Triangle Club

Presentation/Favorite Foods Day – March 15 Chair– 4-H Staff

Kid’s Night- March 21 (for K-6th graders) Chair- Triangle Club

Regional Presentation Day– April 5 Mariposa County Chair– Council and clubs

For Future All-Star & Emerald Star Applicants



For interested 4-H members 9th grade & up with their gold star, and three years of 4-H experience and working towards their platinum star. All-Star applications are now available at the office or at club meetings. Applications are due into the UCCE Office by November 15, 2013.

Emerald Star applications will also be available to 7th grade & up members who have their Bronze star and have been a Junior/Teen Leader. Start thinking about your great Emerald Star project. Talk with your leaders, parents, or contact 4-H Staff at the UCCE office to get some project ideas. These are also due November 15, 2013.

Both applications are on-line <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu> or at the office.

The Foundation for The Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. Essay Contest

AWARDS: Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners:

•1st Place -- \$750.00 •2nd Place -- \$500.00 •3rd Place -- \$250.00

Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.



TOPIC: For the 2014 essay contest, the essay topic is:

“Beekeeping in Colonial Times”

To the earliest European settlers in the New World, honey bees were an important part of their existence. Cargo manifests show that honey bees were among the first shipments of animals. How were they shipped? Why were they important? Why were they so important to the colonists? How does that differ from today?

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Historical research will be important. The more authoritative the source, the better. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list. Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

NOTE: ONLY ESSAYS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY WILL BE ACCEPTED.

For rules and further details go to http://honeybeepreservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2014_4H_beekeeping_essay_rules.pdf

Attention Community Club Leaders!

If you plan on changing your club meeting date & time for December please let all your members and leaders know at your November club meeting.



4-H Camp Tweety

June 14-16, 2014 has been set for Camp Tweety which is a 4-H camp for 4th-8th youth. This camp is for 4-Hers and non-4-Hers. It will be held at the Lions Camp Pacifica in Ahwahnee.

Applications for Teen Counselors (High school members) will be available soon at the office and on-line and due by February 20. Applicants must be in 4-H and be in high school. We will also need certified volunteer leaders 25 years and older for chaperones. If you are interested please contact the 4-H Staff by January 7.

State 4-H News

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Pistol Discipline

Saturday, January 4, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fresno County Peace Officer Range, 7633 N. Weber, Fresno, Ca. A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the pistol discipline will be held at the Fresno County Peace Officer Range, 7633 N. Weber, Fresno, Ca. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a level 1 pistol instructor and can lead a pistol project. The cost for this course is \$30.00 to cover the instruction binder each participant will receive. Participants will need to bring their own eye and ear protection and are encouraged to bring their own .22 rim fire pistol and/or own air pistols if they have them. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Sammy Ashworth at sdashworth@gmail.com or (559) 707-0755. (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County). Please fill out and bring the document listed below. <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf>

National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship

Deadline: November 5

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y), sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students and recent high school graduates to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. Previous language study is not required, and language learners of all levels are encouraged to apply. More info” <http://bit.ly/18T2gNB>

2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: November 5

Students in grades 5-12 who have volunteered in the past 12 months are invited to apply. Applications must be submitted to a middle level or high school principal or the head of a local Girl Scout council, county 4-H group, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or HandsOn Network affiliate. State Honorees will each receive \$1,000, a silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to the nation's capital. Ten National Honorees will receive \$5,000, gold medallions, crystal trophies for display at their schools or service organizations and \$5,000 grants for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice. More info: <http://bit.ly/Qkoqh8>

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle Discipline

Saturday, November 23, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 24, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue Bakersfield, CA

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County).

More State 4-H News

4-H Archery Leader Certification

February 1, 2014 – 9am-5pm

February 2, 2014 – 9am-12pm

33 Browns Valley Road Corralitos, CA

If you have an interest in sharing your archery skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Archery adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H archery leader certification training held February 1st & 2nd in Corralitos, CA (near Watsonville). The class will be offered Saturday, February 1st, 9 AM – 5 PM, and Sunday, February 2nd, 9 AM- 12 noon, at the Corralitos Community Center, 33 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos, in Santa Cruz County. This class is being hosted by Santa Cruz County 4-H. You must become a 4-H adult volunteer or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, and Saturday breakfast & lunch and Sunday breakfast. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. If you are already a certified volunteer archery leader and would like to become a trainer, contact Jeanne at 530-524-7278 or email mtlassenlover@gmail.com to discuss options.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf> and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$35 check payable to “Santa Cruz County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 1432 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076. **Registration is due Friday, January 17th and space is limited.** For more information call Stephanie at 831-763-8015 (Mondays & Wednesdays only) or email her at sfontana@ucanr.edu or contact Jeanne at the contact information above.

Save the Date! California Camping Conference

March 21-23, 2014

The next California Camping Conference will be held **March 21 – 23, 2014**, at the YMCA's Camp Campbell the in Santa Cruz Mountains. The Camping Conference provides 4-H teen leaders and adult camp administrators the opportunity to network and attend sessions to develop their local camp program. The early bird registration fee will be \$140 by **February 1st** and \$150 after that date. More information will follow.

Western Region Leaders' Forum

March 27-30 at the Crowne Plaza located in downtown **Billings, MT.**

Join Montana 4-H as they welcome the Western Region Leaders' Forum to Billings in March 2014. Agents, staff and volunteers are hard at work planning a conference that will help you to “Discover the Past. Present. Possibilities of 4-H”. Participants will enjoy a first class conference facility and hotel accommodations, national speakers, local entertainment and over 60 informational workshops.

WRLF is an exciting time to network with peers from across the region sharing ideas and building relationships to carry 4-H into the future. **Registration starts November 1!** More info: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/175016.pdf>

Save the date! California Focus is June 13-17, 2014

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California.

Mariposa County 4-H Development Program Volunteer Opportunities

4-H is not just for the member, but is a family affair! Please indicate your interest with a check mark in the appropriate column in assisting the Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Program. For information on a particular program, contact the UCCE office for more details at 966-4829. **Please return ASAP to your community club leader or the office.**

In-County	Serve on Committee	Helper or Chaperone
Community Service	_____	_____
Finance/Fund Raising	_____	_____
Dinner (fundraiser)	_____	_____
Program Planning Committee	_____	_____
Expansion/Review Committee	_____	_____
Weekend in the Country	_____	_____
Fashion Revue	_____	_____
Judging Day	_____	_____
Career Days	_____	_____
4-H Dances	_____	_____
Camp Tweety	_____	_____
Achievement Night	_____	_____
Presentation/Favorite Foods Day	_____	_____
Public Relation/Recruitment	_____	_____
County Fun Days	_____	_____
Council officer	_____	_____
Out of County		
Summer Camps	_____	_____
Regional Leadership Conference	_____	_____
State Leadership Conference	_____	_____
Judging Activities	_____	_____
Regional Presentation Day	_____	_____
Regional Council Meetings	_____	_____
Regional Fashion Revue	_____	_____
LCORT	_____	_____
Chaperone	_____	_____

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Thanks for your help!!

