

4-H Spirit



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Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

December 2015

LCORT Meeting Slated for January 13

January 13 at 5:30p at the office will be a meeting for all delegates and chaperones attending LCORT along with parents to go over transportation, dress code, etc. See you there!

Christmas Caroling

Hi 4-H invites all clubs to come Christmas Caroling on Tuesday, December 15 at 5:00p at Idle Wheels near the DMV office. Please let Beth Broomfield or Donna Wice know by Dec. 11 who will be attending from your club so we can share which songs we will be singing. If members have a Santa hat or other holiday items to wear please do so.



4-H JUDGING DAY & MORE- SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

The Catheys Valley 4-H Club is chairing the 4-H Judging Day, the theme will be “4-H Circus Ol’e” This event will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at McCay Hall starting at 10:30a.m. Registration will start at 10:00a.m. This event is open to all 4-Hers, leaders, and parents!

The objective of the 4-H judging program is to help members grow in their ability to think, to reason, and to make logical and scientific judgments. 4-H members, leaders, and parents can participate in Judging Day.

There will be a Table Setting and Decorated apron competitions. Entries will soon be on-line at <http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu> & due into office by January 4. Aprons can be purchased at Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Oriental Trading. Be creative!

After the Judging Day portion there will be the Junior and Teen Leadership training. If you are a Junior or Teen leader please bring your form and pencil so we can go over Junior/Teen Leader form. This should be over by 2:30.

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HAVE A SAFE AND PLEASANT HOLIDAY !

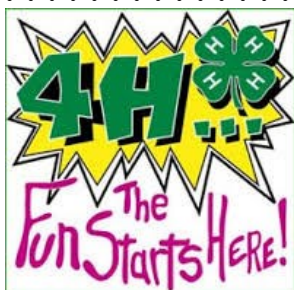
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WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER??

- ◆ Be Well Prepared– Know leadership takes works as well as practice.
- ◆ Be Group Minded– Regard yourself as a part of the group. Say “we” instead of “I”. Don’t try to run the crowd. Instead, be guided by the crowd’s wishes.
- ◆ Like People– Be understanding and friendly.
- ◆ Be Poised– Don’t let irritations bother you.
- ◆ Have Humility– Be confident, but not cocky. Don’t be afraid to reveal you don’t know everything.
- ◆ Be Responsible– Live up to your word and duties.
- ◆ Be Cooperative– Know how to work with others and enjoy working with them.
- ◆ Be a Fun-lover– Enjoy life– the simple things as well as the big.
- ◆ Have Vision– Help the persons in your 4-H group to learn and grow through the 4-H activities.
- ◆ Be Clear– Be able to express yourself effectively.
- ◆ Be Proud– Proud of what you do. Take pride in being a 4-H leader, but earn it.
- ◆ Be Neat– Always be neat in dress and personal appearance.
- ◆ Be Courteous– The words “please” and “thank you” pay dividends. Use them often.
- ◆ Think Ahead– Know 4-H member’s opinions and be ready to meet changing situations.
- ◆ Set Goals– Make them high, but be sure to reach them.
- ◆ Take Advice– But do your own thinking.
- ◆ Get the Facts– Analyze them before you draw conclusions.
- ◆ Do Your Best– At all times. Plan to make the most effective use of your time.



REMEMBER THE 4-H MOTTO
“TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER”



Needed for 4-H Camp Tweety

Camp will be June 25-27, 2016 at Camp Oakhurst in Oakhurst for campers. Chaperones and teen counselors will arrive on June 24 after 4p.

If you are a 4-H senior member (in high school) and would like to be a camp counselor at 2016 Camp Tweety please contact 4-H Staff at the office so an application can be mailed. These applications will be due into the office by January 29, 2016 and interviews will take place in early February.

We will also need chaperones, both genders, so if you are interested please let 4-H Staff know by January 29.



January 9– 4-H Judging Day McCay Hall

January 9 after Judging Day– junior/teen leader training– McCay Hall

February 7– 4-H Council’s Valentine Pancake Breakfast fundraiser

March 12- Presentation/Favorite Foods Day – Grace Church

March 18– Kid’s Night– Grace Church

April 9– Regional Presentation Day- Stanislaus County

April 30– Fashion Revue and Style Show

To Be a Successful Leader:

- Be organized and set ground rules.
- Greet & engage the members especially NEW members.
- Have eye contact with the members.
- Don't baby-sit.
- Remember that you just can't please all the people, all the time.
- Change things up by adding different activities and field trips.
- Members must have sweat equity in fundraising.
- Know that all kids do not get along, no matter how hard you try.
- Understand that some parents don't realize the time it takes to be a leader.
- Grin a lot. Also taking deep breaths and counting to 10 does help.



To Be a Successful Member:

- Keep your paperwork for each project in one folder.
- Have a 4-H Calendar, post it where the family can see it and mark down all your activities.
- After each meeting write down the time, day and place of the meeting and what you did or learned.
- Be responsible for your own project, attend the required meetings for club and project, make your commitments.
- Call your leader or CCL if you have any questions regarding the project.
- Welcome new members, always be kind and respectful.
- Thank your CCL and project leaders after each meeting, and occasionally with a hand written note.

To Be a Successful Parent of a Member:

- When possible, attend meetings with your child.
- After each meeting ask your child what they did at the meeting.
- Keep your commitments and help your child keep theirs.
- Pick up your child on time.
- Volunteer to do something with the project or with the club.
- Contact the leader or CCL with any issues or questions.

REMEMBER, 4-H IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!!!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS AND FRIENDS.



State 4-H News

NEW VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AT STATE

On October 24th the State 4-H Office announced a rollout plan for the new State 4-H Volunteer Management Organization (VMO). They will no longer be made up of a council, but instead a Management Board. This new VMO will come into affect on July 1st, 2016. The hope is that this new Management Board will better be able to strengthen the 4-H program state wide and increase membership. To find out more about the roll out and hear the presentation that was given, visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/4-H_Futures_Task_Force/. As the state office works with their current volunteers and more information comes out on the changes that are taking place, we will keep you updated.

STATE FASHION REVUE 2016 INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, May 28, 2016

LOCATION: Olson Hall, UC Davis

THEME: "Hoe Down, Sew Down"



State Fashion Revue brochure available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

Categories are Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased - \$40.00, Upcycled, Western Wear Challenge, and Muslin Challenge.

Age divisions as of 12/31/2015

- Junior age 9-10
- Intermediate age 11-13
- Senior age 14-18

Saturday, May 28, 2016

8:00am - 6:00pm

University of California, Davis

(Wellman, Hart, Social Sciences, and Olson Halls)



The 4-H Field Day, initiated in 2002, is California 4-H's largest and most comprehensive educational event for 4-H youth members (age 9-19) and 4-H volunteer educators, with more than 1,500 participants annually. The goal of the event is to provide a culminating experience for 4-H members in their year-long 4-H education in public speaking, textiles, plant sciences, photography, interview skills, and entomology. The 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the last Saturday of May from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is centered on the West Quad, using the campus portable stage, with activities taking place in almost every room in Wellman, Olson, and Hart Halls and the Social Sciences Building.

The event has a "picnic" feel as people bring chairs and socialize for the day on the West Quad. The State 4-H Office provides coordination and facility support. Each contest and activity is coordinated by a group of 4-H volunteers and youth. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event.

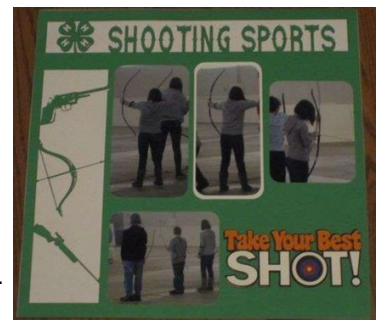
More State 4-H News

Shooting Sports Workshop – Pistol Discipline December 12 & 13, 2015

If you have an interest in sharing your Pistol skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Pistol adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Pistol leader certification training offered in December 2015. The class will be held Saturday, December 12th, 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, December 13th, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Pistol 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, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Pistol adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at <http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html>. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 13th. **Space is limited to 25 attendees.** For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dmcintyre@ucanr.edu.



Shooting Sports Workshop – Muzzleloading Discipline December 12 & 13, 2015 – Winton, CA

If you have an interest in sharing your Muzzleloading Shooting skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Muzzleloading adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Muzzleloading leader certification training offered in December 2015. The class will be held Saturday, December 12th, 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, December 13th, 9 AM- 2PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Muzzleloading 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, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Muzzleloading adult leader they will be helping back home.

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I AM 4-H

Author Unknown

Symbolic of the quiet valleys and gentle meadows in which I was born,
I am a four leaf clover, in a verdant green, on a pure white field.
I drew my first breath in the resolve of responsible men
And women to help American youth
Nurtured on the land.
I now embrace the busy town.
My goal is to learn
And my testament— to learn by doing
I am 4-H.

Over two million boys and girls are under my wings
Twenty million others walked my ways in bygone years
My voice is heard in the halls of Congress
And the President of the United States know my name.
I am a Citizen in the making.
I am 4-H.

I'm old yet I'm forever young.
I'm local. I'm state—yet my philosophy has gone around the world.
I am the International Farm Youth Exchange, a worker in the Peace Corps,
An explorer of careers and a student of public affairs.
I am hand in hand with United States Department of Agriculture,
The Land-Grant University, my county government, my unselfish local
Volunteer leader and the great industries of our nation.
I am 4-H.

I'm an Eskimo on the tundra by the Bering Sea,
A boy on a tractor on the Great Plains,
A girl with a lamb, a boy with a calf,
A youngster with a seeing eye puppy,
A knock at your door to get out the vote,
A future scientist,
Or a little girl's first cake.

In quest of the pattern of life
I bow my head in church
And with confidence look to the days that lie ahead of me,
To this end, I have pledged my Head, Heart, Hand, and Health.
To greater loyalty, larger service, clearer thinking and better living.
I am 4-H.

And with God's help I will be a finer woman, or better man.

4-H COUNCIL, CLUB & PROJECT NEWS

NEW MEMBER/PARENT ORIENTATION SLATED FOR JANUARY 20, 2016

If you are a new member in 4-H, you and your parent/guardian are welcomed to the new member orientation Tuesday, January 20 at 5:30p at the 4-H Office. Explanation of 4-H project forms, PDRs, events, uniform, other opportunities, and conferences will be discussed. **If you plan on attending, please call the office at 966-4829 by January 15 by 5p.** This will take one to two hours. **If weather is bad, meeting will be rescheduled.**

4-H PDR Goals for Star Ranks-

The new year is on a roll and all members should be setting their goals for the year such as writing articles, going to camp, doing community service projects, going to various events, and so on. To earn a star rank all of these are necessary. Remember to start writing your 4-H story, take photos, and keep a calendar of all 4-H activities attended.

Record Keeping

Record keeping is important if you want credit for your 4-H activities. Record books are easier to complete if you keep track of all your activities during the year in a notebook or on a calendar.

Projects: Be sure to list meetings attended, what you did and learned at the meetings, livestock management records, and what you did on your own between meetings. You can write in a notebook, on a calendar or on a project form. You can photocopy the form for a scratch copy. Remember to list project expenses and income. Keep receipts in date order in an envelope so it will be easier to transfer to your report form.

PDR-Watch each month for the PDR corner in the Spirit for where to put the various activities on the form if you plan to go for county record book awards. The PDR must be turned in along with projects forms at your September club meeting or a specified date.



Community Club Leaders will be handing out at your next club meeting “Mariposa County 4-H Record Book Information”. Please read both sides.



Attention 4-H Leaders

Project rosters, leader's agreement, and other information have been mailed. Please have leader's agreement into the office by December 31.

Reminder- your first project meeting must be held by January 31, 2016. Please let me know of any drops as the year goes along.

For livestock leaders-if you have members transferring to FFA or independent the member must fill out a “livestock transfer form” complete with all signatures before the 120, 60, or 30 day ownership date for 2016 fairs.

THERE IS A PROBLEM, WHAT SHOULD I DO??

Every 4-H club has a Community Club Leader, every project has a Project Leader, and every 4-H event has designated chairperson. If a problem occurs at club level, the first person you should contact is the club leader. Likewise, contact the project leader if something comes up at the project level. What about at events? If something comes up at a 4-H event, first talk to the 4-H volunteer leader who is chairing/organizing the event. In each of these cases, the volunteer may choose to handle the problem on their own, or contact the 4-H Coordinator, to help resolve the issue.

What if something comes up at the fair? If your project leader is there, first talk to him/her. If it is a 4-H issue, you want to discuss it with the 4-H Staff. If it is a livestock issue, you can go to the Livestock Superintendent. If it is a Jr. Livestock Auction issue, contact the Auction committee's President. The sooner a problem is discussed with the people in charge, the sooner it can be resolved.

These people are all working together with 4-H leaders, and other volunteers to make 4-H events/activities a positive experience. They also appreciate positive comments and suggestions for change.

Mariposa 4-H Presentation/Favorite Foods Day

March 12 will be our Presentation/Favorite Foods Day at Grace Church. Start thinking of your 4-H topic and favorite food. Entries will be available in January.

There is a new Presentation Day Manual. Go to <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf>

Regional Presentation Day

Regional Presentation Day will be April 9, 2016 in Stanislaus County.

Mark your calendars for both events!!!!

PDR Corner

Watch each month where to put your different activities that you have attended.

Community Service, if done as part of your club or project.

Brought food for food basket-	Section 5
Christmas Caroling	Section 5
Bulb planting	Section 5

Parade: Section 6

Decorated or made a project or club float-
Participated in project or club parade entry

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

Club Window Display Section 6

Rigatoni Dinner

Decorated or clean-up	Section 4
Served	Section 4
Sold tickets to others than your family	Section 4
Committee member	Section 4
Attended in 4-H uniform	Section 3

Mariposa Voting Members of South Central 4-H Leaders Council

Mariposa County 4-H voting members at the South Central 4-H Leaders Council meetings are Niarja Marchand (adult), Raegan and Reannon Broomfield, and Claire Gorham (youth). We need one more adult member to have our 5 votes.

Leadership Washington Focus

For Youth Members entering 7th-9th grades

July 11-15, 2016

Cost: \$1849 (Includes airfare, conference travel, lodging and most meals)

For more information about this trip and to register, please visit the [Leadership Washington Focus webpage](#)



Citizenship Washington Focus

For Youth Members who are at least 15 years old at time of travel

- **Heritage Trail—July 10-July 16, 2016** Cost per person: \$2849 (*Conference Only*)
 - **Global Journey—July 10-19, 2016** Cost per person: \$3799 (Conference plus Extended travel days to: Gettysburg, Philadelphia & Baltimore)
- (Trip Costs include airfare, conference travel, lodging and most meals)

For more information about this trip and to register, please visit the [Citizenship Washington Focus webpage](#)

California Focus Leadership

Save the date!

A Unique Citizenship Educational Experience!
(for ages 14-19)

June 17-21, 2016

Located at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza- Sacramento



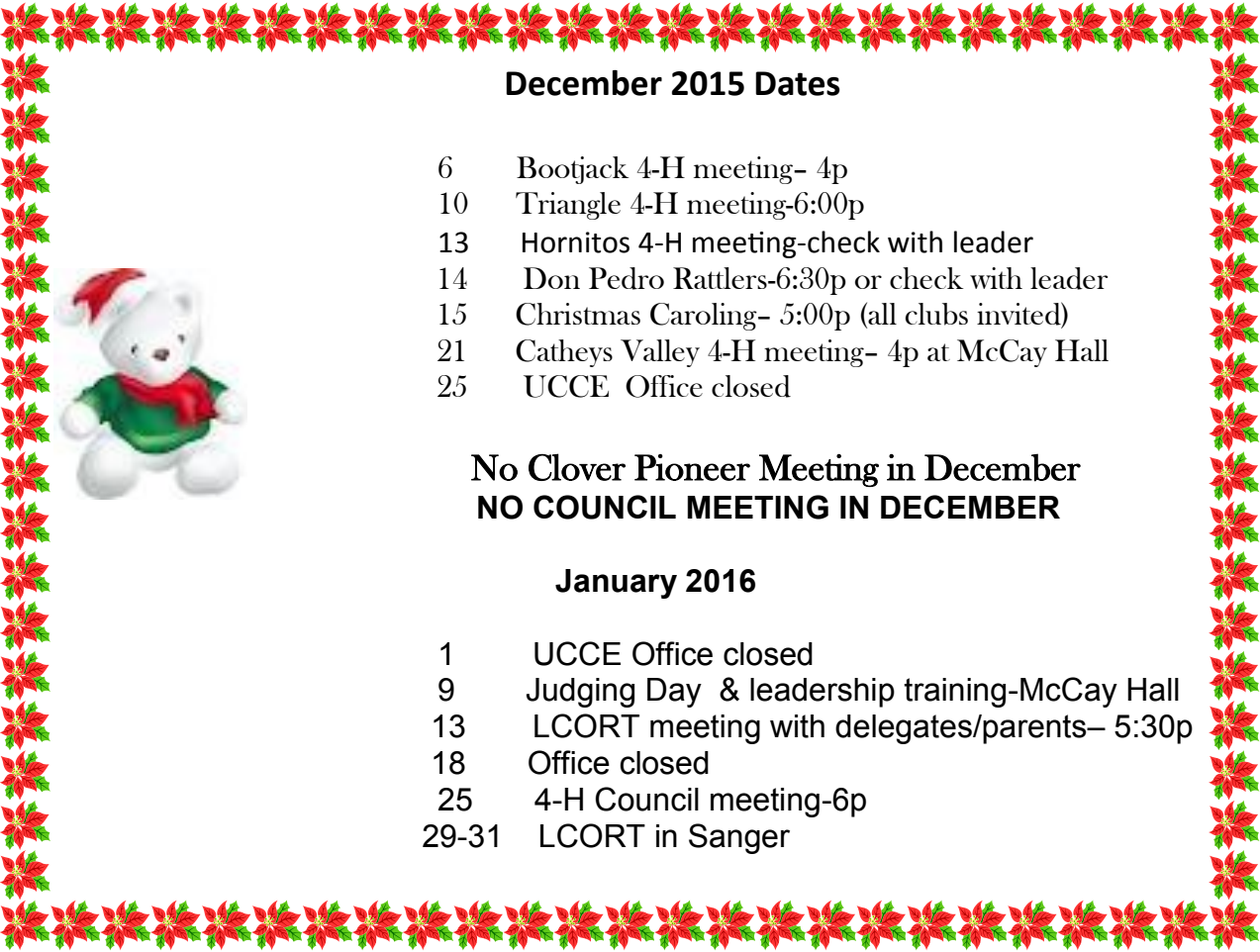
Witness California's government in action by participating in the legislative, political, and judicial processes.

As a conference delegate you will:

- Register to vote, conduct a primary election, and develop a political campaign through a two party system.
- Elect constitutional offices.
- Analyze the needs and issues of your district and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make your bill a law.
- Create a [service plan](#) of action for your community
- Meet California law makers
- Tour the State Capitol, Governor's office and 3rd Court of Appeal
- Participate in fun recreational activities, tours and cultural events
- Make new friends

California Focus can be the beginning of a life of public participation that leaves you with a strong determination to become involved in your community.

Don't miss being a part of this stimulating, fun-filled learning adventure in Sacramento with opportunities to gain new ideas, experiences, and perspectives.



December 2015 Dates

- 6 Bootjack 4-H meeting- 4p
- 10 Triangle 4-H meeting-6:00p
- 13 Hornitos 4-H meeting-check with leader
- 14 Don Pedro Rattlers-6:30p or check with leader
- 15 Christmas Caroling- 5:00p (all clubs invited)
- 21 Catheys Valley 4-H meeting- 4p at McCay Hall
- 25 UCCE Office closed

**No Clover Pioneer Meeting in December
NO COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER**

January 2016

- 1 UCCE Office closed
- 9 Judging Day & leadership training-McCay Hall
- 13 LCORT meeting with delegates/parents- 5:30p
- 18 Office closed
- 25 4-H Council meeting-6p
- 29-31 LCORT in Sanger

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