

# 4-H Spirit



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Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

December 2018

## Central Youth Summit Registration Deadline December 3

**Regular registration is due December 3rd- \$145** Register online at [https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5iFIT2E1V45NJch](https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5iFIT2E1V45NJch) **Make check payable to Mariposa 4-H Council.** T-shirts are available for \$10 in addition to the registration fee for each Youth Summit and have check and copy of registration form into the county office by December 13. Make check payable to Mariposa 4-H Council.

This leadership conference will be held January 25-27, 2019 at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger for youth ages 11-14 by December 31, 2018. Cost is \$145 per delegate or if want to purchase t-shirt add this on your registration.

On Wednesday, January 16 at 5:30p at the office will be a meeting for all delegates, and chaperones attending Central Youth Summit along with parents to go over transportation, dress code, etc. See you there!



## Christmas Caroling and Party

4-H Council & Hi 4-H invites all clubs to come Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 15 at Idle Wheels near the DMV office beginning at 2:00p. If members have a Santa hat or other holiday items to wear please do so. **Bring your loud singing voices!**

Christmas Party will be held at the Methodist Church on 6th Street beginning at 3:30p. Bring a \$5 gift card for there will be an exchange (optional), refreshments, games and karaoke.

See you then!!!

## New 4-H Enrollment Deadline December 15, 2018.



## 4-H Club Officer Training December 15

**Time- 10:30a-1:30p**  
**Location- Government Bldg**

**Lunch will be provided by 4-H Council. Council Officers will be doing the training. All officers should attend. Bring pencil & notepad.**

**RSVP-966-4829 by Dec. 7th**

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# Mariposa County 4-H Christmas Party

December 15, 2018 at 3:30 PM

(following Christmas Caroling)

Mariposa United Methodist Church  
4991 6th Street, Mariposa, CA 95338

Fun and games to be had by all

\$5 Gift Card Exchange (not required)

Table Games

Group Games

Karaoke

Photo Booth

& More



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### WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER??

- ♦ Be Well Prepared– Know leadership takes work 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”**

### Mariposa Fair Suggestions

If you have suggestions for the 2019 Mariposa Fair, they must be in writing to the Fair office by December 31.

If any suggestions for the Junior Livestock Auction Committee, please have in writing to the fair office attention JLAC Committee by December 31.



### 4-H Pancake Breakfast Slated for February 10, 2019

4-H Council’s Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held Sunday, February 10th at the Senior Center. Tickets will be available at the January club meetings for members and leaders to presale.

We ask each member to sell at least 5 or more tickets. Let’s make it a great fundraiser, so sell, sell, sell!!!

The proceeds go to help with all our 4-H events, scholarships, and more!





### **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.***



## Field of Service Past and Present

Our 4-H Citizenship Project along with Hornitos 4-H and Hornitos Patrons Club held the 4th Annual Field of Service Past and Present at the Mariposa Museum and History Center on November 11 with the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony was on November 18.



Jaqueline Quinn was the MC



Bill Yaley, Speaker



4-H members






### Reading of Flag Dedications

Brianna Maietto, Elizabeth Matheson, Claire Bertram, Michael Matheson, Payton Totten, and Jaqueline Quinn.

Other 4-H members attending— Brody Lord, and Emma Matheson.

# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12/2	12/3 Council Meeting 6:00 PM	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8
12/9 Shooting Sports- Winton	12/10 Club Meetings Don Pedro Catheys Valley	12/11	12/12	12/13 Club Meetings Triangle	12/14 	12/15 Officer Training Christmas Caroling & Christmas Party
12/16 Hi 4-H project	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20 Club Meetings Clover Pioneers	12/21	12/22
12/23	12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY	12/26	12/27	12/28	12/29
12/30	12/31 MUSD Christmas Break	MUSD Christmas Break	MUSD Christmas Break			



## CLUB NEWS

### CLUB NAME– BOOTJACK 49ERS

Primary Club Leader:

Monica Nielsen

Meeting Schedule:

2nd Tuesday of the month at  
6:30p at the Lutheran Church

Club meeting December 11 or check with club leader

### CLUB NAME– CATHEYS VALLEY

Primary Club Leader:

Bonnie Butler

Meeting Schedule:

2nd Monday of month  
at McCay Hall at 6p

Club meeting December 10 or check with club leader

### CLUB NAME– CLOVER PIONEERS

Primary Club Leader:

Niarja Marchand

Meeting Schedule:

3rd Thursday of month at  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 6p

Club Officer training December 15 from 10:30a to 1:30p  
at the Board of Supervisors building.

Caroling at Idlewheels at 2:30p and Christmas Party at  
the Methodist Church at 5p

### CLUB NAME– DON PEDRO RATTLERS

Primary Club Leader:

Jennifer Metcalf

Meeting Schedule:

2nd Monday of month at  
Don Pedro Elementary at 6:30p

Club meeting– December 10

### CLUB NAME– HORNITOS

Primary Club Leader:

Shaun Quinn & Kaitlin Amos

Meeting Schedule:

2nd Sunday of the month at  
4p at the Stag Hall

Club meeting– December 9

### CLUB NAME– TRIANGLE

Primary Club Leader:

Beth Broomfield

Meeting Schedule:

2nd Thursday of the month at  
6p at the Grace Church

Triangle Club will be selling Christmas trees at Bootjack  
Equipment & Feed November 23 until sold out.

# State 4-H News



## Announcing 2019 State 4-H Fashion Revue: "Fashion My Way"

**Date & Location:** Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Olson Hall, UC Davis

**Youth Co-Chairs:** Jessica McCauley (Contra Costa County) and Abby Milanesa (Monterey County)

**Categories:** Traditional (unchanged from 2018), Consumer Science Purchased \$40 limit (unchanged from 2018) and 3 new challenges - The Box Challenge, Make It Mine Challenge, and Retro/Historical Challenge. The Upcycled category will not be offered at 2019 SFR, due to limited interest. As always, this category and others may be included in county fashion revues, but entries do not advance to SFR. See below for more information.

## 2019 SFR SERVICE PROJECTS

Project using sewing, for Alzheimer's patients: [Fidget Mats SFR 2019](#)

Host a Service Project sewing event: [Fidget Mats group project](#)

No Sew project for animal shelters: [Pet Play Toys SFR 2019](#)

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## State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting April 6 & 7, 2019 Winton, CA

The bi-annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting will be held at the Safety First Shooting Association in Merced County <http://safetyfirstshooting.net/html/directions.html>. 4-H shooting sports leaders, teen leaders, county coordinators, and anyone interested are encouraged to attend this event. A variety of topics will be covered to include policies, program opportunities, information sharing and hands-on discipline events. The agenda and registration link will be published at a later date. Be sure to mark your calendar now!

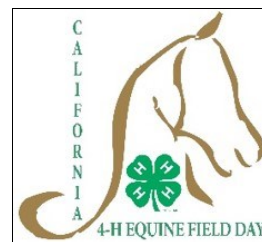
## 4-H Equine Field Day

at the Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres, CA

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:00 am to 3:30 pm

More information at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/4H\\_Equine\\_Field\\_Day/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/4H_Equine_Field_Day/)



## California 4-H Horse Education Contest

Horse Judging, Hippology, and Public Speaking

Fresno Ag Pavilion

Saturday, April 27, 2019

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

The California 4-H Equine Planning Committee will be hosting the 2019 California 4-H Horse Education Contest at Fresno Ag Pavillion. The California 4-H Horse Education Contests gives 4-H members an opportunity to compete at the state level in horse educational contests. More information- [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/State\\_4-H\\_Horse\\_Education\\_Contests/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/State_4-H_Horse_Education_Contests/)





## More State 4-H News

### 4-H Archery Workshop - 4-H Rifle Workshop - 4-H Shotgun Workshop

Dates: November 10, 2018 - November 11, 2018

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Contact: Dave Givens, 209-614-1718

Sponsor: 4-H Youth Development Program

Event Details-<http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/?calitem=427189&g=86993>

### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop- Rifle Discipline

Visalia, CA

Saturday, December 1, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Dale Wimp Rifle Range, 7398 Avenue 328 in Visalia. 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. Complimentary lunches will be provided. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucanr.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucanr.edu). For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at:

<http://visaliasportsmens.com/locations>

### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop- Rifle Discipline

Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, February 16, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 17, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the 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@ucanr.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucanr.edu)

### 2019 Leadership Washington Focus Registration

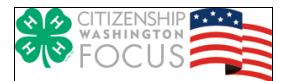
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Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a National 4-H leadership conference for youth ages 12-14. Youth can exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation.



### 2019 Citizenship Washington Focus Registration– <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/?calitem=428462&g=86992>

Citizenship Washington Focus is an educational conference for youth ages 15 to 19. Hosted at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, it gives youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need in order to become outstanding leaders.



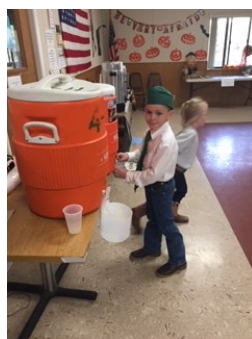
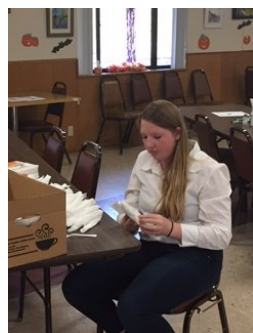
**The 4-H State Ambassador** position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. Must be at least 16 years old on May 1, 2019 and no older than 18 years old as of December 31, 2019. **APPLICATION DEADLINE** January 7, 2019-  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/Apply\\_to\\_Become\\_a\\_State\\_Ambassador/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/Apply_to_Become_a_State_Ambassador/)

## Rigatoni Dinner Thank You-

4-H Council and 4-H Staff says thanks to Debbie Lester and Mary Ann Visser for cooking the rigatoni sauce and thank you to our cooks who spent hours in the kitchen— Jennifer Metcalf, Beth & Reannon Broomfield, Kirsten Leventhal, Karen Cutter, and 4-H Staff. Thanks to Monica Nielsen and Ambassador, Raegan Broomfield for being at the door collecting tickets/money and being in charge of the dessert Silent Auction.



Here are some photos of our 4-H members-



Also thank you to the Sharrar, McCaig, Leventhal, Takahashi families for helping with cleaning and also Niarja Marchand. If we forgot anyone, we apologize.

Thank you to the members and leaders who baked the desserts such as cheese cakes, cookies, brownies, and more.



## ***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

### **4-H Personal Development Report 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 for the 4-H Spirit or local papers, 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.



### **2019 4-H Activities through April**

**February 10– 4-H Council’s Valentine Pancake Breakfast fundraiser– Senior Center**

**February 23- Presentation/Favorite Foods Day– Judging Day at New Life Christian Fellowship**

**March 15– Kid’s Night– Grace Church**

**April 6– Spring Show/Fashion Revue**

**April 13– Regional Presentation Day- Mariposa County High School**

**April 28– MS Bike-a-thon**

**Winter Fun Day—TBA**

### **Attention 4-H Leaders**

Project rosters, leader’s agreement, and other information will be mailed after December 15. Please have leader’s agreement and Project Activity Form into the office by January 15.

**Reminder- your first project meeting must be held by January 31, 2019. Please let me know of any drops as the year goes along.**

**A minimum of 6 hours of instruction is required for each project. A project leader can require additional meetings, presentation, market livestock forms, and more but must let members know at the first meeting. This information goes on the Project Activity Form which leader, member and parent signs.**

**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 2019 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 Along with Judging Day

**February 23 will be our Presentation/Favorite Foods Day & Judging Day at New Life Christian Fellowship. Start thinking of your 4-H topic and favorite food. Entries will be available at January club meetings and due by February 15.**

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

### Regional Presentation Day

**Regional Presentation Day will be April 13, 2019 in Mariposa County at the high school.**

**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





### December 2018 Dates

- 3** 4-H Council meeting– 6p  
**15** Club officer training at BOS at 10:30a  
Caroling at 2:00p  
Christmas Party at Methodist Church at 3:30p  
**24-25** UCCE Office closed

### January 2019

- 1** UCCE Office closed  
**7** 4-H Council meeting– 6p  
**16** CYS meeting with delegates/chaperones/parents–  
5:30p at the office  
**21** Office closed  
**25-27** Central Youth Summit in Sanger



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