

4-H Spirit



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Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

December 2019

Wreaths Across America, Parade and Tree Lighting

On December 14 these activities will take place. More details will be in the weekly updates.



Save the Date!!! Christmas Caroling and Party

4-H Council invites all clubs to come Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 20 at Idle Wheels near the DMV office beginning at 3:00p. If members have a Santa hat or other holiday items to wear please do so. **Bring your loud singing voices!**

The 4-H Christmas Party hosted by the Clover Pioneers 4-H Club on 12/20/19 to follow right after Caroling in Idle Wheels. There will be hot chocolate and cider, some goodies to eat, and activities to enjoy. Please bring canned soup to donate to the Manna House. See you then!!! Location to be announced!

Donna is Retiring!!

I wanted to let you all know that I will be retiring as 4-H Coordinator on December 27 after 20+ years. I will remain a 4-H Volunteer Leader to help with Camp Tweety and anywhere else I am needed. It has been a wonderful journey and hope the 4-H program will continue to grow.



Thank you to all the 4-H Volunteer Leaders and Members for making Mariposa County 4-H a great program for our local youth!!!

**New 4-H Enrollment
Deadline
December 15, 2019.**



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Mariposa Fair Suggestions

If you have suggestions for the 2020 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.



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”



Youth Agriculture and Animal Science Field Day 2020

February 8, 2020

8:30am-12:00pm

Herzog Hall at Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds

\$5 per person, register by February 1, 2020

More information at <https://ucanr.edu/sites/YDResources/Clubs/ag2020/>

Co-Hosted by UC Cooperative Extension and
the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds & Event Center

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT 2018/19 COUNTY WINNERS & MEDALISTS

CATEGORY	(Gold)	(Silver)
Dairy Goats	Savannah Brown	
Meat Goats	Danny Brown	
Poultry	Danny Brown	Savannah Brown
Outstanding Record Book- Senior– Danny Brown Intermediate– Savannah Brown		
Most Dedicated Volunteer Leader- Carla Brandauer		
National 4-H Week Window Display- Triangle 4-H Club		

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!!!!

State 4-H News

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Rifle Discipline Holtville & El Centro, CA (Imperial County)

Friday, December 13, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Imperial County UC Extension, 1050 Holton Road in Holtville, CA on Friday and at Border Tactical Range, 925 North Imperial Avenue, in El Centro, CA on Saturday. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as 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 and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://bordertactical.com>

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop– Fort Bragg, CA (Mendocino County) November 30 and December 1, 2019

Archery Project

There will be a workshop to certify 4H Adult Volunteers as Shooting Sports Leaders in the Shooting Sports discipline of “Archery,” presented in Mendocino County on the weekend of November 30 and December 1, 2019. You must attend both days to be certified. This class will be Saturday Nov 30th, 9 AM –5 PM, and Sunday, Dec 1st, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Potter Valley Tribe Property, 21801 North Highway One, Fort Bragg, CA, in Mendocino County. This class is being hosted by Mendocino County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach the specific shooting sport 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. Bring your own lunch each day. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Shooting sports adult leader they will be helping back home.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf>, a check for \$35 to Mendocino County 4H, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and mail to UCCE, 890 North Bush Street, Mendocino, CA , 95482. Registration is due Monday November 18, and space is limited to 20 attendees. For more general information call Teresa Spade at 707-937-1802 or email her at fort-bragg4h@gmail.com. For Shooting Sports information please contact Dave Givens 209-614-1718 or riveroakstraining@gmail.com

Registration is due Friday, December 6, 2019

Space is limited to 10 attendees.

Driving Directions: <http://www.safetyfirstshooting.net/html/directions.html> . Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

For more information: Dave at 209-614-1718 for info or camping, or Darlene McIntyre for registration at [209-385-7418](tel:209-385-7418) or dlimcintyre@ucanr.edu.



More State 4-H News

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - 4-H Western Heritage Leader Certification Training

Merced County

Saturday, December 14, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For an overview of the program please visit <http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/>

If you have an interest in sharing your “Old West” knowledge and skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Western Heritage project adult volunteer or teen leader? There will be a 4-H Western Heritage leader certification training offered December 14th and 15th, 2019. This certification class will be held at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton, 95338, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H.

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

The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test.

Registration: The cost is \$35 per person. You will receive a resource binder, with a light breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. Please bring your own lunch to the class.

To register, please complete and mail the [CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form](#), complete an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and submit a \$35 check payable to: Merced County 4-H Council Mail completed information to: UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave. -

Mariposa County 4-H Procedures & 4-H Policies

- ◆ The 4-H club year in Mariposa is October 1-Sept. 30
- ◆ Members may transfer clubs only once during the program year
- ◆ Re-enrolled Members must be enrolled in a project by November 1 and New Members by December 15. Can change or add projects by December 31 for fair purposes.
- ◆ Each club needs to send the Community Club Leader and project leaders to the CCL /Project leader Workshops
- ◆ **Required each club to have a minimum of 8 club meetings and members must attend 7 to attend fairs. NEW**
- ◆ There must be a minimum of six hours of instruction for all projects during the program year. **Project leaders can require more requirements but must let members know at first project meeting in writing.**
- ◆ Clubs must submit budget/planning & constitution/by-laws by December 1 to the UCCE Office for approval
- ◆ Clubs Community Club Leader must submit an All Reasonable Efforts form along with flyers, photos, etc. by September 30 to the office.
- ◆ **Members must maintain 80% attendance requirement at project meetings, have their APR form current to show at fair. CCLs/Project Leaders to review record books before fair entries are turned in.**
- ◆ Completed record books due to CCL at their September club meeting or required date set by 4-H Staff.
- ◆ A member may visit another club only twice during the program year. The member must have the ‘*interclub slip*’ signed by visiting Community Club Leader and taken to own CCL to receive credit for that meeting
- ◆ 4-H uniform is not required but if attending fairs Mariposa County uniform is *Dark* blue jeans, white buttoned or snapped blouse/shirt with sleeves and tucked in, 4-H hat, scarf or tie OR check with the fair you are attending if all whites is required. For competition, a belt matching the color of shoes is encouraged. **Must wear complete uniform including hat for the fair junior livestock auction.**
- ◆ If members decide to transfer from 4-H to either independent or FFA, they **MUST** contact the UCCE/4-H office 60 days before fair for swine, sheep or goats, or 120 days for beef & horse, or 30 days for rabbits and poultry. **Complete the Livestock Transfer Form. This is a requirement to sell at 2020 fairs.**



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 10 or check with club leader

CLUB NAME– CATHEYS VALLEY

Primary Club Leader:

Danny Brown

Meeting Schedule:

2nd Monday of month
at McCay Hall at 6p

Club meeting December 9 or check with club leader

CLUB NAME– CLOVER PIONEERS

Primary Club Leaders:

JoEllen Tilton Jacobs & Melissa Takahashi

Meeting Schedule:

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

Club meeting December 19 or check with club leader

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 9

CLUB NAME– HORNITOS

Primary Club Leader:

Mary Ann Visher

Meeting Schedule:

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

Club meeting– December 8 or check with club leader

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 29 until sold out.

4-H COUNCIL, CLUB & PROJECT NEWS

New!!! Club meetings– To attend 2020 fairs members must attend at least 7 club meetings and 80% of project meetings.

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.

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, 2020. 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.

New this year- Club meetings– To attend 2020 fairs members must attend at least 7 club meetings and 80% of project meetings.

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 2020 fairs.



2020 4-H Activities through April

January 6- 4-H Council meeting

Winter Fun Day—TBA

February 22- Presentation/Favorite Foods Day– Judging Day at New Life Christian Fellowship

March 13– Kid's Night– Grace Church

March 28– Spring Show/Fashion Revue in Merced

April 4– Regional Presentation Day- Merced County

April 26– MS Bike-a-thon

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.

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 22 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 14.

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

Regional Presentation Day

Regional Presentation Day will be April 4, 2020 in Merced.

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

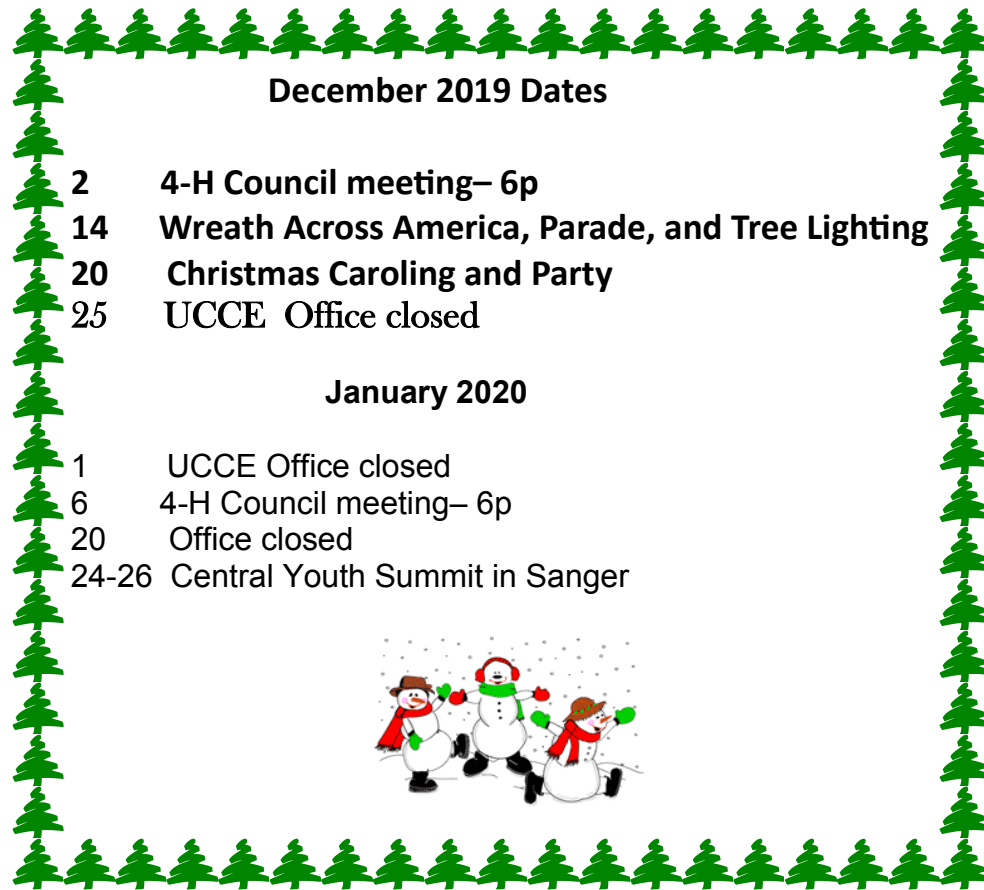
Chaired a Service activity Section 4

Club Window Display Section 6

70th Anniversary 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 2019 Dates

- 2 4-H Council meeting– 6p
- 14 Wreath Across America, Parade, and Tree Lighting
- 20 Christmas Caroling and Party
- 25 UCCE Office closed

January 2020

- 1 UCCE Office closed
- 6 4-H Council meeting– 6p
- 20 Office closed
- 24-26 Central Youth Summit in Sanger



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