



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development

December 2021

## 4-H Spirit Newsletter

### December 2021 Events at a Glance

*12/11 – Tree Lighting and  
Christmas Parade*

*12/18 – Wreaths Across  
America*

*noon at the Courthouse in  
Mariposa*

*3pm in Hornitos*

*12/25 - Christmas*

### January 2021 Events at a Glance

*1/3- 4-H Council meeting, in-  
person at the UCCE  
conference room @6pm*

*1/28-29 – Central Youth  
Summit – hybrid/virtual*

### 2022 Mariposa Fair Theme Contest

Believe it or not,, preparations are underway for the 2022 Mariposa County Fair. 4-H has been given the opportunity to participate in a contest to select the theme for our next Fair. Winners will receive 2 annual passes. Please send your entries to the Fair Office by USPS or email to: [mariposafair@sti.net](mailto:mariposafair@sti.net) Entries must be received before January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. Good Luck!

### Returning Volunteer Enrollment Due

This is a message to remind our Returning Volunteers that enrollments in the new program year are due by December 15<sup>th</sup>. It is important to re-enroll before this time to avoid a lapse in service and re-fingerprinting. Enrollment is FREE, so don't wait. Thank you for your participation.



## We Are Making a Video

Call for entries:

Local resident, Bill Lowe, will be creating a new film that showcases and promotes our 4-H programs in connection with Earth Day to be shown at the 2022 Butterfly Festival. We are asking for the submission of short video clips (2-3 minutes) of youth members answering why they are passionate about their 4-H projects. Members must be in uniform. Please use high quality videos (minimum 1080 p) and email to Bill Lowe at [bill.lowe39@gmail.com](mailto:bill.lowe39@gmail.com)



## Members Needed December 18th



Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies. This annual ceremony is being held in Mariposa on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to attend in full uniform. Parties will meet at the courthouse at noon. Additional ceremonies will be held later that day in Catheys Valley and Hornitos at 3pm. I hope to see you there.

## News And Opportunities From The State

### Equine Statewide Planning Team

Hey there horse enthusiasts! Do you have a passion for the 4-H Equine program and want to give back to the community by sharing your gifts and experience with others? The California 4-H Equine Program is looking for Adult Volunteers and Youth Members to lead specific state-level Equine events and would like you to consider joining the Equine Statewide Planning Team.

The Equine Statewide Planning Team is a group of volunteers and youth members who want to use/develop their event planning skills by leading a team in planning and operating one of our state equine events. Below is a list of current Planning Team positions that we are still recruiting for:

- Horse Classic (Adult Volunteer)
- Hippology Contest (Youth Member)
- Equine Public Speaking Contest (Adult Volunteer & Youth Member)
- Event Marketing (Adult Volunteer)

So, if you are a youth members (ages 14 and up) or an adult volunteers that is ready to get off the fence, Quit stalling! Apply to the Equine Statewide Planning Team **by December 15, 2021** and make a difference in the 4-H Equine community today!

To learn more about this team and apply for one of these positions, visit us online at [ucanr.edu/sites/4H\\_Equine/Volunteer\\_Opportunities/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/4H_Equine/Volunteer_Opportunities/). Click on the Statewide Planning Team button to apply.

**Apply by December 15, 2021**

**Learn more about Equine Planning Team**

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**New State Advisory Committee: Clothing & Textiles**

Clothing and Textile projects have a long-standing tradition in the 4-H Youth Development program, and have supported youth in developing their skills and understanding of sewing construction and how to make clothing and accessories.

These skills position participants to develop skills in design and fashion illustration, business and marketing, technology in sewing, and learn about careers in the textile industry.

The Advisory Committee will be a diverse group of youth and adult volunteers who will ensure the 4-H Clothing & Fashion projects and activities utilize best practices, to help 4-H members grow their abilities and self-efficacy.

Commitment: first term will be 18 months - through June 30, 2023

**Apply by December 17, 2021**

**Committee description**

**Apply for Clothing & Textiles Advisory Committee**

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**Apply to be a State Ambassador for the next 4-H year!**

Applications are now open for the 2022-2023 State Ambassador positions.

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.

You will have expanded opportunities to serve, represent and promote the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program.

**Application deadline is January 10, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Position description**

**State Ambassador application**

## Upcoming Events

### **2022 California 4-H Youth Summits**

In-person and Virtual  
Leadership Conference for youth ages 11-13.

**Visit our  
Event site**

#### **Save the Dates!**

Friday, Jan. 28, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 29, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 4, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

See the [Youth Summit event site](#) for more information about the schedule and host sites for the in-person portion of the conference.

Registration information will be posted the week of December 6th.

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### **Last 3 County Ambassador Workshops! Sign up now to build your leadership skills.**

These workshops are for County Ambassadors, County Ambassador Coaches, and youth leaders ages 14 and up.

December 9, 2021, 6:30-8:00pm

*The Anatomy of a Workshop*

Learn how to build an effective workshop for both in person and virtual delivery.

January 20, 2022 6:30-8:00pm

*The Art of Facilitation*

Once you have created your workshop, now what do you do? Join the State Ambassadors and learn to effectively facilitate—not just present—a workshop.

February 17, 2021 6:30-8:00pm

*Develop Your Back up Plan*

We have all had to learn to be flexible and pivot during the last two years. Learn how to create a plan B in case things don't work out as planned. Learn how to effectively take your in-person programing to virtual programing in a few easy steps.

[Sign up for Workshop](#)

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## **2022 National 4-H Conference**

**March 20-24, 2022**

**Hybrid format - Washington D.C. area hotel**

Location tba

*Travel and conference expenses are covered by a generous grant from the Leavey Foundation.*

The USDA NIFA Division of Youth and 4-H, along with our planning partners, are looking forward to some exciting changes in 2022, including a new venue. Along with the changes, it is our intention to maintain the integrity of the conference, with a continuing focus on youth voice.

The Conference will continue to have roundtable discussions and federal partner agency presentations and an opportunity for delegates to engage with their U.S. Senators and Representatives. A Youth Leadership Team and Collegiate Facilitators will also remain an integral part of conference facilitation.

New for 2022 will be an expanded focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) in our 4-H delegates, with a conference makeup more reflective of our nation's youth population.

Qualified youth are:

1. 4-H member ages 16-19
2. Experienced in 4-H. You must include a copy of your 4-H Resume.

Other requirements to apply:

1. 2 Online references - 1) your county 4-H staff person and 2) a 4-H member or recent 4-H alumni not older than 21 years of age and not a family member.
2. Essay questions on application:

- Why do you want to attend the National 4-H Conference?
- Describe the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Describe an experience you had working within a team online only. What challenges did you face? How did you overcome those challenges?

Get started on your application now! Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

**Apply by Jan. 21 at 8 a.m.** Late applications will not be reviewed.

**National 4-H Conference application**

**Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas**



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