



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development

January 2022

4-H Spirit Newsletter

January 2021 Events at a Glance

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

February 2021 Events at a Glance

*TBD – Winter Fun Day, ice
skating at Tenaya Lodge.
This will be hosted by the
Triangle club and the date is
not yet decided. Stay tuned.*

2022 Mariposa Fair Theme Contest

There is still time to submit your ideas for this year's theme for the Mariposa County Fair. A theme is a short phrase that portrays the idea or feeling of the event. It may be as short as one word or as long as a sentence. Please send your entries to the Fair Office by USPS or email to:

mariposafair@sti.net Entries must be received before January 31st 2022. Good Luck!

Camp Tweety-Teen Counselors Wanted!

Camp Tweety is scheduled this year June 25-28th and the Committee has begun planning. If you are a teen 4-H member (grades 9-12) and would like to join the fun this year as a Counselor, please complete this short survey before

February 4th:

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=36464>

A short interview will be scheduled after all survey results have been collected.

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

Christmas Parade

I would personally like to thank all of those who participated in this year's Christmas Parade. We had floats from the Catheys Valley, Bootjack, and Triangle clubs. The floats were all decorated creatively and full of Holiday Spirit. THANK YOU!





Wreaths Across America

This event was held on December 18th, both in the town of Mariposa and also in Hornitos. Wreaths were layed upon the graves of veterans in a mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. This was also the first annual event in Hornitos. Thank You.



News & Opportunities From The State

Ag Discovery Program-

AgDiscovery is a summer camp outreach program designed to help middle through high school aged students explore careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness, plant pathology, aquaculture, and much more. This 2-4 week program allows participants to live on a college campus, and discover agricultural science from university professors, participating veterinarians, industry representatives, and professionals working for the U.S. government. Students who participate in AgDiscovery experience hands-on labs, workshops, field trips, and other group and team building activities. *You can learn more about the program; eligibility requirements; and additional application info. by visiting:* [USDA APHIS | AgDiscovery Program](#).

Note: California State University, Fresno will host an AgDiscovery Program this 2022 Summer. Making it the only west coast program of its kind.

The following web-link will direct you to the 2021 AgDiscovery online application: [USDA APHIS | Application](#).

The deadline for submitting applications is March 31, 2022 (by midnight, Eastern Standard Time).

State Ambassador Applications Due January 10, 2022

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. The State Ambassadors select an Educational Platform every year and work to promote it throughout the state. State Ambassadors represent California 4-H and serve its membership.

[Learn more and apply](#)

2022 California 4-H Youth Summit

Sailing Your Legacy!

Join the crew. Chart your course. Enjoy the voyage.

Hybrid Virtual & In-Person Youth Leadership Conference January 28 - 29, 2022 | February 4 - 5, 2022

Youth Summit programs are designed to grow the leadership abilities of intermediate 4-H'ers (ages 11-13) and give hands-on leadership opportunities to senior 4-H'ers (ages 14+).

Participants are mentored by senior 4-H'ers and caring adult volunteers. Younger members develop stronger relationships with their older peers as they both develop their leadership skills.

Youth will:

- Learn and practice personal leadership skills
- Learn about career pathways and college
- Build connections with 4-H members, volunteers, and staff throughout the state

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

Register by January 17, 2022

REGISTER

2022 National 4-H Conference

March 20-24, 2022

Hybrid format - Washington D.C. area hotel

Travel and conference expenses are paid for by the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation

The National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Changes in 2022

- A new venue
- Expanded focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA) in our 4-H delegates, with a conference makeup reflective of our nation's youth population.

What you can expect

- Roundtable discussions to explore current issues affecting youth and the role 4-H can play in addressing them
- Conference facilitation led by Collegiate Facilitators (4-H alumni)
- Present outcomes from your roundtable discussions with federal partner agencies
- An opportunity to engage with your U.S. Senators and Representatives

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.

See video testimonials from past attendees and learn more about this high-level opportunity to engage at the national level of 4-H! Go to the [National 4-H Conference event page](#).

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

Scholarship Opportunity for High School Senior Females

KPMG Future Leaders Program Empowering and investing in future generations of women leaders

Details: the KPMG Future Leaders Program will award 22 deserving high school female seniors:

1. A scholarship of \$10,000 per year for 4 years of college
2. A pairing with an executive woman mentor for one-year
3. A leadership development retreat and ongoing KPMG support

Please share this [application link](#) with your qualifying* female students and urge them to apply for this opportunity.

*Applicant criteria includes:

- High school female senior planning to enroll in a 4-year undergraduate program for the upcoming fall semester
- Proven track record of academic excellence and leadership potential
- Minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Interest in a business or STEM academic track
- Demonstrates a significant financial need
- Letter of recommendation from a nonprofit/community organization

Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2022. An independent selection committee will select and notify the 22 recipients by April 15, 2022.

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To submit photographs, information, or articles for the 4-H Spirit, please contact me.

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