



NEW! Award for California 4-H Youth

The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/

Rationale: Most youth serving organizations have a highest honor—Boy Scouts have Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout have the Gold Award, Camp Fire USA has the WoHeLo Award. While the 4-H State Ambassador Program is a very high honor, it is a working honor and is prohibitive to many who may be deserving of a highest youth award.

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Mission Statement for the California 4-H Youth Development Program

"The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development."



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Volunteer Leader Information

4-H Volunteer Cafe Blog

Do you want to find one of the Monthly Morning Messages or a training tips or something that will assist you in running your club? The 4-H Volunteer Cafe blog has all of them for easy accessibility in addition to a weekly Ice Breaker or Energize you can use with your group. Just click on the link below to get all the latest and greatest support. <http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/>

4-H THRIVE

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!!!

We've heard story after story as we have traveled across the state of how 4-H Thrive has impacted the lives of our youth. The concepts of thriving are all founded in solid positive youth development research and are critical to helping young people reach their full potential. Use the above link to go to the blog and click on the "Thriving@Work Tab. This section of the blog is for you to share your experiences and learnings as it relates to 4-H Thrive. Please share your stories here and encourage youth to come and share theirs personally. At the end of your post please put first name, last initial and the county that you are from (Scott M-State Office). Looking forward to hearing your stories!!!

Food Safety Training

Sunday Sept. 9th, 2pm

Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

Meet at the Harvest Building.

Training starts after feature booth judging.

Questions? Call Stephanie, 763-8015

Archery Leader Certification Training

Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14

Humboldt County UCCE Office

5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503

Attendees must attend both Saturday (9AM - 5 PM) and Sunday (8:30 - 12 noon) to be certified as a 4-H adult, teen or junior leader. The cost will be \$30 for training and a binder of resources. There will be a lecture, hands on practice and a test. To register, complete the "Request for Training Form" at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf> and mail with your payment to Sandy Sathrum at 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503. Make checks payable to Humboldt County 4-H. Participants are responsible for all transportation, overnight lodging and meals. If you have any questions, call Sandy at 707-445-7351.

Marketing 4-H

Tips to Advertise your 4-H Program

Increasing broad awareness of 4-H in your community can be done easily at no cost! Through Public Service Announcements (PSAs), 4-H programs can inquire about free advertising space with local newspapers and radio stations. Some media outlets have formal programs that donate specific time slots for non-profit organizations, while others make unfilled advertising space available free-of-charge. Contact your local radio or print media outlets to find out if they are able to partner with your 4-H program.

More info: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/151660.pdf>

County Marketing: http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Resources/Promotional_Materials_-_Toolkits/

Western Region Leader Forum

March 21 – 24, 2013 in Hawaii

Hawaii 4-H members, volunteers, faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing you in Hawaii March 21 – 24, 2013 for the Western Region Leader Forum. The conference site is the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Resort. You will need to register at the hotel before you register for the conference so you will have the confirmation code required to avoid the surcharge for those who choose to attend WRLF and stay at another place. Reservations at the Marriott may be made at 800-848-8100 or by using the local number of 808-922-6611. We have reserved a block of rooms which you will need to refer to when you register by giving the code, WR4A, to the person taking your reservation. Registration for the forum may be completed by going to:

<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/>

DEADLINES:

Deadline for Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - \$375

Deadline for Hotel room Rate of \$179 is February 21, 2013 - \$425

2012 California 4-H State Leaders Forum

Tick, tock. Tick, tock. The 2012 California 4-H State Leaders' Forum will be here before you know it! Get ready for the learning, networking, and just plain fun that awaits you at "4-H in a Minute" at Asilomar in Pacific Grove from November 9-11. Highlights of this year's Forum include:

A keynote address by Nancy Franz of the Iowa 4-H program that will transform the way you present 4-H to your community.

- A schedule that balances informative workshops with time to enjoy the Asilomar Conference Grounds and the adjacent state beach.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>

AWARDS

It is time to start the selection process for the **2013 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards**. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Additional information is available at <http://www.4-h.org/resource/library/grantsawards/opportunities/salute-to-excellence-awards/>.

The categories are as follows:

- The **Volunteer of the Year Award** is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for **less than 10 years** at the local, county, district or state level.
- The **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award** is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the local, county, district or state level.

Mail completed nomination packet(s) to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, University of California, Davis, One Shields Ave., DANR Bldg., Davis, CA 95616.

If you FAX the packet please send it to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, DANR Building, 225 Hopkins Road, Davis, CA 95616. Nominations should be received by **October 2, 2012** to be considered. The State 4-H office will verify with county 4-H staff that the volunteer is enrolled and in good standing. All nomination packets will be reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee who will recommend one nominee for each category to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final approval. Please note there is no limitation on the number of nominees from each county.

Santa Cruz County Fair

September 11-16, 2012

Clover Deli Shift Schedule:

Monday Sept. 10: Teen Leadership dinner fundraiser

Tuesday Sept. 11

6:15am-10:30am: Corralitos (Swine)

10:30am-2:30pm: Corralitos (Swine)

2:30pm-6:30pm: Felton 4-H

6:30pm-10:45pm: Soquel/B.C.

Wednesday Sept. 12

6:15am-10:30am: La Selva Beach

10:30am-2:30pm: La Selva Beach

2:30pm-6:30pm: Corralitos (Lamb)

6:30pm-10:45pm: Leadership

Thursday Sept. 13

6:15am-10:30am: Corralitos

10:30am-2:30pm: Felton

2:30pm-6:30pm: Felton

6:30pm-10:45pm: Scotts Valley

Friday Sept. 14

6:15am-10:30am: Felton

10:30am-2:30pm: Felton

2:30pm-6:30pm: Soquel/ G.V.

6:30pm-10:45pm: Corralitos

Saturday Sept. 15

6:15am-10:30am: Scotts Valley

10:30am-2:30pm: Felton

2:30pm-6:30pm: Soquel/B.C.

Clover Deli Reminders & Rules:

- Please show up 15 minutes before shift begins for training from previous shift.
- Minimum shift requirements: 2 adults & 5 kids
- No eating or drinking in the Deli. Please take your shift break outside.
- Food is not free in the Deli. Please do not take Deli Food.

We are a non-profit and the funds raised from clover deli go to our county 4-H program for its various activities and awards programs.

- Adults only on the cash registers
- Shifts are 4 hours long. If clubs divide a shift, the shift representative is responsible for filling ALL shift places. Shift representatives are responsible to report changes of shift to Robin, 234-6666.

Harvest Building 4-H Hosting Schedule:

Tuesday Sept. 11

2pm-6pm: La Selva Beach 4-H

Wednesday Sept. 12

2pm-6pm: Soquel 4-H

6pm-10pm: Corralitos 4-H

Thursday Sept. 13

2pm-6pm: Felton 4-H

Friday Sept. 14

2pm-6pm Boulder Creek 4-H

Saturday Sept. 15

2pm-6pm Scotts Valley

Building Shift Reminders & Rules

- Clubs are to furnish a team with a minimum of 5 people per team. Each team MUS have one adult.
- To qualify for a one day fair pass to volunteer in this building, you must commit to one 4 hour shift (2 hours for younger 4-H members).
- 4-Her's are encourage to promote their club during this time in the building.
- 4-Her's are also encourage to share their talents with the public who come to visit the Harvest building. Some great opportunities would

Santa Cruz County Fair

September 11-16, 2012

Feature Booth Workday Schedule:

Sept. 1 9am-5pm **Sept. 2** 10:30am-5pm

Sept. 8 9am-5pm

Feature Booth Judging will be **Sunday Sept 9th, 12pm**. The system of judging is Danish. Training and work sheets will be provided. Please contact Joan Favero, Dept. Head, (831) 438-1410, with any questions.

Other Fair community service opportunities:

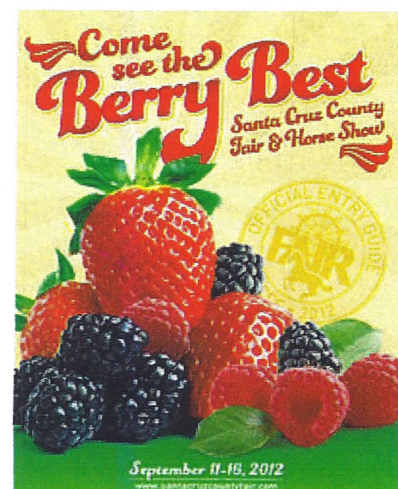
Please consider volunteering in a Department at the fair. The fair board of directors would love to see more young people involved at the fair. We know 4-Her's are very busy during the fair, but please consider bringing your friends along to help out. Volunteer forms can be found at <http://www.santacruzcountyfair.com/images/stories/docs/fair/2012/2012-fair-entry-guide.pdf>

Swine Flu Update

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported a variant strain of Influenza A (H3N2v), which has been identified in swine and in humans. So far, the virus has been detected in 3 states (not in California), and some of the human cases are believed to be related to contact with swine that were exhibited at an agricultural fair. The following links contain nation-wide and California-specific advisories and fact sheets about this virus. The Centers for Disease Control have released information and resources on the Influenza A H3N2v Virus affecting swine. More information on this can be found at: <http://ucanr.org/4hsafety>.

Reminder to ALL 4-H Members

While representing 4-H, please remember to be courteous and cordial to one another. When participating in 4-H activities at the county fair and wearing 4-H clothing, please remember you are representing all of Santa Cruz County 4-H and the University of California. It is important we do our best, to put out best foot forward while representing the program.





Swine Influenza (Swine Flu)

Q & A for Swine Fair Exhibitors

Q: What is Swine Influenza?

A: Swine influenza is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that regularly cause outbreaks in pigs.

Q: Why is the virus sometimes called "swine flu"?

A: Influenza viruses that commonly circulate in swine are called "swine influenza viruses" or "swine flu viruses." Like human influenza viruses, there are different subtypes and strain of swine influenza viruses. The main swine influenza viruses circulating in U.S. pigs in recent years are: swine triple reassortant (tr) H1N1 influenza virus, trH3N2 virus and trH1N2 virus.

Q: What are Variant Influenza Viruses?

A: Swine flu viruses do not normally infect humans. However, sporadic human infections with swine influenza viruses have occurred. When this happens, these viruses are called "variant viruses" They also can be denoted by adding the letter "v" to the end of the virus subtype designation. According to CDC, human infections with H1N1v, H3N2v, and H1N2v viruses have been detected in the United States.

Q: Can I show my swine at the fair?

A: Currently, there are no restrictions for showing healthy swine at fairs. Swine with signs of respiratory illness, including nasal discharge or coughing, should not be taken to the fair. If your swine are showing signs of respiratory disease, contact your veterinarian or the nearest California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) Animal Health Branch District Office.

Q: What signs should I watch for in my fair pig?

A: Pigs with swine influenza may show signs of disease including:

- coughing & sneezing
- runny nose and/or eyes
- depression
- lack of appetite
- difficulty breathing
- fever

Q: How is swine influenza spread?

A: Influenza can be spread by:

- direct contact with infected pigs
- contaminated equipment
- contaminated clothing or boots
- respiratory excretions, which become airborne and carried a short distance.
- To prevent flu viruses from spreading between people and pigs, it is important for people working with pigs to follow proper biosecurity practices.

Q: How can I protect my pig at the fair?

A: Proper hygiene and health management practices should be used when working with animals. The following practices should be implemented:

- Limit contact between animals
- Clean and disinfect equipment between use
- Wash hands before and after working with animals.

Q: My pig is vaccinated for swine influenza, can it still get sick?

A: Influenza vaccines for pigs can help, but are not 100% effective. There are several strains of influenza that can infect swine and current vaccines do not protect against all strains.

Q: Is it safe to eat pork?

A: According to CDC, swine influenza is not considered a threat to food safety. Swine influenza viruses are not spread by food. You cannot get swine influenza from eating properly cooked pork or pork products. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe.

CDFA Animal Health Branch Offices

Sacramento (HQ)	916-900-5002
Modesto	209-491-9350
Ontario	909-947-4462
Redding	530-225-2140
Tulare	559-685-3500
USDA/APHIS/VS 916-854-3950 or 877-741-3690	

Positive Youth Development

4-H Thrive is the statewide approach to positive youth development for California 4-H program. This intentional model will standardize how 4-H helps young people to reach their full potential. As we continue to move forward, it is our expectation that each county will have adopted and implemented the components of thriving in all of their programs. Support, coaching, and continuous training for volunteers and staff are being provided through a Monthly Newsletter entitled the Monthly Morning Memo and an online blog called 4-H Volunteer Café. The year 2 iThrive Leadership Curriculum will be rolling out this coming fall. If you are interested in finding out more about Thrive, how you can secure the curriculum for your Jr. and Teen Leadership Projects or other opportunities please contact your county office.

National Ag Day Poster Art

Contest Begins Aug. 1

A winning piece of art will be chosen as the Official National Ag Day Poster

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) and Successful Farming are encouraging young artists to celebrate modern agriculture through the first ever National Ag Day Poster Art Contest. A winning original piece of art will be chosen as the Official National Ag Day poster. The contest is open to amateur artists enrolled in high school or college. The contest theme is *Generations Nourishing Generations*. Entries will be screened by a nine member jury. Finalists will then be judged through online voting to determine one winner. In addition, the artwork and a profile of the artist will be prominently featured in Successful Farming magazine and Ag Day correspondence. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Successful Farming. Media releases will also be

sent to all Ag Day sponsors and supporters. The artist will receive a portion of the proceeds from limited edition prints and the original artwork will be on display in a public location. The deadline for submitting entries is Midnight (CST), October 31, 2012. For rules on the National Ag Day Poster Art Contest visit www.agday.org.

2013 National 4-H Conference

Applications for the 2013 National 4-H Conference will be available in August! If you are interested in attending the conference as part of the California delegation, you can find the application and detailed information on the State 4-H website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>

Applications will be due October 31, 2012

2012 National Youth Science Day, California Events

Events to be held during October 2012

http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/NYSD/2012_NYSD/

For the fifth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD), The Ohio State University Extension has designed the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge: the 2012 National Science Experiment. The experiment will introduce youth to robotic engineering concepts as they program an autonomous robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill. To list your California 4-H NYSD event, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.

Bay Area Science Festival

November 3, 2012 at ATT Park

<http://www.bayareascience.org/>

This year's festival will feature over 60 events across the Bay Area! 4-H will be represented with a booth featuring the 2012 4-H National Youth Science Experiment. If you are interested in helping to volunteer at the booth, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.

Positive Youth Development

Connection to the 2012 4-H National Youth Science Experiment

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/NYSD/>

The 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge will introduce youth to engineering concepts as they program a self-directed robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill. This annual youth science event will bring 4-H'ers together from all around the nation to complete this single, innovative experiment.

Support & 4-H Robotics Groups

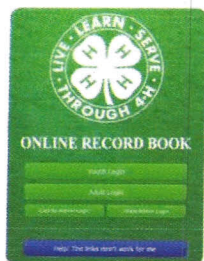
my4-H.org allows professionals to connect, collaborate and learn from other professionals and volunteers across the country. Network with others on the 4-H Robotics community at <https://www.my4-h.org/robotics>

ONLINE RECORD BOOKS

Here are our latest statistics Online Record Book statistics as of August 14, 2012: 3685 people statewide are currently using ORB, 7121 club meetings registered, 29252 Developmental Activities have been entered, 1310 Presentations added, 2709 Photos uploaded, 789 Comments were made and 3863 Promotions received.

For general information and help about the Online Record Book, please check out the following resources:

- ORB Webinar Archives— <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/>
- ORB Login Help— <http://www.ca4h.org/files/121045.pdf>
- ORB Support (if you aren't sure how to do something in ORB)—Please contact your county office
- ORB Bug Report (if a feature within ORB is not functioning correctly)— <http://www.ca4h.org/recordbookbugs/>



Do you see a need in your Community?

JOIN The Revolution of Responsibility
\$1,000 is available to 4-H Clubs and Groups

Due September 15, November 15

<http://ucanr.org/join/>

To JOIN the revolution, 4-H members, with the help of an adult 4-H volunteer mentor, should follow these steps to plan a project.

- Identify an issue or problem in your community.
- Find community organizations to collaborate with.
- Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, list needed resources, and prepare a budget
- Prepare ways to document and record your project to share with others.

JOIN the revolution at <http://ucanr.org/join/>

A **toolkit** of tips, templates, links, and suggested guidelines has been developed to support your projects. From the initial work to identify a compelling community issue to the final celebration of its completion, use this toolkit to help you carry out the important steps necessary to ensure success. <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/Toolkit/>

Healthy Community Grants

Funded by the Wellpoint Foundation

Deadline: September 7, 2012

The WellPoint Foundation invests in domestic initiatives that help improve the lives of people and the health of local communities. The foundation promotes healthy behaviors, health-risk prevention, & healthy environments. Focus areas include childhood obesity prevention. The foundation considers both local and national initiatives whose outcomes predominantly impact any of the 14 states in which WellPoint, Inc., does business. Award amounts vary. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Please contact the Wellpoint Foundation for more information and to apply <http://www.wellpointfoundation.org/>

Positive Youth Development

Junior and Teen Leaders

The 4-H junior and teen leadership experience is designed to provide members with the opportunity to learn about the qualities and competencies needed to be a leader. Junior leaders provide assistance, while teen leaders assume more challenging leadership roles. Junior and teen leaders may assist with specific projects or with more general 4-H activities and events. A 4-H member may be a junior or teen leader for one or more projects during the year.

Responsibilities;

- The primary duties of a junior or teen leader are (varies by age, experience, and other factors):
- Work collaboratively with the adult leader to set goals, develop lesson plans, teach skills, and evaluate activities.
- Coordinate logistical details such as meeting times, locations, materials, supplies, and expenses with the adult leader.
- Communicate with the adult leader and members about group expectations, responsibilities and expected outcomes.

At the beginning of the year, the 4-H member and the adult leader should meet to discuss the project and define each of their roles. The 4-H member should complete pages 1 and 2 of the 4-H Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report (Word) (2011) (<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Clubs/JuniorTeenLeaders/>).

At the end of the year, the 4-H member must complete pages 3 and 4 of the form (<http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Resources/Members/RecordBook/>) and include the entire form in his/her record book to receive credit.

Requirements;

- Junior leaders (intermediate members): To become a junior leader, youth must be in grades 6-8, or if home-schooled, must be at least 11 and no more than 13 years old as of December 31 of the program year.
- Teen leaders (senior members): To become a teen leader, youth must be in the ninth grade or above, or if home-schooled, must be at least 14 years old as of December 31 of the program year.

Santa Cruz County

4-H All-Star Team

Cami Newton, Soquel 4-H

Madison Gillen, Scotts Valley 4-H

Michaela Crill, La Selva Beach 4-H

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Date: August 10, 2012

To: 4-H Members & Volunteers with an interest in shooting sports

Thank you for your participation in and dedication to the University of California Cooperative Extension's (UCCE) 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) in Santa Cruz County. Some of you have expressed an interest in developing a new project for rifle shooting sports as part of our local youth programs. You may also have contributed to the proposal I received that requested development of such a project. As you know, I did not approve the project after careful evaluation and consideration of the proposal, and after I assessed local resources and constraints. These resource constraints, which include staff, finances, and administration, impact our ability to provide important support and oversight for already established projects, as well as new projects, especially those with greater safety and liability needs and requirements such as shooting sports projects.

Please allow me to address some of the concerns that were expressed at a recent council meeting as a result of this decision:

First, it is important to understand that UCCE Santa Cruz County has historically not had a shooting sports program other than archery. Therefore my decision was not disapproval of an established shooting sports project but rather the decision not to add a new one.

Second, though some counties do indeed operate shooting sports projects with limited resources, these projects are likely those that were established in an environment of greater access to and availability of resources, including those necessary to support the safety and liability considerations associated with shooting sports. Because many government entities—our office included—currently operate in an environment of diminished and/or uncertain future resources, it would be imprudent to establish a new project such as this at this time.

Third—and after significant discussion—4-H Youth Development Advisor Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty and I determined that those interested in shooting sports had access to an alternative—one that was relatively close by. Both San Benito and Monterey Counties have established shooting sports projects, which Lynn has oversight for, and for which you would be welcome to join. This approach is often implemented elsewhere in California for a variety of projects when a county does not or cannot offer a program for a number of reasons. In addition, there are both public and private shooting sports clubs and ranges in Santa Cruz and neighboring counties that are available to interested individuals, as well as other organizations that may support shooting sports programs.

I understand that my decision to deny establishment of a new shooting sports project, while continuing to support our existing archery project, is disappointing to a number of you. I would like you to know that I made this very difficult decision only after substantial thought and consideration. My decision remains unchanged and is final.

I appreciate the time you took to express your concerns, and for this opportunity to respond. Thank you, once again, for your participation in the 4-H YDP and for the dedication you demonstrate on behalf of youth in our local community.

Sincerely,

Laura Tourte, County Director
Cc: Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, 4-H Youth Development Advisor
William Frost, Associate Director, UC Cooperative Extension



University of California

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Date: August 27, 2012

To: 4-H Community Club Program
Members and Volunteers
From: Laura Tourte – County Director – UC
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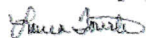
I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your volunteer service in support of our local communities and our UC Cooperative Extension Santa Cruz County office. It has meant a lot to me these past 12 years. I also wanted to share news about a change of leadership for our office.

For a number of reasons, after 12 years in my role as County Director/Farm Advisor for UC Cooperative Extension in Santa Cruz County, I have decided to step back from the administration part of my work, and focus solely on new and ongoing projects related to my Farm Management Advisor assignment. Mark Bolda, our Strawberry and Caneberry Advisor, will step into the County Director role and continue on with his Farm Advisor assignment. The change is effective September 1.

This is a 'win-win' situation for our office for several reasons. Mark has been with our office for 10 years and is part of the 'next generation' of UC Cooperative Extension leaders. I believe it is time for our office to have an influx of new ideas, energy, and approaches in the County Director role. Mark is well respected by staff and the community, and is a dedicated, community oriented person. He and I work really well together, and I have agreed to assist him in the next year. We both see this as an opportunity for our office, with the goal being a smooth transition for now, and strong leadership into the future.

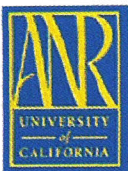
Please allow me to say here that it has been a privilege to work with the various groups and organizations in the community and serve in my current role. I look forward to our continued association, though in a different role, into the future.

Best always,



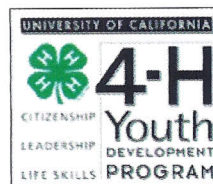
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Policy Reminder



CLOVER SAFE

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY



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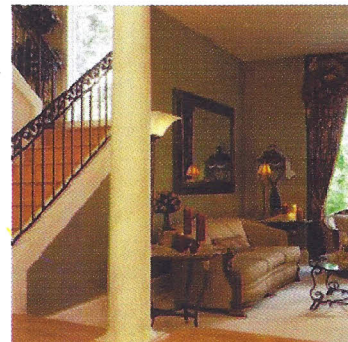
HOLDING AND ATTENDING 4-H MEETINGS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES

Clover Safe notes are intended primarily for 4-H volunteers and members nine years and older.

When a 4-H meeting is held in a private residence, the host and guests each assume roles with attendant responsibilities that contribute to productive, safe, and successful meeting outcomes.

Host Responsibilities

- Prior to a meeting, assure all 4-H members have completed and turned in required medical and permission forms.
- Assure two adults will be present in accordance with 4-H Policy Manual, Chapter 11, Section IV.B. The adult in charge must be 4-H staff or an appointed volunteer.
- Develop a meeting agenda and schedule, including pre-arranged 4-H member drop-off and pick-up times and modes of transportation.
- Prepare your residence by removing clutter and trip hazards.
- Confine or remove pets from the meeting area.
- Inform guests of residence areas and items that are off limits such as swimming pools and refrigerators.
- At the beginning of the meeting, inform guests about how to exit the meeting area and residence and where restrooms are located.
- Be prepared to offer guests water as needed.



Guest Responsibilities

- Follow the 4-H Code of Conduct and host's and/or project leader's rules, instructions, and directives.
- Do not wander outside the meeting area.
- Do not approach or touch household pets without explicit permission from the host.
- Wash your hands with soap and water after using the restroom or touching a household pet.
- Do not participate in horseplay, running, jumping, hiding, climbing, or chasing while in the host's residence.
- Request permission from the host to use the telephone.
- Depart the meeting at the pre-arranged time and by the pre-arranged mode of transportation.
- If 4-H members are walking, riding a bike, or taking public transportation home, it is recommended that they telephone their parent, guardian, or other family member at the time of departure to allow for their arrival time at home to be estimated. Calling home before departing a private residence meeting is particularly important for younger 4-H members and meetings held during evening hours.