



4-H Office Updates:

The 4-H office will be closed the week of February 11– 15, 2013.

Stephanie has new office days! The 4-H office will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm.

Stop on by!

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Join California 4-H on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/california4H>

4-H is on social media. Check out the website with 4-H guidelines for social media and a list of national and statewide 4-H groups on various social media platforms at

<http://www.ca4h.org/News/Connect/>

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

Get your teams ready!

The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will hold its **37th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on March 1st and 2nd.**

The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2013 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging.

Visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Animal/SLJC/> for state qualifying guidelines.

To register, go to:

<http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/>

Select the event (2013 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link "Get Access Code". Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes. After your club is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to "UC Regents" and mailed to:

Attn: Francesca Ross
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616



CA & ES Deadlines:

November 14: Registration opened

February 10: AgriScience Fair and Job Interview materials due

February 10: Registration closed

February 17: Payments must be postmarked – We are now enforcing a \$25 late fee for payments postmarked after the 17th.

For questions email fieldday@ucdavis.edu or visit <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday>

NEW!

Healthy Living Officer Position

- Are you looking for ways to integrate healthy living practices into your 4-H club?
- Starting in the 2013-2014 program year California 4-H will be adding a Healthy Living officer position to the 4-H Officer Manual.
- The Healthy Living officer will serve as the club's ambassador for health! By choosing to elect a Healthy Living officer your club is taking an active role in promoting healthy lifestyles. The Healthy Living officer will be the leadership for all health activities including: providing ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and healthy eating into each club meeting, write Healthy Living articles for the club newsletter and adopting and promoting a club Wellness Plan. Please help ensure that the health "H" of 4-H is at the forefront of all our meetings - consider electing a Healthy Living officer! The Choose Health Officer Guide developed by Cornell University Extension can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Clubs/Officers/>



The California 4-H Foundation

Fundraising News from the Field:

As the centennial year gains momentum, it is a perfect time to think about how to engage and recognize alumni. Alumni are great allies as they have had the benefit of being in 4-H and understand the value and impact of the program. 4-H alumni should be embraced in all of your centennial plans and that means inviting them to your centennial events and/or reaching out to them to get their 4-H stories. There are several counties that are already doing this and providing a road map for others. For instance, in Mendocino County they are making a concerted, focused effort to include alumni in their annual May extravaganza. The Ukiah Valley Shamrock 4-H Club has contacted the Foundation to get ideas and guidance on alumni outreach strategies and names and addresses of their local alumni. The San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club is doing a history project where they are reaching out to alumni to get their alumni stories. They are particularly interested in alumni who were in 4-H in the 1940s and 1950s and even later. In the Central Sierra, they will be handing out window clings to local business owners that are 4-H Alumni. The window clings say "I got my start in 4-H." This effort will be extended to all four counties, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and El Dorado, in the Central Sierra. These are a few examples of how local clubs and counties are thinking about engaging and recognizing alumni for the centennial and beyond. For more information on alumni efforts across the state or how to engage your local alumni, contact Amy McGuire at almcguire@ucanr.edu or 530-754-1523.

Foundation News:

Speaking of alumni, the California 4-H Foundation has been involved in a national alumni pilot project. The pilot group, composed of ten states, had its first meeting in December and learned of recent research that identifies our "booster" alumni; these are the alumni who are most likely to be involved through making a donation, volunteering or advocacy. The survey also asked about the impact of 4-H on their lives.

Here are a few of the highlights from the research survey:

- The majority of the respondents were female age 25-54
 - Had small town/rural 4-H experiences
 - Currently live in the suburbs
 - Half of these respondents have children
 - Half of them work full time
 - They are interested in issues surrounding education, human services, health and youth development
 - 96% of the respondents said they had positive experiences as youth in 4-H
- 63% said their 4-H experiences fostered a sense of responsibility and helped them develop character and values

We will continue to bring you updates on the research and the alumni pilot project as we learn more.

Positive Youth Development

2013 4-H Film Making Statewide

Project, supported by BestBuy

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/Film/>

For 4-H members (age 13-19), volunteers, and staff to learn how to produce films. The goal of the 4-H Film Making Project is to enhance technological literacy of 4-H members by helping them learn the basics of film production including storyboarding, filming, and editing. Our goal is to have 4-H members produce films that feature how 4-H is impacting their community (for example, 4-H Revolution of Responsibility projects) and recording 4-H alumni and creating films featuring the "Voices of 4-H History" for the CA 4-H Centennial.

The project is coordinated by the CA 4-H Technology Leadership Team,

- Hosting four-hour video production workshops around California using the National 4-H Film Making Curriculum
- Lending video equipment kits to counties
- Showcasing completed videos at the State 4-H Film Festival and on various websites
- Learn more and register for a workshop at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/Film/>

February 23, 2013, 10:00am-3:00pm

**Santa Cruz County 4-H Office, 1432
Freedom Blvd, Watsonville, CA 95076**

Right in your own backyard 4-Her's!

InvenTeams

Introducing Students to the World of Invention

Due April 5, 2013

<http://web.mit.edu/inventeams/>

The InvenTeam initiative, created by the Lemelson-MIT Program, offers an unparalleled opportunity for high school age youth to cultivate their creativity and experience invention. InvenTeams are teams of high school youth/students, teachers, and mentors that receive grants up to \$10,000 each to invent technological solutions to real-world problems. Each InvenTeam chooses its own problem to solve.

4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

For 4-H members, due February 15, 2013

2013 Topic: "Reducing the Usage of Bee-Killing Pesticides in My Community."

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/156350.pdf>

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. sponsors this essay contest for 4-H members. 1st place national winner receives \$750, 2nd place \$500 and 3rd place \$250. Each state will select a winner and then a national winner will be selected from the pool of state winners.

Citizenship California Focus

June 14-18, 2013

<http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/>

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California.

**Online Registration will be available
February 1, 2013**

Upcoming County Events

Member Award Opportunity

The Santa Cruz County 4-H Awards Program is now open. Please encourage youth in your project to apply for Bronze, silver, or gold medal interviews.

Bronze medals are completed at the club level by the project leader. Application can be found on page **9** of the Green Sheets or on the web at;

[Due March 21, 2013](#)

Silver & Gold applicants are interviewed at the county level by experience and knowledgeable past 4-H volunteers, community members or experts in the project's focus. Please see application page **10**.

[Due Feb. 21, 2013](#)

The scholarship program is current open to graduating high school age youth who will be attending college in the near future. Application and requirements can be found on the county 4-H website at: http://cesantacruz.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/4-H_Forms_468_536_491_857_960/

The All Star Leadership team application is open and accepting application for the 2013-2014 4-H Year. The 4-H All-Star Ambassador program feature the 'best of the best' of our county's leadership team. All-Stars work with the leadership team of Santa Cruz County to coordinate the County's many 4-H events, MC 4-H events, tech at LCORT and attend State Leadership Conference. Application and requirements can be found online at <http://cesantacruz.ucanr.edu/files/69007.pdf>

County Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be on

Saturday March 16th 9:30am-1pm. Check-in Starts at 9:00am.

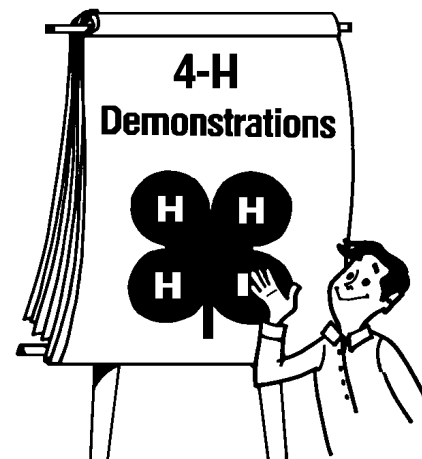
Come and do a presentation or talk on your favorite subject, poem, skit, project, or life's passion.

Registration forms are due to the 4-H office by **March 1st**. Form on page 9.

This event will be a potluck. Please sign up to bring a dish on you registration form.

Questions? Contact Robin Turnquist of the county Leadership team, 234-6666 OR the 4-H Office, 763-8015.

Gold medal winners at county, may go on to Sectional Presentation Day, that will be April 20th in Monterey County (Host County).



CA 4-H Presentation Manual

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/2193.pdf>

Or available from the 4-H office, 763-8015.

Science, Engineering & Technology

Science Projects for the whole family!

Opportunities for Public Participation in Scientific Research (PPSR) (also known as Citizen Science)

PPSR are intentional collaborations in which members of the public engage in the process of research to generate new science-based knowledge. Read more about [PPSR](http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol17/iss2/art29/). <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol17/iss2/art29/>

The California King Tides Initiative - <http://www.californiakingtides.org/>

The Initiative encourages members of the public to document the highest seasonal tides (or king tides) that occur along the state's coast. These photographs help us visualize the impact of rising waters on the California coast.

Cornell Lab of Ornithology Project FeederWatch -

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/>
Project FeederWatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. FeederWatchers periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through early April and send their counts to Project FeederWatch.

Coastbuster—

<http://oceannetworks.ca/coastbuster>
You can help keep our West Coast clean and safe by reporting marine debris via Coastbuster for Android. Use this app to report large, unusual and potentially hazardous marine debris—especially items that may have been swept into the sea by Japan's devastating March 2011 tsunami.

CoCoRaHS - <http://www.cocorahs.org/>

CoCoRaHS is a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation (rain, hail and snow). By using low-cost measurement tools, stressing training and education, and utilizing an interactive Web-site, our aim is to provide the highest quality data for natural resource, education and research applications.

Project BudBurst - <http://neoninc.org/budburst/aboutus.php>

BudBurst is a network of people across the United States who monitor plants as the seasons change. They are a national field campaign designed to engage the public in the collection of important ecological data based on the timing of leafing, flowering, and fruiting of plants.

Long-term Monitoring Program and Experiential Training for Students (LiMPETS) - <http://limpetsmonitoring.org/>

LiMPETS is an environmental monitoring and education program for students, educators, and volunteer groups. This hands-on program was developed to monitor the ocean and coastal ecosystems of California's National Marine Sanctuaries to increase awareness and stewardship of these important areas.

Free S.E.T. Activity Guides

Sign-up at

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Curriculum/FREE/ActivityGuide/>

From Our Members

Holiday Fun

By Angela Lopes, Corralitos 4-H, Reporter

Corralitos 4-H was very busy this December. On December 4th members from our club decorated the tree in front of Corralitos Market. Cal Fire came to pick up toys that kids brought. We all made a bucket brigade line and our club donated around 35 toys. After we finished decorating the tree we had a Christmas party. The club provided pizza and everyone brought a side dish or dessert. We played games like musical chairs and decorate a member like a tree.

On December 7th our club participated in KSBW *Share the Holidays*. Members donated can goods and clothes to Salvation Army. We were on channel 8 for a few minutes, said the 4-H pledge and our president (Katie Amirsehhi) talked about what our club does. We had a very fun December and can't wait until next year!



Help pick the Santa Cruz County 2013 Fair Theme!

"We are already planning for the 2013 Fair and one of our first tasks is to pick a theme" announced Fair Manager Dave Kegebein. Past themes have focused on youth, agriculture, animals, having fun, meeting friends, and the area's rich history. The theme chosen will earn its author free passes to the 2013 fair.

Themes may be mailed to the Fair office at 2601 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville, CA 95076, emailed to info@santacruzcountyfair.com, or submitted online at www.santacruzcountyfair.com The deadline is **Friday, March 1, 2013**.

State Field Day Updates

Save the Date: State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25 at UC Davis

Come help celebrate the centennial and participate in numerous activities and competitions for the entire family. <http://www.ca4h.org/files/158809.pdf>

2013 State 4-H Presentation Themes

http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/

California 4-H will offer a thematic recognition pin for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas: Engineering to Solve the World's Problems, Physical Activity, The Path to Thriving and C is for Contribute. Specific to Science, Engineering and Technology (SET): Engineering is the application of science to solve human issues by constructing technologies, structures, machines, devices, and systems. Scientists may ask why and develop an experiment to answer the question while engineers identify a need and then create a solution to meet the need. How can you use the engineering design process and the practices of engineering to solve California, the nation, and the world's social, economic and environmental problems? How do you use engineering practices in your 4-H projects – animals, foods, health, plants, leadership, and others?

Field Day Educational Exhibits

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=9588>

Applications due **April 1, 2013**

Educational exhibits and displays constitute a unique aspect of the State 4-H Field Day. These exhibits are a great opportunity to share knowledge, interact with youth and adults and engage people in new activities. Possibilities for displays include hands-on activities, community service crafts, informative booths, etc.

2013 4-H MyPlate Challenge

In 2011 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) unveiled the federal government's new food icon, MyPlate, to serve as a reminder to help consumers make healthier food choices. 4-H is challenging YOU to show how you're making YOUR plate MyPlate. We invite you to submit a photograph illustrating how you're creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. 4-H members do not need to pre-qualify at a county event. More details about this contest can be found at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge/

State Fashion Revue

The State Fashion Revue committee is hard at work planning our event for State Field Day on May 25th. You can help to make SFR a success by volunteering to be a judge or a room monitor. We are now actively recruiting for both jobs! State Fashion Revue judges are adults who have an interest in fashion, current fashion trends, arts and crafts techniques, consumerism and garment construction. Room Monitors are willing adult workers who will help with logistics in the judging rooms. We are also recruiting judges for the presentations that will take place in Olson Hall by members who are dually entered in both State Fashion Revue and State Presentation Day. These adults must have previous experience in judging presentations at the county or sectional level. Counties are responsible for providing 1 judge for every 5 entries into State Fashion Revue. If you have any questions regarding judges, please contact Sharon Payne, SFR Judge Coordinator, at royalayne6@yahoo.com or call 707-332-3049. To register to be a judge or room monitor, please complete the online survey at <http://ucanr.edu/sfr2013judges>.

Bronze Medal Application

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Birth Date: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

4-H Club: _____

| Project Area | Years in this | Judge's Signature | Date |
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Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Community Club Leader's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Form needs to be turned into the UCCE/4-H Office by Community Club Leader

Eligibility Requirements

Three years in a project, and has completed project materials or
Thirteen years or older as of January 1st of the program year.

Member should show growth in their project. This should be measured in part in relationship to

- 1) member's ability, 2) adult support, 3) size or increase in the project over time.

Approved Areas:

Citizenship

Healthy Life Styles

Science, Engineering & Technology

Due to 4-H office by March 21st, 2013

Silver/Gold Medal Interview Application

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Birth Date: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

4-H Club: _____

| Project Area | Years in this project | Medal you have now | Award applying for <i>Silver or Gold</i> |
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Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Community Club Leader's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Eligibility Requirements:

Silver Medal

- ⇒ Five years in the project or
- ⇒ Fourteen years or older as of January 1st, and has completed a minimum of two years in the project.
- ⇒ Has knowledge well beyond the regular project materials. Members may have specialized in one aspect of the project.

Gold Medal

- ⇒ Six years in the project or
- ⇒ Sixteen years or older as of January 1st, and has completed a minimum of three years in the project.
- ⇒ Member has knowledge well beyond the project material and has developed the project to a commercial undertaking, an avocation or lifetime hobby, or has skills beyond the competency of the average adult.

Due to 4-H office by February 21, 5pm

Santa Cruz County 4-H Office
1432 Freedom Blvd. Watsonville

Fax: 763-8006 email: sfontana@ucdavis.edu

Due by date listed above. NO POSTMARKS will be accepted.

Santa Cruz County 4-H Presentation Day

Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Corralitos Community Church
26 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos

Registration Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Yrs in project: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ Club: _____

- Category:** Primary (5-8 years old) Junior (Grades 4- 5)
 Intermediate (Grades 6- 8) Senior (Grades 9-12)

Type of Presentation: *(Please circle one)*

- Demonstrations** (Team/Individual presentation. Demonstrations use the "show how" method to teach a skill.)
Illustrated Talks (Team/Individual presentation. Illustrated Talks use models or other visual aids to teach something.)
Scientific Demonstration and Illustrated Talks (Team/Individual presentation. Uses scientific steps to solve problems. School assignments or science fair projects are not appropriate for this category.)
Educational Display (Team/Individual presentation. An organized visual presentation of a program or a concept. This category is not a science fair project, collection or project exhibit.)
Prepared Speech (Individual presentation. Purpose is to persuade, inform or educate the audience on a single topic or issue. Notes may be used if they do not detract from the speech.)
Impromptu Speech (Individual presentation. Pre-announced topics are randomly drawn and the member has 3 minutes to develop a 5 minute maximum speech.)
Interpretive Reading (Individual presentation. Any published written work that is appropriate may be used. No costumes are allowed. Time limit is 5 minutes. Political and religious material is not appropriate.)
Cultural Arts (Individual or Group performance of dance, costumed dramatic reading, musical, dance or other performing arts.)
Share the Fun (Members may compete in this category in addition to one of the above. This is a group skit or presentation that focuses on health, safety, community pride, recreation, citizenship or other 4-H project or activity. Time limit is 15 minutes.)
Audio-Visual Presentations (Team/Individual presentation. Any informational or instructional programs presented with slides, video, or digital representations. This can be a team of 2 or done as an individual. **Presenters must provide all of their own equipment.** Time 5-10 minutes.)
Problem Solving Presentations (Uses a prepared fact pattern as the basis for developing an action plan. Can be one or two people. Time 5-10 minutes.)

Presentation Title: _____

If a team /group presentation, list others, attach list if necessary:

Name(s): _____

Does your presentation need to be done outside? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you presenting more than one presentation? ___ Yes ___ No

Will you be using audio/visual i.e. computer, slides, projector, other? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please list: _____

Please identify **any** special needs or circumstances that may impact the delivery of your presentation:

*This event is a potluck. We encourage every family to participate in this fun community gathering. Please prepare a dish for 8—10 people. What dish will you bring? _____

Due to 4-H Office by March 1, 2013

Forms must be received by this date. NO POSTMARKS. Forms can be e-mailed to the 4-H office at sfontana@ucanr.edu by 5pm of the day it is due.

1432 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076 Fax: (831) 763-8006

Santa Cruz County 4-H Council

Approved Calendar 2012-2013

July 2012

No County Council Meeting

- 4 Independence Day- Office Closed
- 26 Newsletter articles due
- 27-30 Summer Camp @ Camp Loma
- 31 2010-11 Club Secretary & Treasurer Books due to 4-H Office
- 31 All Reasonable Efforts Report Due to office

August 2012

- 4 Entry forms due for Santa Cruz Co. Fair
- 9-12 State Leadership Conference –San Diego
- 16 County Council Meeting**
- 16 Newsletter articles due
- 25&26 S. C. County Fair Booth Work Days

September 2012

- Aug. 29-Sept. 3 Monterey County Fair
- 1 State Leader's Forum Early/room Registration Due
- 1&2 S. C. County Fair Booth Work Days
- 3 Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed
- 8 Feature booth Work Day
- 9 Feature Booth Judging 12pm, Fairgrounds
- 9 Food Safety Training, Time TBA
- 11-16 Santa Cruz County Fair
- 17 Entry release & Booth Clean-up 1pm- 7pm
- 20 Newsletter articles due
- 20 Council Meeting
- 28-30 San Benito County Fair

October 2012

- 1 Emerald Star Applications Due to 4-H Office
- 7-13 National 4-H Week**
- 18 County Council Meeting**
- 18 State 4-H Record Books due to County Office
- 18 Newsletter articles due
- 31 Club Enrollments due to the 4-H office**

November 2012

- 1 **2011-2012 Beginning Year reports due** (Club Contact Info, Fiscal Info, Budget & fundraising, Club Planner, Current Constitution & By-Laws, County-wide Committee Membership)
- 1 LCORT registration due to 4-H Office
- 1 LCORT Funding Application Due
- 9-11 State Leaders Forum-Asilomar
- 12 Veterans Day –Office Closed
- 15 County Council Meeting**
- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

December 2012

No County Council Meeting

- 20 Newsletter articles due
- 24-25 Office Closed
- 31 Office Closed for New Years

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January 2013

- 1 New Years – Office Closed
- 17 County Council Meeting**
- 17 Newsletter articles due
- 21 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
- 25-27 LCORT - Wonder Valley Ranch, Fresno

February 2013

No County Council Meeting

- 21 Silver & Gold Medal Applications and Scholarship/All Star Interviews Applications Due to 4-H office
- 21 County Presentation Day Applications due (Corralitos Community church)
- 21 Newsletter articles due
- 15-18 Snow Camp**
- 18 Presidents Holiday - Office Closed

March 2013

- 1 Emerald Star Applications Due
- 16 County Presentation Day**
- 21 County Council Meeting**
- 21 Newsletter articles due
- 21 Club Level Bronze Medal Apps due to 4-H Office
- 26 Sectional Presentation Day App due to 4-H Office
- 29 Cesar Chavez Day- Office Closed

April 2013

- 18 County Council Meeting**
- 18 Newsletter articles due
- 20 Sectional Presentation Day – Monterey Hosting

May 2013

- 4 Spring Fair & BBQ
- 16-19 Salinas Valley Fair
- 16 County Council Meeting**
- 16 Newsletter articles due
- 16 County Record Books Due
- 25 State 4-H Field Day, UC Davis
- 27 Memorial Day – Office Closed
- TBA County Record Book Judging**

June 2013

- 1 SLC Funding Application Due
- TBA State Leadership Conf. registration due
- 20 County Council Meeting**
- 20 "Green Sheets" Articles due
- 22 County Awards Event

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