



The 4-H Green Sheets

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From Stephanie's Desk:

Hey 4-Her's how do you feel?

ATTENTION LEADERS! Due to the conversation at last months council meeting about transporting youth and how many adults need to be at a project meeting; I have enclosed section 815 of the California 4-H policies (see pg. 3). A full version can be viewed at the 4-H office or on the California 4-H website: <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/4hresource/handbook/index.asp>



Our delegation going on the Citizenship Washington Focus trip are currently fundraising in many ways to fund their trip to Washington D.C. So far they have done a letter writing campaign to local businesses for support, they will be selling crafts at the Festival of lights, and their next effort is a recycling project. The team will be collecting and turning in cans and bottles for the CRV to help raise a little money. Please contact Robin Turnquist 688-4750 for more information and collection days. I encourage everyone to support our delegates in some way. **THANK YOU & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Year-end Celebrations

As the calendar year comes to a close, clubs are reminded that parties or celebrations must remain non denominational and not have any direct connection to specific religious practices or customs. Please keep in mind that our 4-H program has people of diverse cultures and beliefs, and having holiday parties and year-end celebrations is a wonderful way to share fellowship and build community as long as we are mindful of others. Enjoy the holiday season!



SNOW CAMP 2008



CANCELLED

The Camp Sylvester facility will be shut down this winter. As many of you know, a tree fell on the camp's kitchen last year. Due to the high cost of the kitchen repair, the project has not been completed and camp will not be open for the winter season.



Aptos Grange Holiday Party

Everyone Welcome!

Thursday Dec. 6th 6:00pm

Aptos Grange 2555 Mar Vista Dr.

Dinner & Dessert will be provided. Bring your own table service, canned food for the needy, and a dollar gift for the gift exchange.

Call Robin 688-4750. Please RSVP One week prior.

There will be games, singing, skits, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus.





4-H Leader Information:



4-H Volunteer E- Learning Course

www.ca4h.org/volunteer/voltraining.asp

The 4-H Volunteer E-Learning Course was developed in collaboration with 13 Western Regional states. This course is primarily for 4-H volunteers who want an introduction to the 4-H youth development organization and its philosophy. This course is a pre-cursor to the 4-H volunteer orientation. Taking this course does not certify you as a 4-H volunteer leader.

When you finish this course you'll be able to define the purpose of 4-H, identify partners of the organization, explain where and how 4-H is conducted, and determine how to get started as 4-H volunteer.

The course takes approximately 20 minutes to complete



Record Book Training

Attend one of the **2008 Statewide 4-H Record Book trainings**. These trainings are targeted towards a county training team (max 10 per county) of 4-H members (7th grade and up), 4-H volunteer leaders, and 4-H Staff. Trainings will be held on **February 23** in Davis, **February 24** in Redding, **March 1** in Los Angeles, **March 2** in Costa Mesa and **March 15** in Fresno. Registrations are due **January 31**, 2008 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/TrainingRegistration-Winter2007.pdf>

4-H Project Leader Digest

This publication is to help aid leader's in their basic understanding of youth development program design, what 4-H is all about, and to answer questions volunteer leaders may have about working in the 4-H program. For a hard copy call Stephanie in the 4-H office or log on to: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/21729.pdf> for the online version.



IMPORTANT SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATION:

LEADERS MUST HAVE APPROVAL FROM THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR PRIOR TO BEING CERTIFIED IN SHOOTING SPORTS.

Anyone interested in becoming a Shooting Sports volunteer must meet with the Youth Development Advisor, Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, prior to taking any discipline training. Participating in discipline training to become certified as a Shooting Sports Leader does not guarantee that you will be allowed to hold this project in your club. For additional information, or if you have questions, contact Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty at 763-8026 or lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu

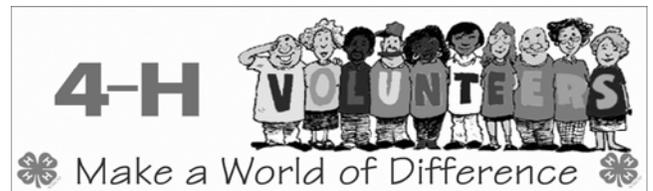


Western Regional Leader's Forum (WRLF) 2008

March 6th-9th, 2008 Boise, ID

Save the date! Applications available online or call the 4-H office.

<http://www.4h.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=10145>



The Green Sheets

is the newsletter of the Santa Cruz 4-H County Council and the UC Cooperative Extension Office.

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Deadline for newsletter articles:
3rd Thursday of each month

4-H Program Representative Office Hours:
Tuesday: 7:00am—12:00pm
Thursday: 2:30pm—7:30pm
Friday: 1:00pm—6:00pm

4-H POLICY: Section 800: Health and Safety

<http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/4hresource/handbook/index.asp>

815 Youth Protection Guidelines

The Youth Protection Guidelines are designed to help protect our youth in a proactive manner against child abuse and/or neglect.

These policies are primarily for the protection of youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders and staff from false accusations of abuse.

Child abuse is a challenge to be confronted by all who have responsibilities for children: parents, teachers, physicians, and volunteers in the 4-H Youth Development Program. We must be able to identify child abuse when we see it, know our responsibilities to report suspected abuse, and provide the quality of leadership in our 4-H roles that will ensure that no child in our program becomes the victim of abuse through negligence or willful act while participating in a program of the University of California Cooperative Extension.

Each year thousands of 4-H youth safely participate in programs designed to develop citizenship, leadership, and life skills. The key to the success of the 4-H Youth Development Program is the staff and volunteer leadership working together with youth in the coordination of activities, conducting the program in accordance with the policies and procedures of the University of California.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is required to insure the safety of all its members while participating in 4-H programs and activities. In order to better help staff and volunteers recognize, resist, and report child abuse a brochure, *Child Safety Information for 4-H Volunteers*, has been developed to distribute to volunteers (See Appendix H-6).

815.2 Preventive Actions to Protect Youth, Volunteers, and Staff

The 4-H Youth Development Program requires staff, volunteers, and youth to ensure a safe and secure environment which eliminates and prevents opportunities for abuse by providing good supervision, maintaining safe surroundings, and observing safety precautions.

815.2 A Leadership: A Minimum of Two Adults

Two appointed adult volunteers, or one appointed adult volunteer and another adult or 4-H YDP staff member (one of which must be at least 21 years of age), are required for all programs, events, activities. The adult in charge of the event must be an appointed 4-H Volunteer as established by the County Director.

In general, no one-on-one interactions should occur in private. This includes between youth and adults or among youth. If personal discussions are needed, the discussions should be conducted in an area that is in view of other adults and youth.

When transporting youth, if two adults cannot be present in the vehicle, the alternative minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members. An adult should not be alone with a youth (other than his/her own child) without the advance written permission of the youth's parents.

815.2 B Supervision of Youth

The 4-H member is the responsibility of the 4-H volunteer or staff member in charge of the meeting or event until a parent/guardian or responsible adult designated by the parent/guardian arrives. The 4-H member must not be left unsupervised, transported without specific parental permission (except by law enforcement officials) or released to anyone not specifically authorized by the parent or legal guardian. If parents are late or do not arrive within half an hour of the scheduled ending time, and cannot be contacted, it will be necessary for the leader or staff person in charge to contact local law enforcement officials.



Upcoming Camps & Conferences



LCORT 2008

- WHAT:** Leadership Conference Of Regional Teens (LCORT)
- WHEN:** Jan. 25-27, 2008
Check-in time: Jan. 25, 6-9 p.m.
- WHERE:** **Wonder Valley Ranch**
6450 Elwood Road
Sanger, CA 93657
- WHO:** *7th-9th Grade 4-Hers
*County Leadership Teams (10th Grade & Above)
*State Ambassadors, Leaders and Staff
- COST:** \$95.00 – includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, (starting Saturday morning), snacks, and all registration materials
(\$100 after December 1, 2007)
- THEME:** **Take the Lead**
- WHY:** To define and develop your leadership abilities. To have an opportunity to meet and share ideas with other youth your age. To expand your perspective on the world around you and to have an enjoyable time.

For more information and sign up forms, Log on to: <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/secconf/index.asp>

Or call the office, 763-8015, and they will be mailed to you.

All forms must be returned to the office by Dec. 1st.



Camp Conference

April 18th-20th, 2008
Camp Green Meadows
SAVE THE DATE!

This is for those who are interested in improving their camp programs and developing their skills. More details will be available in soon. Please share this with everyone interested in summer camp!



4-H Youth Exchange

Interested in travel, how people live and work in other states or countries? Consider an exchange through the 4-H program. 4-H has international and stateside exchanges available.

Consider an international 4-H exchange. For more information log on to: <http://www.ifyeusa.org/>

- The California **4-H International Exchange Program** will offer outbound exchange experiences to Australia, Finland, and Japan during the summer of 2008. Each of these month-long educational exchanges offers a host family experience that will provide an insider's view of the country. Information and registration materials are available in your county 4-H office or on-line at: <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/index.asp>. Deadline for application is **January 18, 2008**.

If

international travel isn't for you? Try a state to state exchange instead. They're just as fun and interesting. Log on to <http://exchanges.ces.ncsu.edu/> for more information about exchanging to another state in the USA.

State-to-State Exchange to Kansas

Jefferson County, Kansas, would like to participate in a domestic exchange trip with a county in California. Jefferson County has been involved in the 4-H exchange programs since the early 1960's and, in the past, has participated in exchanges with Oregon, South Carolina, Montana, Texas, Ventura, and California (in 1999). Currently we have 16 members (an even number of boys and girls) ranging in ages from 14 to 18 years of age who wish to participate during the summer of 2008 and 2009. Our members are flexible and can host or travel either year. More information is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/jeffersoncounty.doc/>





Youth Opportunities:



Horse Projects:

The dates for the 2008 4-H equine state events are as follows: **April 5 & 6 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Equine Educational Contests**, CSU Fresno. To participate 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project by February 5th (60 days). **June 26-29 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Horse Show**, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Watsonville. To participate, 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project and own or lease their horse by February 28th (120 days). More information about these events will be posted on the equine web site in December and January.

Jr. Grand Nationals

April 4th-13th, 2008

Cow Palace, San Francisco

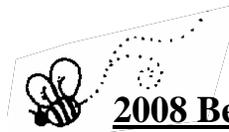
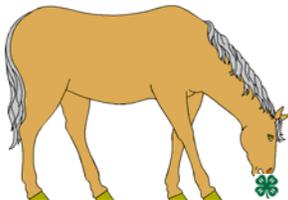
Call for info: Vanessa Admas, (415) 404-4142 or email: vadams@cowpalace.com

Merit Awards due in March 2008

For the 2008 show we are considering additional animal shows, as well as some non-livestock classes that still relate to agriculture. These may include agricultural related educational displays, speech contests, demonstrations, etc. These activities would enable youth that are not able to raise an animal, the opportunity to still have the "Cow Palace Experience."

4-H Horse Email List

All horse leaders, members, and parents are encouraged to sign up for the **4-H Equine Education Listserve** for the latest news about state 4-H equine events and programs. The link is available at: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. 4-H groups are invited to submit regional 4-H horse events, information, and dates for posting on the calendar by contacting Jeanne George at: jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu.



2008 Bee Keeping Essay Contest

Sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

Essay Topic is: *The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community.*

Award: \$250, \$100, \$50

Deadline: February 15, 2008 to Eric Mussen

Questions: Contact Eric Mussen at ecmus-sen@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-0472

County Event Review:

Game Night



The Annual Game night, put on by the county leadership team, was a huge success with over 40 members & their families in attendance. The event raised 2 barrels of canned food goods for the Second Harvest Food Collection.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICAPATED!



Presentation Day/Scholarships /All-star & Medal Applications

Presentation Day will be on **Saturday March 1st**. Applications are attached on the following page and are due to the 4-H office by Thursday Feb. 21st.

All-Star, Scholarship, and Medal interview

Applications are available from the 4-H office (763-8015) or on the county web site:

http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Youth%5FDevelopment/4-H_Forms.htm

Applications are due Thursday Jan. 17th to the 4-H office.

The **Bronze medal** application can be found on page 7 of the Green Sheet.

Santa Cruz County 4-H Presentation Day
Saturday, March 1, 2007 – Corralitos Community Center

Registration Form

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

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

Type of Presentation:

- 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 or 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, other? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please list: _____

Special Needs? _____

Return to the 4-H Office, 1432 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076 Fax: (831) 763-8006
Due to 4-H Office by Thursday, February 21, 2007

Bronze Medal Application

Community Club Leaders need to turn this form into the UCCE/4-H Office

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Birth Date: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

4-H Club: _____

Project Area	Years in this Project	Judge's Signature	Date

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:

ANIMAL SCIENCE
ENGINEERING

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE
PLANT SCIENCE
SOCIAL SCIENCE

HEALTH & LEISURE
RESOURCE SCIENCE




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December

No County Council Meeting

1 WRLF- Early Bird Registration Due

13 Newsletter Articles due

24, 25 & 31 Holidays - Office Closed

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January

1 **New Years Day - Office Closed**

17 County Council Meeting

17 Newsletter articles due

17 Applications due: All-Star, Medals, Scholarship

21 **MLK Jr. Holiday - Office Closed**

25-27 LCORT

February

No County Council Meeting

15 County Presentation Day Application Due

18 Presidents Day - Office Closed

21 Newsletter Articles Due

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