



The 4-H Green Sheets

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H SPRING FAIR HORSE SHOW & B.B.Q.



MAY 1ST, 2010 9:00AM-2PM

The Spring Fair will be at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Livestock area.
(Enter at the horse show entrance)

Please join us for a wonderful horse show, poultry Show & showmanship/ egg judging, dessert auction, silent auction, Beach Ball Showmanship, science exhibits and more!

Bring your 4-H spirit , friends and come on down to the 4-H fair!

Contact Dorothy Chittenden Williams 439-8602 or the 4-H office, 763-8015 for more information.

Please see <http://ucanr.org/springfair> for more information and entry forms.

Music & Marshmallows

May 21st, 2010

5:30pm-7:30pm

Rio Del Mar Beach (look for the clovers)

Please bring a friend!

Come and join our 4-H families for an evening of campfire songs, story telling and roasting marshmallows & hot dogs on an open fire.

ALL ARE WELCOME!





Leader Information:

Policy Reminder

Contracts & Facility Use Agreements

Chapter 10: Business, Insurance, & Risk Management in the 4-H Program

Section II B. Business & 4-H Councils

4-H councils, units and adult volunteers are not allowed to sign or enter into contracts of any kind on behalf of the UC, nor otherwise obligate The Regents of the University of California in any way. All agreements and/or contracts must be executed by an authorized UC employee; at the county level this is the county director. When service contracts such as transportation and facility agreements, independent contractors or purchase orders are needed to conduct the business of a 4-H council or unit 4-H staff and county directors can follow the process outlines in the [Requesting a Contract Flow-chart](#).

Section XII License Agreements for Use of Facilities (FUA)

A. Authority

County directors are the only county-based administrators authorized to execute license agreements. All FUA's should name 'The Regents of the University of California' as the Licensor. **Under no circumstances should 4-H YDP staff, adult volunteers or members sign FUA's for any type of 4-H YDP activities**



California's
4-H Volunteers

California 4-H Volunteer's has a special website for leader's to network, Blog, receive newsletters, and review online volunteer leader courses.

Check it out: <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>

Leadership

Please encourage your older members to participate on the Santa Cruz County 4-H Leadership Team

Leadership team has so much to offer your older youth. Team participants assist in putting on various 4-H events in the county, work with other members from around the county, help plan summer camp and attend leadership conferences. Every teen that participates in this leadership program gains an enormous amount of life skills in the area of leadership and citizenship.

The leadership team in our county is run by Robin Turnquist, a very dedicated 4-H Volunteer Leader. Leadership Team is for 7th grade and above. **Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 7pm** at Robin Turnquist's house, 1528 Wilshire Drive, Aptos. Please call Robin for more information, 688-4750

4-H Supplies

4-H Supply/Resources

Hats, ties, scarves, etc.

Leslie Carmen 4-H Supplies Call: (888)466-9433 Or, www.4hsupplies.com

4-H Wear and 4-H Pride Gear

Use the Source Book Catalog (available in the 4-H office) or www.4-hmall.org

Pins

Call the 4-H Office 763-8015





Member Opportunities:

Incentives, Recognition & Grants

Grants (to apply for non 4-H grants, youth must work collaboratively with county staff to receive a grant due to state policy)

Do Something Grants -YEAR ROUND

<http://www.dosomething.org/programs>

Ronald McDonald House Charities Grants -SEPT 4

<http://www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/grants/how-to-apply/>

4-H Tree Planting Grants –YEAR ROUND

<http://www.smartgrowth.org/library/articles.asp?art=363&res=1024>

Essays

Appaloosa Youth Association Essay Contest –May1

http://www.appaloosayouth.com/pdf/2009_essay_entry.pdf

Scholarships

CA State Fair Scholarship Program –MAR 12

http://www.bigfun.org/pdfs/competitions/Scholarship_APP.pdf

South Central Sectional 4-H Council Scholarship up to

\$1,000 –APRIL 1 Call the 4-H Office for application, 763-8015

California 4-H Higher Education Scholarships –APRIL 30

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/>

West Coast Equine Foundation Scholarship –June 30

<http://www.murietaequinecomplex.com/scholarship.htm>



The **Golden Clover Awards** recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff, and groups within the 4-H YDP. Applications are due post-marked by **May 31, 2010**. The 2010 applications are now available on the state website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover>. Please nominate a worthy candidate that you believe is deserving of this great honor. Please direct questions to Quang "Hogan" Tong at 530-752-5644 or email at qtong@ucdavis.edu.

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Citizenship

Quilting Community Service Project

Hello Santa Cruz 4-H families,

The Scotts Valley 4-H is organizing a fun community service activity. A national quilting magazine has put out a call for donations of 1 million hand-made pillow cases for people. Each community is encouraged to donate their pillow cases to a local service.

Mindy Gillen and Rosa Kitchen, who lead the Scotts Valley sewing and quilting projects, will lead this activity. Pillow cases are fast and fun to sew – a great project even for super beginners! We will be gathering at Judy's Fabrics, in Scotts Valley, on Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 29 from 1:30 – 5:00. There will be machines and cutting tools available to use. Please bring a couple yards of fabric (or you can purchase fabric at Judy's with a 4-H discount). Our pillow cases will be donated to a group working with children in the government agencies, including homeless children, foster children, children in juvenal hall, and children on government assistance programs.

Please let your club members know about this wonderful opportunity to learn to sew a beautiful pillow case, and help local children!

Thank you,

Mindy Gillen
566-1178



Learn By Doing
4-H



4-H Workshops, Conference's & Project Announcements



Baby Sitter Training

4-H Train-the-Trainer Babysitting courses are offered. The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering professional development training opportunities to all *4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel* on the 4-H Military Babysitting Curriculum at the following locations:

- **Monterey** County Stilwell Community Center, **April 17th** 9:30-4:30
- **UC Davis State 4-H Office, June 5th** 9:30-4:30

The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth to learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military after school sites. Participants will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. Bring a doll! For more information, contact Jeanne Christenson at jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.

California State 4-H Committee's

Are you interested in participating on a **4-H State-wide Advisory Committee**? 4-H Youth, Adult Volunteers, County Staff and Administration are all encouraged to apply for this opportunity. The committees you may apply for are: ***Policy Advisory Committee, Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee, Citizenship/Service Learning Council, International Exchange Support Advisory Committee, Equine Education Advisory Committee, Animal Science Education Advisory Committee, Camping Advisory Committee, CA 4-H Technology Leadership Team, and Healthy Living Advisory Committee.*** Applications for the 2010-2011 Statewide Advisory Committees are due postmarked by **May 31, 2010**. Please click [here](#) to download an application today. You may contact the State 4-H Office for any questions, 530-754-8518

Scott's Valley 4-H Offer's a new **Beginning Dairy Goat 4-H project**. All are welcome!

Hello 4-Her's

Scotts Valley has a beginning dairy goat project starting this month. Members do not have to have their own animal. They will have a chance to work with dwarf Nigerians, small enough for younger 4-Hers to handle! The first meeting will be on April 21st, from 4 to 5pm in Felton. If members are interested in joining us, please contact project leader Milae Weiser at milaeweiser@yahoo.com. The meeting will be followed by the intermediate dairy goat meeting, at which we will be observing a disbudding and beginners are welcome to stay and watch.

-Mindey Gillen

County Rabbit Project Meeting

This Sunday April 18th 2:30pm

UCCE 4-H Office, Watsonville

Please contact project leader Marilou Moschetti for more information at 688-2696 or mariloumoschetti@sbcglobal.net

State Fashion Review

It's time for **Fashion Revue** so be sure to let your county winners know where to register for State Fashion Revue. Online registration is being accepted at <http://ucanr.org/sfr2010> until **May 12**. In order to ensure a smooth event, adult judges are needed who have experience in fashion, sewing, consumer education or related fields. Adults, parents of participants, or older teen volunteers may serve as door monitors. We need 40 judges and 12 room monitors. If you can help or have questions about State Fashion Revue, please contact Karli Draxler, SFR Registrar at chat2kd@unwiredbb.com or Sue Moore , staff liaison at samoore@ucdavis.edu

CURRICULUM

Save 35% or more on **National 4-H Curriculum** products! **April 1-25** is the time to take advantage of this 35% pre-press savings. All orders received from clubs, home schools, state 4-H offices, counties, camps, other youth organizations, schools, afterschool programs, and individuals qualify. Simply place your pre-press order at National 4-H Supply Service prior to April 25th. Orders will be shipped, as they are available, no later than July. The 2010 curriculum catalog can be viewed and downloaded at www.4-hcurriculum.org.

There's No New Water! is a water conservation and water quality curriculum grounded in a simple yet powerful concept that water is a finite natural resource whose quantity and quality must be responsibly preserved, protected, used, and reused. The There's No New Water! curriculum is designed for high school age youth, with six sequential learning modules. Preview the curriculum at <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/dc45c3b9#/dc45c3b9/1>. The curriculum will be released soon! For more information, please contact Martin Smith at mhsmith@ucdavis.edu or Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu.

RESOURCES

Horizon Fuel Cell is **introducing green technology science education tools!** They have over 10 science kits to choose from, including miniature wind turbines and hydrogen fuel cars. For a complete listing of kits, visit http://www.horizonfuelcell.com/files/Education_Series_PDF.pdf.

GreenMyParents is a revolutionary, nationwide program to help young people teach their peers and parents how to work together to help the economy, earn money at home, and save the planet through simple, everyday actions. Scheduled to launch Earth Day 2010, this movement enables youth to bring their insightful perspective on how to reduce their parents' use of resources and save money at home to make a huge difference in saving the planet and securing their future. Read about the 10 things youth are doing at <http://www.ca4h.org/set/updates/GMP.pdf>. More information is available at <http://www.greenmyparents.com/index.html>

Endangered Species Day takes place on **May 21, 2010**. Founded in 2006 by a resolution from Congress, Endangered Species Day is an opportunity for young and old to learn about actions that people can take to help protect our nation's disappearing wildlife. The Endangered Species Day website, www.endangeredspeciesday.org, features a toolkit that includes resource materials and a guide to planning your own Endangered Species Day event.

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

Are you a 4-H member or volunteer with experience and interest in technology? Apply to the **2010-2011 California 4-H Technology Leadership Team (CTLT)**! The CTLT increases the use and awareness of technology in the 4-H program through workshops, providing IT support, assistance to 4-H Clubs, and at statewide events. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age or older. Membership is a fourteen-month commitment, July 2010 through August 2011. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2010. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/compcorps/>.

From Our Members

The "From Our Member's" section of the newsletter is an opportunity for 4-Her's to write-in and share with the rest of the Santa Cruz County 4-H Program their 4-H story, 4-H news, club events, project happenings, or a 4-H experience that was important to them.

This also count's as a 4-H newspaper article submitted, for points in your record book (section 6, "Communication Skills").

Congratulations to Felton 4H who was bestowed a huge honor this winter.

Felton 4H was named 2009 Youth of the Year for Outstanding Community Service. They were recognized for having "exemplary youth volunteers and recognized for their excellent and dedicated support to Valley Churches United Missions."

The Felton 4-H youth were awarded a nice trophy, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation, Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, and California State Legislature Certificate of Recognition.



For many years Felton 4H has helped VCUM through can food collection and drives, decorating senior boxes, cookie bags, donating gifts, time at VCUM and much more.

-Felton 4-H Club

Corralitos 4-Hers Bring Fruit and Flowers in a Storm

Was the one-day break in the storm meant for this special project? We may never know, but the Corralitos 4-Hers rallied to plant 50 fruit trees and hundreds of lily bulbs on Saturday, January 23 just as the sun showed its face for an afternoon.



This activity culminated a series of fundraising and aide efforts since the Summit Fire in May 2008. The 4-H kids were motivated by the losses some people had experienced due to the fire, and did what they could to make a difference and bring hope to the "homeowners" now without a home. A carwash raised over nine hundred dollars which was spent on gift cards for tools, tarps, and similar items and given to people whose homes had burned. Letters were written to local businesses asking for support in matching the funds spent on gift cards at their stores. The 4-Hers then helped plant conifers last winter to help prevent erosion on the charred landscape.

This spring, at the Corralitos Padres Pancake Breakfast, 4-Hers, with a new phase of their project, gave away lily bulbs and collected over three hundred dollars in donations. Those donations were put to good use thanks to the generosity of Kathy and Bud Mann, Heart of the Valley Orchards, and Van Well Nursery who assisted the 4-H team in obtaining as many bare root fruit trees as possible for planting at the Summit. And thanks to Marie Devery for the hundreds of amaryllis bulbs she donated.

So, with small patches of snow still on the ground, trees, bulbs, shovels and 18 helpers in a 4-wheel-drive caravan, the Corralitos 4-Hers headed for the Summit just as power lines and a fallen tree were cleared from Eureka Canyon Road. The kids went to work digging and planting at numerous locations until every tree and bulb had found a home. The property owners were very grateful and some mentioned how touched they were by the kids' efforts.

It isn't everyday that a few kids can give something to our community, but this group brought smiles to adults' faces and some hope for a colorful spring and fruit in the coming summers. And on that afternoon break in the storm, patches of snow tempting a snowball fight brought smiles to a few 4-Hers!

Community Events

These events are for the entire family to enjoy and take advantage of around the beautiful County of Santa Cruz

Day on the Farm Sunday May 16, 2010

11 AM to 3:30 PM

Ag. History Project & Museum, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Watsonville

The whole family can enjoy this activity filled day. In the field you can try your hand at cutting grains with a scythe or watch the antique farm equipment do the task. On the main AHP site visit the animals, make your own candle, learn about making cheese and bees. Hay wagon rides will transport people between the two sites. The restored Rodgers House adjacent to the AHP site will be open for tours. Activities are appropriate for all ages at this free event. Free parking also available. Limited lunch selections will be available for purchase.



Day In The Sky

**FIESTA for Families with Special Needs
at the Watsonville Airport Open House**

Watsonville Airport, Watsonville, California

Saturday April 17, 2010, 9am-5p

More information or to sign-up to attend free log on to:

<http://www.dayinthesky.org/attend.htm>

Free tethered HOT AIR BALLOON Rides all day!!

Free BBQ at lunchtime. LIVE MUSIC from some of the best bands in Northern California. Exotic animals. Games, rides, flight simulators, you name it.

Plus 100+ exhibitors of cool aviation-related and science fun stuff.

Free Craft Project Sundays at Lolly Tree Toys

240 Cathcart St, Downtown Santa Cruz. 713-5136

Next craft Sunday is April 11th, **Funny Face Planters**

Decorate the face of a little planter and style the grass hair. Take it home and watch all the "hair" grown back! Great for all ages (2+).

Visit www.lollytreetoys.com for more details.



Treasures of the Earth Rock & Gem Show, Santa Cruz Saturday April 24th & Sunday April 25th 10am

Treasures of the Earth 10am. The Santa Cruz Mineral and Gem Society's 58th annual show will feature a variety of Jewels, Jade and ancient fossils. There will be several activities for children of all ages. The fluorescent mineral room, a popular glow-in-the-dark black-light special will again be on display. New this year, family friendly attractions include rock painting, wire wrap bead bracelets, sand painting, and sharks-teeth fossils. Traditional attractions continue, including the popular treasure wheel, free rock give-away, door prizes, the treasure hunt, and a raffle for an enormous seventy-pound citrine crystal formation. Children under twelve, and Scouts in uniform w/ an adult will be admitted free. The \$4.00 admission ticket will support the Society's activities including their scholarship and workshop programs. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Children under 12: Free when accompanied by an adult, as well as Scouts in uniform. For \$1.00 off admission see <http://www.scmgs.org/newsite/shows/pass.html>



Annual Heritage Market Hog

The Santa Cruz County Fair Heritage Foundation shall sponsor a market hog each year for the purposes of raising money for the foundation and making a connection to the Livestock community. A subcommittee will be assigned by January in order to oversee the project for the Foundation. The Committee shall consist of a primary board member and a secondary board member. Other Foundation members are welcome as well as other board members. The following year the primary member will step aside and the secondary will become primary, another secondary member will be chosen. In this way the committee will remain fresh with many Board Members rotating through.

Letters should go out to 4-H or FFA groups by April 1 each year, odd years FFA and even 4-H whenever possible. The completed application and letters shall be postmarked or received in the office by May 1. The subcommittee will convene and review all applications down to the final 3. The primary and secondary members will choose from the final 3 applicants. Completeness, neatness, sincerity as well as the applicants participation in Fair and club activities will be considered.

The 2 committee members shall meet with the club leader and /or parent and child. A reasonable amount will be agreed upon for purchase of the animal as well as 60 days of food. A check will be given to the club leader. The 2 committee members should visit where the animal will be raised. They should also arrange to make at least 1 more visit in August.

By August 1 the teens jacket size should be obtained. The jacket should be ordered so as to be ready to be given to the teen at the start of Fair. The plaque should also be ordered at this time. During the Auction, the Foundation President or designee, shall address the public with regards to the Heritage Market Hog. The plaque shall be displayed with the teen's name applied. All proceeds will go into the Heritage general fund. For the balance of the year the plaque shall be displayed prominently at the Fair Office.

Within 1 week after the Auction, the 2 committee members shall meet with the teen and club leader for the purposes of reviewing documentation related to raising the animal. Final check for unpaid expenses shall be given to the club leader for reimbursement of feed. The committee shall report final expenses and fundraising at the October meeting.

Throughout the process, the committee chair shall keep the Board informed at monthly meetings.

Please email Stephanie.sfontana@ucdavis.edu for more information and an application. Applications will also be available on the county website after Tuesday April 20th.



APRIL 2010



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 County Council Mtg. 7pm, Aptos Grange	16	17
18 Silver/ Gold Medal Interview Day 2-4pm Aptos Grange	19	20	21	22	23 County Furlough Day Front Office Closed	24 Tri-County Presentation Day Salinas High School 8am
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May Upcoming Events:

Salinas Valley Fair
20 County Council Meeting
 20 Newsletter articles due
 20 County Record Books Due
TBA County Record Book Judging
 30 State 4-H Field Day
 31 Memorial Day – Office Closed

4-H Youth Development Staff

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty: Youth Development
 Advisor lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu

Stephanie Fontana: 4-H Program Representative
sfontana@ucdavis.edu

Hours: Tuesday: 7:00am—12:00pm
 Wednesday: 7:00am—12:00pm
 Friday: 1:00pm—6:00pm

4-H Council Officers

President: Dorothy Chittenden-Williams
Vice President: Stephanie Hedgpeth-Lopes
Secretary: Joan Wildman
Treasurer: Randy Turnquist

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Deadline for newsletter articles is the third Thursday of every month



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