

University of California Cooperative Extension

Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program



The 4-H Green Sheets

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The **4-H booth at the California State Fair (July 14 - August 1)** provides the fair-going public an impression of the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the 4-H program. 4-H members and leaders are invited to help staff the booth and share experiences and projects with the public. For each

person that is scheduled for a two-hour shift, the State Fair provides a ticket for 1 day of admission and parking passes as needed. This is a great opportunity for 4-

Hers to share their experiences with the public. For more information, and to sign up for a session, visit <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4887>.

"Around the World in 4 Days"

Camp Loma 4-H Camp
2010

When: July 23-26, 2010

Where: Camp Loma, Santa Cruz Mountains

www.camploma.org

Forms: http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Registration_2010/

Or call the 4-H office, 763-8015

Forms are due: **June 1st, 2010**

To Robin Turnquist, 688-4750, 1528 Wilshire Drive, Aptos, CA 95003



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."



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 Flowchart](#).
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**



Please visit the **4-H Center for Youth Development's** website, <http://cyd.ucdavis.edu> to find the latest research findings and updates of ongoing studies in the field of Youth Development.

The 4-H Center for Youth Development (CYD) conducts and promotes collaborations in research and evaluation between University of California (UC) Cooperative Extension professionals and UC campus-based scientists that deepen our understanding of youth development in the contexts of family and community.

Funding & Scholarships



Save the Redwoods League

Save the Redwoods League is dedicated to supporting K-12 teachers, environmental educators, and interpretive naturalists

in their redwood education efforts. Grants are available for a wide range of projects. These awards typically range from \$500 to \$3,000 and **due June 30, 2010**. For more information, visit <http://www.savetheredwoods.org/education/edgrants.shtml>

The American Honda Foundation Grants

(<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>) are available for 4-H youth! Founded to commemorate 25 years of America Honda Motor, the grants have given nearly \$25 million to group organizations since 1984. These grants were developed to support youth education, specifically in the areas of science, technology, and engineering. The deadline for applying is between **August 1st** and **November 1st, 2010**.



Best Buy @15 Community Grants

BEST BUY.

Through the @15 Community Grants Program, Best Buy teams across the United States select non-profit organizations that provide positive experiences to help teens excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills. This year, the Best Buy Children's Foundation will give \$2 million through their Community Grants Program to support programs that serve a diverse population of young teens in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership or relationship development. This is an annual grant program with applications accepted **June 1-July 1, 2010**. Maximum award is \$10,000. For details, please visit: <http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/>



Member Opportunities:

Incentives & Recognition

Programs of Distinction are peer reviewed programs that reflect the high quality of Extension youth development programs from across the United States and Territories. All Programs of Distinction exhibit strong program development characteristics, contribute to the body of knowledge about positive youth development, convey new ideas, materials, or innovative methods, and demonstrate evidence of effectiveness. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service annually offers one award (\$10,000) to a 4-H Program of Distinction that combines positive youth development practices with natural resource conservation education. Submissions are due by **August 2** and more information is available at <http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/about/pod.htm>

Youth Grants & Programs



Nickelodeon's Big Help Grant Program has funds to offer! The program will support projects that inspire kids to (1) take care of the environment; (2) lead active, healthy lives; (3) engage in community service; or (4) improve their educational experience. To learn more, visit <http://pro-social.nick.com/grant-application/>

Turn your trash into treasure and be on TV! Participate in the **PBS DesignSquad Trash to Treasure Contest** and recycle, reuse, and re-engineer everyday materials into an out-of-the box invention. Visit <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html> for more information.



Programs

Fitness Activities

In celebration of the new Karate Kid movie coming out June 11, the **National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)** and Sony Pictures Entertainment teamed up to create a FREE downloadable fitness program for youth programs. Get Your G.A.M.E. (Get Active, Move and Exercise) On provides lesson plans and materials that encourage kids ages 6-14 to be active for 60 minutes a day and ideas for after school fitness instructors working with kids ages 6-14.



Range camp is a week-long program for high school students (14-18) which focuses on environmental science and natural resource management. This year's camp will run from **Sunday, 6/20 to Friday, 6/25, at the**

Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay. In addition to lectures and outdoor activities related to these topics, we'll be discussing professional careers and related fields of study at the college/university level. The camp brochure, announcement flyer, and application forms can all be downloaded from the bottom of <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>

The EPA has announced the **4th Annual Rachel Carson Contest** and is seeking entries for creative projects in the areas of poetry, photography, essays and dance. Entries need to be from a team of two or more. Entry deadline is **June 16, 2010**. For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>.





4-H Workshops, Conference's & Project Announcements



Championship 4-H Horse Show

The **Championship 4-H Horse Show** will be held **June 25-27, 2010** at the Santa Cruz County Fair in **Watsonville, CA**. Entries are due June 1st. New classes being offered such as gymkhana walk/trot, versatility and elite showmanship. Information and rules are online at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>.

Here are some of the new additions to this event:

- New in 2010: **Early Bird Special** entries must have been postmarked by May 15th; if you enter four classes (\$20 each), the fifth class is free! Otherwise, all entries are due June 1st. Post entries will be accepted if 3 or more classes are entered by June 1st and there is \$10 late fee per class.
- New in 2010: A **Versatility Class** will be held Friday evening for Western & English riders. Go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/Versatility%20Class%20Rules.pdf> for the rules. You may enter at ringside for \$5.00. Get a team together and practice!
- New in 2010: Gymkhana has added a walk trot division. Riders can enter Gymkhana or **Gymkhana (walk/trot)** but not both. Novice and Green Horse are only eligible for Gymkhana (walk/trot). All ages will compete together in Gymkhana (walk/trot).
- New in 2010: there will be **Gymkhana "Cloverleaf Barrels"** Warm Ups on Saturday evening. Two runs for \$5.00.

It is important that you receive project leader's and 4-H staff's signatures on your entry form. Plan now! Their signatures verify that you are a member of a 4-H program and a horse project member at least 120 days prior to the opening day of the show (February 18, 2010), have a UC waiver on file, and in good standing to participate. In addition, 4-Hers must be 9 years of age and not yet 19 years of age as of January 1, 2010, to participate. Horses must be owned or leased by the 4-Her at least 120 days prior to opening day of the show (February 18, 2010). To participate, there are no requirements of placing in qualifying shows. It is recommended that 4-Her and horse have participated in at least one local/county/regional horse show during the year.

County **Rabbit Project** Meeting

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

Project Ideas:

The new **PowerPlay** cookbook "**KIDS...GET COOKIN'!**" is now available. View the entire cookbook and find great ideas on fast and fun recipes at https://web3.kpcorp.com/v25/static/acct/cann2/pdf/COOK-204_09_09.pdf

4-H Million Trees Project

In San Mateo County: The **4-H Million Trees** project continues to grow. To date, 260,135 trees have been planted across the US in 44 states, involving 29,162 youth. On Earth Day 2010, the 4-H Million Trees Project was one of eight U.S. youth environmental projects to receive the SeaWorld Environmental Excellence Award.

The California State Assembly bestowed its Environmental Leadership Award on 4HMT. This photo is of Assembly Member Jerry Hill presenting this honor to project members and adult 4-H leaders in his San Mateo, CA offices. More information is available at <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>



4-H
Million Trees
Project



FEATURED NEWS

The third annual **4-H National Youth Science Day** will be held nationally on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Created to combat a shortage of American young people pursuing science college majors and careers, 4-H National Youth Science Day seeks to spark an early youth interest and leadership in science.

Funding Availability

With funding made available by Toyota 4-H2O through the National 4-H Council and The California 4-H Foundation, County 4-H Offices may submit a proposal with budgets in the range of \$250 to \$1,000 to help fund supplies, materials, facility rentals, 4-H t-shirts, and other direct expenses for the 2010 4-H National Youth Science Experiment (Parts 1 and 2). Applications are due June 30, 2010 and available at www.ca4h.org/set/NYSD2010-RFA.doc

CURRICULUM



Experiment to Focus on Water Quality - 4-H2O The 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H2O, will focus on water quality and climate change. Using a three-tiered experiment model, the experiment engages youth of all ages to learn at the simplest level how carbon dioxide can affect aquatic animals, plants and other living organisms in lakes, streams, rivers and oceans. Facilitators will lead discussions to help youth better understand climate change. The experiment will help youth connect back to their lives by measuring their own carbon footprint, their family's footprint, and estimate energy savings by looking at gas and electric bills. For more information, visit <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/2010experiment.php>.

Events in the news, such as oil spills, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, often prompt student inquiries during science class. Even during the end-of-year crunch, teachers can still squeeze in a timely lesson to help students better understand the science behind current events. This month, you can **download three free book chapters from the National Science Teachers' Association** that focus on content and lessons linked to science in the news. Visit http://www.nsta.org/publications/press/chapters.aspx?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BookBeatMay2010 for all free chapters.

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

Do you think science is cool? Do you want to share your passion for science with others? Here is your chance to earn great prizes while inspiring people to care about science and engineering the way you do!

Create a short video that explores the question "Why is science cool?" and enter the USA Science & Engineering Festival Kavli Science Video Contest! The contest **opens on April 1, 2010 and closes on July 15, 2010**. Visit <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/2010festival/contests/kavli-science-video-contest> for more information.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Leader Orientation 4-H Office 6pm	12
13	14	15	16	17 Council Mtg. Aptos Grange 7pm	18	19 County Award Day Aptos Grange
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

July Upcoming Events:

No County Council Meeting

- 5 Independence Day- Office Closed
- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 23-26 Summer Camp @ Camp Loma
- 29-Aug 1 State Leadership Conference -UC Davis
- 31 2009-10 Club Secretary & Treasurer Books due to 4-H Office
- 31 All Reasonable Efforts Report Due to office



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

Please call the office prior to your visit to check schedule changes that may occur

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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