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**Santa Cruz County 4-H
Green Sheets Newsletter**

February 2012



**PROJECT G.O.A.L.
Go Out And Learn!
February 4th, 2011**



Calling all youth ages 10-19!

The Santa Cruz County All Stars would like to invite you to a new and exciting event called GOAL Day. GOAL Day is a large scale career day. We created GOAL Day to inspire youth to peruse specific attainable goals. When you attend you will get to meet 30+ professionals representing a variety of careers and many other youth that share similar interests to yours! Goal Day will include eight 15 minute career sessions, a key note speaker, lunch at minimal cost and the opportunity to speak with professionals one on one.

**February the 4th 2012
10 am until 3:30 pm**

**GOAL Day will be hosted at the Gateway Bible Church at
5000 Granite Creek Road, Scotts Valley Ca.**

Lunch is included in this time

Youth from Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and Santa Clara will be invited,
we hope to see you there!

**If you have any questions or would like to RSVP please contact Edee Wildman, at
mr.ed.rocks@comcast.net**

County Updates:

Presentation Day 2012

March 24, 2012

Corralitos Community Church, 26 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos

See applications on page 8 for more information.

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:

Events

36th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day March 3rd, 2011

The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will hold its **36th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on March 3rd, 2011**. The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2012 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to <http://www.calaged.org/registration>. Select the event (2012 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 chapter 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

Deadlines:

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 field-day@ucdavis.edu or visit <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday>.

Conferences

2012 California 4-H Camping Conference March 23 – 25th, 2012

Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA
There will be hands-on training for adult and teen leaders who help plan and administer 4-H camping programs. More details will follow in the next edition of Updates.

Save the Date!

2012 State 4-H Leaders' Forum

November 9-11, 2012 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA
For 4-H Adult Volunteers
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>
The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather

Volunteer Resources & Education

Using Inquiry-Based Learning to Support 4-H Science-Online Course with Toolkit!

We invite you, your colleagues, and volunteers to take this structured learning online course with 3-20 minute modules designed to provide the basic concepts of inquiry-based learning. These lessons do not model inquiry learning; rather provide a structured course covering the basics of inquiry-based learning. Then, you can also use the resources, including a fully scripted toolkit, to train other 4-H faculty, staff, and volunteers to use inquiry-based learning in their work with young people.

Take the course at [Interactyx](http://www.interactyx.com), and you can start by registering as a new user.

<http://4h.interactyx.com/login.aspx>



4-H Member Opportunities:

Presentation Day

Preparing for your **county** and **sectional/regional 2012 4-H Presentation Day?**

The 2012 impromptu topics are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/72298.pdf>

The 2012 Senior and Intermediate problem solving presentation fact sets are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/>

Problem Solving presentations allow the member to select a position on an issue and develop a presentation defend that position. There is NOT pre-qualification required to enter this category at the State 4-H Presentation Day (i.e., a gold medal at a sectional competition is not required to enter the Problem Solving category).

The 2012 special recognition opportunities available at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/

Members focusing their presentation on one of these themes will earn a special pin at the State 4-H Presentation Day! The theme is **renewable energy**, the healthy living theme is **healthy foods**, and the citizenship theme **speak out for military kids**. For questions, contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu.

Please see page 5 for more information.

Council

The 4-H Council of Santa Cruz County meets on the Third Thursday of the month, except for December, February, July & September.

The 4-H council is open to all 4-H members and 4-H leaders.

The 4-H council of Santa Cruz County would like to invite you to attend our next council meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012, 7 pm at the Aptos Grange, 3555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos.

*Please come and get involved in **YOUR** county 4-H program!*

Scholarship & Awards

Higher Education Scholarships Deadline: April 30, 2012 The California 4-H Youth Development Program, with help from donors, offers statewide scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students to cover educational ex-

penses such as tuition, books, room and board. Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply. For scholarship categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>.



Golden Clover Awards Deadline: May 31, 2012 The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Indi-

viduals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a \$500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/>

Attention Science Projects!!

USA Science and Engineering Festival April 28 & 29, 2012

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

The Science Festival is the nation's largest celebration of all things science & engineering and features over 2,000 hands-on activities and over 150 performances. There are satellite events hosted in California! Search for an event near you at <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/satellite-event-directory>.



April 28, 2012

San Mateo County 4-H

<http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/>



4-H Member Opportunities Continued:

Youth Leadership

State Leadership Conference - Support Group Applications Deadline: February 24, 2012 The support group is an opportunity for teens to assist with the planning of the 2012 4-H State Leadership Conference. During the conference, the support group acts as a resource to the planning staff by serving as group facilitators, delegation hosts, logistical support, and State Ambassador assistants (among other roles). Serving as a member of the support group is a great opportunity for older members to take on a leadership responsibility at the state level, and provides valuable experience for youth who intend to apply for the 4-H State Ambassador team. Applications are available online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>.

State Leadership Conference - Workshop Proposals Deadline: February 13, 2012 The 2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference needs presenters! If you would like to present a session on Friday, August 10th or Saturday, August 11th, please submit a workshop proposal form to the State 4-H Office. Sessions can address many subject areas, but we ask that they emphasize one of the three National 4-H Mission Mandates: 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology (SET), Citizenship, or Healthy Living. Applications and additional criteria can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>.

4-H State Ambassador Applications Deadline: March 31, 2012 The California 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides members with the opportunity to serve as a representative of the 4-H Program, plan the annual CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, and implement a service-learning project during their 14 month term. Youth members ages 16-18 are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2012-2013 State Ambassador team are available online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>.

Funding

2012 GEAR-Tech-21 Camp mini-grants are now available! Participants at GEAR-Tech-21 camps learn about science, engineering, and cooperation through hands-on LEGO NXT robotics, GPS, and digital mapping activities. Mini-grants range from \$500 to \$2,000, depending upon the size of the camp program. Applications will be accepted until all funding has been awarded.

<http://4hset.unl.edu/4hdrupal/node/165>



The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. is sponsoring the **2012 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest**. Entries are due electronically and must be received **on or before February 17, 2012** to Eric Mussen, ecmussen@ucdavis.edu.

Please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/files/131259.pdf> for contest rules and essay topic.



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

Due: **April 15, 2012**

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

Do you see a need in your community?

Do you know 4-H members and volunteer leaders who work to improve their community?

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.

1. Identify an issue or problem in your community.
2. Find community organizations to collaborate with.
3. Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, and needed resources.
4. Prepare ways to document and record your experience to share with others.

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

May 26, 2012
UC Davis

Special Recognition Opportunities at the 2012 State 4-H Field Day California

California 4-H offers a thematic recognition pin for youth who participate at State 4-H Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas: Science, Engineering and Technology; Healthy Living; or Citizenship. Participants may only choose ONE focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the PRIMARY topic of the presentation. Youth must first qualify through county and sectional events in order to present at the State 4-H Presentation Day.



Focus Areas



Renewable Energy Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET): 4-H helps youth learn about the scientific process and engineering design. With the continuous rise in energy demands, decrease in available fossil fuels and the ever increasing amounts of pollution, the need for clean renewable sources of energy is more important than ever. This year's SET emphasis is on renewable energy: sunlight, wind, rain, tides, water, and geothermal heat. Presenters are encouraged to explore one or more types of renewable energy and/or relate to their impact on their home, community, state or world. For additional information on renewable energy and the 4-H SET initiative, please visit www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/ or contact Steven Worker at: smworker@ucdavis.edu



Healthy Food Healthy Living: 4-H provides youth with opportunities that will increase the knowledge, skills and adoption of healthy habits. This year's focus area is healthy food. Potential topics may include USDA's MyPlate, serving sizes, sugar-sweetened beverages, nutrition facts labels, preparing a healthy meal on a budget, food groups, nutrients, healthy snacks, whole grains, food safety, dairy products, dietary fiber, and more. For additional information about 4-H Healthy Living, visit www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving or contact Mandi Bottoms at: mlbottoms@ucdavis.edu



JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Military Youth The 4-H Military Partnership provides opportunities aimed at the more than 170,000 military youth who live throughout California. Speak Out for Military Kids is one of those projects. Its purpose is to generate community awareness about the special issues military youth face. 4-Hers can join the call by speaking out for military kids. Potential topics may include the deployment cycle, military youth on the move or how to help military youth in your community. For more information, visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/MilitaryPartnership or <http://joiningforces.gov> or contact Crystal O'Hara at: crohara@ucdavis.edu



Eligibility and registration

- All regular 4-H members are eligible.
- All presentation formats are eligible; except impromptu speaking and problem solving categories. View the 4-H Presentation Manual for more information on formats.
- Participants may only choose one focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the primary topic of the presentation.
- Only members who receive a gold seal at a sectional event and compete at the State 4-H Presentation Day are eligible for special recognition.
- Members may give only one presentation at the State 4-H Presentation Day, in addition to one "Share the Fun" entry.
- 4-H members must select a focus area when submitting the State Presentation Day registration to be eligible for special recognition.

Club Reports

Boulder Creek 4-H

Submitted by: Jordan Beiden-Charles

Information: We are currently evolved in four projects within our club: Love My Pony cart and harness driving, Edible Rainbow, Photo, and Living Upstream environmental project. We applied for a grant from Revolution of Responsibility. We have a R.O.V. team and new officers. We plan on fundraising in the near future. We'll be going to San Francisco for our Photo project very soon.

Felton 4-H

Submitted by: Michaela Crill, Club Reporter

Felton 4-H has kicked off their year with tons of great projects, activities, and event offerings.

Recently, several willing members went to the Siena House Maternity Home to help tend the garden and trim the bushes. They had a lot of fun helping out, and the women there had a lot of fun petting the pony that visited as well.

Our February club community meeting was led by our vice president, Jessica Jensen. At the meeting, we welcomed home our members who had attended LCORT by asking them about their favorite part of the conference. Then we held a mini project display where members from the projects craft, tanning, goat, and many more came forward to show off what they had made over the summer and during the fall projects.

We did a really fun community service at the meeting as well. Members were invited to create a homemade valentine for fun contest during the meeting. The submitted valentines were judged by the club for most colorful, most artistic, funniest, and biggest. After the meeting, all members were welcome to use the special supplies at the back table to create even more valentines! All valentines (From contest and from the back table) were donated to the Rebele Family Homeless Shelter.

We also ushered in some new projects, including Citizenship (attending Peer Court at County Courthouse), Fashion Review (learning how to put together and show off outfits), and Beginning Tae Kwon Do.

Our game night will be held on February 11th and we're looking forward to a knowledge contest involving all our members.

Club Reporters!

Please submit your club reports via the survey link at;

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7417>

Due by the third Thursday of each month.

Club report submissions are due by the third Thursday of the month to the 4-H office (or at the 4-H council meeting that month). There are various ways a 4-Her can submit a report for publishing. You can email your report in to the 4-H Program Representative at sfontana@ucdavis.edu, mail to 1432 Freedom Blvd Watsonville, CA 95076 or Fax 763-8006.

Club Reports Continued

Club Reports from the January Council Meeting

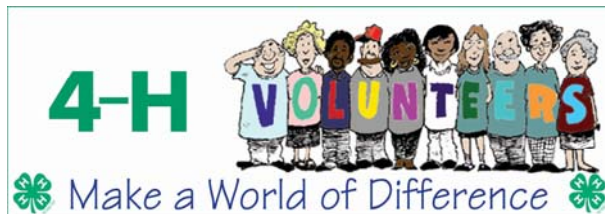
Submitted by: Autumn Bushard, Council Secretary

Boulder Creek- Brian reported that they are currently working with the Officers and motivating them to lead the club. They are working at applying for the Join the Revolution Grant at the State Level. The Cooking Project is running smoothly. Enrollment has been good, as there are a few more members signed up and at least one other adult.

Corralitos- Stephanie reported that in December, they decorated a Christmas Tree to give away during the Festival of Lights. The Toys for Tots drive was also very successful, in addition to, their members being on KSBW and donating \$150. They are currently looking for adult leaders. Their Swine Leader moved, so they are trying to recruit a replacement.

Felton- Autumn reported that they are currently gearing up for the Presentation Days. At their last club meeting, they had a representative from the ASPCA coming to speak.

Scotts Valley- Mindy announced that they had a Pizza and Movie Party recently. They are working to encourage more members to give presentations. Their Officers will be demonstrating at least one presentation at each club meeting. They are planning to make their March meeting available for members to practice giving their presentations. They have a Steer and Swine Project starting as well as the Guitar Project, which they are trying to prepare to give a presentation with the project members. They also lost their Club Secretary recently.



A Big thank you to all who helped with LCORT 2012!

Thank you to the chaperones for dedicating your time & talents to our youth, so they could attend the 2012 Leadership Conference of Regional Teens. Thank you for driving them, leading them, making sure they had fun, and dancing with them!

Thank you to the leaders who helped coordinate our teaching team. Getting them ready, able, and molding them into young leaders & workshop presenters.

You make a true difference in the lives of our youth. THANK YOU!!!

Santa Cruz County 4-H Presentation Day

Saturday, March 24, 2012 – Corralitos Community Church

26 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos

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: *(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 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, 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? _____

Return this form to the 4-H Office, 1432 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076 Fax: (831) 763-8006



FEBRUARY 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 GOAL DAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Club Reports & Newsletter articles due	17	18
19	20 President's Day Office Close	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

Upcoming 4-H Events & Deadlines

March 2012

- 15 County Council Meeting**
- 15 Newsletter articles due
- 15 Presentation Day Application due to the 4-H office
- 24 County Presentation Day, Corralitos**

4-H Youth Development Staff

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

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

Hours: Wednesday: 8am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
Thursday: 8am-12pm, 1pm-5pm

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

4-H Council Officers

President: Robin Turnquist

Vice President: Stephanie Hedgpeth-Lopez

Secretary: Autumn Bushard

Treasurer: Randy Turnquist

The Green Sheets is the newsletter of the University of California Cooperative Extension Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program.

Deadline for newsletter articles:

Third Thursday of every month to the 4-H Office



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