August 2011

Each year the County Record Book Competition gets bigger and bigger. The comments and remarks for each and every book are positive, and constructive. Completed record books signed by project leaders & members need to be turned into your Community Club Leaders by August 20th.

You can either use the State 4H Guidelines or use the Amador County 4-H Record Book Guide. Remember that these record books can be entered at the Amador County Fair next year.

For your convenience some of the forms for our 4-H program are available online.

The California 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. In 4-H, young people have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, and much more using the iconic 4-H Record Book. In addition to record keeping, the 4-H Record Book gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, and set goals and develop plans to meet those goals.

The 4-H Record Book has undergone transformations over the years to ensure that it meets the needs of our 4-H members. Beginning in September, the new 4-H Online Record Book will be unveiled. This newest transformation will re-engage young people in this process through a new, fun interactive format that offers social networking opportunities for members and volunteers within clubs.

In order to access the 4-H Online Record Book, you will need to complete your enrollment for the new year. The sooner you enroll, the sooner you will be able to use the 4-H Online Record Book!

Regards,
Shannon Dogan
Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy

Volunteer 4-H Online Record Book Webinar - Volunteers may login to a state informational webinar on August 23rd at 6 PM. This one hour webinar will give volunteers a first look at the many innovative features in the California 4-H Online Record Book. Space is limited to the first 150 volunteers to login to the Adobe Connect system. The webinar is FLASH based and will require that your home computer is properly setup with speakers or headphones. This session will be recorded and will be available to Volunteers to view at a later date. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at qtong@ucdavis.edu. Adobe Connect URL: http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/volunteer/.

Member 4-H Online Record Book Webinar - Members may login to a state informational webinar on August 30th at 6 PM. This one hour webinar will give members a first look at the many innovative features in the California 4-H Online Record Book. Space is limited to the first 150 members to login to the Adobe Connect system. The webinar is FLASH based and will require that your home computer is properly setup with speakers or headphones. This session will be recorded and will be available to Members to view at a later date. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at qtong@ucdavis.edu. Adobe Connect URL: http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/members/.

New Online Record Book Available Soon!

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on September 6, 2011 at the GSA small conference room on Airport Road at 7pm.

Please submit any articles about your club by the 5th of each month by clicking below or diggings4h@gmail.com

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Concours d'Elegance

In 1993, Gail and John Kautz decided to stage an automotive concours d'elegance at their winery near Murphy's, California. The Kautzes, being farmers and vintners, suggested that proceeds from the concours benefit young people involved in agriculture, notably 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and the California State Fair Scholarship Fund.

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books!

The event will be held on September 24th at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphy’s, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

You have the opportunity to do a presentation, show off a display or give an impromptu speech at the Concours.

Look for the attachment in this newsletter!

Cookies! Each year we donate gift bags to the car show participants. 4-H members from Amador, El Dorado, Mariposa, Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties all bake cookies for the gift bags. We need the cookies to be in sandwich-sized bags (typically four to six cookies per bag, depending on the size). Our county needs a total of thirty bags, so any help would be greatly appreciated!

Many people dress the sandwich bags up, with green ribbon, which is a nice touch, but not required. Cookies can be dropped off at the 4-H Office and they will need to be dropped off no later than noon on Thursday, September 22nd.

Cookies can also be brought to the Registration Table at the Concours event by 9:00 a.m. if you’d prefer.

See attached flyers in the back of the Diggings!

Have you thought about being a Project Leader?

Our 4-H leaders are the backbone of the 4-H program as 4-H is an all volunteer led program.

You can open the doors for youth and yourself to gain new life learning experiences through 4-H projects.

There are many reasons to become a volunteer. Some people want to become involved in their children’s activities, others want to help children in their community or have a skill to share, and others were 4-H’ers as children and want to share their experiences.

4-H volunteer leaders must be at least 18 years of age.

You don’t have to be an expert on a subject, just willing to learn with the youth.

Many resources are available through the 4-H Ext. office that will assist you with information to be successful.

As a project leader you can help youth develop into responsible, self-directed, productive citizens of the world.

Projects have a focus in citizenship, leadership, and developing life skills, using the experiential learning model of “learning by-doing”.

Learning-by-doing is a basic philosophy of 4-H. Within the project, members learn things to do, things to make, and things to explore. As members gain experience, the size of their projects may be increased and/or they may choose to take on additional projects.

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 precursor to the 4-H volunteer orientation. Taking this training 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 training takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

This course includes: "About 4-H" - provides information about the purpose and philosophy of 4-H. It also introduces you to the many ways in which you can participate.

Click here to take this course. Password: volunteer

Have you thought about being a Project Leader?
JGW had a great time at fair. Below and beside is photos from different projects they were in at fair.

The colors are **GREEN** and **WHITE**

The **GREEN** stands for growing, living things and the **WHITE** for purity and cleanliness.
The fair results should be available online at [http://amadorcountyfair.com/Fair/results.htm](http://amadorcountyfair.com/Fair/results.htm)

Congratulations 4-Her’s!

**County Wide 4-H Projects**

If you were thinking of adding a little excitement into your 4-H year: then think no further! Amador County has quite a few county wide projects
- Shooting Sports
- Speech & Leadership
- Citizenship
- Horse
- Fishing Sports

If you want to interact with kids from other clubs sign up for one of these exciting projects.

Who pays for project supplies?

At the beginning of the project year, the project leader should make a plan to figure the overall cost of the project (publication fees, duplicating fees, project material costs, etc.).

Can a project leader charge for their services, lessons, or rental?

**Absolutely NOT.** 4-H is a volunteer organization.

Any circumstance, where an adult charges a fee for services, lessons, rental or any related type of charge, even once, is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance.

Also, the youth is not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance in this situation. Should you have any questions or need clarification about these issues, you are encouraged to contact the 4-H office at (209) 223-6484.
Give A Presentation At The Ironstone Concours!  
Saturday, September 24th

The Ironstone Concours Foundation has again requested 4-H members come to the 4-H Concours d’Elegance to perform presentations and show their displays between 10 am – 2 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books! The event will be held on September 24th at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

Admission and lunch is free for 4-H members giving presentations. Each participating 4-H member will receive a free lunch ticket at the 4-H check-in tent. Siblings, parents, and other volunteers will be able to purchase lunch at the event. No coolers, please (this is an Ironstone request). If you are bringing a display or large items for your demonstration, please be set up & in place by 9:30 am. Please no large animals or aggressive dogs (leashed dogs in a 4-H dog obedience or guide dog project are okay).

Presentations will be held from 11 am – 12:30 pm. Impromptu speeches will be held from 12:30 pm to 2 pm. One parent or adult escort driver from each family will receive a free entry wristband at the 4-H check-in tent. All other adults can purchase a wristband at the main gate for $20. Children 14 and under are free.

If your child is bringing a display, please bring a card table or appropriate set up as table space is not guaranteed and may be limited! You may also bring a chair.

If you would like to give a presentation, show off a display or give an impromptu speech at the Concours, please fill out the form below and either drop by, fax or mail to the 4-H office by September 8th.

Our address is:
4-H Office
12200 Airport Rd
Jackson, CA 95642
Fax: 223-3279

4-H Member Name: ____________________________________________________________
Name of Parent or Guardian Attending: ____________________________________________
Mailing Address:______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
County: ___________________________________________________________
Phone Number: _____________________________________________________________

TYPE OF PRESENTATION
( ) Demonstration      (   ) Display    (   ) Impromptu Speech (1 – 2 minutes)

Give approximate length of non-display presentation: ____________________ minutes. Impromptu
speakers will receive an unusual dictionary word to speak on and receive practice. Lots of fun!

Are you bringing a live animal? If so, what? _________________________________________

Preferred time of presentation or illustrated talk (must be between the hours listed above):
__________________________ (please note that schedule may change or you may be asked to give your presentation more than once). We cannot guarantee the exact starting time of your presentation, but will do our best to schedule you at your preferred time.

The Ironstone Foundation is requesting 4-H members to be in 4-H uniform. No shorts!
Please wear your 4-H cap, white shirt or club t-shirt and jeans or white pants. If wearing a button-up shirt, please wear your 4-H tie or scarf.

Due by September 8th!
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
Fund Raiser for Amador County Fair
RSVP CEO@AMADORCOUNTYFAIR.COM

Where: County Fair Grounds
Plymouth, CA
When: Saturday, October 1, 2011

Inca Hoots Catering
Tri-tip Sandwiches

Entry Fee: $25.00 per person
Blind Draw: (drawing for partners)
Raffle: $1.00 per ticket, or 6 for $5.00

HOUSE SHOES
LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES
Bring Shoes if you have them!

Entry Fee Admission: Begins at 11 am
Admission Closes at 12:30 pm
Tournament starts at 1 pm

Camping Available
Friday - Sunday,
Hook-ups $20 a night

Donations for Raffle Prizes welcomed!

Prizes: 1st place: Cash Prizes & Trophies
2nd place: Cash Prizes & Trophies
3rd place: Cash Prizes & Trophies
4th place: Trophies

Please RSVP and if you have any questions call
Ted Harden at: 916-410-5524