Great information at Ranchers Outlet Feed Seminar

Thank you Rick & Cindy for hosting another feed seminar with great information from Brady Otto from Associated Feed.

Look for Cal-Am Goat Showmanship Flyer in the back of the Diggings for May 18th at Ranchers Outlet

Spring Bling Spectacular

by Kayalynn Briscoe-Mattis Recently I went to Rutherford, CA for the Napa County 4-H Spring Bling rabbit show. I showed my three of my Lilac rabbits. I won Best of Breed at Show A and B. I also won two firsts, one second, one third, and two fourths. The lilac class was the largest class of the day. I met a lot of nice people and one even helped me with showmanship. I can't wait to go back next time.

Jackson Gold Wheels Duck Race Fundraiser

We had another great fundraiser for the club! We were able to raise money for the fair this year with our petting zoo and pony rides! We introduced Nelle as our new pony ride horse! She did awesome!

Look for Ginger at the Ione Homecoming Parade!

Jayde and Jace sharing chickens & rabbits!

Thumper & Nelle were a big hit!
Where is 4-H going?

After falling down the rabbit hole, nothing Alice experienced conformed to the norms she knew. She felt absolutely lost and wished desperately to find her way back to her familiar world. She asked the Cheshire Cat, “Puss, would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here.” The Cat grinned and said, “That depends a good deal on where you want to get to.” Frustrated, Alice replied: “I don’t much care where!” “Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,” said the Cat. Sometimes we, too, feel lost like Alice. We like to know where we are and where we’re headed, and what we need to get there.

Come to the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum at the Sacramento Crowne Plaza on November 8–10, 2013. Help sort out the direction of where California 4-H is headed and be part of the journey with your 4-H colleagues and friends. It’s time to coalesce into a united flock to negotiate the different twists and turns to realize our goals for the next 100 years.

Website for SLF registration materials, workshop proposal forms, silent auction forms, recognition survey: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/

Don’t forget to complete and submit the SLF Workshop Request for Proposal Form by June 30, 2013: http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop.

- Early Bird registration by Sept. 1 saves you money!
- Each year for the SLF Silent Auction we find that items made by 4-Hers bring in the most money. If you know of youth who are clever and wish to donate a hand-made article that is worth $10 or more, please contact Louise Silacci, moolu@unwiredbb.com
- The Tech Team wishes to have a head/shoulder picture of each and every 4-H volunteer in California. Please submit to John Trammel, techdude4h@gmail.com. Pictures should be good quality, at least 600 KB in size. Title each photo with the name and county of the person pictured.
- SLF centennial pins are available from the Sectional Council presidents. The cost is $3.00 per pin. To purchase pins in bulk please contact Noel Keller, nkeller91711@gmail.com.

Record Book News

Chance to Win an iPad Mini!

The end-of-year Spark Points Surveys are available May 1st in the 4-H Online Record Book. As a reminder, youth and adults may be eligible to win prizes by completing the required surveys and growth grids.

Youth who submit an Online Record Book to State Record Book Competition will receive a special edition "Got ORB" T-shirt.

New Support for Record Book Competition: To help youth and adults understand some specific requirements to submit a successful book to State Competition, a Quick Start Record Book course will be available in mid-May. This 20 minute online course will help youth and adults navigate the Record Book Manual. It will be fun, quick and made to stick! Look for the course on the State website in the Record Book Resources after May 10th. All youth who plan to submit a Record Book to State Competition will be required to complete this course by October 31st of the year that they are submitting a book.
Available Scholarships

The Jefferson Awards for Public Service: Youth Service Challenge

Deadline: April 30

By entering your project on the Youth Service Challenge website, your group could gain local and national recognition, earn awards & cash prizes, or even a trip to Washington DC to be recognized at the Jefferson Awards National Gala! Enter before the deadline of April 30, 2013. More info: http://bit.ly/X9i0ps

- Golden Clover Applications must be completed online and are due by 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2013. The application link is available on the 4-H state website at: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/

- Higher Education Scholarships 2013

  Applications are available online and May 1, 2013 by 11:59 pm. For more information and to apply: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/

- Teens Take on Health Video Challenge

  Videos must be submitted by May 3 to be eligible Calling all teens to show us your plan on how to tackle health challenges in your family, school or community.

  Submit a 90 second video or vote for your favorite. The winner will receive a $1,000 GRAND PRIZE, featured in a national video, and $2,500 for your youth program or classroom. Plus the top 5 finalists win $500 CASH. Voting on the top 5 videos is open to the public May 3-17. The winner will be announced on May 17! More information: https://www.facebook.com/4h/app_226105637428999

Upcoming Poultry Shows

FYI Months have changed for upcoming poultry shows. Wanted to give you a heads up for yearly meeting plans.

The Angelus Ranus Poultry Show has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 28th, 2013. More information will be available at a later date.

Amador County Youth Poultry Show Nov 23

http://poultryfancier.wix.com/nnpfa will host their show the first or second Saturday in December.
iThrive for Jr. & Teen Leaders

Are you looking for ways to continue to develop your Jr. & Teen Leaders in effective leadership skills? iThrive takes the principles of positive youth development and organizes them in a fun and engaging way to develop the leadership skills of our 4-H youth. The accompanying iChampion Adult Volunteer Leader Guide, provides an easy to follow resource to make project leaders successful in using this curriculum. Using the experiential learning cycle, iThrive provides opportunities for youth to realize their true and full potential and shows them how they can help their peers do the same. The curriculum is free and available to any project leader of a Jr. & Teen Leadership Project. To find out more about Thrive, check out the state website at http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/. If you are interested in bringing Thrive into your Jr. & Teen Leadership Project for the 2013-2014 program year, contact your county office to find out how you can get started.

iDevelop

iDevelop is our virtual platform for professional development. The purpose of iDevelop is to provide deeper learning around the principles of positive youth development and to assist 4-H staff and volunteers in creating and sustaining healthy environments for our 4-H members to reach their full potential. For a description of the courses offered and access to them, click on the following link: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Thrive_Resources/4-H_Thrive_Virtual_Trainings/.

4-H Volunteer Café

Are you a club or project leader who is tired of doing the same old activities month after month? Maybe you need something designed just for you to encourage your own personal growth. The 4-H Volunteer Café is a place designed just for you providing inspiring and thought-provoking articles of how the principles of positive youth development translate into your 4-H experience, it offers tons of resources for you as a 4-H volunteer that you can use immediately in your meetings and gives you a place where you can contribute your own experiences and challenges. To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/.

California 4-H Youth Development

Get Connected and Plugged In to Positive Youth Development!

California 4-H has several ways to connect with us online to get up-to-the-minute updates on information affecting 4-H statewide. Don’t rely on urban legend or information to pass through the grapevine—get the information as it happens and from the horse’s mouth. Here is a list of the ways you can connect with us online:

- **Website**: http://www.ca4h.org
- **4-H Online Record Book** (yes every registered adult volunteer and every youth ages 9 and older has an Online Record Book account): http://www.ca4h.org/4hbook/
- **Facebook**: https://www.facebook.com/california4H
- **Twitter**: https://twitter.com/California4H
- **YouTube**: http://www.youtube.com/user/California4h
- **Pintrest**: http://pinterest.com/california4h/
- **Blog**: http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/
- **Instagram**: http://instagram.com/ca4h

will be continuing to provide virtual opportunities for you to connect directly with us at the State 4-H Office through these social media outlets.
Amador County Fair

The board will meet at the fair board conference room on May 9th @ 6pm.

Make sure you check out their event calendar http://amadorcountyfair.com/p/About/157

Spread the word! Entry Book and forms are online!

Project leaders will need to go to the fair to verify entries are accurate & to sign them.

Livestock entry opens May 28th deadline is June 28th.

Amador County Junior Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting

The next Jr. Livestock Advisory Committee meeting is on May 23, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Location: Amador County Fair Main Office

4-H Rabbit Donation

Own a rare heritage breed. Sr. Lilac buck for sale located in Ione, CA Lupin Lapin Lines litter mates are Grand Champions great 4-H rabbit pictured on right as a Jr. Won BOB and BOSB at Grand Nationals 2012. Almost a year old now. Contact Wise Child's Rabbitry for more info at wisechildsrabbtry@hotmail.com or call 209 274-6525
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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:
will be held on June 4, 2013 at the GSA small conference room on Airport Road at 7pm.

UCCE OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Tuesday 10:00 - 3:00 pm

Next Diggings: June/July 2013

Diggings Editor: 4hdiggings@gmail.com

Articles are due the 5th of the month.
Jennifer Goerlitz
4-H Program Coordinator
Jennifer’s Corner…

May 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7th, at the Large Conference Room at the UCCE Office. It begins at 7 pm. All 4-H families are welcome to attend! You do not need to be a 4-H leader to attend. Parents and 4-H members may also represent your club.

The June 4-H Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th. Location and time will be the same. Hope to see you there!

Office Hours Update

Jennifer Goerlitz, 4-H Program Coordinator, has varied dates and times in the offices between Calaveras and Amador counties. To help remedy those times/dates/locations, please visit http://calendar.yahoo.com/jennifer.goerlitz for an online calendar of office hour changes. Office times & locations fluctuate during the day & evening often, so you are encouraged to please check the online calendar for those office times in the event circumstances change.

Need An Updated 4-H Club or Project Roster?

Please don’t forget that the contact for rosters is Nancy Starr. Nancy’s email address is njstarr@ucanr.edu and her phone number is 530/621-5503. Major kudos to Nancy for her hard work!

4-H Updates E-News May 2013 From the State 4-H Office

Welcome to the May 2013 issue of 4-H Updates E-News. It contains valuable information! You may access the PDF document at: http://www.ca4h.org/files/165049.pdf The Word version of the newsletter is also available for viewing here: http://www.ca4h.org/files/165047.docx This website is packed with great resources & information that is very helpful to 4-H clubs and projects. It’s a terrific resource and tool for your clubs and projects.

4-H Program Rep. II Position Open In San Benito County

Date Posted: April 26, 2013
Closing Date: May 10, 2013

Under the general supervision of the 4-H Youth Development Advisor (YDA), the Program Representative (PR) II helps to coordinate and monitor the daily activities of the 4-H Youth Development Club Programs in San Benito County. The PR is responsible for fiscal oversight and monitoring compliance of 4-H Club enrollments; processing facility use agreements; monitoring compliance of 4-H policies and procedures; providing ongoing training and technical assistance to volunteers; and conducting evaluation to measure program effectiveness. The PR reports to the San Benito 4-H YDA.

For more information or to apply: https://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=56238
Updated 4-H Record Book Manual

The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee has posted the latest edition of the Record Book Manual on the State website at http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/

This latest version is a compilation of the 2011 Record Book Manual and the 2012 Addendum. The changes that were included in the 2012 Addendum are in blue for ease of identifying those changes—which are mostly clarifications, a few deletions and more information to help with interpretations. The forms have all remained the same as the 2011 versions.

For the moment, the individual forms have been removed from the State 4-H website to encourage the use of the whole manual as it is more helpful in its entirety.

One resource/support coming soon is a Record Book Quick Start Course. This will be an online evergreen course, approximately 20 minutes long, that is designed for members to learn the basics of submitting a successful book to State Record Book Competition. All youth who anticipate submitting a book to State Competition will be required to complete this course by October 1st of the competition year. Oh course, anyone can take the course for helpful information to navigate the Record Book process. Anticipated launching date of the RB Quick Start Course on May 1st. For more information contact Gemma Miner, 530/754-8517 or gminer@ucdavis.edu

Excellent Opportunity For Record Book Credit

KVGC 1340 AM radio would like 4-H members to come speak about 4-H and what projects they are involved with and their 4-H experiences! They are looking for 4 or 5 members, and the broadcasting dates are between Monday through Friday at 7:40 am and 8:30 am. To sign up for this opportunity, please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office, 223-6484.

Historical Information Wanted For California 4-H’s 100 Year Centennial

The UC Office of the President just came out with a video highlighting our centennial. The video can be viewed at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0XDDXdUX5E

If you have any historical documents that you would like to share please contact Scott Oneto at 209-223-6834 or email sroneto@ucanr.edu.

4-H Archery Certification Training

A 4-H Archery Certification Training for volunteers and junior/teen leaders will be offered Saturday, June 1st, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 2nd, 9 a.m.– 12 noon, at the Mt. Shasta City Park, Lower Lodge, 1315 Nixon Street, Mt. Shasta, CA in Siskiyou County. You must be an enrolled 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $25 per person to include a resource binder, range fees, and Saturday lunch.

For current 4-H certified archery leaders, if you would like to become a trainer and provide certification at the county level, please contact Jeanne for more details. You would attend this training and assist with the teaching of this class.
To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at [http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf), and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $25 check payable to “Siskiyou County 4-H Council” and mail to Leland & Jeanne George, 8504 N. Old Stage Road, Weed, CA 96094. Registration is due Friday, May 24th and space is limited. For more information call Jeanne at 530-524-7278 or email mtlassenlover@gmail.com.

4-H Sports Fishing Resource Leader Available

John Starr, who has been a 4-H leader in Amador County for several years, is looking for 4-H leaders in both Amador and Calaveras Counties, who would like to become project leaders for a sports fishing project. John brings years of experience to the 4-H program, has a passion and extensive knowledge of fishing and wants to mentor, help & be a resource to help grow a fun cross-county fishing project that would have a multitude of opportunities. Interested adults can contact Jennifer at the 4-H office in Amador 209/223-6484 or Calaveras 209/754-6474 or email jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu for contact info.

ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS!!!

It’s Club Audit Time! The following auditing guidelines are to be used by each community club:

For each 4-H Community Club in Amador County, the guidelines set forth in the 4-H Treasurer’s Manual are to be used. Each club is to keep documentation of income, expenses, and equipment using the Treasurer’s Manual forms. Audit Committee shall follow procedures set for in the Treasurer’s Manual.

Copies of the following documentation are to be turned over to the 4-H office by September 15th:

1. Annual Financial Report
2. Annual Inventory Report

The forms are available in the 4-H Treasurer’s Manual. A copy is available at [http://www.ca4h.org/files/14647.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/files/14647.pdf). Please contact your community club leader to help you organize your club’s audit.

**THE 4-H FELT HAT EXPLAINED**

Green hat - through 8th grade
White hat - 9th grade and above
Service Stripes for 4-H Hat:

White bar on green - worn on green hat, one bar for each year of 4-H completed.
Gold bar on green - worn on green hat, one bar for each year of junior leadership completed (7th and 8th grade only).
Green bar on white - worn on white hat, one bar for each year of 4-H completed.
Gold bar on white - worn on white hat, one bar for each year of junior or teen leadership completed (9th grade on).

When a member reaches 9th grade and begins wearing a white hat he/she will receive new service stripes at Achievement Night to put on the 4-H hat. The service stripes from the green 4-H hat should not be transferred to the white hat as the member will receive stripes to represent past years for the new hat.

4-H HAT ETIQUETTE

A 4-H member wears a green hat through the 8th grade and a white hat beginning with the 9th grade.

Service stripes (year stripes) are worn directly behind the clover on the right side of the hat. Achievement pins (year pins) are fastened to the hat just above the stripes for the corresponding year, starting with the first year pin next to the 4-H clover.

Star rank emblems are worn in front on the left side; only the highest star earned is worn. The all star replaces the gold star. The All Star pin should be fastened to the center of the all star emblem.

Medals are usually worn on the left side of the hat behind the emblems but may be worn on either side of the hat. The cap should reflect the dignity of the 4-H club work and should be kept clean. Only pins and emblems earned while representing 4-H should be worn on the hat.

The junior/teen leader emblem is place behind the star 3/8 to 1/2 inch and is worn only while serving as a junior or teen leader. If you don't have a star rank emblem the jr./teen leader emblem is worn about 1/2 inch from the front fold of the cap on the left side. Only one jr./teen leader emblem should be on the hat. The Hi 4-H emblem is worn behind that.

Always write your name in your hat!!!

Looking For A Variety of 4-H Projects Leaders

Primary (also called Cloverbuds) Project Leaders Wanted! Diverse projects - robotics, summer camp, etc. If you know someone or are interested in leading projects that include science, engineering, technology, GPS or other types of projects, please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office, 209/754-6474.

Frequently Asked Questions: Games of Chance and the 4-H Program

Q. What is a raffle?
Answer: A raffle is an activity that requires no skill in order to win a prize. Prizes are awarded through the purchase of chances.
Q. Can 4-H youth, volunteers, clubs/units or Councils conduct raffles?  
Answer: No. 4-H participants cannot conduct raffles. Proposition 17 sets forth rules that govern lotteries and charitable raffles in California. It states that private non-profit organizations can use these methods of fundraising.

Public non-profit agencies, such as the University of California 4-H Program are not legally permitted to conduct lotteries, raffles, bingo or other games of chance (4-H YDP Policy Handbook Section 703.2B 3b). The 4-H Program receives funds from both state and federal sources and is a public non-profit.

Q. Can 4-H members sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser for their club or for other organizations?  
Answer: No. 4-H members cannot sell raffle tickets to fundraise for their club or other organizations, as a 4-H member or representative.

Q. If another organization runs a raffle and donates the money to a 4-H club, can the 4-H club accept these funds?  
Answer: Yes. A 4-H club can accept funds raised by another organization through a raffle if they are to be used to further the educational mission of the 4-H Youth Development Program. However, the use of the 4-H emblem and clover are protected under the law and cannot be used to promote raffles (section 703.2B ; .703.2B 3a,b).

Q. Can raffles occur at 4-H sponsored events?  
Answer: No. Raffles cannot take place during 4-H sponsored events; it implies an endorsement of activities that are against our policies.

Q. What is the difference between a raffle and a drawing?  
Answer: In a drawing everyone has an equal chance to win a prize and there is usually no money involved to be included in the drawing. A raffle is a lottery where an individual's chances of winning are increased by the number of chances that they purchase.

Q. Can a 4-H event offer door prizes?  
Answer: Yes. If everyone is given an equal chance then this activity is considered a door prize or drawing. There should be no purchase required to participate in the door prize.

**Current California 4-H Policy Handbooks & Club Mailboxes**

Community Club Leaders, please note that if you did not pick up your policy handbook at the last 4-H Council meeting, it is in your club’s mailbox in the 4-H Office. As a reminder, please also check your mailbox for current bank statements if you have not recently, as those are also in your mailboxes. Only designated others approved by you from your club will be allowed to pick up mail on behalf of the club. Thank you!
Cal-Am Goat Breeders Association, Amador County 4 H, and the Rancher’s Outlet

Present

A Goat Showing Seminar

At The Rancher’s Outlet

6980 State Highway 16 Plymouth, CA. Tel: 209-245-6631

May 18th at 10:00 AM

Free Parking

Open to Everyone

Learn All the Skills to Show Your Goats
Dear 4her,

Between May 8th - May 19th, your local Tractor Supply store will be having their annual Paper Clover fundraiser. You can support California 4-H by purchasing a paper clover at checkout. 70% of the funds raised by each store will support 4-H programs in the store’s community and the remainder supports 4-H programs nationwide.**

This event marks the 3rd year of collaboration between the organizations on the national in-store fundraiser, benefiting state and local 4-H programming in each of the communities where a Tractor Supply store is located. Over the years, Tractor Supply's Paper Clover fundraiser has raised over $2 million in support of 4-H programs across the country.

For this year’s fundraiser there has been some new and exciting changes for our 4-H programs:

- **More funds for county 4-H programs** - **100% of the funds raised, above what that store raised in the spring 2012 Paper Clover promotion, will come back to the county! Visit TractorSupply.com/4-H to view last year’s funds raised.**
- **$1 or $5 donation option in the store** - Now you can make a $5 donation and have a larger clover in the store!
- **Coupons on clovers** - All clovers will have a bounce back coupon at the bottom as a "Thank you" for your donation.
- **State 4-H program awards** - Tractor Supply Company will recognize the top state in each region with the highest average dollars raised!
- **4-H Events** - Many local 4-H Clubs have special events planned in partnership with their local Tractor Supply store during this period. Check with your local club to see how it is involved.

By visiting TractorSupply.com/4-H you can keep track of how much your state or local store is raising!

Special thanks to each and every one of you for your support of 4-H!

Enjoy,  California 4-H Foundation
SIXTH ANNUAL
2nd Generation Dinner
Auction & Dinner to benefit the Amador County Jr. Livestock Auction

SOUTH
June 22
2013
Amador County
Fairgrounds
Plymouth, CA
5 pm No-host bar
7 pm Dinner

Dinner Tickets
In advance: $25/Person, $40/Couple
At the door: $30/Person, $50/Couple
Children: (12 yrs. & younger) $10
Purchase tickets online:
2ndGenerationDinner.com

Tickets purchase locations:
- Laughton Ranch Horse Boarding, Jackson
- Simmons Landscaping, Jackson
- Rancher's Outlet, Plymouth
- Coldwell Banker-Mitzi Windley, Ione
- Hoof N' Boots Saddlery, Valley Springs

Raffle Tickets
$20 each or 6 for $100
Enter for a chance to win:
- $1,500 towards the trip of your choice
- 5-item Gun Raffle
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Live Entertainment

Purchase advance dinner tickets to save time and money.
Tickets, donations or other information please call
(209) 274-4117.

2ndGenerationDinner.com
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