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# The Diggings

## June/July 2013

### Meet Amador Counties New All-Stars!



June 4th the Amador County 4-H Council voted in Clayton H. & Riley A. as the newest 4-H All-Stars!

Congratulations to both of you!



### Thank you Ranchers Outlet for hosting Cal Am Goat Seminar!

Submitted by Danielle Dentone



The Cal-Am goat group hosted a showmanship at Ranchers Outlet on May 18. The 4-Hers who were there were Dylan F, Elli P, Danielle D, Nicole D, Macie D, Katelyn and Lucas C. Some other adults that live in the area where there too learning how to show. There were dairy and meat goats being demonstrated.



# California State Fair

## July 12th-28th

To celebrate our centennial, we are going BIG at the CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR! Check out the full list of activities at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/CountyFairs/>

### 1) July 21, 24-27: Gold Seal Presentations from State 4-H Field Day ([http://ucanr.edu/gold seal/](http://ucanr.edu/gold%20seal/))

4-H members receiving a gold seal at the State 4-H Presentation Day on May 25, 2013 at UC Davis are eligible to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on July 21, 24, 25, 26, & 27.

### 2) July 16, 20, 23: Present your Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Projects

(<http://ucanr.edu/stem/>)

4-H members and volunteers are invited for three types of exhibits.

#### A) July 16, 2013, 11am - 8pm: Eco-Bot

4-H will present Eco-Bot, the National 4-H Youth Science Experiment. 4-H volunteers and members will help children design and build a simple brush-robot to cleanup a spill (simulated using a cookie sheet and rice). Materials and instructions are provided. We just need 4-H volunteers and members to sign-up for 2-hour blocks during the day!

#### B) July 20 (10-8pm) & July 23 (11-8pm)

i) **Non-Competitive 4-H Presentations** – 4-H members are invited to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair on July 20 and 23. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on one day. Presentations must be related to 4-H science, engineering, or technology.

#### ii) **Hands-on, Interactive, 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Activities** –

Groups of 4-H members, volunteers, and staff are invited to engage the public in quick hands-on activities. The group will conduct activities with the public for at least an hour

block of time on one day.

### 3) July 23 & 24: 4-H Cooking Throwdown (<http://ucanr.edu/throwdown/>)

**4-H Cooking Throwdown** - 4-H members are invited to participate in the 4-H Throwdown at the

California State Fair. Teams will consist of 2 youth members and 1 teen leader. The minimum age is 12 years old, total of 3 members. Each round will have a secret ingredient. Each course must include the secret ingredient. Each team will have 10 minutes to prep and then 50 minutes to cook a three course meal. A judge will taste all courses prepared and the winners of each round will then compete at 4:00pm each day to determine the daily 4-H Throwdown Champion! Each day has a theme: July 23rd- International Cuisine; July 24th- BBQ Throwdown without the Grill.

**Facility:** California Kitchen at the State Fair.

### 4) Represent California 4-H by exhibiting at the Fair

We are working on a 4-H Day-July 20th! Share your memories of the State

Fair <http://www.bigfun.org/memories/>!

## Available Scholarships

The California 4-H Youth Development Program's (YDP) mission is to "engage youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development." 4-H YDP core values require that programs be evaluated regularly and adjusted as needed to maintain effectiveness. As such, to help make the best better we must evaluate our program to determine if the program is leading to the outcomes we have identified as core to our program (e.g., confidence, competence, contribution to the community, improved academic performance, science literacy), and if not take active steps to improve the program quality and youth's experiences.

The 4-H Online Record Book is not only an innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century record keeping system but it also includes surveys to help us understand if 4-H is helping youth reach their fullest potential. When youth take surveys they get "Spark Points" and are eligible to receive other incentives including a gift card, centennial pin, or iPad Mini.

Whether or not youth complete a record book they can still enter the system, take the surveys, and network with other youth in their club or group.

Login to the 4-H Online Record Book now or encourage youth that you work with to login and help us know if 4-H is making a difference and how we can improve: <https://4horb.ucanr.edu/login.cfm>. Surveys are open May 1 – August 31<sup>st</sup>.

With best regards,

Shannon Dogan

## Advertise with 4-H

Many of you are planning events and wish to include alumni—this is a great idea, and we want to help. There are a number of ways the Foundation can be of assistance before, during and after the event.

- First we can help you "advertise" your event by placing it on our website. If you would like us to do this, here are two survey links that will guide you through the information we need. Here are two survey links that will guide you through the information we need. The links below are connected to very short forms that will ask for **your event information**:

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10336> and/or **your news items**: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10338>

- We do email blasts about once or twice a month and our events link is always included. We can highlight your event in one of our email blasts if you would like.
- We have limited donor and alumni data in each county, but we are happy to share what we have, so you can send invitations to alumni and other friends and family of 4-H.

## 4-H SET: Cardboard Automaton, Simple Machines

Co-authored by: Steven Worker (4-H SET Coordinator) and Grace Tobias

The 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology Initiative is designed to engage young people in science and engineering, spark an interest, and ultimately, help address the critical need for more scientists and engineers in the workforce. Jessica Choi, and her father, Dr. B. William Choi saw a need to help further the SET Initiative, so in



2009, on their own initiative, knowing that 4-H Clubs need low-cost educational activities, Jessica, with help from The Cardboard automaton workshop is a hands-on inquiry based experience that is low cost and environmentally friendly, using shoe boxes that would otherwise be thrown away and common household items, such as straws and skewers. This workshop explores simple machine elements such as cams, levers, and linkages while engaging participants in using creativity and problem-solving skills to accomplish a task. Since 2009, Jessica has presented this workshop to over 850 youth and adults at a variety of venues, including club meetings, the County Leaders' Council meeting, California 4-H State Leadership Conference, California State Leaders Forum, International Society for Technology in Education Conference, local schools, and at the Livermore Civic Library 4-H Information Day. Youth participants in the workshops were inspired to explore further independently, as well as share what they had already learned with others. This project supported

the goals of the California 4-H SET Initiative by increasing interest in engineering and technology among both 4-H and non-4-H youth.

In addition to the workshop, Jessica has developed a companion curriculum others may use to deliver this

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### State Leaders Forum

The dynamic format of the **2013 State Leaders' Forum** allows you to focus attention on issues that really matter. There is a world of creativity in store for you. Gain insight from innovative 4-H volunteers and staff, discover a multitude of new techniques, feast your eyes on detailed presentations, and much more. This includes sharing in the keynote presentation: **Making Collective Impact Work** with Matt Wilka. Matt, a former Fulbright Fellow in Ecuador, is a consultant with FSG - a non-profit consulting firm specializing in strategy, research, and evaluation. With Matt at the helm we will have an in-depth look at how organizations are implementing a collective impact approach to solve social problems.

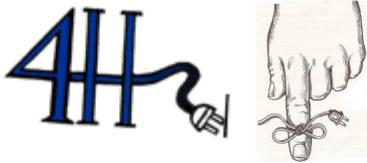
**Workshop Proposals are accepted until June 30 at <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop>**

Some suggested topics we are seeking include: Anti-bullying, Sharing Cultures, Techniques for Teaching, Fundraising in Counties, Advanced Topics for Experienced Leaders, Specific Project Ideas, ORB, Fireside Chat with the State Office, Taxidermy, and other subjects you might wish to share.

**SLF 2013** will be held **Nov. 8 - 10** at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento. Conference registration is on-line at <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013register>. Reservations for rooms at the Crown Plaza are made directly with the hotel at 1-877-270-1393 or 1-916-338-5800, using code FRH.

Remember: Break past conventional thinking and toss in some imagination and you have the **2013 State Leaders' Forum**.

- o Early Bird registration by **Sept. 1** saves you money!
- o 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](mailto:moolu@unwiredbb.com)
- o 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](mailto: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.
  - o 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](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com).



## 4-H Calendar of Events

### June

- 22nd, 2nd Generation BBQ
- 28th, AC Fair Livestock & Horse Show close

### July

- New 4-H Year Starts
- 14th, AC Fair Pen Set Up 8am
- 20th, AC Fair Still entries Due
- 23rd, Livestock due
- 25th, AC Fair Horse Show
- 25-28th, Amador County Fair
- 12-28th, Calif State Fair

# Amador County Fair

The board will meet at the fair board conference room on June 20th @ 6pm.

Make sure you check out their event calendar 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 June 27, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Location: Amador County Fair Main Office

## Need available 4-Hers for Amador County Fair 4-H Window

To celebrate 4-H's 100 year anniversary and the Amador County Fair's 75th year anniversary 4-H council will decorate a window at fair this year.

Now is your chance to help make 4-H a STAR at fair!  
Contact Sara Dentone @ 209-245-4405

## Get your 2nd Generation Tickets

<https://www.facebook.com/events/181623418661440/?ref=ts>

**June 22nd**

**UCCE Amador 4-H Office**  
**12200 B Airport Road**  
**Jackson, CA 95642**



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### **Amador County Council 4-H Officers**

**President :** Rielle Santinelli  
**Vice President:** Janet White  
**Secretary:** Deanna Stiltz  
**Treasurer:** Valerie Anderson  
**4-H Program Coordinator:** Jennifer Goerlitz

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#### **NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:**

will be held on **August 6, 2013** at the  
GSA small conference room on Air-  
port Road at 7pm.

#### **UCCE OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Tuesday 10:00 - 3:00 pm

#### **Next Diggings: August 2013**

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*Articles are due the 5th of the month.*

**Jennifer Goerlitz**

4-H Program Coordinator



## AMADOR COUNTY 4-H ALL STAR INFORMATION



An All Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the County level. The goal of the All Star program is to recognize the achievements of active 4-H members and to offer additional resources and opportunities for leadership, career and life planning. To become an Amador County 4-H All Star, you must agree to meet the requirements and responsibilities listed below.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Be currently enrolled in 4-H.
2. Be at least 13 years of age by January 1 of selection year.
3. Have completed three years of club work. (Current year can count as number three)
4. Have attained the Platinum Star Rank.
5. Be eligible for enrollment in the coming year.
6. Have demonstrated leadership abilities, citizenship concern, and maturity of judgment.
7. Have made a significant contribution to the maintenance and expansion of the 4-H program.
8. Submit an All Star Application, Contract and your current 4-H Record Book to your Community Club Leader by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.
9. Submit two letters of recommendation with the above listed in #8 ~ *one from 4-H volunteer and one from a person outside 4-H (teacher, clergy, long-time friend)*
10. The Community Club Leader will review all the information submitted by the All Star candidate.
11. The Community Club Leader will submit the Candidate's packet to the 4-H office by 5 p.m., on the date of the May 4-H Council meeting.
12. Interview with the All Star Selection Committee at 6 p.m. on the night of the June 4-H Council meeting.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Serve as Master of Ceremonies at all Amador County 4-H programs, and be willing to serve at county wide functions i.e. JLAC committee, club achievement nights etc.
2. Be an active member of the All Star Team and the 4-H Council.
3. Submit a completed record book for your All Star year.
4. Represent Amador County 4-H as an ALL Star by wearing the green All Star Jacket purchased by the 4-H Council while at 4-H related events.
5. Always try to set a good example in the general community and on social media.

### SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Have a good record of leadership.
2. Have the ability to get along with others.
3. Be deserving of the recognition as shown through sincere effort.
4. Selection made as follows:
  - 50% oral interview
  - 50% Information Sheet, letters of recommendation and current record book.

**AMADOR COUNTY 4-H**  
**ALL STAR APPLICATION AND CONTRACT**

The All Star Candidate must submit this contract to their Community Leader by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year in order to be considered an All Star applicant. Interview before the All Star Selection Committee will be at 6p.m. on the date of the May Council meeting.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to submit the ALL Star Contract.  
Name

I. I would like to be an All Star because

- II. I understand that the following are my responsibilities as an Amador County All Star:
1. Serve as Master of Ceremonies at all Amador County 4-H programs, be willing to serve at county wide functions i.e. JLAC committee, club achievement nights, and attend 4-H council meetings.
  2. Be an active member of the All Star Team.
  3. Keep and submit a record book during your All Star year for review.
  4. Represent Amador County 4-H as an ALL Star by wearing the green All Star Jacket purchased by the 4-H Council while at 4-H related events.
  5. Always try to set a good example in the general community and on social media.

My parents and I have read and understand the above Contract and I will abide by this Contract during my All Star year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT FOR ALL STAR

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT'S PARENT

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



## AMADOR COUNTY (REVISED 2013)



### **What is the Purpose of the Emerald Star?**

The Emerald Star is a county award for service to the community and/or to 4-H. Its purpose is to encourage older members to attain a higher level of leadership development through an individual (or group) program of planning, action and evaluation/reflection; promote the development of mentoring relationships between a member and leaders; and to create opportunities to conduct 4-H activities outside the community club which will benefit the local community and/or 4-H as a whole.

### **Who May Apply for Emerald Star Rank?**

Anyone who is currently enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above in the 4-H year they apply. Must have a minimum of three years of program participation, and have obtained a minimum of the silver star rank. It is possible to earn your Emerald Star consecutively with your gold or platinum star. All Stars may apply.

### **How Can it Be Earned?**

By planning, developing, and carrying out a service to meet a community need or a special 4-H county-wide need. You will design something that helps you develop skills beyond the project or club level. You need to design something that you, as an individual (or group), take on the responsibility for accomplishing or getting something accomplished.

Your work should fill some substantial need in the community or a gap, beyond the normal range, in the 4-H program. You should be able to complete it within 6 months, but it must be completed by the conclusion of the Amador County Fair for that project year.

Emerald Star projects can be to teach, serve, inform, illustrate, coordinate, create literature or activities and events beyond the scope of a regular project. Possible examples include but are not limited to: *make or improve a slide show/movie/power point marketing 4-H; preparing a mini-fair or field day for 4-H members; provide information for county use, such as a pamphlet/brochure on a particular facet of 4-H; hold a project training day; accomplish a major community service on a county level.* Please remember these are only examples/ideas ~ the possibilities are limitless! Be creative! Emerald Star work is to be accomplished in addition to your project and club work. Remember, you must be enrolled in 4-H.

### **How Do I Apply?**

You apply by filling out the Emerald Star Program application. When you have completed your application and obtained the required signatures, call the 4-H office to arrange to be placed on the agenda for the next 4-H Council meeting. The application will be reviewed by the County 4-H Emerald Star Committee. Emerald Star applicants their parent or someone else acting as an advisor will be asked to attend a meeting with the Emerald Star Committee. The applicant and the Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the applicant's project, including asking and answering clarifying questions specific to the project before approval is granted. Once the committee approves the plan you may begin the project work. Remember, adults can advise, but YOU must carry out the work.

When your work is completed, fill out the completion report form included in this packet. Call the 4-H office to be placed on the Council agenda. The Emerald Star Committee will decide if Emerald Star requirements are complete. Ideally Emerald Star projects should be completed successfully. However, a 4-H'er may receive the Emerald Star rank even if his/her project is not successful. The final report will assess how well the 4-H'er planned, tried (including revision of their plans) and evaluated his/her own efforts, and these factors will be taken into account when determining if the member will receive the Emerald Star. Once final approval is granted the Emerald Star patch for your hat will be awarded.

### **Who is on the Emerald Star Committee?**

Current All Stars (maximum of five on committee), the Emerald Star Chairperson (adult) and one or more members of the Amador County 4-H Council (adults).



# EMERALD STAR APPLICATION



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ AGE AS OF JAN 1 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Use additional pages as needed.

**1. What is the goal of your Emerald Star project? This should be specific and measurable.**

**2. How did you determine the need this project will be addressing?**

**3. List resources you will use:**

**4. Estimated costs and financing plans:**

Income	Budgeted	Actual *

Expenses	Budgeted	Actual *

\* The actual income and expense should be included in the final report, but do not need to be completed as part of the original Emerald Star Application.

**5. What methods will you use to develop your project?**

**6. List your timeline steps and completion dates:**

Specific action steps	Target Date
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

**7. What do you want to learn and accomplish?**

**8. Why did you choose this particular project?**

**9. Please tell us a little about yourself and your 4-H experience. Pictures may be attached.**

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Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature                      Date

I understand the scope of my son/daughter's project and the time it will take to complete. I will support him/her in carrying out this Emerald Star plan.

\_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature                      Date

I understand the scope of the Emerald Star applicant's project and my role as the Emerald Star Project Mentor.

\_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Emerald Star Mentor                      Date

# EMERALD STAR APPLICATION EVALUATION

*For committee use*



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE AS OF JAN 1 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMERALD STAR PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

	YES	NO
MEMBER HAS A DEFINITE GOAL?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOES IT FULFILL A NEED?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
IS GOAL ATTAINABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOES THIS YOUTH UNDERSTAND AND HAVE A PLAN THAT WILL LEAD TO SUCCESS?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF THE ANSWERS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE NO, WHAT SUGGESTIONS CAN BE MADE?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

THIS PLAN HAS BEEN APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ NOT APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ AS AN EMERALD STAR PROJECT.

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE \_\_\_\_\_.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date Name Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Date Name Date

# EMERALD STAR PROJECT EVALUATION

*For committee use*



HAS THE PROJECT BEEN COMPLETED?  YES  NO

WAS COMPLETED PROJECT PRESENTED IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER?  YES  NO

CLOVER LINES ARTICLES (S)?  YES  NO

DID THE YOUTH SHOW PERSONAL GROWTH? (AS DEMONSTRATED BY HOW HE/SHE SOLVED PROBLEMS AND COMPLETED THE PROJECT)  YES  NO

WILL THIS PROJECT, AS PRESENTED, BE OF BENEFIT TO 4-H?  YES  NO

THIS EMERALD STAR HAS \_\_\_\_\_ HAS NOT \_\_\_\_\_ BEEN APPROVED.

IF NOT, WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR APPROVAL?

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## SELECTION COMMITTEE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Due within 30 days of completion of the project**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Your Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of event or activity** (Please check all that apply):

- 4-H Club     
  4-H County     
  School     
  Community Service  
 Community Information     
  Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**Audience** (Please check all that apply):

- 4-H Members     
  4-H Leaders     
  4-H Families     
  Community     
  School Students  
 General Public     
  Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**You were assisted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please rate the following areas and then use the reverse side or a separate sheet of paper for your additional comments.**

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Just OK	Disappointed
Idea of project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timeline adequate to complete the project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning experience for you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presentation Date/Time/Location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audience attendance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audience response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning experience for audience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Goals of project reached	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



INCOME & DONATIONS	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT

I have personally prepared this report and believe it to be correct.

Emerald Star Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have personally reviewed this report and believe it to be correct.

Emerald Star Advisor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Amador County 4-H Council Bylaws**

## **Article I Membership**

### **Section 1 – Introduction**

Membership in the Amador County 4-H Council shall be active, ex-officio and honorary, and open to all persons without regard to race, color, nation origin, religion, sex gender identity, pregnancy (including childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services.

### **Section 2 – Categories, Qualifications and Designations**

#### **A. Active Membership**

All clubs in Amador County should supply a member in one of the following categories at Council meetings.

All 4-H adult volunteers who are appointed by the county director and actively serving in administrative, assistant, project or activity capacities in the promotion and operation of chartered 4-H units of the 4-H YDP shall be active members of the Amador County 4-H Council.

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2. Members of county, sectional, and/or state councils, committees, or task forces must be appointed 4-H adult volunteers or youth members in good standing.

#### **B. Ex-Officio Membership**

The county director and 4-H YDP staff serving the county shall be ex-officio members of the council. No designation shall be necessary.

#### **C. Honorary Membership**

Any person who is not an active or ex-officio member, and who has made an outstanding contribution to the 4-H YDP (hereafter 4-H Council) honorary membership shall be designated by the issuance of a certificate by the County 4-H Council and county director.

### **Section 3 -- Limitations, Privileges and Responsibilities of Adult volunteers**

- A. Appointed 4-H adult volunteers shall be designated by issuance of an appointment card by the University of California Cooperative Extension county director following completion of the 4-H application, screening and orientation process. Such appointments are annually reviewed before renewal or termination by the Cooperative Extension county director.
- B. Appointed adult 4-H volunteers shall be regarded as agents of the University of California. As such, they shall be entitled to protection for actions relating to official 4-H activities and duties under the University's general personal injury and property damage liability policy. This protection is in force as long as the 4-H adult volunteer's appointment is current, and they conform to and comply with the policies of the University of California 4-H YDP when engaging in 4-H Council activities.

Ex-officio and honorary members of the 4-H Council shall have the right to express opinions on any matters under discussion, but shall not be entitled to a vote.

## **Article II Officers**

# Amador County 4-H Council Bylaws

## Section 1 - Officer Positions

The officers of the County 4-H Council shall consist of a president, vice-president(s), secretary(is), treasurer(s), reporter/historian and such others, as the 4-H Council deems necessary. These officers will make up the Executive Committee.

Other officers either elected or appointed such as immediate past president, reporter, historian and organizational unit leader.

## Section 2 - Eligibility and Term of Office

An office shall not be held by the same person for more than two consecutive years. Elections should be held at the end of the 4-H year or soon after the beginning of the new 4-H year.

## Section 3 -- Duties of Officers

### A. President

It shall be the duty of the president to:

- Preside over all regular and special meetings of the County 4-H Council.
- Serve as ex officio member of all committees of the County 4-H Council and appoint the members of such committees.
- Call special meetings when necessary and in concurrence with the county 4-H YDP staff.
- Consult on the 4-H Council meeting agendas with the county 4-H YDP staff.
- Have signature authority on the 4-H Council checking account and savings account.
- Have voting rights when a motion is on the floor and results in a tie vote.
- Convene a complaint review committee in conjunction with 4-H staff.
- Appoint committees

### B. Vice-President

**It shall be the duty of the vice president to:**

- Preside at all meetings in the absence of the president.
- To succeed to the office of President if that office should become vacant between elections.
- Serve as chairman of the 4-H Council Program Committee.
- Have signature authority on the 4-H Council checking account and savings account.

### C. Secretary

**It shall be the duty of the secretary to:**

- Record the full and complete minutes of all meetings of the 4-H Council, and assist with any and all correspondence as directed by the president. Motions made during the meeting and the result thereof should be accurately documented and recorded.
- Provide a set of all 4-H Council minutes to the county 4-H YDP staff the week following each council meeting. These minutes will be made available to the membership at large with no exceptions.
- Keeps a record of those present at the 4-H Council meeting (units and other individuals).
- Have signature authority on the 4-H Council checking account and savings account

The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined into one office.

### D. Treasurer

**It shall be the duty of the treasurer to:**

- Keep accurate financial records, copies of invoices bills, etc., relating to the funds and property of the 4-H Council, accounting fully for all receipts and expenditures.

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- Receive record and deposit all funds in a regulated bank or similar financial institution to the account established for the 4-H Council.
- Pay bills and make other authorized expenditures provided for in the budget or otherwise approved by the 4-H Council.
- Secure authorization by the 4-H Council for disbursement of all funds.
- Comply with all University of California financial policies and procedures as outlined in the 4-H YDP Policy Handbook.
- Furnish financial reports annually at year-end and at such times as required by the 4-H Council and the county director. Financial reports should include a Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet), a Statement of Revenues and Expenses (income statement), and a list of tax identification numbers used in the county 4-H Council system/program.
- Act as custodian of all funds and personal property of the 4-H Council, and keep a current list of all such property.
- Prepare all financial records for an annual audit or peer review in accordance with University of California procedures.
- Prepare and file all reports required by federal, state and local governmental agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service (990), California State Franchise Tax Board, and the State Board of Equalization, where and when applicable.
- Forward annual financial reports to the county director or designee at the close of the 4-H program year and no later than September 15th.
- Have signature authority on the 4-H Council checking account and savings account.

## Section 4 – Conducting By Executive Committee

- A. By majority vote of those present at a regular meeting, the 4-H Council will determine whether it will conduct business by Executive Committee for the current year. If it is so determined, the Executive Committee will consist of the 4-H Council officers of the current 4-H YDP program year (July 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>), and as many additional active members as it deems necessary. Each member shall have one vote. The 4-H YDP staff and county director shall be ex-officio members.
- A. Duties of Executive Committee

### **It shall be the duties of the Executive Committee to:**

- Consider and recommend to the county council policies related to state 4-H YDP policies and other policies governing the county and local 4-H YDP programs. After policies are approved by the 4-H Council, they should be entered in a policy book.
- The Executive Committee may be authorized to act for the 4-H Council in making decisions when immediate action relating to the local 4-H YDP program is necessary. Any major action of the Executive Committee should be subject to the approval of the 4-H Council at its next regular meeting.
- The Executive Committee may assist the president in arranging the agenda for the 4-H Council meetings, the appointment of committees, and such other matters as may facilitate the orderly and efficient operation of the county 4-H Council and the county 4-H YDP program.

### Executive Committee Quorum

- A quorum is 50% plus one of the members of Executive Committee. No meetings or business shall be transacted without a quorum

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## Article III Elections

### Section 1 – Nominations

A nominating committee shall nominate officers of the 4-H Council. Additional nominations shall be called for from the floor before balloting begins.

### Section 2 – Balloting for Officers

Elections shall take place by written ballot unless the 4-H Council by majority vote of those present specifies otherwise declared elected. Elections shall take place in August each year.

### Section 3 – Term of Office

Offices shall take office at the beginning of September

## Article IV Meetings

### Section 1 -- Regular Meetings

There shall be at least ten (10) regular meetings of the 4-H Council each program year (July 1<sup>st</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>). These meetings shall be held the (*state day*) of the month, unless otherwise specified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all units represented (one vote per unit).

### Section 2 -- Special Meetings

The president, acting in concurrence with the 4-H YDP staff, may call special meetings at any time.

### Section 3 -- Training Meetings

No 4-H Council business shall be transacted at training meetings unless the 4-H Council so directs.

### Section 4 -- Meeting Notices

Notices of all meetings of the 4-H Council shall be provided to adult volunteers and senior members by or in conjunction with 4-H YDP staff.

### Section 5 – Agenda

The agenda of each regular or special 4-H meeting shall be prepared jointly by the president and the 4-H YDP staff.

### Section 6 – Attendance

No meetings of the 4-H Council or its committees shall be secret. Honorary members, parents, 4-H members who are not active members of the 4-H Council as defined in Article I, Section 3, and other visitors may attend 4-H Council meetings, may express opinions, but shall not be entitled to vote.

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## **Section 7 – Quorum for Council Regular & Special Meetings**

A quorum at regular and special meetings of the 4-H Council shall consist of those active members who attend the meeting, provided the meeting has been properly called and unless otherwise specified in the bylaws. No meetings or business shall be transacted without a quorum.

## **Section 8 - Voting**

Voting privileges shall be extended to all active members of the council.

## **Article V Finances**

### **Section 1-- Council Funds**

Use of 4-H Council funds must be in accordance with the University of California policies and 4-H YDP mission and core values as interpreted by the 4-H YDP staff. (See 4-H Handbook, Finance Section.) The county UCCE/4-H office will be the legal mailing address for the county 4-H Council.

### **Section 2 -- Money-Raising Activities**

All money-raising activities for the 4-H Council, for committees and for individual 4-H units shall be in compliance with the policies of the University of California, 4-H YDP and federal, state and local laws and regulations. Annual fundraising must be approved by the County Director. Particular care shall be exercised in the use of the 4-H name and emblem. Use of the 4-H name and emblem on articles sold for profit and in solicitations for commercial enterprises in the name of the 4-H YD program must be approved by the State 4-H YDP Director. Lotteries and raffles shall not be used for fund-raising purposes.

### **Section 3 –Taxes**

The 4-H Council shall comply with all University of California policies and procedures, as well as all federal, state and local laws relative to property and income taxes, and shall require all committees and individual 4-H units and groups to follow similar procedures.

### **Section 4 – Contracts**

The 4-H Council cannot commit the University to any contractual obligations.

### **Section 5 – Assets**

Assets received or raised by the 4-H Council must be utilized in the delivery of the county 4-H YDP and are under the administrative purview of the University of California. Investments must follow University of California policies and procedures and by approval of the County Director.

### **Section 6 – Disbanding of 4-H Council**

In the event the Amador County 4-H Council is disbanded, all assets (including equipment, property, bank accounts, etc.) remain the property of the University of California and shall be transferred to the county director, regional director or the State 4-H YDP Director as appropriate. The administrator will hold the assets in escrow for up to three (3) years before distributing the assets for development of other 4-H YD programs in the county.

### **Section 7 – Disbanding of 4-H Units**

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In the event a chartered 4-H unit is disbanded, all assets (including equipment, property, bank accounts, etc.) shall be transferred to the county 4-H Council to be held in escrow for three (3) years before distributing the assets for development of other 4-H YD programs in the county.

## **Article VI Committees**

### **Section 1**

The 4-H Council may establish committees such as program, finance, fairs and shows, awards, leadership development, and other such committees as it considers necessary.

### **Section 2**

The 4-H Council president and/or Executive Committee shall appoint all members of the committees and name the chair of each committee. All committees should adhere to the mission, core values and policies of the University of California 4-H YDP when planning educational events and activities. When possible, senior members should be appointed.

### **Section 3**

Committees must be given clear, definite instructions about their duties or assignments, how long they are to take, and to whom, when and what they are to report. In carrying out their assignments, they should accurately interpret their jobs from instructions given in the bylaws, from recorded minutes of meetings, or from suggestions of the 4-H Council president and/or 4-H YDP staff.

### **Section 4**

Committees should keep the 4-H Council informed by giving reports as to their plans, what they are doing, and how they are functioning.

Committees should coordinate all activities through the 4-H Council and the 4-H YDP staff. County 4-H YDP staff and the county director have final authority for the administration and operation of the county 4-H YDP program.

## **Article VII Special Recognitions**

### **Section 1 – Star Rankings – Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond**

Each star is earned individually each year. After receiving the Bronze Star the 4-H member is eligible to apply for the Silver Star the following year. After receiving the Silver Star the 4-H member is eligible to apply for the Gold Star the following year. After receiving the Gold Star the 4-H member is eligible to apply for the Platinum Star (if applicable) the following year. After receiving the Platinum Star (if applicable) the 4-H member is eligible to apply for the Diamond Star (if applicable) the following year.

### **Section 2 – All Stars**

### **Section 3 – Emerald Star**

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## Article VIII Amendments

### Section 1 – Procedure

Amendments to the By-Laws may be made by the 4-H Council with approval by the 4-H YDP staff and the county director providing they do not depart from the intent of the Constitution and Bylaws as herein stated, and provided they do not change any of the required language (RL) sections. All proposed changes to required (RL) sections must be submitted by the County Director to the State 4-H Director before final approval of the 4-H Council. Amendments shall be read at a regular meeting or special meeting of the 4-H Council one month in advance of final action, or shall be sent in a letter to every member at least one week before final action. All revisions must be filed with the county and state 4-H YDP office.

### Section 2 – Voting

Amendments to the Bylaws may be passed by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present, providing the above procedure has been followed.

## Article IX Adoption

### Section 1

The adoption of these Bylaws shall be concurrent with the adoption of the Constitution of the 4-H Council. The effective date shall be upon the approval of the 4-H Council and that date shall be stamped on each page of the Bylaws.

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4-H Council President (date)

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4-H YDP Staff (date)

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County Director (date)

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State 4-H YDP Director (date)

## *Jennifer's Corner...*



### **SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM!**

Boys and girls, ages 12 – 18

Sign up for an 8 week program and learn to live a healthy lifestyle while participating in some fun and exciting activities, field trips and much more! No cost to join and transportation is provided.

Dates:

June 19<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>

Gold Mine Plaza, Suite 10

Pine Grove, CA 95665

Time: 12 – 2 pm

June 20<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>

Operation Care

619 New York Ranch Rd

Jackson, CA 95642

Time: 12- 2 pm

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

THE EDGE GYM – self defense

UC Cooperative Extension – health and nutrition

ROP Cosmetology – hygiene

Health In Harmony – meditation and relaxation

For more information call 209/223-2897 or visit [www.operationcare.org](http://www.operationcare.org)

### **STEM SUMMER CAMPS**

Three one-week camps are being offered in Calaveras County for Amador and Calaveras County students going into grades 6, 7 or 8. All camps will run from 9 am to 3 pm, and follow the same content.

June 17-21 at Calaveras River Academy, San Andreas

June 24-28 at Valley Springs Elementary

July 8-12 at Avery Middle School

A minimum of 10 students must register for the camp to be held. Refunds will be given if camp is cancelled. In this very hands on camp, students will learn about energy harvesting using wind, water and solar methods. Students will be divided into teams, with a high school student mentor and use the information to design and build a device to showcase in a competition on the Friday of that week.

A camp week will consist of one field trip to energy generation sites, working to design a harvesting tool, then build and showcase that tool at the end of the week.

Registration is \$150 and the deadline has been extended, but not for LONG!

Lunch will NOT be provided so be sure to bring your own lunch bag.

Registration and information at: [www.ccoe.k12.ca.us/stem](http://www.ccoe.k12.ca.us/stem)

## 4-H Community Club Leaders

Each community club should have received a copy of the Year-End Club Financial Review Reports. These forms will need to be completed by an assigned peer review committee for the club's treasury, and turned in to the 4-H Office. The deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your attention in getting this completed!

## New 4-H Club Officer Manual Now Online

The new 4-H Officer Manual is available at 2013 Officer Manual and Forms <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Clubs/Officers/> A copy will also be put into each club's mailbox. Please let Jennifer know if you need more copies. All other officer resources are also listed in the above url.

## Spaghetti Western Coming Up

Hello y'all! Get that 4-H attire or similar clothing ready for the Spaghetti Western at Cooper Winery. Saturday, June 15 at 5:30 PM to 9:30 pm. They would like eight of us to serve food, and the same duties as previous years, bussing trays, hand out dessert, clean up. For the live auction could we please have four loud callers to point out bidders (your one chance to yell and make money). Please park below. Gather by tasting room above. No riding tram, but have fun! Julie Lyman and others will lead. We need adult and children volunteers. Thank you so much for volunteering this helps the Amador Cancer Research Foundation, and we get a healthy donation for great work.

For more information contact Jim Spinetta at [Jimspinetta@me.com](mailto:Jimspinetta@me.com) or 209/418-8886

## Forest Foundation Seeks Volunteers

We are seeking some amazing volunteers to work at the California Forest Center located at Cal Expo in Sacramento during the State Fair. We ask volunteers to engage the public about the importance of forest management and how healthy forests play a role in the welfare of all Californians. Typical duties include passing out seedling trees, answering questions about exhibits and forests, and interacting with guests at activity stations. **The Fair will be held from July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup> this year.**

Volunteers do not necessarily need experience working in forestry nor need forest management knowledge – just a willingness to engage the public and have a friendly demeanor. Volunteers without a forestry background often greet visitors and help pass out seedling trees. Per Cal Expo requirements, volunteers must be at least 14 years old and comply with Megan's Law requirements.

This year, the Foundation is working to build an even better experience at the center by updating elements of the Center and bringing in some new components as well. However, we know that a big part that makes the Forest Center such a great destination at the State Fair is the continued support of our great volunteer base. We hope you are able to spend a few hours with us this upcoming summer to educate visitors about California's vast, diverse and abundant forestlands.

**As a volunteer, we provide you with free admission into the fair, a parking pass, snacks and drinks during your shift.** We also can offer, upon request, **an additional fair admission**

**ticket for one non-volunteer guest.** This is a great opportunity to volunteer and get free admission into the State Fair!

*As an added bonus to those who volunteer for a weekday evening shift (M-Th 4-7pm or F 3-7pm), we are offering an additional fair admission ticket* so you can come back and enjoy the fair on another day of your choice. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and get free admission into the State Fair!

To volunteer, please contact our office at 1-866-241-TREE (8733), or email Lori Reifschneider, Program Coordinator, at [LoriR@calforestfoundation.org](mailto:LoriR@calforestfoundation.org).

## Amador 4-H CPR Project News

By Denise & Megan Moreno, Alumni members Willow Springs 4-H Club

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> we CPR dummies were joined by a few preschoolers and their teachers at the Plymouth Flea Market. The purpose was to celebrate by surprising our leader, Marsha Beshers, and her many years of selfless service to this project. We gathered tee shirts from organizations where Marsha has trained. ACRA loaned us some lifeguard safety equipment, along with some homemade posters. We looked GOOD! Children came by and we helped them make necklaces and cards for Mother's Day. Preschoolers from Monarch Montessori helped us celebrate CPR Marsha by serving cupcakes and lemonade. Many people came by our booth to see us up close, check out our poisonous insect posters and share their insect stories. It was a big job for us dummies but the best part was that it really did surprise Marsha. We would like to thank all those who helped us dummies get out for the day. We had a good time. Remember to share some thanks the next time you receive your training. All training is done "in-kind" by Marsha.

## Record Book Forms

In an effort to more closely align club and county Record Book Competitions and/or Evaluations with the State Record Book Judging process, the 4-H Statewide Incentives and Recognition Committee recommends the use of the forms, linked below. They can be found on the state website in both Word and pdf format for your use.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/>

It is our hope that this will streamline the process for members who submit Record Books for competition from club to county to state.

Gemma Miner  
(Incentives and Recognition Chair)  
Gmminerucdavisledu  
530/754-8517

## 2013 State Leadership Conference

Dates: July 25-28, 2013

Location: U C Davis

Futures Task Force Members Needed!

The State 4-H Office is appointing a 4-H Futures Task Force (4-H FTF) to analyze its current sectional and state organizational structure and develop a recommendation for an effective structure to strengthen and grow the program, so we can better serve all youth and families. As

such, it will be critical to have youth and adult volunteer representation from other delivery modes besides the traditional 4-H Community Club and 4-H Summer Camp programs. It would be great to have youth from other type of club (e.g., Military or Afterschool) and camp programs.

If this is something that sounds interesting, that you would like to be involved with please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office.

## What is the 4-H State Leadership Conference?

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.

Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff.

The conference is planned by a team of high school 4-H members and adult advisors. Working in strong youth-adult partnership, the team designs the educational, recreational and logistical components of the conference.

Participants must have graduated 8th grade in order to attend (ages 13-19).

Full details are at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/> and registration is now open.

## State Ambassadors Need Your Help!

The 2012-2013 California State Ambassadors are looking for your help! In order to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of California 4-H we will be having a birthday bash at this year's State Leadership Conference to celebrate the past one hundred years along with the next. We will be putting together a slide show of photos that date back as far as we can go. If your county has photos they would like to send in for the video you can send the directly to Samantha Wadstein at [samanthawadstein94@gmail.com](mailto:samanthawadstein94@gmail.com). If all photos could be into Samantha by July 1, 2013 it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,  
California State 4-H Ambassadors

## 4-H At The State Fair

To celebrate our centennial we are going big at the [CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR!](#) Check out the full list of activities at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/CountyFairs/>

### 1) July 21, 24-27: Gold Seal Presentations from State 4-H Field Day ([http://ucanr.edu/gold\\_seal/](http://ucanr.edu/gold_seal/))

4-H members receiving a gold seal at the State 4-H Presentation Day on May 25, 2013 at UC Davis are eligible to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on July 21, 24, 25, 26, & 27.

**2) July 16, 20, 23: Present your Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Projects (<http://ucanr.edu/stem/>)**

4-H members and volunteers are invited for three types of exhibits.

**A) July 16, 2013, 11am - 8pm: Eco-Bot**

4-H will present Eco-Bot, the National 4-H Youth Science Experiment. 4-H volunteers and members will help children design and build a simple brush-robot to cleanup a spill (simulated using a cookie sheet and rice). Materials and instructions are provided. We just need 4-H volunteers and members to sign-up for 2-hour blocks during the day!

**B) July 20 (10-8pm) & July 23 (11-8pm)**

i) **Non-Competitive 4-H Presentations** – 4-H members are invited to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair on July 20 and 23. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on one day. Presentations must be related to 4-H science, engineering, or technology.

ii) **Hands-on, Interactive, 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Activities** – Groups of 4-H members, volunteers and staff are invited to engage the public in quick hands-on activities. The group will conduct activities with the public for at least an hour block of time on one day.

**3) July 23 & 24: 4-H Cooking Throwdown (<http://ucanr.edu/throwdown/>)**

**4-H Cooking Throwdown** - 4-H members are invited to participate in the 4-H Throwdown at the California State Fair. Teams will consist of 2 youth members and 1 teen leader. The minimum age is 12 years old, total of 3 members. Each round will have a secret ingredient. Each course must include the secret ingredient. Each team will have 10 minutes to prep and then 50 minutes to cook a three course meal. A judge will taste all courses prepared and the winners of each round will then compete at 4:00pm each day to determine the daily 4-H Throwdown Champion! Each day has a theme: July 23rd- International Cuisine; July 24th- BBQ Throwdown without the Grill. **Facility:** California Kitchen at the State Fair. Below are images of the California Kitchen where the Throwdowns will take place!

**4) Represent California 4-H by exhibiting at the Fair**

We are working on a 4-H Day-July 20th!

Share your memories of the State Fair <http://www.bigfun.org/memories/>!

Contact Sarah P Watkins, [spwatkins@ucanr.edu](mailto:spwatkins@ucanr.edu) or 530-752-5644

## **4-H Archery Certification Workshop**

Tulare, CA

A 4-H Archery Certification Training for volunteers and junior/teen leaders will be offered Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 23rd, 9 a.m.- 12 noon, at the Unverferth Building, 1903 S Blackstone St., Tulare, CA 93274. 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 \$10 per person to include a resource binder, and light refreshments. Lunch is on your own, and there are several eating establishments close by.

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>, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$10 check payable to “Tulare County 4-H Leader Council” and mail to Tulare County Archery Certification Training, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274.

Registration is due Friday, June 14, 2013 and space is limited. For more information call Leah Harrelson, 4-H Program Representative at 559-684-3322 or email [Llaharrelson@ucanr.edu](mailto:Llaharrelson@ucanr.edu).

## \*4-H Updates E-News June 2013\*

Welcome to the June 2013 issue of 4-H Updates E-News from the State 4-H Office!

You may read the attached or access the PDF document at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/166847.pdf>

The Word version of the newsletter is also available for viewing here:

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/166848.docx>

## Greetings 4-H Youth Member!

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is in its Centennial Year and it is an exciting time for the program! The time has come for us to tell the world why CA 4-H is important now and why it will be important for the next 100 years. This year, we would like to invite you to help shape California 4-H's public value messages. We all know why 4-H is important for youth: *These messages will help us tell out public stakeholders (funders, politicians, and community) why 4-H is so important for them too.* We would like your help in this effort by inviting youth members to participate in our survey to help us develop these messages. Use this link to learn about public value messages and a link to the survey: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/4HPublicValues/>.

In addition to participating in the survey, we would like to schedule a one- or two-day meeting at the Statewide office in Davis, CA in August (13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>) to sort through and finalize the public value messages we use for our program. ***I'd like to take the opportunity to invite 3 or 4 youth representatives between ages 17 – 21) to participate in this important meeting.*** You would be participating in the meeting with a representative group of UC Cooperative Extension county directors, specialists, advisors, program representatives, statewide staff, and adult volunteers who are also invited.

If you are interested in participating, please let me know that you are available by sending me an email to [lstharris@ucanr.edu](mailto:lstharris@ucanr.edu). I would be happy to answer any questions you have. Also please feel free to forward this e-mail to other 4-H youth who you think might be interested in participating.

## CELEBRATE AMADOR

Those of you Amadorians that have families who have lived here for generations as well as those of you that are more recent arrivals, are all known to appreciate the uniqueness and history of our county. Its character and characters, its artifacts, its history and its geography are all something special.

We are asking you to help us CELEBRATE AMADOR because you have done something special to make this day happen. Without your effort and contribution, this would be just another Saturday in June but because you took the time to consider saving the Kennedy Wheel it has become a very special day indeed. Please celebrate it with us.

Amador County was founded on June 14, 1854. In collaboration with the anniversary of the incorporation of our inspiring county, we will be ***Celebrating Amador*** on **Saturday, June 15, 2013** with two public events honoring the past history of Amador County. We hope you and your families will join us.

- **Kennedy Wheels Park Grand Re-opening and Family Picnic.** A free hot dog lunch will be served with all the trimmings. See the new building that will protect Wheel #4 for many years, the ADA improvements, re-modeled bathrooms, updated kiosk, new dog park, and the many new historical displays done by local artists and historians.
- **Amador County Museum Grand Re-opening.** The museum, after being closed for over five years, will re-open to the public on this day. Please come and share this event with the Amador County Historical Society. Doors will be open from Noon to 4 PM.

Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. Please contact us if you should have any questions.

Keith Sweet  
City Councilman

Leslie A. Drake, Member  
Save the Wheel Committee

Phillip Giurlani, President  
Amador County Historical  
Society

(209) 419-3770

(209) 223-2566

(209) 257-1485

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## Livestock News

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### Free Llamas!

15-20 llamas available for free. Anyone wanting any would need to be able to provide their own transportation to pick them up from Hollister. Anyone interested can either email or call me. [adina@grogreenorganics.com](mailto:adina@grogreenorganics.com) or 209-349-9943.

Thank you!  
Adina Nance

### Measures to Minimize Influenza Transmission at Swine Exhibitions

It is estimated that 150 million people visit agricultural fairs each year in North America. Agricultural exhibitions provide valuable educational venues for the public. Equally important, the exhibition of swine is an important learning opportunity for thousands of youth exhibitors, 4-H and FFA members across the United States. Showing swine for these youth at their county or state fair is the culmination of many months of work dedicated to the care and training of their animal.

Pigs can be infected with human, swine and avian origin influenza A viruses. While rare, influenza A viruses can spread from pigs to people and from people to pigs, but it usually requires close contact between pigs and people. This has happened in different settings, including agricultural fairs. When people are infected with swine origin influenza A viruses, it is termed as a variant virus infection and denoted with a “v” after the subtype (e.g. H3N2v). In the past 5 years, cases of influenza A H1N1v, H1N2v and H3N2v have been associated with swine exhibitions. In 2011 there were 12 cases of H3N2v reported from 5 states. In 2012 there were a total of 309 cases of H3N2v identified in 12 states. The majority of cases reported exposure to pigs prior to onset of illness and were exhibitors and others in close contact with pigs at agricultural fairs. Sixteen of these individuals were hospitalized and one death was reported. Eleven of the 16 hospitalized cases, as well as the person who died, were people considered to be at high risk for complications from influenza infections. People at high risk include children younger than 5 years of age, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women and people with certain long-term health conditions (like asthma, diabetes, heart disease, chronic

respiratory disease, weakened immune systems, and neurological or neurodevelopmental conditions.)

These cases led to the formation of the Swine Exhibitions Zoonotic Influenza Working Group that has developed a set of measures to minimize influenza virus transmission between swine, from people to swine, and from swine to people at swine exhibitions. Influenza viruses are unpredictable and their impact and circulation can vary by year. It may not be possible to prevent all transmission of influenza viruses at swine exhibitions. The measures described here are offered for careful consideration depending on the needs of the specific exhibition and can be implemented in part or in total. They are not intended to supersede federal, state, or local regulations. These measures were formulated based on current evidence and the collective knowledge of the Swine Exhibitions Zoonotic Influenza Working Group. It is expected that this document will be updated regularly as additional information becomes available.

The suggested measures have been organized to address activities before, during, and after swine exhibitions. Measures are further divided into actions that may minimize risk to swine and risk to humans, although there is significant overlap between those two groups.

### Swine Measures

For Exhibitors:

- Consult a veterinarian to understand and implement applicable biosecurity and swine health practices at home.
- Become familiar with the clinical signs of influenza A in swine (fever, anorexia, lethargy, nasal discharge and cough).
- Seek veterinary assistance if a pig becomes sick.
- Understand the risks to both humans and animals of taking a sick pig to an exhibition.
- Ask the exhibition organizer about any specific actions that may be required if a pig becomes sick at the show.
- Discuss the use of swine influenza vaccines with a veterinarian. Vaccines are available commercially and may be used prior to an exhibition. Swine vaccinated for influenza may be less likely to become ill, and if they become sick, they may be contagious for a shorter time.
- Understand that pigs and people can become infected from sick people. People with influenza-like illness should stay away from pigs until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Observe swine daily for signs of influenza-like illness, which may include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, nasal discharge or cough.
- Report any influenza-like illness to the designated exhibition veterinarian or the appropriate exhibition staff so the pig can be evaluated.
- The designated veterinarian should consider testing swine with signs of influenza-like illness. Results should be shared with animal health and public health officials.
- Swine deemed to be ill should be removed from the exhibition immediately.
- Use precautions when caring for sick pigs to minimize the opportunity for influenza transmission to other swine or people.
- Isolate and observe animals for illness after returning home and before allowing contact with other animals
- The isolation/observation period for clinical signs of influenza should be no fewer than 7 days
- Clean and disinfect equipment, clothing, shoes, and vehicles/trailers that were at the exhibition.
- Consult a veterinarian if swine become ill.

**AMADOR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL  
OFFICER NOMINATION FORM  
OFFICERS FOR THE 2013/2014 4-H YEAR**

This form is to be used for nominations only and must be returned to the Amador 4-H Office by **July 16, 2013**. Check with the person you are nominating to be sure they will accept the nomination. You may nominate yourself.

Qualifications are limited to active 4-H leaders. This includes all volunteer leaders who are actively serving in administrative, assistant, project or activity capacities in the promotion and operation of the 4-H program.

The actual election of officers will be held at the August 4-H Council meeting.

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

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**DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Presides over and conducts all regular and special meetings of the Amador 4-H Council; serves as an ex-officio member of all committees of the Amador 4-H Council; and appoints members of such committees; signs documents/correspondence when necessary; maintains order.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Presides at all meetings of the Amador 4-H Council in the absence of the President; may serve as Chairman of the Program Committee and other important committees if so named by the President.

**SECRETARY:** Records the minutes of the meetings of the Council and carries on such correspondence as the Council and the president shall direct.

**TREASURER:** receives, deposits, disperses and keeps a complete and accurate accounting of all moneys received by the Council; signs Council issued checks; pays Council-related bills.

Amador 4-H Council meets most months, typically on the first Tuesday of the month.  
Meeting dates are always listed in the 4-H Diggings Newsletter which is posted online.