The annual Amador County Presentation Day was held Saturday, January 18th at the Margaret Dalton Children’s Center in Jackson. 4-H members from all over the county participated in the event. This year there were 22 display boards and 7 demonstrations with a total of 26 exhibitors (all participants are listed on page 5).

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COUNTY-WIDE POLLINATOR PROJECT
MICHAEL SPINETTA

After seven years and enough hours logged in to be a Lifetime Master Gardener, it's time to switch groups within the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). With my daughter participating in multiple projects for her Gold Nugget 4-H Club, I am now a leader for a developing pollinator project, which is open to Amador County 4-H kids ages 9 and up. The main focus will be on butterflies, but is inclusive of honey bees, mason bees, hummingbirds, bats, and even wasps and flies.

We will be working with the City of Plymouth on this project’s main site of a multi-site butterfly/food garden located in the heart of the gold rush town on Main Street. Participants will learn how to manage multiple sites as suitable environments for pollinators and to produce salable “crops.” This primary, very publicly accessible site (which we need the kids to
WILLLOW SPRINGS
Project meeting are in full swing. Next meeting we will be taking orders for Hats, Ties and Scarves. Also will be getting a head count for a new club t-shirt order. Parents want to design and get T-Shirts just for parents of club members.

We are doing fundraiser through ACRA for the Duck Race. Please call Julia 209-304-1182 if you wish to purchase an ad or a duck.

GOLD NUGGET
Projects meeting are going well. At the joint Gold Nugget/Jackson Gold Wheels rabbit meeting, members learned how to properly bathe their rabbits.

IONE COMMUNITY
Meetings are going well. This year the pig project is very large.

JACKSON GOLD WHEELS
Jackson Gold Wheel’s next meeting is their annual tea party. Cake Decorating decorated delicious cupcakes. The Photography project met and took still life photos.

FIDDLETOWN
Fiddletown just had their Achievement Night.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY
The goat project attended UC Davis Goat Day on February 1st.

Remember: members must attend 80% of club and project meetings to participate in the Amador County Fair!

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETINGS

February
Fiddletown
Date: 2/10/14 | 7 p.m.
Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs
Date: 2/10/14 | 7 p.m.
Drytown School

IONE COMMUNITY
Date: 2/12/14 | 6 p.m.
Location: Ione Elementary

SHENANDOAH VALLEY
No Meeting

GOLD NUGGET
Date: 2/16/14 | 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth City Hall

Jackson Gold Wheels
Date: 2/16/14 | 6 p.m.
Location: Amador 4-H Office

March
IONE COMMUNITY
Date: 1/8/14 | 6 p.m.
Location: Ione Elementary

SHENANDOAH VALLEY
No Meeting

Fiddletown
Date: 1/13/14 | 7 p.m.
Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs
Date: 1/13/14 | 7 p.m.
Drytown School

GOLD NUGGETS
Date: 1/20/14 | 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth City Hall

Jackson Gold Wheels
Date: 1/20/14 | 6 p.m.
Location: Amador 4-H Office

DIGGINGS NEWSLETTER:
A JOURNALISM PROJECT
E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:
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ARTICLES ARE DUE
THE 25TH OF THE MONTH

 Clover Count!
Can you find all the 4-H Clovers in this issue of the Diggings?
The first THREE youth to give the correct number will each win $10 Gift Certificate.
Enter to win here: https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=12361
POLINATOR PROJECT CONTINUED

(name!), is established in Sharkey Park near the memorial rose garden behind the playground. Buddleias, commonly known as butterfly bushes, were planted there by volunteers several years ago.

I've worked with the children of Plymouth Elementary School to operate a booth in the farmer's market for many a summer at that park – profiting from selling lemonade, alumnum home grown produce, on-campus grown flowers, and even selling dozens of butterflies to customers. One busy afternoon at the market we outsold the Plymouth-Foothills Rotary Club school fund-raiser wine booth in butterfly sales alone. Over a dozen children were near the butterfly bushes to "re-catch" the painted ladies, monarchs, and swallowtails. I passed on my knowledge to the kids on how to catch and hold the butterflies in different ways for different species so they could use the skill to make money for their school.

4-H kids could make the site more valuable by researching salable food herbs, cuttable ornamentals, seasonable bulbs, and the environs needed to attract butterflies to their flowers like wet sand, wind barriers, and more.

The terms of the project like potential sites, making presentations to the city council and other community leaders, what we do with the butterflies and cut herbs, or how we establish this essentially community garden, will all be discussed with the kids and proposed with their help. I want them involved in not just the mapping and planting of the garden: they should be marketing, experimenting, and analyzing within the site to see what works best and come up with yearly findings.

4-Hers might also establish home sites (or a site at the Amador County Fair - who knows!) and raise butterflies or other pollinators (and what if we could enter those bugs competitively at the fair?) Possible field trips could include a visit to Whispering Pines' honey facilities on Highway 16, the Baskin-Robbins bee garden or the Bohart Insect Museum at UC Davis.

A goal of the project is to get participants to think things like: Why pollinators? Are we good shepherds or do we subject them to adverse conditions? Do certain caterpillars hurt commercial crops? Are bees considered something akin to livestock? How do communities and schools benefit from public gardens? How can 4-H kids teach their friends this knowledge?

This project has quite a history and future that is illustrated in much more detail online at www.goldcountrytimes.com where you will find years’ of butterfly garden articles centered in Plymouth written by me. I have been at this since my mom and one of my kindergarten teachers got me started.

All I ask is that if you choose to join this project, please understand that we will be going at a working parent/volunteer's pace, especially for this first year of brainstorming and action. I have a lot of things planned that have resources already. We just need water and help of parents, of course.

If you are interested in the Plymouth Pollinator Project, sign-up on 4-H Online, get word to your club leader, or contact Vera M. Allen in the 4-H Office at 209-223-6484.

SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Amador 4-H is currently seeking more adult and youth volunteers for the county Shooting Sports projects.

If you are interested contact Vera M. Allen
209-223-6484 ~ vmallen@ucanr.edu

For more information in Shooting Sports visit:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/
On February 1st 4-H members from the Amador County 4-H Horse Project held a tack swap fundraiser, at the Double D Ranch in Ione. Overall the event successful brought in over a $100 dollars for the project, which will be used to buy equipment.

The Amador County 4-H Horse group meets every first Sunday at Double D Ranch.

Sign-up for the Horse project on 4-H Online today!

WESTERN CLASSIC DAIRY SHOW

The 3rd Annual Western Classic Dairy Show will be hosted by the South San Joaquin Holstein Club on March 1st and 2nd at the Kings Fairgrounds in Hanford, CA. The Western Classic is open to all juniors ages 5-20 years old as of January 1, 2014.

The show will kick off Saturday morning (March 1st ) with a Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, and be followed by showmanship classes and the All Other Breeds Show. Sunday (March 2nd) will be the Holstein Show and conclude with the crowning of Supreme Champion.

Upon request, entry forms will be e-mailed. Or you can access entry forms at the UCCE Kings County 4-H Website under the calendar of events. Entries are due February 19, 2014. Contact Matthew Evangelo, mevangelo@hotmail.com, or Greg Silva gregsms@sbcglobal.net, for entry forms or more information.

AMADOR COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Beef pre-weigh Sunday, March 16, 8-11am
Independent exhibitors must declare by March 26

Sheep, Swine, Goats Pre-weigh – Saturday, May 24 - 7am – 11am
Independent exhibitors must declare by May 24

Horses declaration of intent to exhibit paperwork and photos
Wednesday, March 26 by 4pm

Rabbits & poultry exhibitors must declare by May 24, 7am – 11 am
Register tattoo #’s for meat rabbits and pick up bands for meat birds
Paperwork due May 24

Breeding livestock entries due June 24
Amador County Club Council Meetings

First Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the 4-H Office

Upcoming Meetings:
- March 4th
- April 1st
- May 6th
- June 3rd
- August 5th
- February 4th

COUNTY CLUB COUNCIL CORNER

At the January 8th meeting council members made plans to review and plan the annual budget. The annual pin order was determined, and will be ordered by Vera in March.

The council members voted to take over the Dandelion Day security and clean-up fundraiser this year, details may be found in the Dandelion Days article. As with the Up-Country Crab Feed, funds will be split fifty/fifty between council and the clubs of members who work the event.

The All Star application packet was updated, by adding “professional attire or the green All Star jacket...” to the dress code for All Stars attending events. The addition was made to reflect 4-H State policy regarding uniforms. The new applications page may be viewed on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter. If no one objects to the new wording, it will be adopted at the March council meeting.

The February 4th meeting consisted mainly of status reports of events.

Vera reported on both Presentation Day and the Up-Country Crab Feed. Council members add input on how the events went over and gave suggestions on improvement, like finding a better facility for Presentation Day.

Vera also suggested a committee be formed to plan and execute next year’s Presentation Day. The Council will look at what date the 2015 Presentation Day will be at later date.

The next Council meeting:
March 4th at 7 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the 4-H Office.

UP-COUNTRY CRAB FEED

On January 18th 4-H members from various clubs in the county participated in the County Council fundraiser, where they served and cleaned up for the Up-Country Rotary’s annual Crab Feed.

The event went very well and this fundraiser brought in a total of $1200 of funding into the Amador County 4-H Program, with half going to County Council and the other half to the clubs, who had members working the event.

A BIG Thank You to all those who came out to help!

DANDELION DAYS FUNDRAISER

At the January 8th County Council meeting, council members voted to take over the security and clean-up fundraiser for the Jackson Lions Club’s Dandelion Days. This year Dandelion Days will be held on March 15th and 16th in Downtown Jackson.

The fundraising security and clean-up consist of 4-H members helping vendors unload Friday night (starting at 4:30 p.m., staying over Friday and Saturday night to watch over the booths (5 p.m. until 8 a.m.) and clean up on both Saturday and Sunday night.

4-H members and their families who volunteer to work this event will earn a portion of the funds for their club. To learn more or help your club earn funds from this event or to sign up for to participate, talk to your club leader!
AMADOR COUNTY ALL STAR PACKET UPDATE

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 15 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 events, 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 either professional attire or 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 1st of the application year in order to be considered an All Star applicant. Interview before the All Star Selection Committee will be at 6 p.m. on the date of the June Council meeting.

I, ___________________________________________, would like to submit the ALL Star Contract.

Name

I would like to be an All Star because

I understand that the following are my responsibilities as an Amador County All Star:

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.

Be an active member of the All Star Team.

Keep and submit a record book during your All Star year for review.

Represent Amador County 4-H as an ALL Star by wearing either professional attire or a green All Star Jacket purchased by the 4-H Council while at 4-H related events.

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 PRESENTATION DAY – JANUARY 18TH

were so impressed that every youth in junior, intermediate and advance age groups managed to walk away with a well-deserved gold medal.

All gold medal winners qualify to participate in the regional Presentation Day to be held on March 29, 2014 at Wellman Hall, UC Davis and will be hosted by Sonoma County.

This year’s diverse range of topics included fishing, bread making, duct tape, volcanoes, animals: goats, rabbits, chickens, cockatiels, swine, cattle and dogs, poison plants, sports: swimming, football, dance, cheerleading and softball, cheese, and Taylor Swift.

The event was covered by the local news station, TSPN and Sue Slivick returned from behind the scenes to specially host the event. Presentation Day will be airing on their cable channel and the live stream on their website in two parts. Visit: tspntv.com to watch the event online!

If you have questions, contact Vera M. Allen at vmallen@ucanr.edu

REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

The North Central Section Presentation Day will be March 29, 2014 at Wellman Hall on the UC Davis campus in Davis, CA. The event is being hosted by Sonoma County and is open to any 4-H member who has been awarded a Gold in their 2014 County Competition.

Categories include: Demonstration, Scientific Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Scientific Illustrated Talk, Educational Display and more, and most categories are open to all age groups: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. Primary members are welcome, but are not judged and will not go on to State.

 Registration forms must be turned in to the Amador County 4-H Office by February 24th, 2014. For more information please contact Vera M. Allen at vmallen@ucanr.edu

UCCE’S 100TH BIRTHDAY

May 2014 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act, legislation that created Cooperative Extension, a nationwide system of community-based education, established as part of each state’s land grant university. Cooperative Extension was started to help farmers, homemakers, and youth use the latest university research to improve their lives.

Today UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) continues to serve thousands of urban and suburban communities throughout California as part of the University of California’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR), with 200 locally based Cooperative Extension advisors, 130 campus-based Cooperative Extension specialists, 57 county offices throughout the state, and nine research and extension centers.

The Amador County UC-CE Office is in the process of planning activities for the May 8th Day of Science and Service. How would you like to see the Amador County 4-H Program participate in this event?

Send your ideas to Vera M. Allen at vmallen@ucanr.edu
Congratulations Gold Winners!!!

Abigail Poppert — Castrating Goats
Shenandoah Valley
Danielle Dentone — Disbudding
Shenandoah Valley
Elianna Poppert — Horns vs. Polled
Shenandoah Valley
Elizabeth Gedney — Dairy Goat & Sheep’s Milk Cheeses
Jackson Gold Wheels
Regan Somers — Poison in the Pasture
Jackson Gold Wheels
Abigail Poppert — How To Tell If Your Doe Is In Season
Shenandoah Valley
Anthony Burns — Nose To Tail: Can You Eat The Whole Hog?
Willow Springs
Dylan Farrar — My First Year Experience
Willow Springs
Elianna Poppert — Body Parts Of A Chicken
Shenandoah Valley
Elizabeth Gedney — Cheese
Jackson Gold Wheels
Gus Gedney — What To Take On A Fishing Trip
Jackson Gold Wheels
Hannah Wilkinson — Bovine Biology: Making A Cow Pie
Willow Springs
Jace Somers — Cockatiel Breeding
Jackson Gold Wheels
Jacob Crocker — Between The Lane Lines
Willow Springs
Kory White — Fun With Duct Tape
Willow Springs
Macie Dentone — Goats
Shenandoah Valley
Madison Hoppe — Cheerleading At It’s Best
Jackson Gold Wheels
Mason Wilkinson — The Australian Cattle Dog
Willow Springs
Nicole Dentone — Goat Pregnancy
Shenandoah Valley
Patrick Moody — Going Bananas
Gold Nugget
Sydney Julien — Believing and Achieving With Softball
Willow Springs
Tucker Farrar — My First Year Experience
Willow Springs

Congratulations Primary Members!!!

Sydney Clark — A Volcano That Erupts
Willow Springs
Tennessee Burns — Every Day I’m Shufflin’
Willow Springs
Amber Spinetta — Taylor Swift: America’s Sweetheart
Gold Nugget
Kaylee Anderson — Chicken Nuggets
Jackson Gold Wheels
Cody Anderson — How to Take Care of a Rabbit
Jackson Gold Wheels
Lily Himmel — Behavior Of Chickens
Willow Springs
Lucas Burns — Football Fun: Heads-Up Hitting
Willow Springs
Livestock Ethics & Best Practices Seminar

DATE: Saturday, February 22, 2014
LOCATION: Amador UCCE/4-H Office,
12200-B Airport Rd, Jackson
TIME: 9 am – noon
COST: Free

Topics will include:
- Veterinary care
- Equine Health
- Fair entry dates/details/changes
- Feed quality/types
- Livestock housing
- “Do’s and don’ts” for exhibitors, parents & volunteers

Guest Speakers will be:
- Joe Camarillo, 4-H Livestock Advisor, Emeritus
- Laurie Giannini, Calaveras Fair Manager/State Fair Rules Comm. Member
- Sarah Watkins, Program Rep. for Animal Science Education
- Jim Garfinkel, D.V.M.

Open to 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent livestock exhibitors, parents, advisors and volunteer leaders in Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, El Dorado and Tuolumne counties

Sign up by February 11th online at http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11924
~ OR ~
Contacting Jennifer at the 4-H/UCCE in Calaveras County
209/754-6474 or email jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu

***Please note: This seminar does not qualify for California State Fair requirements as an ethics class.****

CALAVERAS COUNTY 2014 HOME ARTS EXPO

The annual 4-H Home Arts Expo will be held this year on Saturday, April 19th at Mark Twain Elementary School in Angels Camp beginning at 10:00 a.m. 4-H members from Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne, El Dorado and Amador County are welcome to participate!

4-H members in Clothing, Arts & Crafts, Industrial Arts and Crafts, Leather craft, Pottery, Needlework, Dish Gardens, Welding, Woodworking, and Models (and ALL OTHER home arts) projects are eligible to enter! Food and Nutrition and other cooking based project members are eligible to enter their dishes or decorated cakes!

Come on out and share your creations with the 4-H community!

Entry forms and rules are available from your local 4-H Office. One entry form should be filled in for each entry: Please do not put more than one name on each.

All entries are due by April 7th to the Calaveras 4-H Office.

For more information contact Jennifer Goerlitz at 209-754-6474 or jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu
Service Search

In every community there are people who serve others every day. They are police officers, firefighters, elected officials such as the mayor, teachers and others. Search for these words in the puzzle.

POLICE  FIRE  MAYOR
PARAMEDIC  TEACHER  DOCTOR
MAIL CARRIER

NURSE  CITY COUNCIL  COMMISSIONER  SOCIAL WORKER  RESCUE SQUAD  ANIMAL CONTROL

Did you know . . .

♦ Nearly 97% of the earth’s water is salt water.
♦ 75% of the human brain is water.
♦ A person can live up to one week without water.
♦ A person uses an average of 50 gallons of water per day.

Try this—What does a seed need to grow?

All seeds need oxygen, water and the right temperature to grow. Seeds sprout through a process called germination. Try this experiment to see how germination changes with light, water and/or temperature.

You will need:
- Several paper cups or pots filled with potting soil
- Bean or sunflower seed (at least 3 per container)

After planting the seed, place the containers in different locations. Try some in the light, some in the dark and some in a place that gets both light and dark. Make sure the locations have different temperatures, too, if possible. In each location, place two cups with seed. Water only one cup in each location. Watch the plants for a few weeks and record what happens.

Share what you learn in a 4-H meeting.
4-H VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT DAY
JOLYNN C MILLER

4-H Volunteer Development Day: This organization does not function without critical involvement from volunteers. My commitment to youth in our region is realized through helping you succeed as a volunteer.

Last year, we had our first two regional Volunteer Development Day hosted in Amador and Tuolumne counties with volunteers from all four counties attending. It was well received and those who attended said they would love to join in other workshops.

It order to make these workshops more accessible, we will be hosting identical workshops in two counties. The spring workshops will be held in Amador on March 8th at the UCCE office in Jackson and in Tuolumne on March 15th at the Community Hall in Jamestown.

These workshops are pertinent to us all and will be open to not only our adult volunteers, but also our teen leaders. Please join us from 9:30am to 2:00 pm at either of these locations for a FREE professional development opportunity.

Spring workshops will focus on the ages and stages of youth development and how we can create exciting hands-on learning opportunities for youth of all ages in one project. In the late summer, El Dorado and Calaveras will be hosting workshops with a new set of topics to get you excited about the upcoming 4-H year with tentative dates set (August 30th in Calaveras and September 6th in El Dorado).

Please register through this link by February 28th at 5pm. http://ucanr.edu/volunteerdevelopmentday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Livestock Ethics & Best Practices Seminar
Date: 2/22/14 | 10 a.m.
Location: Amador County 4-H Office

4-H Volunteer Development Day
Date: 3/8/14 | 9:30 a.m.
Location: Amador 4-H Office

4-H Volunteer Development Day
Date: 3/15/14 | 9:30 a.m.
Location: Tuolumne County

Fair Pre-Weigh-In (Beef)
Date: 3/16/14 | 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
Location: Amador County Fairgrounds

Dandelion Days Fundraiser
Date: 3/14-16/14 | 9-5 p.m.
Location: Main Street, Jackson

Sectional Presentation Day
Date: 3/29/14 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Location: Wellman Hall at UC Davis, Davis

4-H Home Arts Expo
Date: 4/19/14 | 10 a.m.
Location: Mark Twain Elementary

Paper Clovers at Tractor Supply
Date: 4/23–5/4/14
Location: Tractor Supply in Jackson

27th Annual Great Sutter Creek Duck Race
Date: 4/26/14
Location: Minnie Provis Park in Sutter Creek

Day of Science and Service
Date: 5/8/14
Location: Amador UCCE Office

Fair Pre-Weigh-In
Date: 5/24/14 | 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
Location: Amador County Fairgrounds

State 4-H Field Day
Date: 5/31/14 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Location: Wellman, Hart, and Olson Halls at UC Davis, Davis

State Presentation Day
Date: 5/31/14 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Location: Wellman, Hart, and Olson Halls at UC Davis, Davis

Amador County Fair
Date: 7/24-27/14 | All Day
Location: Amador County Fairgrounds
The 11th annual Northcoast Youth Summit will be held at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California on Saturday March 15, 2014.

This summit is open to all California 4-H youth through 7th to 12th grade and adult volunteers who work with youth. At the Northcoast Youth Summit, our goal is that the workshops will inspire youth and adults to become confident leaders.

Workshops include: CPR Certification, Brain Injury Prevention & Recovery, Rockin’ Resumes, Master Your Finances, Navigating College, Let’s Plan a Service Event, Presenting with Confidence, Master Your Credit, Secrets for High School Success and much much more.

All workshops are offered on a first come, first serve basis. In order to get the ones that you want make sure to turn your registration in as soon as possible. A few workshops will last more than one session. To register and to see a complete list of workshops visit www.ysummit.org Registration Cost: $15 by February 14th, $20 by February 28th and $30 after.

For more information contact Sandy Sathrum at (707) 445-7351.
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MATCHES

The 2nd Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Match Rules and Entry Form is now available on the State 4-H Shooting Sports website. Entry due date is April 1, 2014.

If you have questions, contact Linda Edgington at 707-463-4495 or email lgedgington@ucanr.edu

For a form email: vmallen@ucanr.edu

CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H AMBASSADORS

The California State 4-H Office is now taking applications for the California 4-H State Ambassador Program. The 4-H Ambassador Program provides youth with an expanded opportunities to serve the 4-H Program. The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest youth service-learning opportunities and recognitions attainable in 4-H. 4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and service learning, and have been selected to promote leadership through education and service.

4-H State Ambassadors act as State 4-H representatives to various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, workshops and leadership development opportunities among various other responsibilities.

4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 15-month commitment to the program beginning May 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015 and are required to commit significant amount of time to the work of being a State Ambassador.

In order to apply, 4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H member and must be at least 16 years old as of May 1st, 2014 and no older than 18 years old as of December 31st, 2014.

Applications are due
February 24, 2014.

Please send inquires about the California 4-H State Ambassador Program to: Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu
For more information please visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/

The 4-H Revolution of Responsibility is a movement for positive change in every community across America. It is about young people taking personal responsibility for the health and well-being of themselves and their communities . . . and in so doing, creating powerful impacts right where they live.

The Foundation has pledged to raise $1 million to provide $1,000 each for 1,000 4-H civic engagement projects statewide. 4-H members will identify an issue in their community.

For more information, contact your program representative, Vera M. Allen at vmallen@ucanr.edu
CALIFORNIA 4-H STATE-WIDE NEWS

CALIFORNIA 4-H UNIFORM CONTEST

If you’ve always complained about the uniform, now is your chance to have a voice in changing it!

In response to 4-H members’ and volunteers’ input and desire to explore options for a new uniform, the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is facilitating the process to adopt a new uniform.

It is important to all, that the new uniform maintains 4-H tradition but is an updated, comfortable, and easy uniform for today’s youth. The new uniform should make 4-Hers recognizable.

The new uniform must continue to allow 4-Hers to exhibit their recognition pins and emblems. The uniform must meet the needs of certain projects. For instance, certain animal projects require boots, long pants, and/or long sleeves. Uniforms should also be affordable for all members.

The policy on 4-H attire will remain the same and states that, “There is no uniform requirement in the 4-H YDP and a uniform cannot be required for participation in any 4-H YDP sponsored activity, event, meeting or occasion.”

4-H Uniform Contest Rules

1) Currently enrolled 4-H members may enter the contest.
2) Proposals are due by April 18, 2014, 9 pm.
3) Multiple entries from one member are allowed.
4) Submissions will be evaluated by an ad hoc sub committee appointed by the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory (I & R) Committee.
5) You do not need to be present at State Field Day.
6) The evaluation committee and the I & R Committee reserve the right to take features of one uniform submission and combine it with features from another submission.

How to Enter

1) Submit your proposal electronically by 9 pm, April 18, 2014. A proposal must include a written description of the proposed uniform and may also include sketches and/or photos. Submit your proposal here: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=12195
2) Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:
   ♦ Adaptability. Uniforms should be adaptable for weather and project needs. For instance, there could be long and short sleeve options. There could be different options for younger members (e.g., green hat) and older members (e.g., no hat, but need something else that displays pins and emblems).
   ♦ Professional Appearance. Uniforms should be easily recognizable and easy to keep clean.
   ♦ Ability to Exhibit Recognition/Awards. Uniforms should allow for the display of pins, emblems, etc.
   ♦ Traditionalism. Uniforms should incorporate the 4-H colors and the 4-H emblem. The 4-H colors are white, to symbolize purity, and green, to represent growth. The 4-H emblem is the green clover with four white Hs.

Photos or sketches of the uniform options will be displayed at State Field Day and also posted on the State 4-H Website on May 31, 2014.

Voting will begin, via a 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) survey, on May 31, 2014 and will end on June 15, 2014 at 9 pm.

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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:
March 4th, 2014 ♦ 7 pm
UCCE Amador County 4-H Office ♦ Large Conference Room

The purpose of the Amador County 4-H county council is assist the University of California Cooperative Extension in planning, promoting and carrying out 4-H youth development work, by operating in compliance with UC policies and the Mission, Core Values, and Framework of the 4-H YDP. County Council members are included in the decision-making for program operations and the County Council raises funds to support 4-H at the county level. Furthermore the County Council develops mechanisms to recommend solutions to problems and disputes within the county 4-H YDP and facilitates mechanisms for providing training and support of adult volunteers and youth. Overall the County Council seeks to facilitate the expansion of programs into new communities within Amador.

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