Dandelion Days Fundraiser

This year the Amador County 4-H Council is once again working with the Jackson Lions Club to provide a fundraiser that allows 4-H members, volunteers, and their families to raise money for both the Amador County Club Council and the club or county-wide project of their choice.

This year the Dandelion Days Security and Clean-up Fundraiser will be from March 20th thru the 22nd in Downtown Jackson. This fundraiser 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.

To learn more or to sign up, please visit the County Council webpage or Sign up here! If you have any questions, please contact Vera M. Allen at vmallen@ucanr.edu.

Amador County Fair Dates

**Beef Pre-Weigh** - Sunday, March 15 (7 - 11 a.m.)

**Sheep, Swine, Goats Pre-Weigh** – Saturday, May 23 (8 – 11 a.m.)

**Horses Identification and Lease Agreements** - Wednesday, March 20th

**Rabbits & Poultry Exhibitors** must declare by May 23 (8 – 11 a.m.)

*Register tattoo #’s for meat rabbits and pick up bands for meat birds*

Paperwork due May 23

**Breeding livestock entries due June 24**
Community Club Meetings

March

Fiddletown
Date: 3/9/15 | 7 p.m.
Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs
Date: 3/9/15 | 7 p.m.
Location: Willow Springs School

Jackson Gold Wheels
Date: 3/9/15 | 6 p.m.
Location: Amador 4-H Office

Gold Nuggets
Date: 3/18/15 | 7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth City Hall

Shenandoah Valley
Date: 3/18/15 | 6 p.m.
Location: Shenandoah School

Ione Community
Date: 3/23/15 | 6 p.m.
Location: Ione Elementary

April

Fiddletown
Date: 4/13/15 | 7 p.m.
Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs
Date: 4/13/15 | 7 p.m.
Location: Willow Springs School

Jackson Gold Wheels
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Location: Amador 4-H Office

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Ione Community
No Meeting

Gold Nuggets
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Location: Plymouth City Hall

4-H Throwdown & Cooking Matters

California 4-H members are invited to participate in the Third Annual 4-H Cooking ThrowDown at the State Fair. Teams will consist of three youth that will have 1 hour to prepare a 3-course meal using a surprise secret ingredient. A judge will taste all courses prepared and the winners of each Qualifying Round will then compete to determine the daily 4-H ThrowDown Champion! Registration for this event is not yet open.

To help prepare teams to compete, the Healthy Living Leadership Team recommends Project Leaders to use the Cooking Matters 101 curriculum. Cooking Matters can be found here: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/projects/new/
### Upcoming Events

**Fair Beef Pre-Weigh-In**  
Date: 3/15/14 | 8 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Location: Amador County Fairgrounds

**State Archery Match Deadline**  
Date: 3/16/15

**Ag Day at the State Capitol**  
Date: 3/18/15 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**4-H Night at Sacramento Kings**  
Date: 3/20/15 | 7 p.m.  
Location: Sleep Train Arena

**Sectional Presentation Day**  
Date: 3/28/15 | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Location: UC Davis, Davis

**4-H Home Arts Expo**  
**Entry Forms DUE**  
Date: 4/07/15

**Fair Animal Feeding Seminar**  
Date: 4/15/15 | 6 p.m.  
Location: Rancher’s Outlet

**4-H Home Arts Expo**  
Date: 4/18/15 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Location: Mark Twain Elementary

**Fair Pre-Weigh-In**  
Date: 5/23/14 | 7 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Location: Amador Fairgrounds

**County-Wide 4-H Potluck Dinner**  
Date: 5/23/15 | 6 p.m.  
Location: American Legion Hall

**You See Davis Day**  
Date: 5/25/15 | 9 a.m.  
Location: UC Davis, Davis

**Animal Science Symposium**  
Date: 5/27-29/15  
Location: UC Davis, Davis

**State 4-H Field & Presentation Day**  
Date: 5/30/15 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Location: UC Davis, Davis

**Citizenship California Focus**  
Date: 6/19-23/15

**Citizenship Washington Focus**  
Date: 6/28-7/7/15

**State Leadership Conference**  
Date: 7/23-26/15  
Location: UC Irvine

**Amador County Fair**  
Date: 7/24-27/14 | All Day  
Location: Amador County Fairgrounds

**State Leaders’ Forum**  
Date: 11/6-8/15  
Location: San Diego

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**2015 Central Sierra Summer Camp**

**July 20-24, 2015**

$200 Early Bird registration for 4-H members  
Camp Concord, Lake Tahoe CA  
Register at:  
http://ucanr.edu/sites/4hcamp
You See Davis Day for High School 4-Her’s

April 25th, 2015 / Check-in at 9:00am
You See Davis Day (YSDD) is an event hosted by Collegiate 4-H at UC Davis. This event is for high school aged 4-H members (ages 14-19) who would like to tour the campus and ask questions about college life, and the college application process.

The cost of registration is $20.00. This includes a t-shirt, lunch, and dinner.

Register: [http://ucanr.edu/ucddays](http://ucanr.edu/ucddays)

For questions contact UC Davis Collegiate 4-H at:
[ucdcollegiate4h@gmail.com](mailto:ucdcollegiate4h@gmail.com)

Higher Education Scholarships

The 2015 call for scholarship applications will be released in mid-March.

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/Scholarships/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/Scholarships/)

State Office: Stories from the Field

The Importance of Pollinators

The Northside Nuggets 4-H Club in El Dorado adopted a garden plot at the County fairgrounds. They wanted to address the problem of declining pollinator populations by educating the public about how to plant a garden that draws pollinators. According to US Fish and Wildlife, pollinators are in decline at alarming rates. In consultation with the UC Master Gardeners they began work on a garden, including a planting work party, putting plant roots in the soil, and mulching the area. They also installed an irrigation drip system with a timer to water. The project impacts the community by teaching community members about the importance of pollinators where they can see youth as leaders willing to share knowledge. Additionally, the young people themselves learned the importance of pollinators and have gotten to see many hummingbirds and butterflies in the garden. Learn more about pollinators at [http://100.ucanr.edu/Day_of_Science_and_Service/Pollinators/](http://100.ucanr.edu/Day_of_Science_and_Service/Pollinators/)

Authored by: Steven Worker, 4-H State Office
Science, Engineering, and Technology

National Geographic Engineering Exploration Challenge

Coming in Summer 2015, the second annual National Geographic Kids Engineering Exploration Challenge asks students worldwide to design, build, and test solutions to challenges that National Geographic explorers face in the field every day. This year’s set of Engineering Exploration (NGX) challenges are inspired by how our explorers use robots in the field to help complete work that is considered dull, dirty, or dangerous. This summer, participants ages 6-18 are invited to develop solutions to these real-world STEM challenges and submit a photo and/or video of their solution to National Geographic.

Animal Science

2015 ShowPig.com All-Star Team

Showpig.com is excited to announce their Second Annual All-Star Team! The team is comprised of 18 accomplished high school students from across the nation who are passionate for the swine industry and desire to make a difference in the world through leadership. This select group of young leaders will meet in Romney, West Virginia to be challenged in cutting-edge leadership and livestock training. Applications are due March 31st! More information on the requirements to apply: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/207146display.png](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/207146display.png)

Shropshire Start Flock Application

Applications due April 1st, 2015 We are pleased to announce that through the generosity and vision of several prominent Shropshire breeders that the Second Shropshire Starter Flock Award will be given to a lucky youth in the spring of 2015.

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar/?calitem=265731&g=1245](http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar/?calitem=265731&g=1245)

Citizenship

California Focus Registration open!

A Unique Citizenship Educational Experience  
Youth 14-19  
June 19-23, 2015  
Located at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza- Sacramento  

More info: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/)
**Volunteers & Parents**

**4-H Grown**

Did you have any involvement in 4-H as a young person -- in school, an afterschool program, summer camp or a 4-H Club? If yes, you are likely a great example of how 4-H develops confidence, resilience, leadership and other life skills in young people around the world.

A recent research study estimates there are more than 25 million 4-H alumni across the United States, including celebrities like Jennifer Nettles, Al Gore, and Nancy Grace. This month, National 4-H Council announced a national 4-H GROWN Alumni Campaign to get more alumni to re-connect with the 4-H that helped them succeed in life.

As a 4-H alum in the media, you can help other alumni in your state re-connect with the 4-H and, in the process, help California win a national contest for a $10,000 sponsorship that will bring 4-H science and technology programs to local young people.

Specifically, as a respected local figure, it would be so helpful if you could "check in" as a 4-H alum at [www.4-H.org/4HGROWN](http://www.4-H.org/4HGROWN) and encourage other alumni to do the same via your social channels.

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**4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training – Rifle Discipline**

Saturday, March 14, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 15, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lincoln Rifle Club – McBean Park Indoor range
Lincoln, CA (Placer County)

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held in Lincoln, CA at the Lincoln Rifle Clubs indoor range in McBean Park. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. The cost for this course is $40.00 to cover the instruction binder that each participant will receive as well as lunch on Saturday. Teen leaders are invited, but must attend with an adult. Participants can bring their own eye and ear protection if desired, but is not necessary. To register please visit [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14587](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14587). The application for certification will need to be approved and signed by the county staff prior to attending this class. For questions about the course or to download the application for certification and the medical release forms please go to [http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=230011&g=25577](http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=230011&g=25577). To receive additional information contact Eric Vander Linden at [shooting-sports4h@gmail.com](mailto:shooting-sports4h@gmail.com) or 916 257-4796. Please bring your completed medical release form with you on the first morning of class.
The annual Amador County Presentation Day was held Saturday, January 31st at Argo-

naut High School in Jackson. 4-H members from all over the county participated in the
event. This year there were 46 presentations with a total of 45 exhibitors (all participants
are listed on page 8).

The judges, Cheryl Oneto, Tom Slivick, Larry Fossen, John Starr, Nancy Starr, Maureen
Angle, Rielle Waters-Santinelli, and William Bullard, were impressed with the quality of the
presentations given this year! They were so impressed! More than half the youth in junior,
intermediate, and advanced 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 28, 2014 at Wellman Hall, UC Davis and will be hosted by Sonoma County.

This year’s 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!

The annual 4-H Home Arts Expo will be held this year on Saturday, April 18th at Mark
Twain Elementary School in Angels Camp beginning at 10:00 a.m. 4-H members from Ca-
laveras, 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
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Amador County 4-H Presentation Day

Congratulations Participants
Amador County 4-H Club Council Invites you to a County-Wide 4-H Potluck Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD 2015 AT 6 P.M.
American Legion Hall, 11401 American Legion Drive, Sutter Creek

Kindly RSVP to your Community Club Leader or with the County 4-H Office at 209-223-6484

{please sign-up to bring a dish to share with everyone}

This is a Family Event

For More Information:
http://ucanr.edu/sites/AC4H/
vmallen@ucanr.edu

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NIGHT AT THE KINGS

California 4-H

Come support California 4-H

• Come watch your Sacramento Kings take on the Charlotte Hornets!
• Enjoy an exciting game with your family and friends!
• A portion of proceeds will go to California 4-H
• Save up to 40% with special group seating!

SPECIAL GROUP PRICING

$81.00 — Lower Level Corner (limited tickets available at this price)*
$95.00 — Upper Level Sideline (limited tickets available at this price)*

*Once the above ticket allotments sell out, ticket prices are subject to increase.

To purchase tickets online,

PLEASE CLICK HERE

Passcode: Kings

Friday, March 20, 2015
Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Stephen House / shouse@kings.com / 916.928.3601

All tickets are subject to availability. All sales are final, no refunds will be provided.
Clayton Holmes, 17, 4-H member of Amador County California was recently selected to be the next California State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. An avid shooter and competitor, Clayton applied for the position last June. He recently traveled to Montana where he accepted his new position and to meet the others states Ambassadors. It was a week of training, team building and a bit of fun, as well. There are currently 26 Ambassador serving, nationally, promoting Youth Shooting Sports and 4-H around the country.

Upon his return, Clayton has been busy scheduling and meeting with various industry representatives, youth, and legislators. He notes, "It has been a great opportunity, so far. I have met a lot of really supportive people!" Clayton Holmes recently had the opportunity to sit down with Gun Owners of California to talk about youth shooting sports organizations and how legislation affects the sport. He also met up with Congressman Tom McClintock, who is very supportive of 4-H, shooting sports and hunting here in California.

In a surprise notification, two weeks ago, Clayton found out that he had been selected to receive the Youth Freedom Award from the California Rifle Pistol Association. He was invited to come and speak to the delegation at the 140th CRPA Awards in Irvine and receive the distinguished award. At a-boys and handshakes were the order of the evening following the Thank You Speech, along with business cards and invitations to contact the many different entities.

The 4-H Shooting Sports program of California just recently put out the call for all high school age, 4-H shooting sports kids to apply for a position on the California State 4-H Shooting Sports STATE team. Clayton has the honor of being named to the shotgun team. The state team will be traveling to Nebraska to compete as a team representing all of California in June. It is one of the largest competitions in the country. Thousands of kids and families will be traveling to compete in nine different disciplines ranging from Archery to Hunting Skills and Orienteering.

This California Shooting team will be the first organized delegation ever sent to the National 4-H Competition. The estimates for assembling a team for this project is very expensive as you can imagine. We are asking for our 4-H families, friends and businesses to help fund this fantastic opportunity! The team members, while not from the same towns, are working on fundraising opportunities together. Please consider helping fellow 4-Her, friend, fellow shooter Clayton Holmes in his fundraising mission.

Please keep in mind all donations are tax deductible. Information and printed material are available upon request. Clayton Holmes would love to come and speak or share about this fantastic opportunity. Support Youth in Shooting Sports and Youth in Leadership, support the California State 4-H Shooting Team as they pursue this dream.

Contact:
Clayton J. Holmes
theacer49@yahoo.com
209 293-3283/ 530 306-3923
www.gofundme.com/bullseyeorbust
Member Tip of the Month:

Did you know that as a youth you can serve on one of 8 statewide 4-H advisory committees? These committees offer insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H program. Your voice is important! Learn more about the statewide 4-H advisory committees and apply to serve on one for the upcoming 2015-2016 program year.

Learn more and apply: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Advisory_Committees/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Advisory_Committees/)

AMADOR COUNTY 4-H YDP CLUB COUNCIL

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Treasurer: Denise Lopez
Secretary: Katherine Stiltz

NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:
April 7th, 2015 • 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.

Next Diggings: April 2015

Articles are due the 25th of the month