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Shooting Sports Ambassador

Clayton Holmes, 17, of Amador County, California was recently selected to become one of the country’s twenty-six Shooting Sports Ambassadors for 4-H. He was selected in August and travelled to Montana to accept his appointment. While there, he had the opportunity to meet the other Ambassadors from across the country. The week was spent at the University of Montana, Bozeman, working on leadership skills, working with dignitaries, speaking skills, and working as a team. The Ambassadors had the opportunity to work on state plans and discuss ideas on how to promote youth shooting sports in each of their respective states. The 4-H Leadership Institute, held at different universities, each year, host the new and incoming Ambassadors, giving them the opportunity to meet each other and see other parts of the country. As a bonus the Ambassadors had the opportunity to tour Yellowstone and a local University Museum.

Clayton was recently notified that he has been selected to the California State 4-H Shooting Team for Shotgun. He, along with his team mates, will travel to Nebraska this summer to compete at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. This event hosts thousands of people from across the U.S. at one of the country’s toughest and most sought after competitions for youth. There are nine different disciplines the youth will be competing in; Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, and Hunting Skills.

This event will be California’s first venture to the National Competition held in Grand Island Nebraska. The California State 4-H Shooting Sports Team is already hard at work raising funds to go to the competition. They have set up a GoFundMe account and are actively working on other fundraising projects. Thank you for your support of Youth Shooting Sports in California and to the future leaders of our great state.

As the 4-H Motto says... ~To make the best, better~

www.gofundme.com/bullseyeorbust
Remember: members must attend 80% of club and project meetings to participate in the Amador County Fair!

Community Club Meetings

**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 Schoolhouse
- **Jackson Gold Wheels**
  - Date: 4/13/15 | 6 p.m.
  - Location: Amador 4-H Office
- **Shenandoah Valley**
  - Date: 4/8/15 | 6 p.m.
  - Location: Shenandoah Schoolhouse
- **Ione Community**
  - No Meeting
- **Gold Nuggets**
  - Date: 4/15/15 | 7 p.m.
  - Location: Plymouth City Hall

**May**

- **Fiddletown**
  - Date: 5/11/15 | 7 p.m.
  - Location: Fiddletown Community Center
- **Willow Springs**
  - Date: 5/11/15 | 7 p.m.
  - Location: Willow Springs Schoolhouse
- **Jackson Gold Wheels**
  - Date: 5/11/15 | 6 p.m.
  - Location: Amador 4-H Office
- **Shenandoah Valley**
  - Date: 5/13/15 | 6 p.m.
  - Location: Shenandoah Schoolhouse
- **Ione Community**
  - Date: 5/18/15 | 6 p.m.
  - Location: Ione Elementary
- **Gold Nuggets**
  - Date: 5/20/15 | 7 p.m.
  - Location: Plymouth City Hall

Amador County Club Council

First Tuesday of the month

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

**Amador County Fair Dates**

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

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

Remember you must have you Annual Project Report ready for fair!
Upcoming Events

**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 Elem.

**Placer County Sine Field Day**
Date: 4/18/15 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Location: Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn

**ACRA’s Duck Race**
Date: 4/25/15 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Location: Sutter Creek

**All Star Applications DUE**
Date: 5/01/15

**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

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

**Quality Assurance Training**
Date: 5/30/15 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: Amador 4-H Office

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

**Fair Pre-Weigh-In**
Date: 5/23/15 | 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
Location: Amador Fairgrounds

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

**2nd Generation Dinner &**
Date: 6/27/15 6 p.m.
Location: Amador Fairgrounds

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

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

**Amador County Fair**
Date: 7/24-27/15 | All Day
Location: Amador Fairgrounds
"Country Tunes and Midway Blooms"

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

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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-H’er’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

For questions contact UC Davis Collegiate 4-H at:
ucdcollegiate4h@gmail.com

Higher Education Scholarships

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education, in part through offering financial assistance in the form of scholarships. With help from donors, statewide scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors and college-attending students. Candidates were 4-H members in high school and may now apply for funds to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, and room and board.

Candidates must be:

Currently enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an institute of higher education. This includes high school seniors, high school graduates, and those already enrolled in higher education.

Between the ages of 16 and 25 as of April 30.

Enrolled in the California 4-H Youth Development Program at the time of their high school graduation.

Full-time students at an accredited vocational school, college or university in the United States (as defined by the applicant's institution).

Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply.

The available scholarships vary each year. Visit the scholarships categories page to get a complete list and description of this year’s 4-H scholarships. Find additional scholarship opportunities here.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2015, 11:59 p.m. All required information must be included with the application to be considered.

APPLY NOW!!!
2015 Launches National 4-H History Map

Includes Your "First" or "Most Famous" 4-H Sites

For years, 4-H History Team members have been asked "Where was the first 4-H club in the US? Where is the longest continuously-active club in the country? Where was the first African American 4-H Camp in the Country? Where was the first Native American 4-H Swine Club in America?" and so on. Now those 4-H History Landmarks can be recorded and tracked as a result of the National 4-H Geospatial Leadership Team's National 4-H History Map project. Every County and State in the country has a "first" or "most famous" 4-H event, person or place to commemorate and this is your opportunity to "Put it on the Map!"

Visit: http://goo.gl/vGF9nt

Animal Science

2015 4-H Animal Science Symposium

Animal Science Bio-Security Symposium Registration Open!
May 27-29, 2015 | School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis

The Animal Science Symposium is a train-the-trainer professional development approach for 4-H staff, key 4-H volunteers, and FFA supervisors/teachers on important topics and skills related to bio-security and animal health.

Registration is due May 1, 2015.
Adult Volunteers Contact your local County if you would like to participate! http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-h_events/symposium/

Citizenship

California 4-H Gift Certificate Program

This program allows family members & friends of 4-H members to provide a specific 4-H member with financial support for attending Statewide and National 4-H Citizenship and Leadership Conferences. Gifts may be used on registration costs of the following: Citizenship Washington Focus, Leadership Washington Focus, California Focus. Order a gift certificate today!
For questions please contact Jenna Colburn, jcolburn@ucanr.edu
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 and encourage other alumni to do the same via your social channels.

Calaveras County 2015 Home Arts Expo

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 Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne, El Dorado, and Amador County are welcome to participate!

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
Swine Field Day
Saturday, April 18th, 2015
9:00 A.M.-12:00 PM

Sign-in and Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. in front of the Sheep Barn.

Open to all 4-H and FFA Members

Gold Country Fairgrounds (Livestock Area)
1273 High Street.
Auburn, CA 95603

Swine Educational Workshops on:
• Selection of a Market Hog
• Showmanship
• Feed/Nutrition

For More information contact:
kvandenhoff@mail.csuchico.edu
Phone: 530-889-7386
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/
vmallow@ucanr.edu

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CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES

Information Night

What’s happening in Amador County this summer (and beyond) for kids?

4-H, SCOUTS, AMADOR CO. RECREATION AGENCY, HARMONY RANCH AND MORE!

Wednesday, May 6
5:00-7:00pm
Margaret Dalton Children’s Center
975 Broadway, Jackson

Free Drawings!

Questions? 257-5330 or 257-1092
Member Tip of the Month:

Did you know that the 4-H program offers many opportunities to practice and develop your public speaking skills? Why are public speaking skills important? Public speaking skills are ranked number one among the skill sets of professionals.

4-H members can present at project meetings, general club meetings, and local events. Youth can also present at official presentation days. Each county holds a presentation day, where winners advance to a sectional competition. After sectional competitions, winners compete at the state presentation day.

Check out more information on 4-H public speaking and connect with your project or club leader to see how you can start to sharpen your public speaking skills!

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Secretary: Katherine Stiltz

NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:

May, 5th 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: May 2015
Articles are due the 25th of the month