January 2011

Amador County Presentation Day

Don’t forget to send/call in your entry by the January 13th deadline.

Presentation Day is on January 29th. Registration begins at 8:30 and Presentations start at 9 am.

Remember members...

You are required to do a demonstration or presentation at Presentation Day to earn your bronze, silver, gold or platinum star for the year.

Amador County Youth Poultry Show Follow-up

A big thank you to Angela Creach and her committed team!

They put on a very successful poultry show that brought participants from all over.

They had over 200 birds and approximately 50 showman/women.

The raffle was a very lively event that had many happy winners with many wonderful prizes.

You can find the entry forms and Presentation Guide online here or in the Nov/Dec Diggings also found online at 4-H Newsletters.

2010
4-Her’s

A happy winner!
INCOME TAX AND 4-H

4-H volunteers (leaders, parents, teens) who incur out-of-pocket expenses or make a direct contribution to 4-H may be able to claim income tax deductions for:
- The fair market value of property and materials donated to 4-H
- Cash contributions to 4-H
- Cost of raising a guide dog puppy
- Cost of travel while serving as a volunteer

(consult a tax manual for actual allowances)

You CANNOT claim the value of your volunteer services, time, or costs of transporting or paying expenses for your own child. Consult with your tax advisor if you have any questions.

Be sure to keep complete records and receipts in case your contributions are ever questioned.

Head (was trained to think plan and reason);
Heart (to be kind true and sympathetic);
Hands (to be useful, helpful, and skillful);
and Health (to resist disease, enjoy life, and make for efficiency)

Calaveras County Sub Regional Presentation Day

Entry deadline
January 27th

This day for presentations is another opportunity to display a project or give a presentation to meet the requirements for a 4-H bronze, silver gold or platinum star.

Every club and project group should devote time to presentations. Presentations by 4-H members should be a vital part of every 4-H club program. A desirable goal for each 4-H club is to have every member give at least one presentation during the year.

Fill out the entry form found at the end of this issue of the Diggings and mail them or fax them in by the deadline.

Don't forget that we have presentation training on January 8th at 2 pm

Shooting Sports Safety Training

If you have a 9 year old or older that is interested in the Shooting Sports Project they need to complete a safety training meeting that will be held on January 8th at noon in the large conference room at 12200 Airport Road.

There is no cost for this event.
This year’s Amador County Fair Theme

Get ready to “Dance with the Steers” at the 2011 Amador County Fair and Rodeo.

Waltzing the Bull
by Gared Baker

When a cowboy’s in trouble
Everyone knows,
He’ll move right in
Take the bull by the nose

The tango is sexy
The rumba is fast,
The twist and the hand-jive
Are blasts from the past

Waltzing the bull
Around and around,
Whirling and twirling
And spinning around

Waltzing the bull
Around and around,
It’s lovely to watch them
Go spinning around

If you would like
to see more of
Gared’s work
you can find it
here.

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*New Project Announcement*

Animal Disaster & Evacuation

Sponsored by the Amador Fire Safe Council, the Animal Disaster and Evacuation Project is a year-round project for 4H youth aged 14 and above.

Interested youth candidates should contact Cathy Koos Breazeal, project leader and AFSC Executive Director, to set up an interview.

You will work directly with trained adult volunteers who are members of the Amador Disaster and Evacuation Group (AADE).

This group is sanctioned by Amador Animal Control and OES. AADE is activated for duty by Animal Control and will assist with moving small pets, livestock and horses into sheltering locations during emergencies such as wildland fires or flooding.

The successful project candidate shall be willing to take direction from AADE adult mentors and act in accordance with Incident Command systems (more information on ICS can be found here).

The project member should be comfortable around a wide variety of animals and be willing to learn to take vitals such as temperature and pulse.

Project members will train monthly with the adult members of the group and should have independently available transportation.

For more information call Cathy at 295-6200 or 295-5811.

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Out in the ring
On a rodeo night,
You’ll see a man
With his face painted white

He’ll be dressed in his best
He’ll have dancing shoes on,
He’ll be waltzing a bull
Around and around

Waltzing the bull
Around and around,
Whirling and twirling
And spinning around

Waltzing the bull
Around and around,
It’s lovely to watch them
Go spinning around
The colors are **GREEN** and **WHITE**
The **GREEN** stands for growing, living things and the **WHITE** for purity and cleanliness.

## 2011 4-H SET Workshops

### 3rd Annual 4-H Science, Engineering, & Technology 2011 Winter Workshops

**February 5th from 9-4 pm**

**Registration due Jan 24th**

**Cost to Attend:** FREE!

**Snacks and lunch provided!**

Counties are invited to send a team of 4-H teen leaders (age 12 and older), 4-H volunteers, and 4-H SET Winter Workshops.

This professional volunteer development opportunity will help prepare 4-H volunteers, teens to incorporate science, engineering, and technology into 4-H projects. The workshops emphasize experiential and inquiry-based learning, providing practical examples of incorporating hands-on activities that invite youth exploration, promote active questioning, and application to the real world.

These workshops will assist in increasing the knowledge, skills, competencies, and confidence levels of adult volunteers, teens to provide engaging 4-H SET learning experiences.

- Youth Experiences in Science Curriculum
- There's No New Water! Curriculum
- Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science Curriculum

For more information, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu or (530) 754-8519.

To enroll online click [here](http://ceamador.ucdavis.edu/newsletters.htm).

## State Fashion Revue 2011 Needs Quilts

Attention Quilters and Sewers: CA 4-H State Fashion Revue 2011 would appreciate your help.

Make a quilt square, a quilt top, or a complete quilt for a wounded soldier.

Special size for stretchers and gurneys, approximately 45 x 81 inches, are needed. Red, white and blue fabrics are preferred.

If you make 12 ½” x 12 ½” squares then they can be combined with squares made by other people for a whole quilt.

Bring or send your squares, quilt tops and quilts to State Fashion Revue at Olson Hall, UC Davis during State Field Day, May 28, 2011.

Youth are invited to sew squares together and quilt during the morning SFR workshop.

Please contact Lisa Kuntz, SFR youth co-chair, creugirl10@ymail.com or Mary Engebreth, committee volunteer, at maryengebreth@comcast.net with questions or suggestions.
"It was very successful with a great turnout!", reported Janet White, Community Club Leader. The food was delicious! You can tell a bunch of people put a lot of effort to make this event look effortless. One of the hits of the evening, pictures with Santa had a huge line to get their lists to him before he had to race back to the North Pole. The silent auction was a big success. Fiddletown 4-H was able to raise enough canned food to make a large donation to the Amador Interfaith Food Bank. In general a good time was had by all and they hope to make it an annual event. Below is only a sampling of the photos that were taken. You can view all of the photos here.

Calendar of Events

Jan 7, 4-H Winter Extravagance
Jan 8, Shooting Sports Safety Training, Record Book Training & Presentation Day Training
Jan 8, Murphy’s 4-H Rabbit Show
Jan 22, UC Davis Goat Day
Jan 29, AC Presentation Day
Feb 1, 4-H Council Meeting
Feb 5, Calaveras County Sub-Regional’s
March 1, 4-H Council Meeting
March 31, AC Fair Large Animal Pre Weigh-in
April 5, 4-H Council Meeting
April 4-H Home Arts Expo’s. Feed Seminars & Duck Race TBA
May 3, 4–H Council Meeting-All Star Applications Due
May 28, AC Fair Small Animal Pre Weigh-In
May 28, State Field Day Register online
March 1, 27th Annual Cal AM Goat Show
June 15, Livestock entries close
June 7, 4-H Council Meeting-County Council Officer Election & All Star Interviews
July 28-31, Amador County Fair
July 18-31, Calif State Fair
August 2, 4-H Council Meeting
July 28–31 4-H State Leadership Conference
Arts & Crafts Fun!

Snow Stars

With paper folded the right way and a little ‘cutting edge’ imagination, you can create something better than your typical paper snowflake -- you can make Snow Stars! We will be using lots of snowflakes at our Winter Extravaganza if you would like to donate the ones you make for decorations please bring them.

What You’ll Need:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- The Templates Below

Version 1:

1. Measure and cut your paper so that it's square. Then fold it according to the diagram below. Using thinner paper and a larger square makes the folding and the cutting in step 2 a lot easier.

2. Once your paper is folded, you can cut it anyway you want. Unfold when complete.

This is pretty much the standard way of making paper snowflakes. Now let's take a look at a different variation.

Version 2:

1. Cut your paper into a circle. Fold the circle in half. Fold the half circle into thirds, one side over the other, as in the diagram below.

2. Once you have the paper folded, you'll have a cone shaped piece of paper. Use the diagram as a guideline and cut out the shape you want for your snow star. The more smaller cuts on the folds, the more intricate your design will turn out. Unfold when complete.
DIRECTIONS: Calaveras River Academy is located in San Andreas. From Saint Charles Street (which is also Highway 49 in San Andreas), turn onto Pool Station Road, and right onto Old Oak Road. The street address is 150 Old Oak Road, San Andreas, CA 95249.

WHAT IS SUB REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY?
4-H presentations are a special sharing time when members show the skills they’ve acquired to others. Sub Regional Presentation Day gives 4-H members the opportunity to show others what they have learned in their current 4-H projects.

WHAT IS A PRESENTATION?
It is a planned demonstration or illustrated talk which explains or illustrates by using examples. To demonstrate is to teach by showing – learning by doing! Show someone how to tie his shoes, or his 4-H tie! Demonstrating is teaching in the clearest and simplest method known. When members are enrolled in 4-H they have a desire to learn. In giving presentations, they share with others their acquired knowledge. Boys and girls like to “tell others”. This is natural. They should be encouraged to start by giving a simple presentation and, as they develop, they can do more difficult presentations.

WHY GIVE A PRESENTATION?
Presentations help 4-H members:
• do and learn – learn and do.
• develop an ability to speak before a group.
• share acquired knowledge and skill.
• develop creativity.
• gain experience in teamwork.
• gain self-confidence, leadership and initiative.
• gain personal recognition.
• have a more interesting and active 4-H project.

Every club and project group should devote time to presentations. Presentations by 4-H members should be a vital part of every 4-H club program. A desirable goal for each 4-H club is to have every member give at least one presentation during the year.

HOW TO ORGANIZE IDEAS INTO A PRESENTATION
Study the subject and get all the facts. Decide on the objective. Make a simple plan and go through these steps:
• Introduction
• Body
• Summary

Secure the necessary equipment. Select a “catchy” title, which applies to the presentation. Make it an original and interesting one.

INTRODUCTION – Each time members give their presentations, it is helpful if someone else will introduce them, give the title and their club or county. Start the presentation with an interesting or catchy opening statement, story or question. The introduction must get the audience interested. Favorable first impressions are important to the success of the presentation and create interest in the subject.

BODY – You must develop the ideas and points of the presentation into logical order. Show how and tell why each step is being done. In team presentations, try to share the showing and telling equally.

SUMMARY – Make sure the audience remembers and takes away the main points:
1) Leave a favorable impression
2) Restate key points of the presentation
3) Do not bring up new subject matter
4) Provide an opportunity for questions

HOW TO POLISH THE PRESENTATION
1. Be well groomed. Wear neat, clean, appropriate clothing; smile and relax or learn to appear relaxed; standing on both feet with good posture; appear friendly, confident and maintain eye contact with your audience.
2. Arrange equipment and supplies for working convenience and visibility; show skills in use of equipment; use neat, readable visuals, if needed, to explain the presentation; keep working area clear of unnecessary equipment.
3. Be interested and show enthusiasm; know the subject well; don’t talk while using noisy equipment; speak loudly and clearly enough to be heard by the entire audience; simplify the job.
so listeners will be eager to try it; practice before parents, project groups, your club and any other available audience.

TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS: VERBAL AND VISUAL

Demonstration and Illustrated Talk:
- Use 4 posters for demonstrations and 3 posters for illustrated talks.
- Must be 4-H current project or activity related.
- Teams limited to 2 members.
- Demonstrations limited to 15 minutes.
- Notes not allowed.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.

Educational Display:
- Requires introductory presentation by the member.
- Teams limited to 2 members.
- Notes are not allowed.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.

An educational display is an organized visual presentation of a program or concept. A display should be designed to convey its message in a limited amount of time. IMPORTANT: 4-H members entering a display must provide their own card table or easel.

Displays may exhibit one of the following display formats:

1. Card Table Display (approx. 30” x 30”). This format should feature a tri-fold poster board that includes a title, the member’s name and 4-H club, and a representation of the program or concept.

2. Panel Display (48” x 48”). This is a vertical, free standing display that is presented on an easel. The display will include a title, the member’s name, 4-H club, and a representation of the program or concept.

All lettering and visual depictions on the displays will be understandable or readable by an average adult from no less than a four foot distance.

Presenters will be expected to introduce the display with a prepared oral presentation including the title, the member’s club, number of years in the project, how the display is relevant to the member’s 4-H experience and a brief overview of the display.

Presenters may not use notes during the presentation of the display to the judges. The display should provide any necessary prompting.

Prepared Speech:
- Limited to individual, no team.
- No notes or visual aids allowed.
- No props or costumes allowed.
- Time limited to 10 minutes.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.

This format requires that the member write and deliver his/her own speech. The speaker will either persuade or educate the audience on a single issue or topic dealing with society or individuals. Topic must be age-appropriate, and in good taste.

Impromptu Speech
- Limited to 9th grade and higher, or 13 years of age and older.
- Limited to individual, no team.
- Implements basic research by the member that can be used during the speech.
- A single note card can be used during the speech.
- Speaking time limited to 5 minutes.
- Member is allowed one 5” x 7” note card (single sided) and may use the card during the delivery of the speech.
- Questions are not asked by the judges.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.

Impromptu speaking involves speeches that the member has written him/herself at the competition. One at a time, the members will randomly draw a piece of paper with a topic on it. From the time that the member is given the topic, he/she will have three minutes to prepare a speech.

Interpretive Reading:
- Requires the introduction of the passage including characters and setting by the member.
- The reading will be finished with a short conclusion.
- No props or costumes or other materials other than the reading material.
- Limited to individual participants.
- Reading limited to 5 minutes. The introduction and conclusion limited to 5 minutes.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.
Speakers may read any published written work, that is age appropriate and in good taste. The member should introduce the reading, including the title of the piece, the author, the characters, the purpose or setting of the writing and any other introductory information that might enhance the understanding of the piece by the audience.

**Share The Fun:**
- A skit that focuses on health, safety, community pride, recreation or citizenship.
- Member must introduce the activity without notes.
- Costumes, props, decorations and other visual aids are encouraged. No title card is necessary.
- Participants must provide and set-up any needed audio-visual equipment.
- This category is judged using the American System.

**Cultural Arts:**
- Performing Arts.
- Costumes, props and decorations encouraged.
- Presentations are not to exceed 15 minutes in length.
- Participants must provide and set-up any needed audio-visual equipment.
- Notes may not be used.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.

4-H individual members and groups perform a costumed dramatic reading, musical, dance or other such performing art. This category is open to individual participants, groups, projects, clubs, etc.

**Audio Visual Presentation:**
- Incorporates slides, video or digital representations.
- Limited to individuals.
- Member must introduce the presentation in the presence of the judges and without notes.
- Member must provide all equipment.
- Length of presentation should be appropriate for its topic and message.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.

A slide presentation lasts between five and 10 minutes and should be supplemented with a verbal commentary, synchronized tape recording or audio track.

Presenters are expected to introduce the entry with a prepared introduction including the title, the member’s information, how the presentation is relevant to the member’s 4-H experience and a brief overview of the presentation. No notes are allowed.

**Problem Solving Presentation:**
- Designed to encourage critical thinking, idea organization and persuasive oratory.
- Limited to members 9th grade and above, but no less than 13 years of age.
- Limited to individual participants.
- Presentation should last from five to 10 minutes and should include introduction, body and conclusion.
- Notes are not allowed.
- Member can support presentation with posters, overhead slides or computer generated slides.
- This category is judged using the Danish System.

**CAN I PARTICIPATE IN SUB REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY?**
Any 4-H member in Calaveras, Amador, Tuolumne, Mariposa or El Dorado County can give a presentation at Sub Regional Presentation Day. The enclosed entry form must be returned by the deadline to the Calaveras 4-H Office. You may mail the entry form, but your entry must be postmarked by the deadline. You will need your project or community club leader’s signature on the entry form.

**WHAT ARE THE RULES?**
1. A 4-H member may participate in Share The Fun (as a team) and one other presentation category.
2. Product labels should be limited to generic names and product names should be covered.
3. If the presentation is not based on a specific project, the member should connect the presentation to a club or project based 4-H presentation program. School assignments are not appropriate subjects for presentations.
4. Presentations should be well prepared and well rehearsed.
5. 4-H uniforms are encouraged. It is not required but it will look better to the judge who will be judging your presentation. If you do not wear your uniform, be sure to dress neatly.
6. You are responsible for your equipment. Please be sure to mark all your equipment for identification.
6. After your presentation, clean up your area quickly and quietly. You may sit in the classroom and watch the other presentations or move to other classrooms to watch other presentations. No one will be allowed to enter classrooms during a presentation. The door will be opened between presentations and closed at the beginning of the next presentation. The multipurpose room will be available and refreshments may be purchased. Once all presentations are judged, everyone will go to the multipurpose room. Award will be presented after all judging results are tallied.

7. If you bring animals, be prepared to clean up after them, their mess and any shavings. Please bring a whiskbroom, dustpan, paper towels, etc. for clean up. No large animals or puppies will be allowed in the buildings. Please do not bring untamed or uncontrollable animals, as you will promptly be asked to leave, for the safety of others.

8. You cannot change the type of presentation you have signed up for, after the deadline.

9. No substitution of 4-H members.

10. We will not change the order of the presentations on the date of the event (you must request this before the deadline as we will do our best to accommodate you).

11. Do not bring items that are NOT allowed on school grounds.

12. Each 4-H club or county in attendance must provide judges and room coordinators.

WHAT HAPPENS AT SUB REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY?

1. Upon arrival, go to the Registration Desk in the multipurpose room to check in, pick up a program and find out what classroom you will be presenting in.

2. Go directly to your classroom and take a seat. Check your program to see where you are in the schedule.

3. The room coordinator will announce your presentation (excludes displays). When your name is called you will set up your presentation at the front of the classroom. No parent help is allowed here. If you need help moving or setting up your presentation, request it from the room coordinators. They are there to help.

4. Easels will be provided for you to set a poster on as part of your presentation (excludes displays). A table will be provided (excludes displays) also but you must provide anything else. **NOTE: those entering displays must bring their own card table or easel.**

5. Two to three judges will be assigned to a room. They will ask you questions about your presentation once you are finished discussing it. Always repeat the question the judge has asked you before giving your answer.

**EXAMPLE:** Judge asks, “How many years have you been in this project?” You respond with, “The question was, ‘How many years have you been in this project?’ I have been in this project for 2 years.” If there are two of you giving the presentation, decide beforehand who will answer the first question, second question, etc.

10. All gold medal winners may participate in Sectional Presentation Day.

JUDGES AND ROOM COORDINATORS NEEDED

We will need many volunteers to assist us. Leaders & parents are encouraged to be judges and non-primary 4-H members are encouraged to be room coordinators. If you would like to be a judge, please fill in the entry form and check the “Judge” category. Potential judges will be contacted.

4-H members who wish to be a room coordinator should fill in the entry form and check the “Room Coordinator” category.

SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

Information about North Central Section Presentation Day will be available at Sub Regional Presentation Day. Gold medal winners from Calaveras, Amador and El Dorado counties are eligible to attend.

STATE PRESENTATION DAY

We are following the guidelines for State Presentation Day. For more information about presentation descriptions visit http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/
Sub Regional 4-H Presentation Day Entry Form

Due to Calaveras 4-H Office by January 27, 2011
In the interest of fairness, late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances
It is recommended that you call the Calaveras 4-H office to confirm your entry has been received

County: ____________________________  4-H Club: ____________________________
Name(s): ______________________________________________________________
(attach a list for Share the Fun and Cultural Arts categories)
Mailing Address: _____________________________  City: ________________  Zip: __________
Phone: ( )_________________________  E-Mail: __________________________________

Project: _______________________________________________
Title:  _____________________________________________________________________
Type:  Demonstration  Illustrated Talk  Educational Display
       Prepared Speech  Impromptu Speech  Interpretive Reading
       Share the Fun  Cultural Arts  Audio-Visual Presentation
       Problem Solving Presentation
Primary:  Junior: 4th  5th  Intermediate: 6th  7th  8th  Senior: 9th  10th  11th  12th
I need to give my presentation outdoors (for large live animals, etc.): Yes  No
If bringing an animal, what is it? ______________________________________________________
Is it okay to include your child’s photo on our website (no names will be listed)  Yes  No
Signature of Parent: ___________________________________________   Date: ______________
Signature of Project Leader
or Club Leader:  ____________________________________________    Date: ______________
I wish to be a Room Coordinator (must arrive by 9:30 a.m.)    I wish to be a Judge (adults only)
(4-H members entering displays cannot be room coordinators)  (potential judges will be notified)
County: ____________________________  4-H Club: ____________________________
Name:  _______________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: _____________________________  City: ________________  Zip: __________
Phone: ( )_________________________  E-Mail: __________________________________

Send registration form to:
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A Medical Treatment Form should be filled out and brought along with any 4-H member who
will be traveling with adults other than their own parent or guardian