The theme for the 2011 El Dorado County Fair was "A little bit country and a little bit rock n' roll." The 2011 El Dorado County Fair was held at the fairgrounds in Placerville for four days over Father's Day weekend, June 16-19. El Dorado County marked its 152nd year of celebrating the people, agriculture, art, music, natural resources and industries that make the county unique and special.

From the rockin' sounds of Ricky & the Redstreaks to a Hollywood Stunt Show, from homemade jams to hand-crafted quilts, from pigs in pens to wild monkeys, the El Dorado County Fair brought livestock, live music, arts and crafts, wholesome family fun, and so much more to center stage.

There was something for everyone, and, there were so many different things to do, you couldn't possibly do them all... whether it's showing off Grandma's special recipe for apple pie, proving your might in the popular Clifton & Warren Hay Bucking contest, rockin' out to a wide variety of music, riding ALL of the carnival rides, or simply sampling the fair food and beverages from hot dogs and beer to turkey legs and cotton candy."

Fairgoers got all their favorite and traditional activities, such as cooking demonstrations, Clifton & Warren's Kids Corral games and shows, wine tasting, wheel-barrel racing, and team penning, plus a full schedule of music ranging from classic rock to blues, country to soul, and 70s rock to the music of the 1950s Rat Pack.

Of course, no fair would have been complete without animals. Traditional livestock competitions and exhibits, including the Mother Lode Fair Circuit Ranch Horse Show and the Junior Livestock Auction, took place throughout the fair's four-day run.

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2011 EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR
County record book judging will be Tues. Aug. 23, 5:30pm. Please have your record books judged at the club level prior and turn your books in to your club to be brought to county judging. Judges will be needed from each club.

A great source of information and forms. Record Book Forum Website: http://www.recordbookresources.com

State Field Day
by Caleb P.

On May 28th, 2011, my family and I visited the 4H State Field Day. While waiting for my job interview and my sister's group presentation, my family and I walked over to the exhibit tables. Some tables had short quizzes, crafts, animals and games. My favorite was the bug booth which had Madagascar cockroaches, walking sticks, and a tarantula. It was a cloudy day, but it didn't really rain hard until the afternoon fashion show. Besides presentations and interviews, there was a horticultural contest and obstacle courses. It was a lot of fun, but it was raining so hard they cancelled the awards ceremony in the afternoon. The awards for the State Field Day are now on the State website.

ROUND UP SILENT AUCTION

Here it is the fair is over with, and the warmth of the sun made us wait all this time for its arrival. There are lush green hills abounding, the signs of growth are everywhere but none as prevalent as the growth our 4-Hers have under gone this year. This year the youth took so much more responsibility than ever before in bringing this huge event together (BBQ Round-up and Silent Auction). Your vote of confidence by continuing to support 4-H is so precious. We could not create such great citizens if we did not have such great support from our local merchants and our community at large. Please know you are appreciated. 4-H is evolving, please watch us as we grow again, there is so much excitement in the air. Next year in addition to your awesome contributions to our silent auction please consider coming to our event, bring family, friends, and your appetite. this event blossoms each time we hold our silent auction, BBQ and Chili Coof Off. Be a part of the history making, Placerville is rich in history be sure to claim your chance to make history! Thank you again for your many donations

Silent Auction Chair,
Cheryl Busby
August, 2011

From the 4-H Desk
Nancy Starr, Secretary
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• **I hope you are all having a pleasant summer so far.** We here in the UCCE office have been busy with our transition into the Multi-County Partnership (MCP) which officially started on July 1st - more information to come. Take a look at our new UCCE Central Sierra website at [http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.org](http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.org). Changes are being made daily providing the user with more information and easier access to our programs, so take a periodic look at our website. If you have any comments or see any glitches, etc. please contact our webmaster Robin Cleveland at rkcleveland@ucdavis.edu.

  **Note:** Our new office hours are Monday – Friday, 8am to noon and 1pm to 5pm.

• It will not be long before 4-H enrollment is off and running, and in fact our Community Club Committee Leader, Kami Arnold has already started working with our club leaders, so thank you Kami. Plus, I am starting to work on the 2011/2012 program year enrollment. My plan is to have the entire club and project information available on the website for you by the end of the day Monday, August 15th, so mark your calendar.

• **Attention to all Club Leaders, Robin C. has created a nice survey, which will give me the information on club and projects logistics that I need to get enrollment ready.** I have asked to have that survey filled out **by August 4th** so it gives me a little over a week to get information into the online enrollment system.

• The on-line enrollment system opens on Thursday, September 1st and closes Monday, October 17th, 2011. All 4-H youth members (returning and new) need to enroll during that timeframe to be able to participate in the 2012 El Dorado County Fair. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD! **Note:** If you as an adult volunteer plan to take a year off you are encouraged to enroll and pay the $16 fee so you do not need to re-do fingerprinting and orientation the following 4-H program year.

• **If you need help re-enrolling, have changed your email address or have forgotten you password please call me at 530-621-5503, so I can help.** Do not add another family profile because of one of these reasons mentioned above.

• The 4-H Enrollment fees have changed for youth members only. The State 4-H program has raised the youth member fee by $5. The EDC youth member fee is now $30 with a break with families who enroll 5 or more youth. The adult volunteer fee will remain the same at $16. The Statewide 4-H program fees provide accident insurance for members, and volunteers. The additional $10 that is collect helps to support El Dorado County’s 4-H programs. **GOOD NEWS -** there will be an option to pay online with a credit card including the option to pay for a mailed hard copy of the 4-H Hotline Newsletter when your family enrolls.

• The 4-H program depends on adult volunteers willing to invest their time, energy and resources to oversee a club, lead a project(s) or head one of the many middle management committees we have such as, Presentation Day, Round Up and Home Arts Day to name a few. A **Big Thank You** goes out to all the volunteers who lead the many programs we have here in El Dorado County. Let’s all help to keep our youth involved in this worthwhile program.

Thank you and have a great rest of the summer! **Nancy**
On May 28th and 29th, the 4-H Horse Classic was held at U.C. Davis. We went to compete at the Horse Classic on behalf of El Dorado County. We competed in Hippology, Horse Judging, and the Horse Bowl. To briefly explain what we did, we started with Hippology and rotated through different stations, starting with a group essay answering various horse questions. Next, we worked stations where we had to match different pictures to their names such as poisonous plants, different kinds of horse shoes, and parts of the eye. The last part of Hippology was a written test, and then some slides with multiple choice questions.

After a short lunch break, the Horse Judging test began. The only down side, was due to a recent outbreak of the Equine Herpes Virus-1, we weren't judging actual horses. A video was provided instead. We judged halter horses on their conformation, reining horses on their performance, and English and Western horsemanship classes. After each class, we had to write our reasons for how we placed each horse and go in front of the actual judge for the class, and give our explanations. After the last person had gone, we were all excused. We really appreciated that as we had been in a lecture hall for about five hours with no talking. That was hard!

The award ceremony started at 9:00 pm. We watched a slide show about the California team's 2010 trip to the Nationals held in Denver Colorado. Then the results were announced. To our surprise, we all placed. Together, we received three 1sts, two 2nds, three 3rds, one 4th, two 5ths, one 6th, and one 9th. We were scored individually as well as a team. Out of 10 teams, El Dorado County placed third overall and received medals for Horse Judging. It was a great way to end the night, and we were ready to return in the morning to compete in the Horse Bowl.

The Horse Bowl started with an 8:30 am meeting. The Junior Division started first, with Riverside County leading. When the Senior Division started, we needed four people for a team. Since we didn't have a full team, two girls from Riverside County joined us, Carrie L., and Rebecca H. We were really nervous to start. We buzzed in, said our names, and then the round began. Three judges asked us various questions. Carrie knew most of the answers before the questions were completed. Rebecca was our alternate, and switched off with Lynzie. The questions were hard and it was very intense. We never expected El Dorado County to place third overall as a team. We were awarded individual 8th, 9th, and 10th places. Our teammate, Carrie, was shocked when she found out she received a 1st place for individual award and qualified for the Nationals. Both of the girls from Riverside County were awesome, and so were all the people from every county. We met a lot of new people and had a great time, and we hope that more El Dorado County horse kids will come and join us for next year.

Melinda C., Linzie M., and Sarah M.
The River Cats would love to partner with the El Dorado County 4 H clubs. With this partnership, the River Cats offer the following opportunities:

- **Flexible Scheduling** – pick any home game date after July 21 to attend – please visit [www.rivercats.com](http://www.rivercats.com) for the schedule
- **Preferred Ticket Prices** – Up to a 35% SAVINGS off day-of-game price for groups of 20 or more
  - Can use as Fundraising opportunity (contact your Account Executive for more information)
- **All You Can Eat BBQ available** – for more information, please visit [All-You-Can-Eat BBQ](http://www.rivercats.com) | Sacramento River Cats Tickets or contact your Account Executive
- **FLEXIBLE ticket exchange programs** - Unused tickets can be exchanged for Sunday-Thursday games
- **Social Atmosphere** – Reserve a group of seats together in one section to share the experience with your friends and family
- **Fun prizes:** A raffle and chance to win prizes for a lucky member of your group
- **River Cats Champion Program** - Each group leader has the ability to earn rewards based on the number of tickets sold; rewards start at 50 tickets sold! – see page 2

In turn, the River Cats will need you to be responsible for all marketing and promotion of these events to your community. Flyers and other sales materials can be provided to you by the River Cats for these purposes, just ask your Account Executive.

I hope you can come out to the ballpark! Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions.

Amanda Ellis
Group Events Account Executive
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Help 4-H Win $25,000

Want the chance to win tickets to the 2011 Major League Baseball World Series and help 4-H win $25,000? You have a chance to do both just by visiting the State Farm Go To Bat website!

For the second year in a row, State Farm has selected National 4-H Council as one of the organizations to be a part of their Go To Bat program with Major League Baseball (MLB). The promotion started July 11th and will continue through the rest of the regular MLB season (September 28). Follow the instructions on the Go To Bat site which include playing a virtual home run derby and for every home run you hit, it counts as a point (entry) for you and 4-H. The charity (team) with the best collective batting average wins a weekly prize of $18,000 for the charity. Additionally, if your team wins, you are entered into a weekly drawing to win a trip for two to the 2011 MLB World Series. The charity with the highest cumulative score at the conclusion of the 10-week program will receive a grand prize of $25,000.

To sign up and play for 4-H:

Go to the State Farm Go To Bat website
Choose the” Health and Human Services” category and pick ”National 4-H Council” as your charity
Play the Go To Bat online game and earn points by hitting home runs
Return to the site to play up to 3 times each day
State Farm® Go To Bat. Support the charity of your choice and you could win!
mlb.mlb.com

State 4-H Leader's Forum Nov 11-1

WHAT: Calif. State 4-H Leader’s Forum
-the only conference for Volunteer leaders, put on by Volunteer leaders
-trainings, workshops, networking, fun!
-specific workshops in: Communications, webcasting, leadership, and much more
-Community service, recreation, and surprises!

WHEN: November 11, 12, 13 2011
WHERE: Asilomar, California

WHO: All adult volunteers are welcome
-many county councils sponsor 1st time attendees--check with yours!
-bring a friend

HOW: Applications are on the Calif. State Website
-Ca4h.org
-follow the menus from Programs to Conferences to State leader's forum

Sign up now and receive a discount!

THEME: The Magic of 4-H: Transformation
-come and be transformed into an even better leader!
The following information comes from the 4-H Youth Development State website - E-News Updates and can be found at http://www.ca4h.org/News/. To subscribe go to the bottom of that page and type in your email address. The following are some items of interest.

The following is a word regarding 4-H Record Books written by Shannon Dogan, Associate Director of 4-H Program

The California 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. In 4-H, young people have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, and much more using the iconic 4-H Record Book. In addition to record keeping, the 4-H Record Book gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, and set goals and develop plans to meet those goals.

The 4-H Record Book has undergone transformations over the years to ensure that it meets the needs of our 4-H members. Beginning in September, the new 4-H Online Record Book will be unveiled. This newest transformation will re-engage young people in this process through a new, fun interactive format that offers social networking opportunities for members and volunteers within clubs.

Currently, almost 80 members, volunteers, and staff are testing the system and here are what some of them have to say:
“1 think this is going to be great!! The youth are going to love this!” - Volunteer
“I think everyone I know will love this!” - Member
“It is fun!” - Volunteer
“I think it will encourage our members to keep record books, it is fun to use. This will lead to our members learning how to keep records and teach them skills they will use throughout their lives.” – Staff

In order to access the 4-H Online Record Book, you will need to complete your enrollment for the New Year. The sooner you enroll, the sooner you will be able to use the 4-H Online Record Book!

See below for Volunteer and Member Webinar training sessions.

Volunteer 4-H Online Record Book Webinar - Volunteers may login a state informational webinar on August 23rd at 6 PM. This one hour webinar will give volunteers a first look at the many innovative features in the California 4-H Online Record Book. Space is limited to the first 150 volunteers to login to the Adobe Connect system. The webinar is FLASH based and will require that your home computer is properly setup with speakers or headphones. This session will be recorded and will be available to Volunteers to view at a later date. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at qtong@ucdavis.edu. Adobe Connect URL: http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/volunteer/.

Member 4-H Online Record Book Webinar - Members may login to a state informational on August 30th at 6 PM. This one hour webinar will give members a first look at the many innovative features in the California 4-H Online Record Book. Space is limited to the first 150 members to login to the Adobe Connect system. The webinar is FLASH based and will require that your home computer is properly setup with speakers or headphones. This session will be recorded and will be available to Members to view at a later date. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at qtong@ucdavis.edu. Adobe Connect URL: http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/members/.

EVENTS & DEADLINES

Do you know girls ages 9-18 who love to dance? Here’s something they can do this summer to have fun, be active and help build strong bones!

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Best Bones Forever! is a national bone health campaign led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office on Women’s Health. The goal of the campaign is to encourage girls and their BFFs (best friends forever) to build strong bones by getting plenty of calcium, vitamin D, and physical activity. Best Bones Forever! and Savvy are teaming up to encourage girls to get moving and build strong bones by launching the Let’s Dance contest. From June 21-August 10, girls across the country are invited to choose one of five Savvy songs, choreograph a dance with their BFFs, record a video of themselves performing the routine, then upload the video to the contest website, www.bbfletsdance.com. Friends and family will be encouraged to “like” the videos and winners will get cool prizes, including a chance to be featured in a Savvy music video.

The 2011 Golden Clover applications and nomination forms are now available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/. Nominations and applications will be due by September 30, 2011. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. The selection committee reserves the option of moving applications to another category if they feel it would be a better match. Applications are evaluated on how well the applicant meets the description of the category and overall participation within 4-H. Group applications consisting of youth and adults need to demonstrate strong youth-adult partnerships. Questions can be sent to Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu.

State Leader’s Forum Magic! It’s all coming together! We’ve got fabulous speakers lined up—just the right mix to give you information and to get you excited!! We’ve got workshops lined up—full of great information to take home with you. And we’ve got some great evening activities planned—things that will let you meet people while you are creating and doing.

Our hope this year is to have plenty of ideas and activities that you will be able take and replicate in your own county or club. We want you to be able to fill your personal ‘bag of tricks’ brim full with suggestions, knowledge, projects, and new ways of doing things. You will be so excited to use all these at home!

The committee is trying out some new ideas of their own—and hoping that magic will happen. We have an ‘open space’ time planned in which the content of the workshops will be generated from all of you, the attendees. We are allotting a significant amount of time for each region to hold a meeting—which is your chance to ‘catch up’ with what’s happening in your part of the state, to meet other folks from your area, and to get ‘on board’ with the regional council.

Sign up soon. There is still a discount for early-bird registration: www.ca4h.org. November 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2011. Follow the menu from Programs to Conferences to State Leader’s Forum. See you in October!

INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION

Record Book Forms for the 2011 year state competition will be available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/. Senior 4-H members (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31 of the program year for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition. There is no restriction on the number of times a 4-H member may be declared a state winner, but a state winner may only be awarded the cash prize twice. There is no restriction on the number of times a 4-H member may be declared a state medalist. Previous state record book winners are eligible to compete again. Questions may be sent to Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

Visit the 4-H Center for Youth development’s website, http://www.ca4h.org/Research/CYD/ for the latest research findings and updates of ongoing studies in the field of youth development.
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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:
TUESDAY
August 16, 2011
7:00 pm

Community Club Leader Meeting:
August 16, 2011
5:45 pm

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Carol Martin
4-H Program Representative

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