Have you ever heard of the 4-H Western National Round-Up? Up until May of last year, we hadn’t either, but not only have we heard of it, we’ve been to it! The 4-H Western National Round-Up is not only a national leadership conference, it offers many competitions to 4-Hers across America. In January, we went to represent California with the rest of our team from So Cal.

Our story begins when we flew to Ontario to stay at Lynn Warren’s house, our National Horse Classic Coach. After we met the team, we started off with ‘boot camp’, then went to judging field trips, and spent lots of study sessions together. After a week of fun, we were ready to fly out to Denver to compete.

California sent representatives for every contest, including Public Speaking, Horse Bowl, Team Demonstration, Individual Demonstration, Hippology and Horse Judging. Sarah M. competed in Horse Judging and Melinda C. competed in Hippology. Both Hippology and Horse Judging had four team members. We arrived in Denver on January 5th. The next day we went by bus to the National Western Stock Show grounds where we spent the day judging some very nice horses. After a few hours, everyone was sent back to the hotel.

Hippology and Judging took a short lunch break, then back to the second phase of competition. Hippology dealt with their station phase as well as their team problem. The station phase is where various horse questions are presented on boards, and the team problem phase is where the team is given a problem, work through it as a team, and come up with a solution. The Horse Judging kids were then sentenced to silence as they worked on their placement reasons. This process was grueling as each had to wait their turn before going in front of the panel of judges to present their reasons as an individual. To celebrate surviving our first day of competition, we had a great banquet and a dance.

The next morning, the Hippology kids were off to compete in the final phase, the written test and the slide test. California completed the testing with flying colors, and by this point, we were all done. That night we had another dance, as the next morning we had the dreaded anticipation of the awards ceremony.

The ceremony started with Public Speaking. Our California Public Speaking representative placed 7th at Nationals. The next award given was to the Team Demonstration. California’s representative placed 2nd. Our Individual Demonstration representative placed 3rd. They then moved onto Hippology. They started with the individuals. The third place Individual for the exam and written test phase was Melinda C., who ended up placing 8th at Nationals for

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Goodbye Miss Jamaica

On December 17th we had to say goodbye to Miss Jamaica. Jamaica had joined our family in October 2010. Gina P. raised Jamaica for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. It was Gina’s 1st puppy, but the 5th puppy for the family. Jamaica was returned to the guide dog for her formal training. Once Jamaica was returned to the campus, she is ready to learn the tools of the trade. She will discover how to become not just well-behaved, meticulously socialized dogs, but professional! Now, she is about to embark on the career for which she’s been preparing. Jamaica will be taught by skilled instructors to safely guide someone through the complexities of pedestrian travel. This training takes approximately two to three months. Jamaica has been a wonderful addition to our family. From the 1st day she stepped paws into our home, she has certainly become a part of the family. She is a very loving and caring puppy, and she has been a joy to have in our lives. Jamaica loves everyone the same and always gives attention to everyone in the family. She gets along well with every dog and cat. We wish you luck Jamaica in your next adventure!!

Guide Dog Project
New Puppies

The El Dorado Second Sight - Paws for the blind club welcomed 2 new puppies from Guide Dogs for the Blind (www.guidedogs.com) recently. Ali B. is raising Wes, he is a yellow male lab and was born on September 22, 2011. Ali B. picked up Wes on November 18, 2011. Gina P. is raising Carnival she is a black female lab and was born on November 2, 2011 and was picked up on January 15, 2012

This is the 1st guide dog puppy for Ali, and it is Gina’s 2nd puppy.

At approximately 8 weeks old, the puppies are picked up from the organization’s headquarters in San Rafael, Calif. They embark on a journey to meet their new puppy raising families, who will raise them for the next 14-18 months. The puppy raisers teach the dogs to have excellent house manners and socialize them to the world by introducing them to new people, places and experiences.

Raisers then return their dogs to Guide Dogs for the Blind for several months of formal training. The dogs are then matched with blind students enrolled in the in-residence training. Raisers are invited to formally present the dog they have raised to its new partner in a public graduation.
EL DORADO COUNTY
PRESENTATION DAY 2012
February 25th
Folsom Lake College
Judges training 8:00 a.m.
Presentations & Awards 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Presentation Day is an exciting day to share what you know with other 4-H’ers. You can give a presentation or lend a hand with the event. Have fun and win awards!

Please note: Anyone earning a gold at Presentation Day will need to decide on the 25th whether they wish to attend Sectional Presentation Day. We will need at least one adult judge to participate as well. Sectional Presentation Day is scheduled for March 26th with forms due March 1st.

Here’s what you can do on Presentation Day.

• Give a presentation. (You can give a presentation by yourself or with another 4-H member.)
• Be a doorkeeper. (This person makes sure no one comes in the room while a 4-H’er is giving a presentation. It’s a great job for someone who’s never been to Presentation Day before!)
• Be a room coordinator. (This person sets up the room for the presenters, explains the rules to everyone, and makes sure each presenter gets their turn. You need to have given a presentation at another Presentation Day to do this job.)
• If you’re an adult or in high school, you can be a judge! You’ll get training before the event, so you’ll know what to do. You’ll be a huge help to the kids – they need you! We need at least 3 adults from each club to help.
• Just watch! 4-H members from all over the county will be here, talking about lots of cool stuff.

If you want to give a presentation, here are some of the kinds you can give and what they are:

• A demonstration teaches a skill by showing how to do it.
• An educational display is an organized visual presentation, often on a tri-fold poster board panel. You explain what’s on your poster to a judge.
• A prepared speech is when you write and give a speech to persuade, inform, or educate the audience on one topic.
• An impromptu speech is one you write at the competition on the topic given by the judges.
• An interpretive reading is when you read from a book, making the story come alive with your voice.
• Share the fun is a group skit or a group presentation.

4-H has a great manual to help you prepare your presentation. It’s online at http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd. It tells you everything you need to know about how to do a presentation and what they judges want to see and hear. Read it early to make sure you understand what to do.

Got questions? E-mail Bonnie Bayard: bbayard@wildblue.net or Tobi Gray: grayde@live.com
El Dorado County Presentation Day 2011
Saturday, February 25
Folsom Lake College, 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville

8:00 a.m. Training for Judges, Room Coordinators and Door Keepers
9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
approx. 12:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Youth and Adult Participant Registration Form

Participating as a: (mark only one)

___ Presenter only (Participation ribbon only for Primary Members, all others will receive judge’s scores)

___ Presenter and Room Coordinator (grade 6 and above, and have presented at Presentation Day in the past) This is as needed – priority will be given to non-presenters.

___ Presenter and Door Keeper (grade 4 and above) This is as needed – priority will be given to non-presenters.

___ Room Coordinator only (grade 6 and above) MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND TRAINING AT 8:00 a.m.

___ Door Keeper only (grade 4 and above) MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND TRAINING AT 8:00 a.m.

___ Teen Judge (grade 9 and above, and have given 2 previous presentations at Presentation Day)

___ Judge

Be sure to credit yourself appropriately in your record book!

Name: ___________________________ if youth, Age as of 1/1/2012: ___

Years in 4-H: _______ 4-H Community Club name: _____________________________

Phone: ____________ E-mail address: _____________________________

If you are making a presentation:
Presentations should conform to the State 4-H Presentation Manual Version 3 (2005), available online at http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/

Type of Presentation:
(Fully described on pages 14 – 22 of the Manual. Choose from: Demonstration/Illustrated Talk; Scientific Demonstration/Illustrated Talk; Educational Display; Prepared Speech; Impromptu Speech; Interpretive Reading; Share the Fun; Cultural Arts; Audio-visual Presentation; Problem Solving Presentation)

Name of Presentation: _____________________________

Will live animals be used? ____ How many and what type?__________

How many presenters for this presentation? __________
Complete one registration form for EACH presenter.

Deadline: Must be received at the 4-H office by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 10th.
Mail to El Dorado County 4-H Office Presentation Day 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667
Questions? E-mail Bonnie Bayard: bbayard@wildblue.net or Tobi Gray: grayde@live.com
9th Annual
NORTHCOAST YOUTH SUMMIT:
“Target Tomorrow”
February 11, 2012

All 7th—12th grade youth (and adults who work with these youth) are invited to attend this outstanding annual event held this year on the College of the Redwoods campus. There will be 40 dynamic workshops available on topics that will empower youth to “Target TOMORROW” and keynote speakers who will motivate and challenge delegates to confidently make their future an amazing place.

WHEN: Saturday, February 11, 2012
WHERE: College of the Redwoods
TIME: 9:00 am—4:00 pm (check-in begins at 8:00 AM)
WHO: 7th-12th graders (and adults who work with youth)

Full details and registration forms are on our website:
www.ysummit.org

Presented by:

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Hippology. The Hippology team itself earned a 5th place in the examination phase, 7th place in the station phase, 8th in judging and was awarded 5th place overall at Nationals. Melinda C. placed the highest out of California for Hippology. In Judging, Sarah M. placed highest out of the California team and placed 11th as an individual at Nationals.

When the awards were over, our California team placed 2nd overall at Nationals. Out of 33 states, California was only succeeded by Nebraska. The nerves had finally worn down, and everyone was ready for the flight home. Overall, El Dorado County made quite an impression at the 2012 Denver National Western 4-H Horse Classic. We want to thank everyone for your support, as well as your help by attending our fundraiser Winter Warm-Up Horse Show. We also wish to thank our National Coach, Lynn Warren, for her time and dedication to helping us succeed. We are grateful for our new friendships that we have made and are looking forward to seeing and sending more El Dorado County kids to the 2013 Denver National Western Round-Up.

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Just to say "Thank You"

Our fundraiser Winter Warm-Up Open Horse Show was a huge success thanks to “YOU” and all those who participated! After expenses, we raised $300 each.

Congratulations go out to two of our own:
Nicole C. won the 17 & Under and Walk/Trot Division Highpoint awards.
Lauri W. won the 18 & Over and Ranch Horse Division Highpoint awards.

We also wish to thank:
- Lee’s Feed, raffle donation
- Echo Valley Ranch Feed, raffle donation
- Placerville Starbucks, raffle donation
- Garden Valley Feed, raffle donation
- Placerville Home Depot, raffle donation
- Placer Farm Supply, raffle donation

A special Thank “You” ~
Juliet Wofford, Red Hawk Ranch in Cool, for the beautiful High Point award blanket donations. They received lots of compliments!
Willete Bovyer in Cool, who donated the beautiful engraving for the High Point awards.
Linda Johnston for organizing and setting up the raffle tables.
Cristine & John Grey, Cool Hills Ranch, for the use of their beautiful facility.
Chris Bugenig, Judge, Rafter 6B Ranch in Auburn, for donating and taking the time out of her busy schedule to spend all day to judge our show.

You are all awesome and we couldn’t have done it without you! ~ Melinda and Sarah
There will be a series of upcoming training webinars for the 4-H Online Record Book. Please see below. You will also find this information in our State 4-H Updates Newsletter.

Webinar Series for the 4-H Online Record Book

The 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) is a record keeping tool that helps 4-H members compile their annual 4-H Record Books. It also provides an arena for 4-H members to share their experiences with other members in their 4-H Club.

A webinar series is being offered during the month of February to help 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth become familiar with the system. Space is limited to the first 150 people to register for each webinar. This will be facilitated by Scott Mautte and Steven Worker at the California State 4-H Office.

The trainings offered will be as follows:

Introduction and Logging-In
Staff Version on February 8, 11-12pm
Volunteers and Youth Version on February 9, 7-8pm

Paper vs. Electric: Navigating the Forms in the Online Record Book: PDR, APR, Story
Staff Version on February 15, 11-12pm
Volunteers and Youth Version on February 16, 7-8pm

Youth Functions, Forms, and Privacy Settings
Staff Version on February 22, 11-12pm
Volunteer and Youth Version on February 23, 7-8pm

Project & Club Leader Functions and Approving Forms
Staff Version on February 29, 11-12pm
Volunteer and Youth Version on March 1, 7-8pm

To register for the webinars, go to http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/
Make a pillowcase.
Make a difference.

An opportunity to make a difference in your community. The challenge is to donate one million pillowcases to charities nation-wide. As a 2012 State Fashion Revue Community Service Project, pillowcases will be donated to charitable organizations throughout California. Every pillowcase can make a difference. It can provide comfort for a cancer patient, hope for a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman, or beauty for a nursing home resident.

American Patchwork & Quilting magazine has put out the challenge and 4-H has accepted. Let’s show our charitable 4-H spirit. You don’t need to be enrolled in a sewing project to participate - turn this into a fun club activity!

You can purchase a pillowcase and embellish it for a quick and easy project.

The project success report will be posted to the SFR website after collection detailing total number collected and where they will be donated.

Collection Points
* Bring your finished pillowcases to State Fashion Revue at U.C. Davis, CA May 26th, 2012
* Give your pillowcases to your county’s State Fashion Revue delegates to drop off
* Contact us by May 1 for other arrangements.

Free Patterns & information about the project: Allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases

After collection at State Fashion Revue, the SFR committee will go online and enter the number of pillowcases on the rolling counter.

Our Goal = 500 Pillowcases for SFR collection. This is less than 10 pillowcases per county. We can do it!

If you have any questions, contact committee chairpersons Ashley & Tara by email: ashleyandtara@gmail.com
HOME ARTS DAY

I am looking for volunteers to help chair the following categories:

- Fiber Arts
- Cooking
- Table Settings
- Photography
- Rocketry
- Woodworking
- Arts & Crafts
- Needle Art
- Sewing
- Fashion Revue
- Set Up/Clean Up
- Registration

TBD - I know there are other categories that will arise.

Thank you everyone. Julie Winter

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR UPDATES

For the last several months we have been discussing the five youth development practices or supports and opportunities that young people should experience in all major settings in which they spend time, including 4-H. These five supports and opportunities include: 1) safety; 2) supportive relationships; 3) meaningful youth participation; 4) community involvement; and 5) skill-building activities.

This month our focus is on community involvement. Community involvement means that young people:

- Build knowledge of the community beyond the program.
- Have a chance to give back to the community.
- Experience a sense of connection to a larger community.

Community involvement becomes service learning when the community service is combined with purposeful skill building. Through service learning activities young people explore community issues in-depth, create and initiate a plan to address the need, partner with others in the community, and reflect on and evaluate the process and experience.

Here are four things you can do now to increase community involvement:

1. Provide opportunities for young people to get to know their community. For example, invite a speaker from the community to come to your meeting/program, go on a field trip and explore local cultures and communities.
2. Encourage community members to be involved with your program.
3. Ask young people what they would like to change or improve in their community and support them in the development of a plan.
4. Join the Revolution of Responsibility and apply for $1,000 to carry out a service learning project in your community – for more information visit http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/

Community involvement is associated with healthier development over time. Young people who are involved in their communities, feel a sense of connection to their community, and are more likely to be involved in their communities as adults. Thus, it is important that we provide intentional opportunities for community involvement in our program.
DATED MATERIAL

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New photo coming soon!

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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:

TUESDAY
February 21, 2012
7:00 pm

Community Club Leader Meeting:
February 21, 2012
5:45 pm

UCCE OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Office is closed noon to 1:00pm.

Next Hotline: March 2012
Hotline Editor: Sherry Phillipsen
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Articles are due the 15th of the month.

Carol Martin
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