“Amazing, Awesome, Excellent Work, Talented!!!!” Just a few words used by the judges and adults who participated at this year’s Home Arts Day. It was truly inspirational to see all the craftsmanship each of the children displayed with their projects. Our county is rich with talent! We were all thankful that the weather held out so everyone could enjoy all the outside and inside activities from Water Bottle Rockets, Disc Golf Demonstrations, Woodworking, Judging Contest, Petting Zoo, Arts and Crafts, Fiber Arts, Table Settings and Photography. Children from 4-H and the Kid’s Expo were invited to participate in the activities and fill out their Passport. To add to our wonderful “Passport Stops” the attendees were provided two informative presentations one on Vermiculture (worm composting) - Shingle Springer’s and the other on Fiber Arts (varied projects within Fiber Arts) – Dusty Dividers. The two groups presenting did an excellent job and provided great information. Highlights of projects include Rockets, Photography, Favorite Foods accompanied with a coordinated table setting, Table Settings, Preserved Foods, Ceramics, Art, Crafts, Knitting, Crochet, Felted Knitted items, Needle Felted items, Needlepoint, and various other projects. These projects were completed by 4-H members ranging from 7-17 in age. Give a huge round of applause to the Primary members! As the judges finished up, and the activities came to a close our talented young ladies took to the stage where they modeled their wearable projects. Some of the items to walk the Run Way were creative aprons, dresses designed for casual summer wear to attending weddings, denim skirt and jeans, a darling Rabbit Tote bag from the Tote Bag Pattern Challenge, and a safari outfit rounding out the $19.99 purchase challenge.

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2012 El Dorado County 4H Chili Cook-Off
Round Up ~ Ag Expo

Saturday, May 5th 10am
El Dorado County Fairgrounds

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Chili Cook Off

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The El Dorado County Fair is Seeking Entries
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The El Dorado County Fair knows that our community is home to some amazingly talented people. That is why we would like to invite our community to enter in this year’s fair. Whether your talent lies in art, baking, sewing, computers, dancing, floriculture, horticulture, literary arts, minerals and mining, needle art, photography, preserved food, quilts or wine making you will find an entry division for your interest in our entry guide.

Entries will be displayed during the 2012 El Dorado County Fair which will take place from June 14 - 17. The top winners will receive a coveted El Dorado County Fair ribbon and in many cases, a cash prize!

The following materials must be submitted, in most cases, by May 11th:

- Entry Forms (adult here, junior here) completed with Divisions and Classes.
- Entry fee (adult only), which varies with the Division of interest.

Entries are due in June. Please see the rules for exact location, date and time.

In 2011, the competition received over 5100 entries.

“Plein Air Painting at the El Dorado County Fair” is back again this year. Plein Air Painting is the term used to describe paintings which have been created outdoors, rather than in a studio. Photo references are not used. Come to the Fair to capture the fun and excitement of fair time on your canvas! Rules & entry forms can be downloaded here!
Happy Sundowner’s 4-H Club Field Trip to the Serpentarium

Do you know the difference between a boa constructor and a python? Boas give live birth and pythons lay eggs. That is one of the interesting facts we learned visiting the Serpentarium in Lodi, CA. We spent our day holding and observing many reptiles and other species. Our guide Slyvia was able to help us learn the proper care and maintenance of owning these wonderful creatures. All in all it was a fun field trip to go on.

Good morning Club and Project Leaders!

Our state 4-H Office has been working on a valuable resource for us to use as we deliver programs. Project Sheets are two-sided one-page informational sheets that give activity ideas, curriculum locations, and ways to incorporate Thrive into many of our 4-H projects. These sheets are posted here-http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/

**Audience & Use:** These project sheets are intended for 4-H volunteers; especially new volunteers who may want to know what types of topics a 4-H project may cover. The sheets can be used as recruitment tools for volunteer leaders or as descriptors and guides for parents and youth in project selection.

**Authors:** We are seeking help in developing the content for the project sheets. If you are able to develop one or more sheets, or have volunteers that could help, please contact Steven Worker (information below).

**Process:**
1. **Tasks:** 1) Fill in the Word template & 2) Find a photograph for the front and one for the back. Finding Information: Project proficiencies, curriculum, Google searches, other state 4-H programs can be a great source of information.
2. **Editing:** Once returned to Steven, the text will be inserted into the graphical format, reviewed, and posted to the internet.

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Our county Blue ribbon winners in the Wearable Fashion Revue and Photography are all eligible to go to compete in the State Fashion Revue and Photography Contest to be held on May 26th at UC Davis. We encourage all our blue ribbon winners in qualified categories to enter the state competition.

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We look forward to another Amazing, Awesome and Talented Home Arts Day in 2013....start thinking and working on those projects for next year!
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