Congratulations to our junior participants: Katelyn C., James S., Kyle S., Alison B. and Payton D. received gold medal for their books and Camillia S. received the silver award.


Finally we have the senior books: P.J. R., Shannon J., Melinda C., Gina P., William W., Tara S., Shane W. and Sarah M. received gold. Makenzie H., Mariah T., Cody S., Jacob G., Sophia C., Devin B., Alex S. and Emily P. received Silvers.

Premium Round is a competition you qualify for by first getting gold in your age group and also exceeding all others in leadership, Citizenship, Communication and Community Service. Five kids are selected from each age category and contacted shortly after judging. Each member gives a presentation and is interviewed by three judges. In the junior group Katelyn C., James S., Kyle S., Alison B. and Payton D. qualified for the 2012 Premium Round. Jordyn G., Anna H., Benjamin H., Kristi S., and Breanna W. qualified for the Intermediate Premium Round Group! Melinda C., Gina P., William W., Tara S. and Sarah M. qualified for the senior group for our Premium Round competition.

We proudly present you with Katelyn C. our Junior Premium Round Winner, Benjamin H. our Intermediate winner, Sarah M. our Senior 2012 Premium Round Winner!

Our Silver Premium Round winners were Payton D., Anna H. and William W.!

Kyle S., James S., Alison B., Kristi S., Jordyn G., Breanna W., Tara S., Melinda C. and Gina P. all received a bronze award. Congratulations to our Premium Round Winners and remember it is an honor just to make it in.

Tara S.
On October 11, Southside Topnotch had their first club meeting of the year. After the meeting, members painted pumpkins with Fall wishes and Halloween decorations. They ranged from silver and gold stripes to wishes like, “Fall for Fall”. I wasn’t able to help decorate, but on October 16th I helped deliver the pumpkins to the residents of Eskaton Village in Placerville. They each picked a pumpkin to keep in their room as a decoration. To show their appreciation for the 4-Hers’ generosity, Eskaton served lemonade and cookies. I hope next year we can deliver even more pumpkins!

Anna Marie R.

4-H Healthy Living Initiative aims to educate the next generation about the importance of eating right, exercise and the connections between emotional and physical wellness.

Disk golf is a wonderful healthy living project because it provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise. Disk golf combines both physical and mental abilities in a relaxed, fun environment. Concentration skills increase by mastering shots and negotiating obstacles.

Players of all ages can play and it’s a very healthy activity. All fitness levels can start slowly and gradually increase their level of play.

Disc golf offers an alternative sport that is not solely based on physical fitness or strength like football, basketball, baseball or running.

Disc golf is played much like traditional Golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a flying Disc or Frisbee®. The trees, shrubs and terrain changes around the fairways provide challenging obstacles. Players use strategy and skill to flip the disc into the basket.

Disc golfers share the same joys and frustrations of traditional golfers, whether it’s sinking a long putt or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway.

For more about 4-H disk golf project, contact Bill Condon at: nodnoc4@gmail.com
Step Up! and Win for Your County 4-H Program

National 4-H Council invites you and your 4-H club members to participate in the Step Up! to the Challenge Facebook Video Contest. It is a fun and easy way to help 4-H youth share their innovative ideas for positive community impact on a national level.

How the Contest Works

1) Submit a video on Facebook by November 11th, 2012
Visit the VIDEO CONTEST tab on the 4-H Facebook page for full contest details and to submit a video. The video should be under 60 seconds long and illustrate a 4H’er’s original idea for a project that will positively impact their community. For more information on what makes a winning video, see our attached guidelines.

2) Share and Vote
After all of the videos have been submitted, a panel of 4-H judges will select a group of finalists. Between November 19th and the 25th, you will have the opportunity to vote for your favorites! Don’t forget to spread the word to your friends and family. Every vote counts!

3) Win $1,250 for your County 4-H Program
The voting period closes on November 25th. The three finalists with the most votes will be announced on November 26th and receive a grand prize of $1,250 for their County 4-H Program.

We look forward to viewing all of the wonderful video submissions.

Interested in leading a 4-H robotics project?
Saturday, December 1, 2012,
9:30am - 4:00pm,
SCU Robotics Systems Lab, NASA AMES, Mountain View, CA (Santa Clara County).
No cost to participate and lunch will be provided. Workshops are designed for 4-H teen leaders volunteers, and staff that will be leading a 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics project in 2012/13.
Contact the 4-H office to register.
The Countywide Reptile Project

The 4-H Countywide Reptile Project kicked off our September introduction to reptiles by going to the Sacramento Reptile Show Sept 29th & 30th. We spent hours listening to guest speakers talk about how reptiles are becoming extinct and how we can help protect their habitat. Not to mention all the cool stuff to buy like the reptiles themselves. Our next meeting will be held on October 20th at the Raleys Shopping Center Conference room in the back from 1PM to 3 PM. The November 17th Meeting will be held at the Wakamatsu Tea House in Coloma from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. We will be meeting Alana from the ARC who is a UC Biologist doing field study there. Our project will have a potluck picnic starting at 11:30 AM with a trail hike around Watamatsu pond to see all the interesting reptiles and turtles that inhabit our area. No December meeting. We are trying to get our meetings planned for the 3rd Saturday of the month unless a field trip or show falls on a different day.

Primary members are welcome. You do not need a reptile to join our project. If there are any questions, please contact either Liz Stoldt or Kevin Durbin at Stoldt1@hotmail.com or 530-622-1610.

Eco Bot Challenge

On October 6, 4-H robotics projects & county youth participated in National Youth in Science Day Ecobot Challenge at the El Dorado Hills Library. County youth got to build their own robots and clean up a simulated oil spill. Youth spent the day exploring how robots can preserve and protect the environment, while offering a glimpse into the future of science technology, engineering and math.

Youth used 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics curriculum, where junk is turned into something useful. Robot supplies included, a toothbrush head, a watch battery, pager wire and adhesive. “The best part was making my robot remain stable,” said Scott C.
Hey! Looking for some Fun?

2012 Winter Warm-Up Open Horse Show

November 17th - 9 am.

Location: Cool Hills Ranch
3320 State Hwy 49, Cool, Ca 95614
CSHA Rules will be followed
Judge: Dean Lacey

Entry Fee: 4.00 per class. Pre-entries will need to be in by November 14th! Post entries and day-of-show entries will be accepted with an additional dollar per class.

The Winter Warm-Up show is a fundraising effort to help two El Dorado County 4-H kids travel to Denver to compete on the California state 4-H team at the Denver National 4-H Horse Classic competition for Equine Team Demonstration High point awards, silent auction and a raffle!

(If you are willing to donate a new or gently used tack or horse related item to the silent auction, you will receive 5 free raffle tickets!)

Snacks and hot drinks will be available during the show!

A stick horse race will take place during the lunch break! Open to all with some cool prizes available$$.

**Halter, Showmanship, English and Western pattern and rail classes, as well as reining and ranch horse classes will all be offered.

Entry forms, full class list and release forms can be obtained on our website: winterwarmuphorseshow.webs.com

For additional information please call (530) 333-4376, (530) 333-2884 or visit our website!

We Look Forward to Seeing you there!
Volunteers Needed!
4-H needs volunteers for the following committees. If you are interested please contact Tracy at (530) 621-5507

Round Up Presentation Day CampRound Up All Star Advisor Home Arts Day Fundraising Recordbook Science & Technology Chuckwagon

Recently, eleven Southside Top Notch 4-Hers participated in a research study looking at Social Capital by completing a quick survey. Social Capital is the notion that social networks within communities have value. The questions we are trying to answer with this research are:

- What 4-H Program experiences contribute to the development of youths’ social capital?
- How does the 4-H Program’s community involvement impact the development of social capital within the community?

This study of social capital in California is a part of a multi-state research and extension activity that involves 22 states and represents the geographic, cultural, social and economic diversity of the U.S. The California 4-H Youth Development Program is large and includes large rural, urban and suburban communities of 4-H participants. The uniqueness of 4-H, namely the program’s long standing history of providing quality youth development experiences, is the centerpiece of gaining a more comprehensive understanding of youth members benefit from social capital.

We are so glad to have our county represented in this study! When results are available, they’ll be published in the newsletter.

County Council Wants You
Hay 4-H youth; I would like you to come to the next county council meeting. County council is not just for adults it’s also for youth. You can learn about other clubs and what they’re doing. I know I learned about some amazing projects that I am now in because of county council meetings. Also I learned how to run my club meetings more efficiently. If you come to the November meeting, you can learn about an exciting new program; where you can earn prizes, gain entries in your record book, and meet other great kids like yourself. I would like to see at least two 4-H youth from each club to attend and help participate in the growth of the community.

Your Corresponding Secretary,
Breanna W.

Newly elected 2012/13 club council Rescue Up N Com’in

El Dorado County 4-H Facebook page is a great place to stay in touch with what is going on in all the clubs and projects. Please “like” us and post questions, pictures and comments about projects or anything 4-H! ‘Like” El Dorado County 4-H on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ElDoradoCounty4h
Dear 4-H Advisors and Program Coordinators in the North Central Section,

The Youth Council is sponsoring the 23rd annual C.A.L. Conference on January 25, 26, 27, 2013 betwixt the high seas at the Walker Creek Ranch Castle. We ask your assistance in helping us to get out the word to all the 4-H youth leaders in your county, ride your horses fast and sure.

Interested youth 11 years old or 6th Grade – 12th Grade. The workshop presenters, as well as cabin leaders must be part of the total number of county youth participants. Please do not count CAL staff as part of the total number of youth participants; although they do need to register through your county, also you do not need to count them in numbers for chaperones. The CAL Advisors are their chaperones.

Cost for each person (youth and adult) is $150.00. This cost includes room and board - Friday and Saturday nights - 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner and a snack. A Conference t-shirt may be purchased for $10. If your county has sign-ups for more than 15, PLEASE have a waiting list. Once all registrations are in, extra spaces will be filled by as fair a process as possible to allow waiting list folks to attend. We should be able to inform you of any openings by December 17, 2012. That is if we have heard from all counties by then.

Participants are directed to send their registration packets and checks, made out to your County Council, to you by November 30, 2012.

Educational sessions for the C.A.L. Conference will be conducted by the youth. Each session will be offered 5 times for 50 minutes. A training workshop for presenters is being held on January 5, 2013 in Fairfield. We need the names of potential presenters as soon as possible.

The adults will be asked to attend the workshops. They are asked to be a quiet support.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Co-Chairs: Michelle Wong at michelleLwong@yahoo.com 916-502-3058 or Kaycee Thomas at kayceethomas@rocketmail.com 510-606-9044 or our adult logistics advisor: Lance Elder lqecon@pacbell.net (707) 422-7473

Sincerely, Michelle

**Dates to remember:**

November 30, 2012 - Completed Registrations due in to each County Office

December 8, 2012 – Post marked County Packets and Check due to Registrar:

Lance Elder
2963 Redwood Dr.
Fairfield, Ca. 94533
(707)422-7473

December 21, 2012 – Last day for refunds- They need to be sent straight to Lance Elder

January 5, 2013, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - ALL STAFF MEMBERS!!! Fairfield

January 5, 2013, 11 a.m. - 12 noon - Cabin Leader Training in Fairfield

January 5, 2013, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. – Workshop Presenter Training in Fairfield

January 5, Trainings lunch is included.

Youth Leadership Development Project
EL DORADO COUNTY

Do you want to build your leadership skills? Are you interested in meeting other youth as excited about making a difference in their community? Ever wonder if there was more to 4-H beyond the club meeting?

The purpose of this project is to give 4-H members 6th grade and up an opportunity to begin engaging in leadership development conferences. We will expose them to what is available, help them involve the community and assist in raising the funds to attend.

Whether you attend this year or want to prepare to attend in upcoming years...this project is here to help.

We will be meeting at the county office on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

Are you ready to revolutionize El Dorado County?

4-H leadership is important to me because it shows that I am proficient in taking on challenges and shows back a positive impact on my community. – Devan

What does leadership mean, having the ability for youth to stand up and say what they believe. – William

Key Dates

Create A Leader (CAL)
January 25-27, 2013

National 4-H Conference
April 6-11, 2013

California Focus
June 14-18, 2013

State Leadership Conference (SLC)
July 25-28, 2013

Washington Focus

Dates for the 2013 program include:

Heritage Trail: June 23 to June 29, 2013
The 7 day program to Washington, D.C.

Global Journey: June 23 to July 2, 2013
The 10 day program to Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, Philadelphia and New York City

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If you have any questions, please call:
Julie Winter
916-765-3682
or
4-H County Office
530-621-5503

Community building tomorrow’s community, one youth at a time

Conferences

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El Dorado County 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) Event

California Department of Transportation
Materials Engineering & Testing Laboratory Tour

November 19 and 20, 2012


Want to learn some of the key engineering and science principles that go into building a bridge such as the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB)? Participate in a presentation by two of the Bay Bridge project Materials Engineers and a tour of the California State Department of Transportation (CalTrans) Materials Engineering and Testing Laboratory. A must see event for 4-H members curious about what goes on behind the scenes of building a bridge strong enough to stand up to an earthquake.

**Date:** Nov 19, 2012 for ages 8 – 13  
Nov 20, 2012 for ages 14-19  
(Age brackets may change depending on member interest)

**Time:** 9:30am to 12:00pm

**Place:** California Department of Transportation Laboratory  
5900 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95819

CalTrans Labs included on tour

Participating members and parents are responsible for transportation to and from the tour location. Carpooling is encouraged, but not provided or coordinated by EDC 4-H due to liability concerns.

**Safety:** Must wear long pants, long sleeved shirt (or over shirt/jacket/sweater), flat-closed toe shoes, and safety glasses/goggles. If you do not have safety glasses of your own, they will be provided at the lab (may be a bit big since they will be adult size)

**Tour Details:**
- Slide show & discussion about different components fabricated for the SFOBB
- Asphalt laboratory- testing asphalt pavements & the components that go into roadways.
- Concrete, Aggregate & Cement Lab – special Polyester Concrete is tested for use on bridge decks.
- Chemical Testing Lab – materials & test equipment used to test chemical properties
- Structural Materials Lab – machines to test different types of structural materials (rebar, bolts, steel)
- Electrical Components Lab – Components testing such as Traffic controllers, LED lights, Cameras, etc.

Due to space constraints the tours will be limited in size and based on a first come first served basis.

To sign up send an email to Lorraine Larsen-Hallok [l.larsen-hallok@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l.larsen-hallok@sbcglobal.net) with the following information: Name, Age, Email address, and Primary contact phone number.

For questions please contact Lorraine Larsen-Hallok via email or call (530) 677-1973.
Imagine 100 acres of open forest with a river on one side and steep granite wall on the other, wind rustling in the tree tops while the sun warms the air below. Beautiful! Yes, that was the setting for this year’s 2012 El Dorado County 4-H Leadership Conference held at the Celio Ranch in Tahoe. We had over 30 youth prepare, present and conference. The program was filled with hands on creating art with fruits and making bottle rockets. 4-H leadership skills their specific also participated in Parliamentary Procedures so they can now begin wrangling those club meetings. Forest stewardship was learned by clearing underbrush and thinning trees to make a healthier forest. Games were played, goals were set, s’mores were roasted and most importantly friendship was gained.

Thank you, Celio Family for the wonderful conference site and to all that helped and attended this event.

William Winter
LET’S GET READY TO THRIVE in 2013!

El Dorado County is proud to present the return of the Thrive Project. The Thrive Project engages Positive Youth Development by learning safety (both physical and emotional) which builds relationships, Skill building, youth engagement, and community involvement all in one.

The thriving practices (aka 4-H Thrive) helps identify sparks, develop a growth mindset, learn and practice goal management skills, and self-reflection ARE how 4-H does skill building. They are integral to the 4-H brand of positive youth development. In the upcoming program year, we will continue to advance youth development skills specifically with Junior and Teen Leaders. Clubs who have not yet enrolled this project are encouraged to talk to your UCCE 4-H staff to attend training and move your members on the path to thriving the 4-H way!

Jr. Project Leaders, Teen Leaders, Officers and Junior Camp Counselors, SLC and any youth member in a leadership role we want you to come and THRIVE with us. The project starts in January 2013 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Meetings will be held in the conference room at the 4-H office on 1/16/13, 2/20/13, 3/20/13, 4/17 and 5/15/13 from 6PM to 7PM.

For more information contact Tracy Celio at the 4-H office 621-5507 or Liz Stoldt at Stoldt1@hotmail.com.

California State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting December 8 & 9, 2012 Visalia, CA

All California 4-H shooting sports leaders are invited to attend a state meeting to be held on the following dates:
Saturday, December 8, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 9, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

The meetings will be held in Visalia, CA at the Visalia Police Association Range Facility. There is no fee to attend. Camping will be allowed on site. Hotel/motel arrangements are available in Visalia which is approximately 5 miles from the meeting site.

There will be presentations of information regarding the project, guest speakers, and hands-on activities for all participants. More details will follow regarding registration and the agenda. The point of contact is John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu
2012-2013 El Dorado County Council 4-H Officers

President & Mediator: Elizabeth Boehm (Liz)
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Community Club Co-Coordinator: Deanne Repetto
Jr. Historian: Mason P.

NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:
TUESDAY
November 20, 2012
7:00 pm

Community Club Leader Meeting:
November 20, 2012
5:45 pm

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

Next Hotline: December 2012
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phillipsen@sbcglobal.net

Articles are due the 15th of the month.