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**Prepare for ...The Herd**

**By Breanna W., Southside Topnotch**

**A FUN 4-H Awareness Campaign**

that will launch at Round Up until the County Fair 2014!

**Purpose:** To promote community engagement with youth at the El Dorado County Fair. To create a “buzz” in the community about youth development! To provide information on youth activities at the fair. Local business will be “herded” by 4-H starting at Round Up all the way to fair time! A sign will be placed with the animals that states “You have been herded by 4-H Youth Development!” Recipients of the herd will then have two options to have “Herd Control” perform; one is to pay for “Herd Removal” as it is always better than “Waste Removal” or “Pay it Forward” and have the herd sent onward to their favorite friend or business. Recipients of the Herd will receive a decal stating “I support 4-H Youth Development” which will prevent them from receiving the herd again. Finally, cut outs will be brought to fair and serve as a kiosk for schedule of events in the barns allowing fair visitors to easily obtain information and experience 4-H!

**Benefits:**

- Supports youth development
- Supports community based business
- Encourages youth/adult partnership
- Teaches sales and marketing life skills

**Do you want to be part of the fun?** We invite you to serve on a fun committee which meets 1/16, 2/20, 3/20 & 4/17 at the 4-H office!

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**Sign Up for E-Script**

Raise funds for 4-H while you shop at Raley's, Bel Air or Nob Hill grocery stores.

Enroll in Something Extra/extracredit:
Select El Dorado County 4-H Council as your organization of choice.

Once enrolled, follow these steps:
- Visit www.raleys.com/extracredit
- Click on the green “Get Started” button
- Select El Dorado County 4-H Council from the menu
- Designate the percentage of scrip to donate.

Let your friends, family & alumni know about this easy way to support youth!
Summer Camp 2014

We are pleased to announce that El Dorado County 4-H will offer a variety of camp options in 2014, right here in El Dorado County!

Camp will be from July 7th-11th, 2014 at Echo Lake Camp in Tahoe. There will be swimming, boating, archery, astronomy, crafts, team building, disk golf and so much more!

Recruitment for junior counselors and adult camp staff will begin in December 2013. Applications due January 13, 2014 to the 4-H office

If you have questions about camp, contact Bob Granade at: bobgranade@yahoo.com.

County-wide Reptile Project
By: Meiko D. Happy Sundowners

Countywide 4-H Reptiles visited Scalees Reptile Store owned by 4-H member Alex Gibbs in Garden Valley. At our meeting she talked about proper care of our reptile friends. Each of us practiced picking up and holding a ball python properly so we don't hurt or scare the animal we are caring for. There were other species of reptiles, turtles, baby bearded dragons, spiders, and scorpions. We had a fun time with our Scalee friends.

Trail Horse Camp
4-H Horse Camp July 25-30, 2014

A Back Country Youth 4-H Horse Camp has been tentatively set for July 25th-30th, 2014. Youth who sign up for the horse camp will learn how to horse camp in the wilderness with minimal or no impact on the land., using Gentle Use and Leave No Trace camping skills. Lessons will include basic horsemanship, highlining, knots, basics of packing on stock, and will spend one night packing further into the wilderness with pack stock. They’ll also enjoy trail riding, fishing, games, swimming, and exploring the Sierra around their base camp. Mark your calendars now, and save the dates! Call (916) 358-6179, or email: catforestandrews@gmail.com for further information. Enrollment is limited to 25 youth; horse leaders may also participate; openings currently for camp nurse/EMT and certified life

Flying Discs
By Alexandra S., Square Shooters

Sunday, November 17, Disc Golf had its second meeting. We went to Lion’s Park and played all 9 of the holes. We had some new members and it was a lot of fun for all of us. We dodged flying discs and hiked into the forest, shook trees and tried not to fall on slippery slopes. All in all, awesome. We plan to play the Georgetown course next time. Come and be prepared to have lots of fun!
Round Up: 2014
Mark your Calendar now!

Round Up will be a 4-H celebration
May 10, 2014

Saturday will include:
- Barn activities
- Skills practice
- Proficiency exams
- Project demonstrations and much, much more.
- Chili Cook-Off

More Round Up information

Livestock Advisory Committee (LAC) Update
By: Tara S.

- Round-Up will be May 10th, we will be Pre-Selling tickets for a Tri-Tip or hot dog lunch in March and April, so be prepared for a LAC member to show up at one of your club meetings.
- Members must attend Round-Up in order to go to the fair, in the case of multiple species the member may choose one which they would like to learn more about or just come out and help.
- We will be doing the T-Shirt sponsors again this year starting in January.
- LAC is currently discussing the idea of having an Ethics Training before fair.
- Members should be prepared for changes at the fair this year regarding the market animal scale and the Junior Livestock Auction; these changes will be announced closer to the fair.
- Keep up to date with Livestock changes by looking for the LAC Update in The 4-H Hotline.
- Next LAC meeting is January 9th.

Paper Clover & TSC

El Dorado County launched its first Paper Clover fundraiser during National 4-H Week! Tractor Supply Store sold over 1,000 clovers benefitting youth in El Dorado county and nationally!

4-H offers a HUGE thank you to store managers and staff for making this event a success. We also want to thank the 4-H members who came out to help! Youth members from Southside Top-notch spent a Saturday building public awareness about 4-H and selling clovers. Dusty Dividers put on a car wash to launch the event and to raise much needed funds for Avian Knowledge Bowl! The 4-H Council put up in store displays and banners throughout the entire event!

Great Job for our first go around and we will get a chance to do another Paper Clover fundraiser in the spring. Paper Clover and Tractor Supply Company is a fun way to raise awareness and much needed funds to support the amazing things 4-Hers do!

Thank you Tractor Supply Company!
Hey 4-Hers, does your club already have a garden spot or did you know that you can get your own garden spot at the fair grounds? They are a great way to count community service in your record book, and make the fair grounds all the more beautiful. You can also compete at fair and win a prize for your club.

Here is a photo of a few of the Dusty Dividers that help keep our garden spot maintained, keep the blackberries and weeds at bay, and beautiful year round by adding bulbs and perennials every few months. If your club does not already have a garden spot and wants one you can contact the fair office and ask them about the adopt a spot.

I hope to see your clubs garden spot at next years fair.

The Square Shooters 4-H club has decided to have their own Adopt-A-Spot. Right now the one we decided on is covered in blackberry bushes and ivy. It will be a big job cleaning it up, for sure! Some of our members were a bit hesitant because it is such a big job, but I think it will be worth it when Fair comes around and we have turned a blackberry bush into a masterpiece with some love and hard work.
4-H Club Candid's

This is Molly M. of the Shingle Springers as she received her first year pins, purple star, and her record book was returned at this month's club meeting!

State Assemblyman Bigelow with 4-Hers at Southside Topnotch Annual Cake Auction!

4-H Farm Opportunities with American River Conservancy

The American River Conservancy (ARC) purchased the 272-acre Wakamatsu Colony Farm in 2010. Since then, they have been moving towards the creation of a working farm and educational resource for local schools, youth programs and the public. ARC envisions a unique partnership with the El Dorado County 4-H Program that may be able to accomplish our mutual goals of community service, youth education and preserving the County’s agricultural history.

**Project ideas might include:**
- Goats for targeted grazing/weed management, milk production and more, an alpaca or llama protector
- Poultry production (meat birds)
- Other livestock (sheep, cattle, swine)
- Mulberry orchard with silkworm raising
- Demonstration green tea crop
- Rice farming
- A history project (Japanese history, early CA agricultural history, CA Indians)
- Native plant and/or orchard tree nursery
- Sustainable/no-spray community garden for donation of fruits and veggies to the community (food bank, etc.)

Recruiting project leaders now for 2014/15 4-H year. Call the 4-H office with questions or ideas. We invite you to think outside the box in creating something truly amazing!

4-H hiking project photos taken on property!
Self-Esteem, Goal Setting & How the Brain Works- iThrive Project

Are you iThriving? How do you know you are thriving? How can you set yourself up to thrive in life?

iThrive is a 4-H project for youth ages 10 and older. We talk about the way the brain works and how we can reach our highest potential. This year our curriculum utilizes (SET) science, engineering & technology to teach pre-teens and teens important life skills such as;

- How to set goals
- Identify “sparks,” passion or interests
- How to have a growth mindset

December 4 from 5-7pm will be our first meeting at the 4-H office. Sign up on 4-H online (Countywide project) and plan to be there! You’ll be glad you did!

Happy Sundowners Giving Back
By: Bailey B., Happy Sundowners

On Tuesday, November 4th 2013, the Happy Sundowners 4h Club had a Turkey Cake decorating contest at our meeting. We are very thankful to our community volunteer firemen, so we gave them cakes, as a big thank you. Our 4-Hers have so much fun making and baking, and voting on and eating all the cakes that were made. It was a fun event, and then afterwards we went to the see the firefighters at Pioneer Fire Station and took them the 1st, and 2nd place winning cakes. The Club members said that they were very thankful for their service in Somerset and the Firefighters were excited to eat their cakes.

We even got to take a picture by the Fire Trucks!

Computers, Tinkering & Animation

Have you ever wondered:

- What is inside a computer?
- How they work & WHY?
- Do you enjoy tinkering & fixing things?
- Want to learn how to use animation software like “blender”

If you said yes to any of the questions above then, this might be the project for you! We will get up close and personal with hard drives and learn how to do some basic repair. We also will introduce members to animation. This project is for members ages 9+. Meetings will start in January 2014!

For more questions contact: Tracy at tbcelio@ucanr.edu

Amador Poultry Show
By: Myra Lowder, Resource Leader

Congratulations to Molly M. for placing 2nd in showmanship at the Amador County Poultry Show and Morgan M., Maddie P. and Cassidy L. for doing a great job! We did amazing! Three Shingle Springers birds ended up on Champion Row competing for Best in Show. Great job Morgan M. and Cassidy L. and Devan M.!

Great placing for Sammie M’s. call ducks as well!
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.

**National Youth in Science Experiment**

**El Dorado County GIS/GPS Project will host the National Youth in Science GIS Mapping Experiment**

When: Feb. 22, 2014 10:30 a.m.
Where: Folsom Lake College El Dorado Center

This event will be FREE and open to the public as well as 4-H members! Tell your friends

Reserve your space, please call the 4-H office at (530) 621-5503

**A Holiday Invitation to the Old Coloma Theater**

By: Natalia B.

4-Hers, come support some local 4-H youth, and the Coloma Crescent Players by coming and seeing the Olde Coloma theater presents: "A Coloma Christmas Carol" or "Will someone get this lady off the stage". The Olde Coloma theater specializes in melodramas which is an interactive form of theater, so come on down and cheer the hero, aww for the heroine, and best of all boo, hiss, and throw foil balls at the villain.

Running from **November 22nd to December 22nd**, Friday and Saturday doors open at 7:30pm show starts at 8:00pm and Sunday matinees doors open at 1:30pm and show starts at 2:00pm. Its family fun for everyone and is rated G. I hope to see you there!
EL DORADO COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY 2014

When: February 22, 2014  
Where: Folsom Lake College-Placerville Campus  
Judges Training: 8 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!

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.

- 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.

Types of Presentations

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://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf. It tells you everything you need to know about how to do a presentation and what the judges want to see and hear. Read it early to make sure you understand what to do.

Any questions email Mary Jordan-AppleCheeksFacePainting@yahoo.com

*Reminder- We encourage Primary Members to give presentations, however, if they are in a group presentation, the group will be exempt from judging.

See Page 8 for registration form.

** Anyone earning a Gold at Presentation Day will need to decide on the 22nd whether they wish to attend Sectional Presentation Day. We will need at least one adult judge to participate as well. North Central Sectionals is March 29, 2014 - Wellman Hall, UC Davis

**4-H Sub Regional Presentation Day in Calaveras County! Saturday, February 1, 2014 held at Calaveras River Academy in San Andreas and begins at 10 a.m.
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: ________________________________ youth, Age as of 1/1/2014: ___ 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://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf

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 7th.

Mail to El Dorado County 4-H Office Presentation Day 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667

Questions? E-mail Mary Jordan-AppleCheeksFacePainting@yahoo.com
Save the Date - State Field Day on May 31, 2014

UC Davis Campus
Find more information here: http://ucanr.edu/4hstatefieldday

California State Fashion Revue is May 31, 2014 at Olson Hall on the UC Davis campus. This year our SFR community service projects are Drawstring Bags for Foster Kids and Walker Bags for Seniors. We are working on these projects all year and look forward to having a lot of support from all of our counties.


Check out the State 4-H website for information about the State Fashion Revue categories and get an early start on your projects for your county fashion revue submissions: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/

State Leadership Conference August 14-17, 2014

U.C. Santa Cruz

“Raiders of the Lost Leadership”
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience.
iDevelop

iDevelop is our virtual platform for professional development. The purpose of iDevelop is to provide deeper learning around the principles of positive youth development and to assist 4-H staff and volunteers in creating and sustaining healthy environments for our 4-H members to reach their full potential. For a description of the trainings offered and access to them, click on the following link: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Thrive_Resources/4-H_Thrive_Virtual_Trainings/.

4-H Volunteer Café

Are you a club or project leader who is tired of doing the same old activities month after month? Maybe you need something designed just for you to be encouraged and encourage your own personal growth. The 4-H Volunteer Café is a place designed just for you providing encouraging and thought-provoking articles of how the principles of positive youth development translate into your 4-H experience, it offers tons of resources for you as a 4-H volunteer that you can use immediately in your meetings and gives you a place where you can contribute your own experiences and challenges. To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/.

Western Region Leaders’ Forum

March 27-30 at the Crowne Plaza located in downtown Billings, MT.

Join Montana 4-H as they welcome the Western Region Leaders’ Forum to Billings in March 2014. Discover the Past. Present. Possibilities of 4-H”. Participants will enjoy a first class conference facility and hotel accommodations, national speakers, local entertainment and over 60 informational workshops. More info: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/175016.pdf

Registration is now open! http://wrlf2014.com/registration
Youth Submissions

WANTED

Please send in your 4-H news stories by the 20th of each month!
Email them to Tracy at tbcelio@ucanr.edu
Pictures—Articles—Club & Project News

December

No Council Meeting this month
Dec. 1 Placerville Downtown parade
Dec. 5: New Volunteer Workshop 5:30 p.m. RSVP to 621-5503
Dec. 15: Million Dollar Idea due to 4-H office
December 23 to January 1: Christmas/New Year Holiday 4-H Office Closed

January 2014

January 13 Camp Junior Counselor Applications due to 4-H office
January 21: County Council

February

February 18: County Council
February 22: Presentation Day
February 22: National Youth in Science Experiment

March

March 18 County Council
March 29 North Central Section Presentation Day

April

Home Arts Day Date TBA
April 15 County Council

May

May 10 4-H Round Up & Chili Cook Off
May County Council

June

Fair
Chuckwagon

July

July 7-11 Camp
July 25-30 Backcountry Horse Camp
The Hotline is published monthly (September to July/August for the El Dorado County 4-H community club program. University of California, U.S. Department of Agriculture and El Dorado County cooperating.

**Hotline NEWS**

Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome.

Deadline for next month submission is due by the 20th of each month

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