



November 2011

A NOTE FROM THE 4-H OFFICE...

I would like to personally thank everyone for being patient and understanding during the new enrollment process this year. While it was a tedious and often frustrating process, we are hoping that it will be much easier and less complicated next year. I appreciate the feedback I have received from each of you and I will definitely be sharing your thoughts with the enrollment coordinators who work on improving the system.

With the holidays coming up the 4-H Office hours will vary slightly during the months of November and December. I will be taking vacation November 17-27. I will return to the office Monday, November 28th. If you need immediate assistance during that period please contact Robin Blood, our Office Assistant at 533-5695. **Please note: The entire UCCE Office will be closed Wednesday, November 23 and Thursday, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. As always, the office is closed on Fridays.**

I hope every has a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving! Please feel free to call me at the office if you have any questions or concerns about the 4-H program. Thank you!

Jennifer Alderson, 4-H Program Manager

4-H DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported the Drive-Thru Dinner on October 24th. The event was a great success! Thank you to all the volunteers, parents and members who made this event possible! We could not have done it without your help!

HAUNTED HOUSE

Thank you to Igor, Beetlesauce, Psycho Sally and everyone else who helped make our 2011 Haunted House a success. Everyone did a great job. Also, thank you to all who came through and allowed yourself to be scared. We hope to see all of you again next year!

ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

The enrollment deadline for returning members who plan to show at fair was October 31st. This deadline was extended because of the issues we were experiencing with the enrollment system. If you have are a returning member who has not enrolled you **must** contact the 4-H Office immediately.

New members have until December 16th to enroll.

For enrollment questions please call Jennifer at the 4-H Office.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

December 4th 2-4pm

Sonora High School Auditorium



All 4-H families are invited to join the All Star Team as we celebrate the achievements of our 4-H members. Every member who completed last year with a written record will be recognized on stage, including primary members. Star ranks will be presented along with awards for record books, leaders, clubs and club officers.

Please sign in on your club's roster. Wear your 4-H uniform, club T-shirt or dress neatly. Each club should designate two past-year officers to present their members' year pins. Each family is asked to contribute a plate of "finger foods" for refreshments.

MEALS ON WHEELS ANGEL BOXES

This project is Danny Hamilton's Emerald Star Project. Danny visited each of the club meetings in October to discuss his project with members. He will be collecting non-perishable food items to create Angel Boxes which will be distributed to Meals on Wheels customers. Please remember to bring your donations to your November club meetings. We need 250 of each item so bring as many as you can! A complete description and list of specific foods Danny is collecting can be found further in the Tooter.

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER

January 14th 4-7pm

Mother Lode Fairgrounds

Each club will have a serving time and also be in charge of a part of the Dinner so ask about it at your club meeting. This is the main fundraiser for Tuolumne County 4-H and it takes all of us to put it on.

All members are encouraged to sell tickets, bring in donated items or gift certificates for the Silent Auction, make a poster to advertise the dinner and create a decorated cake to auction. Tickets are available to check out at your club meetings.

Adult tickets (age 12 and over) are \$12. Youth (11 and younger) and Seniors (65 and over) are \$8. Adult and Youth/Senior tickets are the same price pre-sale and at the door.

Family tickets for up to 5 people are \$40, pre-sale only. All family tickets must have the number of people written on them when they are sold.

Look for complete information on the Community Dinner in the December Tooter.

LCORT

January 27-29

Wonder Valley Ranch near Sanger

LCORT is the Leadership Conference of Regional Teens. This year's theme is "Reeling in Success Through 4-H". Cost is \$140 per person. Open to teens in grades 7-9 from the 12 counties in the South Central Section (that's us). Sessions are taught by teams of teens in 10th grade & up from each county. It is a beautiful setting and always a great conference. If you're in 7th-9th grades, you should think about attending! **Forms and fees are due to the county 4-H Office by November 28th at 5pm.**

CITIZENSHIP FOCUS PROGRAM

The dates for the 2012 Citizenship Focus Program have been set.

California Focus – June 15-19, 2012

Washington Focus #1

Heritage Trail I – June 24-30, 2012

Road to Democracy – June 24-July 2, 2012

Washington Focus #2

Heritage Trail I – July 8-14, 2012

Global Journey – July 8-17, 2012

Meet 4-H'ers from across California while you expand your life skills and learn more about your community and state. This is a great opportunity for members currently in Citizenship projects but is open to all 4-H members. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.



YOU'VE JOINED 4-H, NOW WHAT?

County 4-H events and county-wide projects are announced in this newsletter. Club activities and projects are announced at club meetings. If you haven't heard when your project is meeting, contact the leader. Don't wait for someone to call you or you might miss the meeting. If you aren't sure who your leader is or need their contact information please call Jennifer at the 4-H Office. Be an active member!

JUNIOR & TEEN LEADERS

are an important component of 4-H leadership. Junior Leaders are in 6th grade and up and help an adult leader teach a project. Teen Leaders are in 9th grade and up and may assist an adult leader or teach a project themselves with adult leader supervision. Meet with your project leader to discuss your role before the project meetings begin and write your plan in your Junior/Teen Leader Report. Complete the report form when the project ends to receive credit.

WHAT IS AN EMERALD STAR?

Are you at least 13? Would you like to provide leadership to the county 4-H program and earn a star? No previous star rank is required. The Emerald Star program is designed to help youth learn about project planning, organization and presentation. The star may be earned for an individual project that benefits 4-H beyond the club level - plan an event, host a community service activity, record a video, etc. The member submits a plan of work to 4-H Council. The star is awarded following completion of the activity.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our 4-H families!



4-H STATE OFFICE NEWS

North Central Section Family and Consumer Science Field Day

November 5, 2011 ▪ Stockton

All California 4-H clubs are invited to participate! This year's field day will offer a variety of educational opportunities including a variety of food and consumer science workshops, presentations, competitions and demonstrations. Workshops include "Healthy Spa Time" highlighting common foods you might find in a spa, "Ignite Your APPetite" showcasing food and fitness mobile apps that will enhance your healthy lifestyle, and much more! Register today by visiting <https://ucanr.org/ncsfieldday>.

National Parks Free Entrance Day

November 11-13, 2011

<http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm>

America's Best Idea - the national parks - gets even better with several fee-free days at more than 100 national parks that usually charge entrance fees. Making the fun even more affordable, many national park concessioners are joining the National Park Service in welcoming visitors with additional discounts.

Babysitting Training Course for Youth

4-H Military Program is offering a Babysitting Training course for youths age 12-18. The training will be held on **November 5 & 6, at Moffett Field, in Mountain View, CA**. This training is designed to help youth learn essential life skills in becoming responsible and safe babysitters. The youth will receive Child/Infant CPR training on the second day of the training. For registration information, contact Jeanne Christenson, jpchristenon@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.

KidsHealth

KidsHealth is a website designed to give information about health, behavior and development from birth through teen years. The website has sections for parents, kids and teens which include more than just facts about health. KidsHealth provides families with perspective, advice and comfort about a wide range of physical, emotional and behavioral issues that affect children and teenagers. For more details, visit kidshealth.org/kid/kh_misc/about.html.

**Salute Our Heroes!
Happy Veterans Day!**



Come Join the Revolution of Responsibility!

2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California and the 4-H Program will celebrate by giving back to their communities with youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by actually leading, collaboration by forming relationships with other groups and agencies, and citizenship skills by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. The Revolution of Responsibility will celebrate the power of youth taking action and will consolidate all the various funding programs that are provided by the State 4-H office. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding (up to \$1,000) to support service-learning projects related to either club or project activities. An on-line application is available at: <http://ucanr.org/join/>. The next application deadline is **January 15. If you can't submit by January 15, 2012, applications will also be accepted for a third submission round until April 15, 2012.** For more information check out the web site at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/> or contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

State Fashion Review

The **State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee announces categories and service projects for **2012!** Entry categories returning from 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with \$100 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished. The Recycled category will not be offered at State Fashion Revue for 2012; counties may choose to include it at local events only. The \$15 Challenge was so popular in 2011, it will become the \$19.99 Challenge for 2012. It has the same rules (shoes and sales tax don't count, receipts required) but the limit is increased to \$19.99 to allow more creativity. We are adding a second challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity #7161, view A only, and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate with the tote bag. SFR will be coordinating two service projects. The Quilts for Wounded Warriors is returning because the American Legion needs more quilts. Statewide, 4-H created sixty quilts in 2011 and we look forward to even more in 2012. Our second service activity is the Million Pillowcase Project, for handmade or decorated pillowcases. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

MEALS ON WHEELS 21-Meal Emergency Box Program



Tuolumne County 4-H is teaming up with Tuolumne County Behavioral Health to collect food for Meals on Wheels. Last year when snow storms hit and power was out there were several days when Meals on Wheels could not make deliveries. This year we are creating Angel Boxes. These boxes of non-perishable food will be assembled and delivered in January. If Meals on Wheels cannot deliver to a home due to storm conditions, the residents will still be able to eat 3 meals a day from the Angel Box.

Here is what we need:

Canned Spinach

- Any size can packed in water

Canned Tuna/Salmon

- Any brand any size

Canned Chicken

- Any size packed in water

Canned Beans

- Any kind of beans. (Pork & Beans/Chili Beans/Ranch Beans)

Canned Vegetables

- Any kind (Corn/Peas/Green Beans/Carrots)

Canned or Boxed Low sodium non cream soup

- No cream based soups: Beef Barley/Chicken and Stars/Vegetable

Canned Fruit (preferably canned in 100% fruit juice)

Deliver to the Tuolumne County 4-H Office at 52 North Washington Street, Sonora or for pick up call Danny Hamilton (209) 928-1815.

Angel Boxes Meals on Wheels Project is Danny Hamilton's 4-H Emerald Star Project. Danny is an 8 year member of the Tuolumne Pioneers 4-H Club and is Freshman Class President at Summerville High School. Food and cash donations will be collected through January 14, 2012. Final collections will be made at the Tuolumne County 4-H Community Dinner at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds.



CLUB NEWS

FOOTHILL 4-H

Hello all Foothill 4-H members! Last month we learned all about Danny Hamilton's Emerald Star project to help the Meals on Wheels program. This month, we are asking you to bring the items on the list he handed out! If you weren't here, some of the things he is asking for are: canned spinach, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beans, canned vegetables, non-creamed soups, and canned fruit. All these things should be low sodium (it is better for the older people). Also, Sharon is asking us to bring some canned goods for the holiday food basket, for ATCAA! Anything you can bring will help! Another thing to remember and bring is ideas for our Christmas meeting (cookie exchange, candy bar exchange) and our Christmas Community Service Project. Thanks a bunch!

Grace Bloom, Reporter

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS

At our last meeting, we installed our new officers, and decorated fall cookies for the Senior Little House. Our next meeting will be on the second Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00pm. Please remember to bring something for the Meals on Wheels Senior donation. We will initiate our new members and make table decorations for the Groveland Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Nikki West, Reporter

HI 4-H

Thanks to all the Hi 4-H'ers who helped put together a terrific Haunted House. Now on to activities for the rest of the year! Anyone planning to go on the Disneyland trip in April, please come to the November meeting. Packets for the place mat ad sales will be handed out. The place mats will be used at the pancake breakfast in March. The money earned from the place mat ads and breakfast will help pay for the cost of the bus and motel for the Disneyland trip. Next meeting will be November 16th, 7pm at the Sonora Youth Center. Any questions, call Linda Mager, 532-5896, Linda Hembree, 532-8656 or Anita Payne, 532-8309.

LUCKY TRAILS

Sue Griffiths, Club Leader, 532-9313

MOUNTAIN RANGERS

Mountain Rangers will be meeting again on Wednesday the 9th of November from 6 to 7 at Soulsbyville Elem. Please bring your canned food donation for Danny Hamilton's Angel Boxes to this meeting. **REMINDER:** This Saturday (the 5th) Mountain Rangers will have a booth at the Capital Christmas Tree Celebration at the fairgrounds from 10am to 7pm. Please make an attempt to come and help out for a bit ... it promises to be tons of fun. If you have any questions, please call Anita at 928-5702.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS

The Sonora Cloverleafs year is off to a great start! It's already time to think about our November Dollar a Plate Potluck Fundraiser at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 8th. The doors will open at 6pm and the potluck will begin at 6:30. In order to reduce our paper waste, please remember to bring your own non-disposable plates and silverware. The club will provide cups, napkins and a beverage. Please include a serving spoon for your potluck dish. The business meeting will begin around 7:15-7:30. The event chairman will be making reminder calls before the meeting.

An All Star will be at our November meeting to install this year's slate of officers. Officers should wear 4H whites, hat, tie or scarf, or their club T-shirt, or something appropriate for the occasion. The communication chairmen, the snack chairman, and the historian are also included in the officer installations so plan to be there.

Remember to bring canned tuna and/or canned spinach to fill the "Angel Boxes" for the Meals on Wheels clients to our next meeting. It is going to be a full and exciting meeting so I hope everyone can be there Tuesday, November 8th. Please contact our club leader Deniel Sheffield, at 536-9791 or sheffy@msn.com if you have any questions or can't make it to the meeting.

August Pearson, Reporter

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS

The Tuolumne Pioneers will meet on Monday, November 14th, 2011 at 7:00 at Summerville Elementary School. We will be collecting all money and order forms for our candle fundraiser. We expect to receive the candles by the December meeting. We will be checking out Community Dinner tickets, to be sold for the Jan 14, 2012 event. We'd love it if each member sold at least 5 tickets! Also, please bring your canned food donations for the Angel Boxes to this meeting. Mark your calendars! Achievement Night is on Dec 4, 2012 at Sonora High. Members, Leaders and Clubs will be recognized for their hard work for the 2010-11 4-H year.

Faith Hamilton, Reporter

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

BEEF

This project is pending approval of a new leader. For more information call the 4-H Office.

CITIZENSHIP

We will be meeting 2 times this month; once on the 14th (Monday) from 7-8 and again on the 28th (Monday) from 6:30 to 7:30. All youth that may be interested in attending California Focus for this 4-H year should attend this meeting to get all of the information that you will need to get your application in. If you have any questions, please call Anita at 928-5702.

DOG TRAINING

This month Dog Training will meet November 1st and 15th at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. For more information on this project please call Mary Barrett 536-0526 or Jo-Ann Gritz 532-7593.

EXOTIC BIRDS & PIGEONS

The Exotic Bird and Pigeon projects will be combined this year. Please call Alicia Encoyand for more information at 768-0281.

HORSE (Ranch Riders)

Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 13th at 1pm. We will be bringing horses and meeting at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds. In the event of rain, you will receive a phone call the night before the meeting to move it to a different location. If the weather holds up we will be riding and working with 1st year members on the Entry Level Testing components. If you have something new or specific you would like to work on please bring your ideas to the meeting! See you there!

Jen, Melissa & Sarah

MEAT GOATS

Lucky Trails has a Meat Goat project that is open to members in other clubs. Contact Sue Griffiths, 532-9313.

POULTRY

Our first meeting will be held on Thursday November 17th in the 4H Office at 7PM. We will be signing up members and doing a general overview of the Poultry Project. General care of poultry, including disease control, housing, showmanship & fitting for fair are just a few things we will cover this year! Poultry meetings are always on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the 4H office, with the exception of December (No December meeting) and run through May! See you then!

Greg & Lynn Hummel 586-2784

PYGMY GOATS

We are meeting on the second Saturday of each month at the Sonora Youth Center from 3-4 pm. We are encouraging anyone interested in coming to our meetings. Rod and Beth Moore still have a registered and an unregistered doe (their sister's) for sale. The does are 6 months old. Their dad is a two time grand champion, so they come from a good lineage. If interested please call either 559-6281 or 559-7538.

RABBITS (TLC)

Contact project leaders Gail Aruta, 532-5257, or Heather Swenson, 586-1922, if you have any questions.

SCRAPBOOKING

Classes will be the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning with October and ending in May
Class times will be 5:30-7:00pm
10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10

There is no cost for the class but each member will be responsible for purchasing their own scrapbook and materials which can be purchased at the Craft Cottage during classes.

Rhonda Harris, Project Leader 785-8253

SHOOTING SPORTS-ARCHERY

The current session of the Archery project is now full. Project members can contact Don and Patricia Carlson at 586-2628 with any questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS- RIFLE

The fall session of the Rifle project is now full. Check the Tooter for information on when Spring sign ups will be taking place.

SWINE - MOUNTAIN COUNTY HOGS is led by Gary and Kathy Stegall. Call Kathy at 694-8679 for more information.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

We have several pending and additional projects that may be available in January. They include Public Speaking and GPS/GIS. Check the December Tooter for the latest information on these upcoming projects!

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TOOTER NEWS

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

News for the December Tooter is due by November 20th.

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