The 4-H Hat

The 4-H Hat is a source of pride in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. We are the only state to have a 4-H Club hat. Many members use a hat to place their achievement pins, and to wear during animal showing at fairs. A 4-H Hat is NOT required for membership in 4-H, or for participating in any 4-H activity, event, or meeting.

Congratulations on completing the 4-H year! Earned year stripes, pins and stars will soon be distributed and the question comes up: “What goes where on my 4-H hat?” Since it can be a little confusing and we all want to get it right, here is the 4-H club cap etiquette guide:

Which Hat to Wear:
- Green Hat—Junior 4-H members, defined as a member in the eighth grade and below (or 13 years old and younger)
- White Hat—Senior 4-H members, defined as a member who has graduated from the eighth grade (or 14 years old and older)

Stars, Stripes, and Medals:
The service stripes, pins, and emblems are transferred from the green hat to the white hat. If you desire to replace the old tattered stripes with new ones when changing hats, please bring the old hat to the 4-H office for verification. New stripes are 30 cents each. If you wish to replace missing items you will need to make an appointment with June Stewart, the program Representative, and bring your Record Book for her to review. There will be a small fee for replacements.

- Left side of hat—All Star, platinum, gold, silver, or bronze stars in front. (Motion passed at November 2009 Placer County Council Meeting to adopt State 4-H Hat Etiquette guidelines with this option: Members may “cascade” the stars or wear current star.) Behind the stars are placed the Jr./Teen Leader emblems, after that, the Hi 4-H Patch. The Junior/Teen Leader emblem is worn only while the member is serving as a Junior/Teen Leader.

- Right side of hat—A year stripe and year pin is earned for each year completed in 4-H. Primary members also earn primary pins and service stripes for each year participated.
  1. Junior and Primary members (8th grade and below) wear a white stripe on green background for that year.
  2. A Jr. Leader (6th, 7th, 8th grades) wears a gold stripe on green background for that year.
  3. Senior members (9th grade and up) wear a green stripe on white background.
  4. Teen Leaders (9th grade and up) wear a gold stripe on white background.
  5. All Stars wear a purple stripe on white background (in many counties).

Year pins are fastened to the hat above the stripe, starting with the first year pins next to the 4-H clover. The 100% attendance pin, if earned, should be fastened to the hat below the stripe of the year that the pin was earned.

- Either Side—Medals may be worn on either side of the hat, but it is recommended that they are on the left side of the hat.
- Note—No other pin or ribbon should be worn on the hat other than 4-H. The hat should reflect the dignity of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Some items that should not be worn on the hat include buttons, fair medals, convention badges or other regalia.
Placer County 4-H Events

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Placer County Medalist Selection

Applications due: Sunday, June 10, 2012 to the Placer County 4-H Office (drop box available)

Interviews and Selection: Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 1:00 p.m

Member’s achievements are evaluated through an oral interview and the written 4-H Record Book. Project medals and certificates are awarded by a selection committee made up of 4-H members and leaders. The committee will be looking for your achievements in and out of 4-H and your willingness to continue your learning and then to share your skills with others.

Bring your Record Book to the interview. Applications are available at the 4-H office or on-line at: http://ucanr.org/placer4h

NEW All-Star Co-Advisor

Lara Lopez, All-Star advisor, announces that Darlene Miller has accepted her proposal to become Placer County All-Star Co-Advisor! Lara is thrilled to be working with her; Darlene has five years experience as the Eureka Granite Bay Club Community Leader. This will be another wonderful 4-H year!

Would you like to become an All-Star?

Applications due by July 15, 2012

Interviews August 2, 2012 6-9 pm

http://ucanr.org/placer4hallstars

State & County Prerequisites for applying as an All-Star Candidate:

* Completed or will be taking a qualified Public Speaking Project. (Must be completed by Jan 1, 2013). Eight sessions of Public Speaking training classes will be held October/November 2012.
* Enrolled in a 4-H Club for three years prior to being appointed.
* Be at least 14 years of age or in the 9th grade by January 1st of the year appointed.
* Demonstrated leadership abilities, community service and club involvement.
* Recognition of the opportunities and the responsibilities of being an All Star.
* Gold Star Rank.
* Junior/Teen leader, past or present.
* Club Officer, past or present.
* A strong interest in continuing in the 4-H Program and specific ideas to provide guidance and leadership to some phase of the 4-H program.
* An interview will be a part of the selection process

Additional information and applications are available at the 4-H office and on the Placer County 4-H website. Any questions, please call the 4-H office (530) 889-7386.

Nominations for Council Officers 2012-13

The Placer County 4-H Leaders Council is looking for adults and High School teens who would like to serve as officers for the 2012-2013 year. This involvement will give you the opportunity to help make decisions and plans that will direct the program in Placer County. Any adult can volunteer to run. High School teens may volunteer to run for Vice President or Corresponding Secretary. The following offices are available:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- Minutes Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer

Elections will be held at the August Council meeting.

Community Leader Council Meetings

Wednesday
June 27 @ 6:30
Hosted by Flatlands 4-H Club
No Meeting in July
Placer County 4-H Summer Camp  
@ Woodchuck Flat 4-H Summer Campground  
Camp dates: July 16-21, 2012

Save these dates on your busy calendars and plan to join us for an adventuresome camp.

Summer Camp applications are tumbling in and we have a capacity limit, so please act quickly if you would like to be a part of this exciting adventure. "First come-First Served " with complete applications until capacity is met with June 13, 2012 the final deadline.

Some of our adult camp staff have been into camp this week and found it weathered the winter well with only a few snow drifts left around camp.

Helping to prepare camp for the camping season is a great family outing. There is something for everyone to do. Please bring rakes, shovels, hoes, weed-eaters, chainsaws, wheelbarrows, pitchforks, cleaning supplies, paint brushes, hammers, and battery operated power tools, insect repellent and personal gear. Bring your own food and plenty of water to drink. Wear warm clothing in layers, as it may be cool regardless of the valley temperatures. We especially need expertise in the fields of general construction, plumbing, and a tractor.

A camp work weekend is planned for June 30 and July 1 with some families making prearrangements to camp over night. This is a great time to become involved in the preparation for camp and also check out the beautiful surroundings of 4-H Woodchuck Flat Summer Camp. Please call June at 530-889-7393 or email estewart@ucdavis.edu to sign up and for details.

Vandals broke into the camp kitchen around Thanksgiving time and stole our big commercial electric mixer. If anyone has a lead on a good replacement commercial mixer to enable the making of the many yummy baked items, please contact June.

From our two Junior Camp Staff boys that attended California State Camping Conference in March:

By Nialls Hackley

As one of the 4-H camp counselors offered the chance to attend the California State Camping conference I was asked to write a paragraph or two about my experience there. The camping conference offered several workshops and team building activities that we plan to implement this year at camp to increase the awesomeness levels for all that attend. Our first night we were shown several team and trust building exercises to break the ice of so many strangers in so small a place, after the atmosphere had warmed we were asked to sign up for several different courses offered by selected speakers that gave us a ton of new ideas and improvements on our current camp setup. Of the courses I’d selected one really stood out as perhaps the most informative of my lectures. It was called ‘Improving free time activities.” And was hosted by a pair of counselors from a large camp in Indiana who brought over a whole slew of games as well as helpful hints to help our campers better spend their free time and to make them feel like they chose the activities we do. (For all of the hints you'll have to send someone to camp to recount our games or even come yourself!) On that note after dinner most nights the organizers had all of the counselors from every camp hold a workshop where they could play off one another’s strengths and weaknesses as counties to help one another. Now This has been full of sweeping generalizations and shallow statements but that’s mainly due to both my laziness and that retelling the full story would take the mystery out. In summary the Conference was amazing and the tools we collected as a group have given me the confidence to say that this camp looks to be the best one yet.

By Logan Stewart

There are many new and exciting things that I learned at the camping conference I attended in March. Here are a few ideas that I found to be really cool for the campers to do. First, ice breakers to get to know the camper that your son/daughter will be staying with for the week. There are fun little games and dances that we can do to get everyone to meet each other. For example, there is a game called "Bob Sled Rally". You form groups of 4-5 people and you have to memorize a bunch of different commands and work as a team to get it right. Then the caller yells switch and we all find a different group to be in. Which I think would be a good way for people to meet one another. Second, I know that the campers hate tent time. There are several games we can play to make it more exciting for them. For example, there is one called "Bingo". No, it’s not that Bingo your thinking of. In this version there is a master and he/she has an object and he/she shows it to everyone. The master hides it and everyone has to find it. When someone finds it they yell “Bingo”. That person wins a prize and has to wait for everyone to find it and then we start again with a different object. I strongly feel that if we incorporate these things 4-H camp will be more fun than ever, because everyone is getting to meet new people and do fun things. This year 4-H camp is going to be a blast!

Camp Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Loomis Memorial Hall, 5945 Horseshoe Bar Road, Loomis

This is a great opportunity to meet the Summer Camp directors and camp staff who will be present to answer questions and explain the camp activities in detail. It is also a great opportunity to arrange carpooling. This is an optional meeting. We hope to see you there!

Summer Camp Adult Volunteers — Will have planning meeting on Monday, June 11 at the 4-H Office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please bring a pot luck snack.
Horse Coordinator Group

http://ucanr.org/placer4hhorse

Watch the Placer County 4-H Horse Project webpage for details as they are made available.

Sandy Bentien, Placer County 4-H Horse Coordinator

HORSE CAMP June 24-29, 2012
Cost: $175 plus mandatory Work-in-Kind
Registration due on or before June 6, 2012
Gold Country Fair Grounds, Auburn

Camp starts Sunday, June 24 check in at 5 pm to 6 pm. Camp ends Friday, June 29th, check out at 12 pm to 1 pm. For more information visit the Horse Coordinator webpage at: http://ucanr.org/placer4hhorse

Volunteers Needed!!!! We need 4-H Horse families and leaders to step up and volunteer to help with Horse Camp this year or we may not have one.

Revolution of Responsibility

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is dedicated to fostering an environment where youth and adults work together as equal partners to gain new skills and create positive community change. 4-H groups can apply for up to $1,000 to identify, plan, and carry out a service-learning project in their community. Projects will be focused on the three key content areas that form the core of all 4-H programs, Science, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. Visit www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR for more information and to apply online.

Application deadline July 15, 2012.

Many of our Placer County 4-H clubs are working on developing their Community Service projects to submit for the Revolution of Responsibility grants. Each is unique and provides great service to our community. This program is an inspired way to celebrate 4-H's 100 years in California in 2013 through the public exposure presented by these Community Service projects.

Completion of Community Service projects:

Placer Hills 4-H will have the unveiling of the mosaic art pieces at 1:30 pm on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at the Placer Hills Pool Opening Day Celebration. These water themed pieces were made under the direction of Artist Virginia Dains with help from many, many community members, along with the Placer Hills 4-H Community Service Project group. Funds for frames and mounting materials were provided through a generous grant from CA 4-H. Thanks go to the Auburn Recreation District for help with installing the mosaics. All community members are invited to enjoy an afternoon (1-5pm) of swimming and fun as guests of the Meadow Vista Lions Club

Flatlands 4-H is nearing the completion of their update/upgrade of the Placer County Fair livestock bathroom. They are repainting and repairing the bathroom to make it ADA compliant. They hope to have it completed in time for the Placer County Fair. Be sure and stop by during the fair and check it out.

Congratulations Sheridan 4-H Club! Your Placer County Fair Barn Benches for Education project has been awarded $1,000. Their goal for completion is in time for the upcoming Placer County Fair starting June 21-24, 2012. We are looking forward to checking out these new educational displays and welcome benches.

Suzanne Miller, our new Alta Dutch Flat Community Leader, has received acceptance of their new grant application to establish new landscaping at the Dutch Flat Community Center. This project takes the place of their original approved application with their local elementary school. Julie and Mark Kincheloe, founders of the Alta Dutch Flat Club are moving to Plumas/Sierra County.

Placer Hills 4-H
Flatlands 4-H
Sheridan 4-H Club
Alta Dutch Flat
Quality Assurance/Ethics Mandatory Training (Certificate is good for 5 years)
Presented and required by the local fairs. Questions? Contact Laurie Johnson, Gold Country Fair CEO at 530-823-4530
The Placer County 4-H Office does not have records of training certificates, contact the Gold Country Fair office.

Gold Country Fairgrounds—Tahoe Building
Only TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Placer County and Gold Country Fair would like to remind us:
County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. All Independent Exhibitors are required to show proof of liability insurance. All other junior Exhibitors (4-H and FFA) are strongly urged to carry liability insurance. A policy may be purchased through California Fair Services Authority for a minimal cost. Call the fair office for assistance and applications.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Placer County Fair on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 14: Receive entries, 11:30-7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 16: Clerking for judging, 8:30-3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 20: Receiving Ag/Hort, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 21: Receiving baked goods, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
  Checking for judging at noon and again at 4:00 p.m. for baked goods
- Monday, June 27: Release entries, 2:30-7:00 p.m.

Please contact the 4-H office (530) 889-7386 to volunteer.

HOST STILL EXHIBIT BUILDING:
A club will be responsible for hosting each day, times to be announced— **2 adults and 2 youths per 2 hour shift.** Contact your club leader to sign up for the day your club will host.

- Thursday, June 21: Miners Ravine
- Friday, June 22: Eureka/Granite Bay
- Saturday, June 23: 10:00-4:00 Dry Creek, 4:00—10:00 Flatlands
- Sunday, June 26: Open

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**Breakfast at the Fair**
**June 21-24, 2012**
Placer County Fairgrounds
Yum! Yum! The 4-H Council Breakfast at the Placer County Fair will be available behind the livestock area. Food service starts at 7 a.m. every morning of the fair thru Sunday. Come for eggs, pancakes, French Toast, and breakfast burritos!! Cost: $5.00

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**Got Whites?**
Have you considered recycling your children's uniforms? Children have a way of growing and their clothes just don't keep up! The 4-H office has a selection of “whites” which others have contributed. Come by, try them on and **donate your “out grown”** to the supply. Hopefully there is something that will work for you!

- **Hats, Scarves, Ties, & Record Book Covers**
  - Ties $12.00 each
  - Hats & Scarves $13.25
  - Record Book Covers $2.50

Cash or check accepted; no ATM or credit cards.

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What Woman Has Made A Difference In Your Life? Who Is She? How Did She Change Your Life?

The Placer County Fair Exhibit Hall will be honoring those special women in our lives who have had a positive impact on us. The exhibit will feature the amazing women who are the Placer Cattlewomen, Women’s Wisdom Art Group, Acres of Hope, and YOU. We need your story of the positive women in your life to make this exhibit come alive with the real women in our lives and our community. Your story doesn’t need to be long, a line or two will do. If you feel like writing more, that’s fine too. Please e mail your stories to Toby Riolo at Tobyriolo@aol.com.

Hello my name is Toby Riolo and I put the exhibit hall together at the Placer County Fair in Roseville. I wanted something extra-special this year to grace our hall at fair. The entrance to the hall will feature an exhibit dedicated to “The Women In Our Community Who Make A Difference”. The Placer Cattlewomen are an integral part of our fair, running the Red Barn in the livestock area, preparing food for the buyers and members involved in the Junior Livestock Auction, and selling raffle tickets that help fund their scholarships to college students studying agriculture. The Women’s Wisdom Art Group is run through Loaves and Fishes, and gives women who are coping with illness and/or homelessness a safe, nurturing environment to relax and create art. The group has turned lives around.

Acres of Hope is an organization that helps homeless women regain their children and their lives. The women live at the Acres of Hope home outside of Auburn, learn new life skills along with education that will lead to employment. Acres of Hope believes in a hand-up, not a hand-out. The graduates from the two-year program have an astounding 95% success rate.

All three of these organizations are run by caring women in our community. Their actions have changed lives. What women in your life have done this for you? Please email your story to Tobyriolo@aol.com.

Scholarships & Awards

Results of the 2012 Placer County 4-H Council Scholarship Selection

$300 scholarship awards are given annually to qualifying 4-H high school students. This award is made possible through the raising of a sale animal that is auctioned at the Junior Livestock Auction. Kelsey Halford of Mt. Pleasant 4-H is raising the scholarship animal to be auctioned off at the Gold Country Junior Livestock Auction this fall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 Recipients:

Cassidy Barrow
Kassi Bess
Isaac Jorgensen
Kassandra (K.C.) Ladeck
Christina Lombardo
Samantha Penner

Results of the 2012 Hulbert Award Selection

This award was established by Laura and Neil Hulbert, who were strong supporters of youth activities. The funds are to be bequeathed annually in the amount of $2,500 each award. This year’s awards went to one male, one female and three additional awards open to either male or female.

This is an excerpt from a letter written by one of the judges: “Each one of them are winners and deserve honor and respect for their accomplishments. It was truly a privilege to sit on the other side and see the great things these kids are doing for our community.”

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2012 Hulbert Award Winners:

Christina Lombardo
Isaac Humber
Shelby Cary
Faith Oakes
Kassi Bess

4-H Office Closed:

Wednesday, July 4th
Volunteer at State Fair!
Deadline: June 25, 2012

The State Fashion Revue committee is again sponsoring a quilting booth at the California State Fair. Our day at the Fair, Thursday, July 19, coincides with the Military Appreciation Day. We will display our 3 completed quilts for Wounded Warriors, set up the quilting frame so fair visitors can try their hand at quilting to help us finish quilt tops, and have materials to make thank you cards for the soldiers. We will need at least two (2) adults with four (4) 4-H members for each 2 hour time slot. For adults we need your full name, date of birth, driver's license #, and your zip code to comply with the Megan's Law requirement. All participants will receive a free admission pass to the fair for the day and a parking pass. This is a great time to help at the 4-H Foundation Fair Booth, too. Each of these opportunities is 'first sign up, first choice of time'. Invite members of your club to be part of this fun event. If you would like to be part of this dynamic experience, please contact Mary Engebreth at maryengebreth@comcast.net or 707-996-2981.

Workshops at State Leaders Forum
Deadline: June 30, 2012

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Learn about the World - Host An International Exchange Student

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) invites you to make a difference by hosting an ECA sponsored international high school exchange student this fall. Approximately 2,000 exchange students from over 50 countries, all of whom have undergone an extensive and competitive merit-based selection process, will spend the 2012-13 academic year in communities across the United States. Hosting an ECA international exchange student is an enriching experience for the entire family and allows you to have a real connection to the world without leaving home. If you are willing to open yourself to new experiences, to share your life with a fascinating teenager from a foreign land, and if you can provide a student with guidance, support, and a welcoming home, hosting may be just right for you. For more information, go to exchanges.state.gov/hosting.

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4-H Policy

General Liability Insurance: UC’s General Liability & Self Insurance program does not cover 4-H youth members and it does not cover project animals, including damages or injury caused by the animals. Since junior exhibitors have been sued for injuries sustained at fairs, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy through a private company covering themselves and their exhibit. Home Owner policies may include or can often be written to include this coverage. Much more General Liability Insurance information can be found at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/.

Accident and Sickness Insurance: 4-H Youth and Certified Volunteers are covered by The Hartford Accident/Sickness Insurance Policy. It covers injuries to 4-H members and volunteers caused by project animals. More Accident and Sickness Insurance information can be found at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/.

Leadership: A Minimum of Two Adults (Chapter 11 Section 4.B CA 4-H Policy Handbook) Protection of youth is of utmost importance in the California 4-H YDP. Therefore, 4-H YDP staff, adult volunteers and members should adhere to these policies at all times.

1. There will be two (2) adult volunteers with members at all times.
2. In some occasions it may be impractical to have two (2) appointed adult volunteers present; in these situations there should be one (1) appointed adult volunteer and another adult or 4-H YDP staff member (one of which must be at least 21 years of age).
3. The adult in charge of the event must be an adult volunteer as appointed by the county director.
4. In general, no one-on-one interactions should occur in private. This includes between members and adults or among youth. If personal discussions are necessary, they should be conducted in an area that is in view of other adult volunteers and members.

4-H Fundraising Approval

To: ALL 4-H, which includes but not limited to; Clubs, Coordinator Groups, Summer Camps

All 4-H fundraising activities must have prior approval from the County Director. Form 8.7 Fundraising Approval is available on the website at http://ucanr.org/placer4hforms or the 4-H office. This process is to be completed prior to promotion of and the actual fundraising activity.

Find answers to all your 4-H policy questions at: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/

Share Your 4-H Experience!

Any 4-H member can submit an article for this newsletter.

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