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4-H Family Newsletter
Placer County, California

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Membership & Volunteer Cards

Youth Membership Cards: Your Community Club Leaders will be picking up your 4-H Club Member Cards at the January Community Leader/Council Meeting, making them available to distribute at your next 4-H Club meeting. They will also provide to each family a copy of the 4-H Youth Code of Conduct and Parent/Adult Behavior Guidelines.

Volunteer Leader Cards: Your card was mailed directly to you as your enrollment was confirmed. If you have not yet received your card, it is possible you have not completed the enrollment process. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn at the 4-H office by email at casherman@ucanr.edu or by phone at 530-889-7386.

4-H Enrollment is Open Year Around...

...but there are some advantages to enrolling in the fall, at the beginning of the new 4-H year.

- Some clubs have met their capacity and are closed to new enrollment such as Gold Country 4-H Club.
- You must be enrolled in the 4-H market projects of your choice prior to Nov. 30th if enrolling in a market animal project to be shown and sold at Gold Country or Placer County Fairs in 2014.
- Some projects are in progress and too many meetings have been missed. Check with the project leader to verify space available and receive permission to participate.
- Returning members must attend 80% of all Club Meetings held within the club year. Only 1st year members count 80% of club meetings after enrolling with club.

The 4-H program has a wealth of information and opportunities for youth ages 5 (or in Kindergarten) through and until their 19th birthday (if it falls after Dec. 31st of the enrollment year).

You want to become involved in Science, Engineering, and Technology and don’t see a project available? Let’s find an adult who is interested in these fields to become the 4-H adult volunteer leader and get a project going. New projects can be started and youth enroll anytime. The CA 4-H Policy requires new and unusual project outlines be submitted for approval by the County Director and include a minimum of six instructional hours for non-animal projects. Animal projects require more follow-up instruction.

Club and Project Leaders - Please remember that the 4-H office must process a Facilities Use Form, for insurance purposes, for all club or project meetings at any location, except those meetings held in the leader’s home. Complete and submit the form a maximum of two weeks before your first meeting. You may complete the Facilities Use Form through the survey link below or by returning a paper copy to the office. Please contact the 4-H Office with any questions you might have.

Survey: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6676

Paper Form: http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/files/159871.pdf
Placer County 4-H Events

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4-H Camp Youth Staff Applications

New application deadline: January 21, 2014—Camp Dates: TBA

With snow falling in the Sierras it doesn’t feel like summer camp time, but there is a lot of planning to do. Camp time will be here in no time! This coming 4-H Summer Camp program is going to be an adventurous one. We are looking for dedicated Teen Leaders to make up the 2014 Camp Youth Staff. If you are willing to work and be a team player, please consider submitting the 4-H Camp Youth Staff Application form to the 4-H office by January 15th. We have multiple Teen Leadership opportunities. Please check out the 4-H Camp Youth Staff application and see how you would like to become involved. Please note that Camp Youth Staff must participate in meetings, trainings, and retreats such as:

- Interview Process
- CPR Training
- Camp Leadership Training
- One Camp Fundraiser and One Camp Work Day
- **Camp staff must attend 80% of all camp-staff meetings starting in February and 100% of summer camp.**
- Everyone, including returning Camp Youth Staff, must complete an application, and submit it to the office by January 21st.
- Prior to participating in camp-meetings, ALL applicants must be enrolled in the current 2013-2014 4-H program.
- Camp staff minimum grade must be entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2014.

Applications are available on-line at: http://ucanr.org/placer4h or at the 4-H office, or contact Carolyn at 530-889-7386 to have one mailed, or by email: casherman@ucanr.edu.

Would you like to be considered for the 4-H Junior Camp Directors position? Returning Jr. Camp Staff, whose last year as a youth-camper was at-or-before the 2014 summer camp, are encouraged to consider applying for the Jr. Camp Director position. Please write an application letter and mail it to the 4-H Office, 11477 E Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603.

Still Exhibit Youth Fair

Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Mt Vernon Grange Hall, Auburn

This fun countywide hands-on educational day has something to involve everyone’s interest. A list of some of the exciting workshops will be published in the February 2014 Newsletter. If you or your club has a specialty you would like to share as a hands-on workshop for everyone to become involved in, please contact the 4-H office @ 530-889-7386.

It is also a great opportunity for all members with Still Projects, for example, electricity, woodworking, food and clothing, etc. to exhibit their work for ribbon awards and help prepare them to exhibit at fairs. Categories for Still Exhibits:

- Engineering (Woodworking, Electronics, Small Engines, etc.)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (Clothing, Foods, Home Arts, Fashion, etc.)
- Health and Leisure (Creative Art, Crafts, Hobbies, Leather, Photography, etc.)
- Plant Science
- Social Sciences (Computers, Leadership Development, Citizenship)

Everyone is invited to attend this fun event! No advance registration is required.
County 4-H Presentation Day  
**Saturday, March 22, 2014  8:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**Pre-registration is REQUIRED:** [https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11919](https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11919)

**Registration Due:** March 17, 2014  
**Location:** Ophir Elementary School, 1373 Lozanos Rd, Newcastle  
**To have a successful presentation it must contain the following:**

1. An introduction—it should briefly cover what is to be shown or told.  
2. A body—it should illustrate the subject logically and clearly.  
3. A summary—it should reiterate what has been said so that the audience takes away the main idea.

**What is a 4-H Presentation?**

A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea by showing and/or telling. It can be a demonstration or a talk that uses posters and other visual aids. A 4-H Presentation helps you learn to research a subject, organize ideas in a logical order, be a teacher and practice public speaking skills. Any 4-H member may participate.

Placer County Presentation Day will be patterned after the format for the 4-H Regional and State Presentation Days. A State "Presentations Guide for 4-H Members, version #3 " is available on line at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf). Presentation categories include: Demonstration, Impromptu, Illustrated Talk, Interpretive Reading, Problem Solving, Prepared Speech, Educational Display, Audio-Visual, Cultural Arts, and a group speech-activity named "Share-the-Fun."

Community Club Leaders and Presentation Project Leaders will have a copy and more copies can be obtained at the 4-H office. This guide is a great resource of information!

Don’t forget an original and catchy title, this will set the stage for your presentation! Most of all...Enjoy Yourself!

California 4-H offers thematic recognition pins for youth who participate at State 4-H Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas:

- **Science, Engineering and Technology:** Geospatial Science  
- **Healthy Living:** Hydration  
- **Thrive:** The Path to Thriving  
- **Citizenship:** Civic Education

Visit the State 4-H website for more details about participating in this opportunity: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/177533.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/177533.pdf)

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**Horse Event Dates**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**February 22**—Placer County 4-H "All Counties” Qualifying Horse Show, McCourtney Road Equestrian Center, Lincoln CA. Registration due February 7, 2014  
**April 25**—4-H Horse Mandatory Work-in-Kind (for Mastership Testing and Placer County Fair Qualifying Horse Show) Loomis Basin Horseman’s Arena  
**April 27**—4-H Horse Mastership Skills Testing. Loomis Basin Horsemen’s Arena. Registration due April 11, 2014 (Rain date: May 4, 2014)  
**May 18**—Placer County Fair Qualifying Horse Show. Loomis Basin Horsemen’s Association Arena. Registration due May 2, 2014 (Rain date: June 1, 2014)  
**TBA**—4-H Horse Mastership Written Testing. Location, date, and time to be announced.

Sacramento County "Silver Buckle” Qualifying Horse Shows: **February 8, March 8, and May 21-26, 2014**  
CA State 4-H Classic: **June 25-29, 2014**, and CA State Fair “Best of County” Horse Show: **July 13-14, 2014**

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**4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest:** Sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation For Honey Bees, Inc.. The deadline for application submission is **February 15, 2014**. Essay criteria and application information available at this website: [http://www.ca4h.org/files/156350.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/files/156350.pdf).
New 4-H “Healthy Living” Club Officer

The Health Living officer serves as the club’s ambassador for health! By choosing to elect a Health Living Officer your club is taking an active role in promoting healthy lifestyles. The Healthy Living officer will be the leadership for all health activities including:

- Providing ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and healthy eating into each club meeting
- Writing Healthy Living articles for the club newsletter
- Adopting and promoting a club Wellness Plan

For additional Information, download the Choose Health Officer Guide developed by Cornell University Extension from the following website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/158918.pdf

2014 State Fashion Revue

State 4-H Fashion Revue (SFR) categories for 2014 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased ($40 limit), “Up-cycled” (use at least one existing garment and transform it into a completely different and usable garment, and the outfit must also include an accessory made from something that wasn’t originally an accessory), Denim Challenge, and Apron Challenge (McCalls #6132 or 6476). Members, leaders and counties are encouraged to plan projects and county fashion revues following the SFR category guidelines. Additional garments to complete the outfit may be sewn or purchased. For the Up-cycle project, be sure to take a “before” photo holding the original item and an “after” photo wearing the outfit. Specific category information is posted at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/.

Additional SFR Rules:

- Traditional, Up-cycled and Denim Challenge entries must be sewn as part of the member’s Clothing & Textiles project (aka Sewing). There are no project requirements for the CS-Purchased and Apron Challenge categories.
- For all entries, the outfit must be produced and modeled by the individual member.
- All outfits must meet SFR modesty guidelines. New for 2014: all shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must be at least fingertip length.
- Other categories offered in other years, will not be included at 2014 SFR. Only the 5 categories listed above are included for 2014 at the state event.
- Counties may offer additional categories but all outfits qualifying to advance to SFR must meet SFR guidelines.
- A member may only enter one outfit in SFR.

State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service projects: drawstring bags for foster children and walker bags for seniors. Simplicity patterns #2382 & #2822 are recommended patterns for the walker bags. Please see the SFR website for more information: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/.

This State Fashion Review is a “qualifying event,” meaning that you must pre-qualify by submitting items at a County-level event before submitting them to the State Fashion Review. The Placer County Bi-County Fashion Revue will be held on April 26, 2014 and will be hosted by Nevada County. Location to be announced, so please watch the 4-H website for additional information and updates.

Community Club Leader Meetings

Wednesday, February 26th @ 6:30 p.m.
Hosted by Gold Country

Next Month’s Meeting:
Wednesday, March 26th @ 6:30 p.m.
Hosted by Flatlands
California Focus - June 13-17, 2014
California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California. For more information visit their website at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/

Citizenship Washington Focus - June 1-7, 8-14, 15-21, 29-July 5, 2014
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19 that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, DC border. Every summer, thousands of young people participate in the program, which provides opportunities for them to:
- Strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, DC.
For more information visit the following website: http://www.4hcenter.org/youth-conference-center-overview/educational-programs/citizenship-washington-focus/about/.

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H’ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and now we are happy to introduce its precursor for middle school 4-H’ers. For more information visit the following website: http://www.4hcenter.org/youth-conference-center-overview/educational-programs/leadership-washington-focus/about/.
If you are interested in participating, contact Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu

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. Agents, staff, and volunteers are hard at work planning a conference that will help you to "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. WRLF is an exciting time to network with peers from across the region sharing ideas and building relationships to carry 4-H into the future. For info: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/175016.pdf. Registration is now open: http://wrlf2014.com/registration/

What is Bullying?
Bullying is about power. It can involve one or more individuals preying on someone perceived as being weaker or more vulnerable. It can be face-to-face or online. It can be physical, psychological, or emotional. It can include hitting, teasing, shunning, or spreading rumors.
- Bullying should not be viewed as a normal part of growing up. It cannot just be dismissed as “kids being kids.”
- Bullying can cause lasting damage to the child being bullied and in extreme cases...bodily harm.

The 4-H Office is in the process of releasing resources for how to identify and handle bullying. Please refer to the links below for additional bullying resources, and if you have any questions contact: Jessica Trumble-Pitel at jctrumble@ucanr.edu
- http://www.stopbullying.gov/
Save the Date! - May 31, 2014 at UC Davis

The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the last Saturday of May at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. This event, open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents, welcomes between 1,000 and 1,400 people each year. Enjoy the "picnic" feel and bring your chairs to socialize for the day on the Wellman Hall east lawn. The State 4-H Office provides coordination and facility support. Each contest and activity is coordinated by a group of 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration, and some events are open to all 4-H'ers during the day.

EVENTS HELD AT STATE 4-H FIELD DAY:

**NEW this year: Chess Tournament:** The tournament is "Blitz" style. Two people play each other twice per round and there are 4 rounds, which is 8 games total. Each game is 15 minutes and 30 minutes per round, which is 2 hrs total. The playoffs are in the afternoon, after lunch. Visit [http://4-hchessmasters.webs.com/](http://4-hchessmasters.webs.com/) to register and for more information!

**State 4-H Presentation Day** (pre-qualification and pre-registration required): Volunteer judges provide written feedback to individual or teams of 4-H members on their presentations. Judging is criterion-based using a rubric. Types of presentations vary between demonstrations, prepared speech, interpretive reading, impromptu, and others. [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/)

**State 4-H Fashion Revue** (pre-qualification and pre-registration required): Volunteer judges provide feedback on 4-H members’ clothing and accessory choices using criterion-based rubrics. Categories are Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Up-cycle, and Denim and Apron Challenges. Refer to page 5 of this newsletter for more information. Open to the public are multiple service, craft, judging and fashion activities, and a fashion show. Organized by a committee of youth and adult volunteers. Contact: Jillian Barden at jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu.

**State 4-H Interview Contest** (pre-registration encouraged): Before the event, 4-H members select a mock job and develop a cover letter and resume. At the event, 4-H members are interviewed and evaluated by three judges using a rubric. Contact: Kelly Hinde at hindekelly@gmail.com

**State 4-H Plant Science Contest** (no pre-registration necessary): The contest is organized into three parts: judging, plant identification, and written test. The four highest ranking senior 4-H members are qualified to participate in the national contest. Contact: Terry Berke at terry.berke@monsanto.com.

**Entomology Contest** (no pre-registration is necessary): The contest is divided into two parts: insect identification and knowledge. In the insect identification contest, 4-H members will identify 25-30 common local insects as well as exotic insects by using their common name and insect order. In the knowledge contest, 4-H members will be questioned on the human and environmental impact of insects, biology, taxonomy, anatomy, behavior, and insect disease. Contact: Amanda Penicks at PKSBackyardfarms@aol.com

**State 4-H Photography Contest** (pre-registration required): 4-H members may submit two photographs in various categories. Contact: John Trammell at techdude4h@gmail.com.

**State 4-H Film Festival** (pre-registration required): Provides a venue for teams of 4-H members to showcase their films. View a selection of previous year’s films at [http://www.youtube.com/user/California4H](http://www.youtube.com/user/California4H). Contact: Clay Ferguson at czc3@pacbell.net.

**Judging Contest** (no pre-registration necessary): In each class, youth rank four items based on a standard; typically ten classes. Contact: Mary Ann Smith at maryann.smith@imperial.edu.

**Logo Contest** (no pre-registration necessary): In the morning, 4-H members may submit their logo design for the following year’s Field Day. In the afternoon, 4-H members vote on their favorite design.

**4-H MyPlate Challenge** (no pre-registration required): We invite you to submit a photograph illustrating how you're creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. The goal of the challenge is to encourage healthy eating habits and raise awareness around USDA's MyPlate dietary guidelines. Contact: Anne Iaccopucci at amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu

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State Leadership Conference – August 14-17, 2014 at UC Santa Cruz
[http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/)

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. For descriptions of the education sessions, visit this website: [http://www.ca4h.org/files/167525.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/files/167525.pdf)
Archery Discipline
When: Saturday, February 1, 2014, 9am-5pm and
Sunday, February 2, 2014, 9am-Noon
Location: Corralitos Community Center
33 Browns Valley Rd
Corralitos, CA 95076

If you have an interest in sharing your archery skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Archery adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H archery leader certification training held February 1st & 2nd in Corralitos, CA (near Watsonville). The class will be offered at the Corralitos Community Center, 33 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos, in Santa Cruz County. This class is being hosted by Santa Cruz County 4-H.

You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club, and/or camp level. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $35 per person to include a resource binder, and Saturday breakfast & lunch and Sunday breakfast. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. If you are already a certified volunteer archery leader and would like to become a trainer, contact Jeanne at 530-524-7278 or email mtlassenlover@gmail.com to discuss these options.

To register for this training, please complete a “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” (available at [http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf)), an adult or youth 4-H medical treatment form, and a $35 check payable to “Santa Cruz County 4-H Council,” and mail everything to UCCE, 1432 Freedom Blvd, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Rifle Discipline
When: Saturday, March 15, 2014, 8am-4:00pm and
Sunday, March 16, 2014, 8am-Noon
Location: To be announced
A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held near Auburn, CA, official location TBD. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a volunteer and can lead a rifle project at the club level. The cost for this course is $30.00 to cover the instruction binder that each participant will receive as well as lunch on Saturday. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. Participants should bring their own eye and ear protection of desired. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Eric Vander Linden at evl@cebridge.net or 916 257-4796. Please fill out and bring the documents listed below. The training request form will need to be signed by your county staff prior to participating in the training.

- [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf)
- [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4758.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4758.pdf)
- [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf)

2nd Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Match
The 2nd Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Match Rules and Entry Form is now available on the State 4-H Shooting Sports website. Entry due date is April 1, 2014. Targets and scorecards will be mailed upon receipt of your registrations. Individuals may enter traditional, and/or compound and three shooting distances. The age categories are Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Completed scorecards must be returned by June 16, 2014. If you have questions, contact Linda Edgington at 707-463-4495 or email lgedgington@ucanr.edu. Check our 4-H website for additional details: [http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=228930&q=25577](http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=228930&q=25577)
The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2013/14 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/. Select the event: 2013 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day. Choose the link “Get Access Code”. Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once, so be prepared to complete the registration, or contact UC Davis if you have any changes. After your chapter is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to “UC Regents” and mailed to: Attn: Courtney Rhodes, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. Please register as soon as possible to ensure space for your teams. If you have any questions regarding this year’s Field Day email: fieldday@ucdavis.edu, or visit our website for more information at: http://www.caes.ucdavis.edu/connect/events/field-day.

**Chico Sheep/Meat Goat Educational Day**

California State University, Chico Farm Pavilion - Saturday, February 8, 2014

Youth lamb and meat goat project members can learn about various aspects of their project! Topics will include nutrition, fitting and grooming, showmanship and selection. There is a $5/person charge, but those under 9 are free. Concession lunch will be provided by the Northern California Meat Goat Association Youth members. All paid participants in the Sheep and Goat Educational day will receive 2 raffle tickets for a raffle ewe. Additionally, if you need a project lamb or goat kid for May/June fairs, there is a sale of about 60 lambs and 15 goats that afternoon! Check our website for more info: http://www.chicostatesheepgoat.com/fieldday.html

General Schedule:

- 7:30-9:00 am – Registration and Trade Show (be ready to shop!)
- 9:00-11:30 am – Educational workshops – rotation, participants will select which ones to attend.
- 11:30-12:00 pm – Consensus judging – participants vote to select the champion and reserve champion of each species!
- 11:30-12:45 pm – Lunch and preview of lambs and goats
- 12:45 pm – Animal Sale starts

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**2014 Embryology Workshop**

All those interested in the embryology program and using a 4-H incubator need to attend this embryology training. Register for the training by January 27th.

For on-line registration go to: [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11948](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11948)

Feb. 4th 2014
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Placer County UCCE/4-H Office
11477 E Ave
Auburn, CA

For more information and questions please visit: [http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/Embryology/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/Embryology/)
or call the 4-H Office (530) 889-7386

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**2014 Revolution of Responsibility**

Application Deadlines are as follows:

- March 15, 2014 May 15, 2014
- July 15, 2014 September 15, 2014
- November 15, 2014

[http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/](http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/)

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**4-H Office Closed**

- Monday, January 20
- Wednesday, February 12
- Monday, February 17
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 offices for assistance and applications.

Quality Assurance/Ethics Mandatory Training - Gold Country Fairgrounds’ Tahoe Building
- Thursday, April 10th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, June 12th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, July 10th - 6:30 pm
Mandatory training began in 2009, all exhibitors taking the training the first year it was required are good through 2014.

2014 Placer County and Gold Country Fair Informational Session
Do you have questions about Placer County and Gold Country Fairs in regard to showing and/or participating at the fairs through the 4-H program? This informational session will review the rules, regulations, schedules, and any other questions that may come up in regard to both Fairs. This is the platform to learn and become informed about the Placer County and Gold Country Fairs!
- Tahoe Building
- February 20, 2014
- 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
4-H Club leaders, project leaders, volunteers, and parents are all welcomed. It is strongly suggested to attend if your club or youth are participating in either of the two fairs. Please fill out a reservation, so we can accommodate individuals as needed. For additional information and/or questions about this event, please contact 4-H Program Representative, Jessica Trumble-Pitel at the 4-H Office (530) 889-7386. Please let us know you will attend by registering at: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11923

VALENTINES FOR VETS
Please join the Colfax VFW Ladies Auxiliary 2003 in making handmade Valentines for Vets to go to the Reno VA Hospital, and our Placer County military serving in war zones.
Cards no larger than 8"x1-"
Individual envelopes not necessary.
Deadline: February 7, 2014
Deliver to the Colfax Library, the Chamber of Commerce at the train depot, or mail to Beth Murphy. Contact: 530-637-4893.
Record Book News

State Record Book Competition
http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/

To help youth prepare 4-H Record Books for State competition there is a 2011-2013 Record Book Manual posted on the California website. Youth, who are planning to submit a Record Book to the State Competition, should review this manual for the most current guidelines. A 2014 submission may require pre-registration. Visit the State’s website, identified above, for complete details.

On-Line Record Book Info
Did you know that the 4-H Online Record Book is not just for youth members?

The 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) has approximately 6000 users statewide. Adult volunteers can also access their own Online Record Book account using their 4-H Online user name and password, and track their volunteer hours, communicate with youth in their clubs and projects, and review and approve reports from their youth. To get started using ORB today, click on the following link: https://ucanr.edu/4hbook/login.cfm

The State 4-H Office is offering a 3-hour 4-H Online Record Book training for counties desiring it. This training (ORB Internet Café) will walk participants through how to use all aspects of the 4-H Online Record Book in a fun and engaging way. Please contact the 4-H office, at (530) 889-7386, if you desire to bring this training to Placer County. For general information and help about the Online Record Book, you can check out the following resources:

- ORB Webinars - http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/
- ORB Bug Report - http://www.ca4h.org/recordbookbugs/

Share Your 4-H Experience!

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

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Send it via e-mail to: casherman@ucdavis.edu All articles are subject to approval by the 4-H Program Representative. After approval, articles are published as space permits. A digital picture with your article is a great addition. Please send photos in JPG format.

More 4-H Links:

California State 4-H Website: http://www.ca4h.org

4-H Mall: http://www.4-hmall.org

State 4-H Newsletters: http://www.ca4h.org/News

4-H Clover Safety Notes: http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/

National 4-H Headquarters Website: http://www.4-h.org

National 4-H Council: http://www.fourhcouncil.edu

California 4hOnline: (enrollment) https://california.4honline.com

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