April 2015

4-H Family Newsletter
Placer County, California

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All Stars Host A Record Book Hoedown & Dance

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015
Time: 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM Record Book Hoedown Training
Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Dinner & Dance (9yrs and older/non primary)
Location: Gold Country Fairgrounds – Sierra Building

Record Books will be available for purchase

Are you having a difficult time completing your record book? Are you looking to earn your stars? The Placer County All Star team is hosting a record book Hoedown Saturday, April 18th, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the Gold Country Fairgrounds. Help will be given to Placer 4-H members that have questions about the record book process. There will be ice breakers and fun activities to help you understand your record book forms to earn your stars. 4-H members of all ages are welcomed!

The All Stars wanted to provide a time for both 4-H members and friends to have fun playing games and dancing the night away! The Hoedown Dinner & Dance is for ages 9 years and older. The theme is "Western" with line and group dancing. There will also be many fun board games to play with your friends. BBQ hotdogs, chips, lemonade, and dessert will be offered. The cost is $5.00 for Dinner & Dance or $2.00 for just the Dance. Online registration is required for the Dinner & Dance.

Register here for Record Book Hoedown: http://ucanr.edu/hoedown_record_booktraining

Register here for Dinner & Dance: http://ucanr.edu/hoedown_dinner_and_dance

“Animal” Youth Fair
Saturday, May 9, 2015

A “hands-on” learning event at the Gold Country Fairgrounds with more information to follow. Please mark your calendar and join in this great countywide event to prepare for entering your animal in the upcoming fairs.

2015 Summer Camp Dates Announced

Monday, July 20th through Saturday, July 25th

Camp application deadline: June 19, 2015
Save the date, and join us around the campfire!
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 are available for purchase at the 4-H Office.

- Ties $12.00 each
- Hats $14.00
- Scarves $15.00
- Record Book Covers $3.00

Cash or check accepted. No ATM or credit cards.

Please visit the Placer County 4-H Calendar regularly for relevant upcoming events for 4-H’ers:
http://ucanr.edu/placer4hcalendar

Community Club Leader Meeting

Wednesday, April 22nd @ 7:00 pm

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2015 Hulbert Award


Placer County 4-H Office, Auburn

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 will go to one male, one female and three additional awards open to either male or female.** Placer County students between 14 and 18 years of age (by Jan. 1 of the selection year), and currently enrolled in Placer County 4-H. Additional information and applications are available at the 4-H office or available to download at http://ucanr.edu/placer4hscholarships and can be mailed to the office or e-mailed to Beth at bsatterlee@ucanr.edu

2015 Placer County 4-H Council Scholarship


Placer County 4-H Office, Auburn

$300 scholarship awards will be awarded this year to qualifying 4-H high school students. This award has been made possible through the raising of a sale animal that is auctioned annually at the Junior Live-stock Auction. Applications are available at the 4-H office or available to download at http://ucanr.edu/placer4hscholarships, and can be mailed to the office or e-mailed to Beth at bsatterlee@ucanr.edu
Placer County 4-H Events - Continued

Bi-County Fashion Revue - “Wonderful World of Fashion”

When: Saturday, April 25, 2015

Host: Nevada County’s Meadowlarks 4-H Club (hosting the potluck)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Magnolia Intermediate School, 22341 Kingston Ln, Grass Valley 95949

Pre-Registration is Required: Deadline for preregistration is April 12th.

Entry Categories: Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased ($40 limit), Upcycled, Jacket Challenge, and a Costume Challenge. For more information about these Fashion Review categories, see the visit the State’s 4-H Fashion Revue webpage: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

Program-Cover Contest: Attention all Artists! Design and draw a picture that portrays this year’s theme “Wonderful world of Fashion.” The winner will receive $10 and their design will be used for the cover of the Fashion Revue program. All pictures should be original artwork, drawn in very dark pencil or black ink, on a half-sheet of paper (5 1/2” x 4 1/2”). Don’t forget to sign your work! Submit your entry to the 4-H office by April 12, 2015. You can scan-and-email your artwork to bsatterlee@ucanr.edu or mail it to Placer County 4-H Office at 11477 E Ave, Auburn, 95603. Please include your mailing address if you would like your original art returned.

After the judging and fashion show, we will present a potluck luncheon on Magnolia’s patio, so please bring a salad to share and enjoy.

Succulent Propagation Training (NEW)

When: Saturday, May 16, 2015

Host: Master Gardeners Succulent Specialist

Time: 1:00 pm—3:00 pm (ADULTS only)

Location: Loomis Memorial Hall

This training is designed to teach the technique of propagating succulent plants. Please bring a used cup or small dish or small toy truck to plant your succulent into.

Succulent Propagation Training

When: Saturday, May 23, 2015

Host: Master Gardeners Succulent Specialists

Time: 1:00 pm—3:00 pm (TRAINED ADULTS return with their project youth)

Location: Loomis Memorial Hall

Trained adults will teach their project youth the technique of propagating succulent plants. The youth will plant a flat of starter succulents. The youth will tend their flat of starts and return flat of started succulent plants in late October to be used at the 2015 Craft Expo. The youth will receive recognition for completing a 4-H Community Service Project to be recorded in 2015-2016 4-H Record Book.

Horse Event Dates

April 1-17 4-H Horse Mastership Written Testing Dates. Tests are to be administered by horse project leaders to members within date range, and returned to Tammi Clader, tclader@ncbb.net, by April 20th.

April 26 4-H Horse Mastership Levels 1-4 Skills Testing @ Loomis Basin Horsemen’s Arena
Registration due: April 20, 2015

May 17 Placer County Fair Qualifying Horse Show @ Loomis Basin Horsemen’s Arena
Registration due Friday, May 8, 2015, ( Rain Date: May 31, 2015)

Mar 8, Apr 12 Sacramento County “Silver Buckle” Qualifying Horse Shows

June 24-28 CA State 4-H Classic Horse Show

TBA CA State Fair “Best of County” Horse Show
California Focus - June 19-23, 2015

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 - May 31-June 6, June 7-13, June 28-July 4, July 5-11, July 12-18, 2015

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 - July 15-19, 22-26, July 6-10, 13-17, 2015

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 interested in participating, contact Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu

State Leadership Conference – July 23-26, 2015 at UC Irvine

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. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.

Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff.

The conference is planned by a team of high school 4-H members, key leaders and adult advisors. Working in strong youth-adult partnership, the team designs the educational, recreational and logistical components of the conference.
2015 State 4-H Events

State 4-H Fashion Revue (SFR)

State 4-H Fashion Revue (SFR) categories for 2015 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), Jacket Challenge, and Costume Challenge. Members, leaders and counties are encouraged to plan projects and county fashion revues following the SFR category guidelines. 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://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/. Additional SFR Rules:

- Traditional, Up-cycled and Jacket 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 Costume 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 2015: all shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must be at least fingertip length.
- Other categories offered in other years, will not be included at 2015 SFR. Only the 5 categories listed above are included for 2015 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.
- Age divisions changed statewide this year. They are, as of 12/31/2014: Junior age 9-10, Intermediate 11-13, Senior 14-18.

State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service projects: "Fashion It Pillowcases" and "Hats for the Hopeful". Please visit SFR site below for further information. Specific category information is posted at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

This State Fashion Revue 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 Revue. The Bi-County Fashion Revue will be held on April 25, 2015, Magnolia Intermediate School, Grass Valley, and will be hosted by Placer County.

Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team - Applications due May 31, 2015

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/

Do you have an interest and experience in technology? Think about joining the 4-H Technology Leadership Team! 4-H members age 16 and older and 4-H volunteers may apply. Candidates must have some type of technology experience where he/she could lead an hour workshop. Technologies could include photography, video, website design, social media, hardware, GPS/GIS, computer support, graphic design, 3D imaging, smartphones, programming, biotech, engineering, technology & society.

Golden Clover Applications

Deadline: 11:50 PM on May 1, 2015

Application available on the 4-H state website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/

Higher Education Scholarship Applications

Deadline: 11:50 PM on May 1, 2015

Application available on the 4-H state website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/Scholarships/
State 4-H Field Day

Save the Date! - May 30, 2015 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:

Chess Tournament (pre-registration required) 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/ 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/

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-cycled, and Jacket Challenge. 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: Sue Moore, 2moores@mlode.com for more information.

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. 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 amiacopucci@ucanr.edu
31st Annual California Range & Natural Resources Science Camp - June 21st-26th
Where: University of California’s Elkus 4-H/Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay
Mark your calendars for this great opportunity! April 24th is the deadline for submitting applications for Range Camp! Range Camp is a week-long camp experience for students ages 15-18 who have an interest in the science and conservation of natural resources in California. Students learn plant identification, principles of livestock and wildlife management, forestry, fire ecology, hydrology and water quality, geology and soils, and management of stream and river environments. Field activities include learning to read wildlife ‘sign’, outdoor navigation with compasses, maps and GPS, forest management, a tour of a working ranch, and a beach BBQ. Information and applications are available at http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html. Cost is $400.00. Applications will be considered until May 30, 2015 if spaces remain.

2015-16 State 4-H Advisory Committees
The State 4-H Office is accepting statewide 4-H Advisory Committee applications for the 2015-16 program year. All 4-H members, adult volunteers, county and state 4-H YDP staff, as well as community partners are encouraged to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2015 or online at: https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=12323 by 11:59pm on May 31, 2015. For more information, see: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

2015-16 State Fair
California State Fair Youth Competition Deadlines
Watch for 2015 Competition Handbooks and enter online at
The 2015 California State Fair runs July 10-26 at Cal Expo in Sacramento.
All shows are open with no prerequisites for entry. Questions? Contact the State Fair Entry Office at (916) 263-3149.

- Youth Art: Fine Art, Crafts & Hobbies, Fashion & Textile, Media ........................................April 22
- California Kidz Kitchen (Baking, Canning) .....................................................................................June 19
- Junior Livestock (All categories) .......................................................................................................June 5
- Fur & Feathers - Junior Rabbits, Poultry, Dog Care & Training ....................................................June 5
- Junior Cavy .........................................................................................................................................June 19

For additional information on State events, updates, and opportunities for 4-H families visit the California 4H Newsletter
http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Newsletter/
**Fair News and Dates**

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**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. Please be aware that Gold Country Fair Jr. Livestock Rule # 36, stating that market steers must be under control at all times, will be strictly enforced. Call the Fair offices for assistance and applications.

**Quality Assurance/Ethics Mandatory Training - Gold Country Fairgrounds’ Sierra Building**

All 4-H project leaders, 4-H exhibitors, FFA Advisors, FFA exhibitors, Independent exhibitors and parents of Independent exhibitors MUST complete Quality Assurance/Ethics training once every five years. Entries will not be accepted by the fairs if training was not completed- NO EXCEPTIONS. This mandatory training is for those exhibitors entering small animals or livestock at Placer County Fair and/or Gold Country Fair. These requirements are established by Placer County Fair and Gold Country Fair. All trainings are organized by the fairs.

Gold Country Fairgrounds’ Sierra Building on the following dates:

- Thursday, April 9th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, June 11th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, July 9th - 6:30 pm

Direct questions to: Laurie Johnson, Gold Country Fair 530-823-4530

**2015 Gold Country Fair Improvement Days**

- Saturday, April 18th 8:00am-12:00pm
- Saturday, May 9th 10:00am—2:00pm
- Sunday, June 7th 8:00am-12:00pm
- Saturday, July 11th 7:00am-11:00am
- Sunday, August 2nd 7:00am—11:00am

**Questions regarding Placer County Fair or Gold Country Fair? Contact the specific Fair Office directly.**

- Placer County Fair (916) 786-2023
- Gold Country Fair (530) 823-4533
**Special Opportunity: Swine Field Day**

**Swine Field Day**

**When:** April 18, 2015  

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  

**Location:** Gold Country Fairgrounds  
(Sheep Barn Area)

**Day of Sign-In and Registration will begin @ 8:30 a.m. in front of the Sheep Barn**

This Field Day will be centered on the topics selection of a market hog, feed/nutrition, and showmanship. The workshops will be run by individuals with experience with swine. This is a hands-on learning experience for youth. Open to 4-H and FFA members. Food will **NOT** be provided at this event so please eat before and bring snacks.

For more information or questions please contact:
Kristy Vandenhoff: kvandenhoff@mail.csuchico.edu
Registration: [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15020](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15020)

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**More 4-H Links:**

- California State 4-H Website: [http://www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)  
- State 4-H Newsletters: [http://www.ca4h.org/News](http://www.ca4h.org/News)  
- National 4-H Headquarters Website: [http://www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org)  
- California 4hOnline: (enrollment) [https://california.4honline.com](https://california.4honline.com)

- 4-H Mall: [http://www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org)  
- 4-H Clover Safety Notes: [http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/](http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/)

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