Is Your Enrollment Complete?
Is Your Current Status “Active”?

You should be enrolled for the new 4-H year prior to attending any 4-H functions such as club meetings, project meetings, or 4-H events. Each of the following steps in the process must be completed:

1. Enrollment entered on-line (including your current projects).
2. Medical Treatment Forms and enrollment fees given to your club’s Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator (VEC).
3. Your club’s VEC will confirm on-line when they have received your Medical form and fees.
4. The 4-H office will activate youth as they are confirmed by VEC.
5. The 4-H office will activate Adult Volunteers after Live-scan clearance and 4-H Certification is confirmed.

After you are set to “Active,” please revisit your 4-H Online account before November 30th to be certain all information is as you want it, such as enrollment in the specific market animal you desire to take to the fair. Also check your status to be certain it is “Active.” Direct questions regarding your enrollment to your club VEC.

Timeline for Members Enrolling in the 4-H Program

- Returning 4-H members must attend 80% of all Club Meetings held within the club year to be considered a member in good standing and to qualify for awards and fair showings. Enroll online and submit required forms and fees to your club to complete the enrollment process. Remember that the deadline to enroll is November 30th. Please refer to the October Newsletter to review the Steps to Success for additional information, or on the web at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210544.pdf
- First year members only count 80% of club meetings after enrolling with club.

The required enrollment fees must be submitted to your community club. VECs also have busy schedules and may not be available to take care of this at the last minute, so please ACT NOW!!

To avoid the disappointment of not being able to participate in showing and/or selling an animal at the 2016 Placer County and Gold Country Fairs, ENROLL NOW, as November 30, 2015 is the deadline. If in doubt as to the status of your enrollment, please call your club VEC.

This county enrollment policy, established in June 1997, is revised annually by the Placer County 4-H Council, and is approved annually by an unanimous decision of the clubs represented. This information is incorporated in the "Steps to Success" 2015-2016 handout. Please note there will be NO WAIVERS CONSIDERED. The purpose of this policy is to enable youth participating in the 4-H program an adequate amount of time to become knowledgeable and proficient in their chosen project to raise, show, and sell animals at the fairs or participate in the State Fair Horse Shows.

To enroll on-line, find detailed instructions on our website: http://ucanr.org/jointhefun4h
Notes for Your First Meeting

Your first project meeting of the year is your most important in getting the project off to a good start. Use the First Project Meeting Outline below to organize your meeting.

Invite members of your Leadership Team (other leaders, staff, and/or youth leaders) and parents to your first meeting. Review with everyone the calendar for the year, project goals and expectations, project costs, rules and discipline, project requirements, and pertinent information. Allow plenty of time for questions and answers.

Introduce the Junior/Teen Leaders and discuss their role. Include an overview of the project with visuals, speakers, or members who have taken the project in the past.

First Project Meeting Outline (Duration: 1 to 1½ hours maximum)

1. **Introduce** yourself and others. Take roll.

2. **Review project goals and expectations.** Discuss skills and knowledge to be covered during the year. (A blackboard, posters, or sheets of blank newsprint are helpful.) Discuss project requirements, rules, and discipline.

3. **Use experienced members, parents, and others** in the community as project resources.

4. **Discuss with your group:**
   - Number, frequency, place, and time of meetings
   - How project supplies used at meetings will be acquired
   - How expenses will be met
   - What to bring to meetings
   - Dates of special activities, and how to participate
   - Completion date for the project

5. **Fun activity** – Use a game, a relay, or some other fun and interactive activity to reinforce what was discussed earlier.

6. **Hand out project materials,** answer questions, make assignments.

7. **Adjourn.**

8. **Review the meeting** with your Junior/Teen Leaders and/or Assistant Leaders. See how they feel about the meeting. Help them analyze their part. Be encouraging and supportive. Remember to do this after every meeting.

What Constitutes a Project?

Most project work occurs over a period of several weeks or months during a year. A **minimum of six hours** of instruction is recommended or required to complete non-animal projects. Animal projects require a constant back-up support as the youth work with their animals throughout the year; therefore, these projects require many more hours of instruction to complete a successful project, thus the minimum of six instruction hours does not apply.

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 grows”** 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.
20th Annual “You-Make-It” Craft Expo - Saturday, November 7, 2015, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Gold Country Fairgrounds—Sierra Building, 1273 High St, Auburn

Invite your friends and family to the “You-Make-It” Craft Expo, a wonderful opportunity to involve a large audience in 4-H “hands-on” activities at a minimal cost. The event makes year round 4-H arts-and-crafts projects possible. Assisting is a great way for teens as well as friends of 4-H to become involved. Each year there are new projects, along with some returning favorites, in the over 50 different projects from which to select. Under the guidance of youth and adult instructors, the participants make their project and take it home completed. Each club mans tables where several projects are offered. Please sign up with your Community 4-H Club to assist in the event.

Livestock Advisory Meeting
Thursday, December 3rd @ 6:30 pm
Gold Country Fairgrounds, Tahoe Building

This is the platform to ask questions and get more information in regards to the Livestock Programs at both Placer County Fair and Gold Country Fair. Additional questions, please contact the Gold Country Fair Office at 530-823-4533.

Countywide Sheep Coordinator Group

The Sheep Coordinator Group meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015, 1:00 pm, 7375 Callison Rd, Penryn.

Please wear closed toed shoes and appropriate attire for participation with livestock. This group is open to all members in Placer County with multiple and varying opportunities throughout the year. This project will be led by Tina Pourfathi and Karin Sinclair of Sinclair Family Farm. Additional questions, please contact Tina, tina.pourfathi@gmail.com, or 916-303-6901, Karin, karin@sinclairfamilyfarm.net or 916-803-1777, Sinclair office number 916-663-0303.

4-H Office Closed
Tuesday, November 11, 2015
Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, 2015
Friday, December 25, 2015
Friday, January 1, 2016
***Join the Homing Pigeon Project ***
Congratulations to Meara and Dillion McMenomey
For earning the Champion Pigeon Award!!

Meara and her brother Dillion were loaned six young pigeons in April. They cared for the pigeons for five months. This included settling them to one of the loaner lofts, gentling, flying and preparing them for three races held in August. The birds were raced from distances of 18, 26 and 33 miles. Their blue bar band # SR 552 was the most consistent pigeon out of the 60 birds in the program. Their pigeon finished the three races in 5th, 2nd and 8th place and earned them the Champion Pigeon Award.

This will be the second year of the homing pigeon project. We have five returning families. There is room for anyone who would like to participate in this unique experience.

Pigeons can adapt to nearly all conditions. They can be kept in rural or urban areas. They are quiet. They are inexpensive to maintain. They require little space. If they are cleaned up after have no offensive odors.

For those that join the program we will provide six donated pigeons. There are a limited number of small rabbit hutch type lofts that can be borrowed for the duration of the program. The only financial expense will be a $25 bag of food and $15 dollar bag of grit that can be split with another member of the project. The real expense is the time and commitment caring for the birds.

We would like to invite all those that may be interested to come learn more at this year’s first meeting.

Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 PM at the Loomis Veterans Hall

We will be passing out raffle tickets to those that sign in before 7:00. Prizes will be pigeon related.

Come ask questions and learn more about this great family project. We hope to see you there!
Feel free to call or email with any questions.
Project Leader: Tom Brasher (916) 899-9614 tfbrasher@gmail.com
Placer County 4-H Camp Committee Meeting
November 12, 2015
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Placer County 4-H Office, 11477 E Ave, Auburn
Join us in preparing for Summer Camp 2016! All volunteers are welcome!

Please visit the Placer County 4-H Calendar regularly for relevant upcoming events for 4-H’ers:
http://ucanr.org/placercounty4-hcalendar

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

Got E-Waste?
Have your Electronic Waste picked up for free and support the Placer County 4-H First Robotics Team! All you have to do is call ewaste4good or visit their website at http://ewaste4good.com/pickuprequest.html, select the Sacramento Area and Placer County 4-H Community Robotics Team, and the team receives money back for anything that is recycled.

Check out Placer County 4-H on Twitter and Facebook for updates and event pictures. Invite your friends to LIKE our Facebook page!
https://twitter.com/placercounty4h
@PlacerCounty4H

4-H Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 pm
Meeting location: Placer County 4-H Office
All youth and their families are welcome to attend
Snacks will be available!
State and National 4-H News

2016 National Conference
Application Deadline Monday, November 2, 2015
The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. For information and applications visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/N4-HC/

State Leaders' Forum Behind the Scenes Tour to Sea World
Thursday, November 5, 2015
The FIRST 50 people to send in their registration forms and their registration fee will have the opportunity to tour behind the scenes at the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute at Mission Bay San Diego. These lucky 50 people will learn about the marine rescue and rehabilitation efforts of SeaWorld San Diego, and get to see the facilities where the marine specialists work with the injured and sick wildlife. After the tour, you will be able to spend the rest of the day inside SeaWorld San Diego.

State Leaders' Forum 2015
Friday, November 6, 2015 – Sunday, November 8, 2015
This year at SLF, you will learn to provide members with opportunities to develop strong, positive relationships while engaging in infinite meaningful activities! We are “Keepin’ It Fresh!” Come enjoy and experience the awesome weekend the South Section 2015 Forum Committee has been working hard to create! It will be fun, it will be stimulating and it’s an educational event designed to keep you engaged! Enjoy a weekend at the beautiful Crowne Plaza – Mission Valley in San Diego.

State Record Book Judging
Friday, November 13 - Sunday, November 15, 2015

4-H Day at Oakland Raiders
Sunday, December 6, 2015 / 1:05pm Kickoff
Don't miss it! $20 from each ticket sold benefits 4-H in your community!
Submission form:http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216614.pdf

Timeline for State and National Citizenship/Leadership events and associated release dates

November 2
2016 National Conference applications due (previously announced and opened September 2, 2015)

Week of November 8
2016-2017 State Ambassador applications open
2016 Citizenship Washington Focus registration open
2016 Leadership Washington Focus registration open
2016 Washington Focus Chaperone applications open

November 23
2016 National Conference Team notified

December 1, 2015
2016 Washington Focus Chaperone Applications & References due

Week of December 6
SLC Program Assistant applications open

Week of December 13
California Focus registration open

December 15
2016 Citizenship Washington Focus registration deposit due
2016 Leadership Washington Focus registration deposit due

Week of December 20
2016 Washington Focus Chaperones notified

January 14
California Focus District Leader applications due
State Fashion Revue Update

State 4-H Fashion Revue (SFR) categories for 2016 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased ($40.00 limit), Up-cycled, Western Wear Challenge, and Muslin Challenge. Members, leaders, and counties are encouraged to plan projects and county fashion revues following the SFR category guidelines. Specific information about all the categories can be found at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

SFR is sponsoring two service projects for 2016. The first is reusable tote or grocery bags which may be made from feed bags, leftover sturdy fabric, canvas or even burlap. The second project is undecided and the SFR Committee wants to hear from you about any ideas you have. To make this a service learning project, SFR encourages members to research needs within their own communities for the donations. See the SFR website for questions or contact the 4-H Office for information.

The 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 State Fashion Revue. Watch the 4-H website for additional information regarding the 2016 Placer/Nevada Bi-County Fashion Revue.

Placer County 4-H Online Resources

♦ Find new Placer County 4-H Online Resources at http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/

♦ Project Leader Resources
  There is a new dropdown under the yellow Resources tab at the top of the Placer County 4-H homepage titled Project Leader. Here you will find many of the forms you need to get a new project started as well as links to resources available at our office and online. http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/Resources - Forms/ Project Leader/

♦ Officer Resources
  There is a new yellow tab for Officer Resources available on our Placer County 4-H homepage. Clicking on the tab will bring you to a page with helpful resources for all officers. If you hover over the tab there will be two dropdowns specifically for Treasurer and Secretary Information where all the forms that are provided in the officer binders can be found. http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/Club_Officer_Information/
Shooting Sports Workshops

Archery Discipline
Saturday, November 14 & Sunday, November 15, 2015 – Winton, CA
The class will be held Saturday, November 14th, 9 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday, November 15th, 9 AM- 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton, CA 95388, in Merced County. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club, and camp levels. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified archery adult leader they will be helping back home. The cost is $35 per person. Driving directions to the range are at http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option. To register, please complete the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/; an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council”. Mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 6th. Space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu.

Shotgun Discipline
Saturday, November 21 & Sunday, November 22, 2015 – Winton, CA
The class will be held Saturday, November 21st, 9 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday, November 22nd, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton, CA 95388, in Merced County. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Shotgun at the project, club, and camp levels. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Shotgun adult leader they will be helping back home. The cost is $35 per person. Driving directions to the range are at http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option. To register, please complete the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/; an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council”. Mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 13th. Space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu.

Pistol Discipline
Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13, 2015-- Winton, CA
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Muzzle Loading Discipline
Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13, 2015– Winton, CA
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**4-H Policy**

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1. Adult Volunteers should not be alone in vehicles with 4-H members.
2. Adult Volunteers should not be one-on-one in a vehicle with members other than their own child/children.
3. Adult volunteers must have current Youth Medical Release and Health History Form from the member’s parents/guardians before transporting any members in their vehicle to any 4-H YDP activity or event.

**Share Your 4-H Experience!** Any 4-H member can submit an article for this newsletter.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**
November 18, 2015

Send it via e-mail to: bsatterlee@ucanr.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. Send photos in JPG format.

**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/)

National 4-H Council: [http://www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)

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