

November San Mateo/SF County 4-H Highlights Newsletter

Announcements:

Message from Matt Cranford, San Mateo County Event Center, Fair and Festival Manager

Dear 4-H Community: I am looking into possibly buying a new loading ramp to use for loading the animals on the trucks at the conclusion of fair. So, I have a few questions for you.

1. Do you know of anyone selling a ramp locally?
2. Do you know of anyone who has one that we could actually borrow and use instead of purchasing? This would be the preferred option since the ramp is only used 1 day a year. They end up breaking down with the weather than with use from us at the fair. I would even consider renting it for cheap if that was an option. The timeline of this would be to pick up/get it delivered June 9-13 and return/deliver it back June 17/18.

Please email me if you have any information on a ramp - Matt Cranford (mcranford@smeventcenter.com).

Dog Project Fair Fun Day – November 8, 2014

Join us for a morning of learning and games with (or without) your dog to be followed by a pizza lunch. We will learn what is expected in each of the 4-H Classes offered at the Fair in June: Obedience, Rally, Showmanship and Tunnel with Weaves. There will be contests for Fastest Recall, Musical Sits, and Walking Through Distraction Lane! Goodie bags for participants.

Doors open at 9:45 AM and we will finish by 11:30 and share a pizza lunch. You will be “tethered “ to your dog for the full time so please bring a parent or a crate to help with your dog. If you do not have a dog you can borrow Kitty’s dog. This event is open to all Dog Project 4-Hers as well as anyone who is thinking they might like to participate in the Dog Project (you do not need a dog to participate in the project).

- **Where:** SMDTC Facility at 217 Old County Road #8, San Carlos (between Harbor and Holly) (please do not park in front of roll up doors)
- **Dogs:** Welcome but not required. If bringing your dog please bring a water dish, tasty treats, towel or mat for your dog, collar and leash and show lead if you have one.

- **Primary 4-Hers:** must be accompanied by their parents.
- Please RSVP: Kitty Norwood (Dog Project Leader Canada 4-H Club)
Email: kittynorwood@gmail.com or phone: 650-363-8396

North Central Section Skills Day – November 8, 2014 – Full Event Info

Skills Day is a one day event, providing North Central Section 4-H members (Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Mateo/San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo counties) with the opportunity to participate in a day of workshops intended to help them develop and strengthen their life skills in a variety of subject areas ranging from consumer science to public speaking. Workshops are an average of 30 minutes with the additional option of double workshop sessions in circumstances where participants require more time.

Creating A Leader (C.A.L.) Conference Registration - Due November 18, 2014

C.A.L. is a sectional 4-H event and members ages 11-17 from all North Central Section counties are encouraged to attend. Participants share their knowledge, exchange ideas and information, and have the chance to develop and enhance their leadership skills. The Conference fee is \$160 which includes room and board on Friday and Saturday, all three meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday; the cost is \$170 if you would like to purchase a conference T-shirt. You must complete the following registration packet and turn them in to the county office to reserve your spot at the conference by November 18, 2014:

- [Registration Packet](#) should be mailed to county office and include a check for \$160 made payable to San Mateo/SF County Council (or \$170 to receive a conference T-shirt)

Youth Rabbit Challenge hosted by Sonoma County Liberty Leadership Rabbit Project - November 22, 2014

San Mateo/SF County 4-H members are invited to participate in the Youth Rabbit Challenge hosted by Sonoma County Liberty Leadership Rabbit project. Competition areas are: Showmanship (no rabbit necessary to enter); Breed ID; Judging; and Written Test. The age groups are Junior (9-11), Intermediate (12-13), and Senior (14+).

- When: November 22, 2014 - check in begins at 8:30am
- Where: Sonoma County 4-H Center - 6445 Commerce Boulevard, Rohnert Park, CA 94928
- [Register online here](#)

County Awards Ceremony - November 24, 2014

Come celebrate the accomplishments of 2013-2014, including star awards and volunteer service awards! We will have a light dinner of sandwiches provided for attendees. Stay after for the County Council meeting from 7:00-8:30pm.

- When: November 24, 2014 - 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Where: Fox Elementary School

Outreach Opportunity – Redwood City Hometown Holiday Parade – December 6, 2014

Canada club invites all 4-H members from across the county to walk with them in the Hometown Holiday parade. Please email Heidi Sjolund to RSVP (thesjolunds@earthlink.net). Participants should meet at 4:00pm near the corner of Arguello and Bradford streets (close to the rail road tracks about 1 block NW of the intersection of Broadway and Arguello) to walk in the parade. Don't forget to wear your 4-H gear! Canada will also have a booth for talking about 4-H for anyone interested in helping promote 4-H to the Peninsula community.

Stanislaus County Snow and Winter Camp – January 1-4, 2015

Each year Stanislaus County Hi 4-H invites high school age members from other counties to join them at our Snow/Winter Camp held at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest, CA (just down the hill a bit from Dodge Ridge Ski Area). Camp will be from January 1 to January 4, 2015. Hope some of your members would like to come!

- [Registration Packet](#) due to San Mateo/SF County Office November 26, 2014 with check for \$140 made out to Stanislaus County Hi 4-H.

County Adult Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways to get involved at the county level! If you are interested in any of the below opportunities, please email Jessica at jguild@ucanr.edu to see how you can get involved.

Urgent: Adult Peer Reviewers needed - Each year, every 4-H account undergoes an important peer review. This is a vital audit that helps protect our youth and adult treasurers and advisors. We need two more volunteers for the audit of our county council accounts. Please email Jessica jguild@ucanr.edu to volunteer for this opportunity.

Science, Engineering, and Technology Volunteer Program Coordinator - Do you love science, teaching, and doing fun projects with youth? You're our person! We need a passionate individual to lead our county-wide S.E.T. initiatives. Trainings are readily available and there will be lots of support from the county and state offices for you.

Thrive Leadership Master Trainers – Have you heard of Thrive? Do you love it? Even if you haven't, if you love teaching young people skills in leadership development, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. Thrive is a cutting edge research-based positive youth development program focused on mentoring youth through practical leadership and life skill development. Help young people gain the skills they need to be competent, caring, involved citizens.

Quarterly Newsletter Coordinator – Do you miss reading articles and viewing photos from all the 4-H happenings around the county? Do you have graphic design and organizational skills? Awesome! We want you! Our goal is to create a quarterly newsletter packed with photos and reports about all that our 4-H members have been up to in the past season.

One time event resource volunteers – Want to help but you don't have much time? That's ok! We always need support at our county events. Let us know and we will plug you in to coordinate food, registration tables, or even balloon buyer! Many hands make light work, as my grandma used to say :)

November State Office Updates

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- **November 8, 2014** – SM/SF County Dog Project Fair Fun Day
- **November 8, 2014** – [North Central Section Skills Day](#)
- **November 14-16, 2014** - [State Leaders Forum](#)
- **November 15, 2014** - Enrollment Saturday, County office 9:00am-12:00pm
- **November 18, 2014** - [C.A.L. Conference Registration Due](#)
- **November 22, 2014** - Youth Rabbit Challenge hosted by Sonoma County
- **November 24, 2014** – Awards Ceremony at Fox School 6:00-7:00pm
- **November 24, 2014** – County Council meeting at Fox School 7:00-8:30pm
- **November 26, 2014** – Stanislaus County Snow Camp Registration Packet Due
- **December 6, 2014** – Redwood City Hometown Holidays Parade
- **December 8, 2014** - Membership Task Force Meeting 7:00pm Sharp Library
- **December 15, 2014** - Life Skills and Hobbies Meeting - 7:00pm at Fox School
- **January 1-4, 2015** – Stanislaus County Snow Camp
- **January 12, 2015** - Life Skills and Hobbies Meeting - 7:00pm at Fox School
- **January 23-25, 2015** – NC Section Creating A Leader (CAL) Conference
- **January 26, 2015** – County Council meeting at Fox School 7:00-8:30pm
- **February 7, 2015** – [County Presentation Day](#)
- **March 23, 2015** – County Council Meeting in HALF MOON BAY
- **March 28, 2015** – [NC Section Presentation Day](#)
- **April 18, 2015** – TENTATIVE Fashion Revue, Favorite Foods, Craft Expo County Event
- **April 26, 2015** – [County Animal Challenge](#)
- **May 30, 2015** – [State Field Day](#)

Please see the [county calendar](#) and subscribe to the [county blog](#) for more upcoming county and state events, including Shooting Sports workshop dates.

