All Stars

Do you have your gold star? Are you getting your gold star by the end of this 4-H year? Are you 15 years or older by January 1, 2014? Are you interested in being more involved in the county and helping planning fun events like SMYL and Animal Challenge Field Day? If you answered yes to these questions then you should apply to be an All Star for 2013-2014. The application can be found at http://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/Star_Programs/ and it is due on August 31, 2013.

Upcoming Fair Dates and Cake Booth Information

General Fair Entries are due May 8, 2013
Barn Setup for Livestock is June 1, 2013

CAKE BOOTH SCHEDULE
Saturday June 8th, SF Urban 4-H---Full Day, 10:30am til 10:30pm
Sunday June 9th, Half Moon Bay 4-H---10:30am til 5:15pm
Sunday June 9th, San Mateo 4-H Camp---4:45pm til 10:30pm
Monday June 10th, Canada 4-H---Full Day, 11:30am til 10:30pm
Tuesday June 11th, San Mateo County 4-H Scholarship 11---10:30am til 5:15pm
Tuesday June 11th, Daly City/Colma 4-H---4:45pm til 10:30pm
Wednesday June 12th, Coastside 4-H---11:30am til 5:00pm
Wednesday June 12th, San Bruno 4-H---4:30pm til 10:30pm
Thursday June 13th, Belmont 4-H---Full Day,11:30am til 10:30pm
Friday June 14th, Pacifica 4-H---Full Day,11:30am til 10:30pm
Saturday June 15th, Burlingame/San Mateo 4-H---Full Day,10:30am-10:30pm
Sunday June 16th, San Carlos 4-H---Full Day, 10:30am til 10:30pm
Seeking 4-Hers for Interviews

We are developing a collection of oral histories from past and present members to celebrate the 4-H Centennial. While we will be delighted to hear from any members, we are especially hoping to find some well-seasoned 4-Hers who would enjoy telling us about some of their memorable experiences in 4-H. If you have a story or two that would give listeners a glimpse into a bit of 4-H’s history, or if you know a former member who might like to share some stories with us, please let me know, and feel free to pass along my phone number (650-440-9709) and/or my email address: baileyhayashi@yahoo.com.

Thank you!
-- Mary Hayashi, San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Let your smile change the world,
Don’t let the world change your smile.

Author Unknown
Congratulations to Fashion Revue & Craft Expo Winners

Traditional - Junior
Winner: Alyssa Higdon

Traditional - Intermediate
Winner: Sebrianne Ferguson

Traditional - Senior:
Winner: Katrina Hull

2 Yard Wonder - Junior
Winner: Christopher Nielsen

Consumer Science - Intermediate
Winner: Sebrianne Ferguson

Consumer Science: Senior
Winner: Isabella Paragas

Katrina Hull - Quilting - Gold Medal - Senior
Viktoria Sjolund - Glazed Coil Pot - Gold Medal - Senior
Sarah Tappin - Photography - Gold Medal - Intermediate

Attention County 4-H Council Members!

New by-laws are set to be voted upon during the May 20th Council meeting! Please review the by-laws on the county website at: http://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/files/164987.doc

Scholarship II - 4-H Alumni

If you are currently enrolled in higher education, you are eligible to compete for one of the 2013 San Mateo County 4-H Scholarship II scholarships. For more information please go to: http://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/files/166360.pdf

Applications, recommendations and transcripts are due in the County Office no later than Friday, June 21, 2013.
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

IS YOUR FAMILY READY?

FIRE  EARTHQUAKE  TSUNAMI  TERRORISM

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013

10AM - 2PM, SAN MATEO COUNTY EVENT CENTER,
1346 SARATOGA AVENUE, SAN MATEO

ARRIVE BEFORE 11AM FOR FREE PARKING
& FREE ADMISSION TO THE COUNTY FAIR

Emergency Kit and Disaster Plan Instructions
First-Aid, Police, Fire & Emergency Equipment Demonstrations

For more information, contact Office of Emergency Services at (650) 363-4790
or the Office of Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier (650) 363-4572

San Mateo County 4-H Highlights
**4-H Archery Certification Training**

A 4-H Archery Certification Training for volunteers and junior/teen leaders will be offered **Saturday, June 1st**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and **Sunday, June 2nd**, 9 a.m.- 12 noon, at the Mt. Shasta City Park, Lower Lodge, 1315 Nixon Street, Mt. Shasta, CA in Siskiyou County. You must be an enrolled 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $25 per person to include a resource binder, range fees, and Saturday lunch. For current 4-H certified archery leaders, if you would like to become a trainer and provide certification at the county level, please contact Jeanne for more details. You would attend this training and assist with the teaching of this class.

To register, please complete and mail the “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), and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $25 check payable to “Siskiyou County 4-H Council” and mail to Leland & Jeanne George, 8504 N. Old Stage Road, Weed, CA 96094. Registration is due Friday, May 24th and space is limited. For more information call Jeanne at 530-524-7278 or email her at mtlassenlover@gmail.com.

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**Where Are We Going?**

After falling down the rabbit hole, nothing Alice experienced conformed to the norms she knew. She felt absolutely lost and wished desperately to find her way back to her familiar world. She asked the Cheshire Cat, “Puss, would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here.” The Cat grinned and said, “That depends a good deal on where you want to get to.” Frustrated, Alice replied: “I don’t much care where!” “Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,” said the Cat. Sometimes we, too, feel lost like Alice. We like to know where we are and where we’re headed, and what we need to get there.

Come to the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum at the Sacramento Crowne Plaza on November 8 – 10, 2013. Help sort out the direction of where California 4-H is headed and be part of the journey with your 4-H colleagues and friends. It’s time to coalesce into a united flock to negotiate the different twists and turns to realize our goals for the next 100 years. Website for SLF registration materials, workshop proposal forms, silent auction forms, recognition survey: [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/)

- Don’t forget to complete and submit the SLF Workshop Request for Proposal Form by **June 30, 2013**: [http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop](http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop).
- Early Bird registration by **Sept. 1** saves you money!
- Each year for the SLF Silent Auction we find that items made by 4-Hers bring in the most money. If you know of youth who are clever and wish to donate a hand-made article that is worth $10 or more, please contact Louise Silacci, moolu@unwiredbb.com
- The Tech Team wishes to have a head/shoulder picture of each and every 4-H volunteer in California. Please submit to John Trammel, techdude4h@gmail.com. Pictures should be good quality, at least 600 KB in size. Title each photo with the name and county of the person pictured.
- SLF centennial pins are available from the Sectional Council presidents. The cost is $3.00 per pin. To purchase pins in bulk please contact Noel Keller, nkeller91711@gmail.com

**Western Region Leader’s Forum**

March 27-30, 2014
Billings, Montana

Workshop proposals for the WRLF 2014 are being accepted now. Proposals due June 1. Visit their website for more information and a workshop proposal form: [www.wrlf2014.com](http://www.wrlf2014.com)

**iDevelop**

iDevelop is our virtual platform for professional development. The purpose of iDevelop is to provide deeper learning around the principles of positive youth development and to assist 4-H staff and volunteers in creating and sustaining healthy environments for our 4-H members to reach their full potential. For a description of the courses offered and access to them, click on the following link: [http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Thrive_Resources/4-H_Thrive_Virtual_Trainings/](http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Thrive_Resources/4-H_Thrive_Virtual_Trainings/)

**4-H Volunteer Café**

Are you a club or project leader who is tired of doing the same old activities month after month? Maybe you need something designed just for you to encourage your own personal growth. The 4-H Volunteer Café is a place designed just for you providing inspiring and thought-provoking articles of how the principles of positive youth development translate into your 4-H experience, it offers tons of resources for you as a 4-H volunteer that you can use immediately in your meetings and gives you a place where you can contribute your own experiences and challenges. To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: [http://4hvoluteercave.wordpress.com/](http://4hvoluteercave.wordpress.com/).
To celebrate our centennial we are going big at the CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR! Check out the full list of activities at [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/CountyFairs/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/CountyFairs/)

1) **July 21, 24-27: Gold Seal Presentations from State 4-H Field Day ([http://ucanr.edu/gold seal/](http://ucanr.edu/gold seal/))**

4-H members receiving a gold seal at the State 4-H Presentation Day on May 25, 2013 at UC Davis are eligible to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on July 21, 24, 25, 26, & 27.


4-H members and volunteers are invited for three types of exhibits.

   A) **July 16, 2013, 11am - 8pm: Eco-Bot**

4-H will present Eco-Bot, the National 4-H Youth Science Experiment. 4-H volunteers and members will help children design and build a simple brush-robot to cleanup a spill (simulated using a cookie sheet and rice). Materials and instructions are provided. We just need 4-H volunteers and members to sign-up for 2-hour blocks during the day!

   B) **July 20 (10-8pm) & July 23 (11-8pm)**

   i) **Non-Competitive 4-H Presentations** – 4-H members are invited to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair on July 20 and 23. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on one day. Presentations must be related to 4-H science, engineering, or technology.

   ii) **Hands-on, Interactive, 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Activities** – Groups of 4-H members, volunteers and staff are invited to engage the public in quick hands-on activities. The group will conduct activities with the public for at least an hour block of time on one day.

3) **July 23 & 24: 4-H Cooking Throwdown ([http://ucanr.edu/throwdown/](http://ucanr.edu/throwdown/))**

4-H Cooking Throwdown - 4-H members are invited to participate in the 4-H Throwdown at the California State Fair. Teams will consist of 2 youth members and 1 teen leader. The minimum age is 12 years old, total of 3 members. Each round will have a secret ingredient. Each course must include the secret ingredient. Each team will have 10 minutes to prep and then 50 minutes to cook a three course meal. A judge will taste all courses prepared and the winners of each round will then compete at 4:00pm each day to determine the daily 4-H Throwdown Champion! Each day has a theme: July 23rd- International Cuisine; July 24th- BBQ Throwdown without the Grill. **Facility:** California Kitchen at the State Fair. Below are images of the California Kitchen where the Throwdowns will take place!

4) **Represent California 4-H by exhibiting at the Fair**

We are working on a 4-H Day-July 20th!

Share your memories of the State Fair [http://www.bigfun.org/memories/](http://www.bigfun.org/memories/)!
National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony Opportunity
This year the National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force of NAE4-HA would like to offer two 4-H youth the opportunity to play a unique role in the 2013 Hall of Fame Ceremony which will be held on October 11, 2013 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Task Force will be selecting a Youth Master/Mistress of Ceremonies and a Youth Entertainer to assist with the National Hall of Fame Ceremony. Details on how to apply are provided on the respective applications: National 4-H HOF Entertainer Application (http://www.ca4h.org/files/159335.docx) and National 4-H HOF Master/Mistress of Ceremonies Application (http://www.ca4h.org/files/159336.docx). Applications are due to the California State 4-H Office by May 17, 2013 so applications can be reviewed and nominations from California selected and submitted by the deadline. If you have any questions, contact Shannon Dogan at sjdogan@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8518.

4-H Advisory Committee Applications
We are now accepting statewide 4-H Advisory Committee applications for the 2013-14 program year. The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are a representative group of 4-H members, adult volunteers and county and state 4-H YDP staff. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. Please note that there is now an online option to apply. We advise applicants to read the advisory committee descriptions for additional materials that may be required depending on the committee. Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2013 or online by 11:59pm on May 31, 2013. For more information, see: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

4-H State Leadership Conference 2013
July 25-28, 2013 at UC Davis
Celebrating 100 years of California 4-H. This year’s theme: “There’s no place like 4-H. 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 more information visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/
Video Contest now being held! Winners will receive discounted registration fees to 2013 State Leadership Conference. For details about this contest can be found at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge/

State Field Day
May 25, 2013, UC Davis Campus, 8:00am-6:00pm
Silent Auction to Benefit 4-HEROES Project at State Field Day
Solano County 4-H has been working with the Army National Guard at Travis Air Force Base to build a memorial park in honor of soldiers killed in the war on terrorism. The park will be called the Lawson Memorial Park after Sgt Isaac Lawson who was the first guardsman to die from the 49th Brigade. It will include a memorial grotto, podium/assembly area, exercise course and victory garden. To date they have gathered monetary donations and donor commitments for about 70% of the $300,000 project. They will be holding a silent auction at State Field Day to benefit the 4-HEROES Project. Solano County 4-H clubs will be donating baskets for participants to bid on. Other counties are encouraged to contribute baskets as well. Please visit the auction and make bids on the baskets.
For more information about the 4-HEROES Project, visit: http://cesolano.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/4HEROES/. For more information on how to contribute baskets, contact Deb Galway at 707.290.7915 or e-mail at grdndctr@solanowireless.com

State Fashion Revue registration is open for youth who qualify to represent their counties. Selection occurs at County Fashion Revue or a comparable event. SFR is May 25, 2013 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Registration is by survey at http://ucanr.org/sfr2013register until May 11. SFR categories and age divisions may be different from those in your county, so be sure to read the SFR rules carefully. If you also qualify for State Presentation Day, note that on your SFR entry. SFR check-in is 7:30-8:30 AM in Olson Hall, with judging and activities throughout the morning. Activities include Pattern Exchange (bring 5 and take 5), Make it take it crafts, workshops and judging classes. Please bring any contributions for the SFR service projects to Olson Hall: Little dresses or shorts for Africa, Drawstring bags for foster children, and A Zoo of hugs stuffed animals. Everyone is invited to watch the fashion show at 2:00 PM at Wellman Hall, preceded by vintage fashions at 1:30. Complete information is at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/

4-H MyPlate Challenge
In 2011 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) unveiled the federal government’s new food icon, MyPlate, to serve as a reminder to help consumers make healthier food choices. 4-H is challenging YOU to show how you’re making YOUR plate MyPlate. We invite you to submit a photograph illustrating how you’re creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. 4-H members do not need to pre-qualify at a county event. More details about this contest can be found at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge/

Counties Centennial Banners!
How is your County “Joining the Revolution to 4-H’s next 100 years?”
Bring your felt 30” X 36” County Banner to Field Day!
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/
Contact Sarah Watkins at spwatkins@ucanr.edu for more information.

Special Recognition Opportunities at State Field Day
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/
California 4-H is offering a thematic recognition pin for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas: Engineering to Solve the World’s Problems, Physical Activity, The Path to Thriving and C is for Contribute. Participants may only choose one focus area for their presentation. What will be your focus area?
4-H Film Making Statewide Project
http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/Film/

For 4-H members (age 13-19), volunteers, and staff to learn how to produce films. The goal of the 4-H Film Making Project is to enhance technological literacy of 4-H members by helping them learn the basics of film production including storyboarding, filming, and editing. Our goal is to have 4-H members produce films that feature how 4-H is impacting their community (for example, 4-H Revolution of Responsibility projects) and recording 4-H alumni and creating films featuring the "Voices of 4-H History" for the CA 4-H Centennial.

The project is coordinated by the 4-H Technology Leadership Team,

- Hosting four-hour video production workshops around California using the National 4-H Film Making Curriculum (workshops limited to 30 people)
- Lending video equipment kits to counties
- Showcasing completed videos at the State 4-H Film Festival and on various websites

Learn more and register for a workshop at http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/Film/

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Get Connected Nationally!

After several months of development, the Next Generation my4-H is now available for use! 4-H professionals, volunteers and even youth leaders, from anywhere, can now upload, download, comment, even rank local, state and nationally produced 4-H resources. my4-H serves as a central and collaborative source for more of the 4-H resources you want—including the National Directory of 4-H Materials. Whether you’re presenting at a state-wide event or training local volunteers, my4-H is your tool for effectively engaging your audience around resources important to them, and to you. You can login now to the new my4-H (www.4H.org/my4-H). Previous 4-H NYSD or Fund Development Toolkit users can login to my4-H with their account

Record Book News

Chance to Win an iPad Mini!
The end-of-year Spark Points Surveys are available May 1st in the 4-H Online Record Book. As a reminder, youth and adults may be eligible to win prizes by completing the required surveys and growth grids.

Youth who submit an Online Record Book to State Record Book Competition will receive a special edition "Got ORB" T-shirt.

New Support for Record Book Competition: To help youth and adults understand some specific requirements to submit a successful book to State Competition, a Quick Start Record Book course will be available in mid-May. This 20 minute online course will help youth and adults navigate the Record Book Manual. It will be fun, quick and made to stick! Look for the course on the State website in the Record Book Resources after May 10th. All youth who plan to submit a Record Book to State Competition will be required to complete this course by October 31st of the year that they are submitting a book.

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“California Agriculture” license plates to fund 4-H and ag education

Proceeds from sales of the new “California Agriculture” license plates will be used to support agricultural education programs, including 4-H. The project spearheaded by the California Department of Food and Agriculture began about 5 years ago. The Department of Motor Vehicles required at least 7,500 pre-orders before approving the license plate. They received the minimum on pre-orders and now the plates are being produced and can be ordered at http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg17.pdf. Annette Leeland, executive director of the 4-H Foundation, spoken with Josh Eddy, executive director of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, to learn how the license plate proceeds will be distributed.

"A small portion of the plate fee, about $1 per plate, will go into a fund every year when a license plate is renewed or a new plate purchased," Leeland said. "The fund will be used to issue grants from CDFA to organizations doing agricultural education. The grant eligibility and distribution process are currently being determined."

"Please help spread the word about the new California Agriculture license plates," said Shannon Dogan, associate director of 4-H Program & Policy. "This is an important movement in raising the profile of agriculture and helping to support the next generation of agriculture’s innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders."

For more information about California Agriculture license plates, visit https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/calagplate/

Many of you have contacted us seeking additional clarification on the new “California Agriculture” license plates. This is a project spearheaded by the CDFA that begun about 5 years ago. The DMV required at least 7,500 pre-orders before approving the license plate. They received the minimum on pre-orders and now the plates are being produced and can be ordered (http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg17.pdf). Annette Leeland has clarified with Josh Eddy, Executive Director of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, how proceeds from the license plate sales will be used to support agricultural education programs. A small portion of the plate fee (about $1 per plate) will go into a fund every year when a plate is renewed or a new plate purchased. The fund will be used to issue grants from CDFA to organizations doing agricultural education. The grant eligibility and distribution process are currently being determined.

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Regards,

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Save the Date:
June 26-30, 2013

The California 4-H Horse Classic at Brookside Equestrian Park in Elk Grove (20mins south of Sacramento)

We are offering Tenderfoot classes and Miniature Horse Classes this year. Tenderfoot classes are for those whom were unable to participate in a qualifying horse show. Also don’t forget about our educational contests: Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Public Speaking, and demonstrations.

Hosting a Qualifying show for the 2013 California Horse Classic?
Register your show here: http://ucanr.edu/qualifying-shows for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2013 California Horse Classic.

Criteria for a Qualifying Show:
• Show verified by County
• Up to 3 shows per county
• If your county has 3 horse shows 1 show must be associated with a county fair
• Each horse show must be registered
• The Horse Show must offer the same classes that are offered at the State 4-H Classic (they may offer more if they choose too)
• Show must be before June 3rd, 2013
• Management of each show is required to send show results to Sarah Watkins at the State 4-H Office

Results can be sent via email to spwatkins@ucanr.edu or faxed to (530) 754-8541 or mailed to:
Sarah Watkins, CA State 4-H Office, 1 Shields Ave, DANR Building, Davis, CA 95616

Looking for a Qualifying Horse show for the 2013 California 4-H Horse Classic?
Visit http://ucanr.edu/classic-qualifiers to find a Horse Show near you!

New Horse Classic Blog
Visit http://ucanr.edu/blogs/HorseClassic/index.cfm for updates on 2013 California 4-H Horse Classic!
Don’t forget to subscribe to receives updates straight into your inbox!

4-H State Leadership Conference 2013
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Celebrating 100 years of California 4-H. This year’s theme: There’s no place like 4-H
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 more information visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/

Registration Open: NYLC’s National Youth Leadership Training
This is an opportunity for high school students to build leadership skills to make a real change in their communities. The event is July 20-27, 2013 at the National Center for Service and Innovative Leadership. Registration is now open and space is limited for the NYLT this summer. The Registration Packet is available for download at www.nylc.org/nylt - turn in your packet ASAP to secure your spot!

2013 National 4-H Forestry Invitational
July 21-25
Jackson’s Mill State 4-H Conference Center in Weston, WV California Statewide 4-H is invited to send a 4-H forestry team to compete in the 2013 National 4-H Forestry Invitational. On-line intent form due by May 31, 2013:
http://4hforestryinvitational.org/registration/intent-form

iThrive for Jr. & Teen Leaders
Are you looking for ways to continue to develop your Jr. & Teen Leaders in effective leadership skills? iThrive takes the principles of positive youth development and organizes them in a fun and engaging way to develop the leadership skills of our 4-H youth. The accompanying iChampion Adult Volunteer Leader Guide, provides an easy to follow resource to make project leaders successful in using this curriculum. Using the experiential learning cycle, iThrive provides opportunities for youth to realize their true and full potential and shows them how they can help their peers do the same. The curriculum is free and available to any project leader of a Jr. & Teen Leadership Project. To find out more about Thrive, check out the state website at http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/. If you are interested in bringing Thrive into your Jr. & Teen Leadership Project for the 2013-2014 program year, contact your county office to find out how you can get started.

Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team
Applications due May 31, 2012
http://www.ca4h.org/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.

Please help us determine the public value of 4-H by filling out the survey
http://ucanr.edu/sites/4HPublicValues/
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Please note: University policy requires an Advisor or County Director to submit all grant applications and fulfill the requirements of UC ANR Contracts & Grants. For more information, please contact your local county 4-H office.

California 4-H $1,000 for 1,000 Service Learning Projects


Mark your Calendars: 2013 Paper Clover Dates

Spring Paper Clover: May 8-19, 2013
Fall Paper Clover: October 9-20, 2013 (starts during National 4-H Week)

New for Upcoming Paper Clover Fundraisers:

4-H is expected to host an in-store event at any time during both spring and fall Paper Clover events. 4-H programs that host an in-store event will receive additional funds from Paper Clover. There will be a new incentive program to drive more of the Paper Clover funds to your county 4-H program. In-store 4-H participation will be required to participate in this incentive program, and more information will be shared in early 2013. With the new and exciting upgrades to the Paper Clover campaign, please be sure you participate in Paper Clover webinars and access new toolkit resources and promotional materials to ensure you continue to benefit from this important fundraiser. More information and the webinar dates will be available in January.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grant

Deadline: Rolling

The grant seeks to promote social justice, protect the environment and support sustainable food systems. Funds are provided to grassroots, constituent-led organizations that use community organizing strategies to accomplish their goals and to organizations that provide technical support and resources to such groups. Maximum grant: $15,000. Find out more here: http://www.benandjerrysfoundation.org/what-we-do.html?utm_source=Ready+News+March+1+13&utm_campaign=Ready+News&utm_medium=email

State Farm Youth Advisory Board Service-Learning Grants

Deadline: May 3

The service-learning grants range in size from $25,000-$100,000, and must address the root cause of one of the following issue areas: access to higher education / closing the achievement gap, financial literacy (and economic inclusion), community safety and natural disaster preparedness, social health & wellness issues, and environmental responsibility. More info: http://bit.ly/XWGHX3

The Be Big Contest

Deadline: June 23

If you have a BIG Idea that demonstrates Clifford's BIG Ideas, let us know! The BE BIG Fund can help bring YOUR winning idea to life with the help of Scholastic, HandsOn Network and, of course, Clifford! Enter now for the chance to bring your BIG Idea to life with a $5,000 community grant. Other prizes consist of 5 $1,000 first prize grants. More info: http://bit.ly/YuVbeT

San Mateo County 4-H Highlights
Need help with a gardening question? Call the UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener’s hotline at 650-726-9059 x 107 or email mgvhotline@ucdavis.edu

Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center - We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the ranch. You can volunteer to help in the gardens, cleaning up animal pens, and other chores as needed. Please contact Leslie Jensen at elkusranch@ucdavis.edu to volunteer!

San Mateo County 4-H Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-MateoSan-Francisco-County-4-H/75534689930

SMC Club Sites:
Belmont 4-H Club: http://www.belmont4h.org/
 Burlingame/San Mateo 4-H Club: http://www.bsm4h.webs.com/
 Half Moon Bay 4-H Club: http://halfmoonbay4h.yolasite.com/contact.php
 Pacifica 4-H Club: http://pacificaa4h.org/
 San Bruno/South San Francisco 4-H Club: http://sbcal.us/4h/San_Bruno_4-H_Website/Welcome.html
 San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H Club: http://www.sancarlos4h.org/

CA State 4-H Websites
Website: http://www.ca4h.org
4-H Online Record Book (yes every registered adult volunteer and every youth ages 9 and older has an Online Record Book account): http://www.ca4h.org/4hbook/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/california4H
Twitter: https://twitter.com/California4H
YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/user/California4h
Pinterest: http://pinterest.com/california4h/
Blog: http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/
Instagram: http://instagram.com/ca4h

The official 4-H page on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/4-h
4-H National Council Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-4-H-Council/68006127048

Highlights Newsletter Website:

Follow the simple steps listed below to receive an electronic copy.
Go to the county 4-H web address: http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/4-H_Highlights_Newsletter/
“Subscribe to Newsletter - receive e-mail when this newsletter is updated”, enter email address in the box under this heading.
Your subscription will start with the next newsletter.
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8 All non livestock SMC Fair entry forms due, https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/
11 Last day to register for State Fashion Revue
17 National HOF applications due, Shannon Dogan sjdogan@ucanr.edu
20 County Council meeting, 7pm Fox School
20 Scholarship I scholarship announcement at County Council meeting.
25 State Field Day, State Fashion Revue, State Presentation Day, UC Davis
26-30 California 4-H Horse Classic, http://ucanr.edu/qualifying-shows
31 National 4-H Forestry Invitational online intent form due Weston, WV http://4hforestryinvitation.org/registration/intent-form
31 4-H Technology Leadership Team applications due, http://ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT
31 4-H Advisory Committee Applications due, http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

JUNE

1 barn set up for livestock, SMC Fair
1-2 Archery Certification, Mt Shasta, CA. mtlassenlover@gmail.com
8 Disaster Preparedness Day, San Mateo County Event Center, 10 am - 2 pm
8-16 San Mateo County Fair, https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/
21 Scholarship II applications, transcripts and recommendations due in the County office by 4:30pm
30 SLF Workshop Request of Proposal forms due, http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop