THIS MONTH’S HIGHLIGHTS

2016 Camp Junior Counselor Application

Due by January 19th 2016 to the 4-H office. This opportunity provides interested teens leadership roles in a camping situation with special opportunities for educational and social adjustment through group living. Must be 9th grade or above by July 1st. And currently enrolled to be eligible. For more info and application visit:

http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/4-H_Camp_2016/

$$ Attention 2015 livestock exhibitors! The Fairgrounds has premium checks waiting for you. If you are a swine, sheep, goat, or horse member and you didn’t receive your premium check at the end of fair, drop in or call the Fair office and see if one is waiting for you! Fair Office # 530-621-5860

Member Tip of the Month:

4-H record keeping is a teaching tool and learning experience, primarily designed to help a member:

- Develop record-keeping skills.
- Learn how to use records.
- Develop the habit of recording things when they happen.
- Measure their accomplishments.
- Establish new goals based on previous experience.
- Learn time, energy, and money management.
- Develop a desire to improve

For more on Record books go to: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RRResources/

Volunteer Tips of the Month:

Next New Volunteer Ordination: January 25th. 4-H office at 6:00 pm.

Consider volunteering on one of the committees that make our program great! See Page 7

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

www.facebook.com/ElDoradoCounty4h
Hangtown Christmas Parade was a success and many 4-H families participated. The El Dorado County 4-H horse project had the winning entry in the Junior Rider category, and Southside Topnotch had the first place float for the second year in a row! Thank you to all who showed 4-H pride and contributed.
2016 Announcements

*Home Arts Day announces date*

April 9th 2016 at the Light Of The Hills Church.

*El Dorado County Presentation Day*

February 20th @ 9:00am. Folsom Lake College Placerville Campus

For more information and registration form visit:  
http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/Presentation_Day/

**Other County Level Presentation Day opportunities**

⇒ January 30th 2016 **Amador** Presentation Day  
http://ucanr.edu/sites/AC4H/Presentation_Day/

⇒ February 7th 2016 **Calaveras**

12 p.m. Calaveras River Academy in San Andreas

El Dorado County 4-H members are invited to attend any or all of the Presentation Days.

**WHAT IS A PRESENTATION?** It is a planned demonstration or illustrated talk which explains or illustrates by using examples. To demonstrate is to teach by showing – learning by doing! Show someone how to tie his shoes, or his 4-H tie! Demonstrating is teaching in the clearest and simplest method known. When members are enrolled in 4-H they have a desire to learn. In giving presentations, they share with others their acquired knowledge. Boys and girls like to “tell others”. This is natural. They should be encouraged to start by giving a simple presentation and, as they develop, they can do more difficult presentations.

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**FAIR UNIFORMS - NO CHANGES FOR EL DORADO COUNTY**

There have been recent changes to the 4-H uniform which can be found at  
http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/

Fairs do not fall under the jurisdiction of the 4-H program and may require their own uniform for showing. El Dorado County has decided to make no changes to their current dress code of white pants, white collard shirt, 4-H hat and 4-H scarf or tie.
Around the corner...

* 4-H Skills Day takes the place of Round Up

4-H Skills Day
March 12th, 2016
EL Dorado County Fair Grounds

Skills Day 2016 will be project determined activities, lunch, uniform exchange, 4-H Mall, record book workshops, proficiency tests, community service opportunities, and much more!

Skills Day Committee forming– Contact Denise Veffredo to be a part of planning this fun exciting day!

530-621-5568 or email dveffredo@ucanr.edu

*More information to follow

4-H State Leadership Conference

SAVE THE DATE!
July 28-31, 2016
Humboldt State University
Ages 13-19

El Dorado County 4-H Camp 2016
July 18th–22nd
Open to enrolled 4-H members ages 9-19
$250.00 includes shirt and camp photo

*Camp applications are first come first served when registration opens February, 1st 2016
El Dorado County 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) Event

California Department of Transportation
Materials Engineering & Testing Laboratory Tour

February 12, 2016

Date:  Friday, 2/12/16 (Day off for most schools in EDC)
Time:  9:30am to 12:30pm (tentatively)
Place:  California Department of Transportation Laboratory
        5900 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95819

Participating members and parents are responsible for transportation to and from the tour location. Carpooling is encouraged, but not provided or coordinated by EDC 4-H due to liability concerns.

Tour Details:
The 4H Tour of Translab will be a little different this year than past years. Instead of trying to rush through and see how many labs we can see, we have picked three Labs or testing themes and will spend about an hour on each.

9:30 - 9:40 Check in and General Overview – meet in Front Lobby
9:40 - 10:30 Concrete, cement and grade bench
   Cement lab. How cement and other material is tested from different suppliers.
   Breaking cylinders is always popular as well as Mike M.
   A staff engineer will discuss design and material property aspects.
   Look at some unique materials not typically associated with concrete testing.

10:30 - 11:30 Soil Lab
   Identify some of the most frequent tests performed and material properties being measured.
   Rock and soil cores showing different Strata transitions.
   Engineering aspects of soils lab testing. How these properties are used in design.

11:35 - 12:30 – NDT (Non-destructive testing)
   Very popular last year with hands on examples for steel inspection. Our steel inspectors will be available to explain these tests.
   Possible some gamma-gamma and cross hole sonic testing we perform on deep foundations.
   Possible instrumentation examples.

Due to space constraints the tours will be limited and based on a first come first served basis. To sign up send an email to Lorraine Larsen-Hallock at llarsen-hallock@sbcglobal.net with the following information: Name, Age, Email address, and Primary contact phone number. Please sign up by Feb 8,
El Dorado County 4H Event

CBS Channel 13 STEM (SET) Presentation

Your visit to CBS 13/CW 31 Good Day Television studios will start with watching part of a live broadcast of Good Day Weekend! Afterwards, you will meet with the on-air personalities including our weather expert who needs a strong knowledge of science to determine the daily forecast broadcast to several thousand viewers in Northern California! Members of your tour will also meet with various engineers at the television station providing the crucial behind-the-scenes power and expertise to get our newscasts and programming on the air! A question and answer period will follow.

Location: CBS 13/CW 31 Studio - 2713 KOVR Drive, West Sacramento, CA
Date: Saturday February 27 at 10:00 to 12:00
Contact: Lorraine Larsen-Hallock  ljarsen-hallock@sbcglobal.net
        Keith & Maureen Hoffman  mohoff@zetabroadband.com

“4-H is not just a club. It’s a way of life.”
-4-H Member
WANTED
Youth and Adult Volunteers
The following committees need volunteers contact Denise at 530-621-5568 or dveffredo@ucanr.edu
Color Me Green
Skills Day 2016
Home Arts Day
Presentation Day
Chuck Wagon
Record Book Judging
Service Learning
Livestock Advisory Committee (LAC)

*Volunteers are a key component in making El Dorado County 4-H the Best Of The Best
Please consider what you can offer!

NEXT VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING:
January 12th 2016 • 5:30pm
UCCE El Dorado County 4-H Office • Conference Room

NEXT COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS MEETING
January 19th 2016 • 5:30pm
UCCE El Dorado County 4-H Office • Conference Room
El Dorado County 4-H
MAKE THE INVESTMENT OF A LIFETIME

Placerville, California (November 20, 2015)— El Dorado 4-H Youth Development Program is seeking a few talented and conscientious volunteer board members to lead and strengthen our programs to develop youth into responsible leaders. If you can contribute your time, thoughtfulness, and leadership and are interested in exploring this opportunity, call Vera M. Allen at 530-561-5507 to find out whether this volunteer opportunity is right for you. We’re especially looking for folks with fund development and/or record keeping experience, with youth development backgrounds.

Board members have a specific focus, allowing volunteers to spend their time where their interest lies. Open Board positions for El Dorado County 4-H are Resource Development Director, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Each board position has a job description and term of appointment, so volunteers know exactly what they’re signing up for and when their commitment ends.

When you take the time to help a young person, you exert an enormous, positive effect on the future—yours, America’s and the world’s—by developing our greatest resource. In today’s 4-H, 7 million young people are learning responsibility by leading and following through on community projects. They’re gaining intellectual curiosity, as well as skills in math, science and technology, by learning hands on in 4-H programs developed by our nation’s leading public universities. More than 500,000 4-H volunteers are helping to create life-changing experiences for young people in every county and community—all 50 states, U.S. territories and on military installations worldwide.

Compared to their peers, 4-H youth are:
2X as likely to go to college
2X as likely to pursue careers in science
More likely to make healthier choices, be physically active and avoid risky behaviors
3X as likely to give back to their communities

In 4-H, farm kids, city kids, kids of every race, economic and family situation are getting the skills that will help them become the capable workforce our nation needs. And they’re getting the values that lead to good futures.

To learn more about 4-H or how to become a volunteer visit ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/ or call the El Dorado County 4-H Office at 530-621-5507

Contact: Vera M. Allen, Program Representative; 530-621-5507,
I pledge my... **HEAD** to clearer thinking, **HEART** to greater loyalty, **HANDS** to larger service, **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

**Sign Up for E-Script! And raise Funds for El Dorado Co. 4-H while you shop!**

Enroll in [Something Extra](http://www.raleys.com/extracredit) Select [El Dorado County 4-H Council](http://www.raleys.com/extracredit) as your organization of choice.

Once enrolled, follow these steps:

- Visit [www.raleys.com/extracredit](http://www.raleys.com/extracredit)
- Click on the green “Get Started” button
- Select [El Dorado County 4-H Council](http://www.raleys.com/extracredit) from the menu
- Designate the percentage of scrip to donate.

Let your friends, family & alumni know about this easy way to support youth!
The Hotline is published monthly for the El Dorado County 4-H Youth Development Program.

**Next Hotline: February, 2016**

Articles about 4-H or topics of general interest to families are welcome.

*Articles are due the 20th of the month email to dveffredo@ucanr.edu*

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