El Dorado County 4-H NEWSLETTER
July 2016

THIS MONTH’S HIGHLIGHTS

2016-2017 Enrollment now open **July 1– October 15th** for returning members!!

http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/4-H_Youth_Development/Join_Now/

See Page 6 for FAQ or Call Nancy (530) 621-5503

Congratulations to all our successful fair participant's!!!
For picture’s visit : https://www.flickr.com/photos/125318949@N08/albums/72157669710588092

El Dorado County Livestock Action brings in $342,706.80 for 4-H and FFA members. Thank you to all the business and families for the support of these great youth organizations and members!!

4-H Camp July 18-22nd

A few space are still available call to inquire 530-621-5503

http://ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/Camp/

*Being a current 4-H member is not required, share with friends

Member Tips of the Month:

Volunteer Tip of the Month:

Looking for a project to lead?
Consider becoming a shoot sports leader. Training is provided and works within your schedule. Call Vera for more information!

530-621-5507 or email vmallen@ucanr.edu

www.facebook.com/ElDoradoCounty4h
Benjamin Hicks

The El Dorado County 4-H Management Board is proud to present the 4-H Memorial Scholarship to Benjamin Hicks. Benjamin Hicks will be receiving a $1000.00 scholarship.

Benjamin has been in 4-H for eight years. He says that 4-H has been one of the best choices he ever made and being involved in the program has greatly affected both the person he has become and what he values. 4-H has taught him to speak strongly in public settings. 4-H has taught him patience every time he had to halter-break a green steer or help a new member flip their rabbit for the millionth time! 4-H has taught him what a good, strong leader is, and helped him captain multiple teams and lead his peers in various endeavors. With 4-H he has learned to speak with local politicians on numerous occasions to advocate for their financial support of 4-H of the community. 4-H has taught him the importance of what it means to be active and contributive member of the community.

Benjamin has been involved in many areas of 4-H including All Star Ambassador, a member of the Management Board as their Youth Mediator, and this summer her will be the Waterfront Director of 4-H Camp.

As Benjamin looks back on his 4-H experience one of the things he enjoyed the most is 4-H camp. He got to help start camp in El Dorado County in the summer of 2014. El Dorado County had not had camp for 20 years. Camp is one of the most rewarding experiences because simply put, it makes kids really happy!

Benjamin plans for the future is to study BioResource and Agricultural Engineering at University Of California, Davis. With his degree he wants to work internationally to help develop more sustainable communities that are driven towards service. Because of his experiences in 4-H he wants to develop communities that are driven towards their youth’s development and growth, as well as the land’s development and growth, as 4-H and the UCCE have been in El Dorado County.

Ronald McDonald House Donation Pop Top Collection Totals (4-H Clubs)

The Pop Top Program began when a community in Minneapolis collected one million pop tops to recycle as a fundraiser and the trend has since spread to hundreds of Ronald McDonald Houses across the country. A pop top is the small metal tab on the top of aluminum beverage cans. Throughout the year, 4-H clubs in the county collect pop-tops from cans, they are weighed and donated to benefit our local Sacramento Ronald McDonald Home for the families of cancer patients. Every pop top helps families stay at the House, just $10 pays for one family for one night! Approximately 1,430 pop tops = one pound. This year’s club totals are: Mother Lode 49ers, Rescue Up ’N Coming, Square Shooters, and Hangtown Gold together collected ten pounds, Latrobe Outlanders (10 lbs), Southside Topnotch (11 lbs), Gold Hill Toppers (12 lbs), Happy Sundowners (17 lbs), Foothill Grizzlies (31 lbs), and..... our final entry with an extraordinary contribution is... Shingle Springers with (66 lbs)!!! Our county collected a total of 157 pounds of pop tops!! In order to keep it competitive, the pounds collected by each club are divided by the number of members in the club. The Club with the highest average pop top weight received $100 check. This year’s winning club is Foothill Grizzlies! The pop top donation will be given in the name of Shingle Springers 4-H Club, in recognition of their contribution to the total collection.
CAMP DONATIONS NEEDED By July 15th

Donations: We are always accepting donations of any kind but we are especially in need of the following items for this year’s planned craft projects:

- Jars with Lids (any size)
- Empty cans (without sharp edges)
- Latex Balloons (any kind – even deflated)
- Disposable gloves
- Ziploc Bags
- Paper Towels
- Newspaper
- Paint Stip Stick
- Yarn & String (any kind)
- Plastic Plates
- Rubber Bands (all sizes welcome)
- Metal Bottle Caps
- Modeling Clay
- Digital Cameras
- Glow in the Dark Paint
- Perler Beads & pattern boards
- Red Paint (washable)
- Plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Plastic Eggs (Easter eggs)

~These items can be dropped off at the 4-H office M-F 8:00-5:00

El Dorado County 4-H 
All-Star Team

Accepting Applications for the 2016-17 Year!

Have you earned your Gold Star? Will you be in 9-12th grade this year?

Are you a Leader? Do you like to have fun?

We want you to apply to become an El Dorado County All-Star Ambassador! Applications will be available on the county web-site starting August 8th. Completed applications and supporting materials are due by 5pm on September 9th. Interviews will be held between 3:30 and 9:00pm on September 22nd.

All Star Ambassador is the highest recognized rank of 4-H achievement in the county. In order to serve as an All Star these members completed their bronze, silver and gold stars, and additionally demonstrated proven leadership skills in their club and community. They represent 4-H in our county and surrounding areas, assist with program development, host events, and serve as role models. All Star Ambassadors are selected through a rigorous interview process and are expected to contribute to positive youth development through service to the 4-H Program and local community. All Star Ben H. says, "Being an All Star Ambassador has helped me to be further invested in the development of 4-H and its role in the community."

Application requirements include: A current 4-H Record Book, Two Letters of Recommendation, Completed All-Star Application, a Short Oral Presentation and Interview with All-Star Selection Committee. Once installed, All Stars serve until they graduate from high school. Team member Anna Marie says that "Serving on the All Star Ambassador team has allowed me to practice my leadership skills, meet some amazing people in our county, and serve my community." 2016-17 All Stars will be announced at the County Awards Ceremony in November. We are looking forward to having you on the El Dorado County All-Star Team!
California 4-H THROWDOWN
Junior Day: July 12, 2016, 11:00-6:00 PM
Senior Day: July 19, 2016, 11:00-6:00 PM
California State Fair, Sacramento, CA

This July at the California State Fair, all 4-H members are invited to take part in the 4-H ThrowDown. The event is divided by age and themes. Each team will consist of three youth members to compete and prepare a healthy three-course meal using a surprise secret ingredient. A panel of judges will taste all prepared courses and award a winner.

Contest Themes:
3 rounds each day with a secret ingredient in each round
- Rounds 1 & 2 Challenge: "Something on a Stick"
- Round 3 Challenge: "5-Star Dining"

Did you know: For 4-H members participating in club programs, attendance at club meetings is not required but highly encouraged. Earn your 100% attendance pin for perfect club attendance. There are other incentives to help motivate you as well as recognition opportunities – check with your club leaders to find out more about these. Also see Steps to Success in 4-H.

Register for the 2016 State 4-H Horse Classic
August 3-7, 2016
Murieta Equestrian Center
Rancho Murieta, CA

Horse Show: Early-bird registration ends June 28th; Regular registration is due July 18th.

Educational Contests: Registration is due July 18th.

More information: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/

Social Media
Make sure you’re subscribed to us on social media for updates on upcoming events, registration deadlines, and posts to share with your counties and clubs.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/california4H/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/California4H
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ca4h/
FAQ for 4hOnline Enrollment
4-H Front Office 530-621-5503

FAMILY ACCOUNT QUESTIONS:

What if I don’t have an email address? A list of free email accounts can be found http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.org/files/90590.pdf

What if I don’t have web access? Try the library, club leader, friend or call and make an appointment at your local 4-H office.

I did not receive an email with my new password.
   Check your junk mail.
   AT&T is blocking emails from 4hOnline. If you are an AT&T user, contact the 4-H office to get a new password.
   Your email is not correct in the system; contact the 4-H office to update your email address.

Our family has more than one last name, which name do we use? You make the call. What would you like the family name to be? You can hyphenate. You can change an existing family name.

My child has been participating in 4-H but does not show up with our family? Contact the 4-H office.
   They may have been enrolled as a separate family. Do not add them as a new member; it will create a duplicate which can cause project errors. The office can move them into your family.

What if my email is different now than last year when I enrolled or if I have forgotten which email address was used? Call the 4-H Office or fill out an online enrollment assistance survey found at http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7070 for assistance. Do not create a new profile.

ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS:

What is the cost to enroll? See your 4-H County information page.

Are parents required to enroll? No. Only parents that wish to serve as a volunteer in the club need to enroll. Please do not enroll online unless you plan to complete the process with fingerprinting and orientation process see http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/4-H_Youth_Development/Volunteering_in_4-H/.

PROJECT ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS:

The project I want is not listed. Why? There are several possibilities:
   The child is not old enough for the project. Primary members ages 5-8 are limited in the projects they can participate in.
   Your club is not offering that project.
   If they are, they have not contacted the 4-H Office to update their project page. Have the project leader contact the 4-H office.

A project is listed that my child is no longer taking, how do I delete it? Click the edit button next to the project. Then click on delete.

How do I sign up for a countywide project? Projects that are countywide will that the project name: COUTYWIDE PROJECT written next to. Remember you need to connect with the project leader because they may not have you written down. Call the 4-H office.

No projects are listed in the drop down. You need to select your club first, and then the projects will show.

Who is responsible for confirming the accuracy of project enrollment? The member is ultimately responsible for checking their enrollment before the enrollment online CLOSE date (to be eligible to show at the fair).

What if I am taking a project in another club (not your primary club)? You will need to add that club on the club page. Be sure to designate your primary club (green dot). Then on the project page, select the club you are taking the project in and then select the project.
Record Books

State Record Book Competition 2016 Important Dates:

June 30th: Members must complete an Intent to Submit Form to their county office if they are planning to or thinking about submitting their book to State Competition. Completing this form does not obligate the member to submit, rather it is intended to alert county volunteers and staff working with record books so that they are prepared to provide support to members.

June 30th: Members must complete the Record Book Quick Start Course if they plan to submit their book to State Competition. This is earlier than the past two years so that members have ample time to review and prepare their record books.

October 3rd: State Record Book Evaluators (judges) applications are due.

October 21st: Record Books for State Competition must ARRIVE to State Office.

November 4th – 6th: State Record Book Competition

2016-17 Record Books

The Record Book and manuals for Junior, Intermediate and Senior members will be the same as 2015-16. All units will be expected to come into alignment with the state book beginning July 1, 2016. All other supplemental forms not included in the state Record Book must be eliminated at that time. A new Primary Member Report form will be released by July 1, 2016. This report follows and supports the iSprout curriculum.

Awards

Golden Clover Awards

Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Nominations for awards will be open on May 1st and will be due on August 8th. Find more information here.

Diamond Clover Award

The California Diamond Clover is the highest achievement for which a 4-H youth member is recognized. All youth members who achieve the requirements are eligible to receive this award. Awarded receive the California Diamond Clover Pin or Necklace Charm, a certificate and a recognition letter from the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are accepted year-round. Applications are reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awarded quarterly. Find more information here.
I pledge my... to clearer thinking,
HEAD to greater loyalty,
HEART to larger service,
HANDS to better living,
HEALTH 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
Select El Dorado County 4-H Council as your organization of choice.
Once enrolled, follow these steps:
  · Visit www.raley's.com/extracredit
  · Click on the green “Get Started” button
  · Select El Dorado County 4-H Council from the menu
  · Designate the percentage of scrip to donate.
Let your friends, family & alumni know about this easy way to support youth!

Hotline: July, 2016
Upcoming Events

July 1st: New enrollment Opens for 2016-2017
July 8th-24th: California State Fair
July 12th 4-H Throwdown at the State Fair
July 18th-22nd: 4-H camp at Camp Concord
July 28-31st: State Leadership Conference
August 3rd-8th: California State 4-H Horse Classic

Also check out the 4-H Statewide Calendar at http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar/ for events, dates & deadlines
The Hotline is published monthly for the El Dorado County 4-H Youth Development Program.

Next Hotline: August, 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