

# March 2015 San Mateo/SF County 4-H Highlights Newsletter

## Congratulations to Jeanette Masarie and Makayla Arvin!

Both Jeanette Masarie and Makayla Arvin of Canada 4-H club received awards for their community service accomplishments at this year's Redwood City Sequoia Awards. Below are the bios that were featured in the Award Ceremony Program. We're proud of you both!

**Jeanette – DPR Construction and Palo Alto Medical Foundation Corporate Service Scholarship** - "Jeanette has been inspired to volunteer since her first volunteer experience at Hopkins Manor in Redwood City. She loved seeing the smiles on everyone's faces and knew she was making an impact on their lives while giving back. She has volunteered numerous hours with 4-H. She is currently on the Junior Fair Board at the San Mateo County Fair, she volunteers at Second Harvest Food Bank, Peninsula Humane Society, Grand National Rodeo, and Bethlehem A.D. Through Jeanette's active volunteerism she has learned that community service has not only impacted others, but has also impacted herself. It has shaped her into a responsible, loving, friendly, and motivated person. Jeanette hopes to pursue a degree in Animal Science and a career as a Large Animal Veterinarian."

**Makayla – Pete and Paula Uccelli Foundation/Danford Foundation Corporate Service Scholarship** - "Makayla stunned the Sequoia Awards committee with the sheer number of hours she has spent as a volunteer. She has been tremendously involved with the local 4-H organization and dedicated to making its opportunities available to others. The leaders of the group sing her praises as a leader and a mentor. She is also extremely involved in the San Mateo County Fair. The Fair sees her as one of its most consistent and reliable volunteers. In additions, she has helped at Bethlehem A.D., Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life and Second Harvest Food Bank. In each activity , people remark on her generous nature and infectious enthusiasm she brings to each group. Makayla sees herself continuing with her effort as an adult and would like to seek out a career in event management."

## Announcements:

**March 23 County Council Meeting is in Half Moon Bay!  
IDES Hall 735 Main Street**

**Save the Date – Elkus Ranch Range Camp – June 21-27,  
2015**

California Pacific Society for Range Management and UC Cooperative Extension presents Range and Natural Resources Youth Camp at UC Elkus Ranch in Half Moon Bay, CA. The mission of Range Camp is to provide high school students with a foundation in the physical and biological sciences that inform us about natural resources and guide our management of them. Range Camp also allows campers to interact with university faculty and career professionals, providing the opportunity to learn about rangeland and natural resource management education and career options. Registration coming soon!

## **Save the Date - 4-H Camp Wild Wild West July 12-17 - Registration coming April 15, 2015**

## **Life Skills Festival and Field Day – April 18, 2015 – Messiah Lutheran Church - Registration Now Live!**

This year's Life Skills Festival and Field Day event combines three competitions previously held at different times: the Favorite Food Day, Arts and Crafts Expo, and Fashion Revue competitions. Attendees not participating in the competitions are invited to observe the sessions and participate in games, demonstrations, and workshops from 11:00am-2:30pm. Please help us celebrate the Festival by bringing a friend and a potluck dish to share!

### **How to Register:**

1. Information for each competition can be found on the [County Events Page](#)
2. Register for the competitions using the online [Life Skills Festival and Field Day Registration Form](#) - **Registration due April 14, 2015**

## **2015 4-H Camp Announcements**

**Now Accepting Applications – Camp Advisor – Paid Position** 4-H camp is an exciting week-long adventure in the Santa Cruz Mountains! We are currently recruiting a camp advisor to lead our youth team. Please email [jguild@ucanr.edu](mailto:jguild@ucanr.edu) your resume and cover letter to apply for the position. [Full Position Description](#)

**Camp Chaperones still needed!** Would you love spending a week in the woods with 4-H members playing games, singing songs, and bonding over camp fire? Then 4-H Camp is for you! Please email [jguild@ucanr.edu](mailto:jguild@ucanr.edu) if you are interested. Must be 21 years of age or older.

**Camp Nurse needed!** 4-H Camp Safety Guidelines define a camp nurse as "a person who is either a physician, registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, who is licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code or a person who is trained in accordance with Section 1596.866 of the Health and Safety Code." HSC Section 1596.866 requires a person have at least 15 hours of health and safety training in pediatric first aid, pediatric CPR, and prevention of childhood injuries and illnesses. Health Supervisors at 4-H camps are typically nurses." Please email [jguild@ucanr.edu](mailto:jguild@ucanr.edu) if you know someone who fits this description and would be willing to be the camp nurse at 4-H camp this year.

## **SLC Registration Due April 30, 2015 - Conference Dates: July 23-26, 2015**

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas. [Registration Information](#)

## **Silicon Valley Gives – May 5, 2015**

4-H is participating in the 2015 Silicon Valley Gives Initiative. Mark your calendars and get ready to donate on May 5th! [Read about the event and sign up for reminders.](#)

### **Project Announcements**

**Hog, Lamp, Goat Pre-Fair Check In** – April 11, 2015 – 3:00pm-6:00pm – San Mateo Event Center

**Pen Pride Project** – Two hogs are on the San Carlos Farm and would love to meet you! Pen Pride Project meets the first Sunday of the month at 4:30pm. Please email Jeanine Musch ([jeanine.musch@gmail.com](mailto:jeanine.musch@gmail.com)) if you're interested in the project!

**County Sewing Project** – Linda Litz has over 40 years of experience running 4-H sewing projects and has openings in her Belmont sewing project. Please contact Linda directly if you would like to join ([normflanc1@comcast.net](mailto:normflanc1@comcast.net))

**County Small Engines and Auto Maintenance Project** - Open to all county 4-H youth. The first meeting will be this Sunday March 22nd at 2pm in Pacifica. Please RSVP with the name and age of member to ([Twetwe1@aol.com](mailto:Twetwe1@aol.com)) and they will send you the address.

### **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](mailto:jguild@ucanr.edu) to see how you can get involved.

**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 :)

### **[March State Office Updates Upcoming](#)**

## **Dates and Deadlines:**

- March 23, 2015 - County Council Meeting in HALF MOON BAY
- March 28, 2015 - NC Sectional Presentation Day
- April 11, 2015 – Hog, Lamb, Goat Pre-Fair Check In
- April 18, 2015 - Life Skills Festival and Field Day (Previously separate events - Fashion Revue, Favorite Foods Day, Arts and Crafts Expo)
- April 26, 2015 - County Animal Challenge
- May 18, 2015 - County Council meeting at Fox School 7:00-8:30pm
- May 30, 2015 – SM Fair Barn Set Up
- May 30, 2015 - State Field Day • June 6-14, 2015 – San Mateo County Fair
- June 21-27 – UC Elkus Ranch Range Camp
- July 12-17, 2015 – San Mateo 4-H Camp • July 23-26, 2015 - State Leadership Conference