



Tips 'n Topics

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SHASTA COUNTY

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Annual Steer Tagging

All steer & replacement heifers going to Shasta District Fair are required to be purchased & tagged no later than **120** days before Fair.

Mandatory Steer Tagging & Weigh-In

Sunday, February 16

Auction Yard 9 - 11 am

Shasta College 1 - 3 pm



Save the Date



Pollination Garden

Service Learning Project

Saturday, April 12, 2025

More information to come.



Did you attend one of the Instructor Led YQCA Trainings?

If you attended the in-person YQCA training on October 12 or November 16 ~ please make sure that you have registered for the correct course online.

If you still need to register, follow the [Post ILT YQCA Registration](#) instructions.

Then take the **online** tests that are **required** for the training.

Once you have enrolled and taken the tests, please send an email to ecparadis@ucanr.edu to let her know.

You MUST do this to receive your certificate of completion.



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Member Resources

[Shasta County 4-H Website](#)

[Shasta County 4-H Calendar](#)

4-H [Enrollment](#) is Year-Round

Interested in [Volunteering](#) ?

California 4-H [Member Resources](#)

[4-H Handbook for Families](#)

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Shasta County Events

Poultry & Dairy Cattle Ban at Fairs

Due to the spread of AH5NI Avian Influenza (Bird Flu), the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) State Veterinarian-Director, Dr. Annette Jones, has implemented a ban on all California Poultry and Dairy Exhibitions at Fairs and Shows in 2025.

This action is required to minimize the danger of exposing people and non-infected birds and cows to the disease.

[California Poultry and Dairy Cattle
Exhibition Ban](#)

Valley Favorite Foods

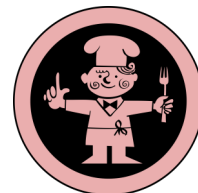
Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Location: IOOF Hall, Palo Cedro

Theme: Foods of the Seasons

Host: Golden Acres



Pre-Registration has closed

For the schedule, categories and other important information

[Click Here](#)

Be sure to print out the menu / recipe page.

Countywide Garden Project

At their January meeting, the Countywide Garden Project working on gaining knowledge in several areas, include how to do a seed exchange.



Calendar

Are you interested in being a judge for Valley Favorite Foods?

Be sure to Register [Here!](#)



February

- 1 Fashion Revue [Registration OPENS](#)
- 8 Valley Favorite Foods Event (CFQ)
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday *
- 16 Mandatory Steer Tagging & Weigh-In
- 17 President's Day *
- 17 Presentation Day [Registration CLOSSES](#)
- 19 Valley Field Day Planning Meeting
- 22 IM FFD & Stills Registration [OPENS](#)

No Cloverbud Meeting this month.



March

- 2 Presentation Day (CFQ + State Field Day qualifier)
Fashion Revue Registration **Deadline**
- 9 Valley Field Day Registration **OPENS** (CFQ)
- 14 Council Scholarship [Application Deadline](#)
Eileen Washburn [Scholarship Deadline](#)
- 16 Fashion Revue (State Field Day qualifier)
Cloverbud Meeting
- 19 Budget & Event Planning-Valley Club Leaders
- 23 Inter-Mountain Favorite Foods / Home Ec & Ag Stills Registration **Deadline**
- 28 Luz Martinez [Scholarship Deadline](#)



April

- 4 Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills
- 5 Inter-Mountain Favorite Foods Event (CFQ)
- 10 Council Scholarship Interviews
- 12 Pollination Garden
- 13 Valley Field Day Registration **Deadline**
- 16 Valley Council Meeting
- 23 Inter-Mountain Council Meeting

No Cloverbud Meeting this month.

CFQ = County Fair Qualifier

SFQ = CA Fair Qualifier

* Shasta 4-H Office Closed

Council meetings are open to **all** members.

REDDING ROTARY - HONOR TO YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Redding Rotary honors one senior 4-H youth member with a plaque and cash scholarship award.

Wren L., a Senior with Foothill 4-H, was recognized for her involvement in community service and leadership skills.

Wren is an exceptional individual who embodies the spirit of the 4-H motto, "to make the best better"

Congratulations Wren !



Have you begun working on your 2024-25 Record Book ?



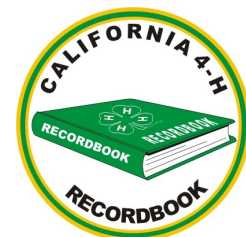
A 4-H Record Book is a standard record of your activities in 4-H - your projects, activities, events, skills development and learning experiences. The 4-H Record Book helps you improve your skills in record keeping, goal management and reflection on your achievements and growth in 4-H. You can submit your record book for evaluation at the club, county and state levels.

The Record Book and Achievement Programs are optional and separate programs.

We highly recommend you take advantage of both programs to maximize your growth and learning in 4-H.

[CA Record Book Website](#)

Join the [CA 4-H Record Book Support Group](#) on Facebook.



Shasta County Presentation Day 2025

DATE: Sunday, March 2, 2025

LOCATION: Burney Jr/Sr High School, Burney

HOST: Burney 4-H

REGISTRATION



OPENS: **Saturday, January 18, 2025**

CLOSES: **Monday, February 17, 2025**

(No late entries will be accepted)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EVENT ELIGIBILITY: This event is open to all 4-H members

REGISTRATION: Online pre-registration is mandatory.

UNIFORMS: Uniforms are acceptable, but not required.

FAIR QUALIFIER: This event can qualify you for participation at the Shasta District Fair if the presentation is in your project area. Call the 4-H office with any questions.

DIVISIONS: Teams will be assigned locations by oldest member.

Primary (ages 5 - 8) Junior (ages 9 - 10)

Intermediate (ages 11 - 13) Senior (ages 14 - 19)

There will be an option to present via Zoom. See additional information on page 2.

AWARDS

The Danish system of judging is used with gold and silver medals or blue ribbons awarded. Primary participants will not be ranked, but will receive participation pins. Those receiving a gold award will be eligible to compete at the *Regional Level*. Gold medalists at the *Regional Level* qualify for competition at the *State Level*.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

4-H members are responsible for arranging any special equipment or facilities they may need for their presentations! This includes a TV and VCR for videos, slide projector and screen for slide presentations, tri-fold standup display for the Tabletop Displays, etc. Any special considerations for "Share the Fun" must be arranged by the 4-H members, including sound systems, pianos, tumbling mats, etc.

Shasta County Presentation Day 2025

PRESENTATION FORMAT AND EVALUATION

Please see the UC 4-H Presentation Manual [State 4-H Presentation Manual](#) for presentation format guidelines and evaluation forms.

SCHEDULE (times are approximate)

9:45 - 10 am	Sign-in
9:45 - 10 am	Judge's & MC's Registration
10:15 am	Judge's & MC's Orientation
10:30 am	Welcome & Rules
10:45 am	Members Set-up Presentations
11am - 1 pm	Presentations
1:30 - 2 pm	Awards



Zoom Presentation

If you are unable to be at the In Person Presentation Day event on March 2, we have dates set aside for members to present via Zoom.

Sunday, February 23

Saturday, March 1

The time slot to present via Zoom will be assigned after registration has closed.

SDF Super Steer Contest

The Super Steer Contest is designed to seek the fed steer that best combines live, carcass and gain attributes to be calculated as follows:

- 45% Live Placing
- 45\$ Carcass Placing
- 10% Rate of Gain.



Steers must qualify for the Shasta County Cattlemen’s Association Carcass Contest to complete in the Super Steer competition.

Kendra with Golden Acres 4-H was the winner of the 2024 SDF Super Steer Contest.



Larry Forero, Livestock Advisor for UCCE Shasta County presented Kendra with a buckle at the December club meeting.

Congratulations Kendra !



Fashion Revue 2025

DATE: Sunday, March 16, 2025
TIME: **TBD**
LOCATION: Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds, Ingram Hall
HOST: Burney 4-H



[Registration](#) OPENS: **Saturday, February 1, 2025**

CLOSES: **Sunday, March 2, 2025**

State Recognized Categories

1. Traditional
2. Consumer Science Purchased, \$50 Limit
3. Softie Challenge
4. Uniquely Upcycled
5. Favorite Decade Challenge
6. Leather Creations
7. Needlework

Detailed information on each category can be found in the [2025 State Fashion Revue Categories Brochure](#).

All outfits must meet the [4-H Dress Guidelines](#)



[State Fashion Revue website](#)

Who Can Enter the 2025 State Fashion Revue?

Any Junior, Intermediate or Senior 4-H Member.

Traditional & Consumer Science Purchased must have received County Winner at a County 4-H Fashion Revue or other qualifying event. Only one County Winner from each age division in these two categories may enter State Fashion Revue.

The other categories do not need to qualify at a County 4-H or other qualifying event to enter.

Members may enter up to two categories at State Fashion Revue.



Helpful Links

Clue Yourself into Modeling

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/1641.pdf>

Sewing Skills Progress Chart

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/50349.pdf>

The Total Look

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/50351.pdf>

The Total Look Leaders Guide

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/50350.pdf>

Interfacings

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/61587.pdf>

Ready-made Garment Analysis

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/61589.pdf>

Fashion Modeling

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/61592.pdf>

Shop 4-H Clothing Curriculum

[STEAM Clothing 1: FUNdamentals – Shop 4-H](#)

Scholarships

Thinking about the Next Steps . . .

Larry Forero, Livestock, Range & Farm Advisor - Shasta County

The costs associated with higher education are highly variable and depend upon a number of factors. Shasta College estimates 2024/25 costs for students living at home at about \$8,286 annually (does not include food). The CSU Chico website notes the cost at about \$26,088 for students living off-campus (not living at home). The average annual system for a student living off campus and attending a University of CA is estimated at \$40,394. The total cost varies depending on personal expenses and the campus you attend. Both parents and graduating seniors are starting to figure out how the costs for higher education will be met.

The time is approaching when scholarships are being announced. Students are encouraged to check in with the counselling departments at their high school early and often to learn of the scholarships being offered and the requirements (transcripts, letters of recommendation, essay, etc).

Scholarships that are available which may not be on the list at your high school include:

Shasta County 4-H Council offers several scholarship for youth who are graduating seniors and have been enrolled in Shasta County 4-H for at least the past three years (sophomore, junior and senior years). Instructions and applications can be found on our [website](#).

Redding Grange Scholarships Available for applications beginning in early March, typically due mid-May. Keep an eye on the **4-H website** for updates.

Shasta County Cattlemen's Association - The Shasta County Cattlemen's Association provides two \$1,000 scholarships annually to youth interested in pursuing advanced education in agricultural related courses. [Youth Programs – Shasta County Cattlemen's Association](#).

Shasta County Cattlewomen's Association - Generally available for students pursuing agriculture related education. See description at Shasta County Cattlewomen's [website](#).

Shasta County Farm Bureau scholarship program offers traditional scholastic scholarships as well as career/technical scholarships for students pursuing training in diesel mechanics, equipment operation, welding, etc. The deadline for submissions is **March 8, 2025**. Instructions and application forms can be found at [ShastaFarmBureau.com](#).

Fall River-Big Valley Cattlemen's Association - Available to graduates of Fall River Joint Unified and Big Valley School District. Contact Kris Azevedo at FallRiverBigValleyCattlemen@gmail.com for application materials.

Golden State Farm Credit provides financing for many farmers and ranchers in Northern CA. They offer a scholarship program as well. Instructions and application can be found at: [Golden State Farm Credit](#). The application deadline is **Friday, April 4, 2025**.

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CSU Graduate Equity Fellowships Grants Graduate Equity Fellowship grants range from \$500 to \$2,000 per year. This program seeks to increase the diversity of students completing graduate degree programs at the CSU, encourages continuation toward doctoral programs, and promotes consideration of university faculty careers. It provides fellowships for economically disadvantaged CSU students who have had success in overcoming educational disadvantages and promotes faculty mentoring and research opportunities. Contact your campus's [financial aid office](#) for additional information.

[California State University Scholarships & Fellowships](#)

VESTRA Inc. offers a [scholarship](#) for students pursuing higher education in engineering, environmental sciences and computer technology fields. Follow the link above to learn more about this opportunity. The application period should open in **Spring 2025**.

As the cost for higher education increases, so does the competition for most scholarships.

Begin to research what scholarships are out there that are a match for your background and educational interest. Provide the individuals you have asked for letter of recommendations a summary that includes your GPA, work history, community service efforts, career interests and any additional information about you that will help them write better letters for you. Make sure the application is complete, all the requirements are met and it is submitted on time. Incomplete applications typically are not considered.

While there is no guarantee that applying for scholarships will result in receiving one, there is no doubt none will be received if no application is turned in. Also, don't forget to look at financial aid programs.

For example, for California residents whose families earn less than \$80,000 the [UC Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan](#) covers all system wide tuition and fees. Other aid can help pay for living expenses, like food and housing. Federal student aid is also available!

Take the time to research and apply for scholarships and financial aid that you think you qualify for.



Ambassador Team Highlight

Every month we will be highlighting someone from our Ambassador Team.

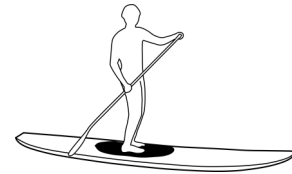
Junior Ambassador Azalia M.

Q. Why do you participate in 4-H?

A. I participate in 4-H to learn about making a profit and hang out with friends.

Q. Please tell us about your favorite hobby, whether 4-H related or not.

A. My favorite hobbies are Brazilian jiu jitsu, paddleboarding, livestock showmanship and kidding goats



Q. What are your goals outside of 4-H?

A. My goal outside of 4-H is to buy a big truck so I can tow animals.



Q. What will be your biggest challenge this year as a County Ambassador?

A. My biggest challenge is public speaking

Q. What's your favorite ice cream flavor ?

A. Cotton candy or dark chocolate.

Shasta County 4-H Council Meetings

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Shasta County Council meetings are where county events are planned, finances are discussed, information from the state and local level is shared, and everyone is kept up-to-date.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Valley (held at 4-H office)

Apr 16 May 21

Feb 19: Valley Field Day Planning

Mar 19: 2025-26 Budget & Event Planning

Inter-Mountain

Jan 22, Gepetto's

Apr 23, Gepetto's

Minimum Requirements for Club to be in Good Standing

TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE 2024-2025 4-H YEAR:

1. Complete the club reporting & turn in by the deadline.
2. Participate in the County Club Officer training.
3. Host or co-host one of the countywide events.
4. At least 2 adult volunteers.
5. At least 5 members from 3 different families.



	SEP	OCT	JAN	APR	MAY
BLACK BUTTE					
COTTONWOOD		X	X		
COW CREEK		X			
FOOTHILL			X		
GOLDEN ACRES	X	X	X		
HAPPY VALLEY		X			
HERITAGE		X			
LONE TREE					
PALO CEDRO	X	X	X		
SWEDE CREEK	X	X	X		
TWIN PALMS	X				
WEST VALLEY					
WESTSIDE	X	X	X		

	JUL	OCT	JAN	APR
BURNEY	X	X	X	
EVERGREEN	X	X	X	
HAT CREEK	X	X	X	
PINE GROVE	X	X	X	

Shasta County 4-H Council Officers 2024-2025 program year

President: Mandy Bowers, Palo Cedro

Vice Presidents: Ally Trisdale, Westside &
Hanna Stricklin, Westside

Secretary: Amber Bonner, Swede Creek

Treasurer: Sandy Lanzi, Foothill



February

Birthdays

2/1	Donovan B.
2/1	Nathan B.
2/1	Brooklyn D.
2/1	Paisley L.
2/1	Payton L.
2/1	Lynette P.
2/1	Everett T.
2/2	Ruby June A.
2/2	Heidi H.
2/2	Peyton M.
2/2	Kendra P.
2/2	Megan S.
2/2	Oliver T.
2/2	Emma V.
2/3	Madison M.
2/3	Charlie Rose M.
2/3	Micaela T.
2/4	Gracelynn H.
2/5	Wyatt D.
2/6	Brynna B.
2/6	Hailey W.

2/7	Easton W.
2/8	Avery A.
2/9	Tonia T.
2/11	Anna G.
2/11	Johnna H.
2/11	Jill T.
2/13	Madeleine S.
2/14	Jami S.
2/14	Easton V.
2/15	Rylee P.
2/16	Konnor C.
2/16	Kalynn C.
2/16	Natalie F.
2/17	Beau H.
2/17	Dana L.
2/18	Joseph B.
2/18	Ryah K.
2/18	Stella T.
2/19	Alexander V.

2/20	Kinley B.
2/20	Lucas D.
2/20	Kayden H.
2/20	Cade H.
2/21	Shelley C.
2/21	Remi G.
2/22	Lindsay B.
2/22	Hunter N.
2/23	Lee H.
2/24	Krosby M.
2/24	Avery T.
2/25	Donna B.
2/26	Blakeley A.
2/26	Josephine B.
2/26	Emrie E.
2/28	Lyla B.
2/28	Asher H.
2/28	Shanna M.
2/28	Conner M.
2/28	Ryan S.
2/28	Levi V.



Fun Holidays in February:

- 2/4 Thank Your Mailman Day
- 2/11 Make a Friend Day
- 2/16 Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- 2/27 International Polar Bear Day

