



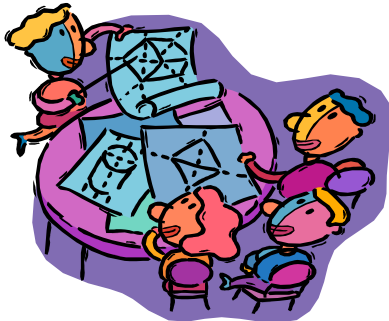
TIMELY TOPICS



December 2009

The newsletter of the University of California
Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program,
Santa Clara County

Mission: The University of California 4-H Youth
Development Program engages youth in reaching
their fullest potential while advancing the field of
youth development.



6th Grade Conference

It's that time of year again, and the State Leadership Conference delegates are at this very moment planning and organizing the 6th Grade Conference, Fall 2009! This conference is for all 6th graders, or anyone new to 4-H around that age.

The conference is designed to teach the younger 4-H members how to be great Junior Leaders. Participants will go to fun and exciting sessions like Color Personalities, Positive Thinking, and Team Building, play games and make friends with 4-Hers from other clubs!

And the best part of it all, it's FREE! You can download an application in the Files section of the SCC 4-H Yahoo Group, and soon it will be available on the SCC 4-H website. Remember to include a filled out Code of Conduct (<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/2017/5874.pdf>) and Medical Release Form (<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/2017/5563.pdf>).

The deadline for applications is December 1st, so make sure to send yours in today!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email Jesse Clemmons at jesseclmmons@yahoo.com.

WHERE? AUDITORIUM AT
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WHEN? DECEMBER 12, 2009, 12:15PM TO 5PM

Presentation Day: A Committee is in Need of YOU!



By Anthony Johnson

Presentation Day will be held on February 13th 2010 at the Berger Drive Auditorium. It is not too far away! We need youth to join the committee so we can build a successful Presentation Day.

If you are interested in joining the Presentation Day Committee, please contact Anthony Johnson: (408) 270-3620, go2johnson@sbcglobal.net

Favorite Foods Day



February 27, 2010

By Susan Weaver

Before you know it, it will be time for Favorite Foods Day! If you have participated before, you know what fun it is to be involved in this county 4-H event. 4-H Youth will enter an age appropriate place setting and food item to be evaluated. Our adult volunteers will offer you a critique of your entry and give you feedback on how to improve for next time. The day concludes with an awards ceremony.

So, start practicing your recipes now and decide what you will enter.

NEW THIS YEAR... first year beginners and novice entrees will enter a "Favorite Dessert" - Those that have entered in previous years will have the option of entering a "Favorite Dessert" OR "One Dish Meal." A "One Dish Meal" would include an Entree', crock pot soup, stew, or casserole that may be kept hot in the Crock Pot that you provide. (Each entrant is responsible for keeping their food at a safe temperature.)

Watch for future Timely Topics for details and application information.

GET YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

By Rahimeh Ramezany

At County Achievement Night the yearbooks were unveiled and were a huge hit! These professionally produced, colored cover, 96-page yearbooks are available for purchase and look absolutely fabulous! The cost is \$30. Please make your checks to SCC 4-H and mail to Rahimeh Ramezany, 156 Sun Blossom Dr. San Jose, CA 95123.

The County Yearbook Project is inviting new members to join us for the production of the next yearbook. The Yearbook Project is all about showing the accomplishments of the Santa Clara County 4-H program and to inspire county unity.

We are looking for a 4-H member to assume the leadership of this project, since I will be aging out of 4-H. You will learn photography, editing pictures, layout and will communicate via email and phones. If this sounds like something you are interested in, you can contact me at rsramezany@gmail.com.

If you take pictures of a 4-H event, at the club, county or state level with people from Santa Clara County during September 2009-August 2010, send these pictures to the Yearbook Project! Please include a description of the event/activity for each picture and the name of the club and 4-H members in the picture. Here's how to upload the pictures:

1. Go to <http://sw.taylorpub.com/tops?checked>
2. Click on 'Public Upload'
3. Agree to the terms of service.
4. Type in Studioworks project number (F00439)

Operation Military Kids Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 5, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

At this Family Day at Moffett Field, Santa Clara County 4-H will be running an ornament decorating booth for kids. Last year, we all decorated 200 ornaments! This is an outstanding event that helps us spread the Holiday spirit to our U.S Service men and their families. If you would like to participate, please contact Anthony Johnson by **December 3rd** either by phone: (408) 270-3620 or by email: go@johnson@sbcglobal.net.

If you also have any ideas on other possible activities in which we can provide for them, please let me know. Operation Military Kids is glad to see our involvement in their program.

2009 Santa Clara County 4H Horse Year-end Awards Banquet

The year-end 4H County Horse awards banquet was held on Sunday, November 8th at the San Martin Lion's Hall. It was a special day for all our horse youth members who worked so hard throughout the year.

Thanks to everyone who attended to support, encourage, and enjoy the event! Special thanks to both Sally Miller and Diane Urban for coordinating the banquet and working together throughout the years to support our youth in the all horse projects! Special thanks to Diane Urban who designed the beautiful buckles that were given to our members.

Congratulations to all the 4H Horse project members!



Here is the list of the awards:

Mini Horse

- 1st: Haley Sellers, San Martin
- 2nd: Amy McBirney, San Martin
- 3rd: Kailyn Hall, Rolling Hills
- 4th: Sophia Drobny, Rolling Hills
- 5th: Danielle Miller, Rolling Hills

Showmanship Beginning

- 1st: Katherine Magana, San Martin

Showmanship 9-13

- 1st: Alexis Budde, San Martin
- 2nd: Tula Urban, San Martin
- 3rd: Kalie Haynes, El Sereno
- 4th: Amanda Colwell, San Martin

Showmanship 14-19

- 1st: Grace Cousins, El Sereno
- 2nd: Amy McBirney, San Martin
- 3rd: Haley Sellers, San Martin

English Flat – Pony

- 1st: Chloe Lete, Pacheco Pass

English Flat 9-13

- 1st: Tula Urban, San Martin
- 2nd: Alexis Budde, San Martin
- 1st: Amy McBirney, San Martin
- 2nd: Grace Cousins, El Sereno

English Fences - Pony

- 1st: Chloe Lete, Pacheco Pass

English Fences 9-13

- 1st: Tula Urban, San Martin

English Fences 14-19

- 1st: Amy McBirney, San Martin

Gymkhana - Pony

- 1st: Chloe Lete, Pacheco Pass

Gymkhana 9-13

- 1st: Jennifer Perryman, San Martin
- 2nd: Amanda Colwell, San Martin

Western Walk/Jog Beginning Rider

- 1st: Katherine Magana, San Martin

Western Performance - Pony

- 1st: Chloe Lete, Pacheco Pass

Western Performance 9-13

- 1st: Alexis Budde, San Martin
- 2nd: Tula Urban, San Martin
- 3rd: Kalie Haynes, El Sereno
- 4th: Amanda Colwell, San Martin

Help us plan the Fair!

August 2-8, 2010

Dog Therapy Testing

By Leah and Eileen Hails



On November 27, 4-Hers attended a dog Therapy Testing event at the County Fairgrounds. One part of the test is to see how well the dog behaves in a crowd and one of our jobs was to make up that crowd. The evaluator needed to see how the dog acted around kids. It was fun and easy record book credit. It was from 7:45 to around 8:30 and our simple task was to approach the owners and ask to pet their dogs. It was that easy!



Each and every 4-H member and adult can contribute to making a fun and successful Fair next summer. We need many people to help with planning prior to and during our Fair, You are welcome to join one or more of the following committees:

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Communicate with the 4-H Office, 4-H Volunteers and FFA teachers.

MEDIA: Public relations to promote the Fair.

FUND RAISING: Coordinate a letter writing campaign

EXPO HALL STAGE: Coordinate Fashion show, small animal meet 'n' greet, debate, guitar hero.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Visit schools and youth organizations to encourage entries, contact adult community groups for displays

TRACTOR/FARM EQUIPMENT SHOW: Explore what needs to be done.

GAMES: Coordinate free games for Fair visitors.

FARMER'S MARKET: Explore what we need to do to host a Farmer's Market during Fair.

4H DEMONSTRATION ARENA: Coordinate the schedule. Ensure microphone & hand sanitizer are available.

PETTING ZOO – Coordinate and schedule this..

STILLS BUILDING COMMITTEE – Schedule check-in, set-up, tear-down

RABBIT SHOW – Conduct the silent auction. Serve as coordinator prior to and during Fair.

HANDS-ON-4-H ACTIVITIES: Coordinate activities for visitors.

4H Fair Planning Committee

Evelyn McGarry, Jennifer Graybeal, Karen McCauley
Laurie Alaimo, Pauline Kirby

Updates from the CA 4-H Office

- **State Qualifying Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests**

The **2010 Judging contests** will be held **April 17, 2010** at Fresno State University in conjunction with a state FFA judging contest. Applications are due by **February 19, 2010** to the State 4-H Office.

The entry fee is \$25.00/team or \$5.00 per individual. The applications will be available on the state website after December 1, 2009 and by contacting the State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518.

- What are you doing in your county clothing projects? **State Fashion Revue 2010** will feature our County Corner where you can share innovative ideas from your county that relate to the Clothing & Textiles project, including non-wearable items. Check out the website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/> to find out more about it.
- **Dr. Francine Bradley, Extension Poultry Specialist** has relocated to an office in Southern California and will be continuing her role in supporting statewide 4-H Poultry programs. There is no email available, but you may contact her at the following address: 1775 East Palm Canyon Dr., Ste. 110-#129, Palm Springs, CA 92264. During this transition time, there will not be an Avian Science Day held. This event is anticipated to resume for 2010.
- Applications are now being accepted for the **Military Extension Internship Program**. College-age students and recent graduates who are interested in childcare and youth development with military child, youth, and family programs are encouraged to apply.

Applications received by December 7, 2009 will be considered for placement January 11, 2010 and applications for summer and fall semester, 2010 will be available on December 21, 2009. You can access more information and application materials at: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/military>.

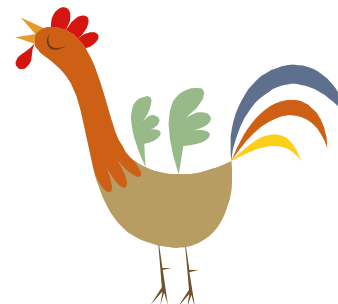
- The **California Exposition & State Fair** Board has announced new dates for the fair. The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from Wednesday, **July 14 to Sunday, August 1, 2010**.

For more information, you may contact Erica Manuel of the California Exposition and State Fair at emanuel@calexpo.com. 4-H members, adults and staff may also contact 4-H Animal Science Committee Chairs Cynthia Barnett, ccbarnett@ucdavis.edu and Steve Dasher, hsdasher@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.

- The American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes with the support of Pitney Bowes, is pleased to once again sponsor the Holiday Mail for Heroes.

Our goal is to let the military, their families, and veterans know that America cares. People can send their cards to the American Red Cross special mailbox from November 2, 2009 through December 7, 2009. We must strictly adhere to this date to ensure that there is time to screen, sort, and distribute the cards. Visit <http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail> for more information.

- 4-H members are invited to participate in the **Fur and Feathers show**, a small animal breed show and showmanship event hosted by Ventura County 4-H and planned for January 16, 2010. Entry deadline is **December 15, 2009**. The event is for 4-H members statewide in Cavy, Poultry and Rabbit projects. Click [here](#) for more information. You may contact Jenean Bass at jenean-bass@roadrunner.com for questions.



Updates from the CA 4-H Office (continued)

- On-line registration for the **2010 California Focus Program** is available now and is due on **January 15, 2010**. 4-H members and leaders come together to run their own state government in the fictitious state of Sierra Cascade. Delegates draft legislation, participate in a mock trial, and run for office. Then participants interact with their legislators, court officials, and those close to current issues. Financial assistance is available for this program for members who could not afford to attend without help and the **Young Civic Leader Scholarship** is available for teens with an outstanding leadership and community service record. Those applications are due by **Jan 7, 2010**. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.
- **Education Summits on Bio-Security in 4-H**
In order to improve the understanding of 4-H adult volunteers, veterinarians, and administrators from fairs and exhibitions about existing bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects in California and issues related to traceability, three **Regional Education Outreach Summits** will be offered by 4-H and Veterinary Medicine Extension. Each Education Outreach Summit will include four major components: a) an overview of current data on bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects; b) updated information from USDA on the current status of NAIS and animal traceability; c) a listening session to provide stakeholders the opportunity to share their experiences and provide feedback on traceability issues to USDA; and d) a mini-training for 4-H teens and volunteers on the new 4-H Bio-Security curriculum. Dates are:
December 12, 2009 - UC-Davis;
January 16, 2010 - UCCE Tehama County; and
February 27, 2010 - UCCE Kern County.
Times for all summits will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lunch will be provided. Register at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4238>. For more information, contact Martin Smith (mhsmith@ucdavis.edu) or Steven Worker (smworker@ucdavis.edu).
- The **2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum** is scheduled for **March 11-14, 2010** in Albuquerque, N.M. Click [here](#) to register. Some key upcoming dates youth development professionals will want to save include:
-December 15, 2009:
Early Bird Registration Deadline, \$200.
-January 15, 2010:
Regular Registration Deadline, \$250
Share Faire Registration Deadline
4-H Display Registration Deadline
Volunteer Leader Award Deadline
- California will be sending 4-H members and leaders outbound on the **California International Exchange Program** during the summer of 2010. Are you ready for a one month experience in Australia, Costa Rica, or Japan? Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by **January 27, 2010**. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>.
- If you have an enthusiasm for birds and have some wonderful photos of birds to share, consider entering in the **Biosecurity for Birds Calendar photo contest** by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection. The contest entry deadline is **January 31, 2010**. The winning photos will be displayed in the 2011 Biosecurity for Birds calendar. Everyone is encouraged to enter at: <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.
- Calling all 4-H equine enthusiasts! The National Youth Horse Council presents the **National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium** is scheduled to be held March 19-21, 2010 in Lexington, KY. Registrations are due postmarked by **Feb. 24, 2010**. Please click [here](#) for full details on event.

Updates from the CA 4-H Office (continued)

- Dates have been set for **2010 State 4-H Horse Events**. The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA (southeast of Fresno).

The Championship Horse Show will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27. Tentatively, the English classes and Over Fences will be held on Friday, Western classes on Saturday and Gymkhana on Sunday. More information will be available by December 1st on the web site at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

- **4-H Youth Training Babysitting Courses**
The Operation: Military Kids (OMK) Program is offering free Babysitting Training courses for Youth 12-18. This training is designed to help youth learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters.

Youth will receive a Child/Infant CPR training on the second day of the training. They will also receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag filled with essential supplies for babysitters. Bring a doll for fun!

For more information, contact Jeanne Christenson, jpcristenson@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.

The following are dates and locations of upcoming trainings:

- **UC Davis 4-H Office Feb. 20 & 21, 9:30-4:30**
- **Yuba/Sutter 4-H Office March 13 & 14, 9:30-4:30**
- **Beale AFB April 5 & 6, 9:30-4:30**

4-H Calendar

December 2009

- 12/1** Volunteer Orientation Training– 7 to 10 pm–
1553 Berger Drive Building 1
- 12/5** Operation Kids Christmas Party– 11 am to 2 pm–
Moffett Field
- 12/8** SCC 4-H Council Mtg.
- 12/11** Winter Dance– 7 to 10 pm
- 12/12** 6th Grade Conference– 12:15 to 5 pm– 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2– Auditorium

January 2010

- 1/22-24** C.A.L 2010 Conference–
Walker Creek Ranch

February 2010

- 2/13** Presentation Day– Berger Drive Auditorium
- 2/27** Favorite Foods Day– Berger Drive Auditorium

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