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Welcome letter from Jennifer Goerlitz



I am very excited to be the new 4-H Program Coordinator for Amador County. I have worked closely with Larry Fossen over his 21 years as your 4-H Program Coordinator, and have been the 4-H Program Coordinator for Calaveras County for 25 years.

I have had the pleasure of knowing many Amador 4-H families through such events as Sub-Regional 4-H Presentation Day, 4-H Home Arts Expo & the Concours d' Elegance.

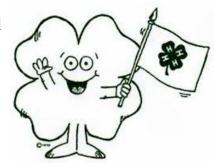
My schedule will typically include myself in the Amador UCCE Office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please feel free to give me a call on those days at 209/223-6484 or email me at <u>jggoerlitz@ucdavis.edu</u>. I strongly encourage appointment times when necessary and look forward to meeting you all.

Jennifer Goerlitz

4-H Program Coordinator

Amador & Calaveras Counties



Record Books for 2012 are due

Each year the County Record Book Competition gets bigger and bigger. The comments and remarks for each and every book are positive, and constructive. Completed record books signed by project leaders & members need to be turned into your **Community Club Leaders** by August 24th. The date that Record Books are due to the **Amador County 4-H Office** is August 30th. County judging will be on September 15th at 9 am at the Amador 4-H Office.

In the event the judging goes past noon, judges are encouraged to bring a lunch or snack and something to drink.

You can either use the State 4H Guidelines or use the Amador County 4-H Record Book Guide. Remember that these record books can be entered at the Amador County Fair next year.

For your convenience some of the forms for our 4-H program are available online at http://ucanr.org/sites/AC4H/



2012-2013 4-H Enrollment

Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H have higher self-esteem, do better in school, and are less likely to participate in risky behaviors such as drugs or alcohol. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing organization.

The national recession has hit hard over the past few years. In an effort to ensure we have the resources to continue having one of the largest and best youth development programs in the nation, we made the difficult decision to increase enrollment fees. As other funding sources begin to diminish, we need to find ways to keep the program running.

Starting this year, program fees will be \$35 per youth & \$15.00 for leaders.. Fees are used for many things including salaries for State and Local staff, curriculum, supplies, facility rentals, and more. I understand this increase may be difficult for some families. **Our program is inclusive to all youth regardless of families' ability to pay. We have monies for 4-H families.** If you want help with the enrollment fees please fill out the Fee Waiver Request located at the back of the Diggings. This application will be confidential and will only be seen by your Program Representative and myself. If your family has fared well over the financial recession and you are able to help other 4-H families , please consider making a contribution to your county's **Fee Waiver request** .

Enrollment for returning members starts **July 1st and ends October 15th**. To be eligible for fair, **new members** must enroll by **December 1st**. Please log onto <u>4Honline.com</u> to begin the process. Families who used the 4-H Online system last year should already be in the system and will only have to update their information. To make things easier this year, youth will not have to turn in a paper "Waiver of Liability" form to the office. Make sure to check the box asking you to accept the "Waiver of Liability". **Club Leaders and Project Leaders** still need a paper copy of the Medical Release and Health History for each youth. Lastly, I encourage you to use our online payment system using a credit card. There is a link on our local UCCE registration webpage and is not processed through 4-H Online. If you have any questions regarding the enrollment fees for the current year, please call me at (209) 533-5686. JoLynn Miller, Central Sierra Multi-County Partnership Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, & Tuolumne counties

Who pays for project supplies?

At the beginning of the project year, the project leader should make a plan to figure the overall cost of the project (publication fees, duplicating fees, project material costs, etc.).

Can a project leader charge for their services, lessons, or rental?

Absolutely NOT. 4-H is a volunteer organization.

Any circumstance, where an adult charge a fee for services, lessons, rental or any other related type of charge, even once, is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance.

Also, the youth is not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance in this situation. Should you have any questions or need clarification about these issues, you are encouraged to contact the 4-H office at (209) 223-6484.

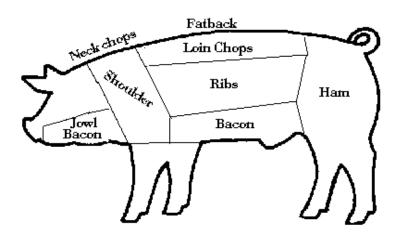
Sutter Creek's Lions Clubs 1st Annual Pig Feed Benefitting 4-H

The New Sutter Creek Lions Club is hosting their first ever "Annual" Pig Feed. Buy your tickets now because a portion will benefit 4-H in Amador County!

They're hoping to sell 200 tickets. The ticket number is the seat number. Lion members have 110 tickets to sell and there are 90 tickets at the Bubble Gum Bookstore on Main Street in Sutter Creek that still need to be sold. Any help your group can give us to get the word out and tickets sold will be greatly appreciated.

It will be held at the Sutter Creek Auditorium on August 18th with dinner at 7 pm. Look in the back of the Diggings for their flyer for more information.

Call for any other info 267-5680



Concours d' Elegance

In 1993, Gail and John Kautz decided to stage an automotive Concours d'elegance at their winery near Murphy's, California. The Kautze's, being farmers and vintners, suggested that proceeds from the Concours benefit young people involved in agriculture, notably 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and the California State Fair Scholarship Fund.

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books!

The event will be held on September 22th at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphy's, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

You have the opportunity to do a presentation, show off a display or give an impromptu speech at the Concours.

Look for the attachment in this newsletter!

Cookies! Each year we donate gift bags to the car show participants. 4-H members from Amador, El Dorado, Mariposa, Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties all bake cookies for the gift bags. We need the cookies to be in sand-



Fixin' up the tack rooms 4-Hers style!







We want to thank all of the volunteers to refurbish the Amador County Fair tack rooms.

There were too many to name but wanted to give special recognition of their generosity:

- Bill Braun from Amador Saw Mill & Mining Association donated all of the wood
- Rick & Cindi Vicini for the 5 gallons of paint used
- Josh Franklin for his time and expertise on the forklift

The rest of the pictures of this event can be found here: https://picasaweb.google.com/106172856908321616417/2012AmadorFairPenSetUpWorkDay

74th Annual Amador County Fair











More photos can be found at:

https://picasaweb.google.com/106172856908321616417/2012AmadorCountyFair and the Amador County Fair's facebook page.

Amador County Fair

You can find the results of your 4-Her's here: http://amadorcountyfair.com/

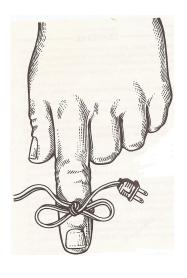
Congratulations 4-Her's!

Don't forget to thank your sponsors!

Amador County Junior Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting

Tentative date September 21 @ 6 pm meeting at the fair grounds in the fair board office.

4-H Calendar of Events



August

7th, 4-H Council Meeting

24th, Record Books Due

September

2013-2014 Sign ups continue

4th, 4-H Council Meeting

15th, Record Book Judging

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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:

will be held on **September 4, 2012** at the GSA small conference room on Airport Road at 7pm.

UCCE OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Tuesday 10:00 - 3:00 pm

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Articles are due the 5th of the month.

Jennifer Goerlitz 4-H Program Coordinator

LEADERSHIP LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Request for 4-H Program Fee Waiver/Reduction

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Provisions will be made by the 4-H club/unit or county council to cover program fees for eligible youth who are unable to pay them. The parent/guardian of an eligible youth for which a program fee waiver is requested must complete and sign this form.

A.	Name of Youth (Print):	
	(First)	(Last)
В.	Club Name:	
C.	Program Year: 20 20	
D.	☐ I am requesting a waiver of the program fee in full.	
E.	To determine eligibility for a scholarship, please indicate	if:
	☐ Monthly household cash income is at or below 185% guidelines. If your child is eligible for/enrolled in free breakfast or lunch you meet this criteria. (Reference: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance	or reduced price school
	☐ My 4-H youth is not eligible for/enrolled in free or red breakfast or lunch, but we are still in financial hardship a scholarship to cover program fees.	•
	eserves the right to verify the above information by further cial status with the parent/guardian.	reviewing the household
Name	e of Parent/Guardian of Youth (Print)	
Signa	ature of Parent/Guardian of Youth	Date
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Enrollment

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2012 Open Enrollment Going on NOW!

Deadlines to be eligible for 2013 fair:

Monday, October 15th for returning members

Monday, December 3rd for new members

Follow the steps below to enroll a youth.

- 1. Log onto https://www.4honline.com -Select California as your state
- 2. Update profile (only create a new family profile if you are new to 4-H)
 - Be sure to check the box agreeing to "WAIVER OF LIABILITY"
- 3. Pay online at http://ucanr.org/4-h_payment OR give a check payable to UC REGENTS to your COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER or your local 4-H Office.
- 4. Print out the Medical Release <u>AND</u> Health History forms. Give both forms to your COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER. No need to bring them to the office.
- 5. By enrolling in the 4-H Youth Development Program you are agreeing to your county's enrollment policies and guidelines. They can be found at the Central Sierra 4-H webpage.
- 6. If you have questions about the enrollment process itself, please check out our "Enrollment Help" page on the Central Sierra 4-H Website. For additional help, contact Nancy Starr our Enrollment Coordinator at (530) 621-5503 or njstarr@ucdavis.edu.

http://ucanr.org/centralsierra4-H



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Give A Presentation At The Ironstone Concours! Saturday, September 22th

The Ironstone Concours Foundation has again requested 4-H members come to the 4-H Concours d'Elegance to perform presentations and show their displays between 10 am – 2 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books! The event will be held on **September 22th** at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

Admission and lunch is free for 4-H members giving presentations. Each participating 4-H **member** will receive a free lunch ticket at the 4-H check-in tent. Siblings, parents, and other volunteers will be able to purchase lunch at the event. No coolers, please (this is an Ironstone request). If you are bringing a display or large items for your demonstration, please be set up & in place by **9:30 am**. Please no large animals or aggressive dogs (leashed dogs in a 4-H dog obedience or guide dog project are okay).

Presentations will be held from 11 am – 12:30 pm. Impromptu speeches will be held from 12:30 pm to 2 pm. One parent or adult escort driver from each family will receive a free entry wristband at the 4-H check-in tent. All other adults can purchase a wristband at the main gate for \$20. Children 14 and under are free.

If your child is bringing a display, please bring a card table or appropriate set up as table space is not guaranteed and may be limited! You may also bring a chair.

If you would like to give a presentation, show off a display or give an impromptu speech at the Concours, please fill out the form below and either drop by, fax or mail to the 4-H office by **September 6th**.

Our address is: 4-H Office 12200 Airport Rd Jackson, CA 95642 Fax: 223-3279

4-H Member Name:
Name of Parent or Guardian Attending:
Mailing Address:
County:
Phone Number:
TYPE OF PRESENTATION
() Demonstration () Display () Impromptu Speech (1 – 2 minutes)
Give approximate length of non-display presentation: minutes. Impromptu speakers will receive an unusual dictionary word to speak on and receive practice. Lots of fun!
Are you bringing a live animal? If so, what?
Preferred time of presentation or illustrated talk (must be between the hours listed above):
(please note that schedule may change or you may be asked to give your presentation more that once). We cannot guarantee the exact starting time of your presentation, but will do our best to schedule you at your preferred time.

The Ironstone Foundation is requesting 4-H members to be in 4-H uniform. No shorts! Please wear your 4-H cap, white shirt or club t-shirt and jeans or white pants. If wearing a button-up shirt, please wear your 4-H tie or scarf.

Due by September 6th!

