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# The Diggings

# April 2013

## Willow Springs at Regional Presentation Day 2013

Willow Spring 4-H club is so proud of our two members who attended the Regional Presentation Day on March 30, 2013, Hannah and Mason Wilkinson.

In addition to doing their presentations Hannah was a room host and gave a 5 minute speech to the judges and exhibitors in her room and was a courier. Mason was also a courier.

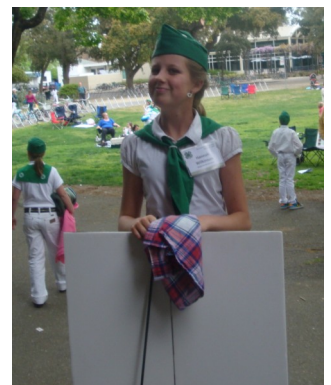
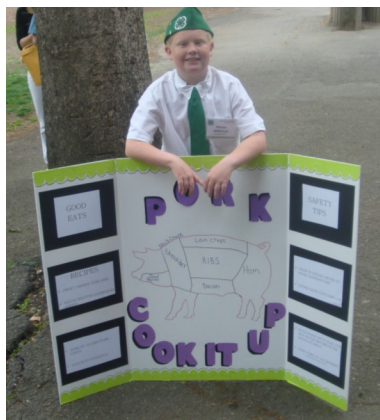
Hannah's presentation was on - G.A.P. (Global Animal Partnership). This is a program the helps to ensure a higher standard for raising and growing our food.

Mason's presentation was on - Pork, Cook It Up. He informed us that with today's standard of farms, we don't have to overcook pork like we were taught by our grandmothers and mothers.

There were 238 presenters there from our region. Both Hannah and Mason received Gold for their presentation and they also received a special pin representing the celebration of 4-H's 100th year.

I also want to add a special "Thank You" to Amanda Wilkinson for stepping up to be a Judge

Again we can't express how proud we are of their achievements and wish them "GOOD LUCK" at State Presentation Day!!!



## SHOOTING SPORTS & ARCHERY SAFETY TRAINING

If you want to find out more info about these programs (must be 9 years and above) or need your safety certification to shoot please come April 12th @ 6:00 pm to the large conference room at 12200 "B" Airport Rd, Jackson.

### Funding Opportunities'

A **matching gift** is a donation made to a non-profit which is tied to a separate contribution by another donor. Since the prospect of a matching gift encourages donations, many companies offer matching **gift programs** to motivate employee contributions to non-profits. Foundations and individuals can also offer challenge gifts as a way to encourage others to support an organization. The matching gift can be dollar for dollar or a partial match for each dollar; and sometimes the matching gifts can be multiples of the original donation.

The California 4-H Foundation has been working with funders statewide and with several counties to help raise matching gifts. This is a great way to incentivize 4-H supporters to give and to have their donations increased by the amount of the match. For example if a donor offers a \$5,000 challenge gift that matches dollar for dollar every gift over \$100 made to support a specific county, every gift of \$100 from an individual or business designated for that county would be matched with a gift of equal size, thereby doubling the amount available to the local program. Our most recent fundraising appeals matched over \$60,000 in donations designated to counties resulting in \$120,000 in distributions to counties. In recent years the CA 4-H Foundation has distributed over \$200,000 in matching funds to over 35 counties across the state. For more information on identifying funders within your community who might offer a challenge gift or creating a matching gift campaign, contact Annette Leeland at [aleeland@ucanr.edu](mailto:aleeland@ucanr.edu).

**Foundation News:** We are very interested in hearing from our 4-H colleagues. In particular, we would like to help you publicize your events and news items on our website and in other applicable publications. We have tried to create an easy and accessible format for you to use to share your information. The links below are connected to very short forms that will ask for your event information: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10336>

And/or your news items: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10338>

You will note they are different surveys—one for events and one for news items. We want to make this as easy as possible, so please contact Amy McGuire at [almcguire@ucanr.edu](mailto:almcguire@ucanr.edu) with any questions or suggestions.



**Golden Clover Awards Application is now open.** Please refer anyone and everyone wishing to nominate others or themselves to <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/> for details and the application

### Sacramento County Fair Open Offer

We just wanted to let you know that the Sacramento County Fair is open for all 4Hers to show. The rabbit show is supposed to be sanctioned so they can win legs at the show. One thing nice about showing at this fair is that, for the last ten years, for rabbits the food is provided for and the volunteers feed/water for the exhibitors so that means that those who are showing rabbits who cant make it everyday of the fair then there rabbits are still being taken care of. Also there are committees that bring up the rabbit to the showing table so again exhibitors don't have to worry about that either. If any of your members would like to show at this fair they are more than welcome! An attachment of a flyer was sent with this email. Would you mind telling your members of your community club about the wool show and the livestock show?

Thank you very much, Brandon Brown, 4H member of fiber goat project & rabbit project teen leader& county rabbit steering committee member, and Denise Cornish (4h parent) **Look for flyer at end of Diggings**

**The SLF Workshop Request for Proposal Form is ready for you to fill out and submit. It is due by June 30, 2013.** <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop>

Each year for the SLF Silent Auction we find that items made by 4-Hers bring in the most money. If you know of youth who are clever and wish to donate a hand-made article that is worth \$10 or more, please contact Louise Silacci [moolu@unwiredbb.com](mailto:moolu@unwiredbb.com)

**How do you speak 4-H?** Need some help deciphering these items - ORB, CAL, TLT, LCORT, WHY, UCCE, NCSCSFD, TIC, UCANR, PDR, SA, R of R, APR, SFR, SLC, L.E.A.D.? Find the interpretations of 4-H 's language' as you join with your 4-H colleagues for a weekend of celebration, a day of stimulating workshops, and an opportunity for networking with like-minded people. Come to the **State 4-H Leaders' Forum (SLF)** on **Nov. 8 – 10, 2013** at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento for translations with a fun crowd and a thesaurus to help. On the SLF Website: <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013>

- Workshop proposal forms are available and starting to come in. The online survey is at <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop>
- Registration is open on line. Be an early bird to save money. <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013register> Paper forms are also available
- Be sure to complete the Recognition Committee's questionnaire to help us recognize the best of the best.
- SLF centennial pins are available from the Sectional Council presidents. The cost is \$3.00 per pin. To purchase pins in bulk please contact Noel Keller [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com).
- Please start collecting items for the Silent Auction. Contact Louise Silacci, [moolu@unwiredbb.com](mailto:moolu@unwiredbb.com).

**2013 HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION are now available.** The California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education, in part through offering financial assistance in the form of scholarships. Candidates must be:

- Currently enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an institute of higher education. This includes high school seniors, high school graduates, and those already enrolled in higher education.
- Between the ages of 16 and 25 as of April 30.
- Enrolled in the California 4-H Youth Development Program at the time of their high school graduation.
- Full-time students at an accredited vocational school, college or university in the United States (as defined by the applicant's institution).

See <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/> for more information and to apply.

## California Focus 2013

June 14-18, 2013

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities, and new friends from across California.

**County Delegations should be working on their *Plans of Action***

For details: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/PlanAction/>

Orientations will be announced soon and will be held in April via Webinars. Check the website for updates on dates for orientations.

## 4-H Horse Classic 2013

Save the Date: June 26-30, 2013 The California 4-H Horse Classic at Brookside Equestrian Park in Elk Grove (20mins south of Sacramento)

We are offering Tenderfoot classes and Miniature Horse Classes this year. Tenderfoot classes are for those whom were unable to participate in a qualifying horse show. Also don't forget about our educational contests: Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Public Speaking, and demonstrations.

### Hosting a Qualifying show for the 2013 California Horse Classic?

Register your show here: <http://ucanr.edu/qualifying-shows> for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2013 California Horse Classic.

#### Criteria for a Qualifying Show:

- o Show verified by County
- o Up to 3 shows per county
- o If your county has 3 horse shows 1 show must be associated with a county fair
- o Each horse show must be registered
- o The Horse Show must offer the same classes that are offered at the State 4-H Classic (they may offer more if they choose too)
- o Show must be before June 3rd, 2013
- o Management of each show is required to send show results to Sarah Watkins at the State 4-H Office

Please submit results on this form-Classic Qualifying Show Results Sheet

Results can be sent via email to [spwatkins@ucanr.edu](mailto:spwatkins@ucanr.edu) or faxed to (530) 754-8541 or mailed to: Sarah Watkins, CA State 4-H Office, 1 Shields Ave, DANR Building, Davis, CA 95616

The 2013 Premium for the State 4-H Horse Classic is now published!

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/163210.pdf>

Register today! Early Bird runs through May 1st!

New this year: Online registration

For Educational Contest: <http://ucanr.edu/classic-educational-contest-registration>

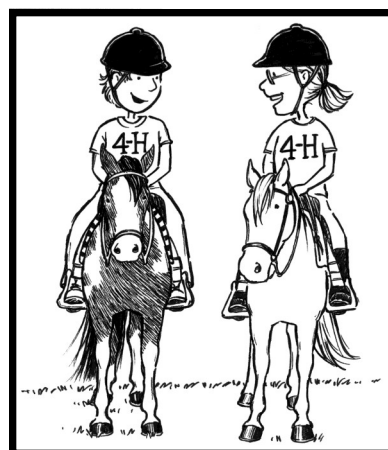
For the Horse Classic Horse Show: <http://ucanr.edu/classic-horse-show-registration>

Looking for a Qualifying Horse show for the 2013 California 4-H Horse Classic?

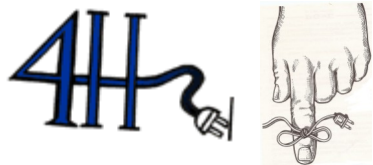
Visit <http://ucanr.edu/classic-qualifiers> to find a Horse Show near you!

New Horse Classic Social Media's

Visit <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/HorseClassic/index.cfm> for updates on 2013 State 4-H Horse Classic. Also find us and join us on Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/events/222083951263098/>







## 4-H Calendar of Events

### April

20th, 4-H Home Arts Expo

27th, Sutter Creek Duck Race

### May

1st, AC Fair Garden Entries Open

7th, Council Meeting-All Star Applications Due

21st, AC Fair Horse Show Entries Open

25th, AC Fair Large Animal & Poultry, Rabbit Declaration

28th, AC Fair Livestock Entries Open

30th, AC Fair Garden Entries Close

### June

4th, 4-H Council Meeting County Council Officer Election & All Star Interviews

22nd, 2nd Generation BBQ

28th, AC Fair Livestock & Horse Show close

### July

20th, AC Fair Still entries Due

23rd, Livestock due

25th, AC Fair Horse Show

25-28th, Amador County Fair

12-28th, Calif State Fair

## Amador County Fair

The board will meet at the fair board conference room on April 11th @ 6pm.

Make sure you check out their event calendar

<http://amadorcountyfair.com/p/About/157>

## Amador County Junior Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting

The next Jr. Livestock Advisory Committee meeting is on April 28, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Location: Amador County Fair Main Office

## Countywide Citizenship Project

Earn hours for high school and earn \$\$ for California Focus, Washington Focus and State Leadership Conference. We have the funds to complete the State Capital county window. Contact Valerie @ 209-256-3544

**UCCE Amador 4-H Office**  
**12200 B Airport Road**  
**Jackson, CA 95642**



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### **Amador County Council 4-H Officers**

**President :** Rielle Santinelli  
**Vice President:** Janet White  
**Secretary:** Deanna Stiltz  
**Treasurer:** Valerie Anderson  
**4-H Program Coordinator:** Jennifer Goerlitz

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**Website-** <http://ucanr.org/sites/AC4H/>



#### **NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:**

will be held on **May 7, 2013** at the  
GSA small conference room on Air-  
port Road at 7pm.

#### **UCCE OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Tuesday 10:00 - 3:00 pm

**Next Diggings: May 2013**

**Diggings Editor:** [4hdiggings@gmail.com](mailto:4hdiggings@gmail.com)

*Articles are due the 5th of the month.*

**Jennifer Goerlitz**

4-H Program Coordinator

# WOOL & FIBER SHOW & SALE

at the **SACRAMENTO COUNTY FAIR**



## Open to All

Including 4H, FFA, Independent, Adult, and even non-residents of Sacramento County

Entries due **April 19, 2013** For listing of entry guidelines and judging schedule for competitive classes see the *Indoor Creative Exhibits Competitive Handbook*:  
[sacfair.com/competitions.html](http://sacfair.com/competitions.html)

To enter the competitions online: <http://sacram.fairmanager.com/>

### ACCEPTABLE SPECIES



**SHEEP**

**FIBER GOAT**



**Rabbit**



**Llama**



**Alpaca**

### And MISCELLANEOUS MAMMAL FIBER such as



Along with the wool & fiber show/sale, other competitions include the Sheep-to-Shawl team contest, the "California's Best" spinning contest, handspun yarn show; and for youth only we have competitive breeding divisions in beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, dairy goats, Nigerian goats, fiber goats, boer goats, pygmy goats, cavy, poultry and rabbits.

Past years' sheep to shawl photos:



For more information (916) 263-2975 or [www.sacfair.com](http://www.sacfair.com)

# AMADOR COUNTY AG YOUTH NIGHT



**Friday, May 31, 2013**

**vs. Salt Lake Bees**

AAA Affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels

Game starts at 7:05 p.m. • Gates open at 6:05 p.m.

## PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

[www.rivercats.com/fundraisers](http://www.rivercats.com/fundraisers)



Select: Amador Ag night

Enter Offer Code: amadorag

Discounted Tickets | No Processing Fees! | Print Tickets at Home!



## BENEFITS:

- ★ Portion of each ticket goes back to Amador County FFA Boosters
- ★ Enjoy postgame Fireworks
- ★ Unused tickets can be exchanged for any Sun-Thu regular season game



**AMADOR COUNTY FFA  
AG BOOSTERS**

## Amador AG Youth Night-May 31, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Info

☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ CHECK

Made payable to Sacramento River Cats  
\$25 fee on all returned checks

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

CID #

CARD HOLDER SIGNATURE

DATE

**MAIL TO: SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS**  
ATTN: Meagan Schreiner  
400 Ballpark Drive  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

**OR FAX TO: 916.376.4710**  
ATTN: Meagan Schreiner

All orders **received prior to Friday, May 3rd** will be mailed to the address above.

All orders **received after Friday May 3rd** will be placed at Will Call in the name above.

### PRICING

#### # OF TICKETS

**\$22** Senate: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**\$17** Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10** Toyota Home Run Hill: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for orders: May 3rd**



For more information, please contact Meagan Schreiner at 916.376.4672 or [mschreiner@rivercats.com](mailto:mschreiner@rivercats.com)



## Jennifer's Corner...



### What are you up to in 4-H?

Is your club or project holding a fundraiser? Are you participating in a community service event? Did you enter your 4-H project in a show & would like to share your experience & what you did? 4-H members, please consider writing an article and submit it for the next 4-H newsletter. You can receive credit in your 4-H record book! Please submit your articles to Valerie Anderson at [jacksongoldwheels@gmail.com](mailto:jacksongoldwheels@gmail.com) who is our terrific 4-H newsletter writer & editor.

### May 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at the UCCE/4-H Office on Airport Road in Jackson. It begins at 7 pm. All 4-H families are welcome to attend! You do not need to be a 4-H leader to attend. Parents and 4-H members may also represent your club. Please come and represent your club. Lots of great information is shared!

### 4-H Home Arts Expo Entry Reminder

The 4-H Home Arts Expo will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, Mark Twain Elementary in Angels Camp. This is a terrific opportunity for 4-H members of all ages to show off a project that they have made or produced this 4-H year within their 4-H project. Entry forms are due by **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you have a project such as arts & crafts, foods, soapstone, welding, sewing, etc. please consider attending. All details and entry forms are at [http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.org/Events\\_Workshops/?calitem=184602&q=45464](http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.org/Events_Workshops/?calitem=184602&q=45464)

### 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Sutter Creek Duck Race

LOCATION: Minnie Provis Park  
DATE: April 27<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 9 am

This race is a hometown tradition. It is a day where families can come for free & enjoy a wonderful day in a beautiful, small town. There are activities for children & adults. Come watch thousands of plastic ducks race down the creek!

This is a great event that benefits more than 10 local non-profit organizations. Tickets are now available. You can purchase one duck for \$5 or five ducks for \$20. After all the festivities at the creek, stop by the Quacker's Ball that evening!

For more information email [acra@amadorgov.org](mailto:acra@amadorgov.org), visit the website at <http://touramador.com/act/pages/events.cgi?calcatid=&calid=95> or call 209/223-6349.

### Insurance Reminder



Volunteers who drive during a 4-H event should remember that their automobile insurance coverage is primary. The university's insurance coverage is secondary to the insurance, which covers the vehicle driven by the volunteer involved in an accident, and only if the volunteer's action is determined to be negligent in causing the accident.

Arrangements for transportation of youth to 4-H events are the responsibility of the parents or guardian. County 4-H staff do not provide permission slips allowing members to ride with 4-H leaders or parents. The adult who is transporting another family's child should carry a handwritten permission slip from the parent or guardian of the child.

The University of California does not offer liability insurance to 4-H volunteers for use of their homes for 4-H project meetings. Please make sure you have adequate liability insurance on your homeowners and automobile policies. The UCCE insurance program provides limited liability coverage for volunteers in cases where it has been determined, through investigation that they acted negligently. Coverage is for supervision of people and general supervision of a UCCE-sponsored programmatic activity. There are some exceptions and limitations which are determined on a case-by-case basis through investigation. For more details go to [http://ucanr.org/sites/risk/Automobile - General Liability Insurance/](http://ucanr.org/sites/risk/Automobile_-_General_Liability_Insurance/)

## 2013 Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships

The 2013 Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships are available for application and due to the State 4-H Office, submitted electronically by **May 1, 2013**. To view the full list and description requirements of the scholarships available, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>

## Celebrate Our Children Day

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Celebrate Our Children Day" will be held at Argonaut High School in Jackson on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm. Weather permitting, the activities will be held outside, but there will also be access to indoor space if needed.

Participants are asked to bring a table & chairs for their attendees. A shade structure is recommended for outside booths if the day is raining.

The event is sponsored by the Amador Child Care Council & held in conjunction with the "Week of the Young Child."

If your 4-H club or project group would like to host a booth with an activity for young children (a craft, physical activity, game or petting zoo (no animals over 100 lbs.) please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office 209/223-6484 or by email [jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu](mailto:jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu) for all details & a booth entry form. Since the information was sent to the 4-H Office late, the deadline has been extended but will need to be submitted promptly.

## New Paper Clover News & Tractor Supply Company

- 1. \$5 Paper Clover:** In addition to the \$1 Paper Clover, there will now be a \$5 Paper Clover available which will be larger than the original.
- 2. Coupons:** Both the \$1 and \$5 Paper Clovers will have a \$1 or \$2 Purina coupon attached available to customers when they make a donation to 4-H.
- 3. State Incentive:** One winning state from each region will be selected to receive an award of \$1,000 for being the top performing state by having the highest average amount of dollars raised. To be eligible, the state must have a minimum of at least 50% of their counties participating in the county incentive program.
- 4. County Incentive:** Starting this spring promotion, counties will be given an extra incentive to help their TSC store raise more funds for their 4-H program. Any county program that participates with some kind of in-store activity and returns the participation form will be eligible

to receive 100% of the funds raised above what that store raised in the spring 2012 Paper Clover promotion.

### **How do I participate in the county incentive program?**

- A. Participate in an in-store event during Paper Clover.
- B. Print off the participation form found on the Paper Clover toolkit.
- C. Return your participation form.

The toolkit is available at <http://www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit/>

Questions? Contact Julie Conn at [jconn@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:jconn@fourhcouncil.edu) or 301.961.2819.

## **Primary (Mini) Member State 4-H Policy On Livestock & Competition**

### **Definition of a 4-H Primary Member**

Primary members are youth between the ages of 5 & 8, enrolled in the 4-H program. Primary members are 5 years old or in Kindergarten by December 31st of the program year & not older than 8 years old or in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the program year. Youth who turn 9 on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> must participate as a primary member until June 30<sup>th</sup> of the program year.

### **Approved Animal Projects for 4-H Primary Members**

Approved primary member animal projects are dogs, rabbits, rats, cats, poultry, cavies, mice, embryology, bees, entomology, marine science, pygmy, Nigerian dwarf goats and therapeutic animal projects.

### **Projects Not Available to 4-H Primary Members**

The projects that are not approved as appropriate for 4-H Primary member participation are shooting sports and large livestock projects.

### **4-H Primary Member Fair and Show Participation**

Fairs are open to primary members for exhibit only. The use of Danish and American systems of judging is not acceptable for use with primary members. Primary members should only receive recognition for their participation.

Primary members must exhibit in shows and fairs based on their age/grade as of December 31st of the 4-H program year regardless of when a fair, show, or event is conducted during the calendar year.

### **Competition & Awards for 4-H Primary Members (from *Calif. State 4-H Policy Handbook*)**

Competitive events & activities are not appropriate for 5 to 8 year olds. Young children have a difficult time psychologically understanding winning and losing. When children lose, they may relate negative feelings to their self-worth and identity. Competition is almost always linked to external awards & approval. In competitive settings, children begin to define themselves extrinsically. Being defined as a winner or loser is a weak foundation for their developing self-concepts

Primary members may not receive regular competitive ribbons. Should you have questions, please contact Shannon Dogan, Assoc. Director of 4-H Program & Policy, [sjdogan@ucanr.edu](mailto:sjdogan@ucanr.edu) or at (530) 754-8518.

## Tips For 4-H Success

### To Be a Successful Leader:

Be organized and set ground rules.  
Greet & engage the members especially NEW members.  
Have eye contact with the members.  
Don't baby-sit.  
Remember that you just can't please all the people, all the time.  
Change things up by adding different activities and field trips.  
Members must have sweat equity in fundraising.  
Know that all kids do not get along, no matter how hard you try.  
Understand that some parents don't realize the time it takes to be a leader.  
Grin a lot. Also taking deep breaths and counting to 10 does help.

### To Be a Successful Member:

Keep your paperwork for each project in one folder.  
Have a 4-H Calendar, post it where the family can see it and mark down all your activities.  
After each meeting write down the time, day and place of the meeting and what you did or learned.  
Be responsible for your own project, attend the required meetings for club and project, make your commitments.  
Call your project or club leader if you have any questions regarding the project.  
Welcome new members, always be kind and respectful.  
Thank your club leaders and project leaders after each meeting, and occasionally with a hand written note.

### To Be a Successful Parent of a Member:

When possible, attend meetings with your child (required for primary members).  
After each meeting ask your child what they did at the meeting.  
Keep your commitments and help your child keep theirs.  
Pick up your child on time.  
Volunteer to do something with the project or with the club.  
Contact the leader or CCL with any issues or questions.

## History Day At Kennedy Mine

The fifth California History Day will be held on May 16 (8-12) at the Kennedy Mine for Amador County fifth grade students. The students will participate in 30 activities including plowing, rope making, branding, candle making and many other old-timey skills. They are hopeful that 4-H students will bring project animals to the event. Sheep, goats and other small livestock (under 100 lbs.) would represent the kinds of animals pioneers would have brought with them during their journey to California during the mid-1800's. This event is sanctioned by Amador County Schools and the district office has said that 4-H students that attend will be considered in school and not absent. If interested in a fun, authentic history-minded event please contact Denny Price at 209/304-0892



## State 4-H Field Day

Members of the State 4-H Field Day committee are seeking judges for the MyPlate Challenge at 4-H State Field Day! Please respond to the survey below if you would like to be a judge or pass along to anyone who may be interested. [http://ucanr.edu/myplate\\_judge](http://ucanr.edu/myplate_judge)

## Golden Clover Awards

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff, and groups within the 4-H YDP. Applications are due postmarked by **May 1st**. The applications are now available on the state website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>.

Please nominate a worthy candidate that you believe is deserving of this great honor!

## 4-H Members Are Going to the Board of Supervisors Meeting!

4-H members are asked to attend the Amador 4-H Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to represent the Amador 4-H program, and thank the Board for their support of this youth development program. Members should be dressed in uniform & those with small, caged animals are encouraged to attend. Members can share their experiences in 4-H such as how many years they have been in the program, what projects they are taking, the name of their community club & other interests.

We will be meeting outside of the Board Chambers at 8:45 am for a brief conversation. The members will speak during the public comment session, which begins shortly after 9 am. After our presentation, we will depart students & parents can get back to their day. The location is 810 Court Street, Jackson. Please **RSVP** Jennifer at the 4-H Office by Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 209/223-6484 or [jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu](mailto:jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu). This is a great opportunity for your 4-H record book too, since the meetings are typically aired on the local television station. We hope to see you there!

## 4-H Updates E-News April 2013 From the State 4-H Office

Welcome to the April 2013 issue of 4-H Updates E-News. It contains valuable information! You may access the PDF document at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/163681.pdf>  
The Word version of the newsletter is also available for viewing here: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/163680.docx>

## State Ambassador Applications Now Available

2013-2014 State Ambassador Applications are now posted. Please note there are some changes to past years. Full details are at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>

## Wool & Fiber Show At The Sacramento Fair

Open to all including 4H, FFA, Independent, Adult, and even non-residents of Sacramento County

Entries due April 19, 2013 For listing of entry guidelines and judging schedule for competitive classes see the *Indoor Creative Exhibits Competitive Handbook*: [www.sacfair.com](http://www.sacfair.com)

ACCEPTABLE SPECIES: Sheep, fiber goats, rabbits, llamas, Alpacas & misc. fiber animals.

Along with the wool & fiber show/sale, other competitions include the Sheep-to-Shawl team contest, the “California’s Best” spinning contest, handspun yarn show; and for youth only we have competitive breeding divisions in beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, dairy goats, Nigerian goats, fiber goats, boer goats, pygmy goats, cavy, poultry and rabbits.

For more information call (916) 263-2975

## **California Agriculture License Plates**

This is a project spearheaded by the CDFA that begun about 5 years ago. The DMV required at least 7,500 pre-orders before approving the license plate. They received the minimum on pre-orders and now the plates are being produced and can be ordered (<http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg17.pdf>). Annette Leeland has clarified with Josh Eddy, Executive Director of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, how proceeds from the license plate sales will be used to support agricultural education programs. A small portion of the plate fee (about \$1 per plate) will go into a fund every year when a plate is renewed or a new plate purchased. The fund will be used to issue grants from CDFA to organizations doing agricultural education. The grant eligibility and distribution process are currently being determined.

Please help spread the word about the new “California Agriculture” license plates. This is an important movement in raising the profile of agriculture and helping to support the next generation of agriculture industry’s innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders.

For additional information and FAQs visit: <https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/calagplate/>

## **Club & Project Leaders – please announce!**

Many 4-H families are not receiving the 4-H newsletter. The 4-H Online program that is used for enrolling each year, has a check box that can be clicked for 4-H families to receive the newsletter. Unfortunately, that is not a feature that automatically signs a family up to receive an email reminder when the latest newsletter is posted.

Please announce at your next club or project meeting, that they must go to [http://ucanr.org/sites/AC4H/4-H\\_Diggings\\_Newsletter/](http://ucanr.org/sites/AC4H/4-H_Diggings_Newsletter/) and enter their email address in the “**Subscribe**” box to receive the reminders about when the latest newsletter is posted. Thank you for spreading the word!

## **California 4-H Policy Manuals Available**

4-H Community Club Leaders – there is a copy of the most current 4-H policy manual at the UCCE Office for each club to take. They are in labeled binders on the shelf, under your mailboxes, with your club’s name on the front of the binder. In the event that you have not been into the office since our move, we are now located to the right side of the entry way of the office. All club mailboxes are now located underneath the front counter. We have a much “roomier” area for the front office staff, which is a good addition for the office.

## Amador Amateur Radio Club Opportunity

John Stettler, who is a member of the Amador Amateur Radio Club, has become a 4-H leader. John and the radio club is looking for 4-H members who are interested in learning this as a new countywide 4-H project. If you would like to learn more, please contact John at 209/295-2272.

## Join The Revolution of Responsibility

Each county is being asked to create a banner to be presented at the 2013 State 4-H Field Day to celebrate our centennial !

The banner will be presented by two members from your county during the opening assembly.

The banner should be made of any color of felt

30" wide at the top and approximately 36" at its longest point.

You can adjust the shape of your banner as you like (creativity is encouraged).

Your banner must include your county name.

Your banner can be decorated on both sides with any type of materials. Please attach a 5/8" x 36" dowel at the top of your banner for hanging

Banners will be displayed from the balcony of Wellman for all to see!

For more information contact Sarah Watkins, [spwatkins@ucanr.edu](mailto:spwatkins@ucanr.edu)

We are pursuing the possibility of having your banner displayed at the **State Fair** in celebration of our centennial. If we are successful your banners could be displayed at the Youth and Design exhibit hall and/or the Animal Pavilion.

Lots of details about the State 4-H Field Day is at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/158809.pdf>

## TUOLUMNE COUNTY FASHION REVUE

Tuolumne County invites Calaveras and Amador 4-H members to enter County Fashion Revue. It is Saturday, May 4 at Mother Lode Christian School in Tuolumne. Information is online at [http://ucanr.edu/sites/Tuolumne\\_4-H/4H\\_Forms\\_and\\_Publications/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/Tuolumne_4-H/4H_Forms_and_Publications/)

Entry deadline is April 19 to the Tuolumne County 4-H Office. Categories match those at State Fashion Revue.

- Traditional: Garment(s) sewn by member as part of 4-H Clothing & Textiles project
- Consumer Science Purchased outfit: \$19.99 limit, not counting shoes or sales tax.
- Embellished: Decorate one or more purchased garments
- 2 Yard Wonder: A garment and an accessory, sewn from 2 yards of cotton fabric. See additional rules. Only open to Clothing & Textiles (sewing) project members
- Duct Tape Challenge: Create a wearable garment out of duct tape.

Participants arrive at 12:45 PM. Judging and activities take place during the afternoon, with the fashion show open to the public at 4 PM. Up to eight members total may sign up, between Amador and Calaveras Counties.

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