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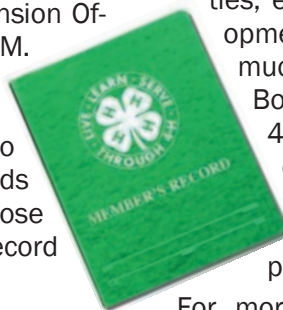
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Record Book Workshop

On May 15th at 6 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of the U.C. Extension Office Program Representative, Vera M. Allen will be holding a Record Book workshop. This workshop is designed to introduce those who have not had experience with records books to them and will also help those who have to improve their record books.

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. In



4-H, young people have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, and much more using the iconic 4-H Record Book. In addition to record keeping, the 4-H Record Book gives members an opportunity to reflect on their year, measure their achievements and growth, and set goals, and develop plans to meet those goals.

For more information about record books, please visit the Amador County Record Book Page: ucanr.edu/ac4h_record_books

NEW Swine Pre-Weigh-In Protocol

Amador County Fair Board announces porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) biosecurity measures for swine tagging on May 24, 2014 from 7am – 11am

All market swine exhibitors will be required to bring their project animals to the fairgrounds on May 24, 2014 between 7am – 11am and will be ear tagged and photographed. To protect the hogs from exposure to PEDV all pigs will remain in their trailers and not weighed. Strict biosecurity protocols will be followed.

The rate of gain contest will be suspended for 2014 and any sponsored awards for the rate of gain contest will be distributed to other contests. Because the processor will not accept hogs over 270lb and are considered not market ready the 270lb weight limit on hogs at fair-time will be enforced and will not allowed to show and sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.

The Amador County Fair Board of Directors has been monitoring the porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) outbreak closely since the disease was identified in the United States. After consulting with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) the Board has determined that while the disease is most severe in very young pigs and the disease has the potential to affect pigs of any age.

Details surrounding the outbreak are still unfolding. The disease is transferred via swine feces and survives in manure for extended periods of time.

For more information please visit the Amador County Fair website:

http://amadorcountyfair.com/events_detail.aspx?id=195

Or contact the Fair Office at 209-245-6921

Upcoming Events

Day of Science and Service

Date: 5/8/14

Record Book Workshop

Date: 5/15/14 | 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Location: Amador UCCE Office

Small Animal Field Day

Date: 5/17/14 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Rancher's Outlet

Fair Pre-Weigh-In

Date: 5/24/14 | 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

Location: Amador Fairgrounds

State 4-H Field Day

Date: 5/31/14 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Location: UC Davis, Davis

State Presentation Day

Date: 5/31/14 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Location: UC Davis, Davis

State Horse Classic

Date: 6/25/14 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Brookside Equestrian Show Park, Elk Grove

Central Sierra 4-H Summer Camp

Date: 7/7-11/14 | All Day

Location: Echo Lake, Lake Tahoe

California State Fair

Date: 7/11-27/14 | All Day

Location: Cal Expo, Sacramento

Amador County Fair

Date: 7/24-27/14 | All Day

Location: Amador County Fairgrounds

Back Country Horse Trail Camp

Date: 7/25-30/14 | All Day

Location: Stone Cellar, EDC

State Leadership Conference

Date: 7/14-17/14 | All Day

Location: UC Santa Cruz

State Leader's Forum

Date: 11/17-16/14 | All Day

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento

**2014
Registration
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ENJOY
Arts
Campfires
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Swimming
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Hiking

Located near beautiful South Lake Tahoe



4-H Summer Camp

July 7-11th \$200

Ages 9-17

Make friends and memories that last a lifetime

El Dorado County UCCE
311 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667
4-H Desk Questions: 530-621-5503



ucanr.edu/sites/EDC_4-H_Program

Remember: members must attend 80% of club and project meetings to participate in the Amador County Fair!

Community Club Meetings

May

Fiddletown

Date: 5/12/14 | 7 p.m.

Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs

Date: 5/12/14 | 7 p.m.

Location: Drytown School

Ione Community

Date: 5/15/14 | 6 p.m.

Location: Ione Elementary

Shenandoah Valley

Date: 5/16/14 | 5:30 p.m.

Location: 12559 Steiner Road
Plymouth, CA

Gold Nuggets

Date: 5/19/14 | 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth City Hall

Jackson Gold Wheels

Date: 5/19/14 | 6 p.m.

Location: Amador 4-H Office

June

Fiddletown

Date: 6/9/14 | 7 p.m.

Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs

Date: 6/9/14 | 7 p.m.

Location: Drytown School

Ione Community

Date: 6/11/14 | 6 p.m.

Location: Ione Elementary

Gold Nuggets

Date: 6/16/14 | 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth City Hall

Jackson Gold Wheels

Date: 6/16/14 | 6 p.m.

Location: Amador 4-H Office

Shenandoah Valley

Date: 6/21/14 | 6 p.m.

Location: 12559 Steiner Road
Plymouth

Amador County Club Council Meetings

First Tuesday at
7 p.m. in the
Large Conference Room
at the 4-H Office

Upcoming Meetings:

June 3rd

August 5th

September 2nd

October 7th

November 4th

State Fair Deadlines

California State Fair Youth Competition Deadlines

California Kidz Kitchen.....June 20

Baking, Canning

Junior Livestock (all).....June 6

Fur & Feathers

Junior Rabbits.....June 6

Junior Poultry.....June 6

Junior Dog Care & Train.....June 6

Junior Cavy.....June 20

Amador County Fair Deadlines

Sheep, Swine, Goats Pre-weigh

Saturday, May 24 - 7am – 11am

Independent exhibitors must declare by May 24

Rabbits & poultry exhibitors

must declare by May 24, 7am – 11 am

Register tattoo #'s for meat rabbits

and pick up bands for meat birds

Paperwork due May 24

Breeding livestock entries due June 24

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR FAIR PASSES!!!



California State Fair

4-H Shooting Sports

Volunteers Needed!!!

Amador County 4-H Shooting Sports needs volunteers for all disciplines: Archery, Rifle, Pistol and Shot Gun. Without volunteers this year's Shooting Sports project is in danger of being cancelled. If you are a volunteer or know an adult who would volunteer for the Shooting Sports project, please contact Vera M. Allen at the 4-H Office: 209-223-6484 or vmallen@ucanr.com



Pistol Training

A 4-H shooting sports pistol workshop will be held May 2nd at the Madera County 4-H Office in Madera, Calif. This is a one day-twelve hours course. This course will be held indoors using the Creedmoor portable air gun range and Crosman Silhouette 1700P PCP pistols donated by the NRA. Participants may also bring their own AIR pistols to use should they choose. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a level 1 pistol instructor and can lead a pistol project. The cost for this course is \$30.00 to cover the instruction binder each participant will receive.

To register for the course or receive more information, contact Sammy Ashworth at (559) 707-0755 or email sdashworth@gmail.com

Shooting Sports Volunteers Wanted

Amador 4-H is currently seeking more adult and youth volunteers for the county Shooting Sports projects.

If you are interested contact Vera M. Allen

209-223-6484 ~ vmallen@ucanr.edu

For more information in Shooting Sports visit:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/>



2014 California State 4-H Field Day

Saturday May 31, 2014

UC Davis Campus-Wellman Hall

Check out the revamped State Field Day Webpage and find an interactive map along all the exciting activities you can participate and enjoy! New this year at State Field Day : 4-H Engineering and Technology Showcase

Have a 4-H Engineering or Technology project you will like to showcase or demonstrate? Apply today! Funding for supplies, materials or handouts is available, contact Steven Worker for more information, sworker@ucanr.edu.

SMALL ANIMAL FIELD DAY

RANCHERS OUTLET

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

11AM-2PM



EXPERT SPEAKERS ON POULTRY AND RABBITS

BREED IDENTIFICATION CONTESTS

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH ~ PRIZES



**OPEN TO ALL 4-H, FFA, GRANGE AND INDEPENDENT SMALL ANIMAL
EXHIBITORS**

For More Information Contact: DeAnna Stiltz at 209-781-5273

Contests and activities held at the State 4-H Field Day:

State 4-H Presentation Day *(Registration due by May 23, 2014)*

State 4-H Fashion Revue *(Registration due by May 17, 2014)*

State 4-H Plant Science & Horticulture Contest

State 4-H Interview Contest *(pre-registration highly encouraged)*

State 4-H Entomology Contest

State 4-H Judging Contest

State 4-H Photography Contest *(Registration due by May 2, 2014)*

State 4-H Film Festival *(Registration due by May 8, 2014)*

The 4-H MyPlate Challenge *(Registration due by May 15, 2014)*

2014 State Field Day logo Design Contest

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



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AMADOR COUNTY 4-H YDP CLUB COUNCIL

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Vice-President: Will Bullard
Treasurer: Valerie Anderson
Secretary: DeAnna Stiltz

NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:

June 3rd, 2014 • 7 pm

UCCE Amador County 4-H Office • Large Conference Room

The purpose of the Amador County 4-H county council is assist the University of California Cooperative Extension in planning, promoting and carrying out 4-H youth development work, by operating in compliance with UC policies and the Mission, Core Values, and Framework of the 4-H YDP. County Council members are included in the decision-making for program operations and the County Council raises funds to support 4-H at the county level. Furthermore the County Council develops mechanisms to recommend solutions to problems and disputes within the county 4-H YDP and facilitates mechanisms for providing training and support of adult volunteers and youth. Overall the County Council seeks to facilitate the expansion of programs into new communities within Amador.



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