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Associate Director Update

Dear 4-H Community,

What does "member in good standing" mean to you as a 4-H member? What about "project completion"? These and other terms are common in 4-H but there are different requirements across clubs and counties. To help make the 4-H experience fair for every member regardless of which club or county they participate in, the 4-H Policy Advisory Committee which includes 4-H members, adult volunteers, and 4-H YDP staff, underwent the task of not only defining these terms but also documenting the [Steps to Success in 4-H](#).

This document outlines:

- What member in good standing means,
- What is required for project completion,
- How members earn a year stripe and pin,
- Club participation standards,
- Requirements to exhibit at fair,
- Participation in 4-H events,
- And, ways to earn recognition in 4-H.

As a statewide program delivered locally, we set out to standardize some key aspects of the program while allowing some flexibility at the local level. For example, six hours of project instruction is required but project leaders may require more based on the project and goals. Please review this document for more information so you know the steps to your success in 4-H. The new [Steps to Success in 4-H](#) and associated policy changes are effective July 1. We hope you find the [Steps to Success in 4-H](#) help make your 4-H experience the best it can be.

Warmly, Shannon Horrillo



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

Community Club Meetings

May

Fiddletown

Date: 5/11/15 | 7 p.m.

Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs

Date: 5/11/15 | 7 p.m.

Location: Willow Springs Schoolhouse

Jackson Gold Wheels

Date: 5/11/15 | 6 p.m.

Location: Amador 4-H Office

Shenandoah Valley

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

Location: 12559 Steiner Rd., Plymouth

Ione Community

Date: 5/18/15 | 6 p.m.

Location: Ione Elementary

Gold Nuggets

Date: 5/20/15 | 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth City Hall

June

Fiddletown

Date: 6/8/15 | 7 p.m.

Location: Fiddletown Community Center

Willow Springs

Date: 6/8/15 | 7 p.m.

Location: Willow Springs Schoolhouse

Jackson Gold Wheels

Date: 6/8/15 | 6 p.m.

Location: Amador 4-H Office

Shenandoah Valley

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

Location:

Ione Community

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

Location: Ione Elementary

Gold Nuggets

Date: 4/15/15 | 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth City Hall

Amador County Club Council

First Tuesday of the month

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

Upcoming Meetings:

**June 2nd
August 4th
September 1st**



Amador County Fair Dates

Sheep, Swine, Goats Pre-Weigh – Saturday, May 23 (8 – 11 a.m.)

Rabbits & Poultry Exhibitors must declare by May 23 (8 – 11 a.m.)

Register tattoo #'s for meat rabbits and pick up bands for meat birds

Paperwork due May 23

Breeding livestock entries due June 24

Remember you must have you [Annual Project Report](#) ready for fair!

Upcoming Events

Fair Pre-Weigh-In

Date: 5/23/15 | 7 a.m.-11 a.m.
Location: Amador Fairgrounds

County-Wide 4-H

Potluck Dinner

Date: 5/23/15 | 6 p.m.
Location: American Legion Hall

You See Davis Day

Date: 5/25/15 | 9 a.m.
Location: UC Davis

Quality Assurance Training

Date: 5/30/15 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: Amador 4-H Office



State 4-H Field & Presentation Day

Date: 5/30/15 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Location: UC Davis, Davis

Citizenship California Focus

Date: 6/19-23/15



2nd Generation Dinner &

Date: 6/27/15 6 p.m.
Location: Amador Fairgrounds

Citizenship Washington Focus

Date: 6/28-7/7/15



State Leadership Conference

Date: 7/23-26/15
Location: UC Irvine

Amador County Fair

Date: 7/24-27/15 | All Day
Location: Amador Fairgrounds
"Country Tunes and Midway Blooms"

State Leaders' Forum

Date: 11/6-8/15
Location: San Diego



4-H Animal Science Symposium

Date: 5/27-29/15
Location: UC Davis, Davis



2015 Central Sierra Summer Camp

July 20-24, 2015

\$200 Early Bird registration for 4-H members

Camp Concord, Lake Tahoe CA

Register at:

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/4hcamp>





Amador County 4-H Club Council Invites you to a

County-Wide 4-H Potluck Dinner

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD 2015 AT 6 P.M.
American Legion Hall, 11401 American
Legion Drive, Sutter Creek

Kindly RSVP to your Community Club Leader
or with the County 4-H Office at 209-223-6484

{please sign-up to bring a
dish to share with everyone}

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT



For More Information:

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/AC4H/>
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Second Generation Dinner & Auction



Auction & Dinner to benefit the
Amador County Junior Livestock Auction
Saturday, June 27th, 2015
5 p.m. No Host Bar
7 p.m. Dinner
Amador County Fairgrounds - Plymouth, CA

Dinner Tickets

In advance: \$25/person, \$40 Couple
At the door: \$30/person, \$50 Couple
Children: (12 years & younger) \$10

Ticket Purchase Locations:

Laughton Ranch Horse Boarding, Jackson
Simmons Landscape, Jackson
Rancher's Outlet, Plymouth
Coldwell-Banker-Mitzi Windley, Ione
Hoof 'N' Boots Saddlery, Valley Springs

Raffle Tickets

\$20 each or 6 for \$100

Enter for a chance to win:
\$1500 toward the trip of your choice.
5-Item Gun Raffle
Derby Car Divers Seat

Live Entertainment

Dinner, Dancing, No Host Bar, Raffle Prizes, Live
and Silent Auction.

Purchase advance tickets to save time and money.
Tickets, donations or other information please
call: (209) 274-4117

Member Tip of the Month:

Although it's not required for membership, the 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. Record books encourage members to set goals, pursue strategies to meet those goals, and to shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles. Also, by completing your record book you could be eligible to receive 4-H participation awards (such as star ranking, medals or pins based on 4-H Record Book achievements). Did you know you can fill out your record book online through ORB?

More information: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/>

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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:

June, 2nd 2015 • 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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Articles are due the 25th of the month



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