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The Newsletter for the 4-H Family

Clover Country 4-H Newsletter

January 2015

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4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21st at the CCWD Board Room in San Andreas. It begins at 7 pm. All 4-H families are welcome to attend! Please bring a jacket or sweater as the building does get cool sometimes. Please no pets (registered service animals or guide dogs OK), and take any food or beverage containers with you when you leave. We are guests of the facility, and appreciate the building use. Children must have adult supervision when outside. You do not need to be a 4-H leader to attend. Parents and 4-H members may also represent your club.

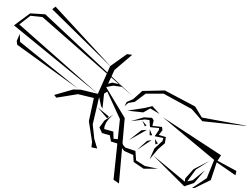
All Star Applications Available - REMINDER

An All Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the County level. The goal of the All Star program is to recognize the achievements of active 4-H members and to offer additional resources and opportunities for leadership, career and life planning.

To become a Calaveras County 4-H All Star you must meet criteria that includes: be in 9th – 12th grade; be eligible for or have earned your Gold Star; and have completed at least three years as a 4-H member by July 1st of the year you are selected. Please visit our website at http://ucanr.org/sites/Calaveras_4-H_Program/4-H_Scholarship_Opportunities/. All Star applications are due to the 4-H office no later than the January 4-H Council meeting. Community club leaders and project leaders are encouraged to recruit potential 4-H members who would be interested in becoming 4-H All Stars!

Local Scholarships Available

The Calaveras 4-H Council scholarship, Nancy Cundiff Memorial Scholarship and Ely Bettencourt Memorial Scholarship applications are available on our website at http://ucanr.org/sites/Calaveras_4-H_Program/4-H_Scholarship_Opportunities/. They are due March 1st.



Christopher Columbus Awards Program

The Christopher Columbus Awards Program is available to middle-school age youth who are interested in working in teams with an adult coach to use science and technology in providing solutions to an issue they care about. For more information, visit: <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com>.

WaysToHelp.org

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of the 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant by visiting www.waystohelp.org. Select "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant". Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

Eisner Foundation Prize

The Eisner Foundation has announced the launch of the inaugural Eisner Prize and is currently soliciting nominations of individuals or non-profit organizations. The Eisner Prize is a cash award of \$100,000 and is designed to recognize excellence by an individual or a non-profit organization in uniting and utilizing multiple generations, especially seniors and youth, to bring about positive and lasting changes in their community. To learn more about The Eisner Foundation or to nominate yourself or someone else who may be eligible for the Eisner Prize, please visit www.eisnerfoundation.org

Who Is Signing Your Club's Checkbook?

Please note that any time a check is written on your club's checks, the check must be signed by two unrelated individuals. In other words, the two signors cannot be related (husband and wife, or parent and child). This is 4-H State policy. Thank you!

Raising Funds for Your 4-H Project or Community Club

Because the 4-H program is a public institution supported by tax dollars, the raising of funds for use by 4-H projects or clubs using the 4-H name or emblem must be done in accordance with the guidelines established by the University of California Cooperative Extension.



Fundraising should be limited to the budgeted needs of the group. Each 4-H club should establish a budget during the early part of the 4-H year. This budget should reflect any and all fundraising efforts that 4-H project groups or 4-H clubs intent to hold.

Money making projects are valuable opportunities for members to learn-by-doing. 4-H members need to work together as a team to raise money and they need to learn to earn. They should be encouraged to raise funds that emphasize fair prices for needed services such as attending camps or conferences rather than asking parents or businesses for funds.

The club's treasurer should bank all funds in the club's name and there should be signatures of two unrelated people on each check. No checks are to be made out to cash. In the memo section of the

check, write down the purpose of the check (ex.: Reimbursement for film). Any checks and cash collected is to be deposited within 7 days of receipt.

If a 4-H project wishes to raise funds for special events, it is required that they keep these funds in the 4-H club's account. The club treasurer separates accounts for each project so that each group uses only their money. Again, please remember that 4-H project fundraisers should be part of the club's annual budget.

What happens if a 4-H project decides to hold a fundraiser during the middle of the 4-H year? In this event, you must fill out a Fundraising Approval Template. The form is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/19878.pdf> It must be signed by the 4-H club president, community club leader and 4-H Office staff to be approved, and PRIOR to the fundraising event.

Please note! There is no requirement that a 4-H club must spend all of their club or project monies by the end of the 4-H year. It is acceptable for a club to carry money into the next 4-H year.

Angelus Ranus 4-H Club Now Has A Facebook Page!

Please check out the latest addition to the 4-H clubs that have Facebook pages!

<https://www.facebook.com/AngelusRanus4H>

Clover Safe Notes

Clover Safe Notes are always updated and expanded. They are geared with your 4-H projects in mind. 4-H Project leaders, please go to the link for information on how to improve project safety: <http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H Resources/Clover Safe Notes by Project Area/>



4 Million Trees Project

1. 4HMT made great progress this year. **Since the project started, thousands of youth have planted thousands of trees** to beautify their communities and help slow global climate change.

Please encourage all 4-H youth to plant more trees , and then log them on the 4HMT database at www.4hmilliontrees.org.

2. **4HMT continues to expand internationally**, with Tanzania, Uganda, and Latvia 4-H joining Kenya, India, UK, Canada, & Trinidad and Tobago. Puerto Rico 4-H also has a great program to encourage kids to plant trees. Thanks for your support.

3. **4HMT has a goal to give youth opportunities to learn life skills through leadership opportunities.** For example,

- Youth write grant proposals to raise funds for their tree planting events, plus articles about these activities for newspapers, magazines, and newsletters.
- Youth learn web design and programming while keeping the project website updated.
- 4-Hers get public speaking experience as they give speeches and presentations to educate more people about doing their part in the climate crisis.
- **Please encourage 4-Hers to contact us** to discuss benefits of accepting these challenges of learning new life skills while helping 4HMT.

4. 4HMT has partnerships with many organizations, and all participants are encouraged to take advantage of these relationships for the benefit of their clubs and members.

- Want to plant trees at National Wildlife Refuges, or on other Federal lands?
- Want to plant trees with Habitat for Humanity?
- Want to plant trees with KaBoom?
- Want to link up with the Arbor Day Foundation?
- Want to be part of the Earth Day Network?

Contact us to discuss how youth can connection with these and other organizations.

5. **Youth Service America (YSA)** is an excellent organization with values that closely match 4HMT's. That's why YSA gave 4HMT a grant to plant fruit trees at a Cooperative Extension ranch to benefit local elementary school students. We want to return the favor, and need your help.

Website: www.4hmilliontrees.org

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Don't miss out on important CA 4-H news. In these updates you will find information about upcoming scholarships and awards, event dates and deadlines, program and research updates and stories from the field.

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Find an archive of all 4-H newsletters on our website: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Newsletter/>

California Focus registration is now open!

- Registration is online at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/
- Fees are \$665 per person
- Registration deadline is March 31, 2015
- Non refundable deposit of \$300- due at time of registration
- Final payment - due May 19, 2015
- Treatment authorization forms should be uploaded to the registration survey

Livestock News

Calaveras Fair Entry Guidebooks & Entry Forms Online

REMINDER: The Calaveras Fairgrounds entry guidebook is now online! You can see all entry information at <http://www.frogtown.org/#!/county-fair>.

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