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*The Newsletter for the 4-H Family*

# *Clover Country 4-H Newsletter*

## *November 2015*

*This newsletter is online along with Record Book forms, scholarship applications, event registration forms and more! Visit <http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/> for information.*

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### **November 4-H Council Meeting**

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 18th** at the CCWD Board Room, at their old location in San Andreas. 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.

Remember, there is no December 4-H Council meeting. The January Council meeting will be held at an alternate location. Location to be announced, as this will be the final Council meeting at that location.

### **November 4-H Volunteer Leader Training & Orientation**

The next training for adults who would like to become volunteer 4-H leaders will be on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm in San Andreas. Please RSVP the 4-H Office no later than November 17<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend, 754-6474.

### **Need Help With Record Book Forms?**

A great resource for answering questions about the new forms is at [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com) where you can join the group called **ca4hrb**. This site provides an excellent opportunity for 4-H families to ask questions and receive feedback from others, including staff at the State 4-H Office.

### **Tax Tips For 4-H Volunteers**

4-H volunteers (leaders, parents, teens) who incur out-of-pocket expenses or make a direct contribution to 4-H may be able to claim income tax deductions for:

- The fair market value of property and materials donated to 4-H
- Cash contributions to 4-H
- Cost of raising a guide dog puppy
- Cost of travel while serving as a volunteer (consult a tax manual for actual allowances)

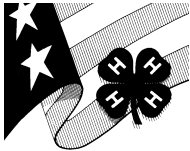
- Non-reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for stationary, postage, telephone calls, refreshments, photocopying, etc. incurred in rendering volunteer expenses.

You CANNOT claim the value of your volunteer services, time, or costs of transporting or paying expenses for your own child. Consult with your tax advisor if you have any questions. Be sure to keep complete records and receipts in case your contributions are ever questioned.



## Using A School For Meetings?

Many schools or organizations require that an agreement be signed to use their facilities for 4-H meetings or events. Please remember that ONLY the County Director, Scott Oneto, may sign these agreements. 4-H leaders and parents cannot sign on the behalf of the 4-H program.



## Signed Up For A Project In A Different Club?

4-H members: If a project isn't available through your club, you may have signed up for the project in a different 4-H club. If this is the case, **be sure and contact the project leader** to find out when their project meetings will be held. It is your responsibility to find out their meeting dates.

## All Star Applications Available

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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade; be eligible for or have earned your Gold Star; and have completed at least three years as a 4-H member by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you are selected. Please contact Jennifer at the 4-H office, 754-6474, for an application and all requirements or visit our website at [http://ucanr.edu/sites/Calaveras\\_4-H\\_Program/Forms\\_-\\_Publications/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/Calaveras_4-H_Program/Forms_-_Publications/)

All Star applications are due to the 4-H office no later than January 20th. Interviews will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> prior to the 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!

## 4H GOLDEN CLOVER AWARD

Awarded to Sylvia Hood- West Point 4-H Club

Sylvia Hood has won the California 2015 Youth Golden Clover Award for Collaboration and Outreach. She is recognized for outstanding work on her project in Radio Communications. Sylvia conceived and developed, and now writes, directs and hosts a radio program on KQBM 90.7FM, a hometown radio station based in West Point that supports and partners with her to air the shows. Proudly entitled "My 4-H Radio Show", it is centered on 4-H activities, both local and countywide, and includes 4-H news and information, outreach for new members and leaders, animal husbandry tips, and short interviews with 4-H leaders. Also included are poetry (sometimes written by Sylvia) and music related to the show's theme. Congratulations, Sylvia!

## Check Out The Latest State 4-H Newsletter!

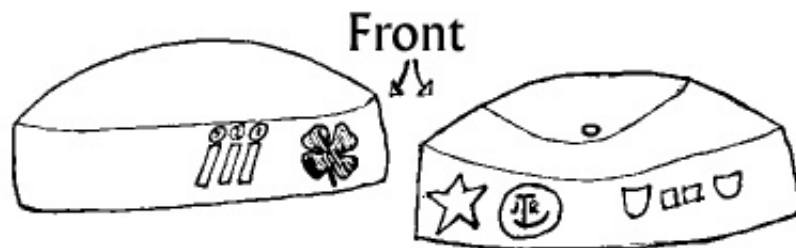
The State 4-H Office puts out a 4-H newsletter monthly. If you would like to be added to their subscription list please visit their website at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Newsletter/> . There are new 4-H opportunities listed each month.

## Higher Education Scholarships



The winter season is in full swing and as students are researching schools and colleges they'd like to attend after graduation, 4-H members are reminded to plan to apply in Spring 2016 for one of the Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships available. For more information on the scholarship program, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/> .

## THE 4-H FELT HAT EXPLAINED



Green hat - through 8th grade

White hat - 9th grade and above (to be eventually phased out)

Service Stripes for 4-H Hat:

White bar on green - worn on green hat, one bar for each year of 4-H completed.

Gold bar on green - worn on green hat, one bar for each year of junior leadership completed (7th and 8th grade only).

Green bar on white - worn on white hat, one bar for each year of 4-H completed.

Gold bar on white - worn on white hat, one bar for each year of junior or teen leadership completed (9th grade on).

When a member reaches 9th grade and begins wearing a white hat he/she will receive new service stripes at Achievement Night to put on the 4-H hat. The service stripes from the green 4-H hat should not be transferred to the white hat, as the member will receive stripes to represent past years for the new hat.

## 4-H HAT ETIQUETTE

A 4-H member wears a green hat through the 8th grade and a white hat beginning with the 9th grade (to be eventually phased out).

Service stripes (year stripes) are worn directly behind the clover on the right side of the hat.

Achievement pins (year pins) are fastened to the hat just above the stripes for the corresponding year, starting with the first year pin next to the 4-H clover.

Star rank emblems are worn in front on the left side; and can be shingled. The all star replaces the gold star. The All Star pin should be fastened to the center of the all star emblem.

Medals are usually worn on the left side of the hat behind the emblems but may be worn on either side of the hat. The cap should reflect the dignity of the 4-H club work and should be kept clean. Only pins and emblems earned while representing 4-H should be worn on the hat.

The junior/teen leader emblem is place behind the star 3/8 to 1/2 inches. If you don't have a star rank emblem the jr./teen leader emblem is worn about 1/2 inch from the front fold of the cap on the left side. Only one jr./teen leader emblem should be on the hat. The Hi 4-H emblem is worn behind that.

**Always write your name in your hat!!!**



## Shooting Sports Opportunities

### Shooting Sports Workshop – Pistol Discipline December 12 & 13, 2015

If you have an interest in sharing your Pistol skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Pistol adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Pistol leader certification training offered in December 2015. The class will be held Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM- 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Pistol at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Pistol adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at <http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html> . Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET\\_Projects/ShootingSports/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/) , and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. **Space is limited to 25 attendees.** For more information call Darlene McIntyre at [209-385-7418](tel:209-385-7418) or email her at [dlimcintyre@ucanr.edu](mailto:dlimcintyre@ucanr.edu).

### Shooting Sports Workshop – Muzzle Loading Discipline December 12 & 13, 2015 – Winton, CA

If you have an interest in sharing your Muzzle Loading Shooting skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Muzzle Loading adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Muzzle Loading leader certification training offered in December 2015. The class will be held Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM- 2PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach muzzle loading at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified muzzle loading adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at <http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html> . Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

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### **Shooting Sports Workshop – Shotgun Discipline**

**November 21 & 22, 2015 – Winton, CA**

If you have an interest in sharing your shotgun skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Shotgun adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Shotgun leader certification training offered in November 2015. The class will be held Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Shotgun at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Shotgun adult leader they will be helping back home. Driving directions to the range are at

<http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html> . Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET\\_Projects/ShootingSports/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/) , and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$35 check payable to "Merced County 4-H Council" and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. **Space is limited to 25 attendees.** For more information call Darlene McIntyre at [209-385-7418](tel:209-385-7418) or email her at [dlimcintyre@ucanr.edu](mailto:dlimcintyre@ucanr.edu).

### **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Archery Discipline**

**November 14 & 15, 2015 – Winton, CA**

If you have an interest in sharing your archery skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Archery adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H archery leader certification training offered in November 2015. The class will be held Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM- 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified archery adult leader they will be helping back home. Driving directions to the range are at

<http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html> . Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

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## Dates of Interest

From the State 4-H Office

<http://ca4h.org>

### Week of November 8

2016-2017 State Ambassador applications open

2016 Citizenship Washington Focus registration open

2016 Leadership Washington Focus registration open

2016 Washington Focus Chaperone applications open

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## Livestock News

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### Animals As Gifts

The 4-H Youth Development Program does not accept animals as gifts or donations. Councils, clubs or projects must not accept title or ownership of animals. Any such gifts should be made directly to individuals

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### Free Livestock Curricula

- Sheep From the Animal's Point of View
- Swine From the Animal's Point of View
- Rabbits From the Animal's Point of View
- Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science



All of the curricula included can be found for FREE on the State 4-H website:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Curriculum/FREE>

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# 4-H San Joaquin and Stanislaus County Horse Skills Day

**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

**at San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Beef/Dairy Barn Area  
1658 S. Airport Way, Stockton, CA.**

## FREE FUN DAY OF LEARNING

**New demonstration from an AQHA  
Horse Trainer–Rod Burr**

**New information from Bonnie Davis–Horse Camping  
Prizes and fun times**

**Please bring a food item for a pot-luck  
lunch (everyone should bring  
something to share).**



### **How to Register Online:**

Click on: [http://ucanr.edu/sites/SJC\\_4H/Events\\_and\\_Calendar/4-H\\_Horse\\_Events/4-H\\_San\\_Joaquin\\_Stanislaus\\_County\\_Horse\\_Skills\\_Day](http://ucanr.edu/sites/SJC_4H/Events_and_Calendar/4-H_Horse_Events/4-H_San_Joaquin_Stanislaus_County_Horse_Skills_Day)

This link will take you to the Horse Skills Day web page where you will then scroll down to the link for **How to Register**.

**What to Bring:** Folding chair, notebook, pen, food item for pot-luck lunch, questions for professionals. *No horses are to be brought to this event.*

### **Schedule:**

Registration 8:15 am  
Skill Stations 8:45 am - 12:30 pm  
Lunch 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm



### **For Questions or More Information Please contact:**

Debbi Foster: Cell phone(209) 482-7612; [Debbisranch@gmail.com](mailto:Debbisranch@gmail.com)  
Susan Calvin: Cell phone (209) 484-5390; [Calvinranch@gmail.com](mailto:Calvinranch@gmail.com)

**FREE To All 4-H Horse Project Members**



# SMALL ANIMAL FIELD DAY

## MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H

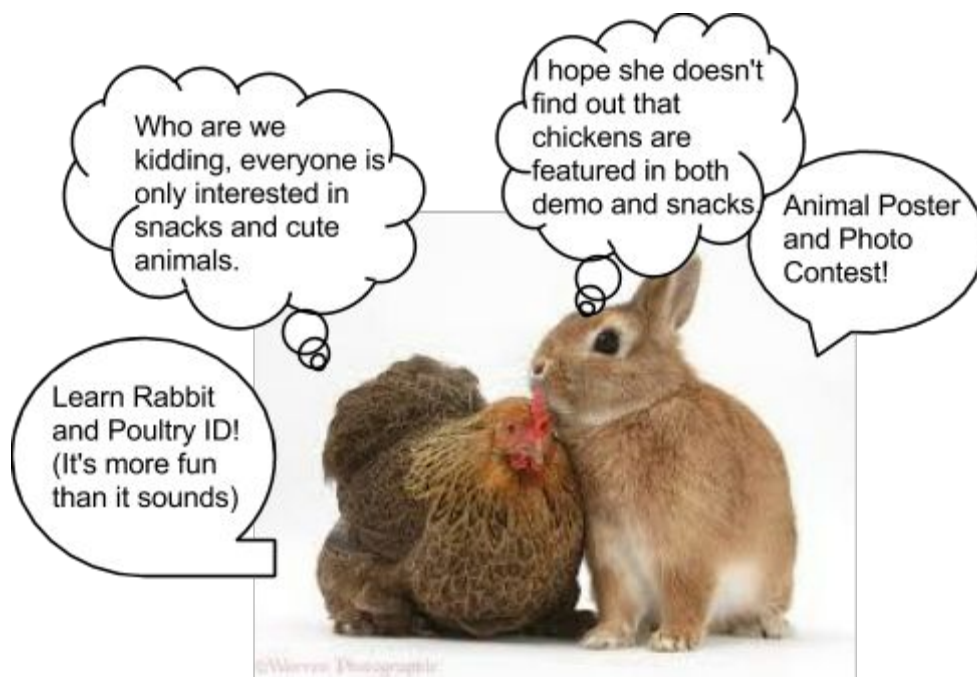
At Mission School, Soledad

36825 Foothill Rd Soledad, CA 93960

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 9:30am-12:45pm

Check In Starts at 9am

GAMES, KNOWLEDGE, SNACKS, AND MORE!



Open to all 4-H members with pre-registration preferred. Please email the number of members attending, poster or photo entries that will be brought  
[buenavista4h@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista4h@gmail.com)



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The purpose of this event is to provide education, information, resources and fun for enrolled 4-H members. The event will be run in rotations that will last 15 minutes each. A Youth leader will guide the groups through each rotation.

**Poster contest:** See flyer for guidelines

**Photo contest:** See flyer for guidelines

**Rabbit Breeds ID fun:** Members will review 8 rabbit breeds with photographs and breeds names. After learning a bit about the breeds, the member will move onto an area in which they will review the rabbit without the name. They will use their memory skills and write down the breeds on a form.

**Poultry Breed and ID fun:** Members will review 8 poultry breeds with photographs and breeds names. After learning a bit about the breeds, the member will move onto an area in which they will review the poultry without the name. They will use their memory skills and write down the breeds on a form.

**Rabbit Showmanship:** Watch and learn 4-H Rabbit showmanship from an experienced showman.

**Poultry Showmanship:** Watch and learn 4-H Poultry showmanship from an experienced showman.

**Community Service Activity:** Create gifts for shelter animals

**Team Building Activity:** Learn how to build leadership in your animal project.

**Snacks and guest speaker!**

**For more information, contact BV Club Leader Christina McPherson at [buenavista4h@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista4h@gmail.com)**

Member drop offs will be allowed with 4-H medical release form filled out and handed to check in table. Cloverbud age members need an adult chaperone to stay.

**This is a county wide event and all enrolled 4-H members are invited to participate. Sorry, no unenrolled youth. This event is funded by the Monterey County Council.**



4th Annual Calaveras

# Family Showcase

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Nov 14, 2015

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from 2PM-4:30PM

VETERANS HALL IN VALLEY SPRINGS

Adults \$10 • Children 6-13: \$8 • 5yrs and under: Free

All proceeds benefiting...

- Volunteer Center of Calaveras County (Tax ID# 68-0303129)
  - Valley Springs Youth Center (Tax ID#91-1810430)
  - Valley Springs Optimist Club (Tax ID# 68-0331389)