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Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ **4-H Youth Development Program**

The Newsletter for the 4-H Family

Clover Country 4-H Newsletter

December 2015

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January 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, **January 20th** at the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in San Andreas (located at 414 Oak Street). The meeting 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. All Star, Emerald Star applications and Sub Regional Presentation Day entries will be due!

Upcoming dates to remember:

There will be NO December 4-H Council meeting

December 25 – 26 HOLIDAY

December 31 – January 1 - HOLIDAY

Calaveras 4-H 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 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. All Star applications are due to the 4-H office no later than January 20th. Community club leaders and project leaders are encouraged to recruit potential 4-H members who would be interested in becoming 4-H All Stars! To see the requirements, please visit:

http://ucanr.edu/sites/Calaveras_4-H_Program/Forms_-_Publications/

4-H Sub Regional Presentation Day Upcoming!

Sunday, February 7, 2016 is the date of this annual event. It will be hosted by Jenny Lind 4-H Club and is open to 4-H members in Calaveras, Amador, El Dorado, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. The event will be held at Calaveras River Academy in San Andreas and begins at 12 noon. Judges and

room coordinators are always welcome! Parents or relatives cannot judge their own family members. Entry deadline is January 20th. Information will be sent out as a separate email reminder.

WHAT IS SUB REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY?

4-H presentations are a special sharing time when members show the skills they've acquired to others. Sub Regional Presentation Day gives 4-H members the opportunity to show others what they have learned in their current 4-H projects.

WHAT IS A PRESENTATION?

It is a planned demonstration or illustrated talk which explains or illustrates by using examples. To demonstrate is to teach by showing – learning by doing! Show someone how to tie his shoes, or his 4-H tie! Demonstrating is teaching in the clearest and simplest method known. When members are enrolled in 4-H they have a desire to learn. In giving presentations, they share with others their acquired knowledge. Boys and girls like to “tell others”. This is natural. They should be encouraged to start by giving a simple presentation and, as they develop, they can do more difficult presentations.

4-H Club Facebook/Twitter Pages/Websites

Below is a list of the Calaveras 4-H Club Facebook pages that are listed online. If your club has a Facebook page or a website, please send Jennifer the link(s) so that they can be added to the list

Be sure your club is following the guidelines for using social media at:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/133821.pdf>

Also please remember to “Like” our County 4-H Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CalaverasCounty4HProgram>

Calaveras 4-H Club Facebook Pages:

Tri-Dam 4-H Club

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tri-Dam-4H/171453776375267?fref=ts>

Jenny Lind 4-H Club

<https://www.facebook.com/jenny lind4h>

Angelus Ranus 4-H Club (in Angels Camp)

<https://www.facebook.com/angelus.ranus?fref=ts>

Copper Hills 4-H Club

<https://www.facebook.com/copperhills4h?fref=ts>

West Point 4-H Club

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Point-4-H-Community-Club/1430041453891770?ref=hl>

Mountain Ranch 4-H Club

<https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-Ranch-4-H-Club-1397651537205342/?ref=hl>

Murphys 4-H Club

<https://www.facebook.com/murphys4h/?fref=ts>

Calaveras Wranglers 4-H Club

<https://www.facebook.com/Calaveras-Wranglers-4-H-Club-1084886708203728/?fref=ts>

Let us know if your club has a page so we can include it in our list!



Has Your Club Approved Your Budget?

If your 4-H club has not approved your annual budget yet, now is the time! The approved budget should be signed by the club president, treasurer and the community club leader. The form 8.3 is available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/23117.pdf>

Fundraising?

If your club or 4-H project is doing any kind of fundraiser, a fundraising form should be filled out for each fundraiser that the club or your projects hold. They must be approved by 4-H staff and also Scott Oneto, County Director. This is required by the State 4-H Office. This applies to your project groups that do fundraising also. So, please announce it at your next club meeting and please let your project leaders know too.

Copies have been put into the club mailboxes at the 4-H Office. They are also available online at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/19878.pdf>

Great News From the Valley Springs Youth Center

The Valley Springs Youth Center (a non-profit) after school program was established in 1997. It is the only secular community after-school drop-in center. Our services are free to families of youth age 9 to 17. The center is conveniently located right next door to Valley Springs Elementary School and on school bus routes. It offers a safe, nurturing environment focused on assisting youth to prepare for their future.

At this very moment, the facility is undergoing major renovations which began July 6th. Amazing volunteers have given more than 1000 hours, and applied their skills and talent to address challenges with the building. Extensive areas of dry rot were removed and replaced. Many more electrical outlets were added so we no longer have to run extension cords everywhere. Windows were added or replaced. Today the moisture barrier and the steel siding are being installed.

We can't wait for the project to be completed so we can invite the whole community to see our "new" center. While all of this is very exciting, the cost of materials (almost all labor has been donated), has depleted our funds, even though Sender's Market has been generous with discounts from the beginning of the project.

Last year the children established their own 4-H club they call the Valley Springs Afterschool 4-H which meets formally the first Thursday of each month. At their last meeting, the children voted to work hard to create and perfect the act they will be performing for the Calaveras Family Showcase next month. The children also wish to help raise money for the 6th grade science camp, so they will be performing in front of the local grocery store asking for donations. As part of their diversity program, they will be making traditional Japanese clothing, cooking Japanese food and making a presentation about Japanese culture using the anime characters. They will decide which country to study next when their club meets again.

Valley Springs Youth is dedicated to the youth of our community. Because they develop leadership skills, confidence and tools that will help them become successful adults, our motto is: "*Success Begins with Fun - Go Forth and be Fabulous.*"

Please consider donating a raffle or auction prize for our golf tournament on January 1, 2016.

Valley Springs Youth Center Board of Directors

Richard Holubek, Marti Crane, Kathy Gehrke, Virginia Bermodes, Mary Ash, Janice Bassett

Citizenship Opportunities

Looking for opportunities to explore, develop and refine your civic engagement skills? Join one of our California 4-H State Delegations to the Washington D.C. area this year and have the experience of a lifetime.

Leadership Washington Focus

For Youth Members entering 7th-9th grades

July 11-15, 2016

Cost: \$1849 (Includes airfare, conference travel, lodging and most meals)

For more information about this trip and to register, please visit the [Leadership Washington Focus webpage](#)

Citizenship Washington Focus

For Youth Members who are at least 15 years old at time of travel

- **Heritage Trail—July 10-July 16, 2016** Cost per person: \$2849 (**Conference Only**)
 - **Global Journey—July 10-19, 2016** Cost per person: \$3799 (Conference plus Extended travel days to: Gettysburg, Philadelphia & Baltimore)
- (Trip Costs include airfare, conference travel, lodging and most meals)

For more information about this trip and to register, please visit the [Citizenship Washington Focus webpage](#)

Chaperones Wanted

Are you a CA 4-H Adult Volunteer who is interested in helping youth have an absolutely AMAZING civic engagement experience? Please check out the [Chaperone Information Page](#) to find out how you can get involved in these life-changing events.

Livestock News

2016 Equine Field Day

Registration for the 2016 Equine Field Day is now open! The Equine Field Day will be held at Fresno State on February 20, 2016. Workshops will be presented on various equine related topics. We will have both youth and adult tracks with five 45 minute sessions throughout the day. Youth and adults both need to register.

Register today at <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=16766>!

Early Bird Registration:

\$10 fee for 4-H Members and active 4-H Volunteers

\$15 fee for non 4-H Members and Adults

*Early bird registration ends February 12, 2016.

Late Registration/Walk-ins:

\$15 fee for 4-H Members and active 4-H Volunteers

\$20 fee for non 4-H Members and Adults

For more information about the event, please visit [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/4H_Equine_Field_Day/)

[H_Events/4H_Equine_Field_Day/](#) or contact Alyssa Sankey, State Program Representative for Animal Science Education, ajsankey@ucanr.edu.

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Calaveras Fair Entry Books Online!

The 2016 Entry Guide Books are now on line for your convenience. If you are interested in entering adult amateur or professional categories go to the exhibits page. For junior and or teen entries visit the kid's page. Livestock information can be found on the livestock page. Everything is available at frogtown.org

Hard copies of the entry books will be available soon. For more information call the Fair office at 209-736-2561.

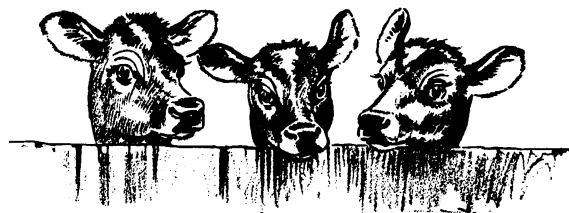
Calaveras County Fair Voluntary Beef Weigh-in

December 12, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

All market beef projects must be owned & managed by the exhibitor by December 22nd.

Questions? Please call the Fairgrounds, 736-2561.



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Cooperating statement:

The University of California working in cooperation with County Government and the United States Department of Agriculture.

NEW-REPLACEMENT HEIFER SHOW & SALE

Dept. 310 DIVISION 606- Replacement Heifer

Class

1. Commercial Bred Heifer must be 18 months to 28 months in age.
2. Purebred/Registered Heifer must be 18 months to 28 months in age.

Rules:

- Open to Members of 4-H, Grange Clubs, FFA Chapters & Independent Exhibitors of Calaveras County.
- Heifers are eligible for showing in showmanship and club or chapter groups, but not eligible for breed or market division.
- Entry Limit is 1 per exhibitor.
- The exhibitor must have had ownership of the heifer by December 15, 2015. A bill of sale and brand inspection certificate is required at the scale as proof of ownership.
- If a breeding or health problem occurs, a substitute heifer may be allowed if it is owned by the member before March 15, 2016 and approved by the fair. (Bill of Sale as proof)
- Classes will be broken initially by weight and then by color by accordance with instructions to the local rules or lots by the judge.
- All local and state rules apply.
- Forms must be completed by each exhibitor intending to show a replacement heifer at the Calaveras County Fair; forms, bill of sale and registration papers if applicable are due no later than the date listed above.
- Exhibitors must fill out all paperwork completely and legibly, and obtain all signatures, or paperwork will be rejected.
- All heifers must be naturally polled or dehorned.
- All heifers will be weighed in following market beef. Minimum weight is 900 lbs.
- All heifers must have proof of calf-hood brucellosis vaccination with presence of an official tattoo visible in the right ear.
- All heifers will be pregnancy tested on Wednesday of Fair, time and location to be announced at the mandatory meeting.
- All heifers must be bred to calve between August 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016.
- All heifers must be a minimum of 60 days bred on May 18, 2016.
- If a heifer is declared registered, papers must be submitted to the fair office at time of entry.
- Heifers are not required to sell with the exception of the champions, which must sell.
- Replacement heifers will be allowed to leave immediately following completion of the sale. With signed release.

1st Annual New Year's Day Golf Tournament

Benefits Valley Springs Youth

And Valley Springs After School 4H Club

Tax ID # 91-1810430

Saturday January 1, 2016

La Contenta Golf Course

SPONSOR INFO

09:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START

1653 Highway 26

Platinum \$525 includes 18 1/2" X 24" Tee sign

TOURNAMENT INFO:

Valley Springs, Ca 95252

with sponsor information and 4 players

Players Entry Fee: \$65.00 for members

\$100 non-members

Gold

\$425 includes 8 1/2" x 11" Tee sign

Format

with sponsor information and 4 players

Lunch Only: \$20.00

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

Player's fees include:

Green and cart fees, Tee prize bag,
5 raffle tickets, and lunch

CHECK-IN AT 8:00 AM

Silver

\$100 Includes 18 1/2" x 24" Tee sign
with sponsor info

PRIZES:

1ST AND 2ND place

#16 long drive

#2, #4 & #8 closest to pin

#13 money hole: get your ball

Bronze

\$50 Includes 8 1/2" X 11" Tee sign

Awards banquet to follow in the club house

in one of 3 circles and win

with sponsor information

(Texas Barbeque)

3x or 2x or 1x your money back

Registration form: Cut along line and mail in form

Players

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION Circle level Below

Platinum Gold Silver Bronze

Hole or Tee Sponsor Info:

Please enclose check payable to Valley Springs Youth

Mail check and form to PO Box 1194 Valley Springs, Ca 95252

For more information contact Janice Bassett 209 772-3922 or 831-239-6490. Forms available at La Contenta Golf Course