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*The Newsletter for the 4-H Family*

# *Clover Country 4-H Newsletter*

## *January 2016*

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*Check out our online calendar for upcoming events, deadlines, club & Council meeting dates:*

*<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=calaveras4hcalendar%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FLosAngeles>*

### **4-H Council Meeting – NEW LOCATION!!!**

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at the **Calaveras Grange Hall**, 376 Russell Rd, San Andreas. DIRECTIONS: From W. Saint Charles Street, turn onto Russell Rd (the street where the San Andreas Post Office is located). The Grange Hall will be on the right side of the street, not very far past the San Andreas Post Office. It is a red brick building. The meeting begins at 7 pm. All 4-H families are welcome to attend! 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.

### **Office Holiday Closure**

The UC Cooperative Extension/4-H Office will be closed December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> as well as January 18<sup>th</sup>. Happy New Year everyone!!!

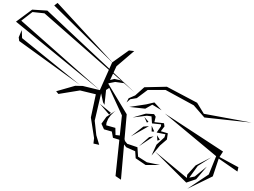
### **All Star Applications Available - REMINDER**

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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade; be eligible for or have earned your Gold Star; and have completed at least two years as a 4-H member by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you are selected. Please 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 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/](http://ucanr.org/sites/Calaveras_4-H_Program/4-H_Scholarship_Opportunities/) . They are due March 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 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./awards.php>

## WaysToHelp.org

Are you, your 4-H project or community club finding ways to help victims of the Butte Fire? 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](http://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.

## Butte Fire Recovery Event – Please Pass Along

The Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Butte Fire Business Recovery Event on Monday, January 11, 2016 from 4:00pm- 7:00pm at Ironstone Vineyards which is located at 1864 Six Mile Road in Murphys, CA. Refreshments and light appetizers will be provided.

This informative workshop will provide valuable resources to businesses who have suffered direct and indirect economic injury as a result of the Butte Fire disaster. Through collaboration with multiple which include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) this event will discuss programs designed to help you rebuild your businesses.

Speakers for the event will include Joe McClure from the Small Business Administration (SBA), Carol Pranka from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Keith Rogers from Valley Economic Development Center (VEDC), and Nate McBride from the Northeastern California Small Business Development Center, San Joaquin Delta College (SBDC). Introductions of the leaders from the various agencies will be made from 4:00pm - 4:30pm and business resource support and counseling will take place from 4:30pm - 7:00pm. This free "one on one" support and business counseling will be available to help businesses develop a long-term recovery plan.

For a complete list of documents to bring to the Business Recovery Event please visit the Chamber website @ [www.calaveras.org](http://www.calaveras.org) or contact the Chamber office at 209-754-5400.

## 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](http://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 are 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 **and voted on by the club membership**. A fundraising form should also be completed by the club officer, the 4-H leader and 4-H staff, and County Director. It is available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/19878.pdf>. Each club received a copy of this form in their club's mailbox.

Please note! There is no requirement that a 4-H club must spend their entire 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.

## 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/](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](http://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](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org)

## SubRegional Presentation Deadline!

The deadline to sign up for SubRegional Presentation Day is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms are at [http://ucanr.edu/sites/Calaveras\\_4-H\\_Program/Clover\\_Country\\_Newsletter/?newsitem=60565](http://ucanr.edu/sites/Calaveras_4-H_Program/Clover_Country_Newsletter/?newsitem=60565)

## January 2016 Issue - California 4-H Newsletter

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.

You may access the PDF document at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/227986.pdf>

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

### 4-H Foundation Looking For Events!

Members from the California 4-H Foundation Board of Directors would love to attend a 4-H event in your community if their schedule allows. Our Board members are ambassadors for California 4-H and would welcome the opportunity to see firsthand the impact of 4-H and talk with students, volunteers and supporters of 4-H in your area. Ideas for the types of events they could attend are awards celebrations, regional events, and fundraisers.

Please contact Tammie Erhard at [terhard@ucanr.edu](mailto:terhard@ucanr.edu) with the event name, date and time as well as the best contact person and the Foundation will prepare a calendar of potential activities for the Board to consider. While they may not be able to attend every event opportunity, we all look forward to hearing what you are doing in your community.

Our next Board meeting is January 12th and we hope to provide a calendar of opportunities to them. If you have some events already scheduled for 2016, please be sure to let Tammie know no later than the first week of January. We can always add to this master calendar, but it would be great to get your event on their personal calendars as soon as possible.

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## Livestock News

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### 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/#!jr-livestock/cflw>.



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