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The Newsletter for the 4-H Family

Clover Country 4-H Newsletter

February 2016

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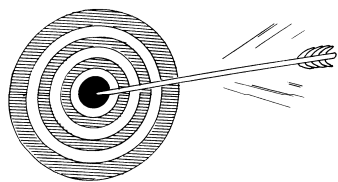
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March 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th at the Calaveras Board of Supervisors Chambers 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.



4-H Record Book Clinic Upcoming



There will be a Countywide 4-H Record Book Clinic on **Tuesday, March 1st** beginning at 6:30 pm. You must RSVP the 4-H Office no later than **February 26th**, 754-6474 if you plan to attend so that we know how many people we plan to seat. It will be held at the Calaveras Board of Supervisors Chambers in San Andreas. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members, parents and leaders to learn more about how to fill out and assemble record books.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 21st-27th, Calaveras Clover Fundraiser

February 26th, Countywide Record Book Clinic RSVP Deadline

February 28th, SubRegional Presentation Day, Calaveras River Academy, starts at noon

March 1st, Nancy Cundiff, Ely Bettencourt & Calaveras 4-H Council scholarship deadline

March 1st, Countywide 4-H Record Book Clinic, 6:30 pm, Board of Supervisors Chambers

March 6th, Lego Build Up Challenge RSVP due (look for separate information coming soon!)

March 10th, Agriculture Awareness Day, Calaveras Fairgrounds

March 12th, Lego Build Up Challenge, 10 am, Becky Thatcher Bldg., Calaveras Fairgrounds

March 16th, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting, 7 pm, Board of Supervisors Chambers

March 16th, final date to RSVP to attend Calaveras Board of Supervisors meeting

March 16th, Calaveras 4-H College Scholarship Interviews
March 17th, Livestock Ethics Class, 4 pm & 6 pm, Calaveras Fairgrounds (questions? 209/736-2561)
March 22nd, 4-H Goes to Calaveras Board of Supervisors, meet at 8:45 am near gazebo, San Andreas
April 5th, 4-H Home Arts Expo deadline
April 10th, 4-H Home Arts Expo
April 16th, Children's Fair, Bret Harte H.S., 11 am – 2 pm
April 27th, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting, 7 pm, location to be announced, San Andreas
April 30th, Calaveras Fair Horse Show
May 14th, Calaveras Dog & Alpaca Show (4-H pizza booth too)
May 18th, Calaveras Fair Weigh Ins (see entry information for all details at www.frogtown.org)
May 19-22, Calaveras Fair
May 30th, Memorial Day HOLIDAY
June 1st, All Star & Emerald Star Applications Due
June 15th, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting, 7 pm, Board of Supervisors Chambers, San Andreas
June 15th, All Star & Emerald Star applications due
June 30th, 4-H Club Record Book Judging deadline
July 1st, NEW 4-H Year BEGINS!
July 20th, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting/Council Elections, 7 pm, Board of Supervisors Chambers San Andreas
July 20th, Record books due to Calaveras 4-H Office for county judging
July 20th, All Star & Emerald Star interviews
July 23rd, Countywide Record Book Judging, Calaveras County Office of Education, adult judges will be needed. Must RSVP the 4-H Office by July 15th. Clubs that don't provide judges will not have books from their club judged. Please no children.

Junior Fair Board Applications Available

Applications for the Calaveras Junior Fair Board are now available. This is an excellent opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to be a part of what goes on behind the scenes at the Frog Jump. They play an integral role in assuring that the fair runs smoothly and successfully.

Applications are due March 1st and are at

http://media.wix.com/ugd/b73ed7_87725db731234373ba98c03af259b585.pdf

Where Are State 4-H Policies?

The policies for the California 4-H Youth Development Program are on the State 4-H website. The link is: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Policies/>

Sylvia Hood Wins Golden Clover Award!

Congratulations to Sylvia Hood. Golden Clover Award winners are awarded a \$500 cash award, a medallion and lapel pin. Award winners will be recognized on the state 4-H website and announced at the 4-H State Leadership Conference and State 4-H Leaders' Forum. Sylvia won her award through her video project. Way to go!



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MINUTES
CALAVERAS 4-H COUNCIL

February 17, 2016

Call to Order 7:01PM

Pledge of Allegiance

4-H Pledge

CPR Demonstration by San Andreas Fire Department

Roll Call

Angelus Ranus (1) They will be having their annual cake auction on Monday at Mark Twain at 6PM as a club fundraiser

Murphys (0)

Tri-Dam (0)

West Point (2) They have been selling the chocolate candy bars and sent Thank you notes to West Point Lumber and Sierra Pacific Industries for all of their support. The cargo trailer has been ordered and will be coming in next week sometime. The club is progressing and becoming more of a poultry club because that is what the members can do.

Jenny Lind (4) They have made the arrangements to be able to host Presentation Day. The club is still growing and outgrowing their venue. They are also planning their dinner for August 27th and they are going to try to have it be a dinner/dance.

Mokelumne Hill (3) They went to Humboldt for a poultry show. They are getting their buyer letters out and selling candy. They are planning on attending an avian bowl in Fresno and trying to make it to Nationals.

Mountain Ranch (0)

Calaveras Wranglers (2) They just got 2 new members. Their welding project will be started in the next month or so. Also they are getting their shooting sports started.

Toyon (0)

Copper Hills (0)

VS Youth Center PM Club (0)

County Wide (0)

Ex Officio (1)

Guests (3)

Additional Agenda items

Wildlife stuff

Schedule problem with club to host Home Arts Expo

Shooting sports training

Correspondence State Fashion Review is asking for a donation. No motions made to make a donation.

Reports

Secretary Minutes were read and approved 1st Kelsey 2nd Sylvia

Treasurer No report made. The deposit for the handwarmers was made

Emerald Star There was an interview before the meeting and they are going to tell the applicant to go ahead with the project. There will be more updates as it progresses but probably in August will see the event happening.

Staff The signs are made for the Calaveras Clovers sales and available for those that want them.

Northern Central Section Field Day will be March 26. Rules were shared with use of the chambers that have to remove all trash when leave and that all children need to be inside and not out running around.

Lego build up day has been planned for March 12 and have only received one sponsorship for \$200 and one judge so far. It is planned to be at the fairgrounds in the old 4-H building from 10-2. RSVP by March 7 to ensure can have enough materials for all participants.

Old Business

Chocolate Candy Sales There are 2 boxes currently not assigned to anybody.

Calaveras Clover next week will be the sale of the Clovers

Food Sales May 14th It has been arranged to buy pizza from Mike's Pizza. The sales will be by pre-order with order forms being sent out early. The delivery of pizza will be done in shifts. Also will have water for sale on that day.

Diversity Speaker update None

Lego build up Challenge already discussed

Sub Regional Presentation Day February 28 There are only 3 judges currently and with the change in dates many more entries have been turned in.

Hispanic and 4-H engagement committee formation The state is wanting to increase the enrollment of minorities in 4-H to match the census data for the percentages. This discussion has been postponed until June to form committee to come up with ideas on ways to reach more people. This committee would be nice if could get involvement from all the clubs sending at least one youth and one adult to help with ideas for their areas.

New Business

Wildlife Tri-County Wildlife is looking for donations and it would be a good community service project.

Sylvia offered to take donations to them also can drop donations off at The Feed Barn in Jackson.

Home Arts Expo calendar problem April 10 Mokelumne Hill 4-H Club is needing more helpers because of a scheduling issue. Chris and Jared offered to help.

Shooting Sports Training. A training will be held March 5th and 6th in Angels Camp. This training will allow the leaders to be able to do shooting sports. It is open for people to attend but they already have to be cleared as a 4-H leader to get the shooting sports training. The training will be for rifles. It will be held at the facility law enforcement uses for training on Dogtown Road.

Record books the county will no longer be allowed to make their own forms for mini-members after this year.

Dates to Remember

February 21-27 Calaveras Clover Week

February 28 Sub Regional Presentation Day

March 1 Record Book Clinic RSVP February 26 location Calaveras Board of Supervisors Chambers

March 1 College scholarship applications due

March 22 4-H Goes to Board of Supervisors Bring little things to give the supervisors 5 items

March 17 Ethics Class in the Frogeteria at 4PM or 6PM

Adjourn 1st Kelsey 2nd DeJani

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4-H Members Are Going to the Board of Supervisors Meeting!

4-H members are asked to attend the Calaveras 4-H Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to represent the Calaveras 4-H program, and thank the Board for their support of this youth development program. Members are encouraged to be dressed in uniform & those with small, caged animals are welcome to attend. Members can share their experiences in 4-H such as how many years they have been in the program, what projects they are taking, the name of their community club & other interests.

We will be meeting outside of the Board Chambers at 8:45 (at the gazebo) am for a brief conversation. The members will speak during the public comment session, which begins shortly after 9 am. After our presentation, we will depart so students & parents can get back to their day. The Board Chambers are at the Government Center. Please **RSVP** the 4-H Office by Wednesday, March 16th 754-6474 or

iggoerlitz@ucanr.edu. This is a great opportunity for your 4-H record book too, since the meetings are typically aired on the local television station. We hope to see you there!

Insurance Reminder



Volunteers who drive during a 4-H event should remember that their automobile insurance coverage is primary. The university's insurance coverage is secondary to the insurance, which covers the vehicle driven by the volunteer involved in an accident, and only if the volunteer's action is determined to be negligent in causing the accident.

Arrangements for transportation of youth to 4-H events are the responsibility of the parents or guardian. County 4-H staff does not provide permission slips allowing members to ride with 4-H leaders or parents. The adult who is transporting another family's child should carry a handwritten permission slip from the parent or guardian of the child.

The University of California does not offer liability insurance to 4-H volunteers for use of their homes for 4-H project meetings. Please make sure you have adequate liability insurance on your homeowners and automobile policies. The UCCE insurance program provides limited liability coverage for volunteers in cases where it has been determined, through investigation that they acted negligently. Coverage is for supervision of people and general supervision of a UCCE-sponsored programmatic activity. There are some exceptions and limitations which are determined on a case-by-case basis through investigation.

For more details go to [http://ucanr.org/sites/risk/Automobile - General Liability Insurance/](http://ucanr.org/sites/risk/Automobile%20-%20General%20Liability%20Insurance/)

Tips For 4-H Success

To Be a Successful Leader:

- Be organized and set ground rules.
- Greet & engage the members especially NEW members.
- Have eye contact with the members.
- Don't baby-sit.

- Remember that you just can't please all the people, all the time.
- Change things up by adding different activities and field trips.
- Members must have sweat equity in fundraising.
- Know that all kids do not get along, no matter how hard you try.
- Understand that some parents don't realize the time it takes to be a leader.
- Grin a lot. Also taking deep breaths and counting to 10 does help.

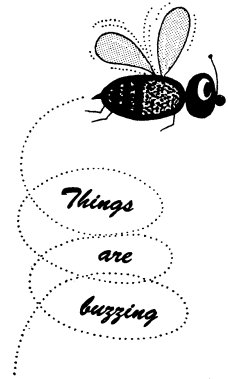
To Be a Successful Member:

- Keep your paperwork for each project in one folder.
- Have a 4-H Calendar, post it where the family can see it and mark down all your activities.
- After each meeting write down the time, day and place of the meeting and what you did or learned.
- Be responsible for your own project, attend the required meetings for club and project, make your commitments.
- Call your leader or CCL if you have any questions regarding the project.
- Welcome new members; always be kind and respectful.
- Thank your CCL and project leaders after each meeting, and occasionally with a hand written note.



To Be a Successful Parent of a Member:

When possible, attend meetings with your child.
After each meeting ask your child what they did and learned at the meeting.
Keep your commitments and help your child keep theirs.
Pick up your child on time.
Volunteer to do something with the project or with the club.
Contact the leader or CCL with any issues or questions.



Ground Rules For Club & Project Meetings

- Start and end meeting on time.
- Be respectful of others.
- Only one person speaks at a time.
- Focus on issues, not people or personalities.
- Say what you have to say, but only once.
- Use inquiry to seek understanding.
- Share in the success of the meeting – focus on results, process and relationships.
- No side-bar conversations.
- Actively listen to all perspectives.
- Check cell phones/email during breaks only.
- Put cell phones onto vibrate or turn off.
- Honor time commitments.
- Enjoy yourself and be respectful.

4-H Record Keeping App!

Do you agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad and send customized reports right to your email inbox.

- Track your 4-H'ers and their individual livestock project animals
- Track participation in events, meetings, shows, contests and more
- Record animal weights, feed, and health and monitor average daily gains
- Enter project income, expenses, and assets to generate financial statements
- Use photos to customize each 4-H'er and animal
- Export reports to analyze in spreadsheets, create graphs, or use in your state or local 4-H record keeping forms

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tractor Supply Company, National 4-H Council brings you this easy, flexible way to keep all your 4-H market livestock records all together in one place.

So stop writing animal weights on feed sacks and trying to re-create records from calendars, checkbooks and faded receipts. There's a better way! For more information about 4-H please visit the 4-H website. <http://www.4-h.org>

News From The State 4-H Office

Please check out the State 4-H Office's newsletter online. The February edition is now available. You can also subscribe to receive emails when the newest edition becomes available!

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Newsletter/>

West Point 4-H Pancake Breakfast

The West Point 4H Club asks everyone to reserve Sunday, March 13th for our famous All-You-Can-Eat-Pancakes Breakfast. It will be held from 8 –10:30AM at the VFW Hall on Sphinx Road in West Point. We serve our endless pancakes with 4H eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, and beverages – all for just \$5 (age 5 and under eat free). Please plan to join us!

Hope Baird, Project Leader, West Point 4H Club

State 4-H Shooting Sports Match

Entries are now available for the 2016 State 4-H Shooting Sports Match hosted by Siskiyou County. There are categories for rifle, pistol, and shotgun. Entries are due to Siskiyou County by March 8th. Targets are sent to the leaders in the local counties where they are fired and returned for scoring. Awards are available for the top shooters in each age category and discipline. For more information contact John Borba, jaborba@ucanr.edu

4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Workshop

March 13 – 16, 2016

Plans are underway to host a 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Workshop in California. It will be held at the Safety First Shooting Association in Winton, CA (Merced County). Those who pass the certification training will be certified to lead a 4-H Western Heritage project. There are pre-requisites for the course listed on the application. For more information about the project visit: <http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/>

For a copy of the application and information sheet contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu

Job & Career Resource Fair

The Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Job & Career Resource Fair on March 10, 2016 from 4PM till 8PM at the San Andreas Town Hall located at 24 Church Hill Street in San Andreas. This event will be hosted and attended by San Joaquin Delta College and Columbia College.

The Job & Career Resource Fair will offer individuals the opportunity to meet with employers offering full and part time positions and a chance to learn about what it takes to enter specific career fields. "Table Talk" Sessions will also be available, addressing topics such as resume building, best interviewing practices, and tips on customer service.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to make connections with potential employers", says the Chamber Executive Director, Staci Johnston. "The Job & Career Resource Fair will hold a wealth of information for those both looking for employment and seeking to change careers."



LIVESTOCK NEWS

Agriculture Awareness Day

Calling all past, present and future Agriculture Day presenters! Come join in the fun!
This event is sponsored by Calaveras County Farm Bureau and the Calaveras County Fair.

DATE: March 10, 2016

LOCATION: Calaveras Fairgrounds

SET UP: 8 am

4-H members! This is a great event that showcases many of the agricultural commodities and organizations within Calaveras County. Elementary students come to the event to learn about agriculture, and we have a booth there each year. You can bring your display boards, animals (not over 100 lbs., spit, bite nor aggressive) and be prepared to speak to the students about your projects. This counts towards demonstration credit in your 4-H Record Book. If you haven't made a display board before, then now would be a good time for it!

Presentations start at 9 am and end at 1 pm. Lunch is served after clean up.

The day can be very chilly in the morning, so you are encouraged to layer warm clothes, bring a chair, sunscreen and snacks. No pens are provided for our animals, so please bring your own enclosure. And don't be afraid to ask for assistance if you need help setting up your area.

4-H families, please contact the 4-H Office, 754-6474 or email jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu if you would like to participate. We need everyone to RSVP by March 4th, so the cooks know how many people to feed.



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Tri County Wildlife Care

Wish List

Donations from the Wish List are a great way to help our local native wildlife. All items are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Intake Supplies

Paper Towels
Dawn Liquid Dish Detergent
Anti-Bacterial Hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Laundry Detergent
Scotch Brite Sponges - 4.5"x2.7"
33 Gal. Trash & Yard Bags
Plastic Laundry Baskets
Baby Flannel, Receiving Blankets
Flannel Pouches For Baby Mammals
Flannel Sheets and Pillow Cases
Gloves-Any Type

Bleach
Kleenex
Towels (If Used, Of Good Quality)
Sheets
Qt. Size Freezer Bags
13 gal. Kitchen Trash bags
Heating Pads
Breeder Light Bulbs
Welder's Gloves

Food Supplies

Nuts
Acorns
Fresh Fruit (April-October)
K-MR Kitten Formula
Small Size Mealworms

Eggs
Esbilac Puppy Formula
Pedialyte
Wild Bird Seed

Miscellaneous

Empty Baby Food Jars (Small)
Digital Gram Weight Scales
Fiberglass (Light Weight) Mesh
New Cardboard Pet Carriers
Airline Pet Carriers (All Sizes)
Glue Gun
Chain Link Kennel Panels
Screening; Soft, 36 Inch Wide
Property For A Wildlife Center
Handy Person To Build "Owl Boxes"

Stamps
Folding Chairs
Plastic Spray Bottle (Unused)
Ringer's Lactate Solution
Folding Tables
Astro-Turf Door Mats
Full Size Working Freezer
Grocery Gift Cards

ITEMS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE FEED 9/11/11
BARN IN JACKSON OR TO SYLVIA BELT,

707-364-6414

Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee



February 15, 2016

Dear Livestock Leader and or Advisor:

Please share the following information with your members. The California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Calaveras County Public Health Department has asked the fair to solicit the assistance of our exhibitors in educating the fair-going public about common sense practices that prevent disease.

The Fair would be appreciative if you would be mindful of the following guidelines.

- Do not eat or drink in animal areas.
- Do not allow children to climb on pens and animal enclosures.
- Toys, pacifiers, blankets and other personal items can become contaminated – keep personal items away from the animal's environment. Wash contaminated items before returning to children.
- Always wash hands with soap and water after touching animals, their enclosures, food containers and after contact with animal bedding, feces or pens.
- Always wash hands before drinking, eating, smoking or preparing foods.
- Young children need assistance in washing hands.

The Fair depends on our youth exhibitors to educate the public about agriculture. Please be sure to remember the above common sense measures. In addition, for your convenience and the convenience of the fairgoers hand washing stations and sanitizing stations are located in the livestock area. It is our hope with your help we can prevent animal related diseases such as E. coli 0157:H7.

Sincerely,

Laurie Giannini
CEO– Fair Manager

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Raising Backyard Chickens

Join the University of California Cooperative Extension El Dorado County Master Gardeners for a workshop on raising backyard chickens. Participants will learn the basics of small flock management and have your questions answered by poultry experts and specialists

Topics:

Backyard Chicken Behavior

Raising Healthy Chickens

Housing

Safe Egg Handling

Predator Exclusion

Workshop Details:

February 27, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Shingle Springs Rancheria

5168 Honpie Road, Placerville

To register for this \$25.00 workshop which includes a light breakfast and box lunch, please call the UCCE office at 530-621-5512 or register online at

<http://ucanr.edu/uccemg-backyardchickensworkshop>

or use this QR code:



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