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The Newsletter for the 4-H Family

Clover Country 4-H Newsletter

April 2016

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

April 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27nd at the Calaveras Board of Supervisors Chambers in San Andreas (Note: this is the **4th Wednesday** for the month of April only). 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.



Please note that there will be **no** May 4-H Council meeting.

What Are You Up To In 4-H?

Is your club or project holding a fundraiser? Are you participating in a community service event? Did you enter your 4-H project in a show & would like to share your experience & what you did? 4-H members, please consider writing an article and submit it for the next 4-H newsletter. You can receive credit in your 4-H record book! Please submit your articles to Jennifer Goerlitz, 4-H Program Representative, jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu .

Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships

The 2016 Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships are available for application soon. To view the full list and description requirements of the scholarships available, visit: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/Scholarships - Awards/Scholarships/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/Scholarships-Awards/Scholarships/)

Ironstone Concours Foundations Makes Generous Donation to 4-H!

Foothill counties 4-H youth members, staff and leaders have participated in the Concours since its inception in 1993 and 2015 was again a huge success. Hundreds of guests enjoyed the car show on the grassy winery grounds along with silent and live auctions and buffet and gala lunches. 4-H members in their white and green uniforms set up project displays, greeted and visited with guests, competed in a public speaking event, and handed out awards including their popular bags of homemade cookies.

4-H members from Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Amador, El Dorado and San Joaquin counties are requested to participate in the Concours and received donations when they do. The Ironstone Concours Foundation also supports Calaveras and Bret Harte FFA programs, Calaveras and State Fair scholarships.

The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance takes place Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10-4:30 on the grounds of Ironstone Winery in Murphys. For more information call 209/269-6950 or see <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/>.



WANTED!

4-H parent, leader or older 4-H youth member who would like to help write the monthly 4-H newsletter. If interested in helping, please contact Jennifer at the 4-H office, 209/754-6474. Thank you!

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

**Rifle Discipline
Visalia, CA**

Saturday, June 25, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 26, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Dale Wimp Rifle Range, 7398 Avenue 328 in Visalia. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. Complimentary lunches will be provided. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at:

<http://www.vsmas.us/vsma/locations>

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

**Shotgun Discipline
Bakersfield, CA**

Saturday, April 16, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 17, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the Shotgun discipline will be held at Kern County Gun club, 12450 Shotgun Road Bakersfield CA 93311. Camping is available next door at Lake Buena Vista, Full hook up \$36- \$40, Dry camp \$28-\$34 Veterans \$15. Seniors \$2 call 661-868-7000 or

<http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/buena-vista.asp> to setup. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a shotgun trainer and can lead a shotgun project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. The cost for the course is \$20 and covers your range fees and materials, shotguns are available at the range for no fee. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Nick Holman 661-205-8613 or at [mailto: NHolman@bak.rr.com](mailto:NHolman@bak.rr.com)

Shooting Sports Project Leader Course

What: Rifle Discipline

When: Saturday, May 14, 2016 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Sunday, May 15, 2016 8:00 am -4:00 pm

WHERE: San Luis Obispo Sportsmen Association's Houge Range. 3272 Gilardi Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Only 14 spots are available for the training.

Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. To qualify for this training, you must have completed the following items:

- Enroll in <https://california.4honline.com> in your resident county as an Adult Volunteer
- Complete the DOJ Live-Scan process in your resident county, and
- Complete the Volunteer Orientation post-test

If you are already enrolled as a 4-H Adult Volunteer, you do not need to complete the above steps. Lunch will also be provided both days.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own eye and ear protection if desired, but it is not necessary. Please bring your completed medical release form with you on the first morning of class.

Shooting Sports Project Leader Course

What: Rifle Discipline

Where: Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club, 557 ½ Lakeview Rd. Watsonville, CA

When: Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 24, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. Lunch: will be provided both days for \$6.00 each day. If you have special food needs please contact the instructor. *Lunch is typically a BBQ'd Burger and fixings one day, and a Sandwich bar (make your own) and fixings the second day.*

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified to lead a project in the shooting sports discipline of Rifle.

To register for the class contact:

Randy Turnquist at randy@randyt.com or 831-566-2590

4-H Program Assistant, Davis, CA

Date Posted: April 5, 2016

Closing Date: April 19, 2016

As the first point of contact, under supervision of the Associate Director for 4-H Program and Policy, provide complex administrative and programmatic support specific to the activities of the California State 4-H Youth Development Program. Coordinate statewide events and meetings. Provide administrative support to the 4-H Advisory Committees and Management Board (MB). Maintain and update all methods of communication. Provide administrative support and serve on committees for the YFC Unit and the ANR Building as needed.

Promote, in all ways consistent with the other responsibilities of the position, Accomplishment of the Affirmative Action goals established by the Division.

To apply, please visit:

<https://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=59386>

North Central Presentation Day

Congratulations to the following who attended this event at UC Davis!

Kayomi P. received a gold award.

Hunter S. received a blue award.

Thank you to Mary Payne for being an evaluator!

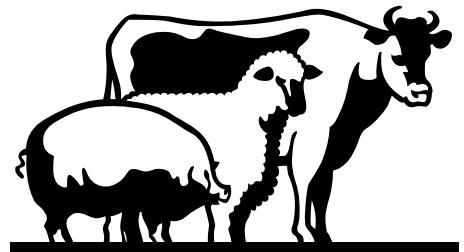
LIVESTOCK NEWS

CONTACTED YOUR BUYERS YET?

The following article is printed annually in the *4-H Clover Country* newsletter.

Yoo-hoo!!! Are you a 4-H member who plans on selling livestock at the Calaveras Fair auction? If so, NOW is the time to approach prospective buyers for your animals. All 4-H community club leaders have received a list of last year's livestock buyers so please contact them for information.

Here are some ideas you are ENCOURAGED to use to guarantee a successful sale for you.



- Contact your buyer from last year either by note or phone call. Thank your buyer again for their support of your project and 4-H. Let them know that you will again be selling livestock and look forward to seeing them.
- If this is the first year you are anticipating selling livestock at the Fair or your buyer from last year is no longer available your best option is to advertise. What this means is that there are many "potential buyers" out there. They are just waiting to be approached by you. We often have heard comments about "how So & So never even came to our Fair until a 4-H'er in the community just asked them to come and buy." Many of those people are still buying every year!

- You may feel uncomfortable approaching a person or business. If you have a friend who is also in your situation perhaps you can advertise the auction together. It is highly encouraged that you be wearing your 4-H uniform when approaching people. It shows you are a willing and dedicated individual to your potential buyer.

The time is now to start moving!!! Don't wait until the last minute to find a buyer or contact your last year's buyer. You may find yourself out of luck because someone secured the buyer before you. You will only have yourself to blame so hop to it and GOOD LUCK!!!

Tips for Sending Letters to Potential Buyers

It is every 4-H market project member's responsibility to help invite buyers to the 4-H Livestock Auctions. Buyers like to be personally invited to attend the auction, but the request needs to be made in an appropriate manner. Please use the tips that follow to guide you in your letter writing efforts to invite buyers to this year's auctions.

What Should You Include In Your Letter?

- Information About Yourself
- Information About Your Project and Club
- Fair Dates
- Sale Dates, Times and Locations
- How They Can Participate as a Buyer?
- Where They Can Get More Information?
- Thank You for previous participation if they are a buyer from a previous year!

What You Should Not Include in Your Letter?

- Asking the Person To Just Buy Your Project
- Asking for a Donation or Sponsorship – the auction is not for charity.
- Buy My Animal or Our Family Won't Do Business With You!
- Asking for A Certain Price or Bid
- Statements Related to Personal Hardships, Finances, etc.

Letter Etiquette

- Send Your Letters Out At Least 2 Weeks Before Fair Begins
- Write Neatly or Create Your Letters on the Computer
- Be Creative – Add clip art, photographs of you and your project animals, create your own paper and envelopes.

Adapted From Ohio State University - Clark County 4-H

Ethics Class Make Up

Did you happen to miss the ethics class the fairgrounds last month??? Well, don't fret any longer because LUCKILY Mr. Beck at Bret Harte H.S. is offering the class and all are welcome. The class will be held on April 29th at 1:30 pm (during school hours) in his classroom. Be sure to thank him!

From The Fairgrounds...

Exhibitors will be allowed one wash at the Fair. We encourage that most of their fitting be done ahead of time.

Animal Science Symposium

The Animal Science Symposium is scheduled for **May 23-25 at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine**. The Animal Science Symposium is a train-the-trainer professional development approach on important topics and skills related to animal welfare and animal health. The Symposium is geared towards 4-H staff, 4-H adult volunteers, and FFA teachers. Youth are not eligible to attend. The theme for this year's symposium is Animal Welfare, as this year's symposium will provide foundational training on the new Animal Welfare Proficiencies which will be rolled out later this spring!

Registration

The total symposium cost per individual is \$110 which covers most meals, materials, educational sessions, and other program expenses; this excludes travel, lodging, and Thursday dinner. **Registration closes on May 15th** so make sure to register today at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/

Youth Career Exploration and Interact Session

As part of the Animal Science Symposium, a Youth Career Fair will also take place at the event on Monday, May 23 from 5-7 pm. Youth will have the opportunity to interact with researchers, educators, industry, government organizations to explore possible career opportunities in animal science and agriculture! Youth are asked to RSVP by May 18th at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/RSVPFair/.

Please pass this information along to those who may be interested. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alyssa Sankey, ajsankey@ucanr.edu.



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