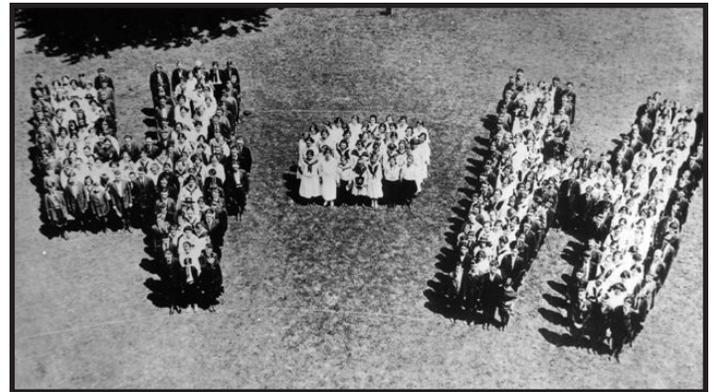




## 4H HISTORY

Since its humble beginnings more than 100 years ago, 4-H has grown to become the nation's largest youth development organization. The 4-H idea is simple: help young people and their families gain the skills they need to be proactive forces in their communities' and develop ideas for a more innovative economy. That idea was the catalyst to begin the 4-H movement, and those values continue today.

As one of the first youth development organizations in America, 4-H opened the door for young people to learn leadership skills and explore ways to give back. 4-H revolutionized how youth connected to practical, hands-on learning experiences while outside of the classroom.



### The Birth of 4-H Programs

During the late 1800's, researchers at public universities saw that adults in the farming community did not readily accept the new agricultural discoveries being developed on university campuses. However, they found that young people were open to new thinking and would "experiment" with new ideas and share their experiences and successes with adults. In this way, rural youth programs became an innovative way to introduce new agriculture technology to their communities.

The seed of the 4-H idea of practical and "hands-on" learning came from the desire to make public school education more connected to country life. Early programs tied both public and private resources together for the purpose of helping rural youth. Building community clubs to help solve these agricultural challenges was a first step toward youth learning more about the industries in their community.

A. B. Graham started one such youth program in Clark County, Ohio, in 1902, which is considered the birth of the 4-H program in the United States. The first club was called "The Tomato Club" or the "Corn Growing Club". T.A. "Dad" Erickson of Douglas County, Minnesota, started local agricultural after-school clubs and fairs also in 1902. Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910, and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs.

When Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 and created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA, it included work of various boys' and girls' clubs involved with agriculture, home economics and related subjects, which effectively nationalized the 4-H organization. By 1924, these clubs became organized as 4-H clubs, and the clover emblem was adopted.



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The Cooperative Extension System is a unique partnership of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the 109 land-grant universities (in every state and territory) and more than 3,000 county offices.

As a publicly funded, non-formal collaborative national educational network, Cooperative Extension combines the expertise and resources of federal, state, and local governments. Cooperative Extension is designed to meet the need for research, knowledge and educational programs that enable people to make practical decisions.



Through the local county and state offices, Extension staff provides research-based information, non-formal educational programs and technical advice directly to individuals, families and communities that enable them to be self-reliant and improve their lives. Historically, these efforts have been described in various ways - as major projects, programs, areas or core programs.

Today, 4-H has an expansive reach, serving youth in rural, urban, and suburban communities in every state across the nation. Youth currently in 4-H are tackling the nation's top issues, from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety. 4-H out-of-school programming, in-school enrichment programs, clubs and camps also offer a wide variety of science, engineering, technology and applied math

educational opportunities - from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science - to improve the nation's ability to compete in key scientific fields and take on the leading challenges of the 21st century.

4-H also has an expanded global presence through the development of the International Farm Youth Exchange. The Exchange helped to develop similar 4-H programs in more than 80 countries throughout the world.

As 4-H grew, so has the American economy. Companies in the areas of agriculture, manufacturing, technology, education seek out 4-H youth to join the ranks of their most successful employees. In addition, you will find 4-H Distinguished Alumni in many different fields such as business & industry, communications, education, entertainment, sports and public service.



## Dusty Dividers Fiber Arts.

This month's Fiber Arts is working on felted ornaments and learning the finer points in knitting for some and beginning crocheting for others. Some of the youth in this project also tended to their Dusty Dividers Fair Adopt a Garden Spot, competed at the fair and took second place, and a \$75 prize was awarded to their club. Way to go Dusty Dividers.



Here's a picture of the Shingle Springers Arts & Crafts meeting, they made Christmas ornaments!

They plan on entering them at Home Arts Day & Fair, so everyone can see them displayed there!



Greetings California 4-H Youth Development Program staff and volunteers:

As we embark on our 4-H Centennial year in 2013, I am pleased to share that the State 4-H Office will be providing tools to assist in your planning of local events and celebrations around the 4-H Revolution of Responsibility.

Please keep an eye out in January for more information on how to access and use the Centennial resources that will be adapted from our existing Revolution of Responsibility toolkit on the [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org) website. These resources will include a logo, flyer, invitation, sample news release and a basic "elevator speech" that will help create consistent messaging around the Revolution of Responsibility and 4-H's Centennial year.

As you begin to think about and plan events that will take place in your club, county or section, we ask that you please keep the Centennial foremost in your messaging so we can capitalize on opportunities to promote 4-H to a broader audience. We look forward to a great year ahead in celebration of our California 4-H Centennial and the Revolution of Responsibility.



# EL DORADO COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY 2013

February 23rd

Folsom Lake College

Judges training 8:00 a.m.

**Presentations & Awards 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Presentation Day is an exciting day to share what you know with other 4-H'ers. You can give a presentation or lend a hand with the event. Have fun and win awards!

**Please note: Anyone earning a Gold at Presentation Day will need to decide on the 23rd whether they wish to attend Sectional Presentation Day. We will need at least one adult judge to participate as well.**

**Here's what you can do on Presentation Day.**

- **Give a presentation.** *(You can give a presentation by yourself or with another 4-H member.)*
- **Be a doorkeeper.** *(This person makes sure no one comes in the room while a 4-H'er is giving a presentation. It's a great job for someone who's never been to Presentation Day before!)*
- **Be a room coordinator.** *(This person sets up the room for the presenters, explains the rules to everyone, and makes sure each presenter gets their turn. You need to have given a presentation at another Presentation Day to do this job.)*
- If you're an adult or in high school, you can **be a judge!** You'll get training before the event, so you'll know what to do. You'll be a huge help to the kids – they need you! We need at least 3 adults from each club to help.
- **Just watch!** 4-H members from all over the county will be here, talking about lots of cool stuff.

**If you want to give a presentation, here are some of the kinds you can give and what they are:**

- A **demonstration** teaches a skill by showing how to do it.
- An educational **display** is an organized visual presentation, often on a tri-fold poster board panel. You explain what's on your poster to a judge.
- A **prepared speech** is when you write and give a speech to persuade, inform, or educate the audience on one topic.
- An **impromptu speech** is one you write at the competition on the topic given by the judges.
- An **interpretive reading** is when you read from a book, making the story come alive with your voice.
- **Share the fun** is a group skit or a group presentation.

4-H has a great manual to help you prepare your presentation. It's online at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd>. It tells you everything you need to know about how to do a presentation and what they judges want to see and hear. Read it early to make sure you understand what to do.

Any questions email Mary Jordan- [AppleCheeksFacePainting@yahoo.com](mailto:AppleCheeksFacePainting@yahoo.com)

\*Reminder- We encourage Primary Members to give presentations, however, if they are in a group presentation, the group will be exempt from judging.

# Youth Leadership Development Project

E L D O R A D O C O U N T Y

## CONFERENCES

- Create A Leader (CAL) Conference
- State Leadership Conference (SLC)
- California Focus
- Washington Focus
- National Conference

## COMMUNITY BUILDING TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY, ONE YOUTH AT A TIME

Do you want to build your leadership skills? Are you interested in meeting other youth as excited about making a difference in their community? Ever wonder if there was more to 4-H beyond the club meeting?

Whether you attend this year or want to prepare to attend in upcoming years...this project is here to help.

4-H leadership is important to me because it shows that I am proficient in taking on challenges and shows back a positive impact on my community. – Devan



*What does leadership mean, having the ability for youth to stand up and say what they believe.*  
- William

The purpose of this project is to give 4-H members 6th grade and up an opportunity to begin engaging in leadership development conferences. We will expose them to what is available, help them involve the community and assist in raising the funds to attend.

**Are you ready to revolutionize  
El Dorado County?**

We will be meeting at the county office on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call:

Julie Winter  
916-765-3682  
or

4-H County Office  
530-621-5503

## KEY D A T E S

### Create A Leader (CAL)

January 25-27, 2013

### National 4-H Conference

April 6-11, 2013

### California Focus

June 14-18, 2013

### State Leadership Conference (SLC)

July 25-28, 2013

### Washington Focus

**Dates for the 2013 program include:**

**Heritage Trail:** June 23 to June 29, 2013  
The 7 day program to Washington, D.C.

**Global Journey:** June 23 to July 2, 2013  
The 10 day program to Washington, D.C., Gettysburg, Philadelphia and New York City

## County Wide Shooting Sports Project

The resolute of the 2011-2012 Annual Postal Shooting Match, sponsored by Siskiyou County 4H, are in and everyone that competed did a great job. Congratulations to Chloe S. Blake B. Cody S. Simone B. Everett G. Lexi W. Natalia B. Chase M. Shannon J. Brian I. Tyla B. Melinda C. Ron B. Tyler S. We are looking forward to another great year. Congratulations again. Some of the families in the photo helped to raise over \$100, locally in partnership with GVCA, at the 4th of July Parade and Picnic in Gardenvally, by being in charge of all the recycling. Not all families are represented in this photo.



## LET'S GET READY TO THRIVE in 2013!

El Dorado County is proud to present the return of the Thrive Project. The Thrive Project engages Positive Youth Development by learning safety (both physical and emotional) which builds relationships, Skill building, youth engagement, and community involvement all in one.

The thriving practices (aka 4-H Thrive) helps identify sparks, develop a growth mindset, learn and practice goal management skills, and self-reflection ARE how 4-H does skill building. They are integral to the 4-H brand of positive youth development. In the upcoming program year, we will continue to advance youth development skills specifically with Junior and Teen Leaders. Clubs who have not yet enrolled this project

are encouraged to talk to your UCCE 4-H staff to attend training and move your members on the path to thriving the 4-H way!

Jr. Project Leaders, Teen Leaders, Officers and Junior Camp Counselors, SLC and any youth member in a leadership role we want you to come and THRIVE with us. The project starts in January 2013 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Meetings will be held in the conference room at the 4-H office on 1/23/13, 2/20/13, 3/20/13, 4/17 and 5/15/13 from 6PM to 7PM.

For more information contact Tracy Celio at the 4-H office 621-5507 or Liz Stoldt at [Stoldt1@hotmail.com](mailto:Stoldt1@hotmail.com).



# 4-H Calendar of Events

## JANUARY

Jan 15 County Council

Jan 23 iThrive Project Meeting

Jan 25-27 Create a Leader (CAL)

## FEBRUARY

Feb 2 Sub Regional Presentation Day

Feb 19 County Council

Feb 23 Presentation Day

Feb 23 Multi-County Part. Volunteer Training

FEB 25-27 iThrive Project Meeting

## MARCH

March 19 County Council

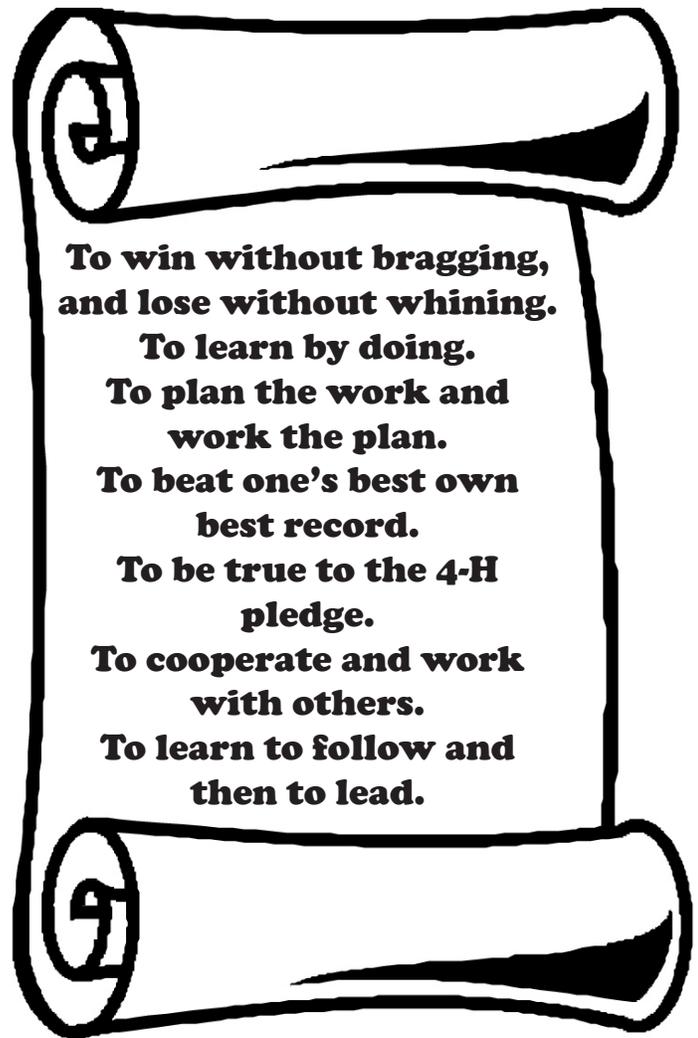
March 20 iThrive Project Meeting

## APRIL

April 13 Home Arts Day EDC Fairgrounds

## MAY

May 11 Round Up Chili Cook-Off



**To win without bragging,  
and lose without whining.**

**To learn by doing.**

**To plan the work and  
work the plan.**

**To beat one's best own  
best record.**

**To be true to the 4-H  
pledge.**

**To cooperate and work  
with others.**

**To learn to follow and  
then to lead.**



## Ag Expo, Chili Cook Off & Round Up



Mark your calendars for May 11, 2013! Youth Ag Expo, Round Up & Chili Cook Off will be an all-day event held at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. 4-H volunteers are in the planning stages to make this an amazing community activity but we can't do it alone. We need your help.

As many of you know, this is more than a pre-fair event. This is a chance to show the community 4-H outcomes and let the community get to know what we do. It is also a fundraiser for 4-H Youth Development. Money raised will assist El Dorado County 4-H in achieving our mission of building confident, competent youth of character who contribute to their communities. Funds will pay for curriculum development, leader training, awards, recruitment efforts, scholarships for conference attendees and so much more. This is the one and currently the only fundraiser done at the county level.

We need the help of every 4-H family to make this a success and the best event in town! How can you help? First and foremost, attend the event and invite your friends, family and neighbors to come. We also need chili cooks, silent auction donations, volunteers for the day, craft vendors and sponsors. Perhaps you know someone who owns a business locally and they would like to sponsor a portion of the event? Sponsorships are available! Maybe you have a skill that would benefit the committee, we need you! We are also in need of entertainment. If you know a local band that might be willing to donate their time, please contact Tracy. Tracy can be reached at [tbcelio@ucanr.edu](mailto:tbcelio@ucanr.edu) or (530) 621-5507

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**NEXT COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING:**

**TUESDAY**

**January 15, 2013**

**7:00 pm**

**Community Club Leader Meeting:**

**January 15, 2013**

**5:45 pm**

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**Monday-Friday**

**8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Office is closed noon to 1:00pm**

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