

# April 2023



## Extravaganza- Fashion Revue

Please join us this Saturday, April 29th at 10am at the Potter Valley School for a Mendocino County 4-H event!

The Rabbit & Cavy show will be happening at the same location simultaneously.



## Project Proficiencies

Project Proficiencies Application List due: **April 30th**

Club Leaders: Please let Jessica know if you need more time or help completing this list.

Mendocino County 4-H  
Project Proficiencies

## Livescan Deadline

If you are a new volunteer and have not yet completed a

livescan, in order to participate in 4-H this year, you must have your livescan submitted by MAY 15TH, 2023

Call Michelle at the UCCE Office (707-463-4495) to make an appointment to collect your form.





**LEARN ABOUT RABBITS IN A FEW HOURS!**

# **RABBIT DAYS**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023 10 AM-12:30**

**at Rainbow Ag**

**235 East Perkins Street Ukiah**

**Questions: Email**

**[weaverranchrabbity@gmail.com](mailto:weaverranchrabbity@gmail.com)**



*Organized by local 4-H members*

Over 15 rabbits displayed, showmanship  
 lessons, breeding information, judging  
 lessons, silent auction & prizes!



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In-person State Field Day  
May 27, 2023  
UC Davis Wellman Hall and Hart Hall  
Contest updates will be posted on the State Field Day website. Please note that some pages are still being updated.

CA Field Day Site

## 4-H Camp 2023



Registration Deadline for Campers and CITs(Counselors In Training): **May 12th, 2023**

When: June 26th-30th 2023  
Where: Mendocino Woodlands Camp

Camper Registration

CIT Registration

## Tractor Supply Paper Clover

April 26 - May 7, 2023

Spread the word! The spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaign is from April 26 to May 7, 2023. Purchase a Paper Clover at the register to support sending local youth to 4-H camp and leadership development opportunities like the State Leadership Conference. If you don't have a Tractor Supply store near you, you can also donate online!



## Fair Ownership Information

**Poultry** - must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

**Rabbits** - must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

**Feeder and breeding**

**Horses** - must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days. Male foals may be shown by 4-H members, but yearling and older stallions are ineligible as 4-H projects. The age of the horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting on January 1 of the year foaled; it is a

**animals** - must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

**Market sheep, swine, veal and goats** - must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 consecutive days.  
Market beef - must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

weanling during the calendar year in which foaled, and a yearling during the first calendar year following its foaling date, regardless of year foaled.

**Llamas & Alpacas** - must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.



# RANGE CAMP 2023

39th ANNUAL RANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
CAMP JUNE 18-23, 2023 - HALF MOON BAY, CA

Presented by University of California Cooperative Extension  
To give 10-12th grade students the opportunity to explore the science and management of our natural resources with experienced professionals and university faculty.

## Sessions and Activities include:

- Riparian Habitats
- Rangeland Ecology
- Wildlife Management
- Soils
- Forestry
- Plant Identification



- Recreation
- Private & Public Lands
- Watershed Hydrology
- GPS / GIS Technology Applications
- Tour of Working Ranch
- Team Project Planning Competition



Cost: \$750

### “Top Camper” Contest: Plant ID test, subject matter exam & staff evaluation

Top three placing students\* given opportunity to represent California-Pacific Section, SRM at the Society for Range Management’s High School Youth Forum, in Reno, NV February 2024 (all expenses paid for top two students). All participants receive t-shirts and camp completion certificates. \*Must be a current high school student in Feb '24

### More Information & Applications

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/rangecamp/>



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RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1, 2023

Apply at: <http://ucanr.edu/2023rangecampreg>



## Range Camp

June 18-23, 2023

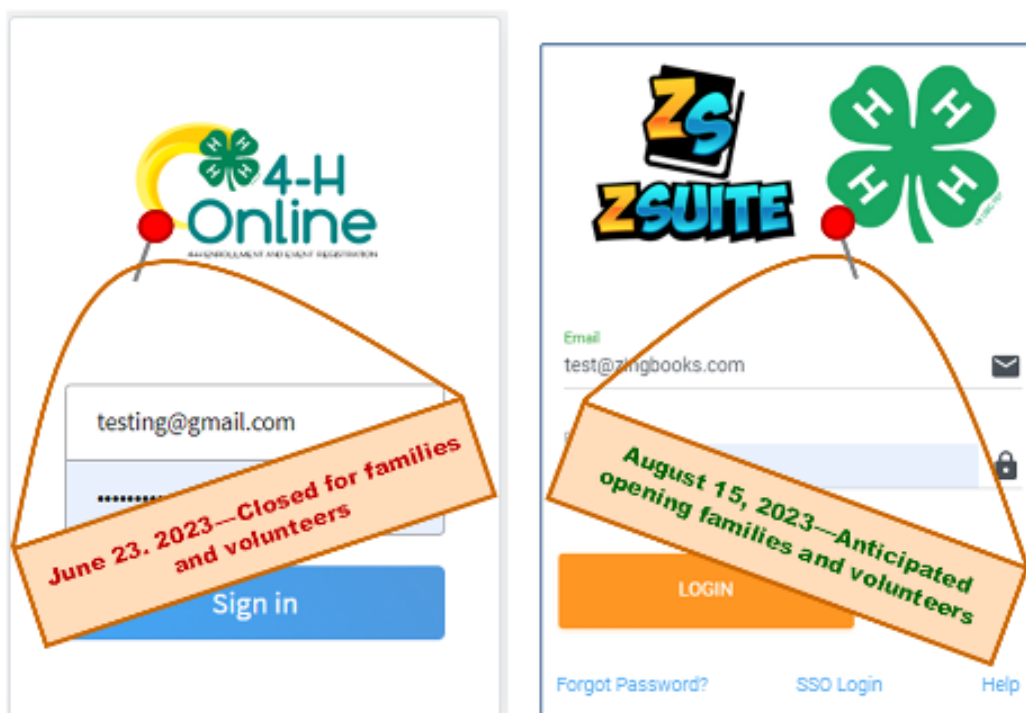
Elkus Ranch, Half Moon Bay

Range Camp is an environmental science & management camp for high school students from across California. The camp takes place at the University of California’s Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay, CA, and is in person again for 2023.

Range Camp is a 6-day camp experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who have an interest in the science and conservation management of natural resources in California. Students get an introduction to ecological principles, including characteristics and interrelationships of plants and animals, fire ecology, hydrology, geology and soils, and management of grassland, brushland, forest, and stream and river ecosystems. Field activities include learning to read wildlife 'sign', learning outdoor navigation with compasses, maps and GPS, forest management, visits to working ranches and conservation projects, and a beach BBQ.

The camp is organized by the University of California Cooperative Extension, with support from a variety of institutions, including university faculty and students from the University of California and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, and numerous other agriculture and conservation organizations.

[Apply by May 1, 2023](#)



Going forward into the 2023-2024 program year, we will be using ZSuite as our new enrollment system vendor. To complete this exciting transition, family login level access to the 4-H Online 2.0 system will be turned off on June 23rd at 12pm. Families and volunteers will no longer be able to login to



the enrollment system.

Families are encouraged to complete enrollments for the 2022-2023 program year prior to June 23rd.

Families are also encouraged to delay re-enrollment for the 2023-2024 program year until the new system is open and they can complete the online self-enrollment process on or after August 15, 2023.

If enrollment or re-enrollment is necessary during the interim period the system is offline, your county staff will work with you to complete the enrollment process.

Please note all dates listed are subject to change based on RegistrationMax, ZSuite and UC ANR 4-H needs. Any changes will be broadly communicated by the State 4-H Office.

## 4-H Achievement Program

Approximately 650 youth and adults have attended one or more of the webinar series sessions for the new Spark Achievements Program. They had early access to the materials that are now available on our new [Achievement Program webpage](#).



Changes starting July 1, 2023

As of July 1, 2023, the new Achievement Program will be the only achievement program available to any member who is: 9 or 10 years old, or new to 4-H, or has not achieved at least a Bronze Star (in the current Star Rank system) Members that fit any of

these categories will not be allowed to start or achieve Star Ranks as of July 1, 2023. Only intermediate and senior members who have already started their Star Ranks and have achieved at least a Bronze Star by June 30, 2023, will be able to continue the Star Ranks path. Any member who has started on the Star Ranks path can also convert to the new Achievement Program at any time. More to come on this, when we launch the intermediate and senior level achievements in the fall of 2023.



## Primary Members/ Cloverbuds

Primary age youth are prohibited from large animal projects, shooting sports and other more advanced project categories involving working or use of heavy machine or engine based equipment as they are unsafe and not age appropriate.

Other projects that have specific age restrictions include ATV & Dirt Biking, which youth must be at least 12 to participate in.



## Fundraising Policies

When preparing to do a fundraiser, please make sure to file the following documentation:

1. All fundraising efforts done by 4-H units must be pre-approved by the County 4-H Office and follow all existing 4-H policies. Please submit a **Form 8.7 Fundraising Approval** to the County 4-H Office at least one month before the activity. If the fundraising activity uses a facility other than the County 4-H Office, then a **Facility Use Agreement** must be submitted to the County 4-H Office once the activity is approved. If the activity does not use a facility (ex: candy sales) then a FUA is not required.
2. If the 4-H emblem will be used on products (ex: T-shirts), then an **Application to Use 4-H Name & Emblem** must be submitted to the County 4-H Office. Please do not purchase or order materials until after the County has approved the product. The 4-H name and emblem shall not be used to imply endorsement of commercial firms, products or services. Information about proper use of the 4-H Clover can be found in the **California 4-H Brand Tool Kit**.

All proposed fundraising activities must be approved via an adopted budget or by an affirmative vote of the membership. Documentation in the form of the budget or minutes may be requested by the County 4-H Office at any time.

### The following types of fundraising activities are prohibited:

- Lotteries, raffles, bingo, or other games of chance.

### When collaborating with outside organizations, the following policies must be observed:

- For detailed information about the following points, please see: **Guidelines for Fundraising to Benefits Groups or Organizations by 4-H Units and VMOs**, **Gifts to Individuals Businesses or Organizations by 4-H Unites and VMOs FAQ**, and **Fundraising to Benefit Groups or Organizations By 4-H Units and VMOs FAQ**.
- Groups or organizations must not be religious or political in nature or purpose.
- The group or organization must not discriminate in their membership on the basis of race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age, sexual orientation or national origin.
- 4-H members may participate in fundraising activities in support of outside groups and organizations as part of a service learning activity. 4-H groups may collect non-cash items. 4-H groups may

collect cash contributions (i.e., cash or checks) to purchase supplies and materials to carry out their service learning activity.

- 4-H groups may not give cash contributions (i.e., cash or checks) to any group or organization outside of 4-H.
- Adult volunteers, members, units and VMOs may not apply for or receive contracts and grants. Please note that many organizations advertise their gifts and donations as "grants" even though they do not meet the legal definition; if in doubt please contact the County 4-H Office to find out if a funding source is appropriate.
- 4-H groups may receive funds by virtue of their own fundraising efforts from individuals, organizations or businesses. Funds donated directly to a 4-H group by private individuals, groups, agencies or foundations must be reported in the 4-H unit's or VMO's annual financial report.
- The UC EIN should be provided to donors or other entities requesting an EIN for tax exempt purposes. The 4-H unit's EIN cannot be used; please contact the County 4-H Office for additional information about EINs.
- Donations must be acknowledged in writing. 4-H units or VMOs may provide a **4-H Donation Receipt** to those who have donated cash or non-cash items to the 4-H YDP. If items are donated for auctions the **4-H Donation Receipt for Auctions** should be used. The **4-H Donation Receipt Template Letter** is also available to 4-H units and VMOs for donation acknowledgment



Ukiah Shamrocks

By: Ava-Faye Haas

On March 16 members of Ukiah Shamrock and Redwood Valley/Calpella Clubs who are in the Wreath Across America project traveled to Lakeport to present a check for \$1,000 to the Tango Mike Organization. Where did they get this money you ask? The members in this project find sponsors to fund wreaths that are placed on the grave site of men and women who have served in the military. This is done following a ceremony held at Russian River Cemetery where several histories about those being honored are presented. Each Club receives a portion of the money raised

This year members of the Clubs voted, as they have in past years, to donate a portion of this money to Tango Mike and save some to purchase more wreaths next year.

Probably your next question is, what is Tango Mike. This is an organization started in Lake County that gets donations of personal care items, commercially sealed food, candy, gum, soup mixes, Cup of noodles, cookies, crackers, puzzle books, pocket size games, DVD's, stationary and pens and pencils, any small item you would enjoy if you were far from home.

Volunteers then meet once a month to pack these boxes, decorate the outside of the box and get them ready to send. That is what we did when we went there. We all felt good about doing this as a community service.