



JULY 2013

A NOTE FROM THE 4-H OFFICE: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

As we begin a new 4-H Year, I look forward to working with all you to “make the best better.” I have many plans for the upcoming 4-H year to help expand the reach of our program and to better serve our members and our community.

In August, I will begin recruiting Junior and Teen Leaders to serve in a Teens as Teachers program to work with our local PM clubs. I would eventually like to have three or four Teens as Teachers Teams, each with a different focus. The first team will have a SET (Science, Engineering and Technology) focus.

In September, I will be starting a new countywide project group—The Tuolumne Tech Team—which will be a computer and technology project.

If you are interested in our Teens as Teachers program or the Tech Team, please contact me at the 4-H Office.

Have a great summer!

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MOTHER LODE FAIR LIVESTOCK NEWS:

CHAPERONING AT FAIR

Every livestock exhibitor must have an adult chaperone. For 4-H members, the project leader is the official chaperone. Parents are expected to help, and may never drop off members without prior arrangements for chaperoning. Have a central meeting place or a designated check-in time.

EXHIBITOR MEETINGS

Important meetings are held on Wednesday after animals are weighed in. All livestock exhibitors meet at 1:30 and small livestock exhibitors meet right afterwards.

PHOTOS

Every exhibitor selling an animal at auction needs to have their picture taken for the auction poster. Pictures are taken in the barn immediately following the animal judging. Be prompt, in uniform, and be patient as sometimes it is difficult to “pose” the animal. Parents, your help is appreciated! Extra pictures are \$10, payable when the photo is taken, and may be picked up Sunday in the Livestock Office.

SATURDAY BUYERS' RECEPTION

The Junior Livestock Auction reception begins at 4 PM and the Auction at 5 PM on Saturday. All auction sellers are asked to help pass out tea and lemonade in the stands.

LIVESTOCK AWARDS

The awards ceremony is Sunday at 1 PM. Be there to support your project members. If you are receiving an award, dress nicely or in show uniform as you might have your picture taken!

SUNDAY SMALL LIVESTOCK AUCTION & BBQ

Small Livestock presents a “Parade of Champions” at 2:30 on Sunday, before the auction. This is for Champion, Reserve Champion, Best of Show and Reserve of Show animals, whether or not they are being sold in the Auction. All auction sellers are asked to help with the Bob Miller Memorial Barbecue following the auction, which features small livestock (turkey, chicken and rabbit).

AUCTION RULES

Wear your show uniform and have a clean animal! Know your auction number and be ready. Do your marketing before the fair. Marketing flyers may not be posted or distributed at the fair. Thank your buyer when you take the poster to him/her in the stands. No buyer gifts may be presented at the fair. You may visit buyers at their businesses after the fair to thank them for their support.

COOPERATION & ETHICS AT FAIR

All members, parents and leaders are encouraged to bring the spirit of cooperation with you each morning when you arrive at the Fair. While at the fair you are representing 4-H to the public. Show Tuolumne County that you are cooperative, responsible, and that you have learned many things in your projects. 4-H is not about making money at the fair. 4-H is about learning, leadership and citizenship.

Members: Be careful with your appearance as well as your animal's. Clothing requirements for the auctions are the same as for showing. Do not embarrass yourself or your project by wearing inappropriate clothing and being asked to change. Do not chew gum in the ring or during the auction. Remember that good manners are part of good sportsmanship.

Parents: Practice before the fair with your child, then let him/her do their best without commenting from outside the ring. It is not appropriate or ethical for you to assist your child while they are in the ring. The judge could even disqualify your child. Set a good example for your children. Adults acting or behaving in an inappropriate manner will be asked to leave.

Members: Thank your leader and the judge for helping you learn. Keep your experience positive, whatever place or ribbon you receive.

LIVESTOCK LOANS

If you received a loan from the Sonora Rotary Club, it must be repaid within 10 days after the Auction checks are released. If you pay by check or money order, make it payable to the Sonora Rotary Club. Bring your payment to the 4-H Office, **with a thank you note to the Rotary Club**. They would enjoy hearing about your experience or seeing a photo of you with your project animal.

COMPLETE RECORD BOOKS

Complete record books count all activities through July 15 including the Mother Lode Fair. Complete record books are due to your club leader by the end of July or the date announced at your club. Club level judging of complete books for seals and stars will take place in August. County record book judging is August 21.

CLUB NEWS

HI 4-H

There will be no Hi 4-H meetings during the summer. Our first meeting for the 2013-2014 year will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 7:00 pm at Sonora Youth Center. Any questions please call Linda Mager, 532-5896.

Haunted House:

We plan to start work on the House House on August 31, 2013. There will be additional information in the August Tooter. Any questions please call Jay Wallace, 533-1907, Linda Hembree, 532-8656 or Linda Mager, 532-5896.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS

Thanks to everyone that came to the end of the year party at Barrel of Monkees - we had an amazing time! Executive Officers were elected: President - Brittney Gilles, Vice President - Kim Bramblett, Secretary - Haley Gragg, and Treasurer - Garrett Rebelo. Congrats to all of them - we have a great group of kids to lead us next year. We will be holding elections for the other offices at our September meeting - so think about what you might want to run for and get ready to give your speech. I have been blessed to have worked with such great kids and their families this year and cant wait to see everyone again next year. Hope to see many of you at fair and over the summer - remember if you need anything, I am only a phone call away. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!!!

Thanks - Anita Vicini amgilles@yahoo.com

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS

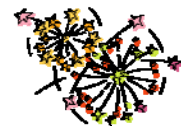
August 23, 2013 6:00 Club planning meeting for all Junior Leaders, Teen Leaders, Leaders and supporting parents. This BBQ Potluck is designed to give attendees the opportunity to see where they can help with our club needs for the 2013-2014 year. Bring a side dish or salad. Ron will cook a surprise main course.

Don't see your news here?

If you are a Leader and would like a news article published in the monthly Tooter please email or call the 4-H Office by the 25th of each month with your submission. This is a great way to keep your members and parents up-to-date on meeting dates and activities!



STATE 4-H OFFICE NEWS



WESTERN REGION LEADER'S FORUM

March 27-30, 2014
Billings, Montana

Workshop proposals for the WRLF 2014 are being accepted now. Proposals due June 1. Visit their website for more information and a workshop proposal form: www.wrlf2014.com

2013 STATE 4-H HORSE CLASSIC June 26-30

The premium is online and registration is now open!
Registration for the Horse Show:

<http://ucanr.edu/classic-horse-show-registration>

Registration for the Educational Contests:

<http://ucanr.edu/classic-educational-contest-registration> Registration is Due June 3rd!

STATE LEADERS FORUM IS DYN-O-MITE

The dynamic format of the **2013 State Leaders' Forum** allows you to focus attention on issues that really matter. There is a world of creativity in store for you. Gain insight from innovative 4-H volunteers and staff, discover a multitude of new techniques, feast your eyes on detailed presentations, and much more. This includes sharing in the keynote presentation: **Making Collective Impact Work** with Matt Wilka. Matt, a former Fulbright Fellow in Ecuador, is a consultant with FSG - a non-profit consulting firm specializing in strategy, research, and evaluation.

Workshop Proposals are accepted until June 30 at
<http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop>.

SLF 2013 will be held **Nov. 8 - 10** at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento. Conference registration is on-line at <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013register>. Reservations for rooms at the Crown Plaza are made directly with the hotel at 1-877-270-1393 or 1-916-338-5800, using code FRH.

Early Bird registration by Sept. 1 saves you money!

TEENS TAKE ON HEALTH

We are excited to announce that 4-H has partnered with Molina Healthcare to bring a national campaign Teens Take on Health to California. As part of this campaign, 4-H California youth will host a Town Hall event for teens and other stakeholders to discuss their solutions to the current health issues of our nation. The Teens Take on Health Town Hall Meeting will be on **October 12th, 2013** in Sacramento. We are currently soliciting teen leaders to participate in the planning of the Town Hall. If you are an interested teen please contact Renata Atayeva at renata.atayeva@gmail.com. Additionally, we will be holding a Teens Take on Health session at the State Leadership Conference in July.

4-H VOLUNTEER CAFÉ

Are you a club or project leader who is tired of doing the same old activities month after month? Maybe you need something designed just for you to be encouraged and encourage your own personal growth. The 4-H Volunteer Café is a place designed just for you providing encouraging and thought-provoking articles of how the principles of positive youth development translate into your 4-H experience, it offers tons of resources for you as a 4-H volunteer that you can use immediately in your meetings and gives you a place where you can contribute your own experiences and challenges. To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: <http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/>.

iDEVELOP

iDevelop is our virtual platform for professional development. The purpose of iDevelop is to provide deeper learning around the principles of positive youth development and to assist 4-H staff and volunteers in creating and sustaining healthy environments for our 4-H members to reach their full potential. For a description of the trainings offered and access to them, click on the following link: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/4-H_Thrive_Resources/4-H_Thrive_Virtual_Trainings/.

DOSOMETHING.ORG SEED GRANTS DEADLINE: ROLLING

A \$500 Do Something Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people just like YOU! These grants can be used towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started, or to jump-start your program and realize your ideas for the first time. These grants can also be used towards projects that are already developed and sustainable, towards the next steps of your project and organization to help you as you look to expand your project and grow your impact.

WORLD WE WANT FOUNDATION GRANTS DEADLINE: ROLLING

The World We Want Foundation promotes and supports Young Global Citizens making positive social change in their communities and around the world. They work with and through Partner Organizations and Mentors youth applicants provide; help young people design and conduct meaningful Social Action Projects and acquire substantive knowledge and 21st-century skills while creating social value; provide micro-grants to support their Projects; provide an online funding platform to encourage and allow others to help fund their Projects; and provide an online Showcase to share their Stories of Social Impact with the world.
More info: <http://bit.ly/11IE94t>
More info: <http://bit.ly/PQYfTr>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

10th-14th-Motherlode Fair
25th—28th- SLC



August

1st - Open Enrollment
7th County Leaders Council
14th Club Leader Orientation
21st Record Book Judging

September

October

15th - Beef Loans Due

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TOOTER NEWS

Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome.

News for the August Tooter is due by July 22.

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