SUMMER CAMP 2015
The Central Sierra 4-H staff is working on two 4-H summer camps for 2015—both will be open to youth from Tuolumne County. The summer camp we will be holding in Tuolumne County is tentatively scheduled to be held **Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest on August 2nd-6th, 2015.** Recruitment for Junior and Adult Camp Staff is underway. I am immediately accepting adult and teen volunteers for a Camp Planning Committee. Please contact Melanie Cutis at (209) 533-6990 if you are interested in being part our Camp Planning Committee. Junior Counselor applications are available at the 4-H Office or online at http://ucanr.edu/cs4hcamp and are due **DECEMBER 8th.** Returning Junior Counselors must also complete an application.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAMPERS AND JR COUNSELORS
Tuolumne County 4-H is assisting with the Sonora Regional Medical Center employee holiday dinner. If you are age 12 and up or adult and plan to go to camp, we need your help! We are volunteering from 5 pm to approximately 8:30 or 9 on Tuesday, December 9th at the John Muir building at the fairgrounds. You must wear black pants and a white shirt, closed toe shoes, and have hair tied back. You can add your 4-H scarf or tie if you want. Call Sharon Smales to sign up at 532-5036. SRMC will make a donation to 4-H in return for our help, which will be used to cover the camp costs for the volunteers who help at the dinner. There will also be a smaller dinner for a group of doctors at the Opera Hall on December 11th at the Opera Hall. They need 5 or 6 volunteers to help bus tables.

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
January 17, 2015
Every 4-H family should reserve this date now and plan to be at the Dinner! This is the place to be on Saturday, January 17. We set up the big John Muir building in the morning, decorate the tables mid-day, receive posters and decorated cakes for judging in the afternoon, then welcome all our friends, neighbors and family at 4 PM to the BIG 4-H DINNER. We serve an awesome barbecued tri tip dinner, auction the decorated cakes, have a silent auction, show off 4-H project work in displays, and feature a special community service project each year. This is Tuolumne County 4-H Council’s fundraiser which supports your 4-H program for the coming year and it takes all of us to make it successful. What can you do to help?
- Sell tickets
- Make and display a poster
- Bake, decorate and auction a decorated cake
- Help with your club’s dinner job
- Serve or bus tables during your club’s serving time
- Bring a project display
- Donate to or assist with the service project

**Ticket sales & contest:** Ticket packets will be distributed to families at your October club meetings. Check out and sell the tickets! You are promoting 4-H to each person you talk to, even if they don’t purchase a ticket. When you sell a ticket, write your name on the stub, tear it off and keep it with the money. If you want to enter the Ticket Contest, turn in the stubs and money to your club ticket chairperson or the 4-H Office by 5 PM on Wednesday January 14. Contest prizes are a Sol Deck or JBL Pulse Bluetooth speaker for first place overall. Additional prizes for 2nd and 3rd place overall, plus a movie ticket for everyone who

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sells over $150 of tickets (one prize per person).

**Posters:** You can pick up copies of the Dinner flyer to promote the Dinner. You can also design your own hand-made or computer-generated poster on poster board and hang it in a business for at least a week before the Dinner. Bring your poster to the Dinner before 1 PM for the Poster Contest and receive a ribbon or medal! Complete rules in the next Tooter.

**Decorated Cakes:** Every 4-H member is invited to bake and decorate a cake for the Cake Contest and then sell it in the Cake Auction. This is a donation to 4-H and the highlight of the Dinner. Cakes and decorations must be all edible (no plastic decorations) and made by the member. No giant cookies please – it should be a cake. There is a division for group cakes, made by 2 or more members together, and we will even sell cakes made by parents or leaders. If you prefer cupcakes, decorate 12 cupcakes in lieu of a cake. Primary members may enter and sell a cake too. Cloverbuds will decorate a set of cupcakes as a group, rather than individual entries.

**Menu & Prices:** The menu is barbecued tri tip, baked potatoes, green salad, dinner roll with butter, ice cream & cookie, plus beverages. Cost is $12 adult, $8 under 12 or 65 and over. Tickets are the same price pre-sale and at the door. Family tickets are pre-sale only and the limit is 5 people. If you sell a family ticket, you must write the number of people on it. If your 4-H immediate family (all living in the same house) is over 5 people, have your club leader sign the ticket to verify it. We prefer that people eat their meals at the Dinner, but we will box up “To Go” meals if requested. For 2015 we will have a separate To Go assembly table and no vegetarian option.

**Service Project:** The 2015 4-H Community Dinner is supporting Re-Horse Rescue. We are sponsoring bales of hay, which cost $20 each. Our goal is to sponsor 100 bales of hay, which will feed their current 43 horses for 2 weeks. Help us help them feed the rescue horses so that they can be adopted into permanent homes.

**Silent Auction:** The PM clubs are invited again to run the Silent Auction at the Dinner. The Silent Auction proceeds will be used to enroll the PM Club members in 4-H. Community club members and families may donate or purchase Silent Auction items to support PM club, which is another part of the UCCE 4-H program. Some community club members are enrolled in PM Club too.

**Food Prep:** Everyone is invited to wrap potatoes and roll silverware on Wednesday, January 14 at 5 PM at the Sheriff’s Posse building. Meat prep is at 6 PM – talk to Ron Hamilton first.

**Dinner jobs & Serving:** Each club has a dinner job and a serving time. These will be announced and discussed at your club meeting, so be sure to sign up! See details in the next Tooter.

Doesn’t this sound like a fun and worthwhile event? If you have questions, talk to your club leader or contact Ron Hamilton, rhamilton@goldrushcs.org or Sue Moore, 2moores@mlode.com.

**LCORT 2015  "Mission: Leadership"**
Friday, January 23 to Sunday, January 25, 2015 Wonder Valley Ranch Resort and Conference Center in Sanger, Fresno County
LCORT is the South Central Section’s leadership conference for members in grades 7-9. The heart of the conference is a series of workshops presented by high school-age members from the leadership teams in the 12 member counties. **Cost:** $150/person. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Friday, December 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
STATE FASHION REVUE
Announcing State Fashion Revue 2015 categories, service projects, cover art contest and first committee meeting! The SFR committee meets October 4 from 10-2 at the San Joaquin Robert J. Cabral Agriculture Center, 2101 East Earhart Avenue, Stockton. Bring lunch and your fabulous ideas. All 4-H members are invited to participate in the SFR 2015 program cover art contest to illustrate the theme "Through the Looking Glass." Original art work is due by December 15, 2014 to http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest. Participant categories returning for SFR 2015 are Traditional, Upcycled, and Consumer Science Purchased $40 limit. The two new categories are Jacket Challenge and Costume Challenge. The service projects this year are pillowcases (sewn) and hats (sewn, knitted or crocheted). Please see the SFR website for more details on joining the committee, the cover contest, the categories and service projects or the event itself at (note new address) http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

STANISLAUS COUNTY SNOW CAMP
Stanislaus County Hi 4-H will be hosting their annual Winter Camp at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest on January 1-4, 2015. We are extending the invitation to other Hi 4-H Clubs and high school age members in surrounding counties. Cost is $140 for the camp. Skating, sledding and tubing are available for an additional fee. If you would like to attend, contact Melanie Curtis at 533-6990 no later than November 26, 2014.

STATE FIELD DAY UPDATES
May 30, 2015, 8:00am-6:00pm, UC Davis Campus-Wellman Hall
Revamped State Field Day Webpage check it out: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/
Here you will find an interactive map along all the exciting activities you can participate and enjoy! Special Recognition and Impromptu Topics for 2015 Presentation Program are now available! Find them here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/

DISCUSSION MEET- NEW PROJECT & CONTEST!
This new project was unveiled at SLC and will be offered to 4-Hers aged 15-19. The project and contest are modeled after the Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meet through the Farm Bureau. Project meetings (in a Discussion Meet, Leadership, or Public Speaking project) will be held to prepare for the competitive event; the first round will be held at Sectional Presentation Days. Discussion Meet questions center around Healthy Living, SET, Citizenship and 4-H Membership. Top competitors at Sectional levels will advance to the State Field Day. Watch the Young Farmers & Ranchers competitions. If you are interested, please check out the 4-H Discussion Meet website at http://4hdiscussionmeet.weebly.com/

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM
May 27-29, 2015
The 4-H Animal Science Symposium is a professional development opportunity for 4-H staff and key volunteers on key topics and skills relating to bio-security and animal health. Central to this symposium will be a foundational training on the “Bio-Security Proficiencies for Beginning Producers,” which participants will implement back home with 4-H volunteers and junior/teen leaders. Registration will open in January 2015. See informational flyer for more details: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/198164.pdf
CLOVERBUDS
Hello Cloverbuddies! Our next meeting is December 1st, 6:00 pm at the 4-H office. Please remember to bring your Christmas Angel gifts with you! We will be wrapping those gifts and doing an activity! If you have any questions please contact Dedra Danicourt 209-770-6279. See you there!

FOOTHILL
Hi Foothill members! At our November meeting Grace and Peter installed our new club officers!
President: Sydney Jones
Vice President: Victoria Smith
Treasurer: Brett Davis
Secretary: Bailey Graham
Reporter: Belle Bloom
Historians: Kendall Boone and Shelby Curtin
Sergeant of Arms: Spencer Bloom, Wesley Barnes, Tyler Wilson, and Tayland Jolly
Congratulations new officers!
Our next meeting is December 10th at 7 pm at the Posse Grounds. PLEASE REMEMBER to bring a WRAPPED, REGULAR sized candy bar for our Candy Bar Exchange. ALSO don’t forget to bring stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, and pie filling to donate to ATCAA. If you are unable to make it to the meeting be sure to called Bailey Graham (209) 288-8695, to get excused! Continue to sell your Community Dinner tickets!

Belle Bloom, Reporter

GOLD RUSH COUNTRY
Hey there GCK’s there will be NO meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Thursday January 8th, 7pm in the Gold Rush school cafeteria. Executive officers meeting is at 6:30 p.m. PLEASE BRING ALL COMMUNITY DINNER TICKETS AND MONEY TO THIS MEETING TO TURN IN!! If you would like to turn in money, get more tickets or have questions about the tickets please contact Dedra Danicourt (209-770-6279). We did a great job with our canned food drive, so we will be having Root Beer Floats at our January meeting. If you have questions please contact Emily Hamilton.

Reporter, Chrissy Danicourt

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our November meeting, we initiated our new members, and made pine cone turkeys for the Groveland Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
For our December meeting, we will donate stuffing for the Groveland Christmas Baskets, and have an ornament exchange.

Reporter, Grace Cathrein

HI 4-H
We had a great turn out for the Haunted House this year with over 1,000 customers. Now we are selling place mat ads for the pancake breakfast for March 8th. Our Disneyland trip is April 24-26. The 4-H community dinner is January 17th and we need Hi 4-Hers to help out serving and with the cake auction. Our next meeting is December 18th at 7 p.m. and we are having a candy bar exchange with pot luck. Bring something to share.

Reporter, Alyssa Rodriguez
MOUNTAIN RANGERS
Happy holidays Mountain Rangers! There will be NO December meeting; we will however be planning a shopping trip to buy gifts for the children selected by the club. Be on the look out for emails to confirm a shopping date. Hoping for everyone to have a very safe and happy holiday season and a happy new year!

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
The next meeting will be December 9th. We will be decorating cookies for the Lambert Center, beginning at 6:30 for those who can come early, or members can stay after to help decorate. Amanda Curtis will make reminder calls by December 2nd to people who signed up to bring Lambert Center donations.

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The Tuolumne Pioneers Meeting is Monday December 8, 2014 at 7:00 at the Mother Lode Christian School. We will have our Club Cookie Exchange so remember to bring your cookies. Our Fundraiser is Wednesday December 3, 2014 at the Panda Express. Hand out those flyers because any customer that uses the Pioneers flyer will earn our club money.

GOATS
Hello Goat Kids! There will be NO Goat Project meeting in November or December! Our next goat meeting will be held Monday January 26th, 6:00 pm at the 4-H office. Please feel free to contact Dedra Danicourt for questions or concerns. 209-770-6279. Happy Holidays!!

HORSE—ROCK CREEK RIDERS
Our annual horse clinic on February 14th starting at 9:00am.

POULTRY
There will be no December meeting, but Penny Johnson will be in contact with project members soon regarding a community service project that will take place in December.

SCIENCE EDUCATION TEAM—More Robotics!
The Science Education Team teaches youth various science curriculum with the goal of team members visiting the PM club sites and delivering that Science Curriculum to them. Members of the Science Education Team are generally at least in 6th grade, but younger members with a strong interest in science may participate in the group and assist in sessions at PM Clubs led by older members. Our next meeting will be December 16th at 6:00 p.m. and we will be working on additional robotics curriculum For more information, please contact Melanie Curtis at 533-6990 or makwast@ucanr.edu. Members who would like to make donations of materials to be used for PM Club robotics can bring: vibrating toothbrushes (from the dollar store), electrical tape, duct tape, pool noodles, markers, scrub brushes, batteries (9 Volt, AAs, AAs, various button cells) pipe cleaners and google eyes. This can be used towards community service credit in your record book.
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TOOTER NEWS
Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome.

News for the January is Tooter is due December 19th.