**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 Curtis 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 were due DECEMBER 8th. **The deadline has been extended to January 12, 2015** and interviews will take place during that week. Returning Junior Counselors must also complete an application.

**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 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.

WESTERN REGION LEADERS FORUM

We are ... Connecting for Youth

Over 92,000 4-H volunteers live in the 13 western states. A different state plans and hosts the 4-H Western Region Volunteer Forum each year. Oregon 4-H hosts in 2015. Instead of everyone traveling to Oregon, this Forum is planned as an online conference. You can participate for free, without the cost and time of travel. Volunteers of all ages (youth and adult) are invited to participate, network and learn in a new way at WRLF 2015! Sessions are:

- **Tuesday, Jan 27, 2015 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)** Youth Connect: At Great Meetings
- **Thursday, Feb 12, 2015 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)** Widening the Circle: Special Connections
- **Monday, Mar 2, 2015 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)** Youth Connecting in Your Community

During the sessions, each site will be connected to the Oregon program to share ideas, hear inspirational speakers, ask questions, learn about successful 4-H programs, and download resources to use in clubs and counties.

The Tuolumne County 4-H Office meeting room is a host site. If you would like to participate, please register using this online survey: [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14477](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14477)
STATE FASHION REVUE
California State Fashion Revue news: 4-H members throughout California are sewing and creating outfits to enter into local county fashion revues. Members qualify at the county level to advance to State Fashion Revue, one of the State Field Day events. If you have questions about categories, age divisions, or how to participate, contact Sue at 2moores@mlode.com.
Do you like to draw or create computer art? Your original art work illustrating the theme “Through the Looking Glass” can become the cover art for the SFR program! The deadline for submission is February 15. For details go to http://ucanr.edu/sfcovercontest. Contact Mithila with questions at mvemails@yahoo.com

The SFR committee is beginning to recruit judges. If you have experience with sewing, crafts, textiles or fashion, especially with youth, and can be at UC Davis on Saturday, May 30, 2015, please consider becoming a SFR judge. We also need judges for presentations given at the same time in Olson Hall. To volunteer or for judge information, contact Charlean at teacherc2@yahoo.com.

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/

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP - RIFLE DISCIPLINE
Safety First Association - River Oaks Range, Winton, CA (Merced County)

Saturday, February 7, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 8, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Safety First Shooting Association – River Oaks Range, 11584 N. Shaffer Road in Winton (Merced County). 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. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu

For directions to the facility visit: http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html.

Participants will be required to fill out a facility waiver to participate. To view the language of the waiver or to download it and sign it prior to the meeting you can go to: http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/SFSA_Risk_Agreement_rev1a.pdf
CLOVERBUDS
Hello Cloverbuds and Family!!
I want to wish you ALL a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!
I wanted to let you know your generous Christmas Angel gifts have been delivered. Along with a
turkey and all the yummy fixins'. You all did a fabulous job!
Our next Cloverbud meeting will be Monday January 5th at the 4H office starting at 6pm. We will be
making posters for the 4-H Community Dinner!! Our posters will be entered into the poster
contest. Remember to invite your family, friends and neighbors to the Dinner January 17th!!
If you are in charge of our snacks for the January meeting please remember to bring those!
As always, if you have any questions please feel free to let me know!!
Happy Holidays to ALL!!
Dedra Danicourt
209-770-6279

FOOTHILL
Happy New Year Foothill 4-H!
Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 14. Our first Record Book Project meeting starts that night
at 6:00. Sharon would really like to see all first year members there. It is open to all members.
Community Dinner ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned to Linda at this January
meeting. Foothill sheep project don't forget our first meeting will be on Monday, January 12 at 5:30.
Thank you!
Belle Bloom, Reporter

GOLD RUSH COUNTRY
The next meeting will be Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Gold Rush Charter School. For more
information, contact Community Club Leader Emily Hamilton, ehamilton6@me.com or 206-3020.

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our December meeting, we discussed our club's part of the County Dinner, and we passed out
poster paper and dinner info for making posters.
We gathered stuffing mixes for the Groveland Community Christmas Baskets, and we had a
Christmas ornament exchange.
For our January meeting, we will fold silverware in napkins for the County Dinner.
Reporter, Grace Cathrein

HI 4-H
Hi-4Hers if you are going to the community dinner to help with the cake auction be there at five. We
need Hi-4Hers help with the cake auction, Please Volunteer! Our Pancake breakfast is March 8 at
the Elks Lodge in Sonora. Our Disneyland trip is April 24-26. Must bring place mat ads and money to
the January 21st Meeting.
Reporter, Alyssa Rodriguez

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
The next Mountain Rangers meeting is Wednesday the 14th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Soulsbyville School
Cafeteria. For more information, contact Community Club Leader Anita Vicini,
amgilles@yahoo.com or 536-4098.
SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
The next meeting will be January 13th. Don’t forget to sell Dinner tickets! We hope that everyone will consider making a cake for the auction and enter the poster contest. PLEASE remember that we will be serving from 6:00 to 6:30 at the dinner and we need all of our members and families there to assist.

Submitted by: Amanda Curtis

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The next Tuolumne Pioneers Meeting is Monday January 12th at 7:00 at the Mother Lode Christian School. For more information contact Community Club Leaders: Ron & Kris Hamilton, krishnaron@comcast.net or 928-1815

COUNTYWIDE & CLUB PROJECTS

FOOTHILL SWINE
The next meeting is January 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall (9 N. Washington Street Sonora, upstairs and in the back). There will be guest speakers. For more information, contact Sharon Smales at 532-5036 or Ida Ponder at 984-5515.

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

SCIENCE EDUCATION TEAM—More Robotics!
The Science Education Team will be focusing on robotics for the next several months. Our next meeting is January the 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office. Contact Melanie Curtis at (209) 533-6990 if you have any questions or need additional information.
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