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! Remaining sessions are:

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

EVERYTHING BUT ANIMALS FIELD DAY

February 21st 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
SONORA ELEMENTARY

Try out some non-livestock projects and activities from the SET & Healthy Living initiatives. Complete the judging classes for a ribbon or medal. Judging class tables are open from 1-3.

We also will have fun activity tables. You choose which stations to try. Deniel Sheffield and Kris Hamilton are organizing the event. Contact Deniel at sheffy@msn.com for information to help.

Food contest theme this year is decorated cupcakes! Bring a dozen decorated cupcakes arranged in an attractive Spring time related display. Entries will be judged on overall attractiveness of display. Entries must be entirely made by the member and all items on the cupcakes must be edible. Please include a list of ingredients in case of food allergens, and decorative items used (store bought vs. handmade/home made). All cupcakes must be entered for judging by 1:30, as judging starts promptly at 1:35.

Attending this event counts toward your Fair eligibility requirement. You must attend for at least one hour and participate to count. Be sure to sign in.

MOTHER LODE FAIR PRE-WEIGHS

The Mother Lode Fair requires every exhibitor of a market steer, market hog, market lamb or market goat to have their animal pre-weighed and ear tagged as a condition of entry into the Fair. Each exhibitor may pre-weigh two large animals, then must select one for entry (steers, hogs, & lambs). An exhibitor may also pre-weigh 2 market goats. The exhibitor is required to be present with their animal(s). Any requests for exceptions must be in writing to the Fair Manager. Beef pre-weigh is Saturday March 14 from 8-10 AM at Gardella’s Ranch. Swine, sheep and meat goat pre-weigh is Sunday, May 3 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Hogs are 7 AM to noon. Sheep and goats are 12:30-2 PM. Exhibitors may have their animals wormed and vaccinated if they choose. Talk to your project leader for more information.
CHANGE IN FAIR SCHEDULE
The livestock schedule remains the same as previous years, but the fair itself will be only 3 days, Fri-Sun. Admission into the livestock area on Thursday for anyone not having a wristwrap is $5.

2014 4-H SUMMER CAMP IN REVIEW
Submitted by 4-H Youth Development Advisor for the UCCE Central Sierra MCP, JoLynn Miller
Central Sierra 4-H hosted two week-long summer camps for all youth in the four-county region. The two camps, held in El Dorado and Tuolumne Counties, were staffed by youth who received training in best-practices of camp management. Adult chaperones partnered with youth to offer support during camp. JoLynn Miller, 4-H Youth Development Advisor, joined a team of fellow Advisors representing six different counties across California and collaborated on a camp study. Each Advisor evaluated their respective 4-H Summer Camps using a common evaluation protocol. The information gathered from the participating 4-H Summer Camps was shared among the Advisors, and common themes were identified. This information revealed what is going well at our camps, and also what could be improved. There is an abundance of camp data that has been published, containing information about sense of belonging, safety, fun, etc. Very little is known about WHAT causes those feelings to increase or decrease with a particular camp. Our team will be using the preliminary data we compiled from the 2014 study to try and figure out the “WHY”. If we do that, we could help improve youth experiences all over the country.

National statistics show that girls feel safer at camp than boys and that teen camp staff have more of a sense of belonging than campers. For our study in the six counties, we found similar results. While all youth had a strong sense of belonging, felt safe, and felt like their ideas count; girls felt more respected by teen staff, and camp staff had a stronger sense of belonging than campers. We found that campers who were not part of the club program had more fun than youth who were club members and that more girls expressed their “ideas count” than boys.

When asked what the best part of camp was, Central Sierra 4-H campers responded “campfire” and “the dance”. In addition, many campers talked about skills they acquired at camp like archery, making lanyards, learning camp songs, arts and crafts, gaining knowledge about trees and wildlife. Others talked about relationships when asked what they learned; how to make new friends, how to be a good leader, how to be funny, and how to get along. All campers responded “yes” or “maybe” to the question “Do you plan to return to camp next year”, with the large majority saying “yes”.

All in all, Central Sierra 4-H Summer Camps went exceptionally well this past year! The success of camp is in large part to the coordination and leadership of Melanie Curtis and Tracy Celio, 4-H Program Representatives in Tuolumne and El Dorado counties, along with help from their Camp Directors who facilitated youth planning and coordinating of camp activities, which led to an amazing camp experience. We are confident camp will be just as good, if not better in 2015 and hope to see you there. Please contact the 4-H office if you want to participate as a chaperone, guest speaker, adult mentor for teen lead sessions, or to support our camp program in any way.

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
The 42nd annual 4-H Dinner is now history, and perhaps made history. We served so many people we ran out of potatoes! Thanks to all the 4-H families and the many people in our community who came to support 4-H. Over 1000 dinners were served or packaged up for take-out and 66 decorated cakes were sold in the auction. The PM Clubs ran the Silent Auction to raise money for the after-school program and Re-Horse Rescue Ranch received donations to purchase hay for their rescued horses. The Dinner was a success all the way around.

The money raised at the Dinner helps to pay for all the county 4-H activities for the next year. If you still have pre-sale tickets checked out, please return them to your club leader or the 4-H Office as soon as possible. Every dollar counts.
TICKET SALES CONTEST
1st place: Hannah Castaneda, Foothill 4-H, $832 sales, wins the JBL Pulse speaker!
2nd place: Liam Mills, Foothill 4-H, $828 sales, wins $50 and 2 movie tickets
3rd place: Chance Pimentel, Tuolumne Pioneers, $632 sales, $25 and 2 movie tickets

Two movie tickets to: McKenna Alderman $576 and Kaitlyn Bloom $320.
One movie ticket each to Todd Leslie $232, Rachael Sanguinetti $232, Allie & Taylor Edwards $232, Corey Ketchem $224, Roxy Cohen $216, Alyssa Tegt-Rodriguez $212, Christyannah Danicourt $184, Cooper Gookin $184, Rylee Oliver $168, Ginna Hahn $164, Shyanne Clopton $160, Savanna Clopton $160, Gregory Crook $152, Emily Orpurt $152.

POSTER CONTEST
Primary Members: Kiera Danicourt

Juniors:
Gold Medal: Liam Mills, Foothill 4-H
Silver Medal: Layla Zukal, Foothill 4-H
Bronze Medal: Roxanne Cohen, Gold Rush Country 4-H
Blue award: Roger Alderman, Chrissy Danicourt
Red award: Jenna Abbott, Hannah Castaneda, Amelia Hendersen

Intermediates
Gold Medal: Virginia Oellrich, Groveland Highlanders
Silver Medal: Shyanne Clopton, Foothill 4-H
Bronze medal: Savanna Clopton, Foothill 4-H
Red award: McKenna Alderman, Brienna Hargrave

Senior Gold Medal: Bailey Graham, Foothill 4-H

DECORATED CAKE CONTEST
Primary Members: Sam Alderman, William Bloom & Austin Castaneda, Kiera Danicourt, Dane Hager, Ashlyn Keith, Jevon Rodgers

Juniors:
Gold Medal: Tyler Willson, Foothill 4-H
Silver Medal: Jenna Abbott, Groveland Highlanders & Hunter Rodgers, Gold Rush Country 4-H
Bronze Medal: Jack Callahan, Foothill 4-H
Most Creative Rosette: Ella Boone, Foothill 4-H
Blue awards: Roger Alderman, Roxanne Cohen, Amanda Curtis, Chrissy Danicourt, Moriah Dulsinsky, Mac Hager, Aubrey Harris, Amelia Hendersen, Tyler Keith, Cory Ketchem, Liam Mills, Emily Orpurt, Chance Pimentel, Emilia Sibley

Intermediate:
Gold Medal: Jordan Hampton, Sonora Cloverleafs
Silver Medal: McKenna Alderman, Tuolumne Pioneers & Faith Hamilton, Tuolumne Pioneers
Bronze Medal: Savanna Clopton, Foothill 4-H
Most Creative Rosette: Shyanne Clopton, Foothill 4-H
Blue award: Julia Bearden, Belle Bloom, Kendall Boone, Amber Borland, Brittany Borland, Sarah Bowman, Star Carillo-Stone, Ashlee Craig, Gregory Crook, Shelby Curtin, Brienna Hargrave, Ember Harris, Jenny Kohn, Sonny Paris, Audrey Rudd, Rachael Sanguinetti, Tessa Sibley, Karissa Watkins,

Seniors
Gold Medal & Most Creative Rosette: Rylee Oliver, Tuolumne Pioneers
Blue award: Rachael Davis, Shelby Fosdick, Haley Gragg, Bailey Graham, Taylor Higginbotham, Sydney Jones, Colton Pimentel, Georgia Sibley, Victoria Smith

Groups
Most Creative Rosette: Amanda Curtis, Cora Ethier, Mattie Proctor, Sonora Cloverleafs
Blue awards: Kaitlyn Bloom & Hannah Castaneda, Abigail Hall-Elliott & Kyra Gladysz
GOLDEN CLOVER AWARDS
The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Eligibility
- Regular 4-H members
- 4-H volunteers
- 4-H groups (two or more 4-H members, volunteers, or program staff working together on a project)
- 4-H program staff

Individuals and groups may only win once in a category every three years. Individuals and groups may win in only one category per year, although individuals are eligible to win as an individual and as part of a group in the same year. 4-H academic staff are not eligible for any Golden Clover Award.

Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. The selection committee reserves the option of moving applications to another category if they feel it would be a better match.

Applications are evaluated on how well the applicant meets the description of the category and overall participation within 4-H. Group applications consisting of youth and adults need to demonstrate strong youth-adult partnerships.

Golden Clover Award winners will be awarded a $500 cash award, a medallion and lapel pin (group recipients will be awarded lapel pins for every group member and one medallion per group). Award winners will be recognized on the state 4-H website and announced at the 4-H State Leadership Conference and State 4-H Leaders’ Forum.

STATE AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS
The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest youth service-learning opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H member. 4-H State Ambassador candidates must be at least 16 years old on May 1, 2015 and no older than 18 years old as of December 31, 2015. Additional information can be found online at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/201381.pdf.

COLOR ME GREEN RUN—HOSTED BY EL DORADO COUNTY 4-H
Saturday March 7, 2015 at 9 a.m.
At Shingle Springs Rancheria
Benefitting 4-H Positive Youth Development Program
Cost: $25 per runner ages 5-99 for 5K
Includes: Race t-shirt, green color dye, race packet, parking and after race fun.
Toddler fun run: $5 for 1K
Youth ages 0-5 can put on their lucky green and ride bikes, trikes or wagons in celebration of good health!
Register Online at: http://ucanr.edu/cmg
CLOVERBUDS
The Cloverbuds will be meeting February 2nd, 6pm at the 4-H office. We will have our 4-H All Star team as guest speakers as well as work on an activity for Service Person Appreciation month! Hope to see you all there! For questions please contact Dedra Danicourt 209/770-6279

FOOTHILL
Meets at the Sheriff’s Posse Grounds, 19130 Rawhide Rd, Jamestown, 95327
2nd Wednesday@7:00 pm
Community Club Leaders: Sharon Smales, sl_smales@att.net or 532-5036, and Ida Ponder, 984-5515

GOLD RUSH COUNTRY
Meets at Gold Rush Country School, 16330 Hidden Valley Road, Sonora, CA 95370
2nd Thursday @7:00 pm
Community Club Leader: Emily Hamilton, ehamilton6@me.com or 206-3020

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our January meeting, we discussed our club’s part in the County Dinner, wrapped the silverware for it, then had a demonstration by Tom Mason on his ukelele. For our February meeting (second Tuesday - the 10th), we will discuss presentations/demonstrations, and practice judging classes.
Reporter, Grace Cathrein

HI 4-H
Hi 4-H February 18th meeting is MANDATORY! If you have placemat ads they are due to Linda Mager, no later than February 4th. March 8th is our Pancake Breakfast, if you plan on going to Disneyland you must work at the breakfast. Be at the Elks Lodge @ 6:30 am. Disneyland trip is April 24-26th. Start making payments to Linda by the next meeting.
Reporter, Alyssa Rodriguez

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
Meets at Soulsbyville Elementary School, 20300 Soulsbyville Rd, Soulsbyville, 95372
2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm
Community Club Leaders: Anita Vicini, amgilles@yahoo.com or 536-4098

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
The next meeting will be February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora Youth Center. We will be decorating Valentine’s cookies for clients of Nancy’s Hope. Come early or stay a little late to help bring some holiday cheer to those in need.
Submitted by: Amanda Curtis

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The next Tuolumne Pioneers Meeting is Monday February 9th 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
ARCHERY
The Spring Archery project will begin in late March. Look for more information in the March Tooter and at Everything But Animals Day.

New project beginning this February: GARDENING
Members will learn skills and gain experience in vegetable gardening. Members will use their knowledge to plan, plant and maintain their own garden at home, a large space is not needed, even a big pot will do! The goal is for members to prepare an exhibit from what they have grown to show at the Mother Lode Fair.
This project is open to all members county-wide.
Meetings will be held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Meetings will be held at the project leader's home/garden @ 17457 Murphy Rd, Sonora.
The first meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th and will continue monthly through July.
Any questions please contact Project Leader, Maren Paris (209)588-8042 or gigibird@sbcglobal.net. Please enroll members in the project in 4-H Online under Countywide Projects and Vegetable Gardens and Crops. Contact Melanie Curtis if you need enrollment assistance.
A $5 donation for the Activity Guide and materials will be collected at the first meeting.
For more information come visit our table at Everything But Animals Field Day!

GOATS
The County Wide Goat Project will be meeting Monday February 23rd at 6pm at the 4-H office. We will be going over body parts and giving info on available goats. Please contact Dedra Danicourt for questions 209/770-6279

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

SCIENCE EDUCATION TEAM
The Science Education Team will not meet in February due to a scheduling conflict. Future meetings will be announced in the Tooter.

TOULUMNE LEPUS CLUB (RABBITS)
Our last meeting was great and we were very happy to start out the new year with some new additions to our project group. Thank you all who came and we hope you had fun. Next month our meeting will be held at the Sonora Moose Lodge at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25th. At our next meeting we will be going over showmanship in preparation for fair! Therefore, it would be great to bring your rabbit you are planning on entering and showing at fair. We will also be playing a game or two to make learning showmanship fun! For any questions please contact out project leader, Gail Aruta at (209)-532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com
TUOLUMNE COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY
Saturday, March 7, 2105, Gold Rush Country School, 16330 Hidden Valley Road, Sonora, CA 95370
Training for Room Emcees and Judges at 1:00 pm. Presentations will begin at 2:00 pm

Presentation Day is open to all 4-H members. You do not need to be in a Public Speaking project to participate. You can even give a presentation with a friend, which is called a team. Primary members may enter the county level only. Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors may advance to the regional level with a gold award at county level. Regional gold awards may advance to State Presentation Day.

An important part of your 4-H experience is learning to speak in front of groups. Presentation Day gives you the opportunity to speak in front of judges who will evaluate your presentation.

4-H has a great manual to help you prepare your presentation. It’s online on the state website at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/

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.

Members not presenting are invited to be Room Emcees (6th grade and up) and Door Monitors (any age). Emcees and Monitors need to sign up ahead. We also need adults to volunteer as judges - you can be a big help to the members giving presentations! Contact Sharon Smales if you can help, 532-5036.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear the presentations. All members are invited to give a Non-Judged Impromptu speech that day. These are entertaining and just for fun.

Presentations aren’t just demonstrations. You have many options ranging from traditional demonstrations to problem solving for senior members. Choose the style that best fits you for your first presentation and then try other styles as you advance in 4-H. Every member is encouraged to give a presentation each year. Show what you’ve learned; give a presentation!

You can give
- A Demonstration teaches a skill by showing how to do it.
- An Illustrated Talk tells about a subject using visual aids like posters, objects or a power point
- 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.
- A Judged 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.
- Cultural Arts is music, dance, drama or performing art performed by one person or a group
- Audio-visual Presentations are videos or power points
- Problem Solving Presentations, for senior members only with pre-set topics
- The 4-H Creed Contest is at the County level only. Information is given here because it is not in the Manual

Attending this event counts toward your Fair eligibility requirement. Be sure to sign in.

Thank you Foothill 4-H club for hosting this event.
CREED CONTEST
There are two divisions: members reading or using a written version of the Creed and members reciting it from memory.

Each member will recite the 4-H Creed and be asked a series of three questions by the judges. All participants will be asked the same questions so members and audience may not discuss the questions or answers with anyone until after the close of the contest. The Creed contest will be in a separate room at Presentation Day. Members will be called in one at a time starting with Juniors. They may stay and watch members after them, but not those before. Families and members not competing in the Creed Contest are invited to be audience.

Possible questions include
- How will 4-H club work help you to become a better citizen?
- In what way does 4-H train you to think, plan and reason?
- What is a Creed?
- How have you and your club helped in the development of your community?
- Describe some of the ways that though your 4-H projects, you have become helpful, useful, and skillful?
- What does “training of my heart” mean to you?
- The Creed was written in 1918. Do you think it is still true for children of today? Why or why not?
- What is the message you have learned from the 4-H Creed Contest?

THE 4-H CREED
I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful, and useful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my county, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.
TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4-H PRESENTATION DAY ENTRY
Due to the 4-H Office by February 23, 2015
Complete one form for each presentation
This is information can also be submitted online at:

NAME               CLUB               PHONE

AGE DIVISION
☐ Primary Member, age 7-8 on 12/31/14
☐ Junior, no less than 9 years and no more than 10 years old by 12/31/14
☐ Intermediate, no less than 11 years and not more than 13 years old by 12/31/14
☐ Senior, 14 years old or older as of 12/31/14

For a Team presentation, the division is determined by highest grade of team members. Primary members may not be on a team with regular 4-H members.

PRESENTATION CATEGORY
☐ Demonstration                  ☐ Educational Display
☐ Illustrated Talk               ☐ Prepared Speech
☐ Scientific Demonstration      ☐ Judged Impromptu Speech
☐ Scientific Illustrated Talk   ☐ Interpretative Reading
☐
☐ My presentation must be given outside

I have 2 presentations. Please schedule this one  ☐ first  ☐ second.

TITLE OF PRESENTATION

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TUOLUMNE COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY HELP
Due to the 4-H Office by February 23, 2015

☐ I would like to be a Door Monitor (any age member)
☐ I would like to be a Room Emcee (6th grade & up)
☐ I would like to be a judge (Adult or older High School with presentation experience)

NAME               CLUB               PHONE


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