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 session:

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

MOTHER LODGE FAIR PRE-WEIGHTS

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.

EBAD RESULTS

We had a fantastic and fun day at Everything But Animals Day 2015 with 67 members in attendance! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped run stations and a very special thank you to Deniel Sheffield and Kris Hamilton for their dedication in planning a great day for us all.

The decorated cupcake contest went very well, with many members recognized for their hard work. Brittny Curtis of the Sonora Cloverleafs received Primary recognition. In the Junior category, Aubrey Harris and Amelia Henderson of Groveland Highlanders, Chrissy Danicourt of Gold Rush Country and Amanda Curtis of Sonora Cloverleafs received blue awards. Foothill member Ella Boone was awarded a Bronze Medal and Hannah Castaneda, also from Foothill received the Silver. Tuolumne Pioneers member Chance Pimentel was awarded the Gold. Intermediate blue awards went to Shelby Curtin of Foothill, Jenny Kohn of Groveland Highlanders and Julia Bearden of Sonora Cloverleafs. Ember Harris of Groveland

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
Highlanders was the Intermediate Bronze medalist. Foothill’s Kendall Boone was awarded the Silver and the Gold Medal winner was Rachael Sanguinetti of Gold Rush Country 4-H. The Senior Silver Medalist was Colton Pimentel of Tuolumne Pioneers and the Gold Medalist was Foothill’s Victoria Smith.

Many members had a great time participating in the Judging Contest! William Bloom from Foothill, Brittney Curtis from Sonora Cloverleafs and Nicolas Rodgers from Tuolumne Pioneers received Primary recognition for their participation. Other awards were as follows:

### White Awards
- Junior: Chance Pimentel, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Junior: Hunter Rogers, Gold Rush Country
- Junior: Chrissy Danicourt, Gold Rush Country
- Int.: Gregory Crook, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Int.: Sonny Paris, Sonora Cloverleafs
- Int.: Kaley Pfeffer, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Senior: Wesley Barnes, Foothill
- Senior: Colton Curtin, Foothill

### Red Awards
- Junior: Ella Boone, Foothill
- Junior: Jack Callahan, Foothill
- Junior: Ember Harris, Groveland Highlanders
- Junior: Jake Pingree, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Junior: Corey Ketchem, Foothill
- Int.: Eli Duckworth, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Int.: Tristan Hagstrom, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Int.: Cora Ethier, Sonora Cloverleafs
- Int.: Mattie Proctor, Sonora Cloverleafs
- Int.: Kaitlyn Bloom, Foothill
- Int.: Travis Pingree, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Int.: Sarah Marick, Foothill
- Senior: Colton Pimentel, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Senior: Bailey Graham, Foothill

### Blue Awards
- Junior: Hannah Castaneda, Foothill
- Junior: Shelby Curtin, Foothill
- Junior: Liam Kelly, Foothill
- Junior: Amelia Henderson, Groveland Highlanders
- Junior: Aubrey Harris, Groveland Highlanders
- Int.: Cooper Gookin, Foothill
- Int.: Jordan Hampton, Sonora Cloverleafs
- Int.: Rachael Sanguinetti, Gold Rush Country
- Int.: Jenny Kohn, Groveland Highlanders
- Int.: Kendall Boone, Foothill
- Int.: Tyler Weber, Foothill
- Senior: Taylor Higginbotham, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Senior: Tanner VanBebber, Foothill
- Senior: Tyler Orpurt, Foothill

### Medals
- Jr. Bronze: Jenna Abbott, Groveland Highlanders
- Int. Bronze: Jason Vaccarezza, Mt. Rangers
- Sr. Bronze: Tanner Hines, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Jr. Silver: Emily Orpurt, Foothill
- Int. Silver: Belle Bloom, Foothill
- Sr. Silver: Victoria Smith, Foothill
- Jr. Gold: Amanda Curtis, Sonora Cloverleafs
- Int. Gold: Virginia Oellrich, Groveland Highlanders
- Sr. Gold: Shane Marick, Foothill

EBAD participants show off the pillow cases they made for community service projects.
STATE 4-H LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.

Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff.

The conference is planned by a team of high school 4-H members, key leaders and adult advisors. Working in strong youth-adult partnership, the team designs the educational, recreational and logistical components of the conference.

Additional conference information and registration can be found online at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLC/

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. 4-H 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.

HOME ARTS EXPO — HOSTED BY CALAVERAS COUNTY 4-H
The 4-H Home Arts Expo will be held this year on Saturday, April 18th, 2015 at Mark Twain Elementary School in Angels Camp. Angelus Ranus 4-H Club will be hosting this event!

DIRECTIONS: Mark Twain Elementary is located at 981 Tuolumne Ave., Angels Camp. It is one block up Stanislaus Avenue, which begins at the corner of US Bank and Highway 49 in the heart of Angels Camp.

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. 4-H members from Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne, El Dorado and Amador County are welcome to participate! All entries are due by April 7th.

Members in Clothing, Arts & Crafts, Industrial Arts and Crafts, Leather craft, Pottery, Needlework, Dish Gardens, Welding, Woodworking, and Models (and ALL OTHER home arts) are eligible to enter! Food and Nutrition project members are eligible to enter their dishes or decorated cakes! Adults are eligible to enter the Chili Cook-Off Contest!

For entry information and additional details, go to: http://ucanr.edu/homeartsexpo
CLOVERBUDS
The Cloverbuds meet the 1st Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be held Monday, March 2nd. 6pm @ the 4H office. We will have a Spring time activity ready! Come join in the FUN! See you there! If you have any questions please contact Dedra Danicourt.

FOOTHILL
Hello again Foothill 4-Hers!
We had a great turnout at Everything But Animals Field Day! Our next meeting will be March 11, at 7:00, at the Sheriff's Posse grounds in Jamestown. If this is your first year in 4-H or need help on your Record Book come to the Record Book meeting that is at 6:00 before every club meeting. Meetings will be upstairs due to a Sheriff’s Department meeting. Therefore, the club meeting will be abbreviated as much as possible. Thank you!!! Reporter, Belle Bloom

GOLD RUSH COUNTRY
The Gold Country Kids meet in the Gold Rush cafeteria the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on March 12 at 7pm. Executive officers meeting is at 6:30. In Celebration of St. Patrick’s Day come to our meeting wearing GREEN!! There will be a prize for the most decorated member!! For questions or more information please contact the Club leader - Emily Hamilton

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our February meeting we had a presentation by Amelia Hendersen and Jenny Kohn on How To Give a Presentation, and had 6 classes of Judging practice.
For our March 10th meeting we will have more presentations, and discuss serving at the Lion’s Club Dinner on Saturday, March 14th.

HI 4-H
Pancake Breakfast is March 8th at the Elks Lodge. All Hi 4-Hers must be there at 6 a.m. Get out there and sell your pre-sale tickets. They are due the morning of the breakfast. April 24-26th is the Disneyland trip. Start paying Linda Mager if you owe money.

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

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
The next meeting will be March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora Youth Center. Wear green to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The next Tuolumne Pioneers Meeting is Monday March 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
Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office. We will work on another Junk Drawer Robotics activity.
HI 4-H

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

4-H FOR TEENS

Sunday, March 8th from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee & all you can eat Pancakes!

Adult ~ $7, Child under 12 ~ $4

For information call 532-5896
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Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome.

News for the April Tooter is March 25th.