VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
We are still seeking many Leaders! Gold Rush Country needs a Community Club Leader. We also need a leader for our CloverBud Project and the STEM Project. If we can not find a leader, we will no be able to offer this club and these projects for 2015-2016, which will greatly impact many of our members. If you can assist with these, please contact Kelsey Markus at 533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu as soon as possible. Gold Rush Country is a new club that just got started last year, we would love to see it continue to build and grow!

We are always searching for new projects and project leaders. If you have a friend or family member you think would make a great 4-H Leader, don’t be shy! Ask them about volunteering! Adults interested in volunteering can contact Kelsey or find information on our website at: [http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/4-H_Youth_Development/Volunteering_in_4-H/](http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/4-H_Youth_Development/Volunteering_in_4-H/)

In addition to project leaders for 2015-2016, we are searching for event chairs for various events throughout the year. The event chair may be an adult or an older youth. Please contact Kelsey Markus if you are interested in this leadership opportunity.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
October 4, 4:00 p.m., Sonora Elks Lodge
Mark your calendars for Achievement Night! All 4-H members who turned in a complete record book for the 2014-2015 4-H year will be recognized at Achievement Night. This is a great way to celebrate your hard work and accomplishments over the last year. We hope to see everyone there!

PM CLUB OUTREACH
All 4-H members who would like to share information about their 4-H projects with one or more of the local PM Clubs may volunteer to do a presentation at a PM club site. You can bring in an animal, do a simple foods demonstration, do a craft, or share any knowledge or skill you think will be of interest to other young people. This is a great opportunity to share the 4-H community club program with our PM Club partnership while building your public speaking skills and earning presentation credits for your star ranks. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kelsey Markus at 533-6990 or simply complete the online sign up form at: [http://ucanr.edu/PMOutreach.](http://ucanr.edu/PMOutreach.)

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
All 4-H families save the date! Saturday, January 16, 2016 is the 43rd Annual 4-H Community Dinner. This is the main fundraiser for the year for our county 4-H program. We cook and serve tri tip dinner to about 1000 people, auction decorated cakes made by 4-H members, and fill the John Muir building at the fairgrounds with project displays. There are contests for posters, ticket sales and cakes and many opportunities for families and clubs to help. Watch for more Dinner information in the next Tooter!

4-H WEEK BABY BASKET
This is a traditional activity to honor the first baby born to Tuolumne County parents during National 4-H Week. Every 4-H club is invited to contribute. If you would like to donate baby items or gift certificates, please bring them to the 4-H Office, your club meeting or Achievement Night in October.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
IRONSTONE CONCOURS d’ELEGANCE
Saturday, September 26

Concours d’Elegance is a classic car show at Ironstone Winery in Murphys. It is a fund raiser for 4-H in the foothill counties, FFA, and State Fair scholarships. Tuolumne County 4-H members and families volunteer to help with the event and in return, the Ironstone Concours Foundation helps support our program. What can you do? We need members of all ages to give presentations, bring project displays, bake cookies, and work in the different venues at the event. Presentations can be individual or team and are given from 11-12:30. The impromptu speaking contest is 12:30-1:30. Displays are set up from 9:30-2. Members stay with their displays to talk to the general public about 4-H. Presentations and displays can be about any 4-H project or activity. Small live animals are always an attraction. Our county is responsible to supply 15 dozen home-made cookies for the award bags given to the car show winners. Cookies should be packed 4-6 to a small ziploc baggie. 4-H members of all ages and adults supervisors are needed to take tickets, hand out programs, assemble the award bags, and assist in the merchandise booth. All Stars and Leadership Team members help at the Gala Lunch and Awards Ceremony.

Admission and lunch are free for 4-H members volunteering and/or presenting. Admission is free for supervising 4-H adults. For more information and to sign up to present or volunteer, go to: http://ucanr.edu/concours by September 19. If you can bake and donate cookies, let Kelsey know at the 4-H Office. If you are paying for admission, tickets are $20 per adult or $35 per couple or family of 4, and children under 14 are free.

COUNTY LEADERS COUNCIL

All Tuolumne County 4-H members in 9th-12th grade and leaders may be active participants in our Leaders Council. The Leaders Council makes important program decisions, establishes local 4-H policies and plans countywide 4-H activities. The Council meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Office. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY LEADER TRAINING

Each month, Kelsey is going to do a brief leader’s training seminar. These will take place the 1st Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Office (just before the Leader’s Council Meeting). These trainings can cover curriculum use, project planning, utilizing Teen Leaders, and so much more! Our first training will take place on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and will be going over Social Media in 4-H.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

All new leaders to 4-H will be required to attend a new leader orientation night. They can chose between one of two dates. Monday, September 21st or Thursday, October 15th from 6:30-9:00pm at the UCCE/4-H office. Orientation will allow new leaders to network, learn about the 4-H program rules and policies, and gain insight on how to be the best leader possible in our county. These orientations are open to returning leaders as well who want to refresh their knowledge or just meet some of the new faces in 4-H. Please RSVP to Kelsey at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 533-6990.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK RECRUITMENT AND FUNDRAISING EVENT

We will be holding a Livestock Field Day/Project Demonstration event at Tractor Supply on Saturday, October 10th and Sunday, October 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event will be in conjunction with the National Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign. This campaign earned $913,533 nationwide last spring, let’s try to help make a $1 Million this fall! We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to help with activity booths and perhaps a small petting zoo. There will be craft and science projects for kids to complete onsite and take home and we will enroll new members onsite! Join us and bring some friends! For more information or to volunteer, contact your community club leader or Kelsey Markus at 533-6990.
STATE FASHION REVUE
Announcing State Fashion Revue 2016, “Hoe Down, Sew Down.” SFR is May 28, 2016, as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Members qualify in their home counties to enter SFR. Participant categories returning for 2016 are Traditional, Upcycled, and Consumer Science Purchased $40 limit. The rules for Upcycled have been modified to place more emphasis on the transition. There are two new challenge categories. In the Western Wear Challenge, sewing project members make a western shirt and add other sewn or purchased garments to complete an outfit. For the Muslin Challenge, members create a garment out of at least 2 but not more than 3 yards of cotton muslin fabric. It must be made as part of a member’s project work but the Clothing & Textiles/Sewing project isn’t required. Members are encouraged to decorate or embellish the garment. Additional garments may be handmade or purchased. The first service project announced is reusable tote bags made of feed bags, leftover sturdy fabric, canvas or even denim. The second service project will be announced next month. If you would like to join the SFR committee, the first meeting is Sunday, October 18 from 10-2 at the UCCE Office in Stockton. Please see the SFR website for more details on joining the committee, the categories and service projects or the event itself at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/.

STATE 4-H LEADERS FORUM 2015
This year’s forum is "Keepin’ It Fresh" with a mixture of new and traditional events, activities, and opportunities for 4-H volunteers who work hard around the clock to make a difference in the lives of your youth members. Join your fellow volunteers for the first forum to be held in southern California! This event is for 4-H adult volunteers and staff only. No youth participation. Come join your fellow 4-H leaders and staff for an inspiring and innovative experience, a networking opportunity; inspiring and refreshing your 4-H commitment at the State Leaders Forum in San Diego on Nov. 6-8, 2015. More information at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLF/

NEW UNIFORM GUIDELINES
We are pleased to announce that the California 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted new 4-H uniform guidelines. Implementation of these guidelines are effective beginning July 1, 2015 and are expected to take several years for full adoption. See the 4-H uniform page on the state website for more information and see the California 4-H Uniform Guidelines for complete garment details and the transition plan to the new uniform guidelines. As a reminder—There is no uniform requirement in the 4-H YDP and a uniform cannot be required for participation in any 4-H YDP sponsored activity, event, meeting or occasion.

4-H FUTURES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS
Join us for the implementation roll-out meeting to learn about the new state level Volunteer Management Organization. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions and help contribute to the communication and continuous improvement plan. This will take place on October 24th from 10:00am-4:00pm at UC Davis. You can also attend via webinar by registering by October 16 at http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15768 For more information visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/4-H_Futures_Task_Force/
FOOTHILL
Welcome back Foothill 4-H members and families!
Can you believe our first meeting is coming up on Wednesday, September 9th at 7 pm at the Sheriff’s Posse Grounds in Jamestown? Just a reminder, we will be holding elections for the following offices; Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you have any friends that are interested in joining 4-H bring them with you to the meeting. Remember if you cannot make this meeting to please contact Sharon Smales at 532-5036. See you at our meeting! Belle Bloom, Reporter

GOLD RUSH COUNTRY
VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED!!!! There is currently no one to lead this club. The meetings were typically held on the second Thursday of each month in the Cafeteria of Gold Rush Country School at 16331 Hidden Valley Road. If you know of anyone interested in helping lead this club, or would like more information about how to lead, contact Kelsey Markus at 533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
Our club meets at Tenaya School, 19177 Hwy 120, Groveland 95321, second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. First meeting will be September 8th from 6:30 to 7:30; we will hold elections for officers for the new year, introduce projects/leaders, and make a 4-H Week Banner. For returning members, please enroll online soon. Community Club leader: Carol Willmon (willmon@hughes.net), 062-7528

HI 4-H
Hi 4-H is both a club and a project for any 4-H member age 12 and older. It is a CLUB for those members who want to participate in Hi 4-H and Haunted House only. Hi 4-H is a PROJECT for those members who belong to another club in the county, however wish to participate in Hi 4-H activities during the 4-H year. Hi 4-H holds a pancake breakfast in March of each year and also members go on an annual Disneyland trip. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, At Sonora Youth Center. The first meeting will be September 16. Any questions call Jodi Hembree, 743-9492 or Linda Mager, 743-0544.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
Mountain Rangers meet the second Wednesday of the month in the Soulsbyville Elementary school cafeteria at 6pm. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 9th. If you are an executive officer please show up at 5:30 for the officers meeting. If you have any questions please contact Anita Vicini at 209-536-4098 or amgilles@yahoo.com

LION’S PRIDE
NEW CLUB! The Lion’s Pride 4-H Club is a new club to our county. They will be meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3:45 at FootHill Leadership Academy. Contact Lalanie DeKnoblough at 530-356-2721 for more information.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
Hello Cloverleafs,
Our first meeting for this 4-H year is Tuesday, September 8th at 7pm at the Sonora Youth Center on Barretta Street (the Tiny Tots Log Cabin building). We will meet on the second Tuesday of every month from September 2015 through June 2016. For insurance and safety, please bring along a parent or guardian until I have received your medical release form printed out from the 4-H online enrollment page. I always encourage all parents/guardians to attend with the member, but I do understand many of us are juggling multiple schedules. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me via email at sheffy@msn.com or telephone at 536.9791 or 209.761.2384. Please bring a friend to join us! The more the merrier!

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
I hope everyone had a great summer. The new year is here and we are ready to rock. You can sign up online anytime or we can do it at the first club meeting on September 8, 2014. The meeting will begin at 7:00 at the Mother Lode Christian School. See you there.
CLOVERBUDS
VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED!!!! Cloverbuds is for members 5-8 years old. This project is great for teaching about all of the different aspects of 4-H. If interested please contact Kelsey at 533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu

CLOTHING & TEXTILES (SEWING)
Meetings will be on Saturday or Sunday afternoons and possibly one day after school (TBA). Returning members have priority. We’re not sure yet if we will have room for new members. Please contact Sue Moore by September 2, 743-2020 or 2moores@mlode.com.

GOATS
The Tuolumne County-Wide Goat Project meeting will be held on September 11th at the 4-H office at 6:30pm. We will be discussing upcoming events and introduction to goats. For more information please contact Dedra Danicourt 209/ 770-6279.

HAUNTED HOUSE
Haunted House is a project for 4-H members age 12 and older. The Haunted House is located in the red barn next to Sonora Lumber on So. Washington St in Sonora. Construction on the Haunted House is set to begin Saturday, Aug. 29 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Construction will continue on Saturdays and Sundays until completed. Please enroll in in 4HOnline, as soon as possible. If enrollment is not completed by the opening of performances, the member will not be able to participate. Each participant, youth and adult, must have a medical form on file at the haunted house. Performance dates will be Oct. 22-24 and Oct. 28-31. Any questions call Jay Wallace, 770-3724 or Jodi Hembree, 743-9492.

SCIENCE EDUCATION TEAM
NEW PROJECT LEADER NEEDED!!!! 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. For more information contact Kelsey Markus at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 533-6990.

RABBITS
NEW DATE AND LOCATION! We are now meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the Month at the UCCE/4-H Office. The first meeting of the 4-H Countywide Rabbit Project – Tuolumne Lepus Club – will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Office. You don’t need to have a rabbit to start the project and several breeds will be on display for discussion about what rabbit might be just right for you. Please contact project leader Gail Aruta at 532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS—RIFLE
IMPORTANT DEADLINES!
Signups will be ONLINE on Tuesday, September 8th. The sign-up form will be on the Mother Lode Gun Club website under "Junior Rifle ". Juniors need to be signed up by a parent or guardian. (There is limited space, so first come, first served till the class is filled.) The first class night will begin on Tuesday, September 15th featuring a mandatory interactive lecture for all those juniors who are new and have not participated in at least two previous lectures and payment of $25.00 for the class for those accepted. If Paypal is not working on the website, payment will be expected the first night of class. The cost covers all the supplies and equipment required for the program. Firearms, ammunition and targets are provided. The program will be held on the 50 foot indoor range, and will run consecutive Tuesdays. The final meeting will be a special Awards for all participants and their family members at the MLGC clubhouse on Tuesday, November 3rd. Any questions regarding 4-H shooting sports "Rifle" program call or text Rodger Tidball at 209-768-0261.

Don’t see your project news here?
If you are a Project Leader and would like a news article published in the monthly Tooter please email or call the 4-H Office by the 20th of each month with your submission. This is a great way to keep your members and parents up-to-date on project meeting dates and activities!
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