



NOVEMBER 2015

SUMMER CAMP 2016

4-H Office is hoping to hold 4-H Camp again next summer. We would like to get a committee of people interested in helping. This can be current parents, teens, adult volunteers or interested members of our community. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30 at the UCCE/4-H Office. For more information contact Kelsey Markus at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 209-533-6990

SONORA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER DINNER

Tuolumne County 4-H is assisting with the Sonora Regional Medical Center employee holiday dinner. If you are age 12 and up or adult, we need your help! We are volunteering from 5 pm to approximately 8:30 or 9 on Tuesday, December 8th 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. If interested, please call Ida Ponder at 743-0578, or contact your Community Leader. SRMC will make a donation to 4-H in return for our help.

LCORT 2016 "LCORT in Wonderland"

Friday, January 29 to Sunday, January 31, 2016 Wonder Valley Ranch Resort and Conference Center in Sanger, Fresno County

LCORT is the South Central Section's leadership conference for members ages 12-19. 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: Thursday, December 10th.**

NOVEMBER LEADER TRAINING

All leaders are welcome to attend the November Leader Training where we will be discussing utilizing Jr and Teen Leaders. Training will be held before Leader's Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 4th from 6:00-6:45pm in the UCCE/4-H Office. For more information contact Kelsey at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 209-533-6990.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY—Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Are you looking for an opportunity to do some community service? The Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringers during their Christmas Kettle Drive. If interested send a list of names and phone numbers of interested members to Donita at donita.osborne@usw.salvationarmy.org or call 352-2433

RECRUITMENT WITH SIERRA NON-PROFIT—Leadership Tuolumne Seniors

Sierra Non-Profit is putting on an event with Leadership Tuolumne Seniors on November 11th from 12-2 at the Senior Youth Center. We have been asked to bring a 4-H display and talk about the program. This is a great way to engage more of the public and recruit new leaders and members. If interested in helping with the display, please contact Kelsey at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 533-6990

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER

January 16, 2016

Please save the date for the 4-H Community Dinner on January 16. It is the main fundraiser for 4-H Council and money raised pays for all the other events all year. All 4-H families and clubs are expected to help with the Dinner. Clubs will have Dinner tickets to check out for sale at their November meetings. Members, be thinking about how you want to decorate your cake for the contest and auction. Watch for complete news about the Dinner in a special edition of the Tooter!

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, show off 4-H project work in displays, and feature a special community service project each year. 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 November 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 13. There are cash prizes for high ticket sales plus a prize 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.

Food Prep: Everyone is invited to wrap potatoes and roll silverware on Wednesday, January 13 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.



STATE 4-H NEWS



FROM THE STATE AMBASSADORS

As the kick off of our platform on social and emotional health, the California State Ambassadors will be participating in **Text, Talk, Act.** Across the country, young people are having a nationwide conversation on mental health and how to help a friend in need. Through text messaging, small groups receive discussion questions to lead them through a conversation about mental health. Join the State Ambassadors in this nationwide conversation to help end the silence on November 10th. Here is how YOU can participate in the conversation:

1. At any time on November 10th, gather your participants for Text, Talk, Act and have them text START to 89800.
2. They will then receive a series of text messages to spark a conversation that will last about 45 minutes. The texts will include polling and discussion questions, links to several short videos and a couple of opportunities to share information on social media.
3. During Text, Talk, Act, participants will receive a text message that prompts them to enter your organizer code. Make sure they enter the code 5019TTA when prompted. Here is the text message they will see when it's time to enter the code: "If you have a unique code from your organizer, enter it now. If not, enter SKIP"
4. The top five schools or organizations to host the most participants will win \$1,000 California 4-H State Ambassadors have pledged to facilitate group conversations throughout the state. Through a social media competition, 4-Her's are nominating friends to help participate and raise awareness about mental health. The 4-Her's have a chance to win 4-H gear by using the hashtag #ttaca4h, #ca4h, and #texttalkact. Get your friends together and join California 4-H and the State Ambassadors in the conversation!

SOUTH CENTRAL 4-H ARCHERY SHOOTOUT

This archery tournament is designed as a Mail-n Multiple County event for 4-H shooting sports members and leaders to participate. Entry fee is \$10 and all registration is due by December 4th. For more information visit: http://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H_Tulare/files/221185.pdf

NEW VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AT STATE

On October 24th the State 4-H Office announced a rollout plan for the new State 4-H Volunteer Management Organization (VMO). They will no longer be made up of a council, but instead a Management Board. This new VMO will come into affect on July 1st, 2016. The hope is that this new Management Board will better be able to strengthen the 4-H program state wide and increase membership. To find out more about the roll out and hear the presentation that was given, visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/4-H_Futures_Task_Force/. As the state office works with their current volunteers and more information comes out on the changes that are taking place, we will keep you updated.

CLUB NEWS

FOOTHILL

Next meeting will be on November 11th at the Sheriff's Posse grounds. Contact Sharon if you have any questions.

GOLD RUSH COUNTRY

We are still looking for a Community Club Leader if anyone wants to help this new club grow and expand. Please contact Kelsey Markus for more information at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 209-533-6990.

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS

At our October meeting, Sydney Jones and Peter Tidball installed our new officers. We discussed our successful petting zoo at the 49er Festival, and serving at the Lions Club Dinner.

We will initiate our many new members at our November meeting-the second Tuesday, the 10th at 6:30, we will also collect canned goods and items for the Butte Fire victims, and make pine cone turkey decorations for the Groveland Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Jenna Abbott, Reporter

HI 4-H

In November we had a meeting on the safety for the haunted house. We learned how to use a fire extinguisher and we needed to know where they were in our room and where our exits were in case of an emergency.

Thank you to everyone that helped out and came through the Haunted House this year. We have welcomed quite a few new Hi 4-H members.

Now we will start making plans for the pancake breakfast and our yearly Disneyland trip. Anyone planning on going on the Disneyland trip, please attend the November meeting. Information will be handed out concerning the place mat ad sales.

Our next meeting is November 18th, at 7:00 pm at Sonora Youth Center.

Any questions please call Linda Mager, 532-5896 or Jodi Hembree, 743-9492.

Heather Kingsford, Reporter

MOUNTAIN RANGERS

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11th. This meeting will be held at Anita's home as the school will be closed to observe Veteran's day. Contact Anita if you have any questions.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS

The Sonora Cloverleafs will meet on Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00. The club leader, Deniel Sheffield, can be reached at sheffy@msn.com or 536-9791 or 761-2384. The officers for the Cloverleafs will meet the Thursday before the club meeting, November 5th, at 4:00 and is open to members of the club if they are interested. There will also be a holiday food drive coming up, which will be further discussed at the officer meeting. The club t-shirt hasn't been designed yet, but the club decided as a group that the color will be a dark forest green.

Cora Ethier, Sonora Cloverleafs Reporter

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS

Changing locations! The Pioneers will be changing locations to the Summerville Elementary School Cafeteria. Next meeting will be on November 9th. Contact Ron for more information.

LIONS PRIDE

We have a great group of members who are excelling in the robotics project. Some meetings will be held in the Innovation Lab. Contact Lalanie at Lalanie@foothillleadership.com for more information.

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

GOATS

The Goat Project meets again on Thursday, November 5th starting at 6:30pm at the Jamestown Community Hall. Please bring your health/medical forms to turn in. For any questions please contact Dedra Danicourt 209/770-6279.

HAUNTED HOUSE

I hope everyone had fun at the Haunted House. There was a lot of hard work by everyone involved to make it a success!!! Tear down will be held the weekend of Nov 7 & 8. If you're available, please show up to help. Any questions, please call Jay Wallace, 768-8209 or Linda Hembree, 770-6683.

CLOVERBUDS

The new Cloverbuds leader is ready to start! More information will be coming out in the Weekly Updates. To get the most up to date information and to learn what the 5-8 year old members are doing, contact Emily at small_town_girl@live.com or 209-743-2072



POULTRY

County wide poultry meets third Thursday at 6:30 at 4-H office. Our next meeting we will discuss housing and preparing before obtaining birds.
Thanks, Penny

SCIENCE EDUCATION TEAM

Meets on the Second Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30 at the Sonora Youth Center. For more information contact Suzanne Cruz at 209-770-5025 or suzannecruz@hotmail.com



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Want to get better at your public speaking skills and get prepared for County Presentation Day? Come to the Sonora Youth Center from 5:30-6:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Annette Hampton at ajrhampton@att.net or 209-984-0180

TLC - Countywide Rabbit Project

At our Tuesday Nov 24 meeting, 6:30 at the 4-H office, we will be discussing healthy rabbit treats and toys, plus tracking income and expenses for your annual project report. Bring examples of what you think are healthy rabbit toys and we will assemble a take-home cage toy for your rabbit.

It's still not too late to join the TLC Rabbit project and we have a few breeds available for purchase. Please contact project leader Gail Aruta at 532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



FOOTHILL SWINE PROJECT

The first swine meeting with Sharon will be held at the Sonora Library on December 7th at 7:15pm. Contact Sharon at sl_smales@att.net or 209-532-5036 if you have any questions.

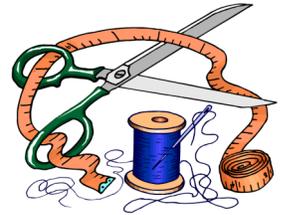
COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS, CONTINUED

DOG PROJECT

We have members interesting in a dog project, but we need a new leader. If there are any parents, teen leaders or someone in the community you know who wants to help, have them contact Kelsey in the 4-H Office at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 209-533-6990

SEWING PROJECT

We have had an overwhelming number of members sign up for sewing this year. Sue cannot do it alone! We need experienced sewers to help her or to take on some of the new members who are doing beginning work. If interested please contact Sue Moore at 2moores@mlode.com or 209-743-2020 or Contact the 4-H Office at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 533-6990



COMMUNITY SERVICE—Butte Fire Community Thanksgiving

Members from Tuolumne County 4-H are teaming up with Nancy's Hope to help put on a Community Dinner in Mountain Ranch for the people affected by the Butte Fire. We will need people to help pre-cook food in their homes and bring it to Mountain Ranch. We would love to have as many members as possible to help serve and show a friendly face. The dinner will take place on Monday, November 9th. Call Nancy at 209-352-3398 for more information. The next planning meeting will be on November 9th at 7:00pm in the UCCE/4-H Office.



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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 25th (the 19th of November for December news due to holidays) 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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

4 County Council
 6-8 State Leader's Forum
 7-8 Teen Retreat
 11 Leadership Tuolumne Seniors Display Booth
 11 Veteran's Day—Office Closed
 26-27 Office Closed—Thanksgiving
 20 December News due

December

2 County Council
 6 Oakland Raider's Game
 15 Sonora Regional Medical Center Dinner
 18 LCORT Registration Due
 20 January News due
 24-25 & 31 Winter Holiday—Office Closed

January

1 New Year's Day—Office Closed
 6 County Council
 16 Community Dinner
 18 Martin Luther King—Office Closed
 20 February News due
 29-31 LCORT



February

3 County Council
 13 Sectional Council
 15 President's Day—Office Closed
 20 March News due
 20 Everything But Animal Day (tentative)

March

2 County Council
 12 County Presentation Day
 12 Calaveras Maker's Fair
 13 Hi 4-H Pancake Breakfast
 20 April News due

April

6 County Council
 9 Regional Presentation Day
 15-17 Hi 4-H Disney Land Trip
 20 May News due
 30 Fashion Revue (tentative)

May

4 County Council
 7-8 Motherlode Round Up
 20 June News due
 21 Sectional Council
 28 State Field Day
 30 Memorial Day—Office Closed

June

1 County Council
 4 Horse Level Testing
 20 July News Due

July

4 Independence Day—Office Closed
 8-10 Motherlode Fair
 20 August News Due

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TOOTER NEWS

Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome.

News for the December is Tooter is due November 20th

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