SUMMER CAMP 2016
Toulumne County 4-H staff and volunteers are working on a 4-H summer camps for 2016—The summer camp we will be holding in Tuolumne County is tentatively scheduled to be held Camp Silver Spur n August 7th-11th. Recruitment for Junior members to help be on the Committee is underway. I am immediately accepting adult and teen volunteers for a Camp Planning Committee, our next meeting will be on Monday, December 14th at 6:30pm in the UCCE/4-H Office. Please contact Kelsey Markus at (209) 533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu if you are interested in being part our Camp Planning Committee.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES
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. Call Ida Ponder to sign up at 743-0578. SRMC will make a donation to 4-H in return for our help.

DECEMBER LEADER TRAINING
All leaders are welcome to attend the December Leader Training where we will be discussing record books and how to fill them out and best help your members get the most out of these forms. Training will be held before Leader’s Council Meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd from 6:00-6:45pm in the UCCE/4-H Office. For more information contact Kelsey at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 209-533-6990.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION
All new leaders to 4-H will be required to attend a new leader orientation night. The next orientation will take place on Tuesday, December 1st from 6:00-9:00pm 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

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 in grades 7-9. 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: Friday, December 4th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Registration forms can be found at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/217851.pdf

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT
We are still looking for new leaders to help in different areas. We are working on a campaign to recruit. If you are interested in being on the Committee to help please contact Ron Hamilton at rhamilton@goldrushcs.org
The sewing project needs a skilled sewer to help Sue or take on some of the members with a new project. We also have members interested in a dog project, but we need a leader for them. There are always other projects that can get started if you know someone who is interested in becoming a leader.
4-H COMMUNITY DINNER—a newsletter just for the Community Dinner will be coming out soon! Look for it for more details!

January 16, 2016
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 16. 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. 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
- Bring a project display
- Donate to or assist with the service project

**Ticket sales & contest:** Ticket packets have been distributed to families at your 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. If people cannot attend the dinner, they can purchase a ticket to donate and we will get it to someone in need. If you have not received tickets yet, contact your Club or Project Leader.

**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 Community Dinner Edition 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.

**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. We prefer that people eat their meals at the Dinner, but we will box up “To Go” meals if requested.

**Service Project:** Be on the lookout in the Community Dinner Edition of the Tooter for more information about the County Wide Service Project.

**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 Community Dinner Edition of the 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.
**Future of 4-H Starts Today**

As shared at a state wide roll out meeting held on October 24th at the UC ANR Building, the 4-H Futures Task Force – a team of 4-H youth members, 4-H adult volunteers, and staff – competed a two-year planning process to identify needs and develop strategies to strengthen the UC ANR 4-H Youth Development Program and increase youth and adult volunteer participation in 4-H. As a result, they are changing the Sectional and State Volunteer Management Organizations to a single State 4-H Management Board which will be implemented on July 1, 2016.

If you want to help in this process or get more information, follow these links:

Apply for a position as a Director on the Management Board and/or to be on a committee. Applications and position descriptions will be available starting January 1 on our website at: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Volunteer_Opportunities/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Volunteer_Opportunities/)

To learn more about the planning process, State 4-H Management Board, and frequently asked questions visit: [The Future of 4-H Starts Today](http://4h.ucanr.edu/The_Future_of_4-H_4H_starts_today/index.html).

### #GivingTuesday

**After Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving back.** This Tuesday December 1, join 4-H in giving confidence to our youth.

**There are four things you can do:**

1) Donate – you can double your gift through matching gifts provided by the California 4-H Foundation Board! 2) Take an #unselfie and post on Instagram or Facebook. 3) Become a 4-H volunteer. 4) Spread the word – tell your family, friends, fellow 4-Hers and neighbors how they can give confidence on #GivingTuesday!

**Our goal is to raise $10,000 for 4-H youth.**

Visit [www.ca4hfoundation.org](http://www.ca4hfoundation.org) or [www.4h.ucanr.edu](http://www.4h.ucanr.edu) to learn more about #givingtuesday #4Hgivingconfidence!

### Leadership Opportunities

**Become a State Ambassador!** Applications are now open at [Apply to Become a State Ambassador - UC 4-H Youth Development Program](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLC/)

**Deadline February 16, 2016**

**State Leadership Conference: July 28-31, 2016** Humboldt State University Registration opening early February 2016

Join the State Leadership Conference Team—Become a Program Assistant

**American Youth Leadership Program** Applications due December 1, 2015

The University of Wyoming 4-H program administers the American Youth Leadership Program funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of State. Through this program youth and adult participants from the 13 states in the Western Region have an opportunity to learn about and travel to Mongolia and Samoa on past programs. This year the exchange trip will be in Ghana and take place next summer in July.

For information and applications visit [http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/international/ghana/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/international/ghana/index.html).

**Leadership Washington Focus** - For Youth Members entering 7th-9th grades. **July 11-15, 2016.** Cost: $1849 (Includes airfare, conference travel, lodging and most meals) For more information about this trip and to register, please visit the [Leadership Washington Focus webpage](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLC/)

**Citizenship Washington Focus** - For Youth Members who are at least 15 years old at time of travel

- **Heritage Trail—July 10-July 16, 2016** Cost per person: $2849 (Conference Only)
- **Global Journey—July 10-19, 2016** Cost per person: $3799 (Conference plus Extended travel days to: Gettysburg, Philadelphia & Baltimore)

(Trip Costs include airfare, conference travel, lodging and most meals). For more information about this trip and to register, please visit the [Citizenship Washington Focus webpage](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLC/).
FOOTHILL
At this months Foothill 4-H meeting we talked about the teen retreat and everybody that went came up to the front of the room and talked about what they did and how much fun they had and hoping more people will attend next year. Katlynn Bloom and Hannah Castenada talked about going to Tractor Supply and all the different kinds of animals, how much money we raised and said everyone that participated had a really fun time. Sharon talked about the Community dinner on January 16, 2015 form 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the Fair Grounds. This is our main fundraiser for the whole year so it is very important that all our members and their parents come to help. Sharon also talked about how fun it is for our members to make posters to hang in the windows of local businesses for advertising and also the cake decorating contest. The cakes entered in the action must be made with everything edible. Ida is taking members 7th grade and up to Sonora Regional Medical Center on December 8, 2015 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm to serve dinner at the Fair Ground for their annual family Christmas dinner. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Ida so she knows who is coming. At our next meeting we need all the members to bring canned food for our Canned Food Drive. We will also be having a candy bar exchange for members and siblings, candy bars should be wrapped to make it more fun.

Thank You Kendall Boone!

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
Next Meeting will be held on December 8th at 6:30pm.

HI 4-H
Pancake Breakfast Placemat Ad Packets were handed out. If you are selling ads make sure to sell 10 or you don’t go to Disneyland. Turn in all sold ads you have sold so far at the December meeting. All packets are due at the January meeting. If you are going to Disneyland call Linda or Jodi. The Disneyland trip is April 15th-17th. Pancake Breakfast is March 13th. The December meeting is a potluck and disguised candy bar exchange. The December meeting is December 16th at 6:30. If you have any questions call Linda 532-5896/743-0549 or Jodi 743-9492.

Heather Kingsford, Reporter

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
Mountain Ranger 4-H will be selling hot chocolate outside of the Opera Hall before, during and after the Christmas Parade for $2 per cup. We will also have some cookies for sale. The money that is raised from the sales will be used to adopt a Tuolumne County Veteran. We are trying to educate our youth about the importance of giving back especially to someone that has served our country. 4-H also serves a community dinner in January as a fundraiser for 4-H youth - tickets are $12 per ticket. Mountain Ranger 4-H will have tickets on hand at the hot chocolate booth - buy one and donate it to a veteran in need of a hot meal. Look forward to seeing everyone in front of the Opera Hall.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
The Sonora Cloverleafs will meet on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00. The club leader, Deniel Sheffield, can be reached at sheffy@msn.com or 5369791 or 7612384. The officers for the Cloverleafs will meet the Friday before the club meeting, December 4, at 4:00 and is open to members of the club if they are interested. All members remember to keep selling tickets for the Community Dinner. Contact Maren Paris at gigibird@sbcglobalnet to get more tickets. The club is selling club tshirts for $12 and a matching hooded sweatshirts for $25.

Cora Ethier, Reporter for the Sonora Cloverleafs

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
Next Meeting will be held on December 14th at 7:00pm at Summerville Elementary School.

LION’S PRIDE
The next meeting will be held on December 3rd from 3:45-4:45 at Foothill Leadership Academy. Please bring materials that you would like to use for the hull of our hovercraft/water robotics project.
GOATS
Hey Goat Project member! Our next meeting will be held at the Jamestown Community Hall on December 3rd starting at 6:30pm. Please make sure to bring your Goat Shelter display project to share with us!! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Dedra Danicourt 209/770-6279. We'll see you there!!

HORSE—ROCK CREEK RIDERS
Next meeting will be December 5th at 9:00am at Lori’s barn.

CLOVERBUDS
Hello Cloverbuddies! Our next meeting is December 10th, from 5:30-6:30pm at the 4-H office. All members 5-8 years old are welcome to attend. For more information contact Emily Jacobson at small_town_girl@live.com or 743-2072. Be sure to bring a friend!

BEEF with LINDSAY
Our first Foothill Beef meeting will be on Monday December 7th at 5:30pm at the TCRCD/TCFB Office (77 N. Washington St. Sonora, CA 95370). For more information contact Lindsay Mattos at (209) 559-9066 or lindsayrosasco@gmail.com.

SIGN LANGUAGE
Meeting that was originally planned for December 9th has been postponed until January. If you have any questions please contact Ron at rhamilton@goldrushcs.org

NEW PROJECT! ROLLER/INLINE SKATING!
The skating project is for all level and ages of skaters and can be done on inline or roller skates. This project will focus on teaching beginners to skate and progressing through several levels of skills. Learn how to skate and learn fun tricks you can show off during public skate sessions or move on to several disciplines such as inline hockey, figure skating or roller derby. Sessions will be held at High Country Sports Arena, 18960 Waylon Way, Sonora. Rental skates are provided for free. Must preregister and cost for each session is $25. Wednesdays from 4-5:30. There will be several sessions throughout the year. The first one will be starting on December 2nd. Contact Maria Hines at 533-8771 or MariaLHines@gmail.com for further information.

SWINE with SHARON
The first swine meeting with Sharon will be held at the Sonora Library on December 7th at 7:15pm. Contact Sharon if you have any questions.

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!
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**TOOTER NEWS**

Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome. News for the January is Tooter is due December 20th.

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