**SUMMER CAMP 2017**

4-H Camp will be held on August 2-6, 2017 at Camp Silver Spur. Registration opens on December 1st. You can register online at: [https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19447](https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19447) Registration is limited. Be sure to get yours in today. $50 deposit is due at time of registration in order to hold your place. Please contact Kelsey Markus at (209) 533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu if you have any questions or would like to be a camp chaperone.

**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 4 pm until about 8:30pm on Tuesday, December 6th 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.

**Office Holiday Closure**

The UCCE/4-H Office will be closed for the Holidays from Friday, December 23rd – Monday, January 2nd. Please plan accordingly if there is anything you will need during this time.

**COUNTY LEADERS COUNCIL**

All Tuolumne County 4-H members 14 years and older and leaders and may be voting 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 UCCE/4-H Office. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th, 2016.

**LCORT 2017**

January 27-29, 2017. If you are a 4-H member age 12-14 as of 12/31/2016, get ready to have a fun weekend at LCORT! Registration is now open! LCORT is held at Wonder Valley Ranch Resort & Conference Center, 6450 Elwood Rd, Sanger, CA 93657, in Fresno County. **Cost** is $150 per person from South Central counties and $165 from the other Central Area counties (because of fees paid by SCS counties to support LCORT). Youth and adults pay the same fees. Registration is due to the 4-H Office by December 7th. Get the registration here: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/245932.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/245932.pdf)

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
Record Book Clinic
Do you need help with your record book? Are you a member trying to learn, or a leader trying to help your members? Come to the County Wide Record Book Clinic of Monday, January 23rd from 6:00-7:30pm at the UCCE/4-H Office.

Project Leader Training
Are you looking for help with organizing your project? Do you need new ideas? Do you have Jr or Teen leaders looking for ways to help you? Do you need help with teaching how to do Annual Project Report Forms? Come to the Project Leader Training! Great for brand new or experienced leaders. Come either on Tuesday, January 25th from 6:00-7:30pm at the Groveland Community Hall or Thursday, January 26th from 6:00-7:30pm at the UCCE/4-H Office. Please RSVP to Kelsey Markus at 209-533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu

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 Thursday, January 12th 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

EXPANSION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE
We are looking for members, leaders and community members to join our Expansion and Review Committee. This committee will look at our 4-H program and make goals for the county to expand and improve. It will also make plans on how to reach these goals. The committee will meet every 6 months. Please contact Kelsey Markus at the 4-H Office if you are interested in joining this committee.

Central Sierra Sub-Area Presentation Day
Be sure to mark your calendars for March 25th at Argonaut High School in Jackson. To compete you must earn a gold medal at County Presentation Day on March 11th. If you would like to be a room monitor, evaluator or help in any other way, please contact Kelsey Markus at the 4-H Office at 209-533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu
California Focus registration and District Leader applications are now open. The 2017 California Focus will be held June 16-20, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento. At Cal Focus youth ages 14-19 will experience California’s legislative, political, and judicial processes in action. Check out California Focus Event Page on the state website for more information. Important Cal Focus Dates:

**Week of December 11:** California Focus registration open
**January 16th:** California Focus District Leader applications due
**Week of April 3rd:** California Focus registration ends
**June 16-20:** California Focus

REGISTER NOW!!! Registration for these epic events is rapidly closing and space is very limited don’t miss out on the chance of a lifetime!!! REGISTRATION CLOSES ON DECEMBER 15, 2016.

**2017 Citizenship Washington Focus**
- Conference Only Package (8 days): $2,949.00
  - June 24, 2017-July 1, 2017
- Extended Conference Package (12 days): $3,999.00
  - June 24, 2017-July 5, 2017

To get more information and updates as it becomes available, please visit the CWF webpage.

**Registration:** Youth can register for this conference using the link below between now and December 15, 2016 or until all spots are filled. A $1200 deposit is required at the time of registration.

**2017 Leadership Washington Focus**
- Leadership Washington Focus: $1,999.00
  - July 16, 2017-July 20, 2017

To get more information and updates as it becomes available, please visit the LWF webpage.

**Registration:** Youth can register for this conference using the link below between now and December 15, 2016 or until all spots are filled. A

The 2017 SLC will be held at UC Davis on July 20-23, 2017 for 4-H youth ages 13-19. If you are a recent 4-H alumni consider applying to be a Program Assistant please take a look at Program Assistant Page for more information on PAs. For more information on SLC check out the SLC Event Page on the state website.

Important SLC Dates:

**Week of December 4th:** Program Assistant Applications are open
**Week of February 7th:** SLC registration is open
**Week of April 3rd:** SLC Early Bird Registration ends
**Week of May 23rd:** SLC Regular registration ends
**July 20-23:** State Leadership Conference
GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our November meeting, we had project leaders explain more about their projects, then we made some Thanksgiving centerpieces for tables at the Lions Club Dinner. We will bring stuffing and ornaments at our December meeting to donate. We will also have a new project in January, which is photography.
A lot of fellow 4-Hers enjoyed 4-H Summer Camp. We learned songs, games, and mainly just had fun! It was an amazing experience and I would recommend it to anyone. Myself and many other people had fun.

Thank you,
Jenna Abbott
Groveland Highlanders 4-H Club

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
Hi Cloverleafs! We will be meeting Tuesday, December 13th at the Sonora Youth Center. Our meeting begins at 7pm. Please remember to bring your gifts for teens (ages 12-14) for the Operation Hope. Gift cards are a great idea! $5-$10 max. We will also be holding our root beer float party for collecting items for ATCAA last month. We were able to donate 37 lbs of food for their Holiday Baskets! Woohoo! Also, the club shirt design contest has been extended!! Bring your club shirt design!
If you cannot attend our next meeting or have questions please contact Deniel Sheffield, Club Leader. There will be no December Records meeting.

Chrissy Danicourt, Reporter

HI 4-H
The placemat ad packets were passed out at the November meeting. If there is anyone still interested in going on the Disneyland trip and needs a packet, please contact Linda Mager, 743-0544 or Jodi Hembree, 743-9492. If you have not enrolled in 4-H yet, and plan on going on the Disneyland trip, the deadline this year is Dec 1st. Contact the 4-H office if you have questions. Our next meeting is Dec, 21st, from 6:30-8:00 pm.
We will be having a potluck dinner. Last name A-M - bring an appetizer or main dish. Last name N-Z, please bring a desert. HI 4-H will provide drinks. There will also be a wrapped candy bar exchange. Hope to see everyone there.

TUOLUMNE PIONEER
Next Club meeting is Monday, Dec 12 @ 7:00 Location to be announced!!
We will be Christmas caroling AND having a pie tasting contest. Details to follow. Dig out those special pie recipes!
Santa Fly In - December 3rd, time TBA
This is a fun community service event! 4-H usually helps with taking coat donations and helping with parking for the event. Details for this event are still in the planning stages. Please contact Faith Hamilton, 588-3848, if you are interested in participating.

FOOTHILL
Next meeting will be held on December 14th at 7:00pm at the Possee Grounds.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED!!!! There is currently no one to lead this club. The meetings were typically held 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
GOLD RUSH COUNTRY
VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED!!!! There is currently no one to lead this club. The meetings were typically held 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

LION’S PRIDE
VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED!!!! There is currently no one to lead this club. The meetings were typically held at Foothill Leadership Academy afterschool. 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

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

GOATS
Our next County-Wide Goat Meeting will be Thursday, December 1st, starting at 6pm, at the Jamestown Community Hall. Please bring your APR's. For more information please contact Dedra Danicourt.

SWINE with SHARON
The first swine meeting with Sharon will be held at the Sonora Library on December 5th at 7:00pm. 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 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!
To Be a Successful Leader:
- Be organized and set ground rules.
- Greet & engage the members especially NEW members.
- Have eye contact with the members.
- Don’t baby-sit.
- Remember that you just can’t please all the people, all the time.
- Change things up by adding different activities and field trips.
- Members must have sweat equity in fundraising.
- Know that all kids do not get along, no matter how hard you try.
- Understand that some parents don’t realize the time it takes to be a leader.
- Grin a lot. Also taking deep breaths and counting to 10 does help.

To Be a Successful Member:
- Keep your paperwork for each project in one folder.
- Have a 4-H Calendar, post it where the family can see it and mark down all your activities.
- After each meeting write down the time, day and place of the meeting and what you did or learned.
- Be responsible for your own project, attend the required meetings for club and project, make your commitments.
- Call your leader or CCL if you have any questions regarding the project.
- Welcome new members, always be kind and respectful.
- Thank your CCL and project leaders after each meeting, and occasionally with a hand written note.

To Be a Successful Parent of a Member:
- When possible, attend meetings with your child.
- After each meeting ask your child what they did at the meeting.
- Keep your commitments and help your child keep theirs.
- Pick up your child on time.
- Volunteer to do something with the project or with the club.
- Contact the leader or CCL with any issues or questions.
SAVE THE DATE!

2017 Tuolumne 4-H Summer Camp
August 2nd-6th

Registration for Summer Camp will be available December 1st. Space is limited, first come first serve. Cost: Early Bird discount: $260 by February 28th, $300 after March 1st. ($50 deposit holds you at this cost, final payment due June 15th, additional $40 4-H enrollment applies for youth not currently enrolled in 4-H)

Adult Chaperones needed

For more information, contact the Tuolumne 4-H Office at 209-533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4-H EXPANSION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE

Purpose of the E&R Committee:
To review the Tuolumne County 4-H Program and develop recommendations and an outreach plan to engage more diverse audiences in our program and expand the program to meet the needs of more young people.

*This is the first meeting of the E&R Committee. We hope to have your insight and experience to help look over our program and develop a plan to make Tuolumne County 4-H the best it can be.

For more information, contact:
Kelsey Markus, 4-H Program Representative

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- National 4-H                   http://www.4husa.org

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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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For special assistance regarding our programs please contact us