Happy New Year to All of Our Tuolumne County 4-H Family!!!

Please read through this whole newsletter as there are a lot of activities happening around the county. We want all of our members and supporters to be aware of these activities and be able to participate wherever possible!

Attendance Requirements for Fair:

As a reminder, if you want to participate in the County Fair, you must have 80% attendance in both club and project meetings. You may make up club meetings by attending another club’s meeting and reporting about it at your own club meeting. If you think your attendance is low and you may need to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact your club leader. For more information about the attendance policy in Tuolumne County please see our Regulations to the Steps to Success at: http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.org/files/115394.pdf. Also, keep an eye on the weekly updates and be in contact with your club and project leaders so you know of important dates leading up to fair!

February 25th—EBAD: Everything But Animals Field Day is a day for all of the non-animal projects to come together and show off their hard work. This is also a day where the community can come and learn about 4-H and the variety of projects that it has to offer. We will need judges, committee members, and more! This year we are also looking for a new co-chair, if you would like to help organize the whole event. If you would like to help with this event please contact Kelsey at kmmarkus@ucanr.edu or 209-533-6990.

January 30th (note the date change from December Newsletter)—County Record Book Clinic: Are you new to 4-H or just haven’t been able to figure out all of the pieces to the 4-H Record Book? Come to this informational and hands on Clinic from 6:00-7:30pm in order to learn how it all gets put together and have the best record book in the County! You can also check out the Record Book Manual from the 4-H Office or find it online at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/218972.pdf.

March 11—County Presentation Day: County Presentation Day is a day for public speaking. You can have a prepared speech, demonstration, impromptu speaking, and more! Members who win a gold medal can move up to the Regional and possibly State Presentation Day. See the new State Presentation Manual for more information: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf. We will also need community members and leaders to be judges for this event as well as 4-H members to be room monitors.

April 1st—Livestock Field Day: This is a day for all of the members who have animals to come and show their knowledge as well as participate in judging classes. We are looking for leaders and members from each animal species to help bring a display.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
April 29th—County Fashion Revue: All members interested in Fashion, mark this date. It is a day to show off your ability to make your own clothes, or put something together from what you have purchased. More information will be coming soon. If you have questions now, please contact Sue Moore, event Chairperson, at: 2moores@mlode.com or 209-743-2020.

SUMMER CAMP 2017
4-H Camp will be held on August 2-6, 2017 at Camp Silver Spur. Registration Is now open! You can register online at: 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.

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

LCORT 2017
Registration for LCORT 2017 (Leadership Conference of Regional Teens) is extended to January 4. If you are age 12-14 in California 4-H, you can attend! The conference is January 27-29, 2017 at Wonder Valley Ranch near Fresno. Workshops are taught by older teens from the 12 counties of the former South Central Section, including our Tuolumne County All Stars. LCORT is a great conference and you don’t want to miss it! Registration forms and information are online at http://ucanr.edu/lcortinfo. Turn in your forms to Kelsey at the county office to get registered or contact Sue Moore, 2moores@mlode.com or 209-743-2020. The fee is $150. Tuolumne County has a big group this year and needs another female chaperone – must be an approved 4-H leader. There may be space available after January 4 but we can’t guarantee a conference T-shirt or your choice of roommate. May the Leadership Be With You!
The dinner is fast approaching it is January 23, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Tickets and money are due to Ron Hamilton by Monday January 16, 2017.

We need parents and or members to sign up to work shifts to make the event a success.

Sunday January 22, 2017 5:00-7:00 at the Fairgrounds Meat Trimming 9 people.

Monday January 23, 2017 11:00-2:00 at the Fairgrounds Food Prep 6 People

Monday January 23, 2017 11:00- 4:00 at the Fairgrounds BBQers  4-5 people

Monday January 23, 2017 4:00-7:00 at the Fairgrounds Event workers  5 people

We need seasoned and very dry oak fire wood.

If you can help with any of these times or with wood call Ron Hamilton 588-3848
Tuolumne County 4-H

DRIVE THRU DINNER

Monday, January 23, 2017
4 - 7 PM

Dinner to go at the Fairgrounds

DINNER FOR 4-5 PEOPLE $40
Whole BBQ Tri Tip
Cowboy Beans
Green Salad
Garlic Bread

Fundraiser for 4-H Clubs, 4-H Summer Camp, and 4-H Council. Tickets available from 4-H youth members or call us! Pre-sale only, until January 16. Thank you for your support.

Tuolumne County 4-H Council

For information, call Ron at
209-588-3848

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**TAX TIPS FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS** 4-H volunteers (leaders, parents, teens) who incur out-of-pocket expenses or make a direct contribution to 4-H may be able to claim income tax deductions for: The fair market value of property and materials donated to 4-H; Cash contributions to 4-H; Cost of raising a guide dog puppy; Cost of travel while serving as a volunteer (consult a tax manual for actual allowances); Un-reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for stationary, postage, telephone calls, refreshments, photocopying, etc. incurred in rendering volunteer service. You CANNOT claim the value of your volunteer services, time, or costs of transporting or paying expenses for your own child. Consult with your tax advisor if you have any questions. Be sure to keep complete records and receipts in case your contributions are ever questioned.

**State Fashion Revue 2017.** “The Road to Fashion,” is Saturday, May 27, 2017 during State Field Day at UC Davis. SFR service projects for 2017 are Cancer Heart Pillows and quilt squares for Quilts of Honor. 4-H members are invited to sew the heart pillows and quilt squares at home, at project meetings and at county events. Get together with your friends and learn more about the American Cancer Society, cancer hospitals, and Quilts of Honor. See the flyers on the SFR website for patterns, directions, how to donate, and who to contact with questions. The Cancer Heart Pillows can be distributed in local communities or brought to SFR. The quilt squares or quilt tops are brought to SFR where they will be sorted by pattern then donated to the Quilts of Honor volunteers who will finish the quilts. They are presented to veterans during honor ceremonies. Your thoughtful donations will touch the lives of many. The State Fashion Revue event has five categories for 2017. Members qualify in their home counties to enter in Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased $40 limit, Upcycled, and the two challenge categories - Stripe/Print/Plaid Challenge and the Knit Challenge. Please review the category rules and general SFR policies on the website at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/. If you have questions, contact Sue Moore, SFR Registrar, at 2moores@mlode.com.

**The State Leadership Conference** Planning Team is hard at work planning for conference. SLC a leadership conference for 4-H youth ages 13-19. The 2017 SLC will be held at UC Davis on July 20-23, 2017. 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 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

**Open invitation: CA 4-H State Management Board Meetings** Want to find out what is happening in 4-H? Do you have a topic you want to see discussed? The State Management Board will meet in Davis on the following dates in 2017:

- Saturday, February 18th  
- Sunday, April 30th  
- Saturday, June 10th  
- Saturday, August 19th

You can attend in person or call in. Mark these dates on your calendar and check for details closer to the meeting dates. Sue Garcia, Secretary, CA 4-H State Management Board
New Federal Regulations to Impact Livestock Producers

As of January 1, 2017, all medically-important antibiotics for use in or on feed and in water will require a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) or a prescription. This new regulation will affect all livestock producers including 4-H and FFA members.

The State 4-H Office, in coordination with the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Extension, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture will be presenting a one-hour webinar on multiple dates to further explain the new regulations and their implications.

Webinar Dates:
January 11th 10:00- 11:00 am
January 17th 10:00- 11:00 am
February 6th 10:00- 11:00 am
February 28th 10:00- 11:00 am

The webinars will be hosted in Zoom Conferencing. Please join one of these webinars from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android at: https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/174735292. 4-H staff, volunteers, and FFA instructors are encouraged to attend.
SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
Cloverleaf members! We will be meeting again Tuesday, January 10, at the Sonora Youth Center. Our meeting begins at 7pm. Remember to bring your new or gently used bath towels to donate to the Humane Society. We will be getting the final count for Club Shirt orders. If you'd like to order now, please contact Dedra Danicourt (209/770-6279). ALSO, bring your 4-H drive through dinner unsold tickets and monies to this meeting to turn in. If you have questions please contact our Club Leader, Deniel Sheffield.
-Chrissy Danicourt, Reporter

FOOTHILL
Next meeting will be held on January 11th at 7:00pm at the Possee Grounds
Project News: Swine project Monday January 2nd at the Creek Side building at the fair grounds 7:00

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
Next meeting will be held on January 110th at 6:30pm at Tenaya Elementary School

HI 4-H
Please continue selling the ads for the pancake breakfast placemat. They are due at the January Hi 4-H Meeting.
There will be a drive-thru dinner on Jan 23rd. Pre-sale tickets were passed out at the December meeting. Those tickets MUST be turned in by Jan. 14. Our next meeting is Wed, Jan 18th at 7:00 pmat Sonora Youth Center. Any Questions, please call Jodi Hembree, 743-9492 or Linda Mager, 743-0544.

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The December Christmas Caroling was a great success and the residents of Sonora Hills enjoyed the songs. The pie winners will be announced at the January meeting.

The January meeting will be at the High Country Sports arena. We will do a Community Service project at 6:30, a short meeting at 7:15 and then skating at 7:30. Bring a friend.

The next Swine meeting is January 2, 2017 at 6:00 at the Gold Rush High School on Village drive. Call Ron for more info at 588-3848.

WRITE THIS DOWN!
Poultry
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm at the UCCE/4-H Office

FOOTHILL SWINE
Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the Sonora Library at 7:15pm. Contact Sharon if you have any questions.

RIFLE SHOOTING SPORTS
IMPORTANT DEADLINES!
Signups will be ONLINE on Tuesday, January 2nd. The sign-up form will be on the Mother Lode Gun Club website http://www.motherlodegunclub.com/Juniorrifle.php. 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, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. featuring a mandatory interactive lecture for all those juniors who are new and have not participated in at least two previous lectures. Payment of $30.00 for the class will be expected the first night of the 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. Any questions regarding 4-H shooting sports "Rifle" program call or text Rodger Tidball at 209-768-0261.

SHEEP
Hi all families interested in the sheep project. Our first meeting will be on Monday, January 9th at 5:30 in my classroom at Sonora Elementary. If you can't make it to the first meeting, please contact me by calling, texting or email. I'm excited to see all of my returning members and also to welcome the new ones.
See you all that Monday!
Leslie Bloom
770-2108
leslie@wampa-one.com

County Wide Goats
The County-Wide Goat Project will be meeting again Thursday, January 5th at the Jamestown Community Hall. Our meeting will start at 6pm. Please bring your binders. Junior leaders, please be there a little early to help set up. For more information please contact Dedra Danicourt or Annette Plies.

Cooking with Jay
Any members interested in joining a new cooking project. There is space available in Jay's project. Contact him at 209-533-1907 for more information!

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!
For more information, contact the Tulalipme 4-H Office at 209-533-6990 or kmarmarkus@uw.edu

4-H Toulalume 4-H Summer Camp 2017
August 2nd-6th
Registration Open Now!

Follow this link to register today! [http://ucanredu/tc2017hecamp](http://ucanredu/tc2017hecamp)

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For more information, contact the Toulalumme 4-H Office at 209-533-6990 or kmarmarkus@uw.edu

Adult Chaperones needed

Additional $40 4-H enrollment applies for youth not currently enrolled in 4-H.

Cost: Early Bird discount: $260 by February 28th $320 after March 1st. (50% deposit holds you at this cost, final payment due June 1st)

Space is limited, first come first serve. Ages 9-12 years
TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4-H CAMP DONATION SLIP

Business/Family Name ________________________________

Contact Person ______________________________________

Address ______________________________ City __________ Zip ______

E-mail address _________________________________________

Telephone: (____) __________________

Would you like email updates on upcoming events/fundraisers? Yes ___ No ___

Amount Donating: ____________________ (Please mark one) Cash ___ Check # ______

*any amount is appreciated, a minimum of $50 allows you to have your name on our camp t-shirt as a sponsor

Sponsor Levels:

Platinum Sponsor: over $500

Gold Sponsor: $250-$499

Silver Sponsor: $100-$249

Bronze Sponsor: $50-$99

Thank you for your generous contribution!

Donations can be made with cash or check made out to “Tuolumne County 4-H”

Mail to:

UCCE/4-H Office

2 South Green St

Sonora, Ca 95370

Questions? Contact Kelsey Markus, 4-H Program Representative

209-533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu

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January 4-H Leader Training Dates!

All trainings are open to new and experienced leaders.

Please contact the 4-H Office if you plan to attend a training so enough materials will be supplied. 209-533-6990 or kmmarkus@ucanr.edu

New Leader Orientation

Date: January 12th  Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm  Location: UCCE/4-H Office

Description: Mandatory for all new leaders, but also recommended for experienced leaders. This training will go over 4-H policy, youth developmental learning, and give you skills to use as a 4-H Leader while you are working with the youth in our community.

Project Leader Training (notice two dates and locations)

Date: January 25th  Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm  Location: Groveland Community Hall

Or

Date: January 26th  Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm  Location: UCCE/4-H Office

Description: Available for all Adult Leaders, Jr Leaders and Teen Leaders, no matter what experience they have. This training gives ideas and tips on how to be more organized, what curriculum is available and should be used in meetings, how to utilize your Jr and Teen Leaders and so much more! There is also time to share your experiences on what works and what does not work in your projects.

Record Book Clinic

Date: January 30th  Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm  Location: UCCE/4-H Office

Description: Open to any adult or youth in the 4-H Program. This training gives a broad overview of the 4-H Record Book. We will go through each part of the record book and discuss the proper way to put it all together.
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### TOOTER NEWS
Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome.

News for the February Tooter is due by January 20th.

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HEAD • HEART • HANDS • HEALTH
Tuolumne County 4-H
presents
EBAD
(Everything But Animals Field Day)

- Hands on Workshops
- Decorated Cup Cake Contest
- Open to 4-H members and the public
- Discover new talents through Experiential Learning

Rules for Decorated Cupcake Contest:
- All Cupcakes must be received by 1:30pm
- Entry Categories: Primary (5-8 years) Junior (9-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-19), no Group entries this year.
- Cupcakes must be made and decorated entirely by members with the exception of Primary members.
- Everything on the cupcake must be edible. No plastic animals, toothpicks, etc.
- Please include a recipe or ingredients list with entry.
- One dozen attractively displayed decorated cupcakes. The container/display can and should enhance or coordinate with the decoration theme of the cupcakes.

When
Saturday, February 25th, 2017
Set Up: 12:00
Workshops: 1:00-3:00
Judging Contest: 1:00-2:30
Decorated Cupcake Contest: 2:00
Awards: 3:00

Where
Sonora Elementary School Cafeteria
830 Greenly Rd
Sonora, Ca 95370

[Contact: kmmarkus@ucanr.edu | 209-533-6990 | http://ucanr.edu/sites/Tuolumne_4-H/]

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