WELCOME TO 4-H
Welcome to all new and returning families. All 4-H clubs in Tuolumne County are still accepting new members. If you need an enrollment form, print one from our website, request one from the 4-H Office or get it at your first club meeting. Return it to your club leader with the enrollment fee, payable to UC Regents ($15 per member and $6 per leader).

Enrollment forms must be returned before you attend or lead project meetings. If you plan to exhibit at the Mother Lode Fair, your enrollment form must be received by the 4-H Office by Oct. 20 for returning members or December 15 for new members.

We are looking forward to another educational and fun 4-H year. Your project leaders and community club leaders are there to help, and are great resources for a productive 4-H experience.

All 4-H activities are led by volunteers. If you and your child want to have a positive and educational 4-H program, it is up to you to take an active part. Consider teaching a project, by yourself or with a friend. You could plan a club activity or fundraiser. Don’t expect other parents to do all of the work so your child can enjoy 4-H! We are a strong organization because of our active volunteers, most of whom are parents. Don’t wait to be asked; step up and say you can help! Your family will have more fun if you’re involved.

As a reminder, California 4-H requires that there be at least 2 adults present during every 4-H activity. One must be a certified adult 4-H leader and one can be another adult. One must be at least age 21. Parents, please volunteer to be the additional adult so the activity or project meeting can happen. Before you leave, make sure the second adult is already there. We hope you don’t just drop off your child, as 4-H encourages family involvement. For safety or supervision reasons, some project leaders may require that parents stay with their children. This is a mandatory requirement for primary members.

LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY
NATIONAL SCIENCE EXPERIMENT
& 4-H FAMILY PICNIC
If you’re interested in 4-H livestock projects, science or having fun with 4-H friends, come to the Fairgrounds swine barn on Saturday, October 2nd.

The schedule for the day is
9-12  Livestock Field Day & SET experiment
12:30  Lunch
1-2:30  Games

Livestock: Youth and parents are invited to see and learn about the 4-H livestock projects, both large and small animals. Some stations will be hands-on; some will be demos. Teen and adult leaders will be on hand to answer your questions. Youth are invited to complete the judging classes to test your reasoning skills.

Tuolumne Pioneers is chairing this event, so sign up with Ron Hamilton to give a presentation or supply a judging class, 928-1815.

National Science Experiment, 4-H2O, will focus on water quality and climate change. The experiment engages youth to learn how carbon dioxide can affect aquatic animals, plants and other living organisms in lakes, streams, rivers and oceans. Join the 4-H SET Team (Rima, Sydney, Peter, Danny, and Terry) to learn about your carbon footprint.

Lunch: Thank you Deniel Sheffield for chairing the Potluck and Tuolumne Pioneers BBQ Crew for cooking. Families with last names A-H hors d’oeuvres, I-P a dessert, and Q-Z a salad. 4-H Council will supply hamburgers, veg burgers and hot dogs, table service & lemonade. All new and returning 4-H families are invited. Bring food to share and join us!

Games: Games on the livestock lawn for children of all ages are hosted by the Tuolumne County 4-H All Star and Leadership Teams.
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 pm
Sonora High Auditorium
Hosted by the All Star Team

All 4-H families are invited to celebrate the achievements of our 4-H members. Every member who completed last year with a written record will be recognized on stage, including primary members. Star ranks will be presented along with awards for record books, leaders, clubs and club officers. Come see if you’re in Stephanie’s slide show and celebrate our members “GOING FOR GOLD!”

Registration begins at 2:30, with the program at 3:00. Returning members - sign in on your club’s roster so your name will be called. Wear your 4-H uniform, club T-shirt or dress neatly. Each club should designate two past-year officers to present their members’ year pins. Each family is asked to contribute a plate of “finger foods” for refreshments. Thank you Groveland highlanders for coordinating the refreshments. Come join us for an exciting afternoon and a few surprises!

MARKET BEEF LOANS
The Sonora Rotary Club offers loans to 4-H and FFA members to set up their market livestock projects through the Lowell Martin Memorial Loan Fund. Beef project loans are $800. Applications are at the 4-H Office and on the office website and are due by October 15.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
Over 7 million youth members will celebrate National 4-H Week, October 3-9, with displays, promotions and community service activities in their communities.

In Tuolumne County, the All Star Team will give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on October 5th. If you want to attend with us, meet us at the 4-H office at 8:30. This is a Citizenship activity.

What are you and your 4-H club doing for 4-H Week?
Credit in your record book is given once, for this week only, for wearing your 4-H uniform or club shirt to school or church. This is a great time to give a 4-H presentation in your classroom or put up flyers at your school. Contact the 4-H Office for some flyers!

Parents - You can celebrate National 4-H Week by recruiting other adults to be project leaders or signing up yourself. Our program is dependent upon volunteers for its success.

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. 4-H clubs, projects and members are invited to contribute. If you would like to donate baby items or gift certificates, please bring them to Achievement Night on October 10 or to your October club meeting. Thank you Lucky Trails club for coordinating this!

HI 4-H HAUNTED HOUSE
Located in the red barn behind JS West Lumber. This activity is for teens & adults. Except for the Saturday matinee, it is too scary for young children. There will be eight evening performances; cost is $6 per person. A group rate of $3 each is available for a group of 10 or more with advance purchase. Wheelchair accessible.

The Saturday matinee with the lights on is $1 each on October 23 from 3-5. This is suitable for younger children accompanied by an adult. Strollers are OK.

FOR YOU! Wed. Oct 20 from 7-8:30 pm is free to all 4-H members, leaders and their families.

See the HH website at http://www.realmsofdarkness.org & the flyer in this Tooter!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

2  Livestock Field Day, 4-H SET & Family Picnic
3-9  National 4-H Week
5  All Star Team presentation to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, 9 am
6  4-H Council, 7 pm
10  Achievement Night, 3:00 pm, Sonora High
15  Beef project loan applications due
20  Hi 4-H Haunted House, free to 4-H families
21-23, 28-31  Hi 4-H Haunted House

COMING IN NOVEMBER

3  4-H Council, 7 pm
5-7  State Leaders Forum, Asilomar
20-21  Teen Retreat at 3 Links Camp
22-24  UCCE Office closed, county furloughs
25-26  UCCE Office closed, holidays
**NEW LEADER ORIENTATION**

Sue is scheduling orientation sessions for October. If you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer leader, let her know when you can attend. Sessions will be scheduled when 2 or more people can come at the same time. Please do not bring children. The enrollment forms may be printed from the website or completed at the meeting. If you want to get a head start and have your fingerprints taken, contact Sue for the form. Orientation and screening must be completed before an adult is accepted to volunteer in the 4-H program.

Welcome to all our new leaders!

**2011 LCORT CONFERENCE**

**Leadership Conference of Regional Teens**

January 28 to 30, 2011

Wonder Valley Ranch near Sanger

Cost is $130 per person

“Leadership: To Infinity and Beyond!”

Open to teens in grades 7-9 from the 12 counties in the South Central Section (that’s us)

Sessions are taught by teams of older teens from each county. It is a beautiful setting and always a fun conference. If you’re in 7th-9th grades, think about attending! Forms will be posted on our 4-H website soon. Forms and fee are due to the county 4-H Office by November 30. We will also need male and female chaperones, who must be approved 4-H leaders age 21 or older.

**WHAT IS THE 4-H UNIFORM?**

Traditionally, California 4-H members have worn “whites” as a uniform, with the 4-H hat and tie or scarf. White pants or skirt (not shorts) with a long or short-sleeved button-up shirt or blouse are the “whites”. The 4-H hat is green for elementary school members and white for high school. Girls wear a green 4-H scarf and boys wear a green 4-H tie. Officially California 4-H does not have a uniform and a uniform cannot be required for members to participate in any 4-H event or activity. We encourage members to wear whites but it is not a 4-H requirement. Many clubs have club shirts and that is a good alternative. However, if a youth is showing livestock at the Mother Lode Fair, the fair requires that “whites” be worn with additional garments that signify the organization (which means the hat and scarf or tie if showing as a 4-H member).

**4-H SUPPLIES**

If you are in need of 4-H supplies (hats, scarves, ties and record book covers) you can purchase these items at our cost at the 4-H office. They can also be purchased directly online at [http://www.4hsupplies.com/](http://www.4hsupplies.com/)

**SOAP BOX DERBY RALLY RACE**

You are invited to the Soap Box Derby races on Saturday, October 9 in Tuolumne. There will be two races: one double elimination race and one single elimination race. Since these are “rally” races, cars will not be impounded in advance. They will be weighed-in on Saturday morning just prior to racing. The flyer and a registration form are available on the website: [www.ncaasbd.com](http://www.ncaasbd.com).

SBD is looking for youth and adult volunteers to help set up, clean up and (strong teens or men) to help load cars. Racing should run from about 9:30 to 5. If you are interested in learning more or can help (community service credit) contact Mike Quinn at 925-518-3461.

**QUILTS FOR WOUNDED TROOPS**

Is your club or project looking for a service activity? Special sized quilts are needed for our injured/wounded warriors. These special size quilts are for use on stretchers and gurneys as the injured are airlifted from places such as Afghanistan and Iraq to hospitals close to their home. The quilts are part of the healing process – safe, warmth, comfort, love, home. These quilts may become the property of the injured troops. The quilt size should be approximately 45 inches wide by 81 inches long. Red, white, and blue colored fabric is preferred. The name of the artist should be included with every quilt. Veterans from American Legion Post #489 will personally deliver every quilt to the Aeromedical Staging Facility at Travis AFB which has doctors, nurses, and technicians deployed to Afghanistan and who stage the medical airlifts.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 489. Contact Bob and Kaye Kinsey (707) 939-9330 or Post489@hotmail.com.
CLUB EXCELLENCE
Marianne Bird, 4-H Youth Development Advisor
UCCE Sacramento County

Clubs are a mainstay in our 4-H program... Meeting monthly and comprised of individual projects, Clubs offer a perfect platform for youth development: the opportunity to learn, build, and master skills over time; a sense of belonging and camaraderie; feelings of empowerment through decision making and leadership; the chance to learn the importance of giving to others; and close relationships with caring adults who share time, talents, and partnership with youth.

So what constitutes excellence in the Club program? Wearing the 4-H name and emblem and holding regular meetings does not guarantee quality. The opportunities for a premier experience are there, but how do we know if the aforementioned are happening?

**Adult leadership focuses on the youth, not the project:** The goal in 4-H is not outstanding projects...it’s outstanding youth. The focus of our program is helping kids grow, and 4-H Clubs should be child-centered, not activity-focused. Does the culture of your club encourage adults to know, understand, and meet children where they are at developmentally?

**Members are known and supported:** How are kids greeted and welcomed at meetings? Does everyone feel like they fit-in? Are there cliques or people on the fringe? Is everyone involved?

**All members have a chance to learn and build on previous knowledge; activities are age-appropriate:** Do older youth in your club have opportunities to advance their skills in a variety of areas, or are they simply expected to assume greater leadership with age? Do they take advantage of regional, statewide, and national opportunities? Are younger youth engaged in age-appropriate activities with peers?

**Authentic decision-making and leadership roles:** Leadership is not just club officers seated in front of the room, gavel in hand. Everyone should have a chance to make decisions—sometimes in a group, sometimes individually—about what and how things are done in their club and project. What kinds of decisions are made for your club? Who makes them and how are they made? What role do adults play in the process?

**Opportunities for giving service:** How often does your club or project volunteer to lead events or serve others in the greater community? Do youth understand how the service they renders betters a community issue? Do they feel they’ve really made a difference?

**A sense of belonging to something bigger:** Great clubs are not isolated, but feel a part of the larger 4-H picture. They see themselves integrated into Leaders’ Council goals, national 4-H initiatives, and a shared destiny. Does your club take part in Council meetings, support countywide activities, and participate in statewide learning opportunities?

Of course, there are other important (if mundane) aspects of running a great 4-H Club - from paperwork to planning. But the essence of outstanding programming is embedded in the ideals above.

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4-H COMMUNITY DINNER

- Reserve the date now for the big 4-H Dinner on Saturday, January 15, 2011.
- The entrée is barbecued tri tip and it’s delicious!
- The Silent Auction will be back so start finding donations.
- The Decorated Cake Contest will have a new category for Adults (judged then sold in the Silent Auction).
- Members can enter 12 decorated cupcakes in paper liners instead of a decorated cake if you’d like to try something new.
- Be thinking about the Poster you’re going to create and put up.
- The grand prize for the Ticket Sales Contest will be a Kodak Easy Share M575 camera with Ultra SDHC card. It has 14 MP, a 5X Zoom a 3” LCD display and a Share Button for uploading your photos.
- Tickets will be distributed at your October and November club meetings.
- This is 4-H Council’s main fundraiser for the year. Proceeds support our 4-H program events for the whole year.
Hi 4-H Presents

2010 Haunted House

Realms of Darkness

Continuous Evening Performances
Wed 10/20 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Thurs 10/21 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Fri 10/22 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sat 10/23 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Closed Sunday - Wednesday
Thurs 10/28 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Fri 10/29 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sat 10/30 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sun 10/31 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

The Red Barn Behind JS West
730 S. Washington Street in Sonora

Admission $6 Per Person
Evening performances are scary & not recommended for young children.

Group Rate $3 Per Person
For organized groups of 10 or more, pre-sale only, call for information.

Free to 4-H families Wed 10/20

Matinee $1 Per Person
Saturday, October 23, 3 - 5 pm. Demonstrations with the lights on, OK for young children with an adult.

For More Information Igor at 209/768-8209 or samoore@ucdavis.edu
Http://www.realmsofdarkness.org
DID YOU KNOW? Online donations can now be designated to counties or programs and paid with a credit card. Please check out the new California 4-H website (www.ca4h.org). On every page you will notice a large blue “Donate Now” button which will direct donors to the Foundation donation web page. Online donations can be designated to go to specific counties or to specific programs and may be paid by credit card. 100% of the amount pledged goes directly to the program or county designated. Donors also have the option of making recurring pledges and unrestricted donations to be used where the need is greatest.

The UnitedHealth HEROES grants an opportunity for individuals to create interactive programs that are focused on fighting childhood obesity in their own community. If you would like to receive up to $1,000 in funding to support your service-learning project that focuses on eliminating childhood obesity, visit http://www.YSA.org/HEROES. The deadline to apply is October 22, 2010.

COOKING WITH KIDS The website contains video segments, recipes, and classroom materials. The program shows how easy it is for kids to prepare snacks and meals that taste good and that are good for them – using the five food groups as a platform for nutrition messages. Each segment of “Cooking With Kids” was developed with a registered dietician. "Cooking With Kids" is designed to address the following issues:
1) Kids don’t cook and have become accustomed to fast or snack foods.
2) Parents should cook more with their kids to educate and facilitate good communication.
3) Kid-friendly, good tasting and easy to prepare recipes and meals are hard to find.
For more information, see http://cookingwithkids.org

California’s 4-H International Exchange Program will host students from Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway as well as send delegates outbound to Australia. Norway is a new opportunity for California 4-H. The hosting programs are all about sharing your summer time lifestyle with a teen from another culture. Come and be part of the excitement of learning about another culture and developing a friend in another country. Would you like to talk with someone who has hosted with the program in the past? Contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu. Or check the web site for information at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/

Looking for a way to improve your leadership and citizenship skills? Delegates who participate in CALIFORNIA & WASHINGTON FOCUS say they enhance these very skills as they engage in one of the citizenship study/travel programs and carry out a plan of action to address an issue in their school or community. The dates for the 2011 programs are:

California Focus
June 17 – 21 in Sacramento

Washington Focus #1

Washington Focus #2
July 10 – 16, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C.

Financial assistance will be available. More information is available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/ or with Pat English, pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

2010 STATE LEADERS FORUM
Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, GO!
The 2010 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum will be held November 5-7 at the Asilomar Conference Center. Priority registration is due October 1 for $45 per person. $50 per person after Oct 1. Talk with the 4-H leaders, staff and parents in your club and county, form a group, and come to experience new ideas and friendship. For information, registration forms and list of workshops, visit http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF.

All youth and adults, involved in camp education programs are invited to a hands-on workshop which will generate new ideas, enthusiasm and energy into any 4-H camp. Experience the new Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) Camp Activity Manual, "Clues All Around Us". The workshop will help you make active learning fun and meaningful for campers. Mark your calendars to attend the training October 16 from 9:30 to 3:00 at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve in Woodland. For your $20 registration fee you will receive a bag of resource materials, the activity manual, many neat ideas, and the opportunity to exchange ideas with others. Lunch is included. Please contact Mary Engebreth, (707) 996-2981 or maryengebreth@comcast.net for registration materials. Registration deadline is October 6.
MORE STATE NEWS

4-H Youth Training BABYSITTING COURSE
The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Babysitting Training course for Youth age 12-17 at the Solano County 4-H Office on October 23 from 9:30-4:00 & October 24- 9:00-12:00. This training is designed to help youth learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, capable and safe babysitters. The youth will receive Child/Infant CPR training on the second day of the training. They will also receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag filled with essential supplies for babysitters. Bring a doll for fun! For registration information, contact Jeanne Christenson, jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.

A SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING workshop to train volunteers in the RIFLE discipline will be held in Ukiah, CA on November 6 & 7, from 8am-5pm both days. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the rifle shooting sports discipline. They will be certified as Volunteer Leaders and be eligible to serve a club or camp rifle project leader. There is a $20 fee for the course. For more information contact Linda Edgington at lgedgington@ucdavis.edu or call 707-463-4495. To register for the class you must complete the Training Request and Registration Form found at: http://www.ca4h.org/files/4785.doc and have it signed by your county 4-H staff person. Mail this form along with a check for $20 made payable to Mendocino County 4-H to: Rifle Class 890 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

The 2011 WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for May 7-14, 2011, and will be held aboard a cruise ship. It will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html for more information and registration details.

DO SOMETHING YOUTH GRANTS
Youth under the age of 25 years of age in the United States and Canada who want to create a community action project, or further the success of an existing program are eligible to apply for DoSomething.org Do Something Grants. One grant of $500 will be awarded each week. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and stay active for consideration for two months after submission. For more information and to submit an online application, go to http://www.dosomething.org/grants/general/apply

The PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM is currently seeking applications to nominate and recognize 4-H members in grades 5-12 for their volunteer activities in the last year. 4-H participants may apply online at http://spirit.prudential.com. Top high school and middle level volunteers will receive silver medallions, $1,000 awards and a trip to Washington, D.C. All applications must be completed, printed out, signed and submitted to your county 4-H office by November 1, 2010.

PAY IT FORWARD MINI GRANTS
Pay It Forward Foundation’s - Pay It Forward Mini Grants are designed to fund youth-identified projects with educational value that benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Programs must illustrate how their projects will embody a “pay it forward” concept, where benefits multiply exponentially in the community. Grant applications are considered throughout the year. For more information go to http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html.

Tulare County 4-H has had a HORSESHOE PITCHING PROJECT for the last couple of years. 4-H leader Robert Cocagne has spearheaded the project and gotten many clubs in Tulare County involved. Robert is an officer and in charge of Jr. Promotions for the Northern California Horseshoe Pitchers Association. Through this organization, Robert has talked with others throughout California about his 4-H Horseshoe Pitching Project getting adults interested in this project in their communities. Robert would like to know if any other counties in California are interested in starting this project. If there are any counties interested in starting this project, please contact Robert Cocagne and he can make contact with an Adult Horseshoe pitch in your area that would be willing to become a 4-H Volunteer and help get this project going in your area. Contact Robert at cocagne@aol.com.

CLOVER SAFE NOTES are available for almost every 4-H project and activity. Leaders and members are encouraged to download them at http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/Clover_Safe_Notes_by_Project_Area.htm

4-H SENIOR RECORD BOOKS FOR STATE JUDGING are due to your UCCE county office 4-H staff by October 22, 2010. Visit http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/ for Record Book resources.
FOOTHILL 4-H
We understand that the night of our first meeting had some school activities going on, so we can't wait to see all our members this month! Linda Hembree has forms for returning members so give her a call at 532-8656. We are collecting travel size shampoo and toiletries for the Lambert Center homeless clients; please bring them to the meeting. You can order club T-shirts and sweatshirts at the meeting. Officers, please wear your whites for officer installation. See you all on October 13th at 7:00 pm at the Humane Society. For information about our club, please call Sharon Smales, 532-5036, or Ida Ponder, 984-5515.

Kirsten Johnson, Reporter

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
I'd like to congratulate our new club officers:
President - Sammy West
Vice President - Emma Williams
Secretary - Abigail Holland
Treasurer - Jewel Irvin
Reporter - Caitlen Amos
We had a great first meeting! We made a banner for National 4-H Week to hang up in the cafeteria. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm at the Humane Society. For information about our club, please call Carol Willmon, 962-7528.

HI 4-H
It's October, which means the opening of the Haunted House is just around the corner. Construction is progressing very well. The Haunted House opens on Wednesday, Oct. 20th, which is the same day as our scheduled Hi 4-H meeting. Participating at the Haunted House on that day will count as a meeting attended, for Hi 4-H members. All 4-H members and families may go through the Haunted House, for free, on Oct 20th only. We will be open from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Any 4-H member 7th grade and above may participate in the Haunted House project and/or Hi 4-H. Any questions call Linda Mager, 532-5896, Anita Payne, 532-8309, Linda Hembree, 532-8656 or Jay Wallace, 533-1907.

LUCKY TRAILS
Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, October 12 at 7 pm at the 4-H Office. We welcome all new and returning members. If you'd like a small friendly club, think about joining Lucky Trails! For information about our club call our club leader, Sue Griffiths, at 532-9313.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
We enjoyed seeing everyone at our Enrollment Open House. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun year. Our October meeting will be held on the second Thursday, October 14 at 6:00 pm at Curtis Creek School room B-1. (Officer meeting at 5:30 pm.) For more information or questions about our club call Gwen Swenson, 586-1922 or Patricia Carlson, 586-2628. Due to the school holiday for Veterans’ Day on the 11th, our November meeting will be on the first Thursday, the 4th.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
Welcome back Sonora Cloverleafs!
First of all the club would like to thank Jo-Ann Gritz for her presentation on Responsible dog ownership. I encourage anybody that is interested in joining the dog project to try it.

For our next meeting please try to bring in travel sized toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc., like the ones you might find at hotels. They will be used as donations to the homeless. Also remember to bring in baby gifts for the 4-H baby basket. The first baby born when the 4-H year starts will receive the basket.

The October meeting will be October 12 at the Sonora Youth Center in Sonora. Meeting time is at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions you can contact our club leader, Deniel Sheffield, at 536-9791 or email her at shefry@msn.com

Reported by Kaarina Thompson

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
We'd like to thank Janet Lambert for coming and speaking to our club about Lambert Community Center. Don't forget to bring canned soup for our club’s community service project to our October meeting on the 11th at 7 PM at Summerville Elementary. Our cake decorating group will be meeting at Mother Lode Christian School at 6 pm on October 7th. Swine project will be meeting on October 18th at 6 at Summerville Elementary. Pygmy goats will be meeting at the 4-H office at 6:30 on October 5th. Don't forget Livestock Field Day, October 2nd, and Achievement Night, October 10th, especially if you need a county event to participate in the Mother Lode Fair. For information about our club, call the Hamiltons at 928-1815.

Sydney Jones, Reporter
**COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS**

These projects are open to members in any club.

**ARCHERY**
Archery Project will begin Monday, October 11 at 6:00 pm. Our first meeting is a mandatory safety and range rules meeting; members must be accompanied by a parent. It will be held at the 4-H Office followed by 6 meetings held on Mondays from 3:30 - 5 pm in Twain Harte: 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/22, 11/29. Signups for this project are on a first-come, first served basis; no Primary members. For more information, please contact Don Carlson at 586-2628.

**BEEF**  We need a county-wide Beef project leader.

**CLOTHING & TEXTILES (SEWING)**
Two county-wide projects are being offered but they may be full. Karen Ross, 984-0779 or kma_asa@yahoo.com. Sue Moore and Jan Kahl; contact Sue at samoore@ucdavis.edu or 743-2020.

**DOG TRAINING**
Dog Training project has already started. Leaders are Mary Barrett and Jo-Ann Gritz. Meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays at the fairgrounds. Contact the leaders for more information, Mary Barrett, 536-0526 and Jo-Ann Gritz, 532-7593.

**EXOTIC BIRDS**
The County Wide Exotic Bird project will be meeting on the third Sunday evenings starting on Oct.17th at the 4-H office meeting room from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. It is open to all 4-H members who want to learn about Exotic Birds. If you have a bird you are welcome to bring it to the first meeting. Bird ownership is not required but encouraged. If you do not have a bird you may want to wait until the first meeting to decide what type of bird will work best for you. Our first meeting will include types of pet birds, avian care & feeding, and discussing our project plans for the year. Come and join us to learn more about our feathered friends. For more information contact Mike Mainguth at 533-3135 or email mainguth@mlode.com

**GARDENING**
After wrapping up great year and harvest we are ready to kick off a new year and get our hands dirty. Our goal this year, similar to last year, is to have some veggies and fruit ready to present at the county fair. We also visit club members’ gardens to help where needed. Meetings are held at the Peller residence behind Columbia Nursery & Florist. Our first meeting will be Friday October 15th from 3:30 to 5:00 to discuss fall planting. Trish or Matt Peller 533-5399 or columbianursery@mlode.com.

**GPS**
We have some hand held GPS units and would like to offer this project again. We may have a volunteer leader … do we have interested members? Contact the 4-H office for information.

**HI 4-H** is for any 4-H member 7th grade and above. Hi 4-H puts on the annual Haunted House at Halloween. Hi 4-H also does community service during the holidays, holds a pancake breakfast in March and goes on a trip in the spring. For more information see the Hi 4-H Club News article.

**HORSE**
We will have at least three horse projects this year.
Lori Mills will teach Rock Creek Riders, a county-wide project at her ranch on Jamestown Road. Contact her at 984-0447.
Ronda Amos will teach horse project for members living in the Groveland area, 962-7774.
Ranch Riders is led by Sarah Barnum, Melissa Moore and Jen Alderson. Their first meeting was September 26. Contact Jen for more information, 352-8804. All levels of riders are welcome (no primary members). Members must have their own horse and have transportation to future meetings.

**KNITTING**
This project is returning, led by Trish Magdaleno. Give her a call at 532-3288 for details.

**MEAT GOATS**
Lucky Trails has a Meat Goat project that is open to members in other clubs. Contact Sue Griffiths, 532-9313.

**POULTRY**  Welcome to Countywide Poultry! This year we will be covering diseases, housing, showmanship and how to raise market and fancy poultry. Market poultry includes meat birds and turkeys. We will meet the third Thursday each month at 7 pm at the 4-H Office, starting November 18. Contact Lynn or Greg Hummel at 586-2784 if you have any questions. See you then!

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**
Sue Moore will be teaching a county-wide public speaking project to encourage members to develop skills in organizing and giving presentations. We will have fun along the way and prepare for County Presentation Day in the spring. Meetings will be on the first Thursdays, beginning October 7th, from 6:30-8 pm at the UCCE/4-H Office. Email Sue at samoore@ucdavis.edu to sign up.
MORE COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

PYGMY GOATS
We will have our first meeting on October 5th at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office. We will be discussing what will be taking place this year, how to raise money for more booklets for the new members and what is expected on raising a goat/housing/medication/care. If you have any questions, please call Rod at 840-1725 or Beth 840-3463.

RABBIT
The TLC project, aka Tuolomne Lepus Club, aka county-wide rabbits, will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office. This project will cover selection, different breeds, housing and care for your rabbits, breeding and genetics, showmanship and preparing for competition. For information, contact Gail Aruta at 532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com.

RACING PIGEONS
This project focuses on the sport of Homing Pigeons. We cover all aspects of raising Homers, from housing, feeding, breeding, racing and much, much more. We will also be taking a couple of field trips. Any member who is interested in pigeons is welcome to join; you don’t need to own birds. Contact Alicia & Alex Encoyand for information at 768-0281.

SCRAPBOOKING PROJECT is new this year, led by Rhonda Harris. Space is limited to 14. Project meetings will be held at the Craft Cottage – 14317 Mono Way, Sonora at 6 pm. The class schedule is the 3rd Thursday of each month September thru May except December. Call Rhonda to sign up at 743-2355.

SHOOTING SPORTS - RIFLE
This project began in September. Anyone else interested will need to wait for the winter session.

SWINE - MOUNTAIN COUNTY HOGS is led by the Stegalls. This project is full/closed.

NEW LEADERS – NEW PROJECTS
Taylor DeCarlo is teaching a Rabbit and Cavy (guinea pig) project. Call her at 352-6403.

Ashley Lincoln will be leading a meat rabbit project. Contact her at 962-7544.

Suzette Ponder & Jodi Hembree will be leading a Swine fitting & showmanship project. Call Suzette at 984-5515.

OTHER PROJECTS will be added when available

RECORD KEEPING & ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS
4-H members - the Attendance and Record Keeping policy is part of your enrollment packet, on green paper this year. Don’t turn it back in! Be sure to read it because you are responsible for understanding and following it if you plan to enter the Mother Lode Fair or other competitive events. Attendance and record keeping are both integral components of the 4-H youth development program.

ATTENDANCE If you want to show as a 4-H member at the Mother Lode Fair, you must enroll by the deadline, have at least 80% attendance at your club and project meetings and attend at least one Tuolomne County 4-H event from the list.

RECORD KEEPING The requirements for a minimum record book to show as a 4-H member at the Fair are listed. The minimum record book is due to your club leader before your fair entry forms are signed.

Members are always encouraged to complete more than the minimum record book. Use the PDR form to record your activities during the year which count towards earning a star rank. Junior and teen leaders who complete the Jr/Teen leadership report will receive a gold year stripe for the year.

Primary members are also encouraged to complete the Primary Report to receive a primary member year stripe and year pin.

HAPPY HARVEST AND HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN
JOIN US AT 4-H TEEN RETREAT "Leadership Safari"

WHAT A fun weekend brought to you by the Tuolumne County All Stars and Leadership Team. There will be workshop sessions, games, a party and much more!

WHEN Saturday and Sunday, November 20 - 21, 2010
From 10:00 am on Saturday to 3:00 pm on Sunday

WHO Tuolumne County 4-H members, 6th grade and up

WHERE “Three Links Camp” above Sierra Village on Highway 108
(turn right opposite Lyons Dam Road)

COST $30 per person, or $25 for each additional delegate from the same family.
The fee includes lodging in cabins, all meals, workshop materials and PRIZES!
This event is supported by 4-H Council fundraisers.

BRING Sleeping bag or bedroll, extra bedding for hard beds, warm clothing, jacket, flashlight, towel & washcloth, personal articles and soap, props for skits
IMPORTANT! Bring a costume for Saturday night’s party
Costume ideas: animal prints, camouflage, hunting apparel (NO weapons)

CLOTHING Clothing must be 4-H appropriate at all times, so pack accordingly: no bare midriffs, no exposed underwear, no open-toed shoes, no short shorts or short skirts, no spaghetti straps or halter tops. Have fun & be creative but keep it appropriate.

DO NOW Complete the registration form and Medical form.
Return to the 4-H Office by November 12th with $30 cash or check payable to “Tuolumne County 4-H Council.”
2010 TEEN RETREAT REGISTRATION
“LEADERSHIP SAFARI”
Complete and sign registration and Medical Treatment Forms
Attach Fee
Return to the 4-H Office by Friday, November 12th

NAME ___________________________________ GRADE _________ YEAR IN 4-H _____________
CLUB _____________________________________ PHONE __________________________________ _
ADDRESS __________________________________ CITY ______________________ ZIP ___________

Fee: $30 for first teen in family, $25 each additional teen, payable to “4-H Council”

PERMISSION: I give my permission for my son/daughter to attend the 4-H Teen Retreat at Three Links Camp on November 20-21, 2010. He/she will be riding home with ____________________________________________ at 3:00 pm on Sunday.

CODE OF CONDUCT: All participants shall adhere to the core values of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, and respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others.

While attending Tuolumne County 4-H Teen Retreat:

1. All delegates are expected to attend all planned activities of the event.
2. All participants shall be appropriately dressed at all times. This includes no bare midriffs, no exposed underwear, no open toed shoes, no short shorts/skirts, no spaghetti straps or halter tops.
3. Delegate behavior shall be appropriate at all times. This includes not handling belongings of others, not entering a cabin assigned to the opposite gender, and not damaging equipment regardless of ownership. Display of overly affectionate attention between participants is prohibited.
4. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and drugs other than prescription medication is prohibited.
5. Setting off fire alarms or tampering with fire extinguishing equipment or other emergency equipment is prohibited.
6. Obscene and discriminatory language, roughhousing, and insubordination will not be tolerated at any time.
7. Youth members and volunteers will demonstrate respect for one another at all times.
8. All participants must be in their assigned area at curfew and will comply with the quiet hours and lights out.
9. No participant may leave the grounds unless permission is secured from the leader in charge.
10. Youth must comply with other rules of the event.

Infractions of the 4-H Code of Conduct must be reported promptly by anyone observing them to the 4-H leader in charge of the event, who with the County 4-H Office will have responsibility for disciplinary action. The parent/guardian will be notified of action taken. Penalties may include any or all of the following:
* Sending the participant home
* Barring the participant from future 4-H events
* Assessing the participant the cost of damages and repairs for damage or destruction of property
* Releasing the participant to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities
* Termination of 4-H membership

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infraction of this Code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

Signature of Member: ______________________________________ Date: __________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian: ______________________________________ Date: __________________
The image contains a form with various fields for input. The form is related to health history information and consent for medical release. The fields include names, addresses, dates, and other relevant details. The form is used for the 4-H Youth Development Program and is related to the University of California Cooperative Extension.

Some key fields on the form include:
- Name
- Date
- Address
- City
- State
- Phone numbers
- Emergency contact information
- Signature of Parent or Guardian

The form is designed to be filled out by parents or guardians to provide consent for medical care and release details about the participant's health history. The form is used to ensure that all necessary information is provided and consents are granted before participation in 4-H activities.

The footer of the form includes the University of California Cooperative Extension logo and the date "November 20-21, 2010."
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