ENROLLMENT DEADLINES
In order to be eligible to enter the Mother Lode Fair, returning members must be enrolled in 4-H by October 17th. The deadline for new members is December 16th. Please do not wait until the last minute to register!

HAVING TROUBLE ENROLLING?
Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their enrollments through the new online system! So far we have encountered few problems. If you have not enrolled yet please do so as soon as possible. Having trouble with the system? Don’t have internet access? Please call Jennifer at the 4-H Office to get help over the phone or make an appointment to come in and use the computer. Confused which forms to send in? For members, the 4-H Office only needs the Waiver of Liability & your $15 payment. For returning volunteer leaders, the 4-H Office needs the Waiver of Liability, Volunteer Self-Disclosure Form & your $6 payment. You are welcome to mail forms or drop them off in person. The 4-H Office does not retain any medical forms. Please give one copy of your medical forms to your club leader and one copy to each of your project leaders (no photocopies, must be original forms).

4-H DRIVE-THRU DINNER
Monday, October 24th 4-6:30pm
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
The date and location for the enrollment fundraiser has changed!!! The Enrollment Fundraiser/Drive-Thru Dinner will now be held October 24th at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds from 4-7 pm. If you are selling tickets please return the stubs and any unsold tickets to your October club meetings. Tickets are also available for purchase at the 4-H Office. The money raised at this fundraiser will be used to supplement $5 on every child’s enrollment in 4-H. This is why your enrollment fee is $15/year instead of the state specified $20! Please come out and support 4-H!

LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY RESULTS
Thank you to everyone who came out to Livestock Field Day & the Family Picnic on October 1st! At Livestock Field Day members had a great time participating in judging classes and the 4-H Science Experiment. As always, the picnic had great food & games! Thank you to everyone who helped put on both of these great events! The results for the judging classes are listed below:

Junior
Gold: Anna Gillespie
Silver: Catelyn Wyhlidko
Bronze: Chelsie Williams
Blue: Faith Hamilton
Red: Sienna Fong, Tristan Hagstrom
White: Alyssa Tegt-Rodriguez

Intermediate
Gold: Michele Parsons
Silver: Victoria Smith
Bronze: Tanner Hagstrom, Cherish Bailey
Blue: Samuel Grider, Garrett Rebelo, Phabian Maldonado, Miranda McKenzie, Victoria Coffman, Emily Wright, Sydney Jones, Hannah Harris, Rachel Davis, Jack Wivell
Red: Courtney Orpurt, Elyssa Wyhlidko, Matthew Baker, Jonnie Anders, Cheyenne Biggs, Alicia Wivell, Rylee Oliver, Madison Fong
White: Colton Pimentel

Senior
Gold: Rosemary Terrazas
Silver: Miranda Grider
Bronze: Brittney Gilles
Blue: Chace Bailey, Dakota Siebert, Amanda Hummel
Red: Danny Hamilton, Miriam Acquaviva, Miguel Madden

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RON HAMILTON BENEFIT
On behalf of the benefit committee, I’d like to extend a big, big thank you to all the 4-H families who contributed, worked at, and attended the benefit for Ron Hamilton! It was standing room only at the Sherriff’s Posse for the tri tip dinner and auctions, with many 4-H parents and members assisting. Ron has a brain condition called Chiari Malformation, and had almost $35,000 in bills that hadn’t been paid off yet from brain and back surgery. Thanks to our generous community, those bills have now been settled. So thank you 4-H for helping Ron! He is always helping someone else, so this was our way to “pay it forward”. Ron does have continuing symptoms and ongoing medical care, so be sure to wish him well next time you see him!

Sue Moore

TOOTER SUBSCRIPTION
Most 4-H families are signed up to receive the Tooter online. If you are new and need to sign up please go to:
http://ucanr.org/sites/Tuolumne_4-H/4H_Tooter_Newsletter/
If you do not have internet access and would like a mailed version of the Tooter please fill out a Tooter Subscription Form (available at the 4-H Office). The cost is $10/ year to receive a mailed copy. There will also be extra copies of the Tooter each month available for pick up at the 4-H Office.

GPS/GIS LEADER NEEDED
We are currently looking for a leader for the GPS/GIS project. 4-H has equipment for this project but needs a leader! Know someone who might be interested? Please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION
If you are a new leader you must come by the 4-H Office to pick up the LiveScan (fingerprinting) request forms and the take home Leader Orientation-Training Confirmation Form. Both need to be completed before you can be approved as a volunteer leader in 4-H. You must be approved as a leader prior to holding your first meeting. The date for our in-house New Leader Orientation is TBA.

ONLINE RECORD BOOK
Yes, it’s true! The Record Book for 4-H is now available online. To access the Record Book please visit: http://www.ca4h.org/4hbook/
The online version of the Record Book is completely optional. You will still have the option to use the paper forms if you wish. However, I encourage everyone to at least check out the new system!

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. Every 4-H club is invited to contribute. If you would like to donate baby items or gift certificates, please bring them to your October club meetings or the 4-H Office. Thank you Lucky Trails club for coordinating this!

TEEN RETREAT
October 8-9th
3 Links Camp
Registration for Teen Retreat is now closed. We are hoping the snow will hold off until later this year so we can FINALLY have our Teen Retreat! The All Star and Leadership Teams are busy planning all the fun activities for this great event! Teen Retreat is open to all Tuolumne County 4-H members 6th grade and up. The theme will be Leadership Safari! We are looking forward to a great weekend. Let’s hope for good weather!

HI 4-H HAUNTED HOUSE
Construction has started! The Hi 4-H Haunted House is located in the red barn behind JS West Lumber on South Washington Street in Sonora. We are indebted to both JS West and the Symons Foundation for allowing us to use the barn free of charge.

This 4-H activity is meant 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. The Saturday matinee with the lights on is $1 each. Group rates for 10+ are available with advance purchase; group rate is $3 each.

Wed. 10/19 from 7-8:30 pm is free to 4-H families. This counts as a 4-H event attended.

Thursday 10/20 7-8:30 pm
Friday 10/21 7-9:30 pm
Saturday 10/22 7-9:30 pm
Thursday 10/27 7-8:30 pm
Friday 10/28 7-9:30 pm
Saturday 10/29 3-5:00 pm matinee
Saturday 10/29 7-9:30 pm
Monday 10/31 7-9:00 pm

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
December 4th (Tentative Date)
Sonora High School
Since we moved Teen Retreat to October, Achievement Night will be held in December this year. The date is tentatively set for December 4th at 2pm. Save the date!
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North Central Section Family and Consumer Science Field Day
November 5, 2011 • Stockton
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State Fashion Review
The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee announces categories and service projects for 2012! Entry categories returning from 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with $100 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished. The Recycled category will not be offered at State Fashion Revue for 2012; counties may choose to include it at local events only. The $15 Challenge was so popular in 2011, it will become the $19.99 Challenge for 2012. It has the same rules (shoes and sales tax don’t count, receipts required) but the limit is increased to $19.99 to allow more creativity. We are adding a second challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity #7161, view A only, and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate with the tote bag. SFR will be coordinating two service projects. The Quilts for Wounded Warriors is returning because the American Legion needs more quilts. Statewide, 4-H created sixty quilts in 2011 and we look forward to even more in 2012. Our second service activity is the Million Pillowcase Project, for handmade or decorated pillowcases. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/

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Volunteer At San Francisco Farm Day
October 20, 2011 • San Francisco
Join agriculture enthusiasts at the 25th anniversary of the first San Francisco Farm Day and California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Live farm animal displays, school garden demonstrations, food and farming-themed classroom presentations, and exciting activity stations will allow nearly 10,000 urban San Francisco students to experience agriculture like never before. If your 4-H club or county All Star group would like to participate in the event, complete the online volunteer sign-up at www.learnaboutag.org/anniversary/ and California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom will contact you with more details.

Come Join the Revolution of Responsibility!
2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California and the 4-H YDP will celebrate by giving back to their communities with youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by actually leading, collaboration by forming relationships with other groups and agencies, and citizenship skills by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. The Revolution of Responsibility will celebrate the power of youth taking action and will consolidate all the various funding programs that are provided by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding (up to $1,000) to support service-learning projects related to either club or project activities. The first deadline for applications is October 15, 2011 with additional due dates of January 15 and April 15, 2012. For more information, check out the website at: http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/

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FOOTHILL 4-H
Welcome back everyone!!! Don't forget to bring in your ticket stubs for the Drive Thru Dinners. We are all really excited about this new year. Parents if you or anyone you know would like to start a new project please talk to Sharon Smales 532-5036 or Ida Ponder 984-5515
Sharon & Ida, Club Leaders

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
We had a great first meeting of the year with lots of new prospective members; Jennifer Alderson explained our 4-H program, and new enrollment process. We had a speaker with the IMVO Community Service Project, made a 4-H Week poster, and held election of officers. Officers for our new year are:
President – Emma Williams
V. President – Lucas Fristad
Secretary - Madison Fong
Treasurer – Samanda Beeman
Reporter – Nikki West
Historians – Marguerite Williams, Sammy West
Sergeant at Arms – Craig Amos, Ariana Leaman
Refreshments – Gabriela Infelise, Siena Fong
Set-up – Maricela Martinez
Installation of our new officers will be at our October meeting. We will call you about items to choose to bring for the IMVO Project for the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, Oct. 19th
Carol Willmon, Club Leader

HI 4-H
Welcome to all the returning and new Hi 4-H members. The construction of the Haunted House is progressing well. The Haunted House opens Oct 19th. This is also the day for our October Hi 4-H meeting. Participating in Haunted House on that day also counts as a meeting attended for Hi 4-H. Please arrive by 5:00 pm. All 4-H members and families may go through the Haunted House for free on Oct 19th only from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Any 4-H member, 7th grade and above is welcome to join Hi 4-H and/or Haunted House. Hi 4-H be going on a trip to Disneyland in April 2012. Any questions please call Linda Mager, 532-5896, Linda Hembree, 532-8656, or Jay Wallace 533-1907.

LUCKY TRAILS
Welcome all new and returning members! At our last meeting we talked about upcoming events and fundraisers including ideas to help Heifer International and FOAC. We also talked about the baby basket and a possible window display for 4-H Week. Our next meeting will be October 12th. See you there!
Sue Griffiths, Club Leader, 532-9313

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
We had an amazing first meeting with a bunch of new faces, what an exciting way to start the new year. Our next meeting will be on October, 12, at 6:30 ... cafeteria of Soulsbyville Elem. This meeting will include our officer installation and we will be discussing upcoming events. If you have any questions, please call Anita at 928-5702.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
It was fun to see new and old friends of the Sonora Cloverleafs at our first meeting in September. The next meeting date is on Tuesday October 11 at 7pm at the Sonora Youth Center. We need to remember to bring in donations for the 4H Week Baby Gift Basket. You can also drop your items off at the 4H office or take them to the Livestock Field Day/Family Picnic on October 1st at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Don't forget about our Drive up Dinner Fundraiser. All members must bring in their unsold tickets, ticket stubs, and money to the next meeting. If you can't make it to the October meeting please contact Deniel to make arrangements to return tickets and money to her. Anyone interested in being in 4H can now sign up on line. Returning members, please sign up by October 17th in order to show at the Mother Lode Fair. Instruction sheets to help you with the process are available, but please let Deniel know if you need help with signing up. Deniel’s (our club’s leader) contact information is sheffy@msn.com or 536-9791. Hope to see you all in October!
August Pearson, Reporter

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The Tuolumne Pioneers will meet on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7:00 at Summerville Elementary School. Officers will meet at 6:00 before the regular club meeting. We will be handing out our candle fundraiser forms at the Oct club meeting and collecting the forms at the Nov club meeting. We hope to have all candles ready to deliver before Christmas.
BBQ crew will be meeting Tuesday the 25th from 5:30-7:00 at the 4-H Office for a safety meeting. We will be catering On October 22, 2011 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Arrive at 2:00.
Faith Hamilton, Reporter
COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS

**BEF**
This year’s countywide Beef project will be led by Joe Pimentel. Check back in November for information on the first meeting!

**BABYSITTING**
The project will meet the third Thursday of every month at the 4H office from 6-7 or 7:30. Our first meeting is Thursday, October 20th at 6 pm. If you have any questions or want more information please contact me, Deniel Sheffield, at sheffy@msn.com or at 536-9791.

**CITIZENSHIP**
Our first meeting will be held on Oct. 24th at the 4-H office, meeting will begin at 6:30. Evan Royce will be our guest speaker for the night. We will also be discussing an upcoming fundraiser and some community service projects. If interested, please call Anita at 928-5702.

**DOG TRAINING**
This month Dog Training will meet October 4th & 18th. For October only we will be meeting across from the fairgrounds at Woods Creek Rotary Park.

*Mary Barrett 536-0526 or Jo-Ann Gritz 532-7593*

**EXOTIC BIRDS & PIGEONS**
The Exotic Bird and Pigeon projects will be combined this year. Please call Alicia Encoyand for more information at 768-0281.

**HORSE (Rock Creek Riders)**
Saturday, October 8th will be my first meeting for the group at 10:00am. The meetings will be for my group the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. Do not bring your horse at the first meeting. All meetings will be at my arena, on bad weather days our meeting will be indoors. I have a teen leader that will be helping me. Some of the things we will be doing is: Field trips, Showmanship practice, riding skills, and safety. We will be putting on a horse clinic in February the date to be announced. I have a field trip planned for October 15Th please be here by 8:00 am. You don't have to own a horse to be in my group. If you have any further questions please feel to call me at .984-0447. I am looking forward to a great year.

**HORSE (Ranch Riders)**
Thanks to everyone who came to the first meeting! We have a great group this year with a lot of new and returning members! Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 16th at 1pm. We will be meeting at the Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Posse Grounds in Jamestown. If you have a horse please bring it to this meeting. Also, don’t forget to bring the Animal Health Background sheets that were assigned at the first meeting along with your horses’ vaccination records.

*Jen, Melissa & Sarah*

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

**POULTRY**
Our first meeting will be held on Thursday November 17th in the 4H Office at 7PM. We will be signing up members and doing a general overview of the Poultry Project. General care of poultry, including disease control, housing, showmanship & fitting for fair are just a few things we will cover this year! Poultry meetings are always on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM in the 4H office, with the exception of December (No December meeting) and run through May! See you then!

*Greg & Lynn Hummel 586-2784*

**PYGMY GOATS**
Pygmy Goat Project meetings will be the 2nd Saturday of each month, except October, which there will not be a meeting due to conflicts. We are meeting from 3-4 pm at the Sonora Youth Center. If anyone new or old is interested in joining and are needing to purchase some goats, Rod & Beth Moore have one registered and one unregistered does that are 5 months old and they are twins. If interested call 559-7538.

**RABBITS (TLC)**
Contact project leaders Gail Aruta, 532-5257, or Heather Swenson, 586-1922, if you have any questions.

**SCRAPBOOKING**
Classes will be the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning with October and ending in May
Class times will be 5:30-7:00pm
10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10

There is no cost for the class but each member will be responsible for purchasing their own scrapbook and materials which can be purchased at the Craft Cottage during classes.

*Rhonda Harris, Project Leader 785-8253*
SHOOTING SPORTS - ARCHERY
The Archery project is now full! Please make sure you have completed the registration process for 4-H prior to the next meeting. If you have not completed this process you will not be allowed to shoot.

Don & Patricia Carlson 586-2628

SHOOTING SPORTS– RIFLE
The fall session of the Rifle project is now full. Check the Tooter for information on when Spring sign ups will be taking place.

SEWING (SUE & JAN)
Sue & Jan's sewing project is now closed. We have 16 members, had our first meeting to measure for pattern size, and are scheduling meetings to start work on patterns and cutting out fabric. Contact Sue with questions, 743-2020 or 2moores@mlode.com

SWINE - MOUNTAIN COUNTY HOGS is led by Gary and Kathy Stegall. Call Kathy at 694-8679 for more information.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!
OCTOBER 2-8, 2011

FROM THE 4-H ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
As the new program year is underway, it is a good time to share with you some ideas on how we can increase our effectiveness when working with young people to help them reach their full potential.

Current research indicates that there are five youth development practices or supports and opportunities that young people should experience in all major settings in which they spend time, including 4-H. These five supports and opportunities include: 1) emotional and physical safety; 2) multiple supportive relationships with adults and peers; 3) meaningful opportunities for involvement and membership; 4) knowledge and ability to impact the community; and 5) challenging and engaging activities and learning experiences.

This month we will focus on the first support and opportunity – building safety. Creating a safe environment for young people is critical to their health and development. Young people feel physically safe when the surrounding environment is properly equipped with systems and procedures to protect them from physical harm. A young person feels emotionally safe when s/he is fully accepted and valued as an individual by adults and peers.

Establishing safety is critical as safety is the foundation of any quality environment. For example, without safety it is difficult to build relationships. Additionally, if young people do not feel safe they will not want to stay in the program. Here are five things you can do now to build safety:
1. Develop agreements regarding safety and regular group meetings
2. Include “no put-downs” in your agreements
3. Institute a regular group or “community” check-in at meetings
4. Assess the cultural, gender, ethnic and family structure background of your group
5. Expand the group’s knowledge of particular groups and cultures

How do you know if the environment is safe? Here are a few indicators of a safe environment:
• The emotional climate of the session is predominantly positive and any playful negative behaviors are mediated by staff or youth
• There is no evidence of bias but rather mutual respect for and inclusion of others
• The program space is free of health and safety hazards
• Written emergency procedures are posted in plain view

Shannon Dogan, Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy
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