WELCOME BACK! A NOTE FROM THE 4-H OFFICE...
Welcome to the 2012-2013 4-H year! I hope everyone had a very fun and successful fair! I want to take this time to thank all of our leaders, parents and members for helping make last year a success!

As we look towards our new 4-H year I wanted to try something different to kick this year off. We typically do not have an August edition of the Tooter. However, I thought it might be nice to have an edition that focused mainly on enrollment information, club and project news. In this edition you will find information on how to enroll new and returning members and leaders as well as what projects are available. We have some exciting new projects this year. Here’s to another great year!

Jennifer Alderson, 4-H Program Coordinator

OFFICE HOURS
The UCCE Office is open Monday-Thursday from 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. You are welcome to come in to pick up 4-H supplies and forms during this time. Robin, our Office Assistant can handle these types of requests. While there are weeks when I am in the office every day, as the 4-H Coordinator I often have commitments that take me out of the office. It is best to call ahead to set up an appointment if you need to speak directly with me. In addition to appointments I have also implemented office hours. These hours are times when I am committed to being in my office and available to help our 4-H families. Office hours beginning August 14th will be as follows:

Wednesday 1-4pm
Thursday 10-1pm

In addition to regularly scheduled hours on Wednesdays, I will be available from 5-7pm on the first Wednesday of every month (prior to our 4-H Council meeting).

RETURNING MEMBERS
The enrollment system has been open since July 1st. Please go to http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/4-H_Youth_Development/Join_Now/ and follow the instructions to register. If you were enrolled in 4-H last year, you already have a profile in the 4H Online enrollment system. Please do not create a new profile. If you can’t remember your password follow the prompts to recover and/or create a new password. Payment can be made online. You may also bring a check or cash to the 4-H Office or to your Community Club Leader at your first meeting in September. Since all forms are online there are no forms to turn in to the 4-H Office. However, please don’t forget to give a copy of your Medical Release/Health History form to your club leader and each project leader. Be sure to read all of the instructions and enrollment documents carefully, including the Attendance and Record Keeping Policy. The enrollment deadline for returning members is October 15th.

NEW MEMBERS
4-H enrollment is done entirely online. All new members should go to http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/4-H_Youth_Development/Join_Now/ to get started with their 4-H registration. You will need an email address in order to set up your profile in the enrollment system. Be sure to ready all instructions and enrollment documents carefully. After you enrollment is completed you will need to print and fill out the Medical Release/Health History form. This form will be turned in to your Community Club Leader at your first meeting. You will also need to give one of these forms to each of your project leaders. Payment can be made online. You may also bring a check or cash to the 4-H Office or to your Community Club Leader at your club meeting. The enrollment deadline for new members who wish to show at the Mother Lode Fair is December 3rd.
ENROLLMENT HELP
All enrollment questions regarding the instructions or the 4-H Online system should be directed to our 4-H Enrollment Coordinator, Nancy Starr, in El Dorado County. Nancy can be reached at (530) 621-5503. If you have a specific question regarding 4-H in Tuolumne County please call the 4-H Office at 533-6990.

If you do not have access to a computer in order to complete your enrollment there is help available. Some clubs will have computer access at their first club meeting. Contact your club leader for more information. There is also a computer in the 4-H Office that is available for use. Please call ahead to set up an appointment to use this computer as it may be unavailable at certain times during the week.

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COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS & INFORMATION

**Foothill 4-H**

Foothill 4-H meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Humane Society in Jamestown. The first meeting will be September 12th. We have a number of great projects within our club both animal and non-animal related. Please call Sharon for more information at 532-5036.

Community Service Project will have their first meeting September 10th from 4-5pm at the Bloom House. We will be seeking opportunities for members to help in the community, from planting trees to working at the food bank. Join if you are ready to make a positive impact on Tuolumne County. Call Amanda at 768-3445 for more information.

Craft Project will have their first meeting September 10th from 3-4 pm at the Bloom House. This project will have monthly crafting projects. The projects will range from making holiday cards to watercolor pictures. Join if you have a passion for crafts. Call Amanda at 768-3445 for more information.

**Groveland Highlanders**

Hello from the Groveland Highlanders! We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Our club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Tenaya Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. We offer many projects, and lots of our members have entered their projects in the Calaveras and Mother Lode Fairs, and individual shows; all have done really well!

This year we will be offering the following projects:

HOME ARTS: Our Home Arts project is actually lots of projects in one! Our leader, Mrs. Carol Willmon, breaks the year into units. Each unit lasts 3-5 meetings, and includes sewing, knitting, quilting, baking, and cooking. This allows the kids who join Home Arts to choose the units that interest them. We have wonderful volunteers from our community who help with this project.

RABBITS: Our Rabbit project has been quite successful in local shows and the fair. We learn about breeds, showmanship, rabbit care, and even build hutches and nesting boxes. Our leader is Ms. Jodi McKinnon, and our teen leader is Marguerite Williams.

POULTRY: Our Poultry project is always growing! We learn about showmanship, the parts of a chicken, general health and nutrition, and breeds. We do some experiments, and raise birds to sell at the Mother Lode Fair. Our leader is Ms. Janean Amos, our junior leader is Lucas Fristad, and our teen leader is Emma Williams.

ROCKETRY: Our Rocketry project is led by Mr. Pete Steinmetz and Ms. Wynette Hilton. The members actually build rockets, and a launch day happens on the field at Tenaya Elementary School. This project usually lasts around 6 weeks.

SWINE: New this year will be our Swine project! Ms. Rachel Fristad will be the leader. More details to follow!

GOATS: We are considering a Goat project this year. More details to follow!

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Our club is very involved with our community. We serve dinners for the Lions Club, make decorations for the Community Thanksgiving dinner, donate to local food baskets and food banks, do many projects at Camp Tuolumne Trails, and offer face painting and petting farms at community BBQ’s. Community Service is a huge part of 4-H, and we are proud that our club is involved!

We are always looking for new members and new leaders. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Carol Willmon at 962-7528 or Ms. Janean Amos at 878-3659. Here’s to a great year!!

**Hi 4-H**

Hi 4-H is both a project and a club. It is a project for any 4-H member in 7th grade and above, who is enrolled in any 4-H club in the county. It is a club for 4-H members, 7th grade and up, who only want to do Hi 4-H and/or the Haunted House project. Hi 4-H puts on a Pancake Breakfast in March that assists in fundraising for a yearly trip to Disneyland. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm at the Sonora Youth Center. The first meeting will be September 19, 2012. Please join us and bring a friend.

Hi 4-H leaders are Linda Mager, 532-5896, Linda Hembree, 532-8656, and Anita Payne, 532-8309.

**Lucky Trails**

Meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office. Call Sue Griffiths 559-9044 for more information.
Mountain Rangers
Mountain Rangers welcomes back all of our members and we hope that you all had an amazing summer. We will again be meeting at Soulsbyville Elementary in the cafeteria. Our meetings will again begin at 6pm with an officers meeting starting at 5:30. We encourage all current members to bring at least one friend that may be interested in joining us this year. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 12th. Please call Anita Vicini at 536-4098 if you have any questions.

Sonora Cloverleafs
Sonora Cloverleafs meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Sonora Youth Center. For more information contact Deniel Sheffield at 536-9791 or sheffy@msn.com.

Tuolumne Pioneers
Tuolumne Pioneers meets the second Monday of every month at 7pm at Summerville Elementary School. A wide variety of projects are available. For more information contact Ron Hamilton at 928-1815 or krishnaron@comcast.net.

Countywide Projects

Cattle (Beef)
Dates and times to be announced. Contact Lindsay Rosasco at 559-9066 for more information.

Citizenship
The Citizenship Project focuses on the numerous aspects of government; from local government to the federal government. Guest speakers and a trip to the Capitol in Sacramento will be something to look forward to. We will be fundraising to send interested members to both California Focus and to Washington Focus. Come to the first meeting to talk with Brittney Gilles and Cait Amos; both of them have attended California Focus and are happy to share their stories about this wonderful experience. First meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of September at the 4-H office at 7pm. Anita Vicini @536-4098.

Cultural Arts
This project has been created to broaden the horizons of our youth through the experiences of Ballet, Broadway Musicals and the San Francisco Symphony. We will be attending one Musical in Sonora, one Ballet in San Francisco (The Nutcracker), one San Francisco Symphony performance and one Broadway Musical in Sacramento (Beauty and the Beast) and one in San Francisco (either Lion King or Wicked). We will work on getting the best price possible for all performances and not all performances will be required. Your family will be welcomed to join us on this amazing journey. Please call Anita Vicini at 536-4098 for more information.

Dog Care & Training
The 4-H Dog Care and Training project is a county wide project open to members of all clubs. The project covers topics such as grooming, health and exercise; as well as general dog information, safety around dogs and training. We meet twice a month, except during winter, and members are able to bring their dogs and learn proper obedience and showmanship skills. Our year finishes with the 4-H Dog Show. Our first meeting will be September 18 at 6 pm at the 4-H office and will be without dogs. We will do an overview of the project and answer any questions. Project leaders are Mary Barrett and Jo Ann Gritz.

Haunted House
The Hi 4-H Haunted House is located in the red barn, behind J.S.West Lumber, on S. Washington Street in Sonora. Construction is planned to start Saturday, September 1, 2012. Further information will be available in the September Tooter. Any questions call Jay Wallace, 533-1907 or Linda Hembree, 532-8656. Hi 4-H is deeply indebted to JS West and the Symons Foundation, who graciously allows us to use the barn free of charge.

Healthy Living
We will focus on 3 segments: Nutrition, Exercise, and Stress. Learn about My Plate and what to eat to become a healthier you. The exercise segment will get you off the couch and on your feet with meetings on the court, on the field, and on the track. Lastly, learn how to identify what stressors you can eliminate or reduce from your life. This will help you become happier and more rested. Please contact Shelly Wyatt or Anita Vicini if you are interested in joining the project or assisting with the project. Shelly 662-4655; Anita 559-6257.
Countywide Projects
Continued

Horse (Ranch Riders)
This year our project will be limited to 12 riders. Preference will be given to returning members. Dates and times for the first meeting will be announced in the September Tooter. We meet once per month from September to July. You must have your own horse if you would like to ride at our meetings. Call Melissa at 559-2142, Sarah at 743-9434 or Jen at 352-8804 for more information.

Knitting
Dates and time for the Knitting project will be announced in the September edition of the Tooter. Call Trish Magdaleno at 532-3288 for more information.

Poultry
Dates and times to be announced. Call Lynn Humnell at 586-2784 for more information.

Pygmy Goats & More!
Welcome back everyone and looking forward to working with all of you again. This year we are expanding the goats to everything from below the Bore Goats to the Pygmy Goats. I will be going around to each club and introducing myself and explaining what we are expanding to. My plan is to make all the clubs within the first two month of start up. Any questions feel free to call me at 209-559-7538. Beth Moore.

Rabbits (TLC)
Dates and times to be announced. Call Gail Aruta at 532-5257 for more information.

Sewing (Sue & Jan)
This project is open to 15 members, divided into 3 groups: Sunday early afternoon, Sunday late afternoon, and one day mid-week after school. Members who completed last year with me have priority. If you started the year and dropped out of the project, please don’t ask for a spot again. If you join, you are expected to have regular attendance. Meetings are at the UCCE office meeting room. Meetings to plan & measure will be in September with sewing beginning in October. Talk to me first before you purchase fabric and patterns as they need to be appropriate for your skill level. It’s best if you have your own machine. I love creating outfits, learning sewing techniques, and talking about fashion! Contact me by September 15 to join. Sue Moore, 743-2020 or 2moores@mlode.com

We are in need of additional project leaders as we have many members wanting to learn to sew. This is a good thing but it means we don’t have enough leaders to teach everyone who wants to join. Please ask your friends, neighbors, grandmas, their friends…

Shooting Sports (Rifle)
The rifle project consists of two sessions; one in the Fall and one in the Spring. More information on sign ups and meeting dates will be included in the September Tooter. Call Rodger Tidball at 984-4933. You must be 10 years old to participate in this project.

Time Management & Organization
This is a program that teaches good time management, organizational skills and goal setting for all 4-H members. Meetings will be held at the 4-H Office. Dates and times to follow. Call Trish Magdaleno at 532-3288 for more information.

*Pending countywide projects include:
Archery, Cake Decorating, Beginning 4-H (Cloverbud Program for 5-8 year olds) Horse (Gymkhana), Public Speaking, Scrapbooking, Soapmaking and many more! Check the September Tooter for more project listings and news.

Support Tuolumne 4-H Youth.
Donations will bring:
- Scholarships
- Curriculum
- Project Supplies
- Start-Up Funds for Youth Led Community Service Projects
- And So Much More to 4-H!

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