A NOTE FROM THE 4-H OFFICE...

Jennifer’s last day in the 4-H Office will be Friday, November 30th. There will be no 4-H Program Representative in the 4-H Office for the month of December. We are working hard to get this position filled quickly and hope to have a new staff person hired by January. If you have a 4-H related question or need something from the office please contact Robin Blood, our Office Assistant, at 533-5695 or JoLynn Miller, our 4-H Advisor, at 533-5686. The UCCE Office is open Monday-Thursday from 8-12 and 1-5. The office is closed on all Fridays.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The entire UCCE Office will be closed December 24th-January 1st for the winter holiday. We will return on January 2nd. Happy Holidays!

4-H COMMUNITY DINNER

January 19th 4-7pm
Mother Lode Fairgrounds

Each club will have a serving time and also be in charge of a part of the Dinner so ask about it at your club meeting. This is the main fundraiser for Tuolumne County 4-H and it takes all of us to put it on.

All members are encouraged to sell tickets, bring in donated items or gift certificates for the Silent Auction, make a poster to advertise the dinner and create a decorated cake to auction. Tickets are available to check out at your club meetings.

Adult tickets (age 12 and over) are $12. Youth (11 and younger) and Seniors (65 and over) are $8. Adult and Youth/Senior tickets are the same price pre-sale and at the door.

Family tickets for up to 5 people are $40, pre-sale only. All family tickets must have the number of people written on them when they are sold.

LCORT

http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT/

It’s not too late to register for the Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT)! LCORT will be held January 25-27, 2013 at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA. This year’s theme is “California 4-H: Celebrating 100 Years of Building Leaders”. LCORT is open to 4-H members in 7th-9th grade. The cost to attend is $155 which includes 2 nights lodging, meals, conference materials and a t-shirt. Visit the LCORT website for registration forms and more information. Submit completed forms and payment to the 4-H Office by January 3rd.

NEW PROJECT!

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play golf? Rachel Rosasco will be putting on a Junior/Beginning Golf project this spring for 4-Hers ages 10 to 14. It will be held on Saturdays from 1-3pm at Phoenix Lake Golf Course starting February 23 and going through March 23, 2013. Rachel is a member of the Sonora High Varsity Girls Golf and will be putting on the project as part of her Sonora High Senior Project. The project will be limited to 10 members. If you would like more information or would like to sign up contact Rachel Rosasco at (209) 753-8250 or Lindsay Rosasco at (209) 559-9066/lindsayrosasco@ymail.com.

JANUARY TOOTER

If you have Tooter news for January please send it to our Office Assistant, Robin Blood, at rablood@ucanr.edu. Robin will be compiling a short newsletter for January to keep our 4-H families updated until we have a new staff person in place. Please send Robin your Tooter news by December 17th. The January Tooter will go out after we return to the office on January 2nd.
40th Annual
4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
& Decorated Cake Auction

Saturday, January 19, 2013
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 4 to 7 pm

TRI TIP & all the fixin's
Baked potato, Green Salad, Roll
Ice Cream & Cover’s Cookie
Vegetarian entrée available

Tickets from 4-H members & at the door
$12  Adults
$8   Seniors 65 & older
$8   Children under 12
$40 Family ticket is pre-sale only, limit 5 people

For information, contact the 4-H office, 533-6990
Proceeds benefit the Tuolumne County 4-H Program for local youth
DEADLINES:
Deadline for Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - $375
Deadline for Hotel room Rate of $179 is February 21, 2013 - $425

State 4-H Field Day 2013
May 25 at UC Davis
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/
The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff and parents. More information will be released in January 2013.

The five categories announced for 2013 State Fashion Revue are generating interest in 4-H sewing and crafts projects, and in counties planning their local events. Check out the descriptions at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/ and plan to participate in your County Fashion Revue. SFR is coordinating three service projects: little dresses and shorts for Africa, stuffed animals, and drawstring bags. Projects and counties are encouraged to download the patterns and instructions and make the most of all the fabric scraps in your “stash.” The dresses and bags take about a yard of fabric plus bias tape or cording. The shorts are sewn from a new or like-new purchased t-shirt. The stuffed animals are cute and cuddly, made from scraps of fuzzy fabric. Brighten the life of a child close to home or in an impoverished country by donating fabric or your time and have fun at the same time. See the SFR website for questions or contact a committee member.

4-H Citizenship WA Focus registration and financial assistance deadline submission is December 15, 2012. For questions, contact Jenna Colburn, jcolburn@ucanr.edu.

Save the Date: 4-H CA Focus will be June 14-18, 2013. Registration will be available on December 30, 2012. For questions, contact Jenna Colburn, jcolburn@ucanr.edu

4-H State Leadership Conference 2013
July 25-28, 2013 at UC Davis
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. More information will be released in January 2013.

Join California 4-H on Facebook!
https://www.facebook.com/california4H
4-H is on social media. Check out the website with 4-H guidelines for social media and a list of national and statewide 4-H groups on various social media platforms at http://http://www.ca4h.org/News/Connect/

Project Sheets
http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/
Check out the 30 available project sheets designed to help 4-H volunteers and youth understand possibilities in 4-H projects. 4-H youth and their families may use these sheets to decide which project they might be interested in. The State 4-H Office is looking for people to help write these project sheets! If interested, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.

Take the National Rocketry Challenge!
http://www.rocketcontest.org/
Registration is now open for the 2013 Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC), the world's largest rocket contest where students compete for $60,000 in prizes and scholarships. Participation is open to the first 1000 teams who register by November 30, 2012. The 2013 challenge is to design, build and fly a model rocket containing a raw egg that reaches an altitude of 750 feet, stays aloft for 45 to 50 seconds, and returns the egg unbroken on a parachute. Students in grades 7-12 in any U.S. school or non-profit youth organization are eligible to compete. The National Association of Rocketry is a 4-H partner and specifically invites 4-H groups to try rocketry and get into TARC.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. The workshop will be January 12, 2013 8am-6pm and January 13, 2013 8am-4pm. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

Western Region Leader Forum
March 21 – 24, 2013 in Hawaii
Hawaii 4-H members, volunteers, faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing you in Hawaii March 21 – 24, 2013 for the Western Region Leader Forum. The conference site is the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Resort (800-848-8100). Refer to code, WR4A, to the person taking your reservation. Registration for the forum may be completed by going to: http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/
FOOTHILL 4-H
Hi Foothill 4-H Club,
At our last meeting on November 14th we installed all of our officers and collected food for the food bank, thank you to everyone who brought something! If you were unable to bring a canned food item to this past meeting please bring it to our December meeting. The food bank is asking for cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and boxes of stuffing, or any non perishable food item. We are also going to be collecting Christmas ornaments, decorations and lights for a family who lost their home in a fire. Please don’t forget to sell your tickets to the community dinner; it is a huge fundraiser for 4-H and your sales help greatly! At our December meeting we will be doing a candy bar exchange, to participate please bring a wrapped candy bar.

Arts&Crafts: Our next meeting is December 3rd at 3:30pm and we will be working on holiday crafts.

Community Service: Stop by Foothill 4-H’s ATCAA canned food drive in front of Safeway on December 1st from 10:30-2:30.

Swine: Our first swine meeting will be December 10th at 7pm at the Humane Society.

Hanna Lopez, Reporter

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our November meeting, we initiated several new members, and made pine cone turkey decorations for the Groveland Community Thanksgiving Dinner. For our December meeting, please bring a couple of boxes of stuffing for our Community Christmas Basket donation, and a wrapped Christmas ornament for our ornament exchange. We will also be making posters for the January 4-H Dinner.

Carol Willmon

HI 4-H
Hi 4-H pancake breakfast will be on March 10, 2013 and the Disneyland trip will be April 19, 20 and 21, 2013. Everyone going on the trip must sell place mat ads for the breakfast. The packets, with the information about the breakfast place mat ads, were passed out at the November meeting. If you were not at that meeting, but are planning to go to Disneyland, contact Linda Mager. The proceeds from the place mat ad sales and the breakfast, help to pay for the bus and motel for the Disneyland trip. Hi 4-H members will be serving at the Clammers dinner on Dec 1st. Our next meeting will be Dec 19th 6:30-8:00 pm at the Sonora Youth Center. This will be a potluck, and you will be called for a suggestion of what to bring. Please bring a creatively disguised candy bar for exchange. If you have any questions please call Linda Mager, 532-5896.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
We will be holding our December meeting on Saturday the 8th at the Sonora Library meeting room. We will hold our meeting then have a family potluck and play games. I will be sending out an e-mail to everyone with all of the details. Every kid was giving a slip with what their family should bring to the potluck, if you did not get one please e-mail me and I will let you know what you are asked to contribute. Hope everyone had an amazing Thanksgiving. Anita 536-4098 or 559-6257.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
The Potluck fundraiser was a success, we raised over $50 and the food was yummy! Thanks to all of the members who participated, and also to those who brought food donations.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 11th at 7PM. Please come at 6:30 if you would like to help decorate cookies for the Lambert Center clients. You can also stay after the meeting to decorate. If you are participating in the Mother Lode Food Project, please bring your donations to the meeting. Don't forget to sell your January Dinner Tickets.

If you have other questions, contact leader Deniel Sheffield at 536-9791 or sheffy@msn.com

Kathryn Baker, Reporter

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The meeting of the Tuolumne Pioneers will be Monday, December 10 at 7:00. Remember our new location at Mother Lode Christian School. Do not forget our December community service project also don't forget to bring a gift for a family whose house burned down. Keep selling dinner tickets they make great gifts! Anyone interested in attending LCORT needs to contact Ron ASAP 928-1815. Merry Christmas!

Rylee Oliver, Reporter
**BEEF**
There will be no meeting in December. We will meet the 3rd Monday in January at 6pm at the RCD Office. Contact Lindsay if you have any questions at 559-9066.

**CITIZENSHIP**
We will hold a quick meeting in December but it will be at my house. I will email you the details. Contact Anita at 536-4098 with any questions.

**CULTURAL ARTS**
We went and saw the Cinderella production that took place at the Fallon House in Columbia. We had a great time and can't wait to plan the next outing. I will be sending out a Doodle poll to figure out our next adventure. No December meeting. Have a wonderful holiday season. Contact Anita at 536-4098 with any questions.

**DOG CARE & TRAINING**
Our next meeting will be Monday, December 10th at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office. Call Mary Barrett at 536-0526 with any questions.

**GEO-ADVENTURE**
We are scheduled for an outing this Sunday, from 1-4 PM. If the rain Sunday is 'scattered showers' we will still meet, at the Sonora Fountain in downtown Sonora (across from the Umpqua Bank Clock). There is a public lot at that location, and we'll start there. I guarantee, after Sunday, you will be amazed at what has been all around you and you never noticed before!

I will send out an email at 9AM Sunday morning to confirm, and if we do cancel, I will make phone calls that morning. You can reach me at 532-0159 or by cell at 209-352-3078.

After this meeting, our next meeting will be **February 3rd (Sunday)** from 1-4:30 at the Red Hills (weather dependent).

PS- if you have missed our earlier meetings, you are still welcome to join us!  

*Kim*

**GOATS**
Meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office. Call Beth at 536-4933 with any questions.

**HORSE (RANCH RIDERS)**
Our December 2nd riding meeting has been canceled.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18th at 6pm at the 4-H Office (without horses). Remember to bring your completed leases (if you need one) to the December 18th meeting. Our next riding meeting will be January 6th if the weather cooperates. If you have any questions call Melissa at 559-2142.

**POULTRY**
Our next Poultry meeting will be January 17th at 7PM in the 4H Office. We will be taking final turkey poul order numbers at this meeting. Poults are $2.00 ea. and should be arriving on or about Feb. 13th. Please bring a check made out to Lynn Hummel or cash to this meeting, as this will be our last meeting before the poult's arrive. Please note, that there will be NO DECEMBER MEETING.

**2013 POULTRY SHOWS**
Please see the contact information below for future poultry shows. Show dates can be obtained by calling or connecting to the website. Have fun at the shows!

- **January 2013 - Stockton, CA** Pacific Poultry Breeders Association Show. San Joaquin County Fairgrounds - 1658 S Airport Way Stockton, CA 95206. For more information, contact Anthony Rose (209) 988-7762 areose@valleyalphaelectric.com or visit [http://www.pacificpoultry.org/](http://www.pacificpoultry.org/)

- **February 2012 - Fresno, CA** Greater California Society Poultry Fanciers Show. Open and Junior Show - Big Fresno Fairgrounds. Sue Gallegos (559) 855-3951 gcspf@netptc.net or visit [http://www.gcspf.com/index.html](http://www.gcspf.com/index.html) for more information.

- **May 2013 - Chowchilla, CA** Chowchilla Madera County Fair. [http://chowchillafair.org/](http://chowchillafair.org/)

**September 2013 - Madera, CA** Madera District Fair. 1850 West Cleveland Ave, Madera, CA 93637. (559) 674-8511 [http://www.maderafair.com/](http://www.maderafair.com/)  

Lynn & Greg Hummel  209-586-2784

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**
The Public Speaking project will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from **5:45-7:45pm at the 4-H Office**. Dates include the following: December 12 (no meeting on December 28), January 9, February 13, February 27, March 13, and March 27. Space is limited to 12 members. Please contact Raelene Juarez at 536-1176 for more information.

**RABBITS**
There will be no December meeting for the Tuolumne Lepus Club, Countywide Rabbit Project. See you next year on Jan 23rd, 6:30 p.m. at the Sonora Moose Lodge. Happy Holidays!
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2012-2013 Tuolumne County All Stars: Danny Hamilton, Peter Tidball, Brittney Gilles and Grace Bloom with Dakota Siebert, All Star and 2012-2013 4-H State Ambassador.