A NOTE FROM THE 4-H OFFICE

Spring is here! I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather. Spring is the season of growth and opportunity. Our office is jumping on the bandwagon this month as we have some major staffing changes happening in April. First, after six years with University of California, our office manager Robin and her husband have decided to start a new adventure in Vancouver, Washington. Our office will greatly miss Robin’s help with the 4-H program, but we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

The second big change is that we’ve hired a new Program Representative for 4-H in Tuolumne County. Melanie Curtis grew up in the 4-H program and has been the Program Rep in Fresno County for 13 years. We are so excited to welcome her and her family to the community. Melanie’s focus will be on strengthening our traditional club programs by recruitment of new youth and volunteers, integrating Science Engineering and Technology into our many delivery modules, and reinvigorating our collaboration with the Senior Youth Partnership after-school programs. Melanie’s start date is the last week in April and her phone number will be (209) 533-6990.

Take care and as always, don’t hesitate to call me.

JoLynn Miller, 4-H Youth Development Advisor, Central Sierra MCP
(209) 533-5686

CALAVERAS HOME ARTS EXPO
April 20th at Mark Twain Elementary
Entry deadline is April 8th. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. 4-H members from Calaveras, Amador, El Dorado, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties are welcome to participate! Members in Clothing, Arts & Crafts, Industrial Arts and Crafts, Leather craft, Pottery, Needlework, Dish Gardens, Welding, Woodworking, and Models (and ALL OTHER home arts) are eligible to enter. Food and Nutrition project members are eligible to enter their dishes or decorated cakes. Adults are eligible to enter the Chili Cook-Off Contest. Visit the Calaveras 4-H website for more information and to download the entry form. Call Jennifer Goerlitz with questions at 209-754-6474.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY ALL STAR & LEADERSHIP TEAMS
Application deadline May 1st
All Stars are senior members, age 15 and up who have their Gold Star at time of application. All Star is the highest rank at county level and it is a working star rank. All Stars are the ambassadors of the county 4-H program and are invited to speak at community functions, plan and run county events, and provide youth leadership in 4-H. All Stars attend State Leadership Conference, present sessions at LCORT, and coordinate for Teen Retreat, working with their Advisors. Selection includes individual interviews and a written application with references.

The Leadership Team is members who will be 9th grade and above next year, who have at least their Silver Star at time of application. The team attends SLC and LCORT, helps put on Teen Retreat, and gains experience in leadership and public speaking by assisting with county events. Selection includes a written application and group interview. Visit the Tuolumne 4-H Publication and Forms web page to download the forms.

COUNTY FASHION REVUE
May 4th at Mother Lode Christian School
Entry deadline is April 19th.
County Fashion Revue is open to all 4-H members. Entry information and forms are at http://ucanr.edu/sites/Tuolumne_4-H/4H_Forms_and_Publications/. Categories open only to members in the Clothing & Textiles (Sewing) project are Traditional and 2 Yard Wonder. Categories open to any 4-H member are Consumer Science Purchased, Wearable Art
Embellished, and Duct Tape Challenge. If you have questions about Fashion Revue, contact Sue Moore, 2moores@mlode.com, or Rachel Jones at sierrascoop@sbcglobal.net. Everyone is invited to attend the Fashion Show at 4:00 PM. Attending counts toward your Fair eligibility requirement.

FAIR PRE-WEIGHS
May 5th
Pre-weigh for market swine is 7am to noon. Market lambs and market goats are accepted from 12:30-2 pm. The exhibitor must be present with their animals.

RODEO FOOD BOOTH
May 11th & 12th
Help prepare and serve food at the 4-H Rodeo Booth. Profits are divided among the clubs based on the hours worked by the families in each club. Work includes site preparation, menu planning & permits, purchasing, food prep, serving, cleanup, banking and reports. Contact Ron Hamilton at 928-1815 or kriishnaron@comcast.net to sign up. It is fast paced in a small area; junior high/teen members and adults preferred. This is not a 4-H event (it’s a Sheriff’s Posse event) but what you do counts on your PDR.

LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY
Save The Date - June 15th
Livestock Field Day will take place on June 15th in the swine barn at the fairgrounds. This is going to be a great event and we would love to see everyone attend. Please bring your friends that may be interested in 4-H for next year. This is FREE so why not! I will need help setting up and clean up on this day and we appreciate any help that I can get. If you are interested in bringing your 4-H animal to exhibit or a display please let me know. Call Brittney Gilles at 536-4098 for more information.

MOTHER LODE PARADE
We would love to have as many 4-H kids and leaders from all over to county represented in this year’s parade. If anyone has access to a flatbed trailer that we could decorate that would be great; we will ask senior leaders to ride on that float so that they can take part in the parade but not have to walk. Lets show our county what a great bunch of kids and adults that we have. If interested please e-mail Anita Vicini. amgilles@yahoo.com or call me at 536-4098. Would like to know how many are interested by April 15th.

VOLUNTEER LEADER PHOTOS
State Leaders Council is planning the 2013 State Leaders Forum for November 8-10 in Sacramento. The Technology Leadership Team is assembling a slide show featuring photographs of all the volunteer leaders in California 4-H to be displayed at the Forum. Wow! We would like every Tuolumne County 4-H leader to be included. These need to be close up head & shoulders shots, at least 600 kb in size, and use their name when you save the photo. If possible, have one person coordinate taking and saving photos for your club’s leaders, then give them to Sue Moore on a thumb drive by April 15. Thank you!

PRESENTATION DAY RESULTS
Junior:
Kristiina Thompson “Mirror Mirror”, Gold
Intermediate:
Sydney Jones “Recordbook Showmanship”, Gold
Karlee Juarez “Casey at the Bat”, Gold
Katie Juarez “Casey’s Revenge”, Gold
Victoria Smith “Rabbit Show Necessities”, Gold
Senior:
Kathryn Baker “Odyssey”, Gold
Marguerite Williams “How to Tattoo a Rabbit”, Gold
Dakota Siebert “Acting in the Moment”, Blue
Kathryn Baker, Karlee Juarez, Katie Juarez, Emma Peller, Eva Peller, Dakota Siebert, Kaarina Thompson, Kristiina Thompson, “Get Funky”, Gold

FAIR ELIGIBILITY
There are only 3 county events left that will fulfill the fair eligibility requirement. They are:
County Fashion Revue May 4th
Horse Level Testing June TBD
Livestock Field Day June 15th
California 4-H $1,000 for 1,000 Service Learning Projects
2013 Application Deadlines:
May 15, 2013
July 15, 2013
September 15, 2013
November 15, 2013

2013 4-H Film Making Statewide Project, supported by BestBuy
http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/Film/
For 4-H members (age 13-19), volunteers, and staff to learn how to produce films. The goal of the 4-H Film Making Project is to enhance technological literacy of 4-H members by helping them learn the basics of film production including storyboarding, filming, and editing. Our goal is to have 4-H members produce films that feature how 4-H is impacting their community (for example, 4-H Revolution of Responsibility projects) and recording 4-H alumni and creating films featuring the "Voices of 4-H History" for the CA 4-H Centennial.

The project is coordinated by the 4-H Technology Leadership Team,
Hosting four-hour video production workshops around California using the National 4-H Film Making Curriculum (workshops limited to 30 people)
Lending video equipment kits to counties
Showcasing completed videos at the State 4-H Film Festival and on various websites

Learn more and register for a workshop at http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/Film/

Advisory Committees
We are now accepting statewide 4-H Advisory Committee applications for the 2013-14 program year. The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are a representative group of 4-H members, adult volunteers and county and state 4-H YDP staff. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. Please note that there is now an online option to apply. We advise applicants to read the advisory committee descriptions for additional materials that may be required depending on the committee. Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2013 or online by 11:59pm on May 31, 2013. For more information, see: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

Creating Spaces to Enhance Intergenerational Relationships
Tuesday, April 9, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Eastern
What does it take to set the stage for an effective intergenerational program? Did you know that the physical environment of an intergenerational program can stimulate or stifle elder and child interactions? And what can you do to conduct an effective program in a space that was designed without children or older adults in mind? Learn how to accommodate the developmental needs of both groups through Creating Spaces to Enhance Intergenerational Relationships with Karen DeBord, Shannon Jarrott and Matt Kaplan. Register for this free webinar at: http://cyfernet.ces.ncsu.edu/mn/training/user.php?r=162. If you have any questions about this webinar, please contact: June Mead, CYFERnet Parent/Family Editor, jm62@cornell.edu.

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CLOVERBUDS
The Cloverbuds (ages 5-8) will be meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00pm at the 4-H Office. If you have any questions please contact the project leader, Kevin Mckannon at 209-588-1914. We hope to see you all there!

FOOTHILL 4-H
Our last meeting is on Wednesday, March 13th. Thank you to everyone who brought donations for Emma’s project benefiting the women’s shelter. If you were nominated for an officer position don’t forget to plan a speech stating why you want to be elected for the upcoming 4-H year at our April meeting.

There will be a record book meeting at 6pm before the April meeting. The community service group will meet at 5pm on April 6th at the food bank. The sheep group will meet at Sonora El on Monday May 6th at 5pm.

If you are available please sign up to help work the food booth at the Mother Lode Round Up, contact Ron Hamilton. Seniors! Don’t forget that there is a 4-H scholarship available that is due May 1st. Contact the main office for more information. Tractor Supply will be doing a clover sale between 5/8 and 5/19. The proceeds go to 4-H! To sign up to represent our program outside of Tractor Supply please contact Jo Lynn at the 4-H office.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 10th. Just a reminder, our May meeting has been changed to Monday the 13th.

Hanna Lopez, Reporter

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
Our March meeting was filled with many presentations; from Home Arts demonstrations to proper 4-H attire. We also had a guest speaker from the Southside Senior Center, locally known as The Little House. She told us about the many programs they have to offer. Our April meeting will be held Tuesday the 9th. We will have more presentations from our other projects and also begin working on our record books.

Sammy West, Reporter

HI 4-H
Thank You to everyone who came to the Hi 4-H Pancake Breakfast. It was very successful. The Disneyland trip is April 19th, 20th and 21st. Our next 4-H meeting will be held 2 days before we leave for Disneyland. All members going on the trip need to attend this meeting. All tickets must be paid in full by the April meeting. We will be going over the itinerary and rules for the trip. Medical and code of conduct forms will be handed out and must be turned in before you can get on the bus.

The next Hi 4-H meeting is April 17th, 7pm at the Sonora Youth Center. Any questions, please call Linda Mager, 532-5896.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
Mt. Rangers will meet on Wednesday, April 10th in the Soulsbyville Elementary school cafeteria at 6pm (sharp). Executive club officers please arrive at 5:30pm. For more information please call our club president Brittney Gilles at 536-4098.

Christyannah Danicourt, Reporter

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
For the Cloverleafs, the next meeting is on April 9th at 7 p.m. After the meeting there will be a healthy ice cream social so remember to bring the items you signed up for! Eva Peller, the ice cream social chairman, will also be calling you as a reminder. Thank you to the Public Speaking Group for the Cha Cha Slide presentation! Please remember to bring food for the Mother Lode Food Project! If you need any information, feel free to contact Deniel Sheffield at 536-9791 or sheffy@msn.com.

Kathryn Baker, Reporter

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The Tuolumne Pioneers will meet at 7:00pm on April 8th at the Mother Lode Christian School.
**ARCHERY**
The archer project is full for the Spring. If you’re interested in the fall project please call Don and Pat at 209-432-8257.

Don Carlson, Project Leader
Patricia Carlson, Co-leader
Jason Oliver, Co-leader

**BEEF**
County Wide Beef’s next meeting will be Monday April 15th at 6:00pm at the RCD Office in Jamestown. Reminder: Beef Pre Weigh for the fair is Sunday March 17th. For any questions or additional information please contact Lindsay at (209) 559-9066 or lindsayrosasco@ymail.com.

**CITIZENSHIP**
We will be traveling to Sacramento on April 14th to learn about State Government. I will email everyone to finalize the travel plans. Any questions? Please call Anita at 536-4098.

**CULTURAL ARTS**
Fiddler on the Roof will be put on by Connections Academy at Summerville High from April 4th to April 6th. The Cultural Arts kids will be attending on Saturday, April 6th at 7pm. We would love to see you all there. Please call Anita at 536-4098 if you have questions.

**DOG CARE & TRAINING**
Dog Care and Training will meet April 8th at 6pm at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds, livestock area. We will be practicing both obedience and showmanship. Don’t forget to bring plenty of dog treats. Questions, call Mary Barrett 536-0526

**GEO-ADVENTURE**
The GeoAdventure Project concluded this month. This project was a lot of fun. The purpose of the project was to demonstrate how to use a GPS receiver to locate hidden caches placed within our community. (A Geocache is a container with a log and usually some trinkets. Other users hide them and place their coordinates online, so that other users can download coordinates and search for them). Our first outing was in Columbia, in the area between Columbia State Historic Park and Columbia College. We found several geocaches, and ran into other folks looking for them, too! The second outing was in the Red Hills Area where we found geocaches and enjoyed a hike. For Everything but Animals Day, we placed several geocaches temporarily at Sonora Elementary School, and demonstrated how to find them using a GPS receiver. On our final outing, we placed a series of caches (with permission) at Columbia College, and are observing online as other geocachers go out and find them.

**GOOGLE MAPPING**
Our first meeting is Wednesday, April 10th from 5:30-6:30pm at the 4-H Office. Email Lee with any questions at lee@studiomundo.com.

**GOATS**
With the nice weather coming up we are going to be busy preparing for the fair. Following is a schedule of upcoming events for everyone to consider: April 4th-Regular meeting at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office. April 21st there is a Nigerian Dwarf show in Valley Springs. We as leaders plan on going and if you are interested, please let Linda Mathiesen (559-1778) know. She has all the information on this. April 27th – From 10 am to Noon is Hands On for the Cloverbuds at JoLynn Miller’s home. Would like it if everyone can bring their goat for them to see the different kinds we have and hopefully we can also work on showmanship and grooming, so please bring your equipment along. If you need goats transported please let us know by the meeting. May 5th – Pre-weigh in’s for goats going to auction. June 1st- Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast Fund raiser. We all need to participate in this, for we need books and also Project Shirts for our barn duty at the fair. June 15th is Livestock Field Day and Brittney Giles needs to know if we can participate. Contact Beth Moore with questions at 536-4933.

**HORSE (RANCH RIDERS)**
Ranch Riders will not be having a mandatory riding meeting for the month of April. We will still have a ground lesson at Melissa’s house on April 16th at 6pm.

**POULTRY**
Our next Poultry meeting will be Thursday, April 18th at 7:00pm in the 4-H Office.

**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!

- **May 2013** - Chowchilla, CA Chowchilla Madera County Fair. http://chowchillafair.org/
- **September 2013** - Madera, CA Madera District Fair. 1850 West Cleveland Ave, Madera, CA 93637. (559) 674-8511 http://www.maderafair.com/

Lynn & Greg Hummel 209-586-2784
PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Public Speaking project is over for the year. Please contact Raelene Juarez at 536-1176 for more information on next years project.

RABBITS
Our next meeting will be April 24th, at 6:30pm at the Moose Lodge in Soulsbyville.

Upcoming rabbit shows with youth activities such as showmanship, breed ID, etc. will be held April 6th in Napa. Contact Gail Aruta 532-5257 if you would like more information or have any questions.

SHOOTING SPORTS
Due to remodeling of the indoor range at the Mother Lode Gun Club, the winter shooting sports program will have to be postponed until further notice. Call Rodger Tidball 984-4933 with any questions.

Don’t see your project news here?
If you are a Project Leader and would like a news article published in the monthly Tooter please email or call the 4-H Office by the 25th of each month with your submission. This is a great way to keep your members and parents up-to-date on project meeting dates and activities!

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