



Tips 'n Topics

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SHASTA COUNTY

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To all the Volunteers who helped out
in March & April at 4-H Events.
We are grateful for your help.



YQCA Certificate

Required

for showing/selling an animal
at any California fair.

Deadline

[Shasta 4-H Contract](#)

Friday, May 9

5:00 p.m.

[Shasta District Fair Entries](#)

Friday, May 23

5:00 p.m.

May

- 2 [County Ambassador Application](#) **Deadline**
- Valley Field Day - Stills Drop-Off
- 3 Valley Field Day - Animals & Stills (CFQ)
- 9 [4-H Contracts](#) for Valley Fair **Deadline**
- 21 Valley Council Meeting
- 23 [Shasta District Fair Registration](#) **Deadline**
- 26 Memorial Day *

June

- 18 - 21 Shasta District Fair
- 30 4-H Program Year Ends

* Shasta 4-H Office Closed

Council meetings are open to all members.



4-H Pledge

I pledge...

My **Head** to clearer thinking,

My **Heart** to greater loyalty,

My **Hands** to larger service,

And my **Health** to better living.

For my club,
my community,
my country, and
my world!

Member Resources

[Shasta County 4-H Website](#)

4-H [Enrollment](#) is Year-Round

Interested in [Volunteering](#) ?

California 4-H [Member Resources](#)

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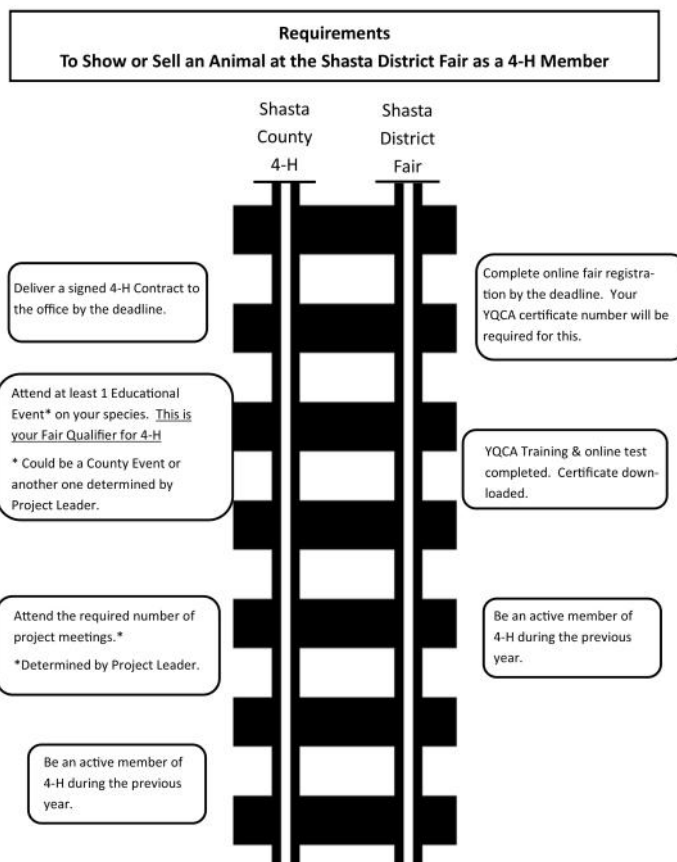
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Local 4-H



Gently used whites are available to try on in the 4-H Office.

Whites are not required at 4-H events, however the Shasta District Fair **DOES** require that members wear them.



Pollination Garden

4-H Pollination Garden at WM Anderson Landfill



On Saturday, April 19th, a group of 4-H families gathered to help add on to the Pollination Garden that was started in 2023. The garden is in the field next to the main office at the Anderson Landfill.

This community service project was a hit with everyone who attended.



BUYER'S LETTER

Gage Lindsey, Reporter, Foothill 4H

With fair around the corner, it's time to plan for the livestock auctions and persuade my top 6 tips for writing a blue ribbon buyer's letter:

1. Keep it brief and include a few memorable details about yourself.
2. Include a headshot of yourself to help your buyer recognize you on sale day.
3. Use letterhead with your first and last name so buyers can connect your face with your name on sale day.
4. Type the letter but hand sign your name (pro tip: consider using cursive and colored ink in your signature)
5. Proofread, proofread, proofread, then ask your Mom to proofread and finally ask your Dad then proofread it one more time.
6. In the letter, invite your potential buyer to the sale and include the Date, Time and Location of the auction.

Editor's Note: This article was first published in the May, 2022 newsletter. It provides many helpful tips and is worth repeating.

Inter-Mountain Favorite Foods Day 2025

Maggie from Lone Tree 4-H very much enjoyed this event on April 5th.

Pictured is her "Edible Centerpiece"

Theme "Camp Out"



Pineapple decorated as a flame cooking s'mores. Pretzels rods & sticks were wood while cocoa Rice Krispies were dirt. She even found edible flames on Amazon as flames wrapped around the pineapple top. While all the way down using tomatoes, mandarins, grapes, sweet peppers & carrots to bring the fire glow to life.

Inter-Mountain Favorite Foods 2025

Appetizer

Sofie Alvarez	Pine Grove	Junior	Medal
Esmeralda Delatorre	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Medal



Salad

Ximena Alvarez	Pine Grove	Junior	Medal
Jesus Alvarez	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Medal



Edible Centerpiece

Maggie Rohrer	Lone Tree	Intermediate	Medal
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Main Dish

Natalia Delatorre	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Medal
Sadie Bass	Evergreen	Senior	Medal



Market Animal

Juliete Alvarez	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Medal
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Food Preservation

Maggie Rohrer	Lone Tree	Intermediate	Medal
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Dessert

Destry Paddock-Hebert	Pine Grove	Junior	Medal
Sadie Bass	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Medal



Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills 202

Animals

Tate Lindgren	Evergreen	Junior	Blue
Charlee Macfarlane	Evergreen	Junior	Medal

Expressive Arts

Dominic Machado	Los Molinos	Intermediate	Arts & Crafts	Medal
Emily Madden	Burney	Intermediate	Arts & Crafts	Blue
Emily Madden	Burney	Intermediate	Photography	Blue
Emily Madden	Burney	Intermediate	Public Speaking	Blue
Robert Madden	Burney	Senior	Photography	Medal
Robert Madden	Burney	Senior	Public Speaking	Blue

Sewing & Fiber Arts

Sofie Alvarez	Pine Grove	Junior	Clothing & Textiles	Blue
Ximena Alvarez	Pine Grove	Junior	Clothing & Textiles	Medal
Charlee Macfarlane	Evergreen	Junior	Clothing & Textiles	Blue
Juliete Alvarez	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Clothing & Textiles	Blue
Esmeralda Delatorre	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Fiber Arts	Blue
Natalia Delatorre	Pine Grove	Intermediate	Fiber Arts	Red
Emily Madden	Burney	Intermediate	Clothing & Textiles	Medal

Technology & Engineering

Emily Madden	Burney	Intermediate	Woodworking	Medal
Robbie Madden	Burney	Senior	Woodworking	Medal



Local 4-H

Spirit Award



The Spirit Award is a perpetual trophy that is given to the club that has the highest percentage of their overall membership at a county event.

We showcase the club with the most spirit at each event with a club picture in the monthly newsletter.



Pine Grove 4-H for Presentation Day



Pine Grove 4-H for Fashion Revue



Memorial Day



Northern California Veterans Cemetery will be placing flags on ALL gravestones on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

4-H members are welcome to join in the placement of the flags. Simply be at the Admin Building by 3:30 p.m.

They could also use volunteers to assist with pickup the following Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.



Ambassador Team Highlight

Every month we will be highlighting someone from our Ambassador Team.

Ambassador Ally Trisdale

Q. Why do you participate in 4-H?

A. I participate in 4-H to grow life skills and to be with animals.

Q. Please tell us about your favorite hobby, whether 4-H related or not.

A. I love volleyball and soccer. I play for school, Missfits Soccer Team and AAU Adrenaline Volleyball Team.

Q. What are your goals outside of 4-H?

A. My goal outside of 4-H is to play sports in college.

Q. What will be your biggest challenge this year as an Ambassador?

A. My biggest challenge as an Ambassador is making it to meetings. I have a busy schedule with other 4-H commitments and sports teams.

Q. What's your favorite ice cream flavor, (or cake or pie)?

A. My favorite is lemon cream pie.



Shasta County 4-H Council Meetings

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Shasta County Council meetings are where county events are planned, finances are discussed, information from the state and local level is shared, and everyone is kept up-to-date.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Valley (held at 4-H office)

Apr 16

May 21

Inter-Mountain

Apr 23, Gepetto's

Minimum Requirements for Club to be in Good Standing

TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE 2024-2025 4-H YEAR:

1. Complete the club reporting & turn in by the deadline.
2. Participate in the County Club Officer training.
3. Host or co-host one of the countywide events.
4. At least 2 adult volunteers.
5. At least 5 members from 3 different families.

	SEP	OCT	JAN	APR	MAY
BLACK BUTTE					CANCELLED
COTTONWOOD		X	X		
COW CREEK		X			
FOOTHILL			X		
GOLDEN ACRES	X	X	X	X	
HAPPY VALLEY		X			
HERITAGE		X			
LONE TREE					
PALO CEDRO	X	X	X	X	
SWEDE CREEK	X	X	X	X	
TWIN PALMS	X				
WEST VALLEY					
WESTSIDE	X	X	X	X	

	JUL	OCT	JAN	APR
BURNEY	X	X	X	X
EVERGREEN	X	X	X	X
HAT CREEK	X	X	X	X
PINE GROVE	X	X	X	X

Shasta County 4-H Council Officers 2024-2025 program year

President: Mandy Bowers, Palo Cedro

Vice Presidents: Ally Trisdale, Westside &
Hanna Stricklin, Westside

Secretary: Amber Bonner, Swede Creek

Treasurer: Sandy Lanzi, Foothill

Birthdays

This Month !!



5/1	Uriel A.
5/1	Chad F.
5/1	Nicole H.
5/1	Kase I.
5/1	Leighton W.
5/2	Brenna A.
5/2	Trace A.
5/2	Hannah B.
5/2	Savana P.
5/3	Jack A.
5/3	Brylee B.
5/4	Colby M.
5/4	Jaycob P.
5/4	Brinley R.
5/6	Ruby H.
5/6	Carlie P.
5/7	Victoria J.
5/8	Kai E.
5/8	Angel G.
5/8	Juliette H.
5/8	Carter K.
5/9	Anna G.
5/9	Caleb I.

5/10	AnaBelle E.
5/10	Karli J.
5/10	Porter R.
5/10	Staci R.
5/12	Isaiahs R.
5/12	Robert T.
5/13	Cole M.
5/13	Bailey R.
5/14	Conner M.
5/14	Tracy V.
5/15	Charlie C.
5/15	Frankie C.
5/15	James D.
5/16	Nicole F.
5/17	Abigail C.
5/17	Natalie E.
5/17	Kaylee G.
5/18	Reese L.
5/18	Robbie M.
5/18	Melisa R.

5/19	Kylie D.
5/19	Cedri G.
5/19	Jonah H.
5/19	Mimi M.
5/19	Brady N.
5/19	Drew S.
5/19	Harper W.
5/19	Samuel W.
5/20	Cloi U.
5/20	Brantley W.
5/21	Ellie S.
5/22	Kendall M.
5/23	Casey v.
5/24	Lindsay F.
5/26	Lily F.
5/27	Paisley R.
5/28	Evelyn F.
5/28	Scarlett W.
5/29	Oakley V.
5/30	Mason E.
5/30	Adelaide F.
5/30	Adam G.
5/31	Cash A.
5/31	Austyn C.

There once was a farmer from Leeds,
Who swallowed a packet of seeds.
It soon came to pass,
He was covered with grass,
But has all the tomatoes he needs.



Fun Holidays in May:

5/4	Lemonade Day
5/12	National Limerick Day
5/23	National Sunscreen Day
5/24	National Scavenger Hunt Day

[Scavenger
Hunt Ideas
for Kids](#)