

# LEADER LINK



RESOURCES, UPDATES & ENCOURAGEMENT FOR 4-H LEADERS

## LEADER TRAINING

### 2025-2026 Campus Extension Training

**Online:** <https://campus.extension.org/>

**In-person:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
RSVP for one of three options at:  
<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=46633>.

## ENROLL

### ZSuites Online Enrollment

**Online:** <https://4h.zsuite.org>

**In-person:** Need help enrolling for the 2025-2026 program year? Stop by the UCCE Office or call (530) 865-1107 for assistance.



## LEADER TIP

### Set the Tone with a Strong First Meeting

The first meeting of your project sets the stage for the entire year. Take time to:

- Review expectations and goals with members and families
- Create a group agreement together (youth love helping set rules!)
- Include an engaging hands-on activity right away – something fun and confidence-building

Objective: Starting strong builds trust and enthusiasm, and it makes future meetings smoother for everyone. Need ideas? We have welcome activities and group builders in the office – just ask!

## KICKING OFF THE YEAR WITH PURPOSE

As summer winds down and a new school year begins, we're also stepping into a fresh chapter of the 4-H program year. Whether you're continuing a project or starting something new, I aim to help you feel informed, supported, and confident in your role.

Each month, this Leader Link will serve as a quick touchpoint – a place to share important updates, useful tools, ideas to spark your planning, and reminders to help everything run smoothly. More than anything, it's a small way to stay connected and support you through the upcoming year.

Your time, care, and leadership make a meaningful difference in the lives of our 4-H members and in the strength of the Glenn County 4-H community. Thank you!

With appreciation,  
Christine



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## FEATURED RESOURCE

The UC 4-H Volunteer Educators' Guide is a valuable guide designed to support volunteers throughout the program year. It outlines timely topics, suggested activities, and helpful reminders month-by-month—making it easier to plan fun, educational project meetings and keep youth engaged.

**UC 4-H Volunteer  
Educators' Guide**



## CURRICULUM CORNER

The UCCE Office has a variety of 4-H curriculum available to check out – from livestock and gardening to arts and crafts, STEM, and more. Feel free to stop by during office hours to browse materials, or reach out to the UCCE Office to discuss what might best support your project goals. We're happy to help you explore what's available! (530) 865-1107

**Glenn County 4-H Website**

## UC 4-H VOLUNTEER EDUCATORS' GUIDE - BREAK OUT

### WHAT IS THE EDUCATORS' GUIDE?

We're excited to share the [UC 4-H Volunteer Educators' Guide](#) – a helpful tool for all 4-H project leaders!

The first few pages offer a great reminder that as a volunteer, you're also an educator. It introduces the 4-H learning model ("Do, Reflect, Apply") and offers simple tips for creating a positive, youth-centered learning environment.

Take a few minutes to browse the introduction and reflect on the impact you make. Thank you for helping 4-H members learn by doing!



### RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

#### 4-H ANNUAL PROJECT LEADER PLAN - WHY IT MATTERS

The 4-H [Annual Project Leader Plan](#) is a simple but powerful tool that Project Leaders complete each year to outline their goals and activities for their specific 4-H project. It's submitted to the UCCE Office and serves as a helpful communication guide for families. The plan helps ensure projects are:

- Well-organized and aligned with 4-H goals
- Clearly communicated to members and parents
- Safe and inclusive for all youth
- Focused on meaningful learning and life skills

Taking time to complete the plan sets the stage for a successful and impactful 4-H year!



### POLICY REMINDER

#### BEFORE YOU BEGIN - ARE YOU APPROVED?

As a friendly reminder, all project leaders must complete the 4-H Volunteer Appointment Process before engaging in any meetings or events with youth. This includes submitting your ZSuites enrollment, completing required trainings, and clearing a DOJ/FBI background check if you are becoming a new leader or have a lapse in service. If you're unsure of your status or need help getting started, reach out – we're happy to support you every step of the way!

### OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

#### CAMPUS EXTENSION TRAINING

The CA 4-H New and Returning Leader Training can be completed online. However, there are also some in-person opportunities. Your 25-26 Training must be completed to become an approved adult volunteer. Please RSVP by scanning the QR Code to attend an in-person event.



#### SPORTS SHOOTING LEADER TRAINING

Do you know someone with experience in sports shooting who might enjoy mentoring youth through a 4-H Shooting Sports project? California 4-H requires all Shooting Sports leaders to be certified through state-approved training and offers certification workshops across the state.

More details, including training dates, requirements, and discipline-specific information, can be found on the CA 4-H Shooting Sports page. To learn more or if you're interested in becoming a certified instructor, please reach out to: Dave Givens at (209) 614-1718.

### YOUTH IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

#### WHY YOUR ROLE MATTERS



When young people have a caring adult who believes in them, they're more likely to try new things, grow in confidence, and find their spark. Whether you're teaching a hands-on skill or offering words of encouragement, your leadership has a lasting impact – and it shows.

One member recently said: "My leader helped me feel like I could actually do it – and now I want to come back next year."

Thank you for showing up, leading with heart, and helping 4-H grow true leaders.