



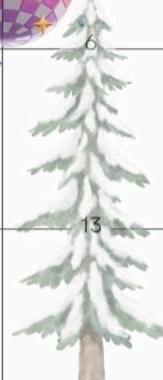
Marin 4-H!

January Newsletter



- North Bay Science Discovery Day is just around the corner! This is a free event at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa with 150+ hands on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities!
- Be sure to explore the [CA 4-H Resource Center](#) and don't forget to bookmark it! Its filled with helpful tools to support members, volunteers and families through out the year. From project help sheets to record books.

Calendar of Events &Projects

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
2026				Happy New Year!		H-Lane Vaqueros @12pm Novato
JANUARY						
4	5	6				
Knitting @1:30pm West Marin			*Older- Beginner Machine @3:30pm *Advanced Machine @6pm Novato			
11 *Pollinators and Garden @12:30pm San Rafael	12 Art/Printing @6pm San Rafael	13 14	*Beads, knots, & bracelets @3:30pm *Crochet @7pm *Camp Staff Applications Due!	15 	16 Scan QR for Google Calendar	17 *Intro to Coding @10am *H-Lane Vaqueros @12pm Novato
18 Knitting @1:30pm West Marin	19 	20 	21 Beginner Hand Sewing @3:30pm Novato	22 	23 24	
25 	26 Knitting @1:30pm West Marin	27 Small Animal @6:30pm San Rafael	LEGO Imagination @4:15pm Novato	*Crochet @3:30pm *Novato Community Group Meeting @5:30pm	28 29 30 Golden State Warriors Game	31

[Visit our Google Calendar Here!](#)

Community Outreach Spotlight: Bake Sale & Warm Coat Drive

In December, members of the Indian Valley Club and Teen Club stepped up to serve their community by hosting a bake sale and warm coat drive. Youth put in hours of planning, baking, and working the booth—all to help support community members during the winter months.

This event highlights the heart of 4-H: youth leadership, teamwork, and service. Through hands-on outreach like this, our members learn the value of giving back while making a real difference in their community.

We're proud of our 4-H members for their dedication and grateful to our families, volunteers, and supporters who helped make this outreach effort a success! 



2025 Recap Marin 4-H

Our 2025 recap is full of growth, connection, and community

This year, Marin County 4-H expanded our programs, reached new families, and created meaningful experiences through events, festivals, and outreach. None of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers, members, community partners, and supporters.

Thank you for an unforgettable year—let's keep building, learning, and growing together in the year ahead!



Leadership Team Update

We're excited to share a few **recent updates** to our **leadership team** and to recognize some outstanding youth leaders who continue to make a meaningful impact on our program.

Congratulations **Pyper Arnold**, our new **Youth President**! Pyper has served as our County Civic Engagement Officer for the past two years and has attended every leadership team meeting during that time. Her commitment to the 4-H program is **truly stellar**. With 10 years in 4-H, Pyper has held multiple leadership roles and has participated in numerous events at both the county and state levels. She has consistently proven herself to be a valuable leader, a supportive friend, and a dedicated hard worker. We are thrilled to have her step into this role.

We would also like to recognize and celebrate **Vice President Talbot McAndrews**, who has served in this role for the past two years and will continue as Vice President this year. Talbot **embodies an inspiring leader**—her compassion, enthusiasm, and outgoing personality bring tremendous value to our team. We are grateful that she will continue to be a strong and thoughtful voice on our leadership team.

Additionally, congratulations **Summer Nelson**, our new **Community Building Officer**. Summer is another dedicated and outstanding 4-H member who has been part of the program since she was 9 years old. She has represented our club as a County Ambassador and is always willing to step up into leadership roles. Her **infectious, kind personality** makes her a wonderful fit for this position, and we're excited to see all that she will bring to the role.

Congratulations to **Pyper, Talbot, and Summer**—we are so proud of your leadership and grateful for your continued dedication to 4-H! 🎉

County Ambassador Team Announcement

We are excited to introduce our new County Ambassador Team: **Pyper Arnold, Talbot McAndrews, and Abigail Magtibay!**

County Ambassadors **serve as champions** of their county 4-H program. This dynamic team will work together to plan activities that provide **meaningful learning and service opportunities** for our community, grounded in three key leadership competencies. In addition, they will represent Marin 4-H at events throughout the year—helping to emcee, support activities, and serve as positive role models and welcoming presences for our younger members.

We are thrilled to have this talented group working together and can't wait to see all that they accomplish as a team. **Congratulations, Pyper, Talbot, and Abigail**—we're excited for what's ahead! 

Presentation Day in March

**MARIN 4-H
PRESENTATION
DAY!
SUNDAY,
MARCH 1ST, 2026
@ 1:00PM
4-H OFFICE
1682 NOVATO BLVD
REGISTER BY
FEBRUARY 27TH**

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Not sure what to present on Presentation Day? Explore the categories below for ideas and inspiration!

Demonstration

Show how to make or do something while explaining the steps. Includes a finished product.

Illustrated Talk

Explain a topic using visuals like posters, slides, photos, or models.

Science or Engineering Presentation

Explore how the world works or solve a problem using science or engineering ideas.

Educational Display Talk

Present a topic using a visual display and a short talk, followed by questions from evaluators.

Informative Prepared Speech

Teach the audience about one topic using a written and practiced speech.

Persuasive Prepared Speech

Convince the audience to consider your point of view using facts and strong reasoning.

Impromptu Speech

Create and present a short speech with only three minutes to prepare after receiving a topic.

Interpretive Reading

Read and perform a published piece such as a story, poem, or speech.

Share the 4-H Fun Skits

Group skits or performances focused on 4-H topics and themes.

Cultural Arts

Perform music, dance, drama, or other cultural arts as an individual or group.

More Exciting Events Ahead

Farm Day 2026

Marin 4-H participates in this annual event to highlight our program and introduce elementary school students to 4-H through fun, hands-on activities. The event will be held during the school day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, the Marin 4-H Office can sign a school release form on your behalf and support you in volunteering at the event. Reach out to Kayla Gulick for more details.





Saturday, March 7, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa, California

Free parking and admission



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Fashion Revue And Favorite Foods Event April 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

MARIN 4-H
FASHION REVUE
AND
FAVORITE FOODS
EVENT

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 26TH, 2026**



**Note: Marin Fashion Revue will have the same categories as State Fashion Revue*

Please be prepared to model/present your submission in person at our Fashion Revue event. Please see the [2025-26 State Fashion Revue Categories flyer](#) for more detail about each category.

- **Traditional** - Construct a garment and assemble an entire outfit. A Make It With Wool outfit can be entered in this category. *Requires enrollment in a 4-H Clothing & Textiles Project and pre-qualification at a county 4-H Fashion Revue or other qualifying event.*
- **Consumer Science Purchased, \$50 limit** - Purchase and model an outfit, not to exceed \$50; receipts required. *No 4-H project requirement but requires pre-qualification at a county 4-H Fashion Revue or other qualifying event.*
- **Uniquely Upcycled** - Sew a new and unique garment made from discarded or unused materials. *Requires enrollment in a 4-H Clothing & Textiles Project and pre-qualification at a county 4-H Fashion Revue or other qualifying event.*
- **Pantone Color of the Year 2025** - Sew an outfit that uses the Pantone Color of the Year 2025, Mocha Mousse 17-1230 TCX. *Requires enrollment in a 4-H Clothing & Textiles Project.*
- **Costume Challenge** - Create a costume for yourself or another person using any technique, materials or pattern. It does not need to be sewn from fabric, but 70% of it must be handmade by the member. The member must be present to participate even if it was sewn for another person. *No 4-H project requirement.*
- **Softie Challenge** - Sew, felt, knit or crochet a softie. *No 4-H project requirement.*
- **Needlework** - Create any type of needlework, including embroidery, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilting, knitting, crochet, etc. *Requires enrollment in a 4-H Clothing & Textiles Project.*

~Alongside Fashion Revue, we will also be hosting our **Favorite Foods Day event**. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to showcase their consumer science skills! Participation is open to all members —you do not need to be enrolled in a cooking project to take part in this competition.~

Click the link below to learn more!
[Favorite Foods Day Information 2026](#)

We Need You! Volunteer Today!



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Summer Camp Update



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AT MIDNIGHT**



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TAMARANCHO**

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JUNE 21ST- JUNE 27TH



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~ZSuite Reminder~

Make sure you SUBMIT your enrollment in ZSuite!

Parents/Guardians

After completing and submitting the Youth Health History & Treatment Authorization form, **you must return to your ZSuite tab and click SUBMIT to submit the enrollment.** Your child's enrollment will remain In-Progress until you do this. *Only after you submit will it move to Pending Approval so it can be approved and made Active.*

Adult Volunteers

After completing and submitting your Confidential Self-Disclosure form, **you must return to your ZSuite tab and click SUBMIT to submit your enrollment.** Until you do, your enrollment

stays In-Progress and cannot be approved.

Need help?

For step-by-step guidance please see the following help-sheets located on the [CA 4-H Resource Center Enrollment page](#):

- [For Families: Enrolling Youth Online](#)
- [For Volunteers: Enrolling Online](#)

Regional 4-H Announcements

Join a Team for the 2026 Poultry Aviation Bowl in Fresno 2/21/26!

The Poultry Aviation Bowl is just around the corner! The event will take place on February 21, 2026, at the Fresno Fairgrounds.

The Poultry Aviation Bowl is a buzzer-based quiz competition that tests poultry knowledge among 4-H members. Our partnering county, Napa County, is currently looking for additional poultry-knowledgeable members to join their teams.

Junior Members: Ages 9+

Senior Members: Ages 14+

Team members will be coached by community club and poultry leader Amber P., who will provide study materials, guides, and practice sessions leading up to the event.

The winning 4-H team will earn the opportunity to attend the National Poultry and Egg Conference in Kentucky.

If you have questions or are interested in participating, please **email Amber**: carneros4h@gmail.com.

For more information visit the website here: [Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers - Poultry Show](#)

CA State 4-H Announcements

CA State Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibition Ban lifted!

We are happy to share that the statewide ban on poultry and dairy cattle exhibition in California is now lifted. This means members can bring their birds to 4-H meetings, 4-H events and the county fairs! Yay!

The official ban-lift letter has been published on the following CDFA web pages:

- [CDFA - Animal Health - Avian Influenza](#) (Dated December 19, 2025)
- [CDFA - AHFSS - AHB - Avian Health](#)
- [CDFA - AHFSS - AHB - H5N1 Bird Flu Virus in Livestock](#)

Youth in Action Applications are Now Open!

The 4-H Youth in Action (YIA) program celebrates young people who are creating real change in their communities. This national program amplifies the stories and leadership of 4-H youth, showcasing how 4-H has shaped their lives and equipped them to impact others.

Four Award Winners will receive a(n):

- \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, paid directly to the institution, including two-year and four-year colleges, trade schools, or other advanced learning opportunities.
- Year of professional and media development, training, networking, and national opportunities to serve as a spokesperson and thought leader.
- All expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone to attend national events.
- Official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational or career purposes.

If you know a young person whose work deserves recognition, encourage them to apply today and share their story with a national audience!

Apply Today

Get Ready for State Field Day!

This year State Field Day will be held on **Saturday, May 23, 2026** on the UC Davis campus. Please see the following updates from our awesome volunteer contest leads so you can start preparing to participate. If you have questions about individual contests, please contact the contest lead or the State Field Day coordinator at 4hsfd@ucanr.edu.

Don't have any gear or swag?

Explore and find your favorite 4-H apparel, accessories, and 4-H essentials at: [Shop 4-H](#)



New to 4-H and looking for 4-H hats and scarfs?

[**Click here**](#) to explore Leslie Carman 4-H supplies, Inc.

Note: 4-H uniform is simply a white button up shirt (short sleeve or long sleeve) not sold at Leslie Carman or Shop 4-H.



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