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4-H Family Newsletter

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Bi-County Officer Training

Saturday, October 1, 2011 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bear River High School, 11130 Magnolia Road, Grass Valley

Placer County 4-H will be hosting this informative and exciting training event that is open to all new and returning club officers. "What is this?" you ask. The program will include an inspirational speaker, officer training (president, secretary, treasurer, etc.), songs and recreation, Thrive Master Training for Club Volunteer Advisor of Jr./Teen Leaders will be conducted and all County Medalist applicants are encouraged to participate in a special leadership session. **Training is required for Treasurers and their advisors.** Strongly encouraged for other club officers.

Now is also the time, if it has not already been done, for New Club Officers to meet with their Community Club leaders to plan the coming 4-H club year, develop a proposed budget, plan club fundraising activities to meet those needs and set Program Planning Guide goals for 2011-2012 4-H year.

National 4-H Week

October 2-8, 2011

National 4-H Week provides an excellent opportunity to honor the 4-H institution which is celebrating serving youth for over 100 years nationally. During National 4-H Week, 4-H members will be honoring this great organization in a variety of ways. 4-H members will set up window displays in local businesses showing some of the many projects in which they are involved. Radio, newspaper, and television will highlight 4-H members in action.

The race is on! The first babies born during this week at Sutter Roseville Medical Center and Kaiser Roseville will each be made honorary 4-H members. Much 4-H memorabilia will be bestowed on each of the two newest 4-H members, including handmade baby quilts. **Gifts for these new arrivals will be greatly appreciated!**

2011 4-H National Youth Science Day

During the month of October

<http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/>

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Placer County 4-H Achievement Night

October 8, 2011 Refreshments @ 6:30 p.m. Awards Programs @ 7:00 p.m.

Loomis Memorial Hall, 5945 Horseshoe Bar Road, Loomis

Bring your family and friends to pay tribute to the accomplishments of many. Among those to be honored are County and Medalist winners, Platinum and Gold Star Rank, Club Officers turning in club books, and Leaders recognized for 5, 10, 15, 20 and more years of volunteer work with 4-H. Citizenship Emeritus awards will go to 4-H youth that have turned 19 this year.

Come celebrate with us!!

ENROLLMENT

Before attending your first meeting, ENROLL ON-LINE.....<https://california.4honline.com>

It's time to "Join the Fun" by enrolling in 4-H for the 2011-2012 Club Year!!

Go to <https://california.4honline.com> to enter your account and re-enroll. Forgot the steps or have questions? Instructions are on the 4-H website: <http://ucanr.org/jointhefun4h> under "How to Enroll On-line"

Has your e-mail changed? Call the 4-H office to update or confirm: 530-889-7386 during office hours or e-mail cmitchell@ucdavis.edu. Do not proceed until your e-mail has been updated with the 4-H Office.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT IF YOU HAVE BEEN ENROLLED IN THE PAST*

As you complete your online enrollment, PLEASE remember to print out your Medical Release Forms, and any Adult Volunteer Self Disclosure Forms. **Please complete those forms and bring them along with payment to the meeting.** (If needed, the forms will be available at the meeting)

Once you have completed on-line enrollment, and your forms and payment have been received by the club, you will be confirmed as a member of the club. (The office will activate adults after all application conditions are met) **YOUTH ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H PROJECT OR ACTIVITY UNTIL ALL STEPS OF ENROLLMENT ARE COMPLETE.**

Youth are \$25 each and Adults are \$6. Please make checks payable to your 4-H Club.

If you don't have on-line access, contact your club Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator (VEC) to assist you.



Club	1st Club Meeting	Club Leaders	Phone	VEC	Phone
Dry Creek	Tuesday, August 16	Jennifer Bachmann	916-773-0947	Susie McAtee	916-771-0814
Eureka/Granite Bay	Tuesday, September 20	Darlene Miller	916-791-6385	Will & Cathy Ellis	916-791-8624
Flatlands	Wednesday, September 14	Susan Bess	916-645-3067	Kim Bruce	916-224-6117
Foresthill	Thursday, August 11	JoEllen Sellers	530-367-5381	Dee Miravalle	530-367-5723
Gold Country	Thursday, September 15	Johnna Humber	530-878-0733	Heidi Reed	530-886-0644
Long Valley	Tuesday, September 13	Doris Williams	530-885-6195	Diana Vannatta	916-663-2700
Loomis Community	Wednesday September 7	Tresa Jorgensen	916-624-0355	Rita DeNatly	916-723-7994
Miners Ravine	Tuesday, September 13	Nathan Baker	916-316-7358	Camille Leonhardt	916-632-8846
Mt Pleasant	Wednesday, September 14	Terry Gage	916-645-1285	Crystal DeLaRosa	916-543-5950
Ophir	Tuesday, September 20	Sharon Coughran	530-823-2460	Lara Lopez	530-889-2454
Placer Hills	Tuesday, September 13	Nikki Wade	530-878-1352	Kathy Morrill	530-878-8022
Sheridan	Thursday, September 15	Lee Bastien	530-633-9046	Laura Bullard	530-633-4221

Procedure for selecting projects for this coming 4-H year:

Enroll online, first select the Primary 4-H Club of which you will be a member, then select the projects you will be taking this coming 4-H year from the list your Primary club has to offer. Check out the countywide project list for additional options of available projects. Primary clubs reserve the right to make their projects available to their own club members first and then if a project leader has room and the desire for additional youth in their project arrangements might be negotiated. You must first check with the project leader of another club to determine if space is available and if your schedule is such that you are going to be a regular participant. Please be realistic when determining the volume of projects you are taking so that you can do each justice. It is not reasonable to take a space in a project and then not attend on a regular basis as this prevents another from having this opportunity.

Parents consider what project you can volunteer to lead thereby giving a broader selection for the youth. If you do volunteer be certain you are able to devote a minimum of six instructional hours to the project. It is a great disappointment for youth to sign up for a project that never happens. Start project as soon as possible so time doesn't fly by and the project never happen.

Fair News

Gold Country Fair: "Let's get AGcited"

September 8-11, 2011

Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn

www.goldcountryfair.com

For the latest Fair Information, to see the Exhibitor Handbook, or to enter on-line visit:

www.goldcountryfair.com



Volunteers are needed to assist at the Gold Country Fair on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 23, 2:00 to 7:00 pm: Receive entries

Tuesday, September 6, 4:00 to 8:00 pm: Receive Ag/Hort

Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 to 9:00 am: Receive Baked Goods, Eggs, Floriculture, Food Preservation

Monday, September 12, 10:00 am to 7 pm: Release entries

Still Exhibit Building Hosting: A club will be responsible for hosting each day. **2 adults and 2 youth per 2 hour shift.**

Thursday, September 8, and Friday, September 9, 4:00 to 10:00 pm

Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11, 11:00 am to 10:00 pm



Breakfast at the Fair

Ophir 4-H Club will sell breakfast at the Gold Country Fair on **Thursday, Friday** and probably only a **light meal on Sunday** as no one arrives late on Sunday. Contact Sharon Coughran 530-823-2460 for more information.

CANCELED

Would you like to be a part of the Gold Country Fair Junior Fair Board?

We are looking for exhibitors that would like to help with the BBQ and/or Ice Cream Social. There is also Special Persons Day, The Award Ceremony or Sidewalk Chalk.

If you are interested please contact Karin Sinclair at Karin@sinclairfamilyfarm.net or (916) 663-3990 and we will put you on the list.

Placer County Farm Bureau Members: Youth Livestock Auction Add-Ons

To support the future of Placer County Agriculture and Agricultural Education, Placer County Farm Bureau "adds on" to the auction price of youth livestock projects exhibited by children of current Farm Bureau members at the Placer County, Gold Country and Nevada County Fairs. Send us a letter with your Farm Bureau membership number and we'll see you there.

Placer County Farm Bureau, 10120 Ophir Road, Newcastle, CA 95658 (916) 663-2929 pcfb@ncbb.net

Placer County Farm Bureau Scholarships for Ag Students

The Placer County Farm Bureau offers scholarships to children of Placer County Farm Bureau members who are studying Agriculture or related subjects and attending Sierra college.

Got Whites?

Have you considered recycling your children's uniforms? Children have a way of growing and their clothes just don't keep up! The 4-H office has a selection of "whites" which others have contributed. Come by, try them on and **donate your "out grows"** to the supply. Hopefully there is something that will work for you!

Hats, Scarves, Ties, & Record Book Covers are available for purchase at the 4-H Office.

Ties \$12.00 each

Hats & Scarves \$13.25

Record Book Covers \$2.50

Cash or check accepted. No ATM or credit cards.



Youth Leadership Opportunities

Would you like to become a 4-H All-Star?

Applications due by September 18, 2011

<http://ucanr.org/placer4hallstars>



County Prerequisites for applying as an All-Star Candidate:

- Be at least 14 years of age or in the 9th grade by January 1 of the year appointed.
- Enrolled in the 4-H Club for three years prior to being appointed
- Demonstrates leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment, showing a strong interest in continuing in the 4-H Youth Program.
- Realizes the importance of being a positive role model and demonstrates a sincere concern and compassion for each 4-H member.
- Recognizes the opportunities and responsibilities of being an All Star
- Has achieved the Gold Star Rank.
- Junior Leader /Teen Leader, past or present.
- Current or past Club Officer.
- Has taken or is currently taking a qualified Public Speaking Project (contact 4-H office for details), completing all assignments.
- Current and approved Record Book as portfolio of 4-H participation.

Additional information and applications are available at the 4-H office and on the Placer County 4-H website. Any questions, please call the 4-H office (530) 889-7386.

Jr. All Star Project

Applications due by Sunday, September 1, 2011 at the 4-H office

<http://ucanr.org/placer4hleadership>

Attention all 4-H members who will be entering 5th grade through 8th grade next year! My name is Max Fefer and next year I will be leading a project called the Jr. All Star Project. This project is meant to be a preparatory project for the All Star Project. This group will be a county-wide project and you will learn to plan a community service project and how to improve your leadership, public speaking, and planning skills.

The prerequisites for the project are that you will be in 5th-8th grade in 2011-2012 school year, have earned a Silver Star, plan to be a future All Star and are a motivated youth. There will be an application process for the project and this information will be on the 4-H website. Unfortunately, I can only have a small group, but I encourage everyone to apply!



Funding Opportunities

DO SOMETHING GRANTS

Deadline: Weekly

<http://www.dosomething.org/grants/FAQ>

A variety of Do Something Grants of \$250 are offered to youth each week. These community action grants help turn dream projects into a reality and take existing projects on a variety of issues to the next level. Past grantees have used the money to create a community-run organic farm, publish a youth-written literary magazine for women of color, and even create an organization that teaches sick kids how to fly.

California 4-H Request for Funding for 4-H Service Learning Projects

Up to \$1,000 for 4-H service learning projects

Due October 15, 2011

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/FundingOpps/>

The State 4-H Office will consolidate the Requests for Funding for Service-Learning, Healthy Living, Science, Engineering, and Technology, and Legacy into one application. 4-H members may apply on behalf of their chartered 4-H clubs/unit or project to support service-learning projects related to their project or club activities. Applications will be due October 15 with a limit of \$1,000 per application. Projects must have a service-learning emphasis and can be related to 4-H SET, healthy living, citizenship, leadership or project work with the goal of creating positive change in your community and increasing the visibility of 4-H.

Countywide Projects

Attention Countywide Project Leaders!!

If you are planning on providing a Countywide Project this club year please contact the 4-H office! We are compiling a list of projects to be offered for the upcoming enrollment.

We will need the Project title, contact name and phone number and if possible the month you plan to start your project. This information is very important to have for the 4-H on-line enrollment system and the Club Directory.

Please call Cindy Mitchell 530-889-7386 or email cmitchell@ucdavis.edu Thank You!

4-H Public Speaking Training—Countywide

Offered by June Stewart, Starts Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7 p.m.

At the 4-H Office, 11477 E Avenue, Auburn

Over the twenty plus years this project has been offered as a countywide project, the participants express that this training has been most valuable to them; developing life skills and opening doors to new opportunities. This course is required training for our future All-Stars to equip them with the tools to function as County 4-H Ambassadors. Age: 7th grade through high school. **Monday Nights: September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, November 7, 14, 21.** Call the 4-H office to register today! (530) 889-7386 or e-mail cmitchell@ucdavis.edu

Coming soon... Countywide Presentation Project!!!!!!!

Brush up on your public speaking skills and get ready to participate in a fun-filled project that will prepare you to speak in public! Matt DeNaty and Isaac Jorgensen from the Loomis Community 4-H Club will be leading this project beginning this fall. All ages are welcome and details will follow in the October newsletter.

Consumer Savvy Project

Offered by Kim Bruce, Starts in September

916-224-6117 or email at kim.bruce@hpmg.com or a95621@hotmail.com

"Are you a consumer? You bet – we all are! Youth consume more than \$175 billion of goods and services each year. Consumer Savvy will help youth become informed and responsible consumers in today's dynamic marketplace."

Member Stories

On Thursday, July 21, joy came to the Auburn Oaks Nursing Home in the form of two Placer County All-Stars' Plan of Action. Melody Wood and Isaac Jorgensen, first year All-Stars, planned a fun filled event for the nursing home's residents and were assisted by several family members. Fiddle music, piano duets, a sing-a-long, and presentations on Guide dogs and Share-the Fun were only part of the activities. What really made this event special was the presentation of a handmade 4-H blanket to Ralph Jacinto, a resident of the home who had been a Placer County 4-H All-Star in 1940. This surely brightened his day and gave Melody and Isaac a chance, on behalf of Placer County 4-H, to thank him for what he did to help make 4-H what it is today.



LAST CALL!

Summer Camp Lost and Found

Camp was a wonderful week filled with lots of new experiences and fun. If you didn't get home with some of your possessions, please stop by the 4-H office as there is quite a supply of Lost and Found items. **All unclaimed by October 1st will be donated to a worthy cause.**



Community Club Leader Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, September 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

4-H Office Closed:

Monday, September 5th Labor Day

Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

Attention All Adults: Interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer Project Leader!

Our 4-H leaders are the backbone of the 4-H program as 4-H is an all volunteer led program. You can open the doors for youth and yourself to gain new life learning experiences through 4-H projects.

There are many reasons to become a volunteer. Some people want to become involved in their children's activities, others want to help children in their community or have a skill to share, and others were 4-H'ers as children and want to share their experiences. Regardless of the reason, the 4-H program is glad you are considering becoming a 4-H leader or have joined the team.

You don't have to be an expert on a subject, just willing to learn with the youth. Many resources are available through the 4-H office to assist you with information to be successful. As a project leader, you can help youth develop into responsible, self-directed, productive citizens of the world. Projects have a focus in **citizenship, leadership, and developing life-skills**, using the experiential learning model of "learning-by-doing".

Learning-by-doing is a basic philosophy of 4-H. The 4-H project is one of the areas where learning-by-doing takes place. Within the project, members learn things to do, things to make, and things to explore. As members gain experience, the size of their projects may be increased and/or they may choose to take on additional projects.

A 4-H Project is:

- Planned work in an area of interest to the 4-H member
- Guided by a volunteer who is the project leader
- Aimed at planned objectives that can be attained and measured
- Summarized by some form of record keeping

Most project work occurs over a period of several weeks or months during a year. A minimum of six hours of instruction is required to complete a project. More hours of instruction are required in many projects to accomplish the goal of the project.

We want to remind you this is an application process. All parts of the process must be completed **BEFORE** you begin serving as a 4-H volunteer. 4-H volunteer leaders must be at least 18 years of age. **To become a 4-H volunteer contact your Community Club Leader and:**

- Complete the 4-H New Adult Volunteer on-line application, with payment
- 4-H Certification (a 25 minute on-line video and quiz, see below for instructions)
- A live-scan with Department of Justice clearance.
- Approval from the County Director

You will be notified when your application has been approved. Please allow a minimum of 10 days for live-scan to clear through the Department of Justice. Appointments are renewed on an annual basis.

Thank you for volunteering to share your time and talents as a 4-H project leader.

**All new & returning
Project Leaders should
not be conducting
meetings until enrollment
is complete.**

**All
Project Leaders
are encouraged to
COMPLETE enrollment by
October 31, 2011**

Volunteer Certification Video on-line!!

Hopefully this will be more convenient for new volunteers. After watching the video you will be required to pass an on-line quiz
Visit our website at <http://ucanr.org/4horientation>

TEENS . . . Say YES to Science!

- Would you like to help your local community?
- Do you need to earn community service hours?
- Do you like working with young children?

If you answered YES to these questions, then we have a great opportunity for you!

The 4-H YES in Afterschool project is in its second phase and will be starting again in September and runs through November. 4-H Youth Development staff will be training interested teens (in 9th grade and up to 18 years old) in the YES (Youth Experiences in Science) curriculum, a fun, hands-on science curriculum designed for children ages 5-8. Teams of teens will work once a week in a local afterschool program, teaching sessions from *Bubbles, Collections, Snails, Energy, Kitchen Science, Worms, or Recycle/Reuse*. This program will run for 10 weeks at afterschool sites in Auburn and Roseville.

If you are a teen interested in applying for the Teen Teacher position, please see our webpage at <http://ucanr.org/4hyes> for the job description and application. You may also email Kim Laehle at kalaehle@ucdavis.edu with questions.

**Applications are due by 8:00 a.m. in the Placer County 4-H office on Thursday, September 1st, 2011. Don't delay!!!
Apply online immediately!**



State & National 4-H News & Events

"4-H Keeps Your Engines Revvin' in 2011" W.H.Y. Conference

September 23-25, 2011

Camp Masonite Navarro

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/Sectional>

This annual event is for 4-H members, 6th grade and older, and volunteer adult leaders to learn about leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Cost is \$65 if registered by August 15th, \$75 after that date.

State 4-H Leaders' Forum

November 11-13, 2011

Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA

Registration due September 1, 2011 | \$75 per person + Conference Center Room and Board For 4-H Adult Volunteers

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>

The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. The 2011 theme is "The Magic of 4-H – Transformation." Workshops are being sought and are due July 15, 2011.

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4-H Golden Clover Awards

Due September 30, 2011

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/107076.pdf>

The 4-H Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Winners are then awarded with a medallion, lapel pin, cash prize and recognition at the State Conferences. The Robert Brownlee Science Award is given to a member and volunteer for utilizing science inquiry and experiential learning in 4-H work to help youth increase knowledge, skills and competencies and improve their attitudes about science. This category includes increasing science awareness and use in 4-H projects by testing predictions and making sense of observations.

4-H Policy

THE 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

When members, volunteers and parents attend an event where 4-H is represented, we must follow the Code of Conduct which was signed during your enrollment and given to parents. These are guidelines for understanding what behavior is expected while performing within the course of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Upon enrollment as a member, or appointment as a volunteer in the 4-H Youth Development Program, you must:

- Respect individuals rights, safety, and property of others.
- Be committed to the core values, educational goals and standards of the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Not act in a detrimental way to the 4-H Youth Development Program or in conflict with its policies or procedures.
- Not participate in the use of obscene and discriminatory language at any 4-H activity.
- Not possess or use weapons, alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs (or be under the influence thereof) when involved in any 4-H event, meeting or activity.

Please review the importance of the Code of Conduct and the core values of the 4-H Youth Development Program as we approach the fair season and new 4-H year.

4-H Policy

General Liability Insurance: UC's General Liability & Self Insurance program does not cover 4-H youth members and it does not cover project animals, including damages or injury caused by the animals. Since junior exhibitors have been sued for injuries sustained at fairs, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy through a private company covering themselves and their exhibit. Home Owner policies may include or can often be written to include this coverage. Much more General Liability Insurance information can be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/>

Accident and Sickness Insurance: 4-H Youth and Certified Volunteers are covered by The Hartford Accident/Sickness Insurance Policy. It covers injuries to 4-H members and volunteers caused by project animals. Much more Accident and Sickness Insurance information can be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/>.

Leadership: A Minimum of Two Adults (Chapter 11 Section 4.B CA 4-H Policy Handbook) Protection of youth is of utmost importance in the California 4-H YDP. Therefore, 4-H YDP staff, adult volunteers and members should adhere to these policies at all times.

1. There will be two (2) adult volunteers with members at all times.
2. In some occasions it may be impractical to have two (2) appointed adult volunteers present; in these situations there should be one (1) appointed adult volunteer and another adult or 4-H YDP staff member (one of which must be at least 21 years of age).
3. The adult in charge of the event must be an adult volunteer as appointed by the county director.
4. In general, no one-on-one interactions should occur in private. This includes between members and adults or among youth. If personal discussions are necessary, they should be conducted in an area that is in view of other adult volunteers and members.

4-H Fundraising Approval

To: ALL 4-H, which includes but not limited to; Clubs, Coordinator groups, summer camps

All 4-H fundraising activities must have prior approval from the County Director. Form 8.7 Fundraising Approval is available on the website at <http://ucanr.org/placer4hforms> or the 4-H office. **This process is to be completed prior to promotion of and the actual fundraising activity.**

Find answers to all your 4-H policy questions at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/>

Share Your 4-H Experience!

Any 4-H member can submit an article for this newsletter.

NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

September 11, 2011

Send it via e-mail to: cmitchell@ucdavis.edu All articles are subject to approval by the 4-H Program Representative. After approval, articles are published as space permits. A digital picture with your article is a great addition.

Send photos in JPG format.

More 4-H Links:

California State 4-H Website: <http://www.ca4h.org>

4-H Mall: <http://www.4-hmall.org>

State 4-H Newsletters: <http://www.ca4h.org/News>

4-H Clover Safety Notes: <http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/>

National 4-H Headquarters Website: <http://www.4-h.org>

National 4-H Council: <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/>

California 4hOnline: (enrollment) <https://california.4honline.com>


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