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Come Join the Revolution of Responsibility! 2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California and the 4-H Program will celebrate by giving back to their communities with youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by actually leading, collaboration by forming relationships with other groups and agencies, and citizenship skills by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. In support of this community development work, the CA State 4-H Office has consolidated the Requests for Funding (RFP) for Service-Learning, Healthy Living, SET, and Legacy into one application. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding up to \$1,000 to support service-learning projects related to their club or project activities by submitting the proposal. An on-line application is available at: <http://ucanr.org/join/>. The next application deadline is **January 15. Applications will also be accepted for a third submission round until April 15, 2012.** For more information check out the web site at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/> or contact Pat English at: penglish@ucdavis.edu

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Attention: 4-H'ers \$\$\$=Money is available!

This is an opportunity of a life time! Each 4-H club is eligible to apply for funding up to \$1,000 to support a service-learning project as your club's community service activity by submitting the proposal. Youth, this is your project – your design and lead by you. This hands-on project is where participants learn leadership by actually leading, collaborating and forming relationships with other groups and agencies while making a difference in your community.

Invite your 4-H club youth to form a committee to brain storm ideas of a project your club can do to make a difference in your community. Submit the committee's ideas to your club for their approval and support. An on-line application is available at: <http://ucanr.org/join/>.

Let's get hustling as the next application deadline is January 15. Applications will also be accepted for a third submission round until April 15, 2012. You sure don't want to miss out on such a great deal.

Adult Volunteers are the Heart of the Program! THANK YOU!

For nearly a hundred years the 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) has capitalized on the powerful influence of caring adults in the lives of children and youth. Central to the success of 4-H are the talented and dedicated adult volunteers who are the heart of the 4-H program, providing valuable programmatic leadership and build caring and nurturing relationships with 4-H members.

Let's extend our personal THANKS this holiday to our 4-H Volunteers who make 4-H available for our youth to THRIVE! I express my gratitude to each of you for making a DIFFERENCE IN THE YOUTH TODAY and the positive impact this will have on the future.

Our Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to ALL! June

Placer County 4-H Events

February 1, 2012	4-H Camp Youth Staff Application Due	http://ucanr.org/placer4h
February 15, 2012	Embryology Workshop	http://ucanr.org/placer4h
February 18, 2012	Still Exhibit Youth Fair	http://ucanr.org/placer4hstillsexhibitday
March 4, 2012	County Presentation Day: Pre-registration Due	Web page coming in February
March 10, 2012	County Presentation Day	http://ucanr.org/placer4hpresentationday
March 17, 2012	Placer County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Event	
April 28, 2012	Bi-County Fashion Revue	http://ucanr.org/bcfashionrevue

4-H Camp Youth Staff Applications

Application deadline: February 1, 2012—Camp Dates: TBA



With snow falling in the Sierras it doesn't feel like summer camp time, but there is a lot of planning to do. Camp time will be here in no time! This coming 4-H Summer Camp program is going to be an adventuresome one. We are looking for dedicated Teen Leaders to make up the Camp Youth Staff for 2012. If you are willing to work and be a team player, please consider submitting the 4-H Camp Youth Staff Application form to the 4-H office by February 1st. We have multiple Teen Leadership opportunities. Please check out the 4-H Camp Youth Staff application and see how you would like to become involved.

Please Note, Camp Youth Staff will participate in trainings and retreats such as:

- Interview Process
- CPR Training
- Camp Leadership Training
- **Must attend 80% of all monthly camp staff meetings starting in February and 100% of camp.**
- Everyone including returning Camp Youth Staff must complete this application and return by **Feb. 1**
- Prior to participating in any camp meetings, ALL applicants must be enrolled in the current 2011-2012 4-H program year.
- Minimum grade is entering 9th grade in fall of 2012.

Applications are available on-line at: <http://ucanr.org/placer4h> **or at the 4-H office. Contact Cindy at 530-889-7386 to have one mailed or email cmitchell@ucdavis.edu to have it e-mailed.**

Welcome to our Camp Directors: Jaime and Dan Sirotzki

Would you like to be considered for the 4-H Junior Camp Directors position? Returning Jr. Camp Staff, whose last year at camp as a youth is 2012, are encouraged to consider applying for the Jr. Camp Director position. Please write an application letter and mail it to the 4-H Office, 11477 E Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603 post marked by **January 9, 2012.**

Still Exhibit Youth Fair (Formerly known as Still Exhibit/Favorite Foods/Hands-On Science Day)

Saturday, February 18, 2012 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ophir Elementary School, Newcastle

This fun county wide hands-on educational day is being hosted by Gold Country 4-H Club with Eureka Granite Bay 4-H Club assisting. The event has something to involve everyone's interest. A list of some of the exciting workshops will be published in the February 2012 Newsletter. If you or your club has a specialty you would like to share as a hands-on workshop for everyone to become involved in, please contact the 4-H office @ 530-889-7386 or Gold Country 4-H Club.

It is also a great opportunity for all members with Still Projects, i.e. electricity, woodworking, food and clothing, etc. to exhibit their work for ribbon awards and help prepare them to exhibit at fairs. Food Entries will be served at the Favorite Foods Luncheon at noon! Yum!!

Categories for Still Exhibits:

- Engineering (Woodworking, Electronics, Small Engines, etc.)
- Family and Consumers Sciences (Clothing, Foods, Home Arts, Fashion, etc)
- Health and Leisure (Creative Art, Crafts, Hobbies, Leather, Photography, etc.)
- Plant Science
- Social Sciences (Computers, Leadership Development, Citizenship)

No advance registration is required. Everyone is invited to attend this fun event! All parents, leaders or members not entering a food category are asked to bring a salad or main dish to serve 8 for the Favorite Foods luncheon.

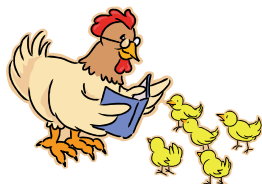
Placer County 4-H Events

3rd Annual Placer County 4-H Youth Rabbit and Cavy Event

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Gold Country Fairgrounds

If you would like to volunteer your help or have questions please call Johnna Humber @ 530-878-0733.



Embryology Workshop for Teachers & 4-H Adult Leaders

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 4:30-6:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Placer County 4-H Office, 11477 E Avenue, Auburn

A free workshop taught by June Stewart, Placer County 4-H Program Representative.

Register on-line <http://ucanr.org/placer4h>

INVITATION to All 4-H'ers to Make "VALENTINES FOR VETS" in 2012

By Kelika Garza & Christian Haywood

Start the New Year out right and help our community thank the brave men and women serving in our U.S. Armed Services by making Valentine's Day Cards. All Community and Project 4-H Groups are invited to participate in this Countywide Project by making Valentines for Veterans during their January 2012 meetings. These cards should be handmade and no larger than 8"X10" and should not be placed in envelopes.

Kelia and Christian are coordinating this project again this year. The Garza family has coordinated the making of these cards with the Mt. Pleasant 4-H group since 2007. Now they want to give more 4-H'ers the opportunity to participate in this fun and rewarding project. Cards can be made of heavyweight drawing paper (9"X12" folded in half) or construction paper (folded in half) with colored pens, lace hearts, and patriotic stamps of flags-stars-hearts, your imagination is the limit. Pictures of previous cards for examples are available.

These cards are truly appreciated by the veterans, staff and volunteers at the VA Hospitals, and by the soldiers serving overseas. Reading copies of Thank You letters will inspire and move you to create your Valentine's Day cards for our Veterans and Soldiers. Kelika And Christian will try to attend and collect them so they can be sent out by the deadline of the first of February 2012.

Please call Kelika at 916-645-0267 if you have any questions about this project or to let her know your plans for making the Valentines this January.



Fair News and Dates

Placer County Fair	June 21-24, 2012	http://www.placercountyfair.org
P.C. Pre-Weigh In	Beef Saturday, January 21st 8-11 a.m.	Sheep, Swine & Goats Saturday, April 21 st 7-11 a.m.
Gold Country Fair	September 6-9, 2012	http://www.goldcountryfair.com
G.C. Pre-Weigh In	Beef Saturday, April 7th 8-11 a.m.	Sheep, Swine & Goats: Saturday July 7th 7-11 a.m.

Placer County and Gold Country Fair would like to remind us:

County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. **All Independent Exhibitors are required to show proof of liability insurance.** All other junior Exhibitors (4-H and FFA) are strongly urged to carry liability insurance. A policy may be purchased through California Fair Services Authority for a minimal cost. **Call the fair office for assistance and applications.**

Quality Assurance /Ethics Mandatory Training (Certificate is good for 5 years)

Gold Country Fairgrounds—Tahoe Building

Only THREE OPPORTUNITIES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, April 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Presentation Days

County 4-H Presentation Day

Saturday, March 10, 2012 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Registration Due: March 4, 2012

Ophir Elementary School, Newcastle

Pre-registration will be REQUIRED and available in February!

What is a 4-H Presentation?

A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea by showing and/or telling. It can be a demonstration or a talk that uses posters and other visual aids.

A 4-H Presentation helps you learn to research a subject, organize ideas in a logical order, be a teacher and practice public speaking skills.

Placer County Presentation Day will be patterned after the format for the 4-H Regional and State Presentation Days. A State "Presentations Guide for 4-H Members, version #3" is available on line at <http://ucanr.org/placer4h> under Events and Activities.

Community Club Leaders and Presentation Project Leaders will have a copy and more copies can be obtained at the 4-H office. This guide is a great resource of information!

To have a successful presentation it must contain the following:

1. An introduction—it should briefly cover what is to be shown or told.
2. A body—it should illustrate the subject logically and clearly.
3. A summary—it should reiterate what has been said so that the audience takes away the main idea.

Don't forget the original and catchy title, this will set the stage for your presentation! Most of all...Enjoy Yourself!

2012 California State Presentation Day (part of State Field Day)

Saturday, May 26, 2012

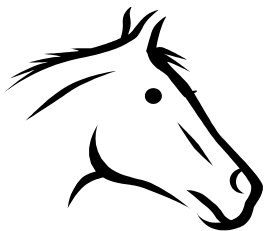
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Preparing for your **county** and **sectional/regional 2012 4-H Presentation Day**? The 2012 impromptu topics are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/72298.pdf>. The 2012 Senior and Intermediate problem solving presentation fact sets are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/>. Problem Solving presentations allow the member to select a position on an issue and develop a presentation to defend that position. There is NOT pre-qualification required to enter this category at the State 4-H Presentation Day (i.e., a gold medal at a sectional competition is not required to enter the Problem Solving category). The 2012 special recognition opportunities available at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/. Members focusing their presentation on one of these themes will earn a special pin at the State 4-H Presentation Day! The SET theme is **renewable energy**, the healthy living theme is **healthy foods**, and the citizenship theme is **speak out for military kids**. For questions, contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu.

Activity: Special Recognition at 2012 State Presentation Day

A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on healthy living. This year's focus area is healthy food. Potential topics may include USDA's MyPlate, serving sizes, sugar-sweetened beverages, nutrition facts labels, preparing a healthy meal on a budget, food groups, nutrients, healthy snacks, whole grains, food safety, dairy products, dietary fiber, and more. Visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities for details.

Coordinator Groups



Horse Coordinator Group

Excerpts from email day after November 7th Horse Coordinator meeting

Written by Sandy Bentien, new Placer County 4-H Horse Coordinator

Last night's Horse Coordinator meeting was a success! We had just under 30 people attend!! Of those, about 9 or 10 of them were kids. I held the meeting as a real meeting with a printed agenda and then had committee sign-up sheets for various potential events to do. The kids that were there are interested in reviving the youth officers and running the meetings. I am happy with the enthusiasm.

Countywide Projects

Cavy	Lee Bastien	530-633-9046
Cavy All Levels & Show	Johnna Humber	530-878-0733
Consumer Savvy	Kim Bruce	916-224-6117
Dairy Goat	Johnna Humber	530-878-0733
Fashion Revue & Clothing Construction	Dolores Ramsay	916-769-3401
Hobby Sewing	Dolores Ramsay	916-769-3401
Horse Trail Riding-Camping (Advanced)	Julie Schmitz	916-826-6531
Miniature Horse & Donkey	Jackie Rhoades	916-663-3874
Poultry: Sheridan	Lee Bastien	530-633-9046
Poultry: Auburn	Johnna Humber	530-878-0733
Presentation	Isaac Jorgensen	916-624-0355
Public Speaking	June Stewart	530-889-7386
Rabbit	Lee Bastien	530-633-9046
Rabbit Show (Advanced)	Johnna Humber	530-878-0733
Sheep	Karin Sinclair	916-663-3990

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!

Countywide Presentation Project!!

Have you ever wondered what it's like for actors and politicians to get up and give speeches in front of thousands of people? Well here is your chance to get a little taste of it! Isaac Jorgensen, Matt DeNatly, and Amy Sullivan are leading a countywide presentation project for all ages. They will be held from 6-8 P.M. at the Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall on:

Wednesday, January 11
 Wednesday, January 25
 Wednesday, February 8

Hope to see you there! Please call Isaac Jorgensen if you have not already signed up online at (916) 624-0355.

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.

4-H/FFA/Junior Membership Clarified

When a member maintains projects in 4-H, FFA, and Junior Grange, the projects may **NOT** be in the same kind of livestock or crop. A member of FFA chapter, Junior Grange or 4-H club may transfer projects from one organization to another only **ONCE** during a calendar year. This must be a written notification.

To be able to show a project at a fair or show, it must be under the supervision of the organization which it will be shown for at least 60 days prior to the fair or show for market animals (150 days for market beef and 30 days for market rabbits and poultry).

Supervision in Vehicles: CA 4-H Policy Handbook, Chapter 11, Section IV.C

UC and the 4-H YDP are committed to protecting members in a proactive manner against child abuse and/or neglect. These policies are primarily for the protection of members; however, they also serve to protect adult volunteers and 4-H YDP staff from false accusations of abuse.

- Supervision in Vehicles
- Adults should not be alone in vehicles with members.
- Adult volunteers should not be one-on-one in a vehicle with members other than their own child.
- Adult volunteers must have current Youth Medical Release and Health History Form and Health History Form from parents/guardians before transporting members in any vehicle to any 4-H YDP activity or event.

State 4-H News & Events

2012 California State 4-H Field Day

May 26, 2012

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The State 4-H Field Day is a fun-filled event for the whole family, with a day of 4-H contests, activities, picnics, and meeting others. The event is composed of the State 4-H Presentation Day, State 4-H Fashion Revue, Plant Science Contest, Film Festival, Photography Contest, Interview Contest, Judging Contest, and many others! Information on the event will be available in January 2012 at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>. If you want to host an educational exhibit, display, or hands-on activity, complete the form by April 2, 2012 at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/59519.pdf>. These exhibits are a great opportunity to share knowledge, interact with youth and adults, and engage people in new activities.



State Fashion Revue

May 26, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

The State Fashion Revue Committee announces the addition of a new challenge for the 2012 SFR - Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity pattern #7161, View A only, and model it with an outfit that coordinates with the tote bag. You will not be judged on the outfit, but how the tote bag is presented and the overall appearance of your outfit. Be creative! Show off your personality in your design. This cute, easy to make tote bag will become a wonderful accessory to your wardrobe or make a great gift to give after the Fashion Revue contest. NOTE: This Simplicity pattern will be discontinued as of February 2012. Please plan to purchase your pattern early. If you are unable to find a pattern, please contact Mary from the SFR committee at maryengebret@comcast.net and we will see that your county office receives a pattern to be shared in your county. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, additional categories or service projects that will be eligible at SFR, or would like to assist our committee, please visit our website.

The **Million Pillowcase Project** is a national community service activity adopted for 2012 by 4-H State Fashion Revue. To participate, sew a standard-size pillow case, 20" x 30". Bring it to State Fashion Revue on May 26 at UC Davis or have a delegate from your county deliver it. The SFR committee will collect the pillowcases and donate them to charitable organizations throughout California. Get creative with your pillowcase fabric! Add a decorative border! Design a pillowcase for a foster child, a homeless person, or perhaps a nursing home resident. For ideas and sewing instructions, go to www.allpeoplequilt.com and click on Million Pillowcase Challenge. Our goal is 500 pillowcases from California 4-H. Contact ashleyandtara@gmail.com with pillowcase questions. For more information about State Fashion Revue, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>.

2012 Citizenship Focus Program

www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/

California and Washington Focus registrations due January 16, 2012.

California Focus – June 15-19, 2012

Washington Focus #1

Heritage Trail I – June 24-30, 2012

Road to Democracy – June 24-July 2, 2012

Washington Focus #2

Heritage Trail I – July 8-14, 2012

Global Journey – July 8-17, 2012



Meet 4-H'ers from across California while you expand your life skills and learn more about your community and state. An information packet will arrive in your county 4-H office by mid-October or information is available now on the web.

Registrations are due January 16. For questions contact Pat English at penglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

We will be using a survey tool that can be found on the ANR portal for registrations this year. The survey link is: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7401>

Other Opportunities

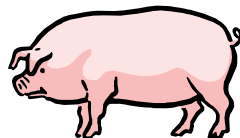
Chico State University Swine Education Day

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Registration and Preview Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Opening Address Begins at 9:00 a.m.

University Farm Pavilion



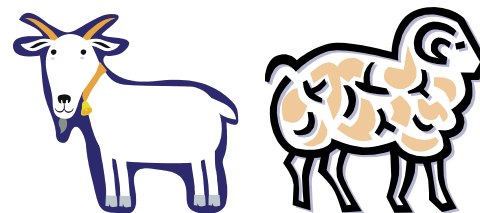
\$5.00 covers all workshops and activities. An additional \$5.00 buys you a delicious pulled pork sandwich meal! This year we are excited to host a National Pork Checkoff Representative who will be presenting the keynote address. Our workshops include livestock evaluation, showmanship, show day fitting, carcass fabrication and evaluation, swine health, and swine nutrition. Following the workshops, Chico State will auction off their best 10-15 show pigs.

Chico State Sheep and Meat Goat Educational Day

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Registration Begins at 8:00 a.m.

Program Begins at 9:00 a.m.



- 9:30 Workshop rotation begins. Each rotation is 30 minutes and participants are able to pick 4 workshops to attend. Workshops will include (but are not limited to) nutrition, showmanship, selection, and fitting and grooming for both sheep and meat goats.
- 11:30 Lunch and preview of sale lambs.
- 1:00 Sale starts.

For additional information please visit their website www.clublambpage.com/chicostate or on Facebook (Chico State Sheep and Goat Unit) The cost will be \$5 per person.



TEENS . . . Say YES to Science

Are you interested in science?

Do you like working with young children?

Do you need to earn community service hours?

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

The 4-H YES in Afterschool Project puts teens into local afterschool programs, teaching a fun, hands-on science curriculum to children ages 5-8. 4-H Youth Development staff will be training interested teens in the YES (Youth Experiences in Science) curriculum. 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 12 weeks beginning in February at afterschool sites in Auburn and Roseville. You must be in 9th to 12th grade and no older than 18 in order to apply.

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 5:00 p.m. in the Placer County 4-H office on Sunday, January 29th, 2012. Don't delay!!! Apply online today!

Community Leader Council Meetings

**Wednesday
January 25th @ 6:30
Hosted by
Loomis Community
4-H Club**

**Wednesday
February 22nd @ 6:30
Hosted by Gold Country 4-H Club**

4-H Office Closed:

Monday, December 26

Monday, January 2

Monday, January 16

Other Opportunities



17th Annual Placer GROWN Food and Farm Conference

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Lincoln High School, 790 J Street, Lincoln

Social Media and Agriculture to be highlighted by Keynote Speaker Scott Vernon at the 2012 PlacerGROWN Food and Farm Conference.

Make plans today to attend one of your top agricultural education opportunities in 2012. The Lincoln FFA will prepare lunch. The PlacerGROWN Food and Farm Conference is sponsored by PlacerGROWN, UC Cooperative Extension, and the Placer County Agricultural Marketing Program. Grant support is being provided by the

USDA Risk Management Agency.

Dr. Scott J. Vernon will be the keynote speaker for the 2012 PlacerGROWN Farm Conference discussing his I Love Farmers organization. He is a professor of agricultural communication at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, California. He is one of the nation's leading advocates for family farmers and ranchers. He travels worldwide as a speaker and consultant.

I Love Farmers is a grassroots campaign aimed at educating teenagers and young adults, ages 14 to 24, about how this nation's food is produced and the importance of the family farmer to the food supply. I Love Farmers set out to target the Millennial generation, starting with 14-year-olds, because in four years those teens will become voters, ones used to communicating digitally and creating dialogue with digital platforms. This will be an exciting and informative presentation on how to help more of our youth understand the importance of agriculture.

There will be over 25 workshops and a trade show in addition to the keynote speech. Topics will range from getting started in farming to getting a loan to dairy sheep. Make plans today to attend this informative and educational conference! Conference information is available by visiting <http://ceplacer.ucdavis.edu> or www.placergrown.org. or by calling the local cooperative extension office at (530) 889-7385.

75th Annual Student Speakers Contest

Meadow Vista Lions invite 9th-12th graders to participate in the qualifying event on February 8, 2012

Contest subject: What Could the America of Yesterday Teach the America of Tomorrow?

Students entering the contest shall prepare a talk to be as close as possible to, but not over, ten minutes, nor less than five minutes delivery time.

Purpose of the contest:

- To provide an opportunity for competitive public speaking among students on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole.
- To stimulate self-expression and independent thinking.
- To present to the public through the student speakers contests the problems surrounding the maintenance of this commonwealth as a free nation.
- To consider the means at our disposal of meeting the present and future world problems.

Awards (club contests): The club shall present \$75.00 to the winner and \$25.00 to each finalist, who completes minimum time. For additional information, please call Dave Johnson, 916-207-5466.

2012 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

Entries due on or before February 17, 2012

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. is sponsoring the **2012 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest**. Entries are due electronically and must be received **on or before February 17, 2012** to Eric Mussen, ecmussen@ucdavis.edu. Please click [here](#) for contest rules and essay topic.

Resource: Free Online 4-H Curricula Library <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Curriculum/SETCurriculum/> Download PDF files for Veterinary Science, Rabbits, Exploring Salmon and Steelhead, Water Quality, Pollinators, Pond Mapping, Engineering, Agriculture, or DNA!

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:

January 16, 2012

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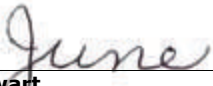
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