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4-H Family Newsletter

Placer County, California

<http://ucanr.org/placer4h>

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4-H Enrollment is Open Year Around...

...but there are some advantages to enrolling in the fall, at the beginning, of the new 4-H year.

- Some clubs have met their capacity and are closed to new enrollment such as Gold Country 4-H Club.
- You must be enrolled in the 4-H market projects of your choice prior to Dec. 15th if enrolling in a market animal project to be shown and sold at Gold Country or Placer County Fairs in 2012.
- Some projects are in progress and too many meetings have been missed. Check with the project leader to verify space available and receive permission to participate.
- Returning members must attend 80% of all Club Meetings held within the club year. Only 1st year members count 80% of club meetings after enrolling with club.

The 4-H program has a wealth of information and opportunities for youth ages 5 or in Kindergarten through until their 19th birthday if it falls after Dec. 31st of the enrollment year.

You want to become involved in Science, Engineering, and Technology and don't see a project available? Let's find an adult who is interested in these fields to become the 4-H adult volunteer leader and get a project going. New projects can be started and youth enroll anytime. The CA 4-H Policy requires new and unusual project outlines be submitted for approval by the County Director and include a minimum of six instructional hours.

A **New 4-H Project** ready to roll: Citizenship in the Nation led by Allen Fink. This is open to high school age 4-H'ers. Citizenship in the Nation prepares you to be a good citizen of this country by learning the rights, duties, and obligations of a responsible and active American citizen. It will include field trips to visit special places. Contact Allen Fink (916-899-9268) or the 4-H office 530-889-7386 to join this Countywide project.

Recruiting Adults to become 4-H Volunteer Leaders to lead projects in non-market animal projects. Recruit from new audiences to increase our overall 4-H involvement. Let's share this valuable program we enjoy with others.

Membership & Volunteer Cards

Youth Membership Cards: Your Community Club Leaders will be picking up your 4-H Club Member Cards at the January Community Leader/Council Meeting, making them available to distribute at the your next 4-H Club meeting. They will also provide to each family a copy of the 4-H Youth Code of Conduct and Parent/Adult Behavior Guidelines.

Volunteer Leader Cards: Your cards were mailed directly to you as your enrollment was confirmed. If you have not yet received a card it is possible you have not completed the enrollment process. If you have questions, please contact the 4-H office at 530-889-7386.

Volunteer Certification Video on-line!!

Hopefully this will be more convenient for new volunteers. After watching the video you will be required to pass a quiz that will notify our office when completed. Visit: <http://ucanr.org/4horientation>.

Placer County 4-H Events

February 1, 2012	4-H Camp Youth Staff Application Due	http://ucanr.org/placer4h
February 6, 2012	Youth Camp Staff Interviews	
February 15, 2012	Embryology Workshop for Teachers	http://ucanr.org/placer4h
February 18, 2012	Still Exhibit Youth Fair	http://ucanr.org/placer4hstillsexhibitday
March 4, 2012	County Presentation Day: Pre-registration Due	http://ucanr.org/placer4hpresentation
March 10, 2012	County Presentation Day	http://ucanr.org/placer4hpresentation
March 17, 2012	Placer County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Event	
April 28, 2012	Bi-County Fashion Revue	http://ucanr.org/bcfashionrevue
July 16-21, 2012	Placer County 4-H Summer Camp	

Placer County 4-H Summer Camp
@ Woodchuck Flat 4-H Summer Campground
Camp dates: July 16-21, 2012

Save these dates on your busy calendars and plan to join us for an adventuresome camp.



Youth Camp Staff Interviews
Wednesday, February 6, 2012

Youth Camp Staff individual interviews will be held on Wednesday, February 6th for those who met the deadline of Feb. 1 with completed applications. You will be notified of your time. This gives our Camp Directors, Dan and Jaime Sirotzki the opportunity to meet each of you. Visit <http://ucanr.org/placer4h> for applications.



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. Exciting Workshops including various Music Presentations, Robotics & more. Activities include: Leather Crafts, painting flower pots, science, bracelets for seniors, Flower Fairies, plastic kites, Community Service Project and more. 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!!

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.

Directions to Ophir Elementary School:
 1373 Lozanos Road, Newcastle

From Auburn:
 I-80 West to the CA-193 EXIT toward Lincoln
 Turn RIGHT onto OPHIR RD.

From Roseville:
 I-80 East to the CA-193 EXIT toward Lincoln.
 Go STRAIGHT through stop sign to OPHIR RD.
 Turn LEFT onto LOZANOS RD.
 Turn LEFT onto BALD HILL RD/ LOZANOS RD.
 Turn RIGHT onto LOZANOS RD.
 School is on the LEFT.

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.

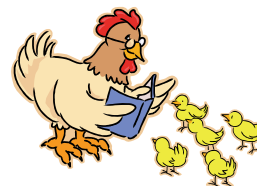
Embryology Workshop for Teachers & 4-H Adult Leaders

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 4:30-6:00 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>



VALENTINES FOR VETS

Please join the Colfax VFW Ladies Auxiliary 2003 in making handmade Valentines for Vets to go to the Reno VA Hospital, Mather Hospital, and our Placer County military serving in war zones. Cards no larger than 8" x 10" Individual envelopes not necessary. DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Take to Colfax City Library, Chamber of Commerce at the train depot, or mail to Beth Murphy. 530-637-4893

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/>. Applications will 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/>

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY



Attention: 4-H'ers available!

\$\$\$ = Money is

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/>.

Applications will be accepted for a third submission round until April 15, 2012. You sure don't want to miss out on such a great deal.

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!

Sectional Presentation Day
In May (day TBA)
Nevada County will host.

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

UC Davis

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.

4-H Office Closed:

Monday, February 13

Monday, February 20

Community Leader Council Meetings

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

**Wednesday
March 28th @ 6:30
Hosted by
Ophir 4-H Club**

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.

Coordinator Groups

Horse Coordinator Group

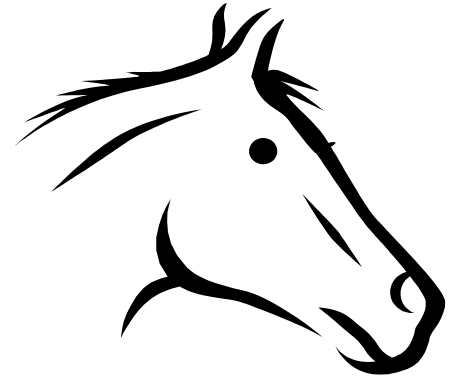
<http://ucanr.org/placer4horse>

Sandy Bentien, Placer County 4-H Horse Coordinator

NEW DATES: Please reserve these dates.

- **Horse Mastership Test April 29, 2012** (rain date May 6)
- **State Fair Qualifying Horse Show & Gymkhana May 27, 2012** (rain date June 3)
Work-in-Kind for this show & Gymkhana May 25, 2012
- **Horse Camp-tentatively scheduled for June 10-16, 2012**

Watch the Placer County 4-H Horse Project webpage for details as they are made available.



2012 County Wide Horse Mastership Review Project Levels 5 & 6

Project leader: Sami Macon, (530) 888-9645 or flyingmule@wavecable.com

Junior leaders: Lara Macon, Makenzie Leal

This is a county wide project primarily designed for any horse project members planning to take level 5 or level 6 of the horse mastership test this year. Horse project members planning to test in lower levels are welcome to come and will also gain valuable knowledge.

The project consists of 4 2-hour meetings. The first 3 meetings will be review and study of the various categories you will be tested on in levels 5 & 6 such as anatomy/conformation, reproduction, diseases, parasites, the GI tract, etc. The 4th meeting will be a Horse Mastership Jeopardy game to test what you have learned. This project alone will not prepare you for mastership testing. You are expected to study and review on your own as well.

Meetings will be held at the Macon's house, 11515 Joeger Rd, Auburn

- Sunday, January 22nd from 2-4 pm
- Sunday, February 19th from 2-4 pm
- Sunday, March 18th from 2-4 pm
- Sunday, April 15th from 2-4 pm

2012 Horse Mastership Testing

Sunday, April 29, 2012 (Rain Date: Sunday, May 6, 2012)

Loomis Basin Horsemen's Arena, King Rd. Loomis, CA

Written test: 9:00 am to 12:00pm, Skills test: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Attire: Full 4-H uniform (white pants, long sleeve white shirt, hat and scarf)

In order to participate in Horse Mastership Testing a member must:

- Be in a 4-H Horse project for the 2011-2012 project year
- Participate in the MANDATORY work-in-kind event on April 20, 2012
- Turn in a completed Horse Mastership Registration form to the 4-H office no later than April 13, 2012 (late forms will not be accepted)

Study guides for the written test and the skills tests themselves as well as registration forms are available on line at the 4-H website: <http://ucanr.org/4horse>

Horse Mastership Mandatory work-in-kind

Friday, April 20, 2012, 4:30 p.m. until we are finished or it gets dark whichever comes first.

Loomis Basin Horseman's Association allows us to use their arena and facilities at no charge in exchange for any work they ask us to do. This year they have asked us to paint all the jump poles and standards in exchange for the use of the arena for Mastership testing. You must arrive promptly and be signed in and ready to work by 4:30. Late arrivals will not be accepted.

What to wear: grubby clothes you don't mind getting dirty or covered with paint or disposable painting coveralls from a local paint store. **What to bring:** LBHA will provide the paint. We need to bring our own brushes (of all sizes), rollers, roller handles, tarps/drop cloths, and rag towels. It would also be helpful to bring saw horses, blue masking tape, paint trays and buckets if you have any of these items at home. If you have any questions please feel free to contact: Sami Macon, Horse Mastership Coordinator at: flyingmule@wavecable.com or (530) 888-9645.

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!

NEW Project Coordinators

A big welcome to our newest Project Coordinators:

Dog Project
Terri Burkart
530-878-0733

Horse Project
Sandy Bentien
530-305-5537

Fashion Revue

Bi-County Fashion Revue

April 28, 2012

Hosted by Nevada County 4-H

Please note: The 2012 Placer/Nevada Bi-County 4-H Fashion Revue will be patterned after the 2012 State 4-H Fashion Revue qualifying guidelines this year to minimize the confusion experienced when having additional categories and opportunities on the Bi-County level only. There is one exception, there will be a Primary members category on the Bi-County level. (Primary members are encouraged to participate for fun and experience (non-competitive) only.



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@qmail.com with pillowcase questions. For more information about State Fashion Revue, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>.

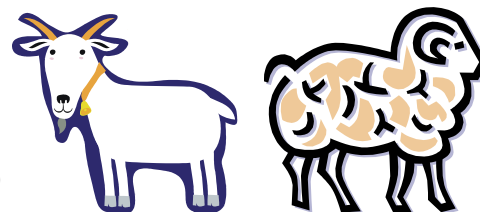
Other Opportunities

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.

36th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day

March 3, 2012.

UC Davis

The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2012 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to <http://www.calaged.org/registration>. Select the event (2012 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link "Get Access Code". Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes. After your chapter is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to "UC Regents" and mailed to: Attn: Francesca Ross, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616

Deadlines:

- February 10: Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due
- February 10: Registration closed
- February 17: Payments must be postmarked – We are now enforcing a \$25 late fee for payments postmarked after the 17th.

For questions email fieldday@ucdavis.edu or visit <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday>

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.

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](tel:5308897385). **Scholarships available**, contact Roger Ingram [\(530\) 889-7385](tel:5308897385)

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:

February 14, 2012

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>

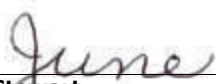
State 4-H Newsletters: <http://www.ca4h.org/News>

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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