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# 4-H Family Newsletter

Placer County, California

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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 Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> if enrolling in a market animal project to be shown and sold at Gold Country or Placer County Fairs in 2013.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and until their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday (if it falls after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 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 for non-animal projects. Animal projects require more follow-up instruction.

## Project Leader's Training Workshop

**Tuesday, January 29, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

*Located at the 4-H Office at 11477 E Ave, Auburn CA 95603*

This meeting will enlighten you as to what the Junior and Teen Leaders learned at their retreat on January 19<sup>th</sup> and also assist in getting the most out of your wonderful assistants – Junior and Teen Leaders in your projects. We have additional new tools that the State 4-H office has developed to assist that we will be introducing, such as the Thrive program and online record books. We have a Trainer Team of three adults and three youth that have just completed the state Thrive training who would like to share an overview with you. Please register by January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the following URL: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=9810>.

## 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 Carolyn at the 4-H office at [casherman@ucanr.edu](mailto:casherman@ucanr.edu). Her phone number is 530-889-7386.



# Placer County 4-H Events

January 28, 2013	4-H Camp Youth Staff Application Due	<a href="http://ucanr.org/placer4h">http://ucanr.org/placer4h</a>
January 28, 2013	Youth Camp Staff Interviews	
February 19, 2013	Embryology Workshop for Teachers	<a href="http://ucanr.org/placer4h">http://ucanr.org/placer4h</a>
February 23, 2013	Still Exhibit Youth Fair	<a href="http://ucanr.org/placer4hstillsexhibitday">http://ucanr.org/placer4hstillsexhibitday</a>
March 18, 2013	County Presentation Day: Pre-registration Due	<a href="http://ucanr.org/placerpresentationday">http://ucanr.org/placerpresentationday</a>
March 23, 2013	County Presentation Day	<a href="http://ucanr.org/placerpresentationday">http://ucanr.org/placerpresentationday</a>
April 18, 2013 5:00 to 6:30 PM	Placer County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Event	See Page 5 of this newsletter for more information
April 27, 2013	Bi-County Fashion Revue	More information to come!
TBA	Placer County 4-H Summer Camp	

## 4-H Camp Youth Staff Applications

**Application deadline: January 28, 2013—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 2013. 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 January 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 it by **January 28<sup>th</sup>**.
- Prior to participating in any camp meetings, ALL applicants must be enrolled in the current 2012-2013 4-H program year.
- Minimum grade is entering 9th grade in the fall of 2013.

Applications are available on-line at: <http://ucanr.org/placer4h> or at the 4-H office. Contact Carolyn at 530-889-7386 to have a copy mailed, or email [casherman@ucanr.edu](mailto:casherman@ucanr.edu) to have the form e-mailed.

**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 2013, 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 28, 2013**.

## Still Exhibit Youth Fair

**Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

*Loomis Memorial Hall, Loomis*

This fun county wide hands-on educational day has something to involve everyone's interest. 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 Eureka Granite Bay 4-H Club @ (916) 791-6385 or (916) 771-6769.

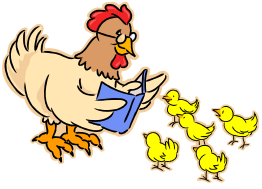
It is also a great opportunity for all members with Still Projects, for example, arts & crafts, electricity, woodworking, food and clothing, etc. to exhibit their work for ribbon awards and help prepare them to exhibit at fairs. Food Entries will be served at the Favorite Foods Luncheon at noon! Yum!!

Categories for Still Exhibits:

- Engineering (Woodworking, Electronics, Small Engines, etc.)
- Family and Consumer 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 - Continued



## Embryology Workshop for Teachers & 4-H Adult Leaders

**Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Placer County 4-H Office, 11477 E Avenue, Auburn 95603

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 2013

The office received a packet of 32 "Valentines for Vets" from one of our 4-H Clubs. They have already been forwarded to the Colfax VFW Ladies Auxiliary 2003. These handmade Valentines for Vets will go to the Reno VA Hospital, Mather Hospital, and our Placer County military serving in war zones. Create cards no larger than 8" x 10" Individual envelopes are not necessary.

**MAILING DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 4, 2013.** Bring them to the 4-H Office or to the Colfax City Library, Chamber of Commerce at the Colfax train depot, or they may be mail to Beth Murphy. Call the office for her mailing address.



## County 4-H Presentation Day

**Saturday, March 23, 2013 8:00 a.m. to Noon (Please note the date change!)**

Location: Ophir Elementary School - 1373 Lozanos Rd, Newcastle 95658

**Registration Due: March 18, 2013**

**Pre-registration is REQUIRED: <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=9803>**

### 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.



**Sectional Presentation Day  
In May (date TBA)  
Placer County will host.**

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

## 2013 California State Presentation Day (part of 4-H State Field Day)

**Saturday, May 25, 2013**

UC Davis

Preparing for your **county** and **sectional/regional 2013 4-H Presentation Day**? The 2013 impromptu topics are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/>. The 2013 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. NO pre-qualification required to enter this category at the State 4-H Presentation Day (that is, a gold medal at a sectional competition is not required to enter the Problem Solving category). The 2013 special recognition opportunities available at [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition\\_Opportunities/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/).

## Fair News, Dates, and Information

<b>Placer County Fair</b>	<b>June 20-23, 2013</b> "Country Days and Racin' Ways"	<a href="http://www.placercountyfair.org">http://www.placercountyfair.org</a>
PC Pre-Weigh In	<b>Beef</b> Saturday, January 19 8-11 a.m.	<b>Sheep, Swine &amp; Goats:</b> Saturday, April 27 7-11 a.m.
<b>Gold Country Fair</b>	<b>September 5-8, 2013</b> "Let The Good Times Roll"	<a href="http://www.goldcountryfair.com">http://www.goldcountryfair.com</a>
GC Pre-Weigh In	<b>Beef</b> Saturday, April 6 8-11 a.m.	<b>Sheep, Swine &amp; Goats:</b> Saturday July 6 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. Please be aware that Gold Country Fair Jr. Livestock Rule # 36, stating that market steers must be under control at all times, will be strictly enforced. **Call the fair office for assistance and applications.** Please note that Top PAY weight for market goats will decrease. Superior Farms announced the top pay weight of 105 pounds beginning in 2013. Existing top pay weight is 125 pounds.

### Attention Placer County Fair Livestock Exhibitors!

On behalf of John Javidan, CEO and Fair Manager, there has been a couple of changes to the Placer County Fair livestock rules to which we would like to make you aware. In an attempt to fill the barns at this year's fair, please note these changes:

- Every exhibitor can now pre weigh an unlimited number of market animals. The first 3 animals weighed in per exhibitor will get free tags; any animal weighed in after the third will be charged a \$5 tag fee for each.
- A total of 3 market animals (of the unlimited number of animals pre weighed in) may be entered at the fair, instead of 2 like in the past.
- These new changes are ONLY for Placer County Fair.
- These same rules apply to every species.
- PLACER COUNTY FAIR BEEF WEIGH IN: Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 8:00 AM
- PLACER COUNTY FAIR SHEEP, SWINE & GOATS WEIGH IN: Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 7:00 AM

Nothing will change with the number of animals an exhibitor is allowed to sell during the Junior Livestock Auction. Exhibitors will only be able to sell one market animal unless two or more of their animals receives a reserve champion or higher award from the Judge. Should you have questions, please call the fair office: (916) 786-2025.

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

**Gold Country Fairgrounds – Tahoe Building**

**Only THREE OPPORTUNITIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **Thursday, April 18, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, June 6, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, July 18, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.**

Ethics/Quality Assurance is mandatory for all exhibitors, leaders, advisors and independent parents. This mandatory training is required every 5 years for exhibitors entering livestock, small animals and horses in Gold Country Fair, Placer County Fair or California State Fair. Mandatory QA/Ethics training began in 2009, all exhibitors that took the training the first year it was required are good through 2014. If you have questions, please contact the Gold Country Fair Grounds at (530) 823-4533.

#### 4-H Office Closed

Tuesday, February 12

Monday, February 18

Monday, May 27

#### Community Club Leader Meetings

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

*Hosted by Gold Country 4-H Club*

**Next Month's Meeting:**

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Hosted by Ophir 4-H Club**



## Other Opportunities

### Shooting Sports Rifle Discipline Training — March 9 & 10, 2013

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club or county level or serve as county trainer to certify project leaders in the shooting sports discipline of rifle. This course is also open to 4-H teen leaders (high school aged youth). For more information, or to register for the class contact Randy Turnquist at [randy@randyt.com](mailto:randy@randyt.com) or phone (831) 566-2590. Please discuss the course fee with the instructor which could be up to \$25 depending on if you wish to print your own course material or have the instructor print it. For more information about this class facility, visit the following website: [www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org](http://www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org).

### Shooting Sports Muzzle Loading Discipline Training — March 23 & 24, 2013

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of \$40. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu) or telephone (661) 868-6216.

### Small Animal Project Message from Johnna Humber

Dear Small Animal Project Leaders and Members,

Happy New Year to all of you! By now you should all have your poultry, rabbit and cavy projects well under way. Just a few things I wanted to touch base on.

- 1) Those of you wanting to show market turkeys at Placer County Fair need to get your poults in February. Contact Sarah at Echo Valley Ranch ([www.echoranch.com](http://www.echoranch.com)) to get on a list or order by email: [evrinfo@echoranch.com](mailto:evrinfo@echoranch.com)
- 2) The 66th Annual Pacific Poultry Breeders ([www.pacificpoultrybreedersassn.com](http://www.pacificpoultrybreedersassn.com)) show is January 26-27 at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton. This is a great place to purchase exhibition poultry and/or showmanship birds.
- 3) If you need show quality rabbits, access the ARBA's website ([www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)) and locate the upcoming shows in Northern CA, or contact me for a breeder referral.
- 4) Gold Country 4H will be hosting a Small Animal Showmanship Clinic on April 18th from 5pm to 6:30pm in the small animal barn at Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn. Remember to bring your animals with you.
- 5) As many of you know, the Fairs DO NOT financially support our small animal awards. The money we use to purchase awards is volunteer generated and kept in a county account for this purpose. We are short on funds for this year's fair season. YOUR GROUP CAN HELP. If every 4H club in Placer County with small animal projects would contribute to this effort, it would be greatly appreciated. There is plenty of time to have a small fundraiser for this purpose, or maybe you know someone who would like to personally sponsor awards.



If you have any questions or if I can personally assist you in making your project more successful, please contact me at [eventherocks@rocketmail.com](mailto:eventherocks@rocketmail.com) or by phone at (530) 878-0733.

Thank you,  
Johnna Humber  
Placer County 4-H Small Animal Coordinator

### American Youth Leadership Program with Samoa

Applications due April 1, 2013

The American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) with Samoa will offer 18 youth and 2 adults the opportunity to explore the vast historical and cultural traditions of Samoa. The program will include a pre-trip orientation on the campus of the University of Wyoming (July, 2013), three week cultural trip to Samoa (December 13, 2013 – January 4, 2014) and a follow-on project that will be carried out in each participant's local community following the exchange trip. The educational theme for AYLP with Samoa will focus on nutrition and food security issues that are common to the western U.S. and Samoa. For more information visit: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/travel/samoa/index.html> or applications visit: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/youth/travel/samoa/samoa-applications.html>. Please note: There is no program fee and out of pocket expenses will be minimal.

## State 4-H Events



**4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest** sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation for Honey Bees, Inc., has made the essay criteria and application information available for those interested. The deadline for application submission is on or before **February 15, 2013**.

For full essay application details, go to this website: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/156350.pdf>

### Chico Swine Educational Day - Saturday, February 2, 2013

*California State University, Chico Farm Pavilion*

8:00-9:00 am – Registration and Sale Preview (\$5 Registration Fee)

9:00-9:30 am – Keynote Speaker

9:30-11:30 am – Educational Workshops: Each rotation is 30 minutes and participants are able to select 4 workshops to attend.

- Showmanship
- Show Pig Selection & Live Evaluation
- Carcass Fabrication
- Nutrition
- Health & Disease

11:30-12:15 – Lunch Break

12:30 pm – Show Pig Sale

There is a \$5/person charge, those under 9 are free. Check out their website for more detailed information: [www.thepigpage.com/chicostate](http://www.thepigpage.com/chicostate) or contact Clay Carlson at [ccarlson2@csuchico.edu](mailto:ccarlson2@csuchico.edu)

### Chico Sheep and Meat Goat Educational Day and Sale - Saturday, February 9, 2013

*California State University, Chico Farm Pavilion*

Youth lamb and meat goat project members can learn about various aspects of their project! Topics will include nutrition, fitting and grooming, showmanship and selection. There is a \$5/person charge, but those under 9 are free. Concession lunch will be provided by the Northern California Meat Goat Association Youth members. All paid participants in the Sheep and Goat Educational day will receive 2 raffle tickets for a raffle ewe. Additionally, if you need a project lamb or goat kid for May/June fairs, there is a sale of about 60 lambs and 15 goats that afternoon!

#### General Schedule:

7:30-9:00 am – Registration and Trade Show (be ready to shop!)

9:00-11:30 am – Educational workshops – rotation, participants will select which ones to attend.

11:30-12:00 pm – Consensus judging – participants vote to select the champion and reserve champion of each species!

11:30-12:45 pm – Lunch and preview of lambs and goats

12:45 pm – Animal Sale starts

### 37th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day - March 1 & 2, 2013

The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2013 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to <http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/>. Select the event (2013 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 UC Davis 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: Courtney Rhodes, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616

#### Deadlines:

- February 8 – Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due
- February 8 – Registration closed
- February 15 – Payments must be postmarked – A \$25 late fee needed for payments postmarked after February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please register as soon as possible to ensure space for your teams. If you have any questions regarding this year's Field Day email: [fieldday@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fieldday@ucdavis.edu), or visit our website for more information at: <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday>.

## State 4-H Events - Continued

### State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25, 2013 at UC Davis

The **Exhibit and Display Application** for State Field Day is now located online this year! To apply use this web page: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=9588>. Note that applications are due by **April 1st, 2013**. Educational exhibits and displays constitute a unique aspect of the State 4-H Field Day. These exhibits are a great opportunity to share knowledge, interact with youth and adults, and engage people in new activities. Possibilities for displays include hands-on activities, community service crafts, informative booths, etc. More information is available on the survey, or contact Megan Oats at [msoats@ucdavis.edu](mailto:msoats@ucdavis.edu).

#### EVENTS HELD AT STATE 4-H FIELD DAY:

**State 4-H Presentation Day** (pre-qualification and pre-registration required): Volunteer judges provide written feedback to individual or teams of 4-H members on their presentations. Judging is criterion-based using a rubric. Types of presentations vary between demonstrations, prepared speech, interpretive reading, impromptu, and others. Contact: Jacki Zediker at [jkzediker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jkzediker@ucdavis.edu) or visit the website: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/>

**Special Recognition at 2013 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 physical activity. Potential topics may include muscle strengthening, heart rate importance, workout wear, Zumba, activity log, exercise trends, fitness apps, stretching, benefits of exercise, fun ways to work out, 'exergaming', recreational sports, types of activity, making time for fitness, safe places in your community to be active, and more. For details visit: [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition\\_Opportunities/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/)

**State 4-H Fashion Revue** (pre-qualification and pre-registration required): Volunteer judges provide feedback on 4-H members' clothing and accessory choices using criterion-based rubrics. Categories are Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Wearable Art Embellished, and Challenge. Open to the public are multiple service, craft, judging and fashion activities, and a fashion show. Organized by a committee of youth and adult volunteers. State Fashion Revue committee has received questions about the 2 Yard Wonder category. To clarify, a garment and coordinating accessory are created out of a two yard length of 45" wide woven cotton fabric. For the garment and accessory, only this piece of fabric may be used (for example, no additional fabric for lining). Take a photo holding the two yards of fabric. Members may use any pattern and the outfit may include other sewn or purchased garments and accessories. Contact: Jillian Barden at [jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu). For more info: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>

**State 4-H Interview Contest** (pre-registration encouraged): Before the event, 4-H members select a mock job and develop a cover letter and resume. At the event, 4-H members are interviewed and evaluated by three judges using a rubric. Contact: Kelly Hinde at [hindekelly@gmail.com](mailto:hindekelly@gmail.com) or visit this website: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/135975.pdf>

**State 4-H Plant Science Contest** (no pre-registration necessary): The contest is organized into three parts: judging, plant identification, and written test. The four highest ranking senior 4-H members are qualified to participate in the national contest. Contact: Terry Berke at [terry.berke@monsanto.com](mailto:terry.berke@monsanto.com).

**Entomology Contest** (no pre-registration necessary): The contest is divided into two parts: insect identification and knowledge. In the insect identification contest, 4-H members will identify 25-30 common local insects as well as exotic insects by using their common name and insect order. In the knowledge contest, 4-H members will be questioned on the human and environmental impact of insects, biology, taxonomy, anatomy, behavior, and insect disease. Contact: Amanda Penicks at [PKSBackyardfarms@aol.com](mailto:PKSBackyardfarms@aol.com)

**State 4-H Photography Contest** (pre-registration required): 4-H members may submit two photographs in various categories. Contact: John Trammell at [techdude4h@gmail.com](mailto:techdude4h@gmail.com).

**State 4-H Film Festival** (pre-registration required): Provides a venue for teams of 4-H members to showcase their films. View a selection of previous year's films at <http://www.youtube.com/user/California4H>. Contact: Clay Ferguson at [czc3@pacbell.net](mailto:czc3@pacbell.net).

**Judging Contest** (no pre-registration necessary): In each class, youth rank four items based on a standard; typically ten classes. Contact: Mary Ann Smith at [maryann.smith@imperial.edu](mailto:maryann.smith@imperial.edu).

**Logo Design Contest** (no pre-registration necessary): In the morning, 4-H members may submit their logo design for the following year's Field Day. In the afternoon, 4-H members vote on their favorite design.

**4-H MyPlate Challenge** (no pre-registration necessary): We invite you to submit a photograph illustrating how you're creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. The goal of the challenge is to encourage healthy eating habits and raise awareness around USDA's MyPlate dietary guidelines. Contact: Anne Iaccopucci at [amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu](mailto:amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu)

The **Friends of the California State Fair** announced that they will continue their scholarship program for the 2013-2014 academic years. California college students and graduating high school students are eligible and must submit an application by **Friday, March 8, 2013**. The scholarship applications are available now at [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org). For more information contact Jake Rowe at [jrowe@calexpo.com](mailto:jrowe@calexpo.com).

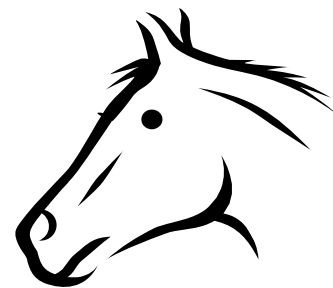
# Horse Coordinator Group

## Horse Project Events

<http://ucanr.org/placer4horse>

### THIS YEAR'S EVENT DATES:

- **Horse Mastership Written Test Wednesday, April 17, 2013** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM -  
Location: Long Valley Veterans Hall at Auburn-Folsom and Rattlesnake Rd, Loomis
- **Horse Mastership Skills Test Sunday, April 28, 2013** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Location:  
LBHA in Loomis (rain date May 5)  
**Horse Mastership Mandatory Work-in-kind** Date: TBA
- **4-H Qualifying Championship Horse Show: English, Western, Gymkhana, & Jumping, June 29-30, 2013** Location:  
Brookside Equestrian Center, Elk Grove. For more information about the location visit: <http://www.brooksideshowpark.com>.  
Refer to the article at the bottom of this page for more information.
- **Placer 4-H Horse Camp - June 9-14, 2013** - Location: Gold Country Fairgrounds  
**Horse Camp Mandatory Work-in-kind** Date: TBA



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

### 2013 Horse Mastership Testing

**Sunday, April 28, 2013 (Rain Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013)**

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

Written test: Wednesday, April 17, from 4:00 to 7:00pm

Skills test: Sunday, April 28, time: TBA

**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 2012-2013 project year
- Participate in the MANDATORY work-in-kind event on April 12, 2013
- Submit your completed Horse Mastership Registration form to the 4-H office no later than April 12, 2013 (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/placer4horse>.

**NEW for 2013:** If you are a teen (15 years or older) you may take more than two levels (Level 1 through 4) this year in an attempt to complete all six levels before aging out of 4-H. Note that Levels 5 and 6 may only be taken consecutively.

### Horse Mastership Mandatory Work-in-kind

**Friday, April 12, 2013, 4:30 p.m. until we are finished or darkness, 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. We will be painting for sure. 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](mailto:flyingmule@wavecable.com) or (530) 888-9645.

### 2013 State 4-H Horse Classic - Celebrating 100 Years of California

**DATE:** June 26-30 2013

**LOCATION:** Brookside Equestrian Center, 11120 Bradley Ranch Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624. For directions check: [www.california-equestrian-center.com](http://www.california-equestrian-center.com)

- *Educational Contest* will include individual and team Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Horse Judging.
- *The Horse Show* will include English, Western, Gymkhana, and Jumping (by ability). You must pre-qualify (1st, 2nd, or 3rd place) at the local level to participate. We will also be offering a tenderfoot division where 4-H members who are novice riders can compete without qualifying.



# 4-H State Greeting

Greetings California 4-H Youth Development Program Volunteers:

As we embark on our 4-H Centennial year in 2013, I am pleased to share the State 4-H Office will be providing tools to assist in your planning of local events and celebrations around the 4-H Revolution of Responsibility.

Please keep an eye out in January for more information on how to access and use the Centennial resources that will be adapted from our existing Revolution of Responsibility toolkit on the [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org) website. These resources will include a logo, flyer, invitation, sample news release and a basic "elevator speech" that will help create consist messaging around the Revolution of Responsibility and 4-H's Centennial year.

As you begin to think about and plan events that will take place in your club, county or section, we ask that you please keep the Centennial foremost in your messaging so we can capitalize on opportunities to promote 4-H to a broader audience.

We look forward to a great year ahead in celebration of our California 4-H Centennial and the Revolution of Responsibility.

With best regards,  
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## 2013 Revolution of Responsibility

Application Deadlines are as follows:

January 15, 2013

March 15, 2013

May 15, 2013

July 15, 2013

September 15, 2013

November 15, 2013

<http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/>

## Share Your 4-H Experience!

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

### NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**February 18, 2013**

Send it via e-mail to: [casherman@ucdavis.edu](mailto:casherman@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.

**Please send photos in JPG format.**

## More 4-H Links:

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

4-H Mail: <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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