



Presentation Day

From March-May, we have had members from Placer and Nevada County compete in the Bi-County, Regional and State Field Day Presentations. We had such a great variety of presentations from skits to topics about Dinosaurs, Atomic Bombs, German Shepherds and even the Dangers of Phones and Computers. The members all have done a great job and extra congratulations to those who participated in the State Competition.

Chico Livestock Evaluation 101

On April 2, members from around the region attended the 4-H Chico State Livestock Evaluation 101 event. Members learned how to evaluate sheep, swine, and beef. Adults learned how to coach a livestock judging team from a coach who has placed in National Collegiate Competitions. After lunch, members and adults got to compete in an individual contest. Placer 4-H member, Ava Mattia's, thoughts on the event were, "Wow, livestock evaluation was so much more difficult than I thought it was. I had a great time. Thank you 4-H for putting the event on. I had a great time, met new friends, talked to knowledgeable adults and got to spend the day on the CSU, Chico farm-what could be better?" Ava Mattia placed 8th in the sheep sub-category.



Animal and Still Exhibits Youth Fair



On May 14, the Ophir 4-H club hosted the Placer County 4-H Animal and Still Exhibits Youth Fair at the Green Acres-Eisley's nursery in Auburn, CA. Members had the opportunity to share what they have learned in their projects with the public. Some of the projects included swine, sheep, poultry, horses, various goats, cavies, and alpacas. Members did a great job sharing their projects and the event went great! Thank you to Green Acre's for allowing us to have this event at their location.



UC Davis Field Day- State Livestock Judging Champion Team

By Liza Stefani

This year, the 1st place 4-H judging team from California was from our own backyard. Congratulations to the Ophir 4-H team from Placer County that competed and won first place at the UC Davis field day competition in March. The team was made up of Myah Davidson (17), Elana MacFarlane (15), Joseph Stefani (12) and Moriah Marshall (12), all representing Placer County. The team qualified to represent California at the National competition at the North American International Livestock Exposition. NAILE is the largest all-breed, pure-bred livestock event in the world, with 10 divisions and nearly 30,000 entries from 48 states.

A little about the Team: Myah Davison is currently the president of Ophir 4-H. A roll that she had for several years. Myah has been an intrical part of pulling the club through the tough times of the last few years with Covid regulations. Myah's main focus in 4-H has been in the swine and leadership projects. She has been the teen leader for Ophir 4-H swine for 4 years and has served as a County Ambassador. Myah is currently on her 10th year in 4-H and is in her Senior year in high school.

Elana MacFarlane has served many roles throughout the Sacramento 4-H program, including being president of her club and serving as the teen leader for the Countywide horse project. Elana joined Ophir 4-H this last year because of its Master Showmanship project. She brought to the project her years of experience including her title as Reserve Master Champion Showman in the horse project. Elana also took top honors last year in horse Hippology which qualified her for Nationals in 2021. Unfortunately, the team was not able to attend because of covid restrictions.

Joey Stefani has been a 4-H member for 8 years and has been serving as a Junior Leader of the Ophir swine project for the last 2 years. Joey's favorite project is Swine but he has started to show other animals including sheep, goats and dogs. Joey joined the team with his two-time title of Champion Jr Swine Showman as well as Champion Dog Showman at both the Placer County and Gold County Fair. Joey has also been serving as the Ophir Treasurer for the last 2 years.

Moriah Marshall has been in 4-H for 7 years. She joined the team with years of experience in dairy goats and swine. Moriah also brought with her an uncompromising love for knowledge and pushing herself and her team to do better. After a very long day of judging in the cold, Moriah came back to the team and the first thing she said was, "this was the best day ever!". Moriah is a leader in positivity that loves all things animals and will for sure use that to excel in the sport of livestock judging.

This team has worked very hard to get to this point and was definitely an underdog at the state event. They were the only team compiled with Junior members that have ever won the title of High Team Overall 4-H. They have a lot of work in front of them, but please join us in congratulating this team and saying, "Good luck at NAILE!".



County 4-H Ambassador Applications and Interviews

Be on the lookout for the Placer County 4-H Ambassador Application . It will be available on the Placer County 4-H website on June 13. Applications will close on July 15 and interviews will be held on July 22. County Ambassador is the highest rank one can achieve at the County Level. The goals of the Placer County 4-H Ambassador Program is to recognize the achievements of youth and to offer additional resources and opportunities for leadership roles.

Annual Plan of Action

County Ambassadors, as a team, develop an Annual Plan of Action with includes choosing and developing three competencies and completing one service learning project. County Ambassadors choose from the following competencies.

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| 1. Advise | 3. Mentor | 5. Promote |
| 2. Advocate | 4. Plan | 6. Teach |

Responsibilities of an Ambassador

- Serve as an active participant, providing a link between 4-H members, clubs, and council.
- Represent 4-H at various levels, not only within their club, but also at county, sectional, and state levels.
- Attend and participate in the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
- Be prepared to install officers, and be an integral part of County Officer's Training event.
- Complete all pre and post work to allow for hosting Placer County Achievement Event.
- Be willing and able to assist at County Presentation Day and other county events as needed.
- Serve as a positive role model; be receptive to new ideas and challenges and promote 4-H, setting a good example for younger members.
- Represent 4-H to outside organizations when called upon.

View the County Ambassador rank, not as an award, but as a new responsibility and learning experience.

Qualifications

- Applicant must be between 14 – 18 years old, by appointment date (July 22, 2021) and meet the 4-H membership requirements for the length of the term of service, (July 01, 2021 - September 01, 2022).
- Applicant must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H prior to the year of application. Membership does not have to be the most recent consecutive year.
- The applicant must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills. To ensure that the position of County Ambassador is open to 4-H members in all program delivery modes (community club, after-school club, SPIN club, summer camp, etc.), a member must document the following:
These qualifications may be highlighted by the achievement of a **Gold Star Rank** as evidenced by the signed and dated Star Rank Chart, but it is not mandatory that youth have a Gold Star to apply for the Placer County 4-H Ambassador program.

OR all of the following:

1. Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction, documented by a statement of skills.
2. 40 hours of significant leadership roles, either inside or outside of 4-H (this can be club leadership, school leadership, outside organizations or other).
3. 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, either inside or outside of 4-H.
4. 10 public speaking engagements, at least two of which must have been given at a 4-H event (this means a prepared or spontaneous talk/speech and can be at a club, countywide, school, or other).

Demonstrate involvement in 4-H as evidenced by activities in the areas of project skill activities, 4-H events attended, and honors/ recognition. Definitions for these three categories can be found at <https://4h.ucanr.edu/files/263720.pdf>, on pages 10-16. **Completing a Personal Development Report is not an application requirement for County Ambassadors.**