

4-H Tips 'n Topics



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Partnerships

Partnerships happen when people with common goals come together. Members of a partnership develop and practice skills by working as partners. 4-H is enhanced by youth and adult partners learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Successful partnerships involve mastery of skills and competencies, especially communication and teamwork.

These life skills are important not only to the functioning partnership, but also in other areas of life, including school, jobs, and social situations. Youth also develop strategies for overcoming challenges to the group.

There are many partnerships involved with 4-H youth development programs. All of our programs are in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Cooperative Extension is a great example of many partnerships involving county, state, and federal governments.

4-H youth development programs are based on the idea that youth learn practical life skills through structured programs emphasizing education, fun and action through group and individual challenges. In strong 4-H clubs or groups, everyone feels that they belong and can contribute to the group. Clubs, teams, camps, workshops, social events, and youth exchanges are all vehicles that can be used to engage youth in positive learning and developing of partnerships.

Youth as partners

Partnerships are about sharing information and ideas. Successful partnerships exist in a variety of ways in local 4-H programming. Volunteer leaders, parents, friends, resource teachers, and Cooperative Extension staff are caring adults involved in positive youth development and partnerships. 4-H connects young people and adults to create change. Our programs create ways for youth and adults to work together effectively and implement methods for strengthening programs. 4-H also partners with community and local youth

organizations to learn, teach, support, and inspire each other.

In Nevada, an example of youth-adult partnership in action is *Health Rocks!*, where teens and adults work together to present programs to young people to encourage them to make healthy lifestyle choices regarding tobacco, alcohol and drug use. Across the nation, there is increasing recognition of the capacity of young people help plan, implement, and evaluate these programs.

Young people and adults working together?

How do you begin developing partnerships between young people and adults? Here are a few suggestions:

- *Listen to young people, really listen*
- *Ask questions and be patient*
- *Welcome their ideas*
- *Validate their thinking*
- *Always respect young people, no matter the age*
- *Give young people real information about the way the world works*

Youth and adult partnerships can achieve uncommon results. By working in true partnership, the developmental needs of young people are met, and youth are in leadership roles improving the conditions in which they live. Youth and adults are both appreciated for their unique and valuable contributions to the partnership. Adults respect young people for having something significant to offer, and youth are encouraged to become involved.

Involving youth in decision-making and implementation of youth and adult partnerships in 4-H creates benefits for all involved and produces positive outcomes for programs. Youth can offer:

- *Fresh, new ideas for decision-making*
- *Different perspectives*
- *Open and honest responses about existing programs*
- *Sharing of responsibilities*

AUGUST 2007

IMPORTANT DATES

- **AUGUST 2-5**- SUMMER CAMP
- **AUGUST 9** - BBQ MEETING
- **AUGUST 21** - 07/08 ALL STAR MEETING
- **AUGUST 21** - VALLEY COUNCIL MEETING
- **AUGUST 27** - VALLEY KEY & CO-KEY LEADERS MTG
- **AUGUST 29-SEPT 3** - INTER MOUNTAIN FAIR
- **SEPT 6** - 4-H INFORMATION NIGHT (FOR PUBLIC)

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VALLEY COUNCIL

DIFFERENT
DATE!!

Tuesday, August 21
7 p.m.

INTERMOUNTAIN COUNCIL

No Meeting

All leaders and youth 14 years and older
have voting rights.

Please come and take part!

- *Development of positive relationships*

A successful youth-adult partnership involves shared principles and values that both youth and adult partners respect. In many ways, 4-H can exemplify effective youth and adult partnerships that engage young people in the decisions that affect their lives and their communities. Let's strive to make sure that youth-adult partnerships are an integral component of 4-H youth development programs.

Article borrowed from *Clover Clips* (Reno, NV 4-H Newsletter) December 2006

COUNTY WIDE NEWS

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES FOR 2007-08

Returning members and leaders will receive a computer-generated copy of the previous year's enrollment form.

- You will be asked to **make any corrections to the personal information as well as project information.**
- A new medical form, liability form and confidential form (leaders only) must be filled out each year.
- If you are changing clubs, you **MUST** obtain your computer-generated enrollment form from the club you are leaving. **Do not fill out a new member's enrollment form!** Each county receives a very limited number of new forms. Forms will be available at your club in August or September.

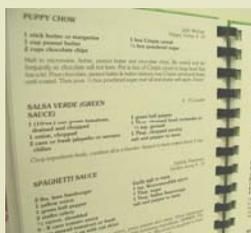


HUNTER SAFETY CLASS OFFERED

Tom Stone will again offer a Hunter Safety Class through the 4-H program. If you are interested, please contact the 4-H office. Dates have not been set, you will be contacted after the first of the year.

4-H COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Anyone wanting to purchase or sell cookbooks can pick them up at the 4-H Office. In the fall each club will be receiving some to sell. Profit from the sales will go to the Council budget for awards, building costs, etc.



VALLEY ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

COORDINATED BY 2007-08 ALL STARS:

CALLIE FROESE, CAROL PINGREE AND ALLI WILLIAMS

This event is a potluck to be held at the **Fusaro Hall** at the Shasta District Fairgrounds on **September 15** at 6 p.m. 4-H Council will provide drinks. Families are asked to bring the following based on their last name:

A - K Dessert

L - S Main Dish

T - Z Salad

Please bring enough food for 10 people. Everyone is to bring their own place setting (including a cup). The All Stars will do installation of club officers as a group, as well as Star awards, Junior/Teen Leader awards, County Record Book winners and Expo awards. Officers should come with a flashlight and appropriately dressed.

Leader's Recognition Night will be held at a later time. Watch the T'nT for more information.

VALLEY COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTION BALLOT

The following people have been nominated for the following offices. All 4-H leaders and 4-H members over the age of 14 are eligible and encouraged to vote.

Instructions:

- Mark your ballot and return it to the 4-H office at 1851 Hartnell Avenue, Redding, 96002.
- All ballots must be returned by **August 20**. This is the date of the Valley Council meeting.
- Ballots will be counted by the 4-H office and results will be read at the Council meeting.



Name: _____

Club: _____

Age: _____

President: Write in Nomination: _____

Vice President: () Alli Williams, Twin Palms 4-H
Write in Nomination: _____

Secretary: () Charlie Little, Palo Cedro 4-H
Write in Nomination: _____

COUNTY WIDE NEWS CONTINUED

EXPO REVIEW

Members who would like to review their papers and identify the areas they were weak in will have another opportunity at Valley Achievement Night on September 15. Charlie will have the tests. Please contact her with any questions at 549-4296. Leaders, this is a great way to find out the areas you need to cover or spend more time on during the project year.

KUDOS CORNER



Hooray!! 4-H has found a storage place! Liz Ponce with Lassen Canyon Nursery has offered space and we are HAPPY! I might see the floor in my office now. I'm soooo excited. THANK YOU LIZ!!!!!!

ATTENTION COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS

VALLEY END OF YEAR PAPERWORK

Each club's community and/or co-community leaders are required to submit paperwork each year.

- In the beginning of the year with planned budgets and goals located in the "Club Planning Guide."
- At the end of the year with completed budgets and goals located in the "Club Planning Guide."
- Reporting club finances online to the State with a hard copy to the 4-H office.
- Trade with a club for auditing books.
- Secretary and Treasurer's books to the 4-H office.

If a club's paperwork is not done on time, re-enrollments will not be given and members will be directed to join another club. Council has voted to support this consequence. **Deadline** for completed material - **August 1.**

2007-08 VALLEY COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS

The key and co-key leaders **required meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, August 27, 6 p.m.**, at the Redding Library (1100 Parkview Ave.). You will receive new enrollment forms (*provided your end-of-the-year paperwork is in*), information regarding any new or changes to State or County policy, required paperwork for the year, etc. A light meal will be provided.

CLUB & PROJECT CONNECTION

4-H KIDS ARE "CRAZY 'BOUT TOMATOES"

Submitted by Tiffany Plunk, Twin Palms 4-H

Kids from the Horseless Horse project recently worked at the "3rd Annual Tomato Contest." Project members joined the staff from ACE Hardware in Anderson to set-up and run salsa and tomato judging contests. Local growers brought their own tomatoes to be judged in three different categories: the largest, the smallest, and the oddest tomato. Several people entered their spicy salsa recipes, which were judged by 4-H members and the general public. It wasn't easy making a choice for the best tasting salsa, because they were all pretty great! Every volunteer, contestant, and judge got a terrific "Crazy 'Bout Tomatoes" t-shirt and the contest winners received great prizes. Everyone had a lot of fun and our project will be given the proceeds from each event. Being "Crazy 'Bout Tomatoes" was a fun and tasty fundraiser.



2007 INTER MOUNTAIN FAIR ~ AUG 30 - SEPT 3

WEIGH IN & WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS: All animals must arrive on or before 9 p.m. Wednesday August 29.

Lamb	Wednesday, August 29	6 p.m.	110 lbs. minimum
Swine:	Thursday, August 30	8 a.m.	210 lbs. minimum
Beef:	Thursday, August 30	10 a.m.	1,100 lbs. minimum

If weight is disputed, the animal will be immediately removed from the scale, the scales will be checked for balance, and the animal will be immediately re-weighed. Sifted animals must be removed from the grounds by 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 1. Pre-weighing of animals must be done prior to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION: The Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal sale.

FEEDING AND BEDDING: Wood chips will be provided by the fair, if available. Exhibitors preferring shavings must provide their own. No straw will be allowed. Livestock exhibitors must keep pens and stalls clean and well bedded. Pens are to be cleaned by 8 a.m. daily. East Gate will be open prior to 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. for the purpose of bringing feed and bedding in.

ENTRY FORMS: Separate entry forms must be used for each different category (project). Example: beef, sheep, horse, clothing, etc.

SHOWMANSHIP: Entries in showmanship must be made on an original entry form at the time of livestock and/or horse show entries are made. **Leader's signature required.** Only animals owned, fitted, and shown by the exhibitors in the Junior Department Livestock Classes are eligible. Sifted animals are also eligible. Horses entered and shown in the horse show are also eligible. 4-H project horses may not be entered or ridden by anyone except the 4-H member in any division of the fair and must have been owned by the exhibitor for at least 120 days prior to the fair.

EXHIBIT REMOVAL: No exhibits shall be removed from the fair prior to 5 p.m. on Monday, September 3 with the following exceptions:

Horses - released after the judging of their classes

4-H Poultry, Rabbits, Goats and Dogs - released after showing on Saturday, September 1

Pen Cattle - released at 6 p.m. Sunday, September 2

All Other Exhibits - released at 5 p.m. Monday, September 3

JR. LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHEDULE (Times are approximate)

WED - 8/29	THURS - 8/30	FRI - 8/31	SAT - 9/1	MON - 9/3
All Animals MUST be in place by 9 p.m.	8 a.m. Horse Show	8 a.m. Dairy Show followed by goats	7 a.m. Poultry Inspection	8 a.m. Buyers Breakfast
4-6 p.m. Sheep & Goat Vet Check	8 a.m. Mkt. Hog Weigh In	8 a.m. Swine Show FFA shows 1st	8 a.m. Small Animal Show	10 a.m. Jr. Livestock Sale
6 p.m. Mkt. Lamb Weigh in	10 a.m. Mkt. Beef Weigh in	12 p.m. Beef Show FFA shows 1st	9 a.m. 4-H/FFA Large Animal Round Robin	5 p.m. All Animals Released
	1 p.m. Sheep Show FFA shows 1st	6 p.m. Pee Wee Showmanship	5 p.m. Ladies Lead	

4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING SCHEDULE

MON-8/27	TUES-8/28	WED-8/29	THURS-8/30	FRI-8/31	SAT-9/1	SUN-9/2	MON-9/3
Open 8-7 p.m.	Open 8-7 p.m.	Open 8-7 p.m.	Open 10-10 p.m.	Open 10-10 p.m.	Open 10-10 p.m.	Open 10-10 p.m.	Open 10-5 p.m.
Accepting Exhibits	Accepting Exhibits	Accepting Exhibits					Pick Up Exhibits 5-9 p.m.

VALLEY HOME ECONOMICS FIELD DAY RESULTS

CLOTHING:

Senior Division:

Ribbon Julie Nugent Palo Cedro

Intermediate Division:

Ribbon Isabella Greenleaf Cypress

FOOD & NUTRITION:

Senior Division:

Medalist Kelsey Watkins Twin Palms
 Ribbon Louie Licon Twin Palms
 Ribbon Michael Lyter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Joshua Street Golden Acres

Intermediate Division:

Ribbon Kaytey Alden Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Lance Alden Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Hannah Carpenter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Hannah Knowles Swede Creek
 Ribbon Kimberly Lyter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Connor McCone Golden Acres

Junior Division:

Ribbon Nicole Galba Golden Acres
 Ribbon Dani Plake Twin Palms
 Ribbon Maddison Runkey Twin Palms
 Ribbon Audrey Wallers Twin Palms

FOOD PRESERVATION:

Junior Division:

Medalist Harley Purvis Black Butte

HOME ARTS & FURNISHINGS:

Best of Show Elizabeth Willems Happy Valley

Senior Division:

Medalist Elizabeth Willems Happy Valley
 Ribbon Noah Carpenter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Haley Hartwick Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Adelina Koher Cypress
 Ribbon Jessica Nugent Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Jessica Street Golden Acres

Intermediate Division:

Ribbon Hannah Carpenter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Emma Elkins Happy Valley
 Ribbon Isabella Greenleaf Cypress

Junior Division:

Ribbon Harley Purvis Black Butte
 Ribbon Jade Whitney Oak Run

COOKBOOK:

Best of Show Audrey Wallers Twin Palms

Junior Division:

Medalist Audrey Wallers Twin Palms

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Best of Show Dani Plake Twin Palms

Senior Division:

Ribbon Noah Carpenter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Michael Lyter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Devin Merritt Golden Acres
 Ribbon Claire Pella Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Jessica Street Golden Acres
 Ribbon Joshua Street Golden Acres

Intermediate Division:

Ribbon Hannah Carpenter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Tyler Held Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Kimberly Lyter Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Corrie Pella Palo Cedro

Junior Division:

Medalist Dani Plake Twin Palms
 Ribbon Kodi Hunt Palo Cedro
 Ribbon Harley Purvis Black Butte

CREATIVE ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES:

Best of Show Dani Plake Twin Palms

Senior Division:

Ribbon Kierstin Martin Black Butte
 Ribbon Sarah Morrison Swede Creek
 Ribbon Jessica Street Golden Acres

Intermediate Division:

Ribbon Reagan Fox Cottonwood
 Ribbon Bryce Goldstein Happy Valley
 Ribbon Hannah Knowles Swede Creek
 Ribbon Claire Morrison Swede Creek
 Ribbon Cameron Renihan Cottonwood

Junior Division:

Medalist Dani Plake Twin Palms
 Ribbon Kayle Brown Golden Acres
 Ribbon Madison Fox Cottonwood
 Ribbon Seth Martin Black Butte
 Ribbon Noah Mehr Oak Run
 Ribbon Harley Purvis Black Butte
 Ribbon Taylor Renihan Cottonwood
 Ribbon Maddison Runkey Twin Palms
 Ribbon Jade Whitney Oak Run

PRIMARY PARTICIPANTS:

Madison Blumenstein Palo Cedro
 Foster Brovan Black Butte
 Lucas Brovan Black Butte
 Emmaline DeBem Golden Acres
 Paige Flores-Jauregui Golden Acres
 Jackson Mehr Oak Run
 Saydee Runkey Twin Palms
 Colby Whitney Oak Run
 Alanna Williams Swede Creek
 Bridget Wilson Happy Valley



2007 WHY CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!

The North Section, WHY Conference will be held **September 7-9** at Triumphant Life Camp, in Humboldt County. This annual regional event (for volunteer leaders and 4-H members, 6th grade and older) gives participants an opportunity to build leadership, citizenship and life skills. This year's theme is "**LEADERSHIP IDOL.**" Sign up now to "Take the Challenge." Registration materials are on the state 4-H website at <http://ca4h.org/conf-erence/seconf/index.asp>. For more information, call Heather or Sandy, (707) 445-7351 or e-mail sksathrum@ucdavis.edu. **Deadline: August 24**

BE A PRESENTER FOR WHY CONFERENCE

The planning committee is looking for workshops that are hands-on, educational, fun, and challenging. Their goal is to have outstanding presenters from every county! This is an opportunity for counties to share their best!!

Suggested topics include:

- CPR or 1st Aid
- Ice Breakers
- Low Ropes/Team Building
- Yoga
- Nature Walk
- Fun and Effective Meetings
- Money Matters
- New Record Book Survival Techniques
- Public Speaking
- Interviews – You're Hired!
- Search & Rescue
- GPS/Geo Caching
- Let's Plan an Event
- Meet the Press!
- Time Management
- The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens
- Attitudes & Aptitudes
- Judging Events & Skillathons
- How to write a good letter of recommendation

Submit proposal by August 6 to:

Humboldt County 4-H
5630 South Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503.

Presenters will be offered discounted registration fees. Any questions, please contact the Humboldt County 4-H office, (707) 445-7351 or e-mail sksathrum@ucdavis.edu.

STATE 4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGING

2007 State 4-H Record Book Judging will take place **November 30 - December 2**. Books must be **postmarked by October 31** and be limited to the twelve-month period for the 2006-2007 program year.

The Record Book form is now available in PDF format with form fields at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/index.asp> and members can download the file onto their computer. Information and additional forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition.asp> including the "County Check Sheet" that MUST be filled out by County 4-H Staff before the book is submitted to State Judging.

In addition, the State 4-H Office is seeking judges for the state competition. **Application Deadline: September 30.**



SPEND THE DAY OR NIGHT AT THE STATE FAIR FARM

If you want to know what it's like to live and work on a real farm, you'll love the **Fair's Farm Camp, August 7 to September 3**. Kids between 6-12 years of age can enjoy **hands-on activities** such as:

- farm-inspired crafts
- stories around the campfire
- BBQ supper

For the truly adventurous, **Sleepover Camp** at the farm extends the fun experience with an overnight stay in tents. Sleepover Camp includes a continental breakfast and adults are encouraged to attend and assist with the mealtimes at both events. **Deadline** to sign up is **Aug. 3**. Contact the 4-H office for more information or Jena Silva, Program Coordinator at (916) 274-1043.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING COURSE

RIFLE DISCIPLINE - TULARE, CA

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of rifle. 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. Dates are **Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** and **Sunday, October 14, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** To get more information or register contact the 4-H office or contact John Borba at jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone (661) 868-6216.

COME ATTEND THE 63RD ANNUAL GRAND NATIONAL RODEO (COW PALACE)

SUBMITTED BY VANESSA ADAMS, SHOW STOCK MANAGER

The 63rd annual **Grand National Rodeo, Horse and Stock Show** will be held **April 4-13, 2008** at the historic Cow Palace in San Francisco. The **2008 junior stock show** (and any other junior activities that are offered) will be held from **April 2-6**. The schedule will be finalized later this summer but will offer an opportunity for youth to showcase the following livestock projects:

- Beef (Breeding, Market and Classic)
- Sheep (Breeding, Market and Classic)
- Swine (Breeding, Market and Classic)
- Goats (Breeding, Market and Classic)
- Dairy Goats
- Dairy Cattle
- Rabbits (Meat Pens, Single Fryers and ARBA sanctioned show)
- and possible others.

All Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Market Animals sell at the Salute to Excellence Sale of Champions. Additionally, several cash awards and prizes are offered in all divisions. Besides the stock show, the Junior Grand National also offers youth other opportunities for involvement. They include the following:

- Merit Awards - Junior Market Animal exhibitors may apply for these awards. These awards are provided by generous sponsors and are a grant that an exhibitor uses towards the cost of purchasing and raising a market animal (Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats). Exhibitors who are awarded a Merit Award must sign an agreement that includes writing a minimum of five letters to his/her sponsor. Complete information and applications will be available in late summer and may be obtained by contacting Vanessa Adams, Stock Show Manager at (415) 404-4142 or vadams@cowpalace.com.
- Scholarships - Every year the Grand National Foundation, in conjunction with the Uccelli Foundation, give away **\$9,000 worth of scholarships** to deserving seniors in high school who are exhibiting at the Junior Grand National Stock Show. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Applications are due in March and will be available in January.
- Cow Town Council - ***This is an opportunity for those who are not exhibiting animals to become involved!*** The Cow Town Council is a group of outstanding juniors who provide support to the stock show in a variety of ways that includes helping with distribution of passes and packets, handing out awards, being involved in organizing contests, and many other activities. This is a great opportunity for “non-livestock” members to become involved and to meet youth from throughout the western states. We are in need of an advisor for the 2008 Cow Town Council. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please contact Vanessa Adams, Stock Show Manager at (415) 404-4142 or vadams@cowpalace.com to get further details.
- Sponsors and Volunteers - As with any event, our activities would not be possible without the support and generosity of our sponsors and volunteers. In 2007, there were more qualified applicants than awards for both the merit awards and scholarships. We also wouldn't be able to provide the quality of shows and awards that we do without show sponsors. Sponsorships are available at all levels and any support would be greatly appreciated by the staff and Board of Directors, as well as the exhibitors. Quite honestly, for us to survive and grow it's imperative that we gain additional support. We have a small staff and certainly don't have the contacts that you all have in your geographical or professional area. Any ideas or leads you have would be greatly appreciated.

Not able to become a sponsor but still want to be involved? We can always use volunteers. We can always use help during the show (checking in exhibitors, handing out awards, providing clerical support or assisting with errands are just a few of things we could use help with). Giving even a few hours can make a huge difference in the show. If any of these sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact Vanessa Adams, Stock Show Manager at (415) 404-4142 or vadams@cowpalace.com.

GRANTS, AWARDS & FUNDING

GOLDEN CLOVER AWARDS

The 2007 Golden Clover Awards are awarded in recognition for outstanding achievement and recognize 4-H members, volunteers, and groups in various categories. Nominate someone or nominate yourself! Award applications are available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/index.asp>.

Deadline: August 31.

OPPORTUNITY FOR 4-H CLUBS & PROJECTS

The California State 4-H office through the efforts of the California 4-H Foundation has released the 2007 Service-Learning Request for Proposals (RFP). 4-H clubs and project groups who are doing service projects can apply for **funding up to \$5,000** for a **service-learning project** that they will carry out during the 2007-08 program year. For more information visit [http://ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index .asp](http://ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp).

Postmark Deadline: September 10.

LAND O' LAKES FOUNDATION FUNDS AVAILABLE

Funds are available from the Land O' Lakes Foundation to help maintain long-standing partnerships with state and national organizations and to initiate multi-state, statewide, or national programming that benefit rural communities. Land O' Lakes Foundation remains committed to its focus on arts and cultural programs. Emphasis is on programs that address the issue of hunger in the states where Land O' Lakes supports charitable organizations and that are national, regional or statewide in scope. More information is available at http://www.foundation.landolakes.com/com_grant_focus.asp.

Deadline: September 1.

YOUTH GARDEN GRANTS FOR 2008

The National Gardening Association (NGA) has announced that Home Depot will again sponsor Youth Garden Grants to help young people reap rewards and learn life lessons from **working in gardens and outdoor habitats**. NGA awards grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered, outdoor garden programs. The top fifty programs will receive **gift cards valued at \$500** and an additional 100 programs will receive **\$250 gift cards** for the **purchase of gardening materials and supplies to meet their program needs**. An activity package is also awarded. Visit the NGA web site at: <http://assoc.garden.org/grants/> for complete program details and application procedures.

Deadline: November 1.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND THE ARTS

The Gould Family Foundation supports innovative programs that promote experiential learning and the arts. The Foundation prefers programs in their formative stages, that will become self-sustaining and that are primarily based in California. For more information visit <http://www.gouldfamilyfoundation.org/>. **Deadline:** Inquiry letters should be received at the office of the Gould Family Foundation **by February 1, 2008.**

DO SOMETHING GRANTS

"Do Something" is a non-profit organization that inspires, supports, and celebrates young social entrepreneurs and community activists. Visit the Do Something website at <http://www.dosomething.org> for complete program information and application forms. The organization is accepting applications for the following grant programs:

- Do Something and GameStop (<http://www.gamestop.com/>) are offering grants of **\$500 each** to young people, age 25 and younger, who have a great idea **for a community action project** and need support to turn their idea into reality. *GameStop grants are given out weekly.*
- Do Something and Plum TV (<http://www.plumtv.com/>) are offering grants of **\$500 each** to social entrepreneurs, age 25 and younger, who have recently **created a sustainable project, program or organization** and need funding to further the growth of their program. *Plum TV grants are given out weekly.*

VOLUNTEER OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The purpose of this award is to encourage and recognize individuals who have made a unique, innovative, or special contribution to the 4-H program in their attempt to create "Endless Opportunities" in their county. This is our county's opportunity to publicly honor that person who has positively affected the lives of youth and created a standard of excellence that helps motivate and encourage others. This one person will be acknowledged at the *Volunteer Recognition ceremonies during the 2007 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum* **November 16-18**. For more information and procedure, please contact the 4-H office. **Nomination Deadline: September 30.**



AUGUST 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				<<< Summer Camp ~ Aug. 2 - 5		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
>>>				BBQ Meeting 6:30 p.m.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	07/08 All Star Meeting 6 p.m. Valley Council Meeting 7 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	Valley Key and Co-Key Leaders Mtg. Redding Library 6 p.m.	28	29	30	31	
				<<< Inter Mountain Fair ~ Aug. 29 - Sept. 2 >>>		

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

SHASTA COUNTY 4-H

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