

4-H Tips 'n Topics



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IM Clubs' Finance Reporting

IM Finance reporting to state online system is due by **Monday, October 5, 2009.**



Valley Clubs' End of the Year Paperwork

Community club leaders for each club should work together in an effort to complete their clubs end of the year tasks by the deadline: **Monday, Aug.3, 2009.**

Tasks include:

- ◆ Completing actual finances in the "Club Planning Guide" & reporting online to State (print a hard copy for records)
- ◆ Marking club goals completed
- ◆ Up-dating club inventory
- ◆ Recording club & project community service
- ◆ Exchanging club books with another club for peer review (new form)
- ◆ Submit all of above along with Secretary & Treasurer binders and copy of checkbook register to County 4-H Office.

Attention 2009-10 Valley Community Club Leaders

The co-key leaders annual **required meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, **August 25, 6:00 p.m.**, at the Redding Library (1100 Parkview Ave). You will receive enrollment instructions, (*end-of-the-year paperwork must be in*), information regarding any enrollment or changes to State or County policy, required paperwork for the year, etc. A light meal will be provided. **No Children Please!**



* please note: COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS ARE APPROVED BY THE COUNTY PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE.

IN ADDITION there will be two online enrollment trainings. Thursday, August 6th and Thursday, September 17th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Redding Library Computer room (no food or drinks allowed). These trainings are for the person(s) who will be responsible for entering your club's enrollments on line. No children please!

IMPORTANT DATES

8/7 - 8/9	State Leadership Conference
8/3	End of Year Paperwork Due
8/19	Valley Council Meeting
8/25	Valley Key Leader's Meeting
9/3 - 9/7	Inter Mountain Fair
8/20	4-H / FFA Annual BBQ
9/6	Interested in 4-H Meeting
9/12	Valley Sweet Achievements

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4-H COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Anyone wanting to purchase or sell cookbooks can pick them up at the 4-H Office.



COUNTY WIDE NEWS

Valley Sweet Achievements

September 12th – 1:30 p.m.

IOOF Hall

Coordinated by the 2009-10 All Star All 4-H Members & Families Invited

This year's All Star, Brandon Wogoman is excited to present awards to the 4-H members who have achieved stars, Jr./Teen stripes, record book medals & expo achievements. (Please refer to lists in this TnT.) The event will offer a sharing of desserts. **Please bring a dessert enough to serve 10 people** and your own place setting along with a cup. Our All Star will conduct installation of club officers as a group. Please ask your club officers to attend and be appropriately dressed. There will also be a parade of clubs. This is where all club members march behind their club banner. So attendance/participation of all members at this event is fun for all! Leader's recognition will be at a later time. Watch the TnT for more information.



New Project for Youth 4th - 12th Grades!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye junior 4-H members! Announcing a new county-wide 4-H project - The **Junior Master Gardener** project!

4-H Leaders (and Certified Master Gardeners) Wendi Chico and Benita Moore will be leading a new county-wide project starting in September. Meetings will be held in both the Valley (at the Shasta College Farm, 3rd Saturday of the month) and Intermountain (at the IM Fairgrounds) areas. We'll be learning all about gardening in field and greenhouse, above and below ground and helping our own plants to grow in a get-your-hands-dirty way. There will be lots of fun activities, field trips, and you will grow vegetables to enter in the Fair and donate to local Food Banks. Contact (Benita (Valley) 226-9765, Wendi (Intermountain) 336-1039 or the 4-H office 224-4900 for more info. Meanwhile, check out the junior master gardener website at <http://www.jmgkids.us/> to see what other CA kids are doing!

County Council Vice President Nominees

I am excited that there are two youth interested in the Vice Presidency position. Both are excellent candidates. Each have prepared a short paragraph about themselves and why they would make a good Vice President. Please take some time, vote and submit your ballot to the 4-H Office by August 19th. Good Luck to both youth!!!!

VALLEY COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTION BALLOT

The following people have been nominated for the position of Vice President. 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 17**.
- Ballots will be counted by the 4-H office and results will be read at the Council meeting, Aug. 19th.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Age: _____

- Vice President:** () Lane Simmons, Swede Creek 4-H
 () Devynne Welsh, Cow Creek 4-H
 () Write in Nomination: _____

VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE: **LANE SIMMONS**

Hi, my name is Lane Simmons of Swede Creek 4-H. I am 15 years old and this fall I will be a sophomore at U-Prep. Next year will be my seventh year in 4-H. I have been in the swine group all of my years in 4-H and plan to continue till I graduate. I have recently finished my swine project at the Shasta District Fair where I was awarded Top 4-H Swine Showman and was a Round Robin Qualifier. I am running for Valley Council Vice-President this year. I would like to be VC VP because I am responsible, I am hard working, and have great ideas to bring to the table. I have been a club officer three out of the six years I've been in 4-H and next year I will be my club's returning treasurer and I am a Junior Leader in the Swine Group. Besides 4-H I enjoy all types of art, team roping, I show pigs across California in jackpots. Thank you for this opportunity and I hope you vote for me.

VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE: **DEVYNNE WELSH**

Hi my name is Devynne Welsh and I am running for Vice President of the 4-H Council. I'm 15 and attend Foothill High School. This year will be my 5th year with Cow Creek 4H. I've been Sergeant of Arms, Vice President, and this will be my second year being President. I also was a camp counselor this summer. I have attended most of the council meetings, and have learned a lot. I think I would be a great voice for kids my age and younger. So please vote for me, DEVYNNE WELSH.

COUNTY WIDE NEWS

I.M. Home Ec. Field Day Results

Mini Gardens

Senior
Medalist - Cherry Chico Pine Grove Blue

Creative Arts, Crafts & Hobbies

Senior
Medalist - Cherry Chico Pine Grove Blue

Intermediate
Medalist - Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Blue
Scotty Dean Cloverleaf Red
Lisa Lommen Cloverleaf Red
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue
Corena Shepperd Pine Grove Blue
Corena Shepperd Pine Grove Red

Junior
Medalist - Katie Policastro Cloverleaf Blue
Gracie Lommen Cloverleaf Blue
Caitlyn Braden Cloverleaf Blue
Jessica Wildoner Pine Grove Blue
Jessica Wildoner Pine Grove Blue

Primary
Tori Policastro Cloverleaf Blue
Sara Dean Cloverleaf Blue
Shane Dean Cloverleaf Blue

Clothing

Intermediate
Medalist - Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue
Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Blue
Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Blue
Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Blue
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue

Junior
Medalist - Katie Policastro Cloverleaf Blue
Katie Policastro Cloverleaf Blue

Knit - Crochet

Senior
Medalist - Cherry Chico Pine Grove Blue

Junior
Medalist - Heaven Gatlin Pine Grove Blue

Food & Nutrition

Intermediate
Medalist- Corena Shepperd Pine Grove Blue
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue
Lisa Lommen Cloverleaf Blue
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue
Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Blue
Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Red
Scott Dean Cloverleaf Blue

Junior
Medalist - Caitlyn Braden Cloverleaf Blue
Gracie Lommen Cloverleaf Blue
Racheal Wellemeyer Pine Grove Blue
Wes Woolery Hat Creek Red
Racheal Wellemeyer Pine Grove Red

Food Preservation

Senior
Medalist - Kyle Kellum Pine Grove Blue

Cultural Arts & Leisure Education

Genealogy
Senior
Medalist - Cherry Chico Pine Grove Blue

County 4-H Fashion Revue

Beginner Purchased

Junior
Racheal Wellemeyer Pine Grove Medal

Purchased

Intermediate
Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Medal
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue

Beginner Modeling

Junior
Racheal Wellemeyer Pine Gove Medal-
lion
Katie Policastro Cloverleaf Blue

Modeling

Intermediate
Sarah Estes Cloverleaf Medallion
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf Blue

Creative Division

Junior
Heaven Gaitlin Pine Grove Medal

Beginner Recycled

Junior
Katie Policastro Cloverleaf Medal

Perpetual Trophy

Intermediate
Danielle Shaffer Cloverleaf

Horse Health Fair Offered

The Cottonwood Creek Equestrian Center will be hosting a horse health fair on September 12, beginning 8:00 am. Two of the Speakers are Dr. William Moyer, Professor of Sports Medicine & Head of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at Texas A&M and Tony Basile, EQDT, presently on staff at UC Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital as the equine Dentistry Coordinator. Cost is \$40 for the full day which includes breakfast, lunch and entry into drawings thought the packed day. Contact the 4-H office for ticket information or visit www.cottonwoodcreekequestrian.com.

Valley Club Enrollment Fees For 2009-10

Enrollment fees will remain the same as last year: \$20/member with a county budget assessment fee of \$20/member due from each club. This means that members will fundraise at the club level rather than at the county level to cover costs to run the county 4-H program. Volunteer leader fees are the same, \$10/adult. Each club should address enrollment costs at their September meeting. Contact one of your community club leaders or the county 4-H office at 224-4900 with any questions.

Good Luck Everyone and Only the Best

~ Haley Hartwick

Why 4-H You May Ask?

4-H has been around for years benefiting young people and helping them attain what may seem like an unreachable goal. The average "city slicker" that hears about 4-H may think of a bunch of backwoods hooligans with cows but in reality it is a well oiled machine, churning out polished, confident adolescents. The 4-H program is not confined to those with land, the projects in 4-H are so diverse that you can be a member of 4-H and live 56 stories up in an apartment. Many former 4-H members have become quite famous too. You may recognize a few of them: Reba McEntire, Al Gore, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Johnny Cash, Faith Hill, even 1991 Miss America Carolyn Sapp. 4-H consists not only of animal projects but also many arts and mechanic programs too that help children gain confidence. Each member is encouraged to step up and speak in front of an audience, even if it is just to say "I (insert name) second that motion." Members are rewarded with friendly congratulations and awarded medals for their hats that show their greatest accomplishments. It is an exceedingly rewarding program that should be looked into by all. With friends all around encouraging you to do your best and be the best you can be while retaining humility, success is certain. I'm sad to leave 4-H now but excited for college and the new experiences it holds for me, thank you for having me in your program.



4-H Informational Meeting for the Public

Thursday, September 3rd,
6-7 pm

Each club is required to be represented at this meeting, either in the form of a presentation or with flyers. The purpose is to inform the interested public about the 4-H program and what each club has to offer. All clubs are required to conduct outreach in their community in an effort to expand their club diversity. Our advertisement for this meeting is done through the Redding Utility flyers and the newspapers, so our attendance is from all areas of Shasta County. This is an excellent opportunity for one or two of your club members to gain public speaking experience and record in their record book under #6 – Communication Skills. Please contact the 4-H office at 224-4900 with any questions.

Valley County Record Book Medalists

Junior Division

Emily Neel	Black Butte
Ryan Packwood	Millville
Shelby Lloyd	Black Butte
Chloe Fowler	Happy Valley
Shelby Fogel	Millville
Amberlynn Smith	Pine Grove
Racheal Wellemeyer	Pine Grove
Devin Goschke	Happy Valley
Madison Steppat	Swede Creek
Heaven Gaitlin	Pine Grove
Ruth Bailey	Twin Palms
Nic Purvis	Black Butte
Kayla Wolfe	Swede Creek

Intermediate Division

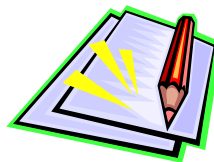
Hannah Knowles	Swede Creek
Corrie Pella	Palo Cedro
Cameron Pella	Palo Cedro
Collin Wogoman	Happy Valley
Tiffany Plunk	Twin Palms
Anna Simoneit	Twin Palms
Danielle Plake	Twin Palms
Dustin Miedema	Black Butte
Harley Purvis	Black Butte

Senior Division

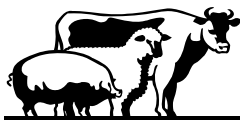
Kierstin Martin	Black Butte
Kacie McCarthy	Black Butte
Shanelle Hockenberry	Twin Palms
Cherry Chico	Pine Grove
Leslie Forero	Happy Valley
Brandon Wogoman	Happy Valley
Samantha Lloyd	Black Butte
Cierra Barry	Cow Creek
Julianne Mondorf	Happy Valley

Primary Member Record Book Participants

Jaden Ellenberger	Twin Palms
Janae Simoneit	Twin Palms
Abby Garrett	Black Butte
Mariah Hoffman	Millville
Ross Packwood	Millville



EXPO WINNERS 2009



BEEF EXPO

LEVEL 1

1. TAYLOR BAKER – TWIN PALMS
2. BRYCE STEVENS – TWIN PALMS
3. JULIANNE MENDORF – HAPPY VALLEY
4. BRANDON WOGOMAN – HAPPY VALLEY

SHEEP

LEVEL 1

1. BRANDI BELCHER – LONE TREE
2. JIMMY BIGGER – LONE TREE
3. KASIDY KRIKORIAN – LONE TREE

4. KODY KRIKORIAN – LONE TREE
5. ROCHELLE ROBINSON – LONE TREE
6. NICK PURVIS – BLACK BUTTE
7. KODY RULOFSON – WEST VALLEY

SWINE

LEVEL 1

1. RONNIE HANNAN – ANDERSON
2. KODY JOHNS – ANDERSON
3. KATRINA WHITMORE - ANDERSON
4. REBECCA PECONON – BLACK BUTTE
5. HARLEY PURVIS – BLACK BUTTE
6. CODY ELLIS – COTTONWOOD
7. JADE ELLIS – COTTONWOOD
8. ANTHONY FLORES – HAPPY VALLEY

9. COLLIN WOGOMAN – HAPPY VALLEY
10. STEPHANIE WORDEN – PALO CEDO
11. MYRIAH RESENDIZ – PALO CEDRO
12. ISAIAH WILLIAMS - WHITMORE
13. JAMES KIRK – LONE TREE
14. ZACK KIRK – LONE TREE
15. SHELBY FOGEL - MILLVILLE
16. COLTON CARMONA – SWEDE CREEK
17. PORTER SIMONIS – SWEDE CREEK
18. SADIE SIMONIS – SWEDE CREEK





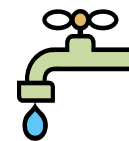
Volunteers Welcome at The Zucchini Festival

Pat will have an informational booth at the Anderson River Park on Saturday, August 22nd for the 1st Annual Zucchini Festival. If any 4-H member or adult would like to assist for any length of time between the hours of 10 am to 4 pm, please contact the 4-H Office at 224-4900. Pat is also looking for an EZ pop up tent to use that day. If you have one, call the 4-H office.



County-wide GIS/GPS Project

Do you like to look at maps? Have you ever wondered what geocaching is? Come and explore the world of geospatial science and go where no 4-H project has ever gone before! 4-H Leader Benita Moore is offering a GIS/GPS project for youth from any club. Project meetings are held the third Saturday of September, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Shasta College. The first meeting will be September 19th. If you would like to learn about maps, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and are in the 6th grade or above, please contact Benita at 226-9765 or the 4-H office at 224-4900.



Successful Summer Camp



Although our camp numbers were down this year, that didn't keep anyone from having a terrific time. The counselors did an awesome job under the direction of All Star and Youth Director, Leslie Forero. Going along with our water theme of camp I'd like to thank Farm Advisor Larry Forero for coming up for a day and conducted water flow sessions on Clear Creek. Kids liked wading in the water and learning how to measure the flow. I'd further like to thank our camp nurse, Marie Beck. She kept us all in line with medications and the occasional band aid needs. Our camp chaperones also were great assets and we appreciate them giving up the four days out of their personal lives. They are Cordelia Saltzman, Irene Lovato and Kellie and Don Dunham. Last but certainly not least I must give praise to our camp director, Callie Froese. She spent many hours with me getting things planned & accomplished. Thank you to you all! It was a great last years' camp for me, one to remember for sure.

GIS/GPS Helps with Shasta Land Trust Family Day

By Cherry Chico, co-wide GIS/GPS project Teen Leader

On Saturday, June 13th, the county-wide GIS/GPS project arrived at a Shasta Land Trust (SLT) conservation easement to run the geocaching activity for the Land Trust's "Family Day at Hathaway Ranch" event. Project leader and SLT member Benita Moore had organized the activity as part of the event, and those of the 4-H project in attendance were Benita Moore, Cherry Chico, and Wendi Chico. We arrived at the "Hathaway Ranch" easement at 8 am, and immediately met some other members of the SLT including Alicia Fitzgerald, AmeriCorps member and Conservation Associate with the Land Trust, Ben Miles, executive director of SLT, whom we'd previously worked with on other field trips to easements, and volunteers Terry Craig, and Dave and Judy Bush. After unloading Benita's vehicle of the GPS units and other gear we were going to need for the activity, we briefly helped some of the other SLT members to set up for the event; then crossed the creek. We carried all of the gear across the creek, making sure not to slip and drop the GPS units into the water, and then set up on the bank of the other side. Setting up our station didn't take very long, and after doing so, Benita explained what Cherry was going to be doing and how the day was scheduled. Around 9 am families started to arrive. After all the families had arrived and some introductions were made, we began to conduct our geocaching activity with our first group. Cherry explained the use of the GPS units to the various groups throughout the day, and Benita explained about geocaching; then we took each group a short distance up to the field where the participants would be doing the geocaching so they could practice. Once the participants had gotten used to finding coordinates with the compass-like device on the screen of the GPS units, many of the groups decided to split into two or more to work from different ends of the geocaching course, then went on their high-tech scavenger hunt. Benita had hidden the geocaches all along the perimeter of the field, and we had fun watching the groups as they made their way from cache to cache. Often the kids ran up in front of the parents so they could be the first ones to see what shape the paper punch was inside and could punch their score-cards as proof of finding the cache. After each group came back, triumphantly showed us their cards, and turned in the borrowed GPS units, it was satisfying to hear them tell of their little adventures, and how much fun they all had. Then the group would cross the refreshingly cool creek, and move on to their next activity. A large lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies, chocolates, punch and water was kindly provided for us by the Shasta Land Trust. After lunch, we had our second half of sessions with new groups. Nearing the end of the day, the kids lingered in the creek rather than crossed it, having earned their wade in the cool water after a half-hour trek in the scattered shade and hot sun. It was a joy to watch them play in the water. The creek was rather narrow and shallow, so crossing it was fairly easy for us, but even though we wore boots to prevent it, our feet did definitely get wet after a few crossings. We saw some animals and wild life while at Hathaway Ranch; including lots of different wildflowers and a couple interesting patches of mushrooms, woodpeckers, butterflies, a garter snake, and several horses that seemed curious about what geocachers were doing in their field. At roughly 2:30 in the afternoon, the families had finished all of their activities, so Cherry, Wendi, and Benita picked up the geocaching course, all the gear, and crossed the creek one last time. Soaked socks were no object to the fun and pleasantly fatiguing day, and we look forward to working with the Shasta Land Trust again.





Got Photos?

The 2009 California Farm Bureau sponsored photo contest is calling all shutterbugs! Participants and parents must be members of a county Farm Bureau in California. This year's categories include; kids & critters, from farm to fork, all in a day's work on the farm, natural beauty & budding artists (new category for young photographers 13 yrs. and under). Deadline for entries is **September 30, 2009**. Visit www.cfbf.com for more information or to download an entry form (also available at the 4-H Office).

Greetings for Military Kids

Is your club looking for a fun service project to help military children? Well look no more! Operation Military Kids (OMK) supports California's military youth by providing them with Hero Packs. One of the items we include in each pack is a letter of support and encouragement written by another California youth. If your club would like to write letters to military kids or learn more about how your club can get involved in the OMK hero pack project, please contact Sylena Wise at the CA 4-H State Office, smwise@ucdavis.edu.

California 4-H Service Learning RFP

Are you planning a service-learning project for next year? Each year the California State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the California 4-H Service Learning RFP. Groups can request up to \$5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application and information is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. Examples of past projects are also listed. The application is due September 15, 2009.

Sports-Based Youth Development

Up2Us is a coalition that is providing research on the subject of Sports-Based Youth Development. They have released the first 2 factsheets in a series that discuss the themes and research findings in the field of Sports-Based Youth Development. Visit: http://www.up2us.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2&Itemid=2 to access both factsheets today. For any questions, contact Megan Bartlett at mbartlett@up2us.org.

State 4-H Leaders' Forum Nov. 6-8th "4-H Past, Present, Future"

The 2009 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum will have something for everyone. Come and share your ideas for community service, fundraisers, projects and other fun activities that your club or county are doing so we can all plant the seeds that allow our organization to have firm roots, to grow sturdy, and to blossom with new ideas. This year the committee is looking into our PAST with memorabilia, so bring any items and stories you may have of your years in 4-H; embrace the PRESENT as you learn new things from each other and explore new Asilomar experiences; envision the FUTURE and how it can mature from the knowledge you gain and the opportunities that are shared. Lodging and meal reservations are made through the Asilomar facility. Costs depend on the number of occupancy and range from a standard room/double occupancy-\$264.22/adult to triple/quadruple occupancy-\$204.50/adult. Reservations are due by September 6th and room availability may be limited. There is also a \$45 forum fee which is due before October 1st to the forum committee. Both applications are available at the 4-H Office. Council has also budgeted funds to cover half the costs for first time attendees! So let's caravan and have a grand time!!!!

Discover Your Summer

Are you looking for something more interesting to do this summer than watching TV? Maybe you'd like to help protect our environment, explore the stars through a telescope, work with animals, or escape it all and conduct fieldwork in the mountains. Whatever your dream, Discover Your Summer can help you find it. The third annual Discover Your Summer guide is now available online from Project Exploration. Discover Your Summer is aimed at helping middle and high school students find summer science opportunities. With over 175 listings in 30 scientific fields, Discover Your Summer showcases offerings from aerospace engineering to zoology in locations across the Midwest and beyond.

<http://www.projectexploration.org/dys/>

Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund

4-H club support funding is available through the Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund for California 4-H members or volunteers. Funding is intended for activities that meet the following criteria: 1) enable youth to develop citizenship, leadership, or life skills; 2) support the development of new and innovative 4-H projects benefiting 4-H members; 3) increase public awareness of the 4-H Youth Development Program; 4) expand the reach of the 4-H Youth Development Program (new youth, new audiences); 5) provide continuing benefit to the applicant's local 4-H Club or project.

Application information is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/>.

Applications are due September 15, 2009.

4-H Flag Travels Into Space



NASA Space Shuttle Endeavour will take a 4-H flag into space on mission STS-127, scheduled for July 11, 2009. While it was originally scheduled for June 13, the mission was scrubbed due to a hydrogen gas leak. "The inclusion of the 4-H flag on this mission is reflective of the commitment 4-H has to building young leaders in science, engineering and technology," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "As the global economy expands, these leaders will strengthen the United States' global competitiveness and leadership in these fields." Azeem Ahmed, 17, who is an avid space enthusiast and 4-H member from Alabama and President of the Alabama 4-H Council, made the original request to NASA to have the flag flown with a future space shuttle mission. More information may be found at!

http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/news/2009news/06111_4h_space.html

21 Design Squad challenges

Can you design an air-powered rocket that can hit a distant target? Build a rubber band-powered car that can scramble across the room? Ready to get creative? Try out your own design skills with these 21 Design Squad challenges. You can build all of these projects using materials you can usually find around the house. Engineers have led a technological revolution that has improved the quality of our lives, yet many youth do not understand how the technology they use in their daily lives works. They are also unclear about the engineer's role in society or even what an engineer does. PBS's Design Squad is one of the places on TV where kids can learn about engineering. <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/projects/index.html>

Does Our Solar System Interest You?

The Solar System SciPack explores the solar system and the various bodies within it. The focus is on the solar system and what we know about the planets, moons, and other bodies in the solar system. Special focus is also given to how the solar system and its bodies formed. SciPacks are 10 hour online learning experiences to enhance understanding of a particular scientific concept. You'll be presented with problems, phenomena, demonstrations, and simulations utilizing inquiry-based learning.

http://learningcenter.nsta.org/product_detail.aspx?id=10.2505%2f6%2fSCP-SS.0.1

Learn About Weather



NASA/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) present the SciJinks Weather Laboratory. Youth in grades 4-8 will learn about weather through interactive games, illustrated text, and fun facts. More than 20 ideas for weather-related science fair projects are described on weather-related topics and posters on clouds, satellites, global weather patterns, and ocean science. <http://scijinks.jpl.nasa.gov/weather/>

"See the Bigger Picture" Photography Contest

WASHINGTON - Youngsters around the world are invited to enter the "See the Bigger Picture" photography contest by submitting images illustrating plants, animals or anything else that captures biodiversity to

www.seethebiggerpicture.org. The winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C., and will meet with renowned photojournalist Joel Sartore, a contest judge. Entries must be received by Sept. 8, 2009. The organizers hope the "See the Bigger Picture" contest will encourage children around the globe to snap and submit a photograph illustrating biodiversity in their community or from their travels and help to create the world's largest biodiversity outreach program. Sartore, one of National Geographic's best wildlife photographers, suggests a few photo tips to get the perfect shot.

☺ Shoot early in the morning or late in the day for the best light. This is also when many kinds of animals are at their most active and interesting.

☺ Work all the angles; walk around your subject 360 degrees to find the best background, then also go from a bird's eye view (up high) to a worm's eye view (low to the ground) to get photos that are fresh and unexpected.

☺ Study your subjects, and have patience. While nature can be unpredictable, some animals have routines just like people. Spending a little time observing what your subjects do and when they do it can pay off with much better photos.

☺ You don't have to travel around the world to view and photograph wildlife. The variety of animals in your own back yard — from insects to birds to amphibians — may surprise you.

"See the Bigger Picture" contest rules can be found on www.seethebiggerpicture.org as well as in the July and August issues of National Geographic magazine and in the June/July and August issues of National Geographic Kids magazine. In the United States the contest is open to kids ages 6-14.

Youth Garden Grants

Youth Garden Grants offers awards for schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. The National Garden Association helps youth learn vital life lessons from working in gardens and habitats. Priority is given to programs that emphasize: nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and the social aspects of gardening. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years. Applications are due by November 2, 2009. For more information, please visit

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>



Kids Culinary Convention and Conference

Youth ages 10-15 are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Kids Culinary Convention and Conference, September 19, 2009 in Sacramento, CA. Youth and parents may register starting Aug. 15. The conference is an opportunity for youth to experience and learn about food, from preparation, hands-on cooking to the benefits of healthy eating habits. Visit:

<http://www.jrchefcentral.com> for more information.

Join the 2009 California 4-H Computer Corps

Do you have experience and interest in computers, the Internet, digital photography, GPS/GIS, or other tech area? Join the 2009 California 4-H Computer Corps! The 4-H Computer Corps increases the use and awareness of computer technology in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, age 15-19, 4-H volunteers and staff may apply by September 30, 2009. More information is available at

<http://ca4h.org/wrp/compcorps/>.

Tell a Science Story with the Zine-a-thon Contest

The Zine-a-thon Contest wants you to tell an entire science story in art and text on a single 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper folded to make a mini-magaZINE. You can zine about anything in science -- from pigeons to earthquakes to neutrinos as long as they are aligned with one of the Year of Science themes. One top zine contributor will receive a \$500 grand prize and two will receive \$250. Zines are due November 1, 2009. More information is available at

<http://www.yearofscience2009.org/about/zine-contest.html>

Volunteering Is Good For Adults and Youth!

BY SHARON JUNG, ACTING DIRECTOR
CALIFORNIA 4-H Y.D. PROGRAM

We already know that adults who volunteer receive many benefits, but the same holds true for teens! According to a study reported in National Clearinghouse for Youth and Families, "Adolescents who take part in community service or volunteer in political activities are more likely to continue having a strong work ethic as adults. Volunteering is also related to overall positive academic, psychological, and occupational outcomes. A study by the Corporation for National & Community Service found that 55 percent of 12-18-year-olds volunteered through a formal organization in 2004, compared to a volunteer rate of 29 percent for adults, though fewer youth than adults volunteered once a month or more. While low-income youth are less likely to have participated in school-based volunteer service, disadvantaged youth who volunteer are more likely to volunteer again, to discuss politics with friends and with parents and other adults, to believe that people can be trusted, and to hold a positive view of the future." County 4-H Youth Development Programs are encouraged to provide opportunities for greater youth volunteering within our 4-H programs. For more information on the studies please see:

<http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/publications/celebrate/volunteering.htm>

State 4-H Equine Field Day at UC Davis



Mark your calendars for the State 4-H Equine Field Day at UC Davis for October 3 or 10. It will be a partnership with the UCD Animal Science department and UCD Horse Day. More details to follow at

<http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

Biotechnology Tools Available

The UC Biotechnology workgroup provides educational resources focused broadly on issues related to agriculture, crops, animals, foods and the technologies used to improve them. Science-based information related to these issues is available, as well as educational tools and information, which can be used to promote informed participation in discussion about these topics. Tools include educational displays, handouts, tic-tac-grow game, and the GENEie Juice Bar interactive activity. <http://ucbiotech.org/>

2009 INTER-MOUNTAIN FAIR ~ SEPT 3 - SEPT 7

WEIGH IN & WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS: All animals must arrive on or before 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2nd and must be vet checked.

Lamb Wednesday, Sept 2nd 6 p.m. 110 lbs. minimum

Swine Thursday, Sept 3rd 8 a.m. 210 lbs. minimum

(To be tattooed Sunday evening. While hogs are being tattooed, exhibitors will not be allowed in the hog barn. No Exceptions!)

Beef: Thursday, Sept 3rd 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 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 5th. Pre-weighing of animals must be done prior to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept 1st.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION: The Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal sale. Auction begins Monday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m.

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. 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 7, with the following exceptions:

Horses - released after the judging of their classes

4-H Poultry, Rabbits, and Dogs - released after showing on Saturday, Sept 5th

Pen Cattle - released at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept 6th.

All Other Exhibits - released at 5 p.m. Monday, September 7

Fairtime Exhibit Schedule 2009

	Mon 8/31	Tues 9/1	Wed 9/2	Thurs 9/3	Fri 9/4	Sat 9/5	Sun 9/6	Mon 9/7
Ag / Hort, Baked Foods & Flowers	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Due by 8:30 AM Exhibits Judged Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 5 pm Pick up Exhibits 5 pm to 7 pm
Ag. Mechanics & Feature Exhibits	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Exhibits Due by 7:00 pm	Exhibits Judged	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 5 pm Pick up Exhibits 5 pm to 7 pm
Arts & Crafts	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Exhibits Due by 12 Noon	Exhibits Judged	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 5 pm Pick up Exhibits 5 pm to 7 pm
Clothing & Preserved Foods	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7 pm Exhibits Due by 7pm	Exhibits Judged		Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 5 pm Pick up Exhibits 5 pm to 7 pm
Photography	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Exhibits Due by 12 Noon Exhibits Judged		Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 5 pm Pick up Exhibits 5 pm to 7 pm
Quilts	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm Exhibits Due by 7pm		Exhibits Judged	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 5 pm Pick up Exhibits 5 pm to 7 pm
Special Contests	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Accepting Exhibits 8 am - 7pm	Exhibits Due by 7pm	Exhibits Judged Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 10 pm	Open 10 am to 5 pm Pick up Exhibits 5 pm to 7 pm

Fairtime Livestock Schedule 2009

	Tues 9/1	Wed 9/2	Thurs 9/3	Fri 9/4	Sat 9/5	Sun 9/6	Mon 9/7
Beef	5 pm to 9 pm Accepting Animals	Animals must be in place by 9 pm	10 am Market Beef Weigh-In 1 pm - Sr. Beef Weigh-In	1 pm Jr. Beef Show - FFA Market Shows First	9 am Large Animal Round Robin 10 am Sr. Beef Show Team Branding - Indoor Arena Time to be Announced	6 pm Sr. Pen Cattle Released	8 am Buyers Breakfast - Ingram Hall 10 am Jr. Livestock Sale 5 pm All Animals Released
Dairy	5 pm to 9 pm Accepting Animals Dairy over 6 mo require TB test	Animals must be in place by 9 pm		8 am Dairy Show followed by Dairy Goats	9 am Large Animal Round Robin		8 am Buyers Breakfast - Ingram Hall 10 am Jr. Livestock Sale 5 pm All Animals Released
Swine	5 pm to 9 pm Accepting Animals	Animals must be in place by 9 pm	8 am Market Hog Weigh-In	8 am Swine Show - FFA market shows first 6 pm Pee Wee Showmanship	9 am Large Animal Round Robin		8 am Buyers Breakfast - Ingram Hall 10 am Jr. Livestock Sale 5 pm All Animals Released
Sheep		4 pm to 6 pm Sheep & Goat Vet Check 6 pm Market Lamb Weigh-In	12 noon - Sheep Show - FFA Market Shows First Sr. Sheep follow conclusion of Jr. Registered Sheep	6 pm Pee Wee Showmanship	9 am Large Animal Round Robin		8 am Buyers Breakfast - Ingram Hall 10 am Jr. Livestock Sale 5 pm All Animals Released
Goats		4 pm to 6 pm Sheep & Goat Vet Check		8 am Dairy Show followed by Dairy Goats	9 am Large Animal Round Robin		5 pm All Animals Released
Horse & Small Animals			8 am Horse Show in Outdoor Rodeo Arena		10:30 am Small Animal Show		

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23	24	25 <i>Valley: Key & Co-Leaders MANDATORY Meeting 6:00 pm Redding Library</i>	26 <i>No IM Council</i>	27	28	29
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VALLEY COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 16, 7 - 9 p.m.

INTERMOUNTAIN COUNCIL

No Meeting for August

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

Please come and take part!

PARTICIPATION

Aug. 22

4-H Booth - Zucchini Festival

6-Communication Skills