

4-H Tips 'n Topics



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NEW STATE BIRD HOTLINE - (866) 922-2473

The California Department of Food & Agriculture has a new toll free number to report sick or dead poultry or wild birds. You can also receive information on the signs of illness in birds, specific bird diseases, obtain bio-security recommendations and hear public health information.



STATE RECORD BOOK JUDGING RESULTS

Congratulations to:

- **Cherry Chico**, Pine Grove 4-H
- **Leslie Forero**, Happy Valley 4-H
- **Kacie McCarthy**, Black Butte 4-H

These young ladies submitted their record books at the State Level and received Merit Recognition. Each book received good comments! It would be great to have more books submitted for next year. The only requirement is you must be 14 years old.

ATTENTION: VALLEY CLUB SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

Our mid-year review is **Thursday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.** This year it will be held at the **Redding Library** located at 1100 Parkview Avenue, Redding. All Valley club secretaries, treasurers, and the adult who assists them are to attend this meeting. Be sure to **bring the following**:

- Minutes
- Receipts
- Ledgers
- Receipt Book
- Checkbook
- Reconciliation Sheets

A snack and drinks will be available. *Please no siblings!*

SAY GOODBYE

Kiersten Platt, our 4-H Secretary has accepted another position in Siskiyou County and will be leaving us. Kiersten has not only been an excellent secretary, but has also filled the Council Treasurer's office. She will be missed by all of us. If you have time, come by and wish her the best in her new endeavor. Her last day will be Thursday, January 3rd.

ATTENTION 4-H ADULTS

The 4-H Council is looking for an adult to serve as Council Treasurer. There could be a stipend for the right person. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat at the 4-H Office.



DECEMBER 2007 / JANUARY 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

- **JAN 10** - MID YEAR REVIEW (TREAS. & SEC.)
- **JAN 16** - HORSE LEADERS MEETING
- **JAN 16** - VALLEY COUNCIL MEETING
- **JAN 17** - LDR. TRAINING FOR SHOOTING SPORTS (NOT FOR PROJECT TEACHING)
- **JAN 23** - NEW LEADER ORIENTATION-BURNEY
- **JAN 23** - INTERMTN COUNCIL MEETING
- **JAN 26** - INTERMTN LIVESTOCK JUDGING & INTERMTN FAVORITE FOODS DAY
- **FEB 2** - CSUC SWINE DAY
- **FEB 9** - VALLEY PRESENTATION DAY
- **FEB 10** - SDF MANDATORY STEER TAGGING

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **Valley** -

Wednesday, January 16
7 p.m.

- **Inter Mountain** -

Wednesday, January 23*
Leader Orientation at 5:30 p.m.
Council at 7 p.m.

*Winter Mtg Place: **InterMtn Community Center**, 37477 Main St., Burney

All leaders and youth
14 years and older have voting rights.
Please come and take part!

4-H OFFICE HOLIDAYS

January 1 New Year's Day
January 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

COUNTY WIDE NEWS

YOU'VE BEEN CHALLENGED!!

Twin Palms 4-H is challenging all the Shasta County clubs in a terrific community service project to support the Ronald McDonald House. It's easy! Collect the pop-tabs from soda cans, fruit cans, soup cans, etc., now through April. A prize will be awarded to the club with tops weighing the most. How many pounds can your club collect?



TWO COUNTIES: OK
TWO CLUBS: NOT OK

A 4-H member may participate in projects in two different counties at the same time, but can only be a member of one club. The Community Club where enrollment fees and paperwork were submitted determines which county the 4-H member will participate in fairs and achievements.

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.



INTERMTN FAVORITE FOODS FROM YOUR FAVORITE STATE WITH LIVESTOCK JUDGING TO FOLLOW

On **January 26**, check in and set-up of entries for Favorite Foods is at 8:30 a.m. in Ingram Hall. There's opportunity for everyone to participate. Check out the categories on page 9 of the November TNT. This event should conclude approximately at 12:30 p.m. **Registration forms are due January 14.**

INTERMTN LIVESTOCK JUDGING FIELD DAY

This event will be held Saturday, **January 26**. Judging starts at 1 p.m. Poster pictures will be used for beef, sheep, swine and horse judging, the same as in previous years. Participants will be required to give reasons in all classes. **Registration forms are due January 14** at the IM Fair office or the 4-H office. Forms were in the November TNT and can be found on the website. Contact Peggy Teasley at 335-4671 or the 4-H office with any questions.

Awards: (To be awarded at February club meeting)

Top scoring individual in overall species, for each grade division, will receive a medal and top reasons score for each grade division will receive a medal. Certificates will be awarded through third place. Based on total scores of all species, teams of 4 youth per club, per grade division will be awarded a certificate.

'08 SHASTA DISTRICT FAIR AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

If you would like to sponsor a plaque (\$25), buckle (\$125) or cash premiums for a class or division please contact the 4-H Office at 224-4900 for a list of available sponsorships. You may also contact the fair office at 378-6789.

CLUB & PROJECT CONNECTION

TWIN PALMS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY AT FUN NIGHT

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN DAVIS, TWIN PALMS 4-H

Fun Night went really well, business started out slow but picked up later on in the evening. It was very interesting and exciting to work with all the different types of people and seeing how certain poses work better for little kids than for adults. The pictures ended up really nice and I learned a lot from it.

COUNTY WIDE KNITTING

SUBMITTED BY JULIE NUGENT, PALO CEDRO 4-H

The Knitting project has started! We welcome anyone who would be interested in knitting, if you have knitted before or if it is your first time. The 1st year knitters are working on dolls they have or almost have finished them! The 2nd and 3rd year knitters are working on sweaters, hats, socks, scarves, and many other projects. Our knitting teacher is from England (she has a wonderful English accent). She has known how to knit since she was 4 and does a wonderful job teaching it. We welcome anyone who would be interested in learning. Feel free to contact me (Julie Nugent) at 238-2612. I am one of the Teen Leaders.

TWIN PALMS 4-H AT FUN NIGHT

SUBMITTED BY SAMANTHA WATKINS, TWIN PALMS 4-H REPORTER

Twin Palms 4-H was in charge of the Cake Walk and the Pop Toss for Family Fun Night. Tayler Baker was in charge of the Cake Walk and did a great job as it won first place in decoration. Stratton Cloninger was in charge of the Pop Toss and also did a great job. Stratton says he went with fifteen cases of soda and left with less than one case. Great job Stratton and Tayler, Family Fun Night was a blast!



HAPPY VALLEY 4-H NEWS

SUBMITTED BY COLLIN WOGOMAN, HAPPY VALLEY 4-H REPORTER

The Happy Valley 4-H club recently met at the Happy Valley Primary School for its monthly meeting. New officers of the club are:

- Dakota Planinz, President
- Julie Mondorf, Vice President
- Leslie Forero, Secretary
- Matt Chain, Treasurer
- Collin Wogoman, Reporter/Historian



After the pledge and reading of officer reports, the members got up and talked about the past events our club has been involved in. Members got up in front of the club and shared about Family Fun Night (where 4-H'ers and their families and friends had a night of fun and games). Our club had a spin wheel with prizes to be won. The club also talked about National 4-H Week, Officer Training and Livestock Judging Day, where members from all of Shasta County got to judge animals and place them from first to last. In new business, the club of about sixty members discussed upcoming events including our annual food and toy drive and Christmas Caroling. The lists were passed around and members signed up to volunteer to collect, wrap, and take packages and food baskets to families here in Happy Valley. Look for drop boxes in locations throughout Happy Valley as soon as next month! Project leaders shared what was going on each of their projects such as sheep, soap making, goats, swine, beef, Japanese exchange, etc. Our club is off to a busy start to a busy year! Our next meeting is planned for December 3rd at 7 pm at the Happy Valley Primary School.

The Happy Valley 4-H club met recently to hold their monthly meeting. The club decided on a date for their annual Christmas Caroling and toy/food drive. It will be held Friday, December 21 starting at 6 p.m. They will gather at 5:30 p.m. at the Primary School on Cloverdale Road and start our heading North on Oak Street to China Gulch, then to Happy Valley Road to Valley Market, then South on Happy Valley Road to Country Market, turn around and head back down Happy Valley to Palm, Palm to Oak and end up at the Fire Hall on Cloverdale Road for hot chocolate and cookies. It will take about two hours so look and listen for us. Along the way we will be caroling and gathering unwrapped toys and non-perishable food for families out here in Happy Valley.

The club members have also started to distribute collection boxes throughout the community. Look for Christmas wrapped drop-off boxes at the Happy Valley Elementary School on Palm and Happy Valley Road and Discount Feed and Shasta Pizza on Happy Valley Road as well. This is an annual community service event and helps families in our area, so please help.

The members discussed our recent 4-H retreat which some of our members attended. We also talked about the 4-H cookbook fundraiser, which sells cookbooks with 4-H members recipes for only \$10 each! Also discussed was buying t-shirts for the whole club so when we go to events everyone can tell we are from Happy Valley! We will be setting up a website for our club members to check on for events. We will also be voting on a "sunshine" committee at the next meeting.

Our project leaders gave us updates on their various projects such as the horse group who have already had a busy year. They won an award at the lighted Christmas Parade in Redding and were also in a Halloween Horse Show and participated in the Igo-Ono Parade. They have a trail ride coming up in January. Cooking, sheep, beef, crafts, poultry, swine, and Japanese exchange projects also shared with the club what they are doing and when they are meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 7th at 7 p.m.

COTTONWOOD 4-H ARTS & CRAFTS

SUBMITTED BY ALEXANDRA AND KATLYN PLUMMER, COTTONWOOD 4-H

For our first 4-H Arts & Crafts, we made turkeys. They were made out of clay, corn husks, and a flower pot. We put popcorn for their toenails, an acorn for their nose, googly eyes for their eyes, and a pipe cleaner for their gobble. It was fun and neat to learn how to make them. They were great for a centerpiece on our table for Thanksgiving dinner. It was a little hard making their feet but we made them! We can't wait for the next meeting.



WEST VALLEY 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE

SUBMITTED BY COURTNEY KREPS, WEST VALLEY 4-H

West Valley 4-H had a very successful canned food drive and a winter coat drive for the month of November. We will be taking the coats and canned food to the Salvation Army so they can distribute them. We are continuing to gather coats and canned food and will be collecting them again at our December meeting so if your club is not having a coat drive or a canned food drive and you are interested in donating these items you can contact Brenda Kreps @ 347-0287. We also wrote Christmas Cards that we will be sending to the soldiers in Iraq.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT LEADER TRAINING COURSE

RIFLE DISCIPLINE - SISKIYOU COUNTY

A 4-H shooting sports workshop in the rifle discipline will be held in Yreka on **Saturday, January 12**, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and **Sunday, January 13**, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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. **There is no fee for the course.** To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216. Participants must attend both days of either training to receive certification.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEEN AMBASSADOR

The 2008 National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador application form is now posted on the National website at <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org>. Look under "Just for Youth"... "Teen Ambassadors."

Deadline: February 15

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT LEADER TRAINING COURSE

ARCHERY DISCIPLINE - TULARE COUNTY

A 4-H shooting sports workshop in the archery discipline will be held at Unverferth Manufacturing Company, 1903 South Blackstone Street, in Tulare on **Saturday, January 12**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Sunday, January 13**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Upon successful completion of this course, the participant will be certified as an archery volunteer and can lead an archery project at the club level or at summer camp. **The cost for the course is \$25 and includes morning refreshments, lunch, and course materials.** For more information contact Dan Burner at dan_burner@yahoo.com or the Tulare County Extension Office at (559) 685-3309 ext. 203. The "Training Request Registration Form" can be downloaded at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp> and sent (with fees payable to: *Tulare County 4-H Leader Council*) to UCCE, 4437-B South Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274.

DAISY/4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship of \$500 will be awarded at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. To apply for this scholarship, you must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA and have at least three years of participation in 4-H shooting sports. Contact the 4-H office for more information and a scholarship.

Deadline: February 1

STATE INSTRUCTOR OPPORTUNITY

Many times John Borba is contacted by people who want a shooting sports training in their area. We have only a handful of state instructors to cover the entire state and they are all volunteers. To become a state instructor you must attend a national workshop and be willing to instruct adults in how to be shooting sports leaders. It takes a great deal of dedication to be a shooting sports instructor. On **April 12 – 18** there will be a **National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop** in **Kerrville, Texas**. John has funding to send *two candidates* to the workshop for certification. There is a need for an additional shotgun and an additional pistol instructor for the state. He is recruiting candidates for each position. The candidates who attend the training will become state instructors and will be eligible to train project leaders and trainers in California. Candidates who are selected and who attend the workshop are *expected to host at least one training per year for the next three years*. **The cost of the workshop and airfare will be reimbursed by the State 4-H Shooting Sports fund.** The requirements for selection are as following:

- You must be a registered 4-H leader in your home county.
- You must contact John for a **registration form** and return it to him by **January 25**.
- You must be recommended by your county staff member.
- You must submit a location and date when you will host your first training after your return from the workshop.

If you are interested, please contact John via e-mail jaborba@ucdavis.edu or phone (661) 868-6216 for an application and the workshop schedule. Selection of the candidates to be sent will be determined by geographic area, need, and local support.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

ATTENTION 4-H HORSE LEADERS AND MEMBERS

All horse leaders, members, and parents are encouraged to sign up for the 4-H Equine Education Listserve for the latest news about state 4-H equine events and programs. The link is available at: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. 4-H groups are invited to submit regional 4-H horse events, information, and dates for posting on the calendar by contacting Jeanne George at jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu. The dates for the 2008 4-H equine state events are as follows:

April 5 & 6 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Equine Educational Contests, CSU Fresno. To participate 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project by February 5th (60 days).

June 26-29 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Horse Show, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Watsonville. To participate, 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project and own or lease their horse by February 28th (120 days). More information about these events will be posted on the equine web site in January.

CSU CHICO LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL DAYS

There are several upcoming livestock learning events and animal sales at Chico State Farm

- **February 2**
Swine Education Day
Registration at 8 a.m.
- **February 16**
Beef Education Day
Registration at 8 a.m.
- **February 23**
Sheep Education Day
Registration at 8 a.m.



4-H/FFA BEEF TAGGING & WEIGH IN

Youth wishing to take a market steer to the Shasta District Fair are required to attend one of the following tagging activities. They will take place on **Sunday, February 10**.

- **Shasta College** 9 - 11 a.m.
- **Shasta Livestock Yard** 1 - 3 p.m.

REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL NEWS

GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS

Locally, the California SET team has been collecting thoughts and ideas for the CA 4-H SET Initiative by asking the 4-H community to assist the Steering Committee with their planning by completing a short survey at: http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/California_4-H_SET_Survey_1/. For additional news and updates about SET, feel free to contact the California 4-H SET State Liaison Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty at lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu.

CIVIC LEARNING RESOURCES

Civic Learning Online provides a free, easily searchable directory of civic learning resources, including service-learning lessons and practices. All are reviewed for alignment with the Civic Mission of Schools Report. Visitors can also submit lessons or models to be included in the database and be recognized by the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools as demonstrating a promising approach to civic learning. To learn more, visit: <http://www.civicmissionofschools.org>.

STATE 4-H WEBSITE UPDATES

The menu on the state 4-H website (www.ca4h.org) has been updated for more intuitive navigation. New pages have also been added including a Spanish language resource page (under Curriculum Resources) and additional pages describing 4-H delivery modes, relationship between the UC & 4-H (under General 4-H Information). If you have any feedback on the website, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu.

REGIONAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL NEWS CONTINUED

STATEWIDE 4-H RECOGNITION & RECORD BOOK TRAINING

The State 4-H office will be conducting the training targeted toward county teams. The training will be **Sunday, February 24**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Because surrounding counties are also invited, there is a **maximum attendance of 10 adults per county**. Those wishing to attend will also be required to train other clubs. Shasta County has available space. If you are interested in taking part, please let your community leader know and contact Pat at 224-4900. **Deadline to sign up through the county office is January 25.**

4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The California 4-H International Exchange Program is offering out-bound exchange experiences to **Australia, Finland, and Japan** during the summer of 2008. Each of these month-long educational exchanges offers a host family experience that will provide an insider's view of the country. Information and registration materials are available in your county 4-H office or on-line at <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/index.asp>. Members who have not participated in the CA 4-H International Exchange Program in the past must interview before they submit their application.

Deadline: January 18

CAMPING CONFERENCE OFFERED

The 4-H California Camping Task Force invites 4-H volunteers, staff and youth to explore new ideas, build enthusiasm for their programs and expand their camping tool kit at the 2008 4-H Camping Conference, **April 18-20** at the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School in Fish Camp. This year's program includes a component on staff development and participants will leave with knowledge and materials to assist them in training camp staff members. All adults and youth involved in camp administration-including day, resident, and special interest camps-are invited to attend. Cost is \$120 for the weekend. Conference brochure and registration form are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/>.

4-H VOLUNTEER E-LEARNING COURSE

A 4-H Volunteer E-Learning course is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/volunteer/voltraining.asp>. This course is an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development Program and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. It can be used as a pre-requisite to the volunteer leader training orientation. **The course**, developed by the Western Region Volunteer Specialists with input from California, **does not certify someone as a volunteer; it only introduces people to the basics of the 4-H Youth Development Program.** Policies of the California 4-H Youth Development Program are not included. For more information, please contact Mignonne Polard at (530) 754-8517.

CALIFORNIA FOCUS PROGRAM

Online registration is available for the California Focus Program and county offices are asked to submit delegate information by January 14. California Focus will be held **June 27 to July 1**. Financial assistance (based on need) is available and **applications are due by January 7**. For more information, check with your local county 4-H office or look on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp>.

INTERN WITH CAL FOCUS

The state 4-H program is seeking young adults who are interested in an intern opportunity with the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Each summer the California Focus Program recruits and trains young adults for leadership roles at California Focus. Leaders, with at least one year of college or one year of work experience, join the leadership team to plan and carryout this 5-day conference in June. Applications and more information can be found at <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp>

Deadline: January 4

2008 CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The dates for the 2008 Citizenship Focus Program are:

California Focus: June 27 - July 1

Washington Focus I - Global Journey: June 29 - July 9

Washington Focus I - Heritage Trail I: June 29 - July 5

Washington Focus II - Road to Democracy: July 6-14

Washington Focus II - Heritage Trail II: July 6-12

The National 4-H Center is requiring contract commitments for the Washington Focus Program in November. **Online registration** will take place on the California 4-H website (<http://ca4h.org>) from **October 1 through November 5**. Additional delegates may be added after on a first-come, first served basis. *Registrations for California Focus registrations will be open until January 14, 2008.*

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDING, RECOGNITION, AND AWARDS

LUZ MARTINEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Luz Martinez Scholarship application is now available at the 4-H Office. This scholarship is \$200 given to a 4-H'er who demonstrates the most desire and involvement with the Sheep Breeding Project. The scholarship must be used to purchase a breeding ewe. (Proof of purchase is required.) The applicant must have facilities to start this breeding project, enough financial assistance, good records, experience in the sheep project and parental guidance in this project. If you are interested in applying, please call the 4-H Office at 224-4900 for an application.

Deadline: February 4

RURAL YOUTH LOANS AVAILABLE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency makes operating loans to individual rural youth ages 10 through 20 to establish and operate income-producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed, and carried out by rural youth participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, or a similar organization. To qualify for a loan the borrower must be a citizen of the US, live in a town of less than 10,000 people, are unable to get a loan from other sources & conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined. For more information and application, please contact the 4-H office.

DO SOMETHING AND GAMESTOP GET TOGETHER

Do Something and GameStop are putting the fun back in funding by giving you the big bucks (\$500) to get things going in your neighborhood. GameStop youth grants are available for anyone in the U.S, 25 or under, who has a great idea for a community action project. You could fund your bright idea! GameStop grants are given out weekly! For more information, visit: www.dosomething.org/grant_list.

PLUM YOUTH GRANTS OFFERED

Did you recently create a sustainable project, program or organization? Do you need \$500 to further the growth and success of your program? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a Plum Youth Grant. Plum grants are given out weekly. Yep, that's right--we said WEEKLY! Get more information at: http://www.dosomething.org/grant_list.

DAISY/4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Please refer to the Shooting Sports section on page 5 for more information.

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.

GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES AWARD

In an effort to engage the next generation of Earth scientists, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is now accepting entries for the 2008 Thacher Scholars Award, to be given to secondary school students demonstrating the best use of geospatial tools or data to study our home planet. Geospatial technologies have numerous uses in science research, ranging from climate prediction to archaeology. They can improve human understanding of the Earth system, including interactions among the atmosphere, biosphere, geosphere and hydrosphere. And they can improve quality of life by supporting weather prediction, natural hazards monitoring, transportation, land-use planning, agriculture, coastal management, public health and emergency response. For more information, please visit: <http://www.strategies.org/education/index.aspx?sub=education&sub2=scholars&sub3=scholars2008>

Deadline: April 4

4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., the rules and essay topic for this year's contest is *The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in my Community*. There will be three cash prizes for the national winners:

1st - \$250 2nd - \$100 3rd - \$50

Each state and national winner will receive an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

Completed California essays must be postmarked by **February 1, 2008**.

The winning state essay will be forwarded to the national competition. Results will be announced by May 1, 2008.

VALLEY PRESENTATION DAY

REGISTRATION DUE (mandatory): Monday, January 28 (No late entries accepted)

WHEN: Saturday, February 9

WHERE: To Be Announced

COORDINATED BY: Palo Cedro 4-H

CONCESSIONS BY: Black Butte 4-H - (breakfast items, drinks, and snacks offered) Proceeds go to Council.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EVENT ELIGIBILITY: This event is open to all 4-H members.

UNIFORMS: Uniforms are acceptable, but not required.

SDF REQUIREMENTS: This event can qualify you for participation at the Shasta District Fair if presentation is in project area. Call the 4-H office for clarification.

GRADE DIVISIONS: Teams will be assigned rooms by *oldest member*.

Primary	(K-3)	Intermediate	(6-8)
Junior	(4-5)	Senior	(9-12)

AWARDS

Danish system of judging is used with gold and silver medals or blue ribbons awarded. Primary participants will not be ranked, but will receive participation pins. Those receiving a gold award will be eligible to compete at the *Regional Level* on **Saturday, April 26** in Modoc. Gold medalists at Regional Level will qualify for competition at the *State Level* on **Saturday, May 31**.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

4-H members are responsible for arranging any special equipment or facilities they may need for their presentations! This includes a TV and VCR for videos, slide projector and screen for slide presentations, tri-folding standup display for the Tabletop Displays, etc. Any special considerations for "Share the Fun" must be arranged by the 4-H members, including sound systems, pianos, tumbling mats, etc.

TIME LIMITS

A demonstration can range in length from 3 minutes for an individual primary presentation to 15 minutes for a senior individual or team presentation. The complexity of the topic, and the age of participants should dictate the appropriate length. Team members should divide work and speaking parts. An uneven distribution of work or speaking parts will impact the scoring of the "Presentation" skill.

SCHEDULE (Approximate times)

8 - 9 a.m.	Registration - then report to gym
8:15 a.m.	Judges & MC's Registration
8:30 - 9 a.m.	Judges & MC's Orientation
9 - 9:10 a.m.	Welcome & Rules in gym
9:10 - 9:30 a.m.	Members to Set-up Presentations
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Presentations
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	Awards

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for older members to serve as Master of Ceremonies (MC) and Room Coordinators. They may also give presentations. We also need adult or youth (9th grade or older who have received a gold on a presentation) to be judges. If interested be sure to mark the section on the registration form.

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

Below are some brief descriptions of the different types of presentations. Each community club was provided a copy of the judging rubric forms and a more detailed description of the types of presentations. Talk with your community leader. You can also find a presentation manual on the State 4-H website at www.ca4h.org.

Demonstration: teaches a skill by the "show how" method. Posters or equivalent visual aids are used by the member to enhance the teaching process. The demonstration will include a title, materials, process, and summary posters or visual aids.

Illustrated Talk: teaches a concept or skill that would be impractical to demonstrate in a classroom setting. Posters or equivalent visual aids should include at least an introduction/title card, process card and a summary card. Models or other visual aids can be used to enhance the presentation.

Educational Display: an organized visual presentation of a program or a concept. A display should be designed to convey its message in a limited amount of time. Educational displays do not include science fair exhibits, other depictions of process, project exhibits or collections. Card Table Display – Approx. 30" x 30" and features a tri-fold poster board that includes a title, the member's name and 4-H club and a depiction of the program or concept. Panel Display – 48" x 48" and is a vertical, free standing display that is presented on an easel. The display includes a title, the members name and 4-H club and a depiction of the program or concept.

Prepared Speech: may only be given as an individual activity. This format requires that the member write and deliver his/her own speech. The speaker will either persuade or educate the audience on a single issue or topic dealing with society or individuals. The topic is only limited by the age appropriateness of the topic for the member and good taste. The purpose of this category is to encourage members to give a speech in which they seek out accurate information, organize it into a useful form and competently present it.

Impromptu Speech: involves speeches that the member has written him/herself at the competition. One at a time, the members will randomly draw a piece of paper with a topic on it. The topics will be developed from the pre announced categories for the event. From the time that the member is given the topic, he/she will have three minutes to prepare a speech.

Interpretive Reading: allows the speakers to read any published written work, that is age appropriate and in good taste. (Examples may include, but are not limited to: children's stories, poetry, essays, speeches, articles, excerpts from novels that stand alone, etc.) Reciting the 4-H Creed would be allowed here at the County Event.

Share the Fun: groups perform acts such as skits and other presentations that focus on health, safety, community pride, recreation or citizenship. This is a group activity and is not open to individual participants.

Cultural Arts: involves individual members and groups who perform a costumed dramatic reading, musical, dance, or other such performing art. This category is open to individual participants, groups, projects, clubs, etc.

Audio-Visual Presentation: include any informational or instructional program presented with slides, video, or digital presentations. A presentation must take advantage of the medium. It should not be a substitute for another kind of presentation, such as a demonstration or prepared talk. Only individuals may enter slide/video/digital presentations.

Problem Solving Presentation: format provides senior members the opportunity to use a prepared fact pattern as the basis for developing an action plan. During the competition the member will present the action plan using posters, overhead projector slides or computer generated slides. The selected medium must be used to effectively deliver the main points of the plan. Fact patterns may include social issues, business issues and 4-H program issues. Appropriate fact patterns will be developed for each age group.

Scientific Demonstration: uses the steps used by scientists to answer questions and solve problems. The scientific process includes the following steps: 1) Ask a question 2) Form a hypothesis of what you expect the answer to your question to be. 3) Test the hypothesis by conducting an experiment. 4) Analyze the results of the tests and information you have gathered. 5) Draw conclusions regarding the hypothesis from the tests. 6) Communicate the results.

VALLEY PRESENTATION DAY

REGISTRATION - **MANDATORY**

DUE JANUARY 28 (4-H office)

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

CLUB: _____ CLUB: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE: _____

GRADE (as of 1/1/08): _____ GRADE (as of 1/1/08): _____

AGE (as of 1/1/08): _____ AGE (as of 1/1/08): _____

Type of Presentation:

- Demonstration
- Illustrated Talk
- Scientific Demonstration
- Educational Display
- Prepared Speech
- Impromptu Speech
- Interpretive Reading
- Share the Fun
- Cultural Arts
- Audio-Visual Presentation
- Problem Solving Presentation

INDIVIDUAL or **TEAM** (circle one)

Grade Division:

- Primary (K-3)
- Junior (4-5)
- Intermediate (6-8)
- Senior (9-12)

Subject or Title of Presentation:

Bringing a live animal? ___ Yes ___ No

Help Needed:

_____ YES, I would like to be a room coordinator/MC.

_____ YES, I would like to be a judge. (___ Youth ___ Adult)

****We are in need of judges. A judge can be an adult or youth (9th grade or older who has received a gold on a presentation).**

THE IDEAL 4-H CLUB

James Helt, 4-H Youth Development Past State Leader

What is the ideal 4-H club? Many 4-H club leaders and parents ask that question. Actually, it's a complex question, and a simple answer is not really possible. However, there are certain basic features that should be a part of every 4-H club. Without them, no club could truly be effective, let alone ideal. The basic "ingredients" are the following:

Focus should always be on the boys and girls who are the members in the club. Why did they join? What do they and their parents hope will happen as part of their enrollment? It is imperative that we offer programs that meet some of the expectations of the 4-H member: otherwise, they will quit.

The club should provide the opportunity for members to learn new knowledge and skills related to one of the 4-H projects. The projects books help guide the members' learning through activities and/or recommended practices and skill procedures. Each year should be a challenge to the 4-Her to try new ideas or experiment with a different technique. Members should be helped in setting goals; then they should be guided through the processes to achieve them.

Every member should be encouraged to become involved in learning some leadership skills. There are many opportunities for this: e.g., being a member of a committee or giving a demonstration or talk. Younger members should be helped in becoming involved in some beginning level leadership responsibility during the year. Older members should be encouraged to increase their responsibility in leadership roles.

Citizenship should be emphasized. There are many ways to encourage citizenship. One of the simplest is to encourage members to have respect for each other, their club leader, parents and guests. Another way is to let members discuss opinions of an idea or activity for the club; through this they experience group decision making, participate in the voting process and learn to support the majority rules. Still another approach to citizenship training are community service projects or investigation into how citizen's involvement makes improvement or helps people in need. These ideas are a few examples. There are many other approaches.

The club should provide recreation and social experience. All work and no play makes a 4-H club dull. 4-H should be exciting, fun, positive and enjoyable. Trying new ideas will make all members want to take part.

Members should be given the opportunity, and encouraged, to participate in county-wide events and activities, such as camp, county fair, presentation contests, judging contest, project skills days, Fashion Revue, Achievement Night, etc. These educational events and activities are designed to help a 4-H member grow and develop.

In summary, the ideal - or at least, effective - 4-H club must be shaped with the members' interest and need in mind. The club should help every member grow in knowledge, skill and attitude. It should provide the opportunity for personal development in terms of self-motivation, self-confidence, self-discipline, and self-worth. It should foster feelings of achievement. The effective club and its positive worth will be realized by the club leader who knows and considers his/her members and inspires them to re-enroll each year for several years. The bottom line is the 4-H club must be important, exciting and challenging and continually offer new experiences.





JANUARY 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 A HAPPY NEW YEAR Office Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Valley Mid Year Review (Treasurers & Secretaries)	11	12
13	14	15	16 Horse Leader's Meeting - 6 p.m. Valley Council Meeting - 7 p.m.	17 Leader Training for Shooting Sports & Archery - 6 p.m. (not for project teaching)  	18	19
20	21	22	23 New Leader Orientation in Burney - 5:30 p.m. InterMtn Council Meeting - 7 p.m.	24	25	26 InterMtn Livestock Judging & InterMtn Favorite Foods Day
27	28	29	30	31 This is your copy of Tips 'n Topics issued by the University of California Cooperative Extension of Shasta County.  Pat Weliver, 4-H Program Representative		

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WHERE TO LIST 4-H PARTICIPATION ON 07/08 PDR

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Activity/Event:</u>	<u>PDR Category:</u>
12/2/07	IM Achievement Night	3 - 4-H Events Attended
	IM Achievement Night Medalist	7 - Honors and Recognition
12/2/07	IM Officer's Training	3 - 4-H Events Attended
1/26/08	IM Livestock Judging Field Day	2 - 4-H Project/Skill Activity (Judging Contest)
	IM Livestock Judging Medalist (not certificates)	7 - Honors and Recognition
1/26/08	IM Favorite Foods Day	3 - 4-H Events Attended
	IM Favorite Foods Medalist (not ribbons)	7 - Honors and Recognition
	IM Favorite Foods Demo Medalist	7 - Honors and Recognition
Various	Christmas Carols	5 - Community Service
	Visiting Elderly or Sick	5 - Community Service
	Coat/Food/Etc. Drive	5 - Community Service
	Christmas Baskets	5 - Community Service
	Any Committee for the Above (met and served)	4 - Leadership Development