

# 4-H Tips 'n Topics



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Rocketry County-Wide Project

This project is offered to youth 9 yrs. and older. There will be 5 meetings then a launch meeting. The 1st meeting is **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Office. If you are interested in this project please contact project leader, Jack Pingree at 339-7328, or attend the meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Attention: Valley Club Secretaries and Treasurers

Our mid-year review is **Tuesday, January 27** at **5:30 p.m.** It will again 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
- Checkbook
- Receipt Book
- Ledgers
- Receipts
- Reconciliation Sheets

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

### The Challenge Is On!

Again this year the Twin Palms 4-H Club is challenging all the Shasta County Clubs for the most pop-tabs collected. This terrific community service project helps to support the Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento. Last year the county collected enough pop-tops to pay for families needing to stay several nights at the Ronald McDonald House. So exercise those fingers and start pulling those pop-tabs! 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded to the two clubs with tops weighing the most. Can your club break their last year's record?



### New Leader Orientation Offered in Burney

If you interested in teaching a 4-H project, there will be an orientation on Wednesday, January 28, 5:30 p.m. at Gepettos Pizza in Burney. A minimum of six hours of instruction is all that is needed for a completed non-animal project. Let your club community leaders know your interest. Three things must be completed before your project can begin:

1. Fill out an enrollment form and pay your fee.
2. Obtain a fingerprinting form from the 4-H office and be fingerprinted through the Sheriff's Office (cost: \$18).
3. Attend a new leader orientation.

**January 28th, at 5:30 p.m.**

<b>Dec 24</b>	Christmas Eve (office closed)
<b>Dec 25</b>	Christmas Day (office closed)
<b>Jan 1</b>	New Year's Day (office closed)
<b>Jan 19</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (office Closed)
<b>Jan 21</b>	Valley Council Meeting
<b>Jan 24</b>	IM Favorite Foods Day
<b>Jan 24</b>	IM Judging Field Day
<b>Jan 27</b>	Valley Mid-Year Review
<b>Jan 26</b>	Valley Presentation Day Registration Forms Due to Office
<b>Jan 28</b>	IM Council Meeting
<b>Jan 28</b>	IM New Leader Orientation in Burney
<b>Jan 31</b>	Red Bluff Bull Sale
<b>Feb 2</b>	Luz Martinez Scholarship Due

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## CLUB & PROJECT CONNECTION

### Cottonwood 4-H & Shooting Sports

*Written by Stratton Cloninger, Cottonwood 4-H*

Shooting Sports held their first meeting on October 19th. We met at the Redding Gun Club. We shot a lot of shells. We shot at trap with shotguns. The Shooting Sports project has a great 20 gauge shotgun that we got to shoot. We learned about gun safety, proper safety equipment, and what size shells to bring. It was a great time and a good learning experience. Neill and Tom are great leaders for this project.

*Written by Skylar Cloninger, Cottonwood 4-H*

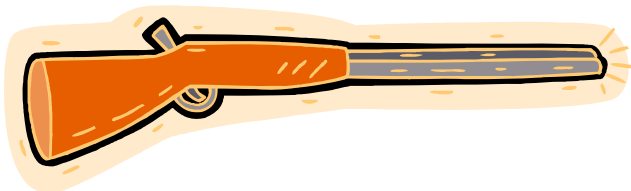
On November 16th some project members attended a Turkey Shoot held by the Redding Gun Club. They were giving away turkeys or hams for the best shots in a round. Many members from Cottonwood 4-H were winners in this competition. Stratton Cloninger, Rick Covey, Dylon Rosen, Dustin Canavan, Trevor Bowman, and Tyler Carter all won prizes at this shoot. Fun was had by all.



### Shooting Competition Between Brothers

*Written by Rick Covey and Submitted by Taylor Renihan, Cottonwood 4-H Reporter,*

A shooting contest between brothers happened at the shooting sports meeting on November 23rd. The Annie Oakley Shooting game was between two brothers from the Cottonwood 4-H Club. Both boys did really good. Five rounds shot, with the oldest brother, Stratton Cloninger, declared the winner and younger brother, Skylar came in second.



### Black Butte 4-H Helps the Community

*Submitted by Kierstin Martin, Black Butte 4-H Reporter*

Black Butte 4-H group has been busy with community services. October 25th, 2008, they ran their Chicken Flicker Game and at the annual Halloween Carnival held at Black Butte Elementary. Chairmen, Anthony Shockey, reported that there were six people working the shifts and tons of people came to play the game. The committee member's job consisted of setting out baskets to catch the rubber chickens, and the catapults to fling them, as well as collecting the chickens back up for another launch session. He reports that they were unable to fling the chickens inside the building though and were told it would be fine if they moved outside. They mentioned the game may be outside if Black Butte 4-H would prefer from now on.

October 30th officer Kierstin Martin had the opportunity to help at Shasta County Older Adult Policy Council's 6th Annual Soup Kitchen. The funds of this event are used to help seniors who would otherwise have to choose between food, medication and paying utility bills. Kierstin reports that she spent her time picking up the plates of finished soups and brought more to others. She had many opportunities to talk with some who were former 4-H leaders for many years and spoke with others who recalled all their years in 4-H. She reports that the Record Searchlight reporter present asked her a few questions and that she even recited the 4-H pledge with an elderly lady who blissfully recalled her 4-H experience. Kierstin enjoyed every moment of this event, reporting that work seems fun when you care about others. It is a nice chance to show your appreciation for the people who have done so much for us. Community service should be an honor, not a chore. Black Butte 4-H encourages you to show your thankfulness, be appreciative and take pride in helping in this free land of the U.S.A. Just like our 4-H pledge states, "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health to better living. For my club, my community, my country and my world."

### Hat Creek 4-H - Club New Officers

*Submitted by Wesley Woolery, Hat Creek 4-H Reporter*

Monday, November 10, 2008 Hat Creek 4-H Club elected new officers. Officers are Napua Gonsales-Merck, President; Matthew Taylor, Vice President; Mariah Shannon; Secretary, Amber Wooden, Treasurer; Forrest Moore, Sergeant-At-Arms; Kayla Shannon, Historian; Wesley Woolery, Reporter; Layton McClung and Kyle Klein, Call People; Derrick Carlton and Jamie Ford, Song Leaders. Congratulations! They all have busy jobs!

## CLUB & PROJECT CONNECTION CONTINUED

### Cow Creek 4-H Busy in Their Club

Submitted by Ciera Barry, Cow Creek 4-H

We have already had our second community club meeting of the year! We have some new members and we have added a couple of new projects: As of right now, our club has swine, goat, photography, arts and crafts, sheep and community service. The arts & crafts project has already met twice and we have made Tye-Die t-shirts and beaded animals. The breeding goats project has met and several of the members went to a show in Red Bluff in September and did very well. Our community service project has just finished it's first service and that was helping out at the Palo Cedro Pumpkin Run and party. The swine, photography and sheep projects are getting underway this month. We are all looking forward to a great 4-H Year!

### Lone Tree has A Sheep Project

Submitted by Corey Loomis, Lone Tree 4-H Reporter

Lone Tree 4-H hasn't had a sheep project in about 6 years. Kate Loomis stepped up to the task this year. She offered her 14 stall barn on her 10 acre ranch in Anderson to house all the sheep. She opened it up to kids who live in subdivisions and have no where to keep a lamb. It makes it fun for the kids to walk and take care of the lambs together. Kate had 8 lamb kids this year. The word has spread and now Lone Tree has 15 lamb kids signed up for next year. Kathie Robison has taken the challenge and became the sheep co-leader. Kate & Kathie are looking forward to a busy year. Their lamb kids have already started a community service project making kennels for Shampooles Grooming in Anderson. They are learning how to stretch and piece together chainlink, sink posts, pour cement and do a lot of calculating and math.

### Cottonwood 4-H Photography Project Visits Crown Camera

Submitted by Taylor Renihan, Cottonwood 4-H Reporter

We had a fun Photography meeting last month. We have a new leader, Shannon, and she had our meeting at Crown Camera. Everyone was able to print (2) 5x7 photos, and get all their prints on a CD. We also learned how to make a DVD slide show and also got to take that home. At the end of the meeting we were able to have a tour of how the prints come out of their machines. This was a lot of fun and it was very nice of Crown Camera to have us.



### Twin Palms 4-H - Community Service

Submitted by Dani Plake, Twin Palms Reporter

The members of Twin Palms 4-H are working hard already this year. We had our first community service in October. Our club adopted part of the River Trail, from Keswick Dam to the Stress Ribbon Bridge. We had a great time cleaning up the trail. There is now a sign up by the bridge showing that we are taking care of that part of the trail. Shanelle Hockenberry was the first person in our club to do a presentation this year. It was on how to show a rabbit. She did a great job! Fun Night was a lot of fun. The photography booth, pop toss and fish booth all did great! It was great watching everyone carry around their fish. We also just finished up our Blanket Drive for Haven Humane and Coat Drive for the Good News Rescue Mission. Thank you to all the 4-H members and their families for providing the blankets and coats.

### InterMtn Record Book Medalists

The following 4-H members received medals at the InterMountain Achievement Day for their excellence in record bookkeeping:

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

Alex Winn – Evergreen  
Wesley Woolery – Hat Creek

#### INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Tristan Angel – Burney

#### PRIMARY MEMBERS – (Recognition Ribbons)

Sara Dean – Cloverleaf  
Shane Dean – Cloverleaf  
Katie Policastro – Cloverleaf  
Tori Policastro – Cloverleaf  
Joanna Jasperse – Evergreen

## COUNTY WIDE NEWS

### EXHIBITING OR SELLING AT THE SHASTA DISTRICT FAIR?

If you plan to exhibit your 4-H project or show/sell an animal at the Shasta District Fair, you are required to sign and adhere to the rules of the **Shasta County Contract**. The 4-H Council has approved events that qualify a member for showing/selling a market animal at fair. If you have any questions regarding this contract, you can contact your Project Leader, Community leader, or the 4-H office.

### FACILITY USE PERMITS

With the start of a new 4-H year, clubs need to be sure that Facility Use Permits are secured where needed. Remember **ONLY** the County Director may sign the Facility Use Permits, so please get them to the 4-H office as soon as possible

### SUPPORT OUR MILITARY

The armed forces annually provide an opportunity for individuals or organizations to support our troops through letter writing. Let's get the Shasta County 4-H program on their list of supporters and help to boost the morale of the men and women who are serving our country. Families, clubs or project groups can send cheerful, newsy notes or letters through Military Mail. It can be lonely being away from home and your loved ones. These letters will help to let our soldiers know we are thinking of them and support them. For more information and specifics, contact the 4-H Office at 224-4900.

### 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.

### Attention Community Club Leaders

The following clubs have not turned in their Planning Guide and Out Reach Forms: Anderson, Cow Creek, Happy Valley, Lone Tree, Oak Run, and Swede Creek. Canyon, Cottonwood and Whitmore (P.G. Only), Foothill and Golden Acres (O.R. Only). These were due November 3<sup>rd</sup>!!

### “Winter Comfort Foods” at InterMountain Favorite Foods Day with Livestock Judging to Follow

On **January 24**, check in and set-up of entries for Favorite Foods will start at 8:30 a.m. in Ingram Hall. There's opportunity for everyone to participate. Check out the categories on page 8 & 9 of the November TNT. This event should conclude approximately at 12:30 p.m. **Registration forms are due January 12.**

### Intermountain Livestock Judging Field Day

This event will be held Saturday, **January 24**. 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 12** at the IM Fair office or the 4-H office. Forms were in the November TNT and can be found on the website. *Contact Ruth Woolery at 335-7245 or the 4-H office with any questions.*

#### **Awards: (To be awarded at February or March 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.

### Shasta County Record Books Go To State Judging

Shasta County had four members submit their record books for State Record Book Judging. These members are to be congratulated on a job well done. Results are as follows:

Cherry Chico - Pine Grove 4-H Club – Medalist

Callie Froese – Twin Palms 4-H Club – Medalist

Kierstin Martin – Black Butte 4-H Club – Merit

Celeste Ostman – Cow Creek 4-H Club – Medalist

Be sure to congratulate them and you might ask to review their books. It may help you for next year.

## SHOOTING SPORT WORKSHOPS

### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Archery Discipline—Red Bluff, CA

Saturday, January 10, 2009

9 am to 5 pm

Sunday, January 11, 2009

9 am to 2 pm

A training workshop for archery will be held in Red Bluff. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteer leaders and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. Teens are invited. Cost is \$35. For more information, please contact the 4-H office at 224-4900.



### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Rifle Discipline—Bakersfield, CA

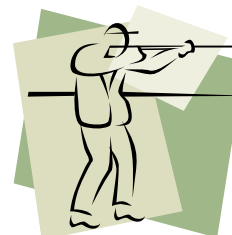
Saturday, February 28, 2009

8 am to 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 1, 2009

8 am to 4:30 pm

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu) For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://www.5dogsrange.com>.



## LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

### CSU CHICO LIVESTOCK EDUCATIONAL DAYS

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

- **March 7**  
Swine Education Day  
Registration at 8 a.m.
- **March 21**  
Beef Education Day  
Registration at 8 a.m.
- **March 28**  
Sheep Education Day  
Registration at 8 a.m.



### Feeds & Breeds Results

#### Senior Division:

Kierstin Martin      Black Butte

#### Intermediate Division:

Hannah Knowles      Swede Creek

#### Junior Division:

Daniella Remillard      Cow Creek

#### Primary Participants:

Abby Garrett	Black Butte
Shelby Lloyd	Black Butte
Anthony ?	Happy Valley
Ginger Headrick	Happy Valley
Jason Deaver	Lone Tree
Eillie Somers	Oak Run
Rory Somers	Oak Run
Matthew White	Oak Run
Kathlyn Jarett	Swede Creek
Kathlyn Smith	Whitmore
Karah Smith	Whitmore
Jacob Rodrigues	Whitmore

### 4-H/FFA BEEF & HEIFER 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 15**.

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

## LIVESTOCK INFORMATION CONTINUED

### Shasta District Fair Sponsors Needed

The Shasta District Fair has a list of awards that currently are not being sponsored. Without sponsors there are no awards for our kids. Our members hopefully do their best with their projects and many choose to enter them in the fair. If the stars are lined up correctly and the member has had a good day and they win a top honor, wouldn't it be even more special to bring home something that says what they won? If you or your club can help out by sponsoring an award, please call the fair office at 378-6789. For a list of available sponsorships contact the 4-H office at 224-4900 or ask your community club leader. They will receive a copy via club boxes at the 4-H Office.

### Swine Leader Meeting Set

There will be a meeting for all swine leaders on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m., at the 4-H Office. This is one hour before the Council meeting. Johnny Sylvester will chair the meeting so if you would like to discuss an item, please let him know. Some topics will be; change in weight for SDF and renting fans for the swine barn. Frank Muse is the 4-H swine representative for the Shasta District Fair.

### State 4-H Horse Classic

The State 4-H Horse Classic, educational events for Spring 2009, and championship horse show in Summer 2009 are all currently being planned. The State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee is narrowing dates and confirming locations. Visit the web site regularly for updates <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. The 2008 results are posted and winners from all years are also listed. The 2009 information will be posted in December.

### Shasta District Fair 2009 Theme: "A Red, White and Blue aFair"

**June 17 – 21, 2009**

#### What's new for 2009?

**Avian** –The Champion & Reserve Champion Meat Pen will sell during the Sale of Champions in the live auction.

**Replacement Heifers:** There will be a section for bred heifers added to the Jr. Livestock Auction. Details will be mailed to each leader. The heifers will show on Friday, June 19, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

**Meat Goats** –The show will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the enclosed barn.

**Pack Goats** – The pack goats will perform demonstrations during the fair. The schedule is being confirmed. Please refer to the premium book when published for details.

**Swine** – The weight range for the 2009 fair is: 220# to 285#. Any swine that does not weigh within this range will be sifted.

**Livestock Trash Can Decorating Contest** –The cans will be available on a first come first served basis on January 1, 2009. Should you wish to furnish your own can you may. You must pre-enter to be judged. The trash cans must be checked in at the livestock office and placed into the manure disposal area no later than Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 8 p.m. *Thank you to Muse Trucking and Northern Lights Energy for donating the barrels!*

**Vet Inspections** – All sheep and goats vet inspections will be performed in the North parking lot on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, *prior to entering through Gate 3*. Please refer to the premium book when published for exact times.

**Tagging Day – Beef:** Steers and heifers will be tagged on Sunday, February 15, 2009. **Sheep, Goats and Swine** will not be tagged prior to fair. Please keep your bill of sale and photos with animals handy, in the case that we need to see them to verify ownership.

## An Opportunity for High School Students

The 2008-2009 Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Awards is an opportunity for high school students to design products using science and technology. Students will compete for over \$120,000 in prize money and to connect with leading scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs. Initial submissions are due by January 9, 2009. Visit: <http://www.conradaward.com> for more information and to enter. \*\*\*Updates to the award: All registered teams will be provided a team profile page on the website to help their presentations and to aid in fundraising efforts. Registered teams will also gain access to a series of video chat sessions with experts in science, technology and entrepreneurship.

## Luz Martinez Memorial Scholarship

The Luz Martinez Scholarship application is now available at the 4-H Office. This scholarship of \$200 is 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. **Application Deadline is February 2, 2009.**

## Looking for an Amazing 4-H Opportunity?

Do you long to experience other cultures but can't find time or money to travel? Bring the world home by hosting a summer month-long international exchange student through the *California 4-H Youth Development! International* students arrive from Costa Rica, Finland and Japan in June and July 2009. Welcome a teenager from another country to be part of your family for 1 month and have the best summer of your life. Information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/> or by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu).

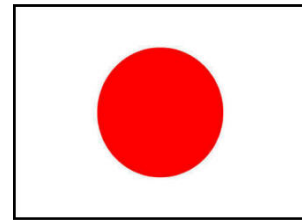
## National "Programs of Distinction"

The National "Programs of Distinction" database reflect the high quality youth development programs that occur in the 4-H System. These programs contribute to the body of knowledge about youth development, convey new ideas, materials and innovative methods, and demonstrate evidence of effectiveness. Submissions for inclusion in the database are year round. In order to receive the Annie E. Casey, Strengthening Families Grant, you must be included in the database. The benefits of submitting your program include: national recognition, eligibility for two national grant awards, and detailed feedback from peers. You can advance the California 4-H Youth Development program's mission through dissemination of new and innovative research. For more information see:

[http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/pod\\_guidelines\\_3-07.pdf](http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/pod_guidelines_3-07.pdf) Submissions are to be completed and submitted by California's 4-H Extension Staff.

## Excellent Resource for Scholarships, Grants, etc.

The American Grants and Loans Book is a publication that contains valuable information with more than 1800 financial programs, subsidies, scholarships, grants and loans offered by the U.S. federal government. The book will provide a description of the grant available, a URL to the government website, a full mailing address, and phone and fax number. To order please call: 819-322-7533.



## Does Competition Always Help Children Strive to Do Their Best?

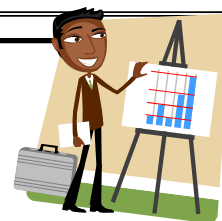
Research shows overwhelmingly that kids learn more when they are working together than when they are competing. Superior performance does not require competition—in fact, it usually seems to require that absence of competition. Most of us have been “trained” to believe that a competitive situation produces better performances.

In 1981 David and Roger Johnson and their colleagues published an ambitious review of others’ findings (122 studies) on this topic. Their results: 65 studies found that cooperation promotes high achievement than independent work in 108 studies, while 6 did not, and 42 found no difference. The superiority of cooperation held for all subject areas and all age groups.

The researchers found that sometimes conflicts, rivalries, and small cliques formed as a result of completion. These conflicts arose among participants, parents, and even spectators.

### Is competition Healthy for all Youth?

People tend to take one of two positions on the subject of healthy competition: enthusiastic support and qualified support. People who give qualified support often say excessive competition is to be avoided, and they do not agree with a culture that supports winning at all costs. Some argue it is the way we compete or the extent of our competitiveness that is important. Still others argue that “healthy competition” is a contradiction in terms.



### VALLEY PRESENTATION DAY

REGISTRATION - **MANDATORY**

**DUE JANUARY 26 (TO THE 4-H office)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE (as of 12/31/08): \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE (as of 12/31/08): \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (as of 12/31/08): \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (as of 12/31/08): \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**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)

**INDIVIDUAL or TEAM**  
 (circle one)

**\*\*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).**



# VALLEY PRESENTATION DAY

**REGISTRATION DUE (mandatory):** Monday, January 26 (No late entries accepted)

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 7

**WHERE:** Sequoia Middle School, 1850 Sequoia Street, Redding

**COORDINATED BY:** Twin Palms 4-H

Jeanne Froese, 21-1853 or Robin Baker, 275-2868

**CONCESSIONS BY:** Twin Palms 4-H - (breakfast items, drinks, and snacks offered)



## 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)

Junior (4-5)

Intermediate (6-8)

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 4** here in Shasta County! Gold medalists at Regional Level will qualify for competition at the *State Level* on **Saturday, May 30** in Davis.

## 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.

## VALLEY PRESENTATION DAY CATEGORIES

### 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](http://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.

**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.

**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” x48” 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 representations. 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.

## REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS

### 4-H National Youth Science Day

4-H National Youth Science Day is part of comprehensive campaign to support 4-H's goal of attracting 1 million new youth to 4-H science, engineering, and technology programs by the year 2013. 4-H's existing science curriculum, when combined with this new initiative, will arm youth with the technical skills needed to help America maintain its competitive edge in the global marketplace. - One Million New Scientists. One Million New Ideas. The following is a link with information on supplies you'll need and steps you'll take so you can participate in the first ever National Science Experiment:

<http://email.stevespanglerscience.com/cp/148286Cdc9d8d6c3f2d7822b5da95806c620ec1>.

### Submit Your 4-H Story

The State 4-H Office is looking for innovative and impactful 4-H stories. Stories feature 4-H groups, projects or activities on the State 4-H Homepage ([www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)). The State 4-H Office will even write

the story for you! If you have a story, please contact Emily Lane, State 4-H Office student assistant, at [erlane@ucdavis.edu](mailto:erlane@ucdavis.edu) Current stories may be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4HDelivers.asp>.

### 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue

The 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue committee needs your input and help! There are many opportunities for committee positions for both teens and adults. You don't even need to know how to sew! 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue is returning Saturday, May 31 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Divisions and classes will remain the same as previous years except the Challenge class which is an apron made from Simplicity pattern #9565. All counties are encouraged to hold qualifying events or publicize alternate methods for delegate selection. Complete details will be posted in December to the state 4-H website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>. Please contact Sue Moore, 4-H staff liaison, at [samoore@ucdavis](mailto:samoore@ucdavis) to be part of the state committee.

## Fountain of Youth

### Young Americans and the Future of Voting

Young voters, commonly called the Millennial Generation or Generation Y, are large, growing, and the most diverse voting bloc in history. All statistics were found on: <http://yda.org>.

21 .....Percent of the electorate (41.9 million) in 2006, were voters ages 18-29. Millennials will be nearly 45 million strong in 2008.

2015 .....The year in which this generation will make up one-third of the electorate.

6.5 .....Million young voters participated in the primary contests or caucuses this year, an increase of 103% over 2004.

19 .....Percent of California's young voters turned out for the 2008 Presidential Primary. The California youth voters cast 951,000 ballots. That's a share of 14% of the voters.

10.8 .....Million young voters went to the polls in 2006, up nearly two million from 2002.

69 .....Percent of young people say they are likely to vote in this election and 49% say they are very likely to vote.

2 .....To one margin, young people support Democrats and, of the 2.2 million new young voters this cycle, two million voted for a Democrat for president. Nearly half of 18-29 year olds (47%) identify as Democrats, up from 40% in 2006. Democrats made gains with young independents while Republicans lost ground with their young voters.

*Fountain of Youth Facts is a monthly online list of statistics that provides a different and hopefully thought provoking profile of today's youth. It is produced by the 4-H Center for Youth Development and the California Communities Program which are ANR sponsored programs. Anyone wishing to submit an item should email [cmatthews@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cmatthews@ucdavis.edu).*

## REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL NEWS CONTINUED

### News From the Director

A new research study on youth's use of digital media, Living and Learning with New Media: Summary of Findings from the Digital Youth Project, was recently released by researchers at the University of Southern California and the University of California, Berkeley. Kids' Informal Learning with Digital Media: "An Ethnographic Investigation of Innovative Knowledge Cultures" is a three-year collaborative project funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The digital youth project explores how kids use digital media in their everyday lives.

Social network sites, online games, video-sharing sites, and gadgets such as iPods and mobile phones are now fixtures of youth culture. According to the report, "They have so permeated young lives that it is hard to believe that less than a decade ago these technologies barely existed. Today's youth may be coming of age and struggling for autonomy and identity as did their predecessors, but they are doing so amid new worlds for communication, friendship, play, and self-expression." An especially interesting finding of the report is a recommendation on the role adults should play in facilitating young people's engagement with the digital media. "Contrary to adult perceptions, while hanging out online, youth are picking up basic social and technical skills they need to fully participate in contemporary society. Erecting barriers to participation deprives teens of access to these forms of learning. Participation in the digital age means more than being able to access serious online information and culture. Youth could benefit from educators being more open to forms of experimentation and social exploration that are generally not characteristic of educational institutions." The soon to be fully launched ACCESS 4-H site will provide a new safe environment for 4-H youth to join in a new form of 4-H communication, friendship and self-expression. Watch for more information on ACCESS 4-H. For more information on this study visit the following website: <http://digitalyouth.ischool.berkeley.edu/report>.

A two-page summary incorporates a short, accessible version of the findings. The White Paper is a 30-page document prepared for the MacArthur Foundation's Digital Media and Learning Series. The book is an online version of our forthcoming book with MIT Press and incorporates the insights from 800 youth and young adults and over 5000 hours of online observations.

### Programs of Distinction Peer Reviewer

National 4-H Headquarters is accepting applications for individuals interested in serving as a Programs of Distinction Peer Reviewer. Applicants must complete and submit an application and two letters of recommendation to [POD@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:POD@csrees.usda.gov) by December 16, 2008. Visit: <http://www.national4-headquarters.gov> to access information and the application form.

### 2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

4-H members may enter the 2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. The 2009 essay topic is "The Dance Language of Bees." Essays are due February 13, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2009BeekeepingEssay.pdf>

### 2009 California Focus Program June 26-30, 2009

What do Lion King and creating new laws have in common? CALIFORNIA FOCUS!! Both activities will be part of the 2009 California Focus Program from June 26-30 in Sacramento. Come join 100 4-H members and leaders from all over California in learning, in a hands-on way, about California government and history. Applications are due January 16, 2009 to your county office so county staff can register you on-line. More information and the application are available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.



# January 2009



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<p>This is your copy of Tips 'n Topics issued by the University of California Cooperative Extension of Shasta County.</p> <p><i>Pat Weliver</i></p> <p>Pat Weliver, 4-H Program Representative</p>				<p>1</p> <p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b></p> <p>(Office Closed)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Co-Wide Poultry Meeting 5 pm (4-H Office)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Co-Wide Knitting - 3:30 pm Rocketry - 6 pm (4-H Office)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Co-Wide Rabbit Meeting 6 pm (4-H Office)</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>(Office Closed) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  InterMtn Co-Wide Poultry 6 pm (Hat Creek Fire Hall)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Valley Council Meeting 7pm (4-H Office)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Co-Wide Poultry Meeting 5 pm (4-H Office)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>IM Favorite Foods Day IM Judging Field Day (IM Fairgrounds)</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Valley Mid-Year Club Review 5:30 pm (Redding Library)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>New Leader Orientation 5:30 pm  IM Council Meeting 7 pm (Gepitto's Pizza)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Co-Wide Rocketry Meeting 6 pm (4-H Office)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Red Bluff Bull Sale</p>

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**-VALLEY-**

**Wednesday, January 21  
7 - 9 p.m.**

**-INTER MOUNTAIN-**

**Tuesday, January 28  
Leader Orientation at 5:30 p.m.  
Council at 7 p.m.**

**Gepetto's Pizza, 37227  
State HWY 299E, Burney**

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

**Please come and take part!**

**Where to list 4-H participation on PDR 08-09**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Activity/Event:</u>	<u>PDR Category:</u>
12/7/08	IM Achievement Night	3 - 4-H Events Attended
	IM Achievement Night Medalist	7 - Honors and Recognition
12/7/08	IM Officer's Training	3 - 4-H Events Attended
1/24/09	IM Livestock Judging Field Day	2 - 4-H Project/Skill Activity (Judging Contest)
	IM Livestock Judging Medalist (not certificates)	7 - Honors and Recognition
1/24/09	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 Caroling	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
1/27/09	Mid-Year Review	3 - 4-H Events Attended