

4-H Tips 'n Topics



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VALLEY LEADER'S APPRECIATION DINNER

Valley 4-H volunteer leaders will be recognized for the many hours they give the program on **Friday, November 16**, at the Millville Grange in Palo Cedro. Each year I've been able to provide them with a free tri-tip dinner, some prizes and hopefully some fun activities. My hope is to show them how much our community, members, parents and myself appreciate their efforts. So if you were a volunteer leader this past year I invite you and your spouse/significant other to this dinner celebration. Mark your calendars and **RSVP to the 4-H office by November 5** so plans for food can be made.

COMMUNITY LEADERS: If your members vote to donate club money to help with the expenses, the cost is \$6/person and I'm willing to accept that donation.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATIONS

Are you interested in teaching a 4-H project? 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. Both dates below will be held at the 4-H office in Redding:
 - Tuesday, October 30, 6 p.m.
 - Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

As the new 4-H year begins clubs will approve budgets and decide what they will do as club community service. Remember that community service is when something is done out of the kindness of your heart and you receive no money (even a donation) for it. Here is a list of ideas that may help:

- Animal sharing at the county fair
- Help the clerk receive exhibits at the county fair
- Collect money for Easter Seal Lily Days (for people with disabilities)
- Help put together Christmas boxes for Military Service Personnel
- Sell newspapers to raise funds for Shriner's Hospital
- Donate toys to Toys for Tots Program
- Collect used cell phones/ink cartridges/soda pull tabs for Easter Seals
- Donate silent auction items for State Leaders Forum
- Work on Junior Task Force at the state fair
- Adopt a rest home, disabled adult group home, etc.
- Roadside clean-up
- Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets
- Coat Drive for the Rescue Mission
- Blanket Drive for the Animal Shelter
- Halloween Haunt Night - RAC
- Christmas Caroling at a Retirement Center

OCTOBER 2007

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Oct 7** - NATIONAL 4-H SUNDAY AT MALL
- **Oct 7-13** - NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
- **Oct 13** - CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING
- **Oct 20** - LIVESTOCK JUDGING FIELD DAY
- **Oct 21-27** - NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK
- **Oct 26** - STATE RECORD BOOKS DUE
- **Oct 30** - NEW LEADER ORIENTATION
- **Nov 3** - NEW LEADER ORIENTATION
- **Nov 10** - OAK RUN 4-H RABBIT SHOW
- **Nov 14** - 4-H "101" MEETING
- **Nov 16** - LEADER'S APPRECIATION DINNER
- **Nov 17-18** - JR./TEEN LEADER'S RETREAT

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Valley -

Wednesday, October 17
7 p.m.

- Inter Mountain -

No Council Meeting
InterMtn Record Book Judging
Wednesday, October 24
6 p.m.

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

4-H OFFICE HOLIDAYS

November 12	Veteran's Day
November 22	Thanksgiving
November 23	Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Year's Day

FUN NIGHT - "A BLAST FROM THE PAST IN 4-H"

Come join us for an evening of fun, food, and entertainment!!

WHEN: Saturday, November 3

TIME: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Shasta District Fairgrounds - Shasta Building
1890 Briggs Street, Anderson

CONTACT: Wendy, Oak Run 4-H at 472-1399



GENERAL INFORMATION AND SCHEDULING

- **This evening is not open to the public, but you may bring your friends and relatives. Talk it up with 4-H friends to attend!**
- Clubs may have one or two game booths, but **must** have a game booth in order to have a food booth.
- **Set-up will begin at 12 p.m.** Booths must be ready for operation by 4 p.m. and operate until 8 p.m. If tape is needed for signs or lines on floor, **only blue painters tape is permitted.**
- **Clean-up will begin at 8 p.m.** Clubs need to provide their own clean-up supplies (broom, dustpan, etc.). You **must** check out with Wendy, Oran, or Jean before you leave.
- Tables and chairs will be available. Food booths must provide their own petty cash. Game booths will supply their own prizes and container for tickets.
- Booths should have signs listing rules, prizes, prices, etc.
- Tickets will be sold at the door for 25¢ each or 5 for \$1 (game booths only)
- Tickets are to be bundled in groups of 25. Rubber bands and bags will be provided to each game booth. Turn in tickets to Wendy, Oran, or Jean immediately after they are counted and bundled. Checks will be issued by the 4-H office. Money from food booths will go directly to the club.
- **Silent Auction** - The auction will **begin promptly at 4 p.m.** NO LATE BASKETS. Baskets will be limited to 2 per club. The auction will end at 8 p.m. Please tape to the basket a list of all items in your basket. Profits from each basket will go directly to the club. Checks are to be written to the club. If a project has a basket the project name is to be listed in the memo line with the check payable to the club.
- **Skits** - The skits will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Categories will be: Comedy, Drama, or Musical. Awards will be available. **You must sign up prior to 4 p.m. the evening of Fun Night.**
- **Prizes for all contests:**
 1. **"A Blast from the Past" Dance Contest**
For ALL ages - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Dance era from 20's to present, bring your own music and costumes
 2. **Best Theme Decorated Booth**
First, Second, and Third place
Dig up your 4-H club PAST to decorate your booth
 3. **Decorate a FALL centerpiece, placemat, pumpkin/gourd, turkey, etc. and bring it by 4 p.m.**
4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



COUNTY WIDE NEWS

DO YOU HAVE 4-H QUESTIONS?

Are you confused with the paperwork?

Then you are encouraged to attend 4-H "101" evening on **Wednesday, November 14**, 6-8 p.m. at the 4-H Office. Record Book keeping and what to expect at events are just some of what will be discussed.

NASH'S PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER

The 4-H Council will have a petting zoo at Nash's Pumpkin Patch the month of October. Swede Creek is in charge and can use volunteer help. If you can help, contact Liz Ponce at 222-2217. Encourage your friends and neighbors to visit this fun place.



HUNTER SAFETY CLASS OFFERED

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



4-H COOKBOOKS...AN EASY SELL

There isn't a neighbor, grandmother, or aunt that wouldn't like to purchase a 4-H cookbook. The buyer(s) of your market animal would appreciate a 4-H cookbook instead of the same old hats, cups or flowers. So take a little time, plan ahead and purchase a few 4-H Cookbooks for only \$10/each. It could mean less fundraisers at the county level! Contact the 4-H office to pick them up.



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.

VALLEY LIVESTOCK JUDGING FIELD DAY

Shasta College will again conduct this year's Livestock Judging Field Day on **Saturday, October 20**. Judging classes will include beef, dairy goat, sheep, meat goat, poultry, and swine. Sorry, no rabbits this year. *Reasons will be required for the species of your choice.* Registration is at 8:30 a.m., practice classes, and instructions starting at 9 a.m., judging to follow. **We will need 8-15 volunteers to help with tabulations and 3-4 group youth leaders.** If you can help, please contact the 4-H office. Parking is available in the east parking lot. It's a short walk from there to the farm where the registration table is located. Millville 4-H will provide concessions, with a breakfast item and a lunch meal. Feeds & Breeds will be offered by Cottonwood 4-H.

REQUIRED CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING

The club officers' training will be held **Saturday, October 13** at North Cow Creek School, Palo Cedro. Individual officers will be provided with a review of what their duties and responsibilities entail.

The policy handbook reads, "*At a minimum, trainings must be conducted annually and attendance will be required in order to participate in the program.*" The key word here is **required**.

All club officers are strongly encouraged to attend. However, the trainings are **required** for the following offices: **President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.** There will be trainings offered for Sergeant at Arms, Historian, Song Leader, Activity Leader, and Reporter.

If one of the required officers cannot attend, a volunteer leader **must** attend in their place. They in turn will be responsible for training that officer. **Registration is at 8:30 a.m.** Lone Tree is the responsible club. Please contact the 4-H office with any questions.

SELF-DETERMINED PROJECTS

There is always some confusion on what "self-determined" means. The question that often comes up is, "*Since there isn't a beef project leader in the club, can he/she do beef as a self-determined project?*" The answer is **no**.

Self determined is only for projects **not** listed on the project enrollment list. 4-H leaders should use some discretion in counseling youth to sign up under the self-determined project area. The member must be old enough to determine his/her own objective, and a certified adult leader must provide sound guidance. A plan of action must be written and submitted to the Community Club Leader **and** the 4-H office. This can be a great method in teaching youth to organize and determine in what direction they want to move ahead.

EMERALD STAR



The Emerald Star is a county award that is earned by developing or adding to something that benefits the 4-H program or the community. Acceptance of a proposal, evidence of work done, review by a committee and final presentation to Council will result in the award. Stars are awarded at the new 4-H year County Achievement Night program.

Examples of past projects can be obtained from the 4-H office along with an application. **Deadline: October 19**

COUNTY WIDE NEWS CONTINUED

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT LEADER TRAINING COURSE

RIFLE DISCIPLINE - MODOC COUNTY

Any adult who has an interest in teaching a 4-H rifle project and has not attended the required training you now have a chance to do so! Modoc County will be hosting a two day rifle leader training **December 8 and 9**. John Borba is instructing the training that must be attended both days to be certified. If interested please contact the 4-H office to receive the paperwork and sign up.



COUNTY WIDE KNITTING

Countywide knitting presented to Mercy Medical Center hats knitted by the 4-H members for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. They also had a full page article with pictures in the Mercy Gazette newsletter! What a great project!

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

OAK RUN SPONSORS DOUBLE YOUTH ALL BREED RABBIT SHOW

The show is an ARBA official sanctioned rabbit show to be held on **Saturday, November 10** at Shasta College in Redding. Surrounding counties have also been invited to attend this one day carry on cage show. **Entries must be postmarked by November 5, or e-mail entries by November 8 to jadebug25@aol.com**. Doors open at 7:45 a.m. and show begins at 8:30 a.m. Contact the 4-H office for more information and/or an entry form or visit the county web site at <http://www.ceshasta.ucdavis.edu>.

VENTURA COUNTY SPONSORS FUR & FEATHERS

The Ventura County 4-H is sponsoring Fur and Feathers on **Saturday, November 17**, at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The event is open to all 4-H youth and will include judged animal exhibit shows for: rabbits, cavy and poultry; and judged Junior Showmanship in each animal species. Ribbons and medals will be awarded in the Breed and Junior Showmanship and participation ribbons for primary members.

STATE 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

The State 4-H Horse Classic will be **moving to a new location - the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville**. The dates are **June 26-29, 2008**. The educational contests will be held at CSU Fresno in partnership with the Equestrian Team and Equine Science Department in March 2008. More details will be posted on the web site as planning is confirmed.

STATE 4-H EQUINE FIELD DAY

The State 4-H Equine Field Day will be held **Saturday, November 10** at the Salinas Valley Fair in King City. There will be guest speakers, educational contest practice and a tack swap. More information will be available soon on the web site <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

CLUB & PROJECT CONNECTION

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

SUBMITTED BY ANNA SIMONEIT, TWIN PALMS 4-H

We went to Achievement Night on Saturday 15th at the Shasta District Fairgrounds. When we got there they were just starting to eat so we had to wait. After they were done we watched a slide show about the previous year in 4-H. Then it was time to watch this years officers get installed into office. When each group got called up to the front of the crowd they were announced and the All Stars gave them their responsibilities and duties on their new position. Then they were asked to turn on their flashlights to make it official.

Callie, Allie, and Carol were all announced as this years All Stars. Cherry and Dakota both gave a speech about their experience as All Stars.



CLUB & PROJECT CONNECTION CONTINUED

PALO CEDRO FEED ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUBMITTED BY DANI PLAKE, TWIN PALMS 4-H

September 8th & 9th was a busy weekend for Twin Palms 4-H. We were lucky enough to be asked to work the hot dog stand for Palo Cedro Feed's Anniversary Celebration. Everyone in our club participated. We cooked hot dogs, served soda's and hot chili. We also worked hard to make sure that the grounds were free from trash. Thank you Kelly for giving us this wonderful opportunity to work with you.



TWIN PALMS FIRST COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING

SUBMITTED BY SAMANTHA WATKINS, TWIN PALMS 4-H REPORTER

Twin Palms 4-H held its first meeting on September 4th. The evening started with an ice cream social that started at 6 p.m. and ended a little before 7. Our first official meeting started shortly after 7. Our President this year is Tayler Baker. We welcomed back old members and signed up new members. Our club leaders are Jeanne Froese and Robin Baker. We look forward to having a great year together.



COASTAL CLEAN-UP

SUBMITTED BY ELLIE SOMERS, OAK RUN 4-H REPORTER

Oak Run 4-H Club had a good turnout at the Coastal Clean-up. We cleaned up at Oak Bottom in Whiskey Town Lake. We picked up lots of cigarette butts and bottles. We had to empty the recycling big time! I think we got half a truck full of trash.

After we picked up trash, we had a BBQ at Brandy Creek. We invited Twin Palms 4-H Club to join us. We went swimming and ate hot dogs. We had fun looking for rocks and being with our friends.

COASTAL CLEAN-UP

SUBMITTED BY AUDREY WALLERS, TWIN PALMS 4-H

On September 15, 2007 it was a coastal clean-up day. We went to Oak Bottom and picked up a lot of garbage around the lake. I am with the Twin Palms 4-H club and we were invited by Oak Run 4-H to help. The people in my club that attended were Audrey Wallers, Dani Plake, Tiffany Plunk, Tayler Baker, and Anna Simoneit. We picked up a lot of garbage that day. The most interesting things we found were a barbeque and an EKG Lead. Although we had to pick up garbage it was a lot of fun!



CLUB & PROJECT CONNECTION CONTINUED

GOLDEN ACRES 4-H

SUBMITTED BY CODY FLORES-JAUREGUI, GOLDEN ACRES 4-H REPORTER

7pm, Wednesday, 8/29/07, Anderson River Park: At a special pizza party meeting to honor club members achievements, acknowledge parents and grandparents, new officers were elected:

President: Jessica Street; Vice President: Halie Van Eperen & Connor McCone; Secretary: Amanda Greene; Treasurer: Caitlin Landaker; Reporter: Cody Flores-Jauregui; Historian: Drew DiPrima; Song Leaders: Emmaline deBem, Paige Flores-Jauregui, Nicole Galba; Sergeant-At-Arms: Kayle Brown, Devin Merritt; Recreation Leader: Josh Street; Jr. Leader President (also serves as 2nd Vice-President): Connor McCone. Vacancies: 2nd Recreation Leader & Community Service Chair.

4-H Service Awards were presented to John & Corene Van Eperen and to Marla Bernard for their years of service to this club and the Anderson Community.

6pm, Thursday, 9/6/07, Redding Library: Golden Acres participated in the 4-H Information Night. Each club was given an opportunity to address prospective new members about their club and what it has to offer. Jessica Street beamed about what her club had to offer. She also spoke about some of the Service Projects her club has participated in.

7pm, Wednesday, 9/12/07, Prairie Elementary School: A special Fall Harvest Program was presented to new and continuing members by the Golden Acres 4-H Junior Leaders. Each Junior Leader had an opportunity to explain projects and activities that Golden Acres has to offer and answered questions for prospective new members.

6pm, Saturday, 9/15/07, Fusaro Hall Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson: Cody Flores-Jauregui, Club Reporter, Paige Flores-Jauregui, Club Song Leader, along with Jean Harp, Community Leader, attended the 4-H Valley Achievement Night which included a potluck dinner and Awards Program. Cody and Paige were proud to carry their club banner in the "Roll Call and the Parade of Club Banners." 4-H members received the following awards: Amanda Greene and Connor McCone received the First Year Junior Leader Patch & Stripe. Drew DiPrima, Shawn Greene, Devin Merritt, and Joshua Street received the First Year Teen Leader Patch & Stripe. Scotty Passmore and Jessica Street received Second Year Teen Leader Stripe. Halie Van Eperen and Cody Waddle received Second Year Teen Leader Stripe.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - 7pm, 10/3/07, Prairie Elementary School: Golden Acres 4-H regular club meetings. Enrollment continues for new members.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - 10am – 4pm, 10/7/07, Mt. Shasta Mall: Golden Acres invites all prospective members and their families to meet at their booth. This club will have officers and members on hand with information to answer potential questions. Prior year projects will also be on display.

TWIN PALMS PHOTOGRAPHY FIRST MEETING

SUBMITTED BY DANI PLAKE, TWIN PALMS 4-H

On Monday, September 24th Lynette held our first photography meeting. Today we discussed how to turn our cameras on and off, how to frame our pictures, talked about being prepared with batteries or your camera being charged, and the means of: Mega Pixels— dots that make up your picture, L.C.D. screen- L-Liquid C-Crystal D-Display Screen, and S.L.R. S-Single L-Lens R-Reflex. All in all the first photography meeting was great and I feel it will be a rewarding project.



TWIN PALMS PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

SUBMITTED BY AUDREY WALLERS, TWIN PALMS 4-H

Oct. 1st, was the second Twin Palms photography meeting. We went to Coleman Fish Hatchery to take pictures of the Salmon jumping, but the salmon jumped too fast to take the pictures and got us a little wet. They (the salmon) wouldn't pause for us to take the pictures. We then went and found an old bridge and took pictures. Last we saw a old wooden barn and we took pictures of that. Out of 65 pictures I have 2 that are my favorites. I am looking forward to our next photography meeting.



CLUB, COMMUNITY LEADER & COUNTY WIDE PROJECT CONTACT INFO.

Valley Clubs	Date & Time of Mtg.	Location	Leader Name(s)	Phone #
100 Anderson	1st Wednesday @ 7p.m.	Meadow Lane School	Tina Johns Shelly Klein	378-1742 *82 347-3815
112 Black Butte	2nd Monday @ 6:45 p.m.	Black Butte Elem. Gym	Cindy Scott Debra Scammon	474-5343 474-1207
114 Canyon	2nd Friday @ 2:30 p.m.	North Valley School	Gretchen Gurriere Suzanne Hendricks	474-1129 232-0812
122 Cottonwood	1st Monday @ 7 p.m.	Cottonwood Comm. Center	Megan Renihan Scarlett Taff	347-9987 347-2143
123 Cow Creek	1st Tuesday @ 7 p.m.	Junction School - Room 1	Jana Sylvester Donna Langfield	547-5226 247-3735
167 Golden Acres	1st Wednesday @ 7 p.m.	Prairie School – Dersch Rd.	Jean Harp Corene VanEperen	547-4751 221-1503
178 Happy Valley	1st Monday @ 7 p.m.	Happy Valley Primary School	Denise O'Banion Katherine Mondorf	357-3764 *82 357-4059
222 Lone Tree	2nd Monday @ 7 p.m.	Lone Tree School-Anderson	Stacy Hutchins Melisa Roberts	*82 365-1492 917-2456
233 Millville	2nd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.	Millville Grange	Lori Newsom Kelly Bebensee	547-3376 226-0712
255 Oak Run	2nd Monday @ 7 p.m.	Oak Run Elem. School	Wendy Wendt Oran Whitney	472-1399 472-3317
266 Palo Cedro FULL	1st Monday @ 7p.m.	Millville Grange	Charlotte Little Debbi Srp	549-4296 365-0395
299 Swede Creek FULL	1st Monday @ 7 p.m.	North Cow Creek School	Liz Ponce Janice Graham	222-2217 221-0203
987 Twin Palms	1st Tuesday @ 7 p.m.	Buckeye School of the Arts	Jean Froese Robin Baker	241-1853 275-2868
986 West Valley	2nd Monday @ 7 p.m.	Cottonwood Comm. Center	Brenda Kreps Becky Munson	347-0287 347-1173

InterMtn Clubs	Date & Time of Mtg.	Location	Leader Name(s)	Phone #
600 Burney	1st Wednesday @ 7 p.m.	Lion's Hall	Shari Mazzini	335-5123
611 Cloverleaf	2nd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.	Evangelical Free Church	Stacy Schneider James Shaffer	336-6832 524-9807
622 Evergreen	1st Monday @ 7 p.m.	Evangelical Free Church	Theresa Neugebauer Mimi Buckman	336-6486 336-5925
633 Hat Creek	1st Tuesday @ 6 p.m.	Hat Creek Fire Hall	Peg Teasley	335-4671
644 Pine Grove	2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.	Ingram Hall – IM Fair	Suz Crane	336-5135

County Wide Project	Leader Name	Phone #	County Wide Project	Leader Name	Phone #
Alpacas	Susinn Alden	921-2999	Meat Goats - Breeding and Market	Marjory Ostman	848-5678
Dairy Goats	Diane Pella	547-5325	Mountain Biking	Lynette Plake	549-3687
Eyes for Freedom (Guide Dogs)	Cathy Koch	*82 241-2503	Pigeons	Ron Schmidt	245-9237
GIS/GPS	Benita Moore	226-9765	Poultry - Valley	Leeann Stearns Susan Smallbrook	226-0413 226-0413
Horseless Horse	Patricia Mailloux	347-1696	Poultry - InterMountain	Allison Breedveld	335-5157
Hunter Safety	Tom Stone	223-0263	Rocketry	Jack Pingree	547-3504
Japanese Exchange	Lynn Forero	244-4691	Rocks & Minerals	Marty Carpenter	474-1137
Knitting	Alison Malone	238-8201	Safety Shooting Sports	Neill O'Brien	244-6617

VALLEY EVENTS SCHEDULE 2007-08

Achievement Night

Saturday, September 15, 2007
Shasta District Fairgrounds, Fusaro Hall
All Stars

Nash's Pumpkin Patch

Month of October 2007 (Saturday +)
Swede Creek 4-H

National 4-H Sunday

Sunday, October 7, 2007
Mt. Shasta Mall
Twin Palms 4-H

Officer's Training

Saturday, October 13, 2007
Location TBA
Lone Tree 4-H & All Stars

Livestock Judging Day

Saturday, October 20, 2007
Shasta College
Concessions - Millville 4-H
Feeds & Breeds - Cottonwood 4-H

Junior/Teen Leader Retreat

November 17 & 18, 2007
Location TBA
Pat, Jean & All Stars

Fun Night

Saturday, November 3, 2007
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Oak Run 4-H & Golden Acres 4-H

Leader's Appreciation Dinner

Friday, November 16, 2007
Millville Grange
Pat & Council President

Valley Presentation Day

Saturday, February 9, 2008
Location TBA
Palo Cedro 4-H
Concessions – Black Butte 4-H

Favorite Foods Day

Saturday, March 22, 2008
Location TBA
Golden Acres 4-H

Scholarships

April 2008
Karen Hohenshelt & Kathy Grissom

Fashion Revue

Saturday, April 5, 2008
McArthur Fairgrounds
I.M. Clubs

Small Animal Ag. Field Day & Expo

Saturday, April 12, 2008
Shasta College
Concessions – Oak Run 4-H
Rabbit –
Poultry – Co-Wide Poultry
Pygmy Goat –
Dog –
Hands-On Expo (excluding Poultry) - Species
Written Expo (excluding Poultry) – Charlie Little

Large Animal Ag. Field Day & Expo

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Concessions – Cypress 4-H
Sheep – Black Butte 4-H
Swine – Cow Creek 4-H
Beef – Cottonwood 4-H
Round Robin – Canyon 4-H
Hands On & Written Expo – Charlie Little

Home Ec Field Day

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Anderson 4-H

Ag. Mechanics Field Day

Saturday, May 3, 2008
Shasta District Fairgrounds
Lone Tree 4-H

County Record Book Judging

Saturday, July 19, 2008
Location TBA
West Valley 4-H

Summer Camp

August 2008
Mountain Meadows Camp (?)
Pat, Jean & All Stars

7 STEPS TO DODGE ID THIEVES

1 SECURE YOUR INFORMATION

Never use an automatic sign-on option when visiting any website. Do use an alphanumeric password mixed with a few random symbols to make it more secure. Also, don't store important financial information on a laptop computer. If your laptop is snatched, so is all of your vital information.

2 KEEP YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD SAFE

Do not carry your Social Security Card with you in your wallet or date book. If either are misplaced or stolen an identity thief will have all the necessary information to set up new accounts or use existing ones.

3 BE CAUTIOUS WHEN SWIPING THAT CARD

Don't use a debit card at stores with a high turnover rate, because you don't know how thoroughly the employees have been checked. An identity thief working at a convenient store could easily take all of your card information with one quick swipe through a "skimmer," an electronic device that can record all the vital information from a credit or debit card.

4 KEEP CURRENT

Request a copy of your credit report with the three major credit bureaus - Equifax, Experian, or Trans Union - at least once a year. Regular reviews will provide you with the opportunity to catch anything that looks suspicious and to catch problems early. You are allowed one free copy of each report annually.

5 BUTTON UP YOUR PC

Use passwords and update your anti-virus protection regularly, especially whenever a virus alert is sent. Some viruses order your PC to send out stored files which include your financial information. Add a pop-up blocker to your computer and run spyware at least once a week. The spyware will seek out suspicious programs and alert you if any problems exist. When disposing of your PC, delete all personal information and then use a "wipe" program to overwrite the hard drive and make the files unrecoverable.

6 WATCH THOSE RECEIPTS

Save your receipts to check your bank and credit card statements. Once checked, immediately file or shred them because "dumpster diving" is a favorite technique for identity thieves. Many banks and businesses are trying to put a lid on that by only printing the last few digits of an account number on a receipt. After December 2006, a new law will prohibit the printing of the expiration date or more than the last five digits of a credit or debit card number on a receipt.

7 DON'T RESPOND TO SUSPICIOUS E-MAILS

Identity thieves periodically send out fake e-mails asking for your bank account information under the guise of resolving technical difficulties at your bank. Do not respond. Call your bank immediately and alert them to the attempted theft.

Source:

Scott Reves, Seven Ways to Foil ID Thieves
<http://images.forbes.com>

CHALLENGES, CONTESTS, & COMPETITIONS

2007 ARCHIVE INSTITUTE POSTER COMPETITION

Are you creative and have a great imagination? The Archive Institute is looking for kids like you to enter their global student poster competition! The themes of the contest are HIV/AIDS, housing and the community. They need young artists to enter their artwork and help bring awareness to the widespread AIDS epidemic. To find out more about the contest, visit

<http://archiveinstitute.org/POSTERCOMPETITION2007/index.html>.

2008 CALIFORNIA 4-H STATE FASHION REVUE BACKPACK CHALLENGE

Design and sew a backpack using Butterick pattern 5054, views C or E only. Purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your backpack. For Fashion Revue judging, the backpack is the main "garment" and the outfit is the "accessory."

Use your creativity with fabrics, colors, and details to personalize your design. The optional iPod accessory may be added to enhance your backpack. For more information: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.



NASA ENGINEERING DESIGN CHALLENGE

Join the NASA Engineering Design Challenge and be part of space exploration by growing seeds flown in space! Plant growth will be an important part of space exploration with scientists anticipating the growth of plants on the moon in specialized plant growth chambers. Elementary, middle, and high school students are invited to participate and build your own lunar growth chamber! To register and receive more information, visit: <http://www.nasa.gov/education/plantchallenge>.



WANTED: CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

Youth ages 13-26 are invited to submit original scientific research or position papers to the Citizen Science Technical Board for the 2008 Citizen Science paper competition! Winners will, in addition to publication, have the chance to present their work at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development in NYC. For more information, competition entry rules, and winning papers from prior years, please visit: www.sustainus.org/citizenscience.



NEW AMERICAN FARM PHOTO CONTEST

The Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program is looking for photos for their New American Farm Photo Contest that depict groundbreaking innovations, people and partnerships advancing the frontier of sustainable agriculture in America. Visit http://www.sare.org/2008Conference/photo_contest.htm for official rules and details. **Deadline: October 31.**

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.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDING, RECOGNITION, & AWARDS

DEAN MEMORIAL LEGACY FUND

The Dean Memorial Legacy Fund provides 4-H clubs and groups an opportunity to ask for funds up to \$2,500 to expand the reach of 4-H, increase public awareness, or develop new and innovative projects. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. **Deadline: October 31.**

STATE FARM COMPANIES FOUNDATION SPONSORS AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

With the generous support of the State Farm Companies Foundation, Youth Service America is offering the annual State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grant for youth across the United States. These grants, of up to \$1,000, support youth (ages 5-25), teachers, or school-based service-learning coordinators in implementing service-learning projects for Global Youth Service Day 2008. To learn more, download an application and grant guidelines at <http://www.YSA.org/awards> or email Goodneighbor@ysa.org. **Deadline: October 16**

Youth Service America is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the prestigious 2008 Harris Wofford Awards, sponsored by State Farm Companies Foundation. The Awards recognize extraordinary achievements in three categories: Youth (ages 12-25), Organization (nonprofit, corporate, foundation), and Media (organization or individual) for actively contributing towards, "making service and service-learning the common expectation and common experience of every young person." Award winners will be honored and presented with an award of recognition at the 19th Annual National Service-Learning Conference. The Youth recipient will receive a \$500 award and a \$500 award for the non-profit organization of choice. Travel arrangements, including airfare and accommodation, will be provided for each award recipient. To learn more, visit <http://www.YSA.org/awards>.

Deadline: October 19

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FUNDING, RECOGNITION, & AWARDS CONT.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Salute to Excellence 2008 Volunteer Recognition Awards are due to the State 4-H Office by **November 26, 2008**. These awards are in two categories, Volunteer of the Year, for volunteers with under 10 years of service qualify for this award and Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award, for individuals who have served for 10 years or more. Only the State 4-H Office can officially designate a volunteer as a state nominee. Nominations and attachments should be in Word format. More information is available at: http://ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/Salute_To_%20Excellence2008.doc

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.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

The MacArthur Foundation announced a public competition that will award \$2 million in funding to emerging leaders, communicators, and innovators shaping the field of digital media and learning. Innovation Awards (\$250,000 and \$100,000) will go to pioneers who are exploring new digital models of learning that build upon and enhance the informal, networked, and collaborative styles today, especially but not only among youth. Knowledge-networking Award (\$30,000-\$75,000) will go to creative and dedicated communicators for "do-it-yourself" field-building or collective matchmaking across communities, so that those who have and those who seek information can teach and learn from the other. The application deadline is October 15, 2007. For details, go to:

<http://www.dmlcompetition.net/home.php>.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD PROGRAM

Students in grades 5-12 who have demonstrated exemplary community service can apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program. Local honorees receive a certificate of recognition from their school or organization. State honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. National honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, and a trophy for their school or organization. The 2007 application is now available online at www.prudential.com/spirit or www.principals.org/prudential. Applications need to be returned to 4-H or to your local schools by **October 31**.

RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The 100 Best Communities for Young People competition is an exciting opportunity for your community to receive national recognition for the work you do in support of young people. In 2007, nearly 250 communities made it to the final selection phase. The 100 Best receive national media exposure from USA Today, The Washington Post, Good Morning America, and local media. This initiative is about recognizing communities that are working hard to help their young people succeed. Winning communities will send a delegation to Washington, D.C. for a National Forum and Celebration in the fall of 2008. To learn more visit:

<http://www.americaspromise.org/100Best>.

Deadline: November 2.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

The General Hugh Shelton Leadership Initiative is pleased to offer their fourth major four-year college scholarship. The mission of this initiative, housed at NC State University, is to "inspire, educate, and develop values-based leaders who are committed to personal integrity, professional ethics, and selfless service." This Leadership Initiative conducts scholarship programs, executive forums, and youth outreach programs. As part of the scholarship program, they have established the General Hugh Shelton National Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship was created to recognize and award America's most outstanding high school student leader. The scholarship is valued at \$10,000 per year (and renewable), plus an annual \$2,000 stipend for external leadership experiences such as study abroad. Visit <http://www.ncsu.edu/extension/sheltonleadership/scholarships/nsls.html> to view a description of the scholarship, the criteria and the application, which is due by **November 5**.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND THE ARTS

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

YOUTH GARDEN GRANTS FOR 2008

The National Gardening Association (NGA) has announced that Home Depot will again sponsor Youth Garden Grants to help young people reap rewards and learn life lessons from **working in gardens and outdoor habitats**. NGA awards grants to schools and community organizations with child-centered, outdoor garden programs. The top fifty programs will receive **gift cards valued at \$500** and an additional 100 programs will receive **\$250 gift cards** for the **purchase of gardening materials and supplies to meet their program needs**. An activity package is also awarded. Visit the NGA web site, <http://assoc.garden.org/grants/>, for complete program details and application procedures. **Deadline: November 1**

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2008 COMPUTER CORPS

The 4-H Computer Corps is composed of youth (ages 15 and above), volunteers, and staff. They administer the state 4-H website www.ca4h.org, conduct computer trainings around the state, and help 4-H clubs design web pages. Applications are available online at <http://ca4h.org/comp corps>.

Deadline: October 31

ANIMAL SCIENCE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

County staff, volunteers and members are invited to join the new Animal Science Education Advisory Committee! The Committee will represent the interests of animal activities throughout the state and determine appropriate training opportunities, project competencies, and seek collaborations. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/council/animalscience/>.

Deadline: October 30

4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The California 4-H International Exchange Program will offer outbound exchange educational experiences to Australia, Finland, and Japan during the summer of 2008. Information and registration materials will be in county offices and online at the end of October.

HELP PLAN THE 2008 STATE 4-H FIELD DAY

The State 4-H Office is recruiting for 4-H members (age 9 and above), 4-H volunteers and 4-H YDP Staff to help plan the 2008 State 4-H Field Day! The event will take place on May 31, 2008 at UC Davis. Help is needed for the Presentation Day, Fashion Revue and overall event support. 4-H Clubs are also encouraged to provide activities and fundraise during the event. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-RecruitingFlyer2008.pdf>

STATE LEADERS' COUNCIL TO MEET

The State 4-H Leaders' Council will meet on **October 27** from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Western Center for Agricultural Equipment at UC Davis. All 4-H members and volunteers are welcome to attend. More information will be available soon at <http://www.ca4h.org/council/s4hlc/index.asp>.

2008 CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The dates for the 2007 Citizenship Focus Program are:

California Focus: June 27 - July 1

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

Heritage Trail I: June 29 - July 5

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

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.

4-H GETS COMMERCIAL SPOT

4-H has recently entered a sponsorship agreement with DIC Entertainment that will give the 4-H Youth Development Program 100 30-second 4-H commercial spots. The spots are expected to reach 14.8 million youth ages 6-11 during a year-long run on *Kewlopolis*, the CBS weekend morning kids programming block. The 4-H commercial made its national premiere on *Kewlopolis* September 15. In exchange, DIC Entertainment asks 4-H to spread the word throughout the 4-H community about its educational cartoon, *Horseland*. *Horseland* is a show about kids and their horses experiencing adventures with themes of friendship, teamwork, acceptance, and compassion similar to the leadership, citizenship and life skills learned through participation in 4-H. For more *Horseland* information and to download promotional tools, go to www.fourhcouncil.edu/horseland.aspx.

LOOKING FOR YOUTH TO SERVE ON GABY

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation is looking for youth between the ages of 12 and 19 to join the Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY). GABY is an exciting opportunity for young people to receive training on philanthropy; community needs assessment, meeting facilitation, and group decision-making skills. This year, the GABY Board members reviewed the funding applications and awarded grants for 32 youth-led projects that addressed a range of issues impacting youth including environmental education, job skills training, drug and violence prevention, and cultural literacy. Please visit www.sacregcf.org this fall to download the 2007-2008 GABY Board Application. Contact (916) 921-SRCF or gaby@sacregcf.org if you have any questions.

CALLING ALL ONLINE TEENS & YOUNG 4-H ALUMNI

Are you currently involved in social media or social networking? What are your opinions about technology use in the 4-H program? Here is your opportunity to have your opinions heard and used! Development of the new Access 4-H Internet Platform has begun and is designed to bring together members of the 4-H family as never before. We need and invite your feedback now and in the weeks and months ahead. We are looking for members to join the Access 4-H Facebook or MySpace Communities, an online community of 4-H members and young alumni. We will engage in discussion and ask your opinions on many topics. Become a member of the discussions that are moving 4-H into utilizing next-generation technology. Interested people should go to www.4-h.com/access4-h to find a link to their social network. For more information, please contact Jessica Falkenthal at jfalkenthal@fourhcouncil.edu.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <i>National 4-H Sunday (Mt. Shasta Mall)</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Valley Club Officer's Training (No. Cow Creek School)</i>
 << National 4-H Week October 7-13 >> 						
14	15	16 <i>National Boss Day</i>	17 <i>Valley Council Meeting 7 p.m.</i>	18	19	20 <i>Valley Livestock Judging Day (Shasta College)</i>
21	22	23	24 <i>InterMtn Record Book Judging 6 p.m.</i>	25	26 <i>Record Books going to State Judging Due (4-H office)</i>	27 <i>Spooky Lagoon (Redding Aquatics Center)</i>
 << National Red Ribbon Week October 21-27 >> 						
28	29	30 <i>Valley New Leader Orientation 6 p.m. (4H office)</i>	31 <i>4-H Computer Corps. App's Due Halloween </i>			

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NEW 4-H EXCHANGE LINK

Please note that the 4-H Exchange Database website has changed from www.4-H.org/exchanges to <http://exchanges.ces.ncsu.edu/>. The 4-H Exchange Database brings together 4-H members across the country. Ads for current exchanges are posted on the site which explains each planned exchange.

CLOTHING MEMBERS INVITED

The State 4-H Fashion Revue Committee invites all interested youth and adults to attend their organizational meeting, **Saturday, November 3** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the State 4-H Office. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm for a great 2008 event. For information, contact Kylie Deal, Youth Chairperson dmtiers06@yahoo.com, Mary Engebret, State Council Liaison, maryengebret@comcast.net or Sue Moore, 4-H Staff Liaison samoore@ucdavis.edu.