



Tips 'n Topics

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SHASTA COUNTY

2023-2024 4-H PROGRAM YEAR / VOLUME 24, ISSUE 2 — AUGUST 2023

Spotlight

Welcome to the 2023-24 Program Year.

The new registration program will be available beginning August 15.

We will send an email link to all members & volunteers who were registered last year. There will also be a Registration page added to our website with links, helpsheets, etc.

The California State 4-H Youth Development Program increased enrollment fees for the 2023-2024 year by \$5 per registration.

There will be several new projects offered this year, one is a Countywide Dog Project.

Additional details can be found on [page 3](#).

CALENDAR

August

- 4 Inter-Mountain Fair Entries Deadline
- 4 Record Books due to 4-H Office
- 11 County Ambassador Support Application Deadline
- 11 Inter-Mountain Plant Science Day
- 12 Leader In-Person Record Book Judging
- 15 Online Registration in ZSuite Opens
- 26 4-H Information Night @ SD Bridge
- 31 Inter-Mountain Fair Opens

September

- 4 Inter-Mountain Fair Closes
- 4* Inter-Mountain Achievement Awards
- 8 Club Member Officer Training & Installation
- 20 Valley Community Club Leader Training

October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 1 Valley Achievement Awards
- 14 Valley Livestock Judging Day & YQCA Training
- 18 Valley Council Meeting
- 25 Inter-Mountain Council Meeting

November

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 10 Veteran's Day*
- 23-24* Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30 **4-H Enrollment Deadline** for 2024 Fair Exhibitors



December

- 9 Junior & Teen Leader Training
- 25-26 Christmas Holiday*

* Shasta 4-H Office Closed

Council meetings are open to **all** members.

Member Resources

[Shasta County 4-H Website](#)

[Shasta County 4-H Calendar](#)

4-H Enrollment is Year-Round

Interested in [Volunteering](#) ?

California 4-H [Member Resources](#)

[4-H Handbook for Families](#)



<https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-HResources/>

This site will be updated regularly with guidance and tips on for 4-H clubs, activities and projects both in-person and virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that guidance is subject to change. Please check back regularly for the latest updates.

See these other sites for additional information.

NATIONAL 4-H - Activity Guides link:

[4-H at Home Activity Guides](#) | [4-H](#)

California 4-H State website - For more information on the California 4-H Youth Development Program, visit 4h.ucanr.edu



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Countywide Dog Project

There will be a Countywide Dog Project beginning in September where members will learn about dogs, their care & feeding. May also include obedience training, agility, etc.

Meetings will be held at least monthly in a dog friendly area, with further details to be decided after meeting with members.

Once online registration opens, you will find this project listed under the Oak Run club.

If you are a returning member interested in participating in this project, please contact Lacey Stricklin at

horse8mymoney@gmail.com

with your name, age and club name.



**Gently used whites
are available
in the 4-H Office.**

Whites are not required at 4-H events, however the Inter-Mountain Fair does require that members wear them.



State Field Day

On May 27, 2023 several Shasta County 4-H members went to the Davis campus of the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources to participate in State Field Day. Alternatively, members could participate in Virtual State Field Day contents held May 10-20, 2023.

Below are the results from State Field Day 2023.

[Results were also posted online.](#)

Congratulations to all who participated !

Fashion Revue:

Emily Madden	Gold	Consumer Science Purchased	Burney
	Gold Medal	Softie Challenge	Burney
Robert Madden	Blue	Leather Creations	Burney
Avery Tate	Blue	Traditional	Burney

Interview Contest:

Marianna Hiser	Gold		Hat Creek
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Presentation:

Wyatt Fields	Gold Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Burney
Jean Greenwood	Gold Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
Marianna Hiser	Gold Medal	Cultural Arts	Hat Creek
Emily Madden	Gold Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Burney
Robert Madden	Gold Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Burney
Ellie Matthews	Silver Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
Maggie Rohrer	Gold Medal	Educational Display Talk	Cottonwood
Micaela Thompson	Gold Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
Silas Thompson	Gold Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
Zoe Thompson	Gold Medal	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro

Plant Science Contest:

Silas Thompson	Gold Medal		Palo Cedro
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Regional Presentation Event 2023

On Saturday, April 1st several Shasta County 4-H members drove up to Fort Jones to participate in the In-Person Presentation event. Those who were unable to make it on that date participated in a Virtual Presentation Event. Below are the results from Regional Presentation 2023.

Congratulations to all who participated !



Wyatt Fields	Blue	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Burney
Jean Greenwood	Gold	Cultural Arts	Palo Cedro
	Gold	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
	Gold	Interpretive Reading	Palo Cedro
John Greenwood	Red	Interpretive Reading	Palo Cedro
Richard Greenwood	Red	Educational Display	Palo Cedro
Mariana Hiser	Gold	Cultural Arts	Hat Creek
	Blue	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Hat Creek
Emily Madden	Gold	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Burney
Robert Madden	Gold	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Burney
Ellie Matthews	Gold	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
Maggie Rohrer	Gold	Educational Display	Cottonwood
Micaela Thompson	Gold	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
Silas Thompson	Blue	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro
Zoe Thompson	Blue	Demo/Illustrated Talk	Palo Cedro



Thank You

The article below is from the Summer Edition of Waste Management's Trash Talk Newsletter.

SEEDING THE FUTURE

A steward of the environment in Shasta County, WM, on Saturday, April 15th, partnered with Shasta County 4-H to build a pollinator garden at the Anderson Landfill. Approximately 55 attendees came together to help create the garden and plant over 42 seedlings. Attendees also learned about landfill anatomy and pollination, enjoyed checking out the big trucks used at the landfill, and walked away with a plant to grow. WM looks forward to hosting more local groups in the coming year!

Shasta County 4-H volunteers would like to thank Erin Paradis for all the hard work and dedication she puts in to the 4-H program throughout the year. Meeting with community partners, planning the events and making sure that everything works logistically were just a handful of the things required.

What many of you may not know is that in addition to the 19 clubs in Shasta, Erin also manages the 4-H programs in Tehama and Trinity counties. When she came into the job 4 years ago Erin was already very familiar with 4-H, having previously been a project leader and then a club leader. Her son, Ryan, is a 4-H alumni. Along with Ryan, Erin's daughter, Carlie, and husband, Jonathan, are also adult volunteers.

The numerous events held in Shasta County require quite a bit of groundwork by Erin. Her support of the club leaders has shown us how to be a true collaborator and she goes out of her way to support the members and we appreciate it so much.

thank you

Devil's Garden Colt Challenge

What is the Devil's Garden Colt Challenge?

California 4-H and FFA youth have the opportunity to take home and train a Devil's Garden Wild Horse weanling. The weanlings are 4-6 months old at pick up. Youth are given a 6 month training period with additional check in challenges. The training period culminates in a live horse show/challenge in Alturas where participants can show their horse's progress through various show classes. Although the program is called the "colt" challenge, mares and geldings are available.

The Devil's Garden wild horses live on a high volcanic plateau in Modoc County in northeastern California. They have a rich hundred year history in Modoc County. Today's population is descended from the working horses of local farms and ranches, and cavalry mounts. However, their current population is 5-10 times the appropriate management level of 204-402 horses. At the start of the Colt Challenge in 2019, youth in northern California 4-H and FFA programs had the opportunity to adopt a weanling wild horse and participate in the Devil's Garden Colt Challenge. In 2021 the program was opened to 4-H and FFA members from Modoc to Monterey counties, and in 2022 the program grew to encompass all of California.

Remember, when the youth adopt their horse it is a wild animal. They have to gain the horse's trust before anything else can be done. If they choose to compete in the Colt Challenge, participants had just under six-months to prepare their colt for the Showmanship, Halter, and Obstacle Course classes at the Challenge.

One of Shasta County's 4-H members, Aubrielle and her horse Mystic, took **first place** in this year's Devil's Garden Video Challenge !

[DG Colt Challenge Update - California 4-H Grown - ANR Blogs \(ucanr.edu\)](#)

[Here is a piece written in 2018 about the first roundup of wild horses in the Modoc National Forest.](#)

During the Challenge, not only do the participants have to lead the horse on a specific path, they then have to guide the horse to go backwards along that same path.



Devil's Garden Colt Challenge

The Challenge consists of three classes:

Obstacle Course - Focuses on desensitization, basic ground skills, and horse maintenance including picking up feet and loading into a trailer. Horses may have to weave around barrels, maneuver over ground poles and a tarp, and walk through colorful hanging pool noodles.

Halter - Looks at participants ability to lead horse through a variety of tasks in order to evaluate their health, grooming, and behavior. Mainly focusing on tangible horse skills such as being able to pick up feet, halter lead ease, and reaction to new environments.

Showmanship - Looks more at how well the trainer is able to show and set up their horse, while recalling basic general horse care and knowledge.

This year's Colt Challenge took place on Saturday, June 17—a windy and overcast day in Alturas.

Three of Shasta County's 4-H members won prizes, including Aubrielle & Mystic who took First Prize !



Wild horses are preyed upon by other animals so they're particularly alert to odd noises or things - like the squeak from a metal mailbox or walking through pool noodles hanging in a row.



Stepping up onto a wood platform & standing patiently and confined spaces aren't something horses typically find in the wild.



Colt Challenge

My Journey Training a Wild Mustang

by: Brooklin Stuit, Twin Palms 4-H Club

Through 4-H I had the opportunity to train a wild mustang. My most recent mustang I named Yoshi. Yoshi was a lot harder to train than my previous mustang, May. When I was told I was getting Yoshi, I knew it was meant to be. The feeling I had when we unloaded him from the trailer was the best feeling ever. I had so much joy and excitement as I was finally able to meet him.



As I started the training, I could tell right away it he was a lot more skittish than May. He would not let me get near him. I could tell he was thinking “ I’m afraid! who is this person? Is she going to hurt me?” But even still I kept at his training, even on days when it was hard because it was cold raining or snowing. There were many days I felt discouraged because he was afraid and didn’t want me go near him. But then I got the first touch and the excitement of that pushed me to keep going, and soon enough, I was petting him all over and giving him lots of hugs.

Everyday seemed like a roller coaster of emotions. Some days I would go out and be able to love on him and scratch him, but other days he wouldn’t want me too close to him. He didn’t like tack, especially halters. After more than a month of patiently trying, Yoshi finally let me halter him. This was a great milestone for the both of us. After that moment he seemed to trust me way more. I longed to see him run in the pasture with May and now that he was allowing me to halter him I could safely let him out of the pen. What a day it was when he ran free in the pasture for the first time!

Although he was now letting me halter him there was still so much to accomplish before the Colt Challenge and there were many days I didn’t think we would get there. I had to teach him to lead, lift his feet and load in a trailer. I also had to desensitize him to pool noodles, lead ropes, tarps, and other obstacles.



Soon Yoshi became so eager to please and after months of training I was able to take him to the Colt Challenge show. To my surprise, we went from maybe not being able to make it to the show to getting 2nd place in my age bracket!

I am so proud of Yoshi and how far we have come. I’m honored to have a horse like him and I am so grateful for 4-H and the experience it has given me.



08/01 Rhett O.
 08/01 Skyler K.
 08/01 Anayeli J.
 08/01 Jordon B.
 08/01 Evangeline S.
 08/02 Brianne von S.
 08/02 Christopher C.
 08/02 Hunter B.
 08/02 Makenzie C.
 08/02 Grant S.
 08/03 Klowey J.
 08/03 Joseph D.
 08/04 Austin S.
 08/04 Sierra K.
 08/04 Hailey B.
 08/06 Cheyenne U.
 08/07 Tucker G.
 08/08 Kerrington L.
 08/08 Paisley S.
 08/09 Jenifer R.
 08/09 Anthony F.
 08/10 Tracy T.
 08/10 Natalee B.
 08/10 Angelina L.

08/11 Chase H.
 08/11 Anna C.
 08/11 Maggie B.
 08/12 Gage L.
 08/13 Xara M.
 08/13 Joshua E.
 08/14 Kansas S.
 08/14 Crew G.
 08/15 Britney G.
 08/15 Sara G.
 08/16 Kevin O.
 08/16 Derek P.
 08/17 Charlotte P.
 08/18 Frank M.
 08/18 Shawna B.
 08/18 Melissa E.
 08/18 Violet A.
 08/18 Wyatt F.
 08/18 Quinn M.
 08/18 Elise B.
 08/19 Everett C.
 08/19 Zane C.

08/21 Payton G.
 08/22 Brent C.
 08/22 Sunny H.
 08/22 Madison G.
 08/24 Kinsey H.
 08/25 Allison C.
 08/26 Heather M.
 08/26 Valerie M.
 08/26 Dean J.
 08/27 Ashley H.
 08/28 Peyton B.
 08/29 Chloe C.
 08/29 Angelik A.
 08/29 Morgan L.
 08/29 Kassidy O.
 08/30 Maximiliano L.
 08/30 Tanner B.
 08/30 Ryane P.

This day in history: August 1

1981: MTV debuts with the song "Video Killed the Radio Star"

1956: KRCR TV in Redding-Chico begins broadcasting

1941: The First Jeep comes off the assembly line