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4-H Youth Development Program

Colusa County 4-H Newsletter

November 2022

Colusa County 4-H Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

2nd-Maxwell 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m., Maxwell Elementary School Cafeteria

11th-Office closed, Veterans Day

14th-Arbuckle 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m., Arbuckle Elementary School Cafeteria

14th-Princeton 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m., Princeton Elementary School Cafeteria

14th-Stonyford 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m., Stonyford Town Hall

16th-Colusa County 4-H Council, 5:30 p.m., CIP Conference Room

24-25, Office closed, Thanksgiving

28th-Colusa Community 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m., Etchepare Hall at Fairgrounds

December

1st-Volunteer eXtension course completion deadline

7th-Maxwell 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m., Maxwell Elementary School Cafeteria

Cash's Corner & *Quick Links:*



10th-Chico State Sheep & Meat Goat Day, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chico State Farm

12th-Arbuckle 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m., Arbuckle Elementary School Cafeteria

12th-Princeton 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m., Princeton Elementary School Cafeteria

12th-Stonyford 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m., Stonyford Town Hall

19th-Colusa Community 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m., Etchepare Hall at Fairgrounds

23-30, Office closed for holidays

Countywide Craft Expo

The Countywide Craft Expo. was held on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Exhibit Building at the Colusa County Fairgrounds. It was a well attended event this year! Thank you to all who came out to craft with us! Several booths were sold out by 1 p.m., and our new addition of the Embellishment station was a hit as well. Who doesn't want to add a little more bling to their project!

As a reminder, any project made at the Craft Expo. can be entered into the Colusa County Fair! Keep track of them!



MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

ED & JOSIE MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN
Ed and Josie Mattingly were 4-H leaders in Butte County for many years while 7 of their 9 children were in the Biggs 4-H Club. Both have since passed away, and their family and friends would like to memorialize them by helping 4-H'ers in livestock projects. In this spirit the family would like to help 4-H'ers who would have difficulty financing a livestock project without a loan. For further information, please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570 OR BY [clicking here](#)

JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherer of Arbuckle established the Joel Sherer Memorial Fund in 1965 to memorialize their son Joel, who was "an energetic 4-H'er during his lifetime", and to assist 4-H members in establishing a degree of independence by allowing them the opportunity to finance their livestock projects. For For further information, please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570 OR BY [clicking here](#)

The Colusa-Glenn Farm Credit Youth Lending Program provided interest-free funds to youth from Colusa and Glenn Counties who participate in livestock projects in qualifying 4-H, FFA, Independent, or Grange chapters. This opportunity allows the youth to learn about the importance of accurate records, budgeting, and honoring obligations to repay. [click here for more information](#)

Arbuckle 4-H'er Rebekah McPeck travels to National Junior Horticulture Association Convention representing California 4-H

I recently attended the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention. I learned a lot about Horticulture and engaged with individuals across the country. Getting this opportunity to represent the California 4-H organization through the Horticultural lens, I can teach others about the agricultural aspects of our state and, in doing so, can learn more about theirs. The natural aspects that span the country differ significantly, and discussing the conservation needs was one of the most eye-opening aspects of the trip for me. While in California, we have water management issues, other states suffer from different things, like mono-cropping in the Midwest, which has led to the collapse of ecosystems. The opportunities presented by 4-H have allowed me to utilize these engagements and understand other people's situations broadly.

The NJHA not only hosted the plant identification competition but also invited participants to go on tours from the University of Maryland, Ladew Topiary Gardens, and a local flower shop's self-service bouquet station and greenhouse. The University had several experiences in which we spent the greater part of a day participating, including a tour of the campus' robust greenhouse, a lesson in entomology and fungi identification, and ending with a talk with the university's natural resource landscape engineering class professor. My favorite part was the Horticultural Connections Game, a jeopardy-style game that showed me the connections in horticulture in our daily lives.

These tours and lessons, alongside the games put on in the evening at the hotel to challenge all of the State Teams in their broader horticultural knowledge, allowed me to explore another interest of something I had been competing in for years. Meeting all of these new people through this 4-H event also allowed me to grow an understanding of horticulture and myself.

As a member of Arbuckle 4-H, I have had the opportunity to represent the club at many county events, from the Fair to Presentation Day. As the Colusa County 4-H Ambassador, I have had opportunities to represent the county at State events, such as the State Leadership Conference as a participant and State Field Day as a Room Host. Representing the State at a National level was the next step, and like the 4-H motto says, "to make the best better," these opportunities have helped me grow and will continue to be used throughout my life.

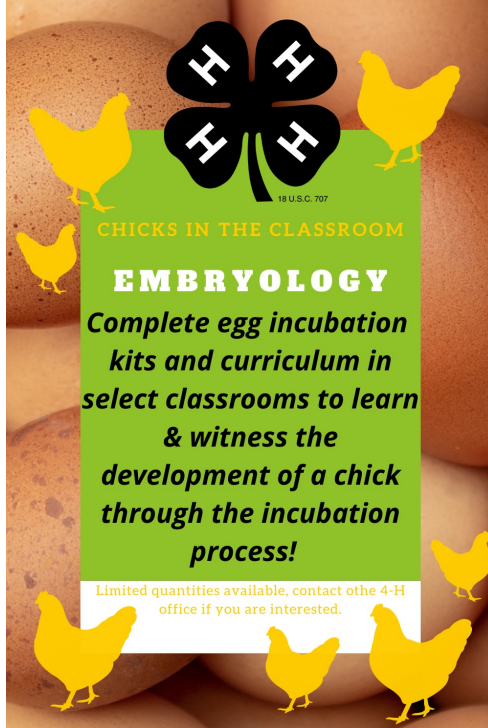
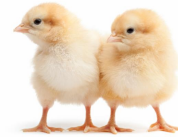
Chicks in the Classroom

Are you a Colusa County Teacher, or in a classroom that would love to learn & watch eggs develop?

We have two incubators available for Fall classrooms! Full incubator & curriculum provided for grades 2-6.

Please **contact the office** if you are interested in this program;

530-458-0570 or
colusa@ucanr.edu



CHICKS IN THE CLASSROOM

EMBRYOLOGY

Complete egg incubation kits and curriculum in select classrooms to learn & witness the development of a chick through the incubation process!

Limited quantities available, contact the 4-H office if you are interested.

From the State 4-H Office

Youth Summit Facilitators

The 2023 California 4-H Youth Summit is nearly here! Leadership Opportunity!

Applications are open for Youth Summit Facilitators, a hands on leadership opportunity for Senior 4-H'ers (14+). Facilitators are responsible for making the Youth Summit a success, and lead groups of Youth Summit attendees with a partner in small meeting discussions about conference activities, goals, and personal development. Facilitators will work as a team and assist with conference activities and educational sessions. But most importantly, Youth Summit facilitators will develop skills in leadership, group facilitation, and more!

Responsibilities

- Lead and teach your own group of Summit attendees.
- Assist with conference activities, educational sessions, and more.
- Attend a facilitator orientation on November 13th, 10AM - 12 PM.
- Attend following team meetings and be present for the Youth Summit weekend in your area.

Outcomes

- Gain new leadership and facilitation skills.
- Learn how to work with youth ages 11-13.
- Make teen 4-H friends across the State of California!



January

13-15

South: Pathfinder Ranch, Mountain Center CA

January 20-22

Central: Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger CA

January 27-29

Virtual: via Zoom

February 10-12

Bay/Coast: CYO Retreat Center, Occidental CA

Host a workshop at the Youth Summits

Call for workshop proposals for the 2023 Youth Summits. In-person in three locations or virtual options available.

Educational Platform: What's in your Toolbox?
"Reach the next steps by identifying your skills,

[View full role description](#)

For questions or concerns, please contact the Facilitator Coordinator team.

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utilizing available resources, and developing competencies needed to take action."

The 2023 Educational Platform is focused on helping youth identify their skills, strengths, sparks/passions, personal connections, and knowledge they already have in their toolbox and finding ways to expand their toolbox through mentors/advisors, leadership skills development, working in diverse teams, incorporate external resources, and other 4-H opportunities to continue building their toolbox.

Please [submit proposals](#) .

Save the Date! #GivingTuesday is November 29, 2022

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is a worldwide day of giving. On #GivingTuesday, give back to community organizations like 4-H.

Here's how you can participate:

- Sign up to be a 4-H volunteer
- Donate to your 4-H club, county 4-H, or UCCE office, look for email that has the link to donate!
- Spread the word! Ask friends and neighbors to support 4-H in your county!

Double your donation

This year we have a \$50,000 match by donors to the California 4-H Foundation! Dollar for dollar matching gifts will be distributed on a first give, first get basis until funds are depleted, starting at 12:00 am on November 29.

We are transitioning from the Star Ranking system

This year we are starting the transition to a new achievement recognition program. The Star Ranking system will transition to this new system in phases.

Phase 1 is the Spark Achievement Program. This is designed for new and Junior 4-H members who haven't started the Star Ranking system yet.

Join one of our webinars to learn more about Phase 1 and how this new program will benefit your club and members!

For all 4-H'ers

November 9, 7:00 pm

December 13, 6:00 pm

Club & Project Leaders

November 21, 6:00 pm

December 1, 6:00 pm

December 5, 6:00 pm

New & Junior 4-H families

November 15, 6:00 pm

December 19, 6:00pm

[Sign up for webinar here](#)

RSVP

Colusa County 4-H Clubs Meetings

Arbuckle 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

[Meeting Schedule](#)

Maxwell 4-H Club

1st Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

[Meeting Schedule](#)

Colusa 4-H Club

Princeton 4-H Club

Varying Mondays, 7:00 p.m. - meetings now at Etchepare Hall, Fairgrounds
[Meeting Schedule](#)

2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
[Meeting Schedule](#)

Stonyford 4-H Club
2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
[Meeting Schedule](#)

Anyone interested in helping us revive the Williams 4-H Club, please [contact us!](#)

[For More Information](#)
[Click here to e-mail the 4-H Office.](#)

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **H** **AD** to clearer thinking,
my **HE** **RT** to greater loyalty,
my **H** **NDS** to larger service,
and my **HE** **LTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country,
and my world. 

Prometo usar mi **M** **NTE** para pensar con más claridad,
mi **COR** **ZÓN** para ser más leal,
mis **M** **NOS** para ser más servicial,
mi **S** **LUD** para cuidarme más,
por mi club, mi comunidad, mi país
y mi mundo. 