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Colusa County 4-H Newsletter

October 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

30th - Club Officer Training - **CANCELED**

October

1st - Deadline to be registered in ZSuite, enrollment fees and fair form turned in to your Community Club Leader or 4-H Office

1st - 7th - National 4-H Week Many Hearts. One Family.

2nd - County Record Book Evaluation, 5:30pm, CIP Conference Room

4th - Maxwell 4-H Meeting, 6pm, Maxwell Elementary School Multi Room

9th-Arbuckle 4-H Meeting, 7pm, Arbuckle Elementary School Cafeteria

9th-Princeton 4-H Meeting, 6pm, Princeton Elementary Cafeteria

9th-Stonyford 4-H Meeting, 6 p.m., Community Pavilion

14th - Butte County Small Animal Field Day - Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 9am

20th-Colusa County Fair Premium Book Cover Contest entry due by 5pm

23rd-Colusa 4-H Meeting, 7pm, Etchepare Hall

November

1st - Maxwell 4-H Meeting, 6pm, Maxwell Elementary School Multi Room

4th - Make It Take It Craft Expo, 10am - 3pm, Main Exhibit Colusa Fairgrounds

10th - 4-H Office Closed - Veteran's Day

13th - Arbuckle 4-H Meeting, 7pm, Arbuckle Elementary School Cafeteria

13th - Princeton 4-H Meeting, 6pm, Princeton Elementary Cafeteria

13th - Stonyford 4-H Meeting, 6pm, Community Pavilion

15th - Colusa County 4-H Council Meeting, 5:30pm, CIP Conference Room

24th - 25th - 4-H Office Closed - Thanksgiving

27th - Colusa 4-H Meeting, 7pm, Etchepare Hall

It's Enrollment Time!

Don't forget to sign up for 4-H this year! In order to show at the 2024 Colusa County Fair, you must have the following completed by October 1:

1. Enrolled in ZSuite, [Enroll here!](#)
 2. Enrollment fees paid to your Community Club Leader
 3. [Fair requirements form](#) turned in to your Community Club Leader
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New and Returning Volunteers

Returning volunteers can enroll in ZSuite, and log in to your [eXtension account](#) and take the 2023-24 CA Returning Volunteer course!

New volunteers can get started by taking a New Volunteer Interest [survey](#), and then start in on the 2023-24 Ca New Vol (ENG) course on the [eXtension](#) website.

New Volunteer Orientation will be taking place in October and November, more information will be sent at a later date.

Countywide Craft Expo

The Countywide Craft Expo will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Main Exhibits Building at the Colusa County Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend, as it is open to the public, so be sure and tell your friends and neighbors!

Stay for the day, and it will count as a Countywide 4-H Arts and Crafts project! Be sure and look for it when you sign up online this year! It will be listed as Arts & Crafts: Countywide Craft Expo.

Adults: If you would like to have a booth and teach a craft project, please contact the office and let us know! Then you can surf the web and Pinterest to pick out your project! It can be a holiday project, but it doesn't have to be!

4-H Members: Pick out a Craft project, get your supplies together, and come and teach it to the attendees, and it can count for Presentation credit!

If you want to be an Arts & Crafts leader this year, this could be the start of your project!

Colusa County 4-H Events Explained

Following are some upcoming 4-H events for this year. Refer to the newsletter for the exact dates.

Butte County Small Animal Field Day - October 14th

This event is open to everyone. If you are interested in participating at the event please contact the Butte 4-H office at 530-552-5812

Make It, Take It Craft Expo. November

This event allows youth to make and then take home, various craft projects at the material cost, with pieces ranging from .50 cents to \$10.00. This is open to youth of all ages, 5-18. This event is sponsored by the Colusa County 4-H Council.

Chico State Field Day (December)

This event is NOT a 4-H event, but is highly attended by 4-H members. This event includes workshop on best practices with large livestock, and could include nutrition health, fitting, and showmanship.

Presentation Day (January-February)

This event is open to all 4-H'ers allowing youth to exhibit their communication and public speaking skills. Members plan and create a presentation with assistance from the California 4-H Presentation Manual. Pre-registration is required. This event is sponsored by the Colusa County 4-H Council.

Washburn Ag Field Day (April)

This event is NOT a 4-H event, but is highly attended by 4-H members. This event includes showmanship workshops for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, and Pygmy Goats. Members are also able to practice their judging skills by learning how to place a market class of animals from each breed.

Anything But Animals Still Exhibits Day (March)

This event is open to all 4-H'ers and allows youth to exhibit a variety of entries such as: arts and crafts, woodworking, table settings, and even baked goods. Youth are evaluated on their craft exhibit, as well as a spoken presentation of the items. Pre-registration is required. Youth are given awards based on the Danish system of judging. This event is sponsored by the Colusa County 4-H Council.

Colusa County Fair (June)

This event is NOT a 4-H event, but is highly attended by 4-H members and allows youth to exhibit their

Colusa County Fair Premium Book Cover Contest

Colusa County Fairgrounds is now accepting entries for the June County Fair Premium Book Cover. The artwork chosen will be used as the cover for the premium book! All ages can enter.

Here are the rules:

The artwork must be flat and scannable

Maximum size is 8 x 10, no smaller than 4 x 6

All artwork must be original.

Theme of the fair: Star Spangled Summer

The winner receives \$50 and two fair admission tickets!

Be sure and enter before 5 p.m. on Friday, October 20. You can either enter in person or email your entry to Sophia@colusacountyfair.com

Clubs in Action

Princeton 4-H

The Princeton 4H club had their first club meeting. At the meeting, all the members were asked who wanted to run for office. The new officers are President Elizabeth Wills, Vice President Raylan Taylor, Secretary TJ Winn, Treasurer Jadyne Roach, Reporters Lola Guterrez and myself, Wyatt Roach. We also had the parents introduce themselves and they told us what projects they were leading. For the first activity we did we picked up trash from the playground at Princeton Elementary School. It was a good first meeting.

Colusa County 4-H Council

The Council met on September 20th, Community Club Leaders gave updates on enrollment nights. The Council approved the 2023-2024 Budget. The next meeting will be held on November 15th.

Attention 4-H Club Members: If you attend a 4-H event, you are welcome to submit an article to let us know about it! Send us a picture, and tell us the who, what, where, and why, plus something that you learned! The deadline to submit is by the 20th of the month. And, it will count in your record book! Email article to jpperry@ucanr.edu or mzoller@ucanr.edu

We want your feedback!

Please take this survey about your experience with the 4-H program. Your feedback will help us to improve our Colusa County 4-H Program. The

survey will take about 10 minutes to complete and closes October 15th.

Link & QR Code for 4-H Feedback Survey:

Link: <http://bit.ly/4-Hfeedback>

Questions about the survey? Contact Nicole Marshall-Wheeler, 4-H Advisor
nmarshall@ucanr.edu



Field Trip Opportunity

California Agriculture Museum in Woodland will lead groups of 4-H'ers through their tractor museum and other agricultural displays!

If interested, call (916)984-0258, and ask for Lee Snorteland.

Chicks in the Classroom

A poster for 'Chicks in the Classroom Embryology'. It features a central green rectangle with white text. Above the text is a black four-leaf clover with white 'H' logos on each leaf. The background is a collage of brown eggs and yellow chicken silhouettes. At the bottom, there is a white box with small text.

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!

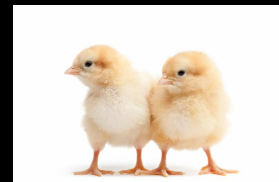
Limited quantities available, contact othe 4-H office if you are interested.

We can take sign ups for the following time slots:

September-October
February-March
April-May

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

530-458-0570 or
colusa@ucanr.edu



2021 Colusa County 4-H Large Animal Estimated Cost of Ownership Examples

Estimated 4-H Large Animal Project Cost			
Expense <i>*Average Estimates</i> <i>approx. period of ownership (Months)</i> <i>purchase price range</i>	Hog 4-5	Lamb 4-5	Steer 6+
	\$350-\$750	\$400-\$1100	\$1500-\$2500
Purchase of Animal	\$ 500	\$ 750	\$ 2,000
Feed Costs	\$ 350	\$ 450	\$ 1,230
Shavings/bedding	\$ 200	\$ 125	\$ 300
Show Tools & Supplies	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150
Misc. & Medical Costs	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,725	\$ 3,930
Break Even Price per lb.	\$ 6.17	\$ 13.27	\$ 2.91
Market Average Weight (at Sale) (lbs.)	235	130	1350

EXPENSE ASSUMPTIONS			
	Hog	Lamb	Steer
Bags of feed	15	15	30
Bales of Hay/Feed	0	5	40
Shavings	20	10	30

Colusa County 4-H Club 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

Varying Mondays, 7:00 p.m. - meetings now at

Princeton 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Etchepare Hall, Fairgrounds
Meeting [Schedule](#)

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. 