



# COLUSA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS (Please look at calendar below as dates sometimes change):

- Arbuckle 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- Colusa 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa
- Maxwell 4-H – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room
- Princeton 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30pm, Princeton High School multipurpose room
- Stonyford 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, time TBA, Town Hall
- Williams 4-H – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall (9<sup>th</sup> & C Street)
- 4-H Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

## CALENDAR:

### MARCH 2011

- 2 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose room
- 6 Home Ec Review, Maxwell Elementary, 9:00am –LOCATION CHANGED!!
- 7 Due: applications for Mattingly and Sherer Livestock loans
- 12 Glenn County Livestock Bowl
- 13 Stonyford Club Meeting, Town Hall
- 14 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 14 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 14 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton HS Multipurpose room
- 15 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall
- 16 Council meeting, 6:30 pm, CIP Conference Room
- 19 Sectional Presentation Day, Willows, 9:00am, Willows Intermediate School
- 23 Applications for Camp Counselors due to the 4-H Office
- 25 Applications due to State 4-H Office for State Ambassador 2011-2012
- 30 Interviews for Camp Counselors, you must call for appointment

### APRIL 2011

- 2 Livestock Skill-A-Thon, 8:30am check in, Colusa County Fairgrounds
- 6 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose room
- 9 Rabbit & Poultry Field Day, 9:00am, Small Animal Barn, Fairgrounds
- 10 Stonyford Club Meeting, Town Hall
- 11 Sheep/Goat/Swine Weigh In and Fair Entry due date, 3:30 – 5:30pm
- 11 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 11 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 11 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton HS Multipurpose room
- 15 Applications for Scholarship, Merit Award and All Star to the 4-H Office
- 17 Colusa County 4-H Horse Show, 44<sup>th</sup> D.A.A. Fairgrounds
- 19 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall
- 29 Applications due to State 4-H Office for scholarships for higher education



## COLUSA COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK DATES

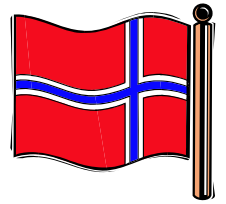
- Saturday, March 12, 2011 – Glenn County Livestock Bowl
- Saturday, April 2, 2011 – Colusa County Livestock Skill-a-thon, 8:30am, Fairgrounds
- Saturday, April 9, 2011 – Rabbit & Poultry Field Day, 9am, Fairgrounds
- Monday, April 11, 2011 – Sheep/Goat/Swine weigh in/Fair Entry date, 2pm-6pm
- Sunday, April 17, 2011 – Colusa County 4-H Horse Show, 44<sup>th</sup> D.A.A. Fairgrounds
- Monday, May 9, 2011 – Rabbits/Avian weigh in/Fair Entry Date, 3:30pm-5:30pm
- May 28-29, 2011 – California Equine Educational Field Day, Davis
- May, 28, 2011 – State 4-H Field Day, Davis
- June 9-12, 2011 - Colusa County Fair “Blue Jeans and Country Dreams”

### NEW DATE:

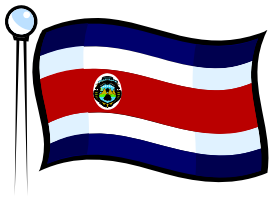
The Rabbit and Poultry Field Day will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the small animal barn at Colusa County Fairgrounds.

## ONE-MONTH SUMMER HOSTING PROGRAM

California 4-H is looking for families who would like to host an international student in their home for one month this summer. The international students range in age from 12 and 19 and come from Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway.

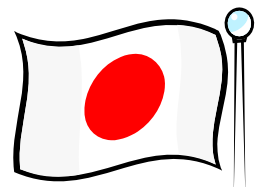


Applications are being accepted now. Students are placed in homes with a youth of the same gender and within two years of age. The application provides information to help ensure good placements with families and teens sharing common interests.



You don't need a fancy home or a separate bedroom to host – just a desire to make room in your lives for a new friend. And you don't need to spend a lot of money or time traveling the state – the students are not here as tourists. They are here to live with your family and participate in your normal summer activities. The costs are minimal. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

Please consider offering this priceless educational experience to your family. Teens that participate in exchange opportunities are better prepared for life in a global society. Through this first-hand experience they gain a deeper understanding of another culture and gain insight into the values and lifestyle of their own family and community.



Applications for Norway need to be completed by February 28, Costa Rica by March 30 and Japan by May 1. Placements for the Japan program are on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/>.

Contact Pat English, California International Exchange Coordinator, at 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) for more information.

## FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

The premium book is now complete on line and accessible for all at: [http://www.colusacountyfair.com/03\\_county\\_fair/Exhibitor\\_Information.html](http://www.colusacountyfair.com/03_county_fair/Exhibitor_Information.html). The printed book will be available in April.

**REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS:**  
**Bring 2-3 large main dishes and one large salad (at least 12 servings each) for the luncheon. Thank you!**

## HOME EC REVIEW

The Home Ec Review will be Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9-2:00 at Maxwell Elementary School. Check in is 9:00 in the multipurpose room. Opening assembly is at 9:30 with competition and field day judging following. Judges and other volunteers report at 8:45 in the judges' lounge. The day will rap up with a luncheon for all participants followed by an awards assembly. Members attending to complete field day judging contest only do not pre-register. Adult volunteers are still needed. Stonyford 4-H is the host, Ralph Minto, event chair.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H STATE AMBASSADOR?

The State 4-H Office accepts and evaluates applications in the spring of each year. The 2011-2012 4-H State Ambassador Application is available now for downloading at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>. It is due to the State 4-H Office by March 25, 2011. The 2012, 2013, and 2014 State Ambassador teams will be designated Centennial teams in celebration of the Centennial anniversary of 100 years of 4-H in California.

## STATE 4-H FIELD DAY

Registration deadline April 1, 2011 <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>  
May 28, 2011 at UC Davis  
State 4-H Field Day Hotline at (530) 752-4790



Since 2002, the State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. Between 1,000 and 1,400 people attend the event. The event has a 'picnic' feel as people bring chairs and socialize for the day on the Wellman Hall east lawn. The State 4-H Office provides coordination and facility support. Each contest and activity is coordinated by a group of 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth.

During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event. The Information Packet for the 2011 State 4-H Field Day is available at the above website.

## COLUSA COUNTY 4-H CAMP 2011

Camp dates: June 17-20  
Staff dates: June 16-20  
Counselor applications due, Wed., March 23  
Counselor interviews, Wed., March 30  
First staff meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m., CIP Conference Room



## SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

March 19, 2011 at 9:00am  
Willows Intermediate School, 1145 West Cedar, Willows, CA. Pre-registration is required.  
Sectional Presentation Day forms need to be in the Colusa County 4-H Office by Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. For more information contact the Colusa 4-H Office at 458-0570. **Help needed!**

## **MERIT AWARD, ALL STAR & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

**DUE: APRIL 15, 2011**

**Merit Award** – applicants must be 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates by June 2011 or 14 years of age or older. A prime consideration in the selection will be how much work, assistance and cooperation the member has given to younger members, leaders, and the club program. The award is a full scholarship to the State 4-H Leadership Conference at UC Davis, July 28 - July 31, 2011.

**All Star** – applicants must be 15 years of age as of January 2011, have a Gold Star or are eligible to attain a Gold Star this year. Up to 4 members may be chosen to serve as All Stars. Duties include attending State 4-H Leadership Conference, present at Achievement Night, other countywide events, represent 4-H at public events and be a counselor at 4-H summer camp.

**College Scholarship** – Any graduating senior that is a 4-H member should call the 4-H office and request an application to be sent to them.

There are 3 components to scholarship;

- 1) Enrollment award based on your years enrolled in 4-H
- 2) Merit award is based on your interview and record book
- 3) Renewable scholarship – for each scholarship awarded, Council will set aside \$1500. You can reapply for three additional years, and be awarded \$500 per year if you meet the requirements: Completion of application, full time student with passing grades, and your transcript from the previous year.

### **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-Hers in livestock projects. In this spirit their family would like to help 4-Hers who would have difficulty financing a livestock project without a loan. **The deadline to apply for this loan is March 7<sup>th</sup>.** For further information please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570.

### **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-Her 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. **The deadline to apply for this loan is March 7<sup>th</sup>.** For further information please contact the 4-H Office.

### **WHY CONFERENCE**

Mendocino and Lake Counties are hosting WHY conference this fall on September 23-25, 2011 at Camp Masonite Navarro. The theme is **4-H Keeps Your Engines Revvin' in 2011**. A t-shirt design contest form is included at the end of this newsletter and must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Workshops are also desired for 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders, 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders and adults. Please request the workshop proposal form from the Colusa 4-H Office. Workshop proposals must be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup> to the Mendocino County 4-H Office.





## CLUB & PROJECT REPORTS

### FEEDS SEMINAR



Submitted by: Bailey Morrell, Maxwell 4-H

On January 6, 2011 I attended a feeds seminar in Willows. Frank Ward, the speaker, talked about the different feeds for all the species; Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats. He also went into depth about the care you should put into your animals. He talked about the feeding times, pen set-up, exercising your animals, and overall care of them. He spoke about different supplements you can add to your feeds for hair growth, appetite enhancements, and structural soundness. I learned a lot from Frank, and was lucky enough to win a hat in a drawing.

### HORSE MEETING

Submitted by: Nilah Pearson, Maxwell 4-H

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> the Maxwell horse group met at Jamie Traynham's house, we went over the parts of the saddle. Then we were quizzed on them. After we finished reviewing the parts of the saddle we went over how to clean it. We then paired up and picked a part of the saddle to clean. I had a lot of fun.

### CHICO STATE SWINE DAY

Submitted by: Mckenzie Carvalho

On January 29<sup>th</sup> was the Chico State Swine Day. The guest speaker was David Lopes, President of the California Pork Producers Association. He gave a presentation on the power of pork. Then they broke us into groups to go to stations to learn breeding, showmanship, fitting, health, and pork production. I had fun learning about everything and look forward to attending the Chico State Swine Day again next year.

### MAXWELL 4-H SCRAPBOOK MEETING

Submitted by: Audrey Pearson

On January 26<sup>th</sup> the scrapbooking group met at my house to put together a page. We made a 2 page family theme spread. We sewed, chalked, and embellished our page while having fun and talking. We enjoyed making our page and I can't wait till we get to make our next one.



### COLUSA 4-H SWINE PROJECT

Submitted by: Andrea Thomas

The Colusa 4-H Swine Project Group had a meeting on January 24, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the CIP Room. We went over fair ear notch cards, the CSUC Swine Day and had some kids do their swine presentations. The presentations that were done were the breeds of pigs by Kate Mobley and Brandon Vaca. Then we had another presentation on how to wash your hog by Michelle Ahola and Ciera Green. The last presentation was on housing of pigs by Chelsie and Jordon Savage.

## **CROSS YOUR NIAGARA FALLS**

When engineers were contemplating building a bridge over the gorge below Niagara Falls, the first problem was to get a line across the chasm. It was impossible to do by boat and the airplane had not yet been invented. Also, the distance was beyond bow and arrow range. As a creative solution, designing engineer Charles Ellet held a kite-flying contest, offering a cash prize to the first person to fly a kite across the gorge and allow it to go low enough for someone on the ground to grab the kite string.

The string led to a cord, then a line, and next a rope. The came cables until there was support sturdy enough for a suspension bridge to be built.

"Think of that kite string as a single thought in your mind," suggests Denis Waitley, a psychologist and internationally known speaker. "The more vivid and clear the thought, and the more you come back to it, the stronger it becomes--like a string to a rope to a cable.

"Each time you rethink it or dwell on it or layer it with other thoughts, you are creating a cognitive map, like building a bridge over Niagara Falls," Says Waitley. "That map will become so strong and real that your mind and body will automatically respond to it and improvise when the ravine widens suddenly or the environment changes."

## **2011 NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**

The 2011 National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshop is scheduled for May 15 – 20 at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid, Iowa. The co-host states of this event are Iowa and Minnesota. Attendance and successful completion of this workshop certifies an individual to be a California 4-H Shooting Sports State Instructor.

State Instructors are part of the team that put on shooting sports trainings throughout the state. It requires an established commitment and a recognized ability to be a State Instructor. This year California will be able to provide financial assistance of \$750 to three individuals selected to attend this training.

Priority will be given to the following individuals:

- 1) Individuals recommended by the local 4-H staff as having a record of contribution to the shooting sports program locally
- 2) Individuals willing to provide a written plan of when and where they will host their first training when they return from the workshop
- 3) Individuals from regions that are lacking instructors

Please contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 with the names of any individuals you recommend for this program.

## **EXPLORING TREES & PONDS WORKSHOP – FREE!**

The Exploring Trees and Ponds workshop will introduce adults to the project and website, and help you use them with the youth who participate in your out-of-school program. The workshop will include hands-on activities and discussions on ways of using digital cameras for conducting inquiry. Please join us! Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 10am-3pm, Watsonville. For more information contact Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, 831-763-8026.



## CALIFORNIA BEEF AMBASSADOR

The Glenn Colusa Cattlewomen are assisting in the search for the next California Beef Ambassador. If you have excellent public speaking skills and are knowledgeable about the Beef Industry check out [www.explorebeef.org](http://www.explorebeef.org) and [www.nationalbeefambassador.org](http://www.nationalbeefambassador.org) for more information about the State and National Contests.

The Glenn Colusa Cattlewomen will be holding a local competition in mid-March to select a contestant to sponsor for the State Contest. Our local contest is open to 17-20 year old (must be 17 but not over 20 by Jan. 1, 2012). You will need to prepare a speech 3-5 minutes long and present it at our local event. Your speech should dazzle us with your knowledge of the beef industry related to beef production, consumers, nutrition and current industry issues. Please notify Glenn Colusa Cattlewomen's President Jane Smart at [smartknowles@yahoo.com](mailto:smartknowles@yahoo.com) by March 1<sup>st</sup> if you are interested in competing in our contest.

## MARKET ANIMAL CHANGES FOR COLUSA COUNTY FAIR

1. Go to: [http://www.colusacountyfair.com/03\\_county\\_fair/Exhibitor\\_Information.html](http://www.colusacountyfair.com/03_county_fair/Exhibitor_Information.html) for details of the NEW! alternate weigh in program, requirements, swine ear notching cards, FAQs.
2. Livestock leaders may require members to weigh their animals at these weigh in days.
3. **Important: the weigh in/entry dates are the LAST day to enter market animals. The wise exhibitor will turn in entry forms/fees before this date, skip the long line at weigh in day and proceed directly to the scales.**
4. **New!** Poultry inspection (10:00), weigh in (11:00) and judging (2:00) will be Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. **New!** Meat pens are **2 birds only**. See page 95 of premium book online.
5. Sale of Champions will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>
6. Keep tabs on your animal's weight. The fair is offering open scale days the first Sunday of the month starting March 6, April 3 and May 1, for one hour, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

• AMANDA BRITT • ANDREA THOMAS • ASHLEIGH EHRKE • AUDREY PEARSON • BLAKE STEIDLMAYER • BRIANNA ZOLLER • BRYAN BURGESS • CONNER SASO • DESTINY DIXON • DREW HARTILL • DYLAN JONES • EMILY HATHAWAY • EMILY WATSON • HAYDEN MORRIS • HERNAN RODRIGUEZ • HOLLIE AZEVEDO • JACOB CHRESTENSEN • JAMIE TROTCHIE • JAQUI REYNOSO • JESSE KASZA • KAILY MCKINLEY • KAYLIE GWINNUP • KENDALL REBELE • LEVI KALFSBEEK • MARY PAT PETERSON • MATTHEW STEIDLMAYER • MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN •

## FROM THE 4-H SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY E-NEWS:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>

**UC Davis CA&ES Field Day** March 5, 2011, 7:15am - 6:00pm <http://www.ca4h.org/files/66944.pdf>

UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences are hosting the 35th annual CA&ES Field Day on March 5, 2011. Over 3,000 FFA and 4-H members (age 14 and older) will participate in 26 contests. High school aged 4-H members are invited to participate and/or observe the contests held on the UC Davis campus. This event will also serve as the California 4-H State Qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Judging, Dairy Cattle Judging, and Poultry Judging contests. Younger 4-Hers may attend and judge but not turn in cards.

**World Water Day** March 22, 2011 <http://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Water is a basic requirement for all life, yet water resources are facing increasing demands from, and competition among, users. In 1992, the UN General Assembly designated 22 March of each year as the World Day for Water. The 2011 theme is "Water for Cities."

### 2011 Intel International Science & Engineering Fair

For youth in high school. May 8-13, 2011 in Los Angeles <http://www.societyforscience.org/isef>

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF), the world's largest international pre-college science competition, provides an annual forum for more than 1,600 high school students from nearly 60 countries, regions, and territories to showcase their independent research.

#### Affiliated Fair in Sacramento

• Sacramento Regional Science and Engineering Fair, 03/18/2011 - 03/19/2011, <http://www.srsefair.org>

**2011 Google Science Fair** <http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair/>

Google has partnered with NASA, CERN, National Geographic, Scientific American, and LEGO to create a totally new kind of STEM competition: a science fair that is more open, inclusive, and global than ever before. The Google Science Fair aims to be the largest global science competition ever and will be open to all students age 13–18 around the world.

### State 4-H Leaders' Forum

November 11-13, 2011 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA

For 4-H Adult Volunteers. <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>

The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. The 2011 theme is "The Magic of 4-H – Transformation."



## INFORMATION FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE: <http://www.ca4h.org/News/>

The **California 4-H Thrive train-the-trainer conferences** have begun! We are so excited to have launched the next step in the 4-H Thrive Rollout plan. Through the next several months we will be training adult volunteers and youth throughout the state to become part of the statewide Master Training team. We have been working hard to develop a youth curriculum called *4-H iThrive!* that engages and guides youth to develop thriving skills. In addition to the youth curriculum, there will be an adult companion workbook, *4-H iChampion*. Both of these pieces will be ready for release in fall of 2011. Training for adult volunteers who lead Leadership Projects will be trained by local county Master Trainers in preparation for project launch in fall 2011. Look for training dates late this spring, summer or early fall. Please join us in thanking the Master Trainers for volunteering their service to this most important task!

The **4-H State California 4-H Military Partnership Program** has received funding to support 92 special needs youth who have a loved one serving in the military to attend **Camp Ronald McDonald at Eagle Lake**, a fully accessible residential summer camp. Held August 7-12, the camp session will include traditional camping activities such as arts and crafts, hikes, fishing, canoeing, sports, swimming, talent show and campfires. The goal of the camp is to provide confidence-building experiences and programs that are designed to support each camper's individuality through the challenges of outdoor group living and teamwork in a supportive environment staffed by trained Program Specialists. For more information about this opportunity, contact Russ Hill, California 4-H Military Partnership Director, at (530) 304-8166 or at [rdhill@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rdhill@ucdavis.edu). To learn more about Camp Ronald McDonald and how you can help by serving as a cabin counselor or volunteer, please contact Vicky Flaig, Camp Director at (916) 734-4230 or [vicky@campronald.org](mailto:vicky@campronald.org).



**State Leadership Conference Financial Aid:** Through a grant from Wells Fargo and assistance from the California 4-H Foundation, financial aid is available to delegates wishing to attend the 2011 State Leadership Conference. Applications are due by **May 13, 2011**. Download application at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/53496.doc>. Please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu) for more information or go to the SLC website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>.

**State 4-H Fashion Revue registration** will be open **March 1 through May 16** at <http://ucanr.org/sfr2011>. SFR is part of State Field Day on May 28 at UC Davis. Delegates must qualify at the county level before registering. The \$15 Challenge category has generated much interest! Everyone is invited to participate in the pattern exchange and our two service projects: Operation Cover Up and Quilts for Wounded Warriors. Complete details are at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>. You can also contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at [chat2kd@unwiredbb.com](mailto:chat2kd@unwiredbb.com) or Jillian Milam, Staff Liaison, at [jmbedel@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmbedel@ucdavis.edu). For information about your county qualifier, please contact your county office.

Over the past century, 4-H has been at the forefront of experiential education, including both programs and processes. The stories of these unique ideas and their successful outcomes cannot be lost. To this end, in close collaboration with national 4-H headquarters at USDA, National 4-H Council, State and County 4-H programs, the **4-H History Preservation Program** will help obtain, digitize, and share 4-H history. <http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/>.

It's time to sharpen up your shooting skills and start preparing for the **Twenty-Seventh Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match**, sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council. Entries for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match must be postmarked by March 7, 2011. For more information, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/>

**2011 Range Camp Applications now available** April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the application deadline for "Range Camp", a week-long camp experience for students ages 15-18 who have an interest in the science and management of natural resources in California. Range Camp runs from June 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at the University of California's Elkus Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay. More information and application forms can be downloaded from <http://casrm.rangelands.org/HTML/rangecamps.html> (bottom of page). Cost is \$400. Camp scholarships are available from agriculture and conservation organizations in many counties. Contact Marc Horney at Cal Poly, SLO for more information: (805) 756-7543; [mhorney@calpoly.edu](mailto:mhorney@calpoly.edu).

The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!" is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**. The forum will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.

The **2012 Western Regional Leader's Forum** will be held **January 12-15, 2012** in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Proposals for the 2012 conference are currently being accepted. Adult volunteers, Extension staff, and youth members are all welcome to submit workshop ideas for consideration. **Proposals are due March 1, 2011**. For more information, please contact Rachel Vardiman at [rnovakov@uwyo.edu](mailto:rnovakov@uwyo.edu) or (307) 684-7522.

**State Field Day: State Presentation Day Signups.** All members who have qualified for State Field Day Presentation and other events may register at: <http://ucanr.org/statefdr>. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event. Please see <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/> for more information or contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu).

**Judges needed for State Field Day!** As part of the Field Day experience, we need judges. Counties who send members to Field Day are required to provide judges. For every 5 members that are sent in we ask that a county provide 1 judge. In past years it has been difficult to gather all the required judges. State Field Day coordinators will be holding counties accountable for sending judges. We ask that judges register at: <http://ucanr.org/sfdjudge>. Please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu) for more information.

**Special Recognition at the 2011 State 4-H Presentation Day:** A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas: Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living, and Military Youth. Participants may only choose one focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the primary topic of the presentation. For more information, please visit: [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition\\_Opportunities/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/).

**State Ambassador Information sessions:** The State Ambassador program would like to invite parents and members interested in the program to an information session where questions about commitment and activities may be asked to current ambassadors, advisors and the program coordinator. 4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service. They are selected to serve the 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service.

- o Fresno – **April 23, 2011** Fresno UCCE Office 5pm to 6pm
- o Davis – **April 30, 2011** State 4-H Office 5pm to 6pm
- o San Diego – **May 7, 2011** San Diego County UCCE Office 5pm to 6pm

Please RSVP with Quang “Hogan” Tong at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu).

The Disney Friends for Change Grants are available for applications until March 10. Youth Service America, together with Disney, is now accepting applications from youth around the world for the Disney Friends for Change Grants. The Disney Friends for Change program will award 50 \$500 grants to youth-led service projects around the world that demonstrate youth leadership, creativity, and the commitment to making a positive impact on the environment. Applications are due March 10. Learn more at [www.YSA.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants](http://www.YSA.org/grants/disney-friends-change-grants)

**4-H Awards and Pins:** Ever wonder what all those pins mean on 4-H member's hats? The State 4-H Office has assembled a webpage listing the commonly used 4-H pins. The list provides information about the honor, the process to receive the pin, and for 4-H Club leaders, where to purchase. For more information, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Awards/>.

**Attention Quilters and Sewers: CA 4-H State Fashion Revue 2011** would appreciate your help. Make a quilt square, a quilt top, or a complete quilt for a wounded soldier. Special size for stretchers and gurneys, approximately 45 x 81 inches, are needed. Red, white and blue fabrics are preferred. If you make 12 ½” x 12 ½” squares then they can be combined with squares made by other people for a whole quilt. Bring or send your squares, quilt tops and quilts to State Fashion Revue at Olson Hall, UC Davis during State Field Day, **May 28, 2011**. Youth are invited to sew squares together and quilt during the morning SFR workshop. Please contact Lisa Kuntz, SFR youth co-chair, [creulgirl101@yahoo.com](mailto:creulgirl101@yahoo.com) or Mary Engebret, committee volunteer, at [maryengebret@comcast.net](mailto:maryengebret@comcast.net) with questions or suggestions.

**Around the Nation:** The 4-H Million Trees Project continues to grow! To date, over 34,280 4-H youth in 45 US states, Canada, and Caribbean nations and have planted 268,846 trees. All 4-H clubs are invited to join the project by planting trees and reporting on the website at [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org). “Every day is a good day to plant a tree!”

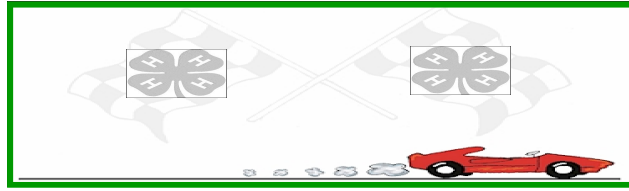
**Chris Greer**  
County Director

**Liz Dawley**  
4-H Program Representative

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**"4-H Keeps Your Engines Revvin' in 2011"**  
**W.H.Y. Conference \* September 23-25, 2011**



## T-Shirt Logo Design Contest W.H.Y. Conference 2011



Design a T-Shirt logo for the  
2011 W.H.Y. Conference.

Include 4-H design as well as the year and  
event.

Selected winner receives a paid registration  
for the conference!

Submit your design by May 1, 2011

- ☺ Designs should only include two colors
- ☺ Should be no larger than 12x12 and submitted as; original artwork or digitally as a pdf or jpeg file to Linda Edgington at [lgedgington@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lgedgington@ucdavis.edu)
- ☺ Must include theme **"4-H Keeps Your Engines Revvin' in 2011"** and **W.H.Y. Conference**
- ☺ Must be original artwork

For more information, please contact:  
Linda Edgington at 707-463-4495

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# Skill-A-Thon

April 2, 2011

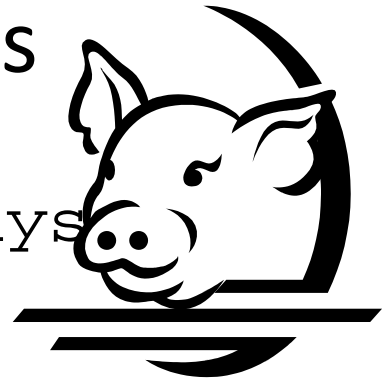
Colusa County Fairgrounds

In conjunction with

2011 Colusa Western Days

8:30 am Check-in

9:00 am Competition starts



This event is being put on by Andrea Thomas, Colusa 4-H  
for her Emerald Star Project

Open to 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent youth 19 and under.

Test your knowledge and skills during a written test and hands on activities.

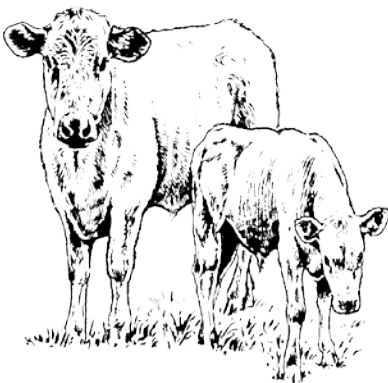
Individual and team awards to be given.

Age divisions:

10 & Under

11-14

15-19



Study Guide available contact Andrea to have it e-mailed to you.



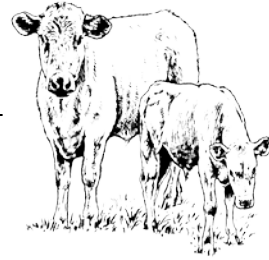
# Livestock

# Skill-A-Thon

Registration Form – use one per team of 3  
*(you do not have to belong to a team to compete)*

Club, Chapter or Grange \_\_\_\_\_

Independent



Adult Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name	age as of 1/1/11

**Return Registration Form By Monday, March 28, 2011 to  
Livestock Skill-a-Thon  
c/o Andrea Thomas  
2117 Perry St.  
Sutter, CA 95932**

# Colusa Livestock Skill-A-Thon

Questions? Contact Andrea Thomas @ [aaalitegenetics@hotmail.com](mailto:aaalitegenetics@hotmail.com) or call (530) 218-1968

# Study Guide

## Livestock Breeds

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/>

## Biosecurity

[http://www.farmandranchbiosecurity.com/Getting\\_Started.pdf](http://www.farmandranchbiosecurity.com/Getting_Started.pdf)

## Reproduction

<http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/AS/AS-559-W.pdf>

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/AS/AS-561-W.pdf>

## Livestock Identification

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/AS/AS-561-W.pdf>

<http://www.championshowpigs.com/portal.forum?pid=9&sid=72a0475faa6d1334231f3c6b9a066dcc>

[http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Livestock\\_ID/pdfs/2007\\_Brand\\_Book/Forward.pdf](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Livestock_ID/pdfs/2007_Brand_Book/Forward.pdf)

## Diseases

<http://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/AS/AS-595-commonDiseases.pdf>

[http://www.extension.org/pages/What\\_are\\_some\\_common\\_conditions\\_and\\_terms\\_related\\_to\\_beef\\_diseases%3F](http://www.extension.org/pages/What_are_some_common_conditions_and_terms_related_to_beef_diseases%3F)

<http://animalsciences.missouri.edu/courses/2175/AS2175Diseases&Parasites.ppt>

## Nutrition

<http://ag.ansc.purdue.edu/nielsen/www245/lecnotes/Nutrition.html>

<http://www.calaged.org/ResourceFiles/Curriculum/advcluster/3158.txt>

<http://www.calaged.org/ResourceFiles/Curriculum/advcluster/3151.txt>

## Handling

<http://www.calaged.org/ResourceFiles/Curriculum/advcluster/3101.txt>

## Showing

[http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs\\_&\\_Expositions/Documents/State\\_Rules\\_for\\_California\\_Fairs/2010\\_State\\_Rules\\_for\\_California\\_Fairs.pdf](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Fairs_&_Expositions/Documents/State_Rules_for_California_Fairs/2010_State_Rules_for_California_Fairs.pdf)

Quality Assurance

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/documents/MAQAstudyguide.pdf>

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/documents/YPQAmannual.pdf>

Cuts of Meat

<http://culinaryarts.about.com/od/meatpoultryseafood/tp/cutsofmeat.htm>