



COLUSA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

- Arbuckle 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- Colusa 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette’s Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa
- Maxwell 4-H – 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room
- Princeton 4-H – 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Princeton High School multipurpose room
- Stonyford 4-H – Check calendar for monthly dates and times
- Williams 4-H – 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room
- 4-H Council – 3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

CALENDAR:

MAY 2012

- 2 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary
- 4 2012 CA 4-H Photography Contest entry deadline
- 5 Fair Awards sponsorships are due to the 4-H Office
- 7 Rabbits & Avian Weigh In, 3:30-5:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 10 Due: Financial Aid Application for State Leadership Conference
- 12 State Fashion Revue entry deadline
- 14 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 14 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette’s Hall
- 14 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton High School Multipurpose room
- 15 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary
- 16 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 19 Siskiyou County 4-H Dog Field Day
- 20 Stonyford Club Meeting, 4:00pm, Town Hall
- 21 Trash Can Contest & Parade entry information due to the 4-H Office (see article)
- 24-28 Sacramento County Fair Junior Horse Show
- 28 4-H Office closed for Memorial Day
- 30 DUE: Camp registration. Go to:
<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=8245>
- 31 CA North Sectional 4-H/FFA Horse Expo deadline

JUNE 2012

- 3 Still Exhibits received at Atwood Hall, 2:00 – 6:00pm
- 3 Glenn County 4-H Fair Horse Show, 8:00am, Glenn Co. Fairgrounds in Orland
- 7 Food and Horticulture Exhibits received, Atwood Hall, 7:00-9:00 a.m.
- 7-11 Colusa County Fair, “Stars, Stripes and Fair Delights”
- 11 Exhibits released, 8:00am – 1:00pm, Atwood Hall
- 10 Stonyford Club Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Fairgrounds Camping area
- 30-3 4-H Summer Camp, “Stars, Stripes and Campfire Nights” at Camp Tehama

FOR STATE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES GO TO: <http://www.ca4h.org/News/Calendar/>



COLUSA COUNTY FAIR HELP NEEDED

Atwood Hall help is needed as follows:

Princeton 4-H & Colusa 4-H: Accept entries, Sunday, June 3, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. 2 adults & 2 members from each club should be on duty at all times. Report at 1:30 p.m. for instructions.

Stonyford 4-H (1 adult): Check out 4-H Exhibits, Monday, June 11th - 8:00am to 12:00pm.

All Clubs: Provide 1 clerk (adults only) for judging, Monday, June 4th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. until finished (approximately 3:00 p.m.). Lunch will be provided for judges and clerks.

Colusa 4-H & Stonyford 4-H: Provide 1 clerk (adults only) for accepting entries and clerking for judges, Thursday, June 7th, beginning at 6:45 a.m. until finished (approximately 12:00 p.m.). Breakfast will be provided for judges and clerks.

Auction Luncheon help is needed as follows:

Colusa 4-H and FFA Chair: Provide workers for the auction luncheon.

4-H Sellers: Provide salads

FFA Sellers: Provide desserts



FAIR NEWS – ATWOOD HALL STILL EXHIBITS

New changes for 4-H Still Exhibits have been made. Be sure to read the premium book carefully and thoroughly.

- New instructions for entering: enter online, download form, member/parent signs and turns into fair office. Fair office puts hard copies in 1 binder/club by May 9th. 4-H Staff reviews entries May 9th for age/project enrollment and award ordering needs. Project leaders review May 9-23, sign or disqualify entries. Leaders notify Fair staff of disqualifications.
- Best of Show will be awarded in each category (not division) with a ribbon and \$5 premium. All other places will be awarded a sticker to be exchanged for a ribbon if the exhibitor chooses. No entry fees will be charged.
- Open judging will be done in Atwood. Judges will give oral reasons, not written. Members may watch and listen to reasons from judges. The Fair office will provide tape recorders to the judges in order to accommodate members not able to attend. The 4-H office will transcribe tapes and provide hard copy to the Fair Office.
- Still exhibits except food and horticulture will be accepted Sunday, June 3, 2012, noon-6:00 p.m.
- Those exhibits will be judged Monday, June 4, 2012 in the morning, time TBA in premium book.
- Food and horticulture exhibits will be accepted Thursday morning, time TBA in premium book.
- Food and horticulture exhibits will be judged Thursday.
- All still exhibits will be released Monday, June 11th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. It is your responsibility to pick up your items during these times or they may be disposed of.
- 4-H Country Store and CANstruction will continue again this year in Atwood Hall. For details on CANstruction and Country Store see the April 4-H newsletter.



FAIR TRASH CANS

4-H livestock project groups wanting to compete in the trash can contest are to submit their group's name and contact person/email to Liz Dawley no later than **May 21st**. Cans will be available for pick up the week prior to the fair at the east end of the horse barn. Please call the 4-H Office to verify that they are ready to be picked up. Each group will find their name on a piece of 8 ½ x11 piece of paper on the can.

To be considered for judging the cans must be returned to the east end of the horse barn by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in order to be judged. Cans must be identified with the name of group and be decorated according to the theme of the fair. The best of each specie trash can will receive \$25 from Council.

BEST PARADE ENTRY & COUNTRY STORE

Entries to these Council's contests/activities at the Fair are due to the 4-H Office on these dates:

Best parade entry – May 21st

Country Store – May 21st

For details on the Country Store see the April 4-H newsletter. To enter the best 4-H parade entry and trash can contest call the 4-H Office to sign up. Note: parade entries must also fill out a simple form at the Fair Office.

LIVESTOCK WEIGH IN/ENTRY DATES

- Rabbits & Avian Weigh In, 3:30-5:30pm, Fairgrounds

Entries are accepted at the Fair office during regular office hours 8-12, 1-5 M-F before your deadline day.

Market animal exhibitors are reminded to monitor animal weight closely and practice good feeding practices. Overweight animals are not good practice and self-monitoring is better than rules being imposed by the fair management.

The buyers' luncheon at the Fair this year is chaired by Colusa 4-H Club and Colusa FFA.

4-H HAT INFORMATION

Achievement pins are fastened to the service stripes, starting with the first-year pin next to the 4-H clover. The All-Star pin should be fastened to the center of the All-Star emblem. Medals may be worn on either side of the cap, but not too many of them. No other pins or ribbons should be worn on the cap. The cap should reflect the dignity of 4-H Club work, and not be cheapened by fastening to it every emblem, award, and ribbon won by the wearer. Keep your cap clean, especially when you wear it with the full uniform.

COUNCIL MEETING

The last 4-H Council meeting of the year is Wednesday, May 16th, 6:30 p.m., in the CIP Conference Room. All members and certified leaders are voting members and encouraged to attend. On the agenda: end of year activities, fair, camp, enrolling for 2012-13 year. Additional agenda items must be submitted by Tuesday, May 15th.

“STARS, STRIPES AND CAMPFIRE NIGHTS” – 4-H SUMMER CAMP



Camper dates: Saturday, June 30 - Tuesday, July 3

Staff dates: Friday, June 29 - Tuesday, July 3

Registration is due on May 30, 1012. Cost is \$75. For camp registration, go to: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=8245>

Camperships are available by filling out a simple one page form.

Adult and teen staff are busy planning for a fun filled camp. We hope to spend a day in the snow at Lassen Park as well as fish, hike, enjoy archery, campfires, skits, dance, dress up days, and great food! Come join in the fun!



SISKIYOU COUNTY 4-H DOG FIELD DAY

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds ~ Hosted by Yreka 4-H

Yreka 4-H will be hosting a Siskiyou County 4-H Dog Field Day, Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka, California. This event is open to all 4-H members; members do not have to be enrolled in a dog project to participate. There will be seven classes: Written Test, Presentation, Showmanship, Obedience, Rally, Tricks, and Costume Class. Members are welcome to enter any or all of the classes. Primary member classes will not be judged.

The four levels for competition are Primary (5-8), Junior (9-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14-19). The entry fee is \$5.00 per dog. The Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds has RV and tent camping available for a reasonable fee, and numerous dog friendly motels are located near the fairgrounds. We are offering "I survived the Siskiyou County 4-H Dog Field Day", t-shirts for \$10.00 each and a food concession will be available at the field day. We are inviting all 4-H members in northern California and Southern Oregon, and are hoping to make this a fun 4-H event.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT THE 2012 STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

California 4-H offers a thematic recognition pin for youth who participate at State 4-H Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas:

- Science, Engineering and Technology (SET): **Renewable Energy**
- Citizenship: Military Youth: **"Speak Out for Military Kids"**
- Healthy Living: **Healthy Foods**

Participants may only choose ONE focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the PRIMARY topic of the presentation. Youth must first qualify through county and sectional events in order to present at the State 4-H Presentation

Day. For details, visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities or see full page sheet at the end of this newsletter.



STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

FREE 4-H WHITES AT THE 4-H OFFICE

There is a good supply of white pants and shirts at no cost to members to use for the fair. If you've outgrown yours from last year we'd be happy to add them to the supply. Our office hours are 8-5:00, Monday-Friday.

2012 STATE FASHION REVUE "BEHIND THE SEAMS"

Date: May 26, 2012

Location: Olson Hall, UC Davis

Entry Categories: Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased (\$100 limit), Wearable Art-Embellished Plus 2 Challenge entry categories: \$19.99 Challenge [\\$19.99 Challenge](#) and "Bag Up Fashion" Tote Bag Challenge [Bag up Fashion Challenge](#)

The Recycled category will not be offered at 2012 State Fashion Revue.

Two Service Projects:

* Quilts for Wounded Warriors [Quilts for Wounded Warriors](#)

* Million Pillowcase Project [Million Pillowcase Project](#)

SFR Manual [SFR Manual 2012](#) SFR Manual version 2, revised for 2012. Counties, project leaders, members and families are encouraged to download and read the manual. It is not required for the manual to be adopted by county or sectional competitions, but it is recommended that it be used as the state-wide standard for 4-H Fashion Revues. Consistency will help 4-H members understand the requirements of their categories and methods of evaluation which will be used at each level of competition. The manual is a living document and will continue to be updated as needed. Hopefully it will help guide members and leaders in 4-H projects and competitions. Complete information is at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>. **Final entry deadline is May 12, 2012**

2012 CA 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The registration for the 2012 CA 4-H Photography Contest closes in just one month, on May 4, 2012. Pre-Registration is required to participate! Held at State 4-H Field Day, on May 26 at UC Davis, the California 4-H Photography Contest is designed to provide an opportunity for regular 4-H members (ages 9-19) to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. Youth **DO NOT** have to be enrolled in the photography contest in order to participate. Here is a link to the photography contest website: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/>

MAY BIRTHDAYS

• ALEXIS HERNANDEZ • ANGEL BAUTISTA • ASHLEY HICKEL • AUSTIN ROURKE • BRIDEN DAFOE • CADE ROPER • CAITLYN MURPHY • CALEB DAFOE • COOPER WILLIAMS • CRISTIAN CORONA • ELIAS DENNY • ELLEN CARLSEN • GILLIAN AYALA • GRANT GRIMMER • HELENA HARRIS • JACOB KEELER • JANEA CAMERON • JERRY GONZALES • JOSHUA WADDELL • JOSIE GAROFALO • KALLIE STASSI • KARSYN GWINNUP • KAYLEE CORONA • KYLE WIGGIN • LAISHA RODRIGUEZ • MADELLYN WHITEHAIR • MADISON LEIGHTY • MALLORY MATHIS • MYRANDA OVIEDO • PAIGE VIERRA • SABRENA NASH INGERSOLL • TYLOR GERRARD • VALIRIA BURNS • VIANEY SALAZAR •

RAISE MONEY FOR COLUSA COUNTY 4-H

Use GoodSearch for Colusa County 4H (Colusa - CA)

Raise money for Colusa County 4-H just by searching the Internet at www.GoodSearch.com (powered by Yahoo), shopping online at www.GoodShop.com or dining at a restaurant in the www.GoodDining.com network. Make GoodSearch your default search engine and dedicate it to Colusa County 4H (no dash).

GLENN COUNTY 4-H FAIR HORSE SHOW

Sunday, June 3, 2012 ~ Sign-ups at 8:00am, event starts at 8:30am

Glenn County Fairgrounds in Orland

4-H classes open to any Northern California 4-H Horse Project Member. Entrant must be a 4-H member enrolled in a horse project. Entry fee is \$45.00 per day or \$4.99 per class. For rules and registration, contact the Colusa County 4-H Office or Ginger Holzapfel at the Glenn County 4-H Office at 865-1110 or 934-5228.

2012 SUTTER YUBA COUNTIES 4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW

The **2012 Sutter Yuba Counties 4-H/FFA Horse Show entry form** is now available online. The show is scheduled for June 16th and will be held at Butte Star Ranch in Sutter. Pre-Registration deadline is June 1st.

Please follow these instructions to enter the show:

- 1) Read the Rules and Class Schedule (available at the link below).
- 2) Click the Yellow Box: "Horse Show Online Entry"
- 3) Complete Form for each rider AND each horse that will be ridden (You MUST specify which classes will be shown by each horse).
- 4) Pay careful attention to the following checkboxes:
 - a. You must certify that the rider has had possession of each horse for at least 120 days prior to the show, and has not been under the care of a professional trainer.
 - b. Each member must verify that they have read and understand the rules and sign an electronic signature.
 - c. Parents must give their consent by signing an electronic signature.
 - d. You must provide the name and email address of your horse project leader. They will be notified prior to the show to verify that you are eligible to ride the horses you have entered.
- 5) Pre-registration Fees: \$4.99 per class or \$30 all-day pass. DUE JUNE 1st
- 6) Submit Payment, either by credit card online on one of each member's forms or by check to the Sutter/Yuba 4-H Office. Payment MUST be received by the 4-H Office by June 1st to avoid the \$20 late fee.

CLICK HERE TO ENTER THE HORSE SHOW:

http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Bi-County_Horse_Show/

CA NORTH SECTIONAL 4-H/FFA HORSE EXPO

June 9-10, 2012 at Lassen County Fairgrounds in Susanville

Saturday, June 9, 2012 – 10th Annual 4-H/FFA Horse Show

10:00am - English, Western, Trail, Bareback and much more

5:30pm – Gymkhana events: Bi-Rangle, Speed Barrels and more

Classes are \$4.50 each, Stalls are \$10 a night. All classes qualify for the California State Fair.

Sunday, June 10, 2012 – 1st Annual 4-H/FFA Horse Expo:

Horse Judging, Horse Hippology and Table Top Demonstrations

Hippology and Horse Judging are \$15 per person per entry. Demonstrations are \$10 per entry.

Entries are due by May 31st. Contact Sandy Raffelson at 530-310-4320 or sandy@ssrranch.com.

CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

July 18-22, 2012 at Brookside Equestrian Park, Elk Grove, CA

Featuring: English, Western, Gymkhana and Jumping. Contact Cheryl Eggleston (909)387-2179 or caeggleston@ucdavis.edu. Visit Brookside Equestrian Park at: <http://www.california-equestrian-center.com>

WHY CONFERENCE

Nevada County will host the 2012 WHY Conference September 21-23, 2012.

Speakers are needed – Would you like to be a guest speaker for our future adults? Would you like to help our 4-H youth succeed in life? If your answer is yes, then please think about being a guest speaker at the 2012 WHY Conference. Some topics maybe: SET= Science, Engineering & Technology, Citizenship, Leadership, Animal Science, Thrive=Positive Youth Development, Team Building, Public Speaking, Other.

Please contact: Cindy McIntoch at (530)-913-5776 or Mcintosh@inreach.com

Please include: name, topic and a rough outline.

VOLUNTEER LEADER WEBSITE

The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu.

4-H INFORMATIONAL LINKS:

To view the 4-H State news, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/StateOffice>

To view the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology news, go to:

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

To view the National 4-H news, go to <http://4-h.org/news/4hnews.php>

To view the National 4-H news Healthy Living Program, go to <http://www.4-h.org/youth-development-programs/kids-health>

CLUB & PROJECT REPORTS

COLUSA SWINE MEETING

By Joe Hamilton

Our Colusa Swine meeting for April was held on Monday, April 2nd, at 7:00 at the CIP room. We talked about weigh-ins coming up on the 17th. You can either take your pig to weigh-ins or take a picture of you with your pig and turn it in with your entry form at the fair office. If you take in a picture you will be given an ear tag and will need to call a leader to come out and tag your pig. Then we filled out our entry forms and took them home with us to turn in on the 17th. Next we had presentations. We had three presentations and they were all very good. We will have another meeting just for people who need to do a presentation. If you don't need to do one then you do not have to go. We have our next field day on May 5th at Ottenwalter Farms. If you missed the first field day then you have to go to this one. We talked a little bit about show sticks and whips and where to order customized ones if you want them. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

2012 COLUSA COUNTY FAIR 4-H AWARDS

Would you like to sponsor awards for any of the following categories? Your \$14.00 sponsorship covers the cost of one award (*unless otherwise specified).

GOAT

Outstanding Goat Exhibitor
4-H Novice Goat Showmanship
~~4-H Junior Goat Showmanship~~
~~4-H Novice Senior Goat Showmanship~~
~~Novice Pygmy Goat Showmanship~~
~~Junior Pygmy Goat Showmanship~~
Intermediate Pygmy Goat Showmanship
Novice Senior Pygmy Goat Showman
Senior Pygmy Goat Showmanship
4-H Champion Doe
4-H Champion Wether

POULTRY

4-H Champion Poultry Exhibitor
4-H Reserve Champion Poultry
4-H Novice Poultry Showmanship
~~4-H Junior Poultry Showmanship~~
4-H Inter. Poultry Showmanship
~~4-H Novice Senior Poultry Showmanship~~
4-H Senior Poultry Showmanship
4-H Champion Best Pen of 3 Birds

RABBIT

~~4-H Novice Rabbit Showmanship~~
~~4-H Junior Rabbit Showmanship~~
~~4-H Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship~~
~~4-H Novice Senior Rabbit Showmanship~~
4-H Best of Show
4-H Reserve Champion Purebred
4-H Best Opposite Rabbit

DOGS

~~4-H Novice Showmanship Dog~~
~~4-H Best Junior Showmanship Dog~~
~~4-H Best Senior Showmanship Dog~~

~~4-H Best Overall Dog Exhibitor~~
4-H Best Obedience Score, Age 9-11
~~4-H Best Obedience Score, Age 11-13~~
~~4-H Best Obedience Score, Age 14 & over~~
4-H Best High in Trial, Age 9-11
4-H Best High in Trial, Age 11-13
4-H Best High in Trial, Age 14 & over
4-H Best High in Trial

FOODS

~~Best Beginning Foods 4-H Exhibitor~~
~~Best Intermediate Foods 4-H Exhibitor~~
~~Best Advanced Foods 4-H Exhibitor~~
~~Best Foods Preservation 4-H Exhibitor~~

*OTHER LIVESTOCK - \$25

each

Best Educational Displays – all species
Trash Can Award – all species except Horse
Species: Beef, Goat, Avian, Rabbit, Sheep,
Swine, Pygmy Goat, Dairy and Horse.

OTHER PROJECTS

*Best 4-H Parade Float - \$50
*Martha Vann Memorial Awards – Foods,
Clothing & Home Furnishing - \$25 each

Best 4-H Exhibitor
Best Miscellaneous 4-H Exhibitor
Best Table Setting 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Beg. 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Arts & Crafts 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Beg. Arts & Crafts 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Intermd. Arts & Crafts 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Adv. Arts & Crafts 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Ceramics 4-H Exhibitor
Best Floral Display 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Needlework 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Beginning Scrapbooking 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Intermd. Scrapbooking 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Advanced Scrapbooking 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Beg. Horticulture 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Intermd. Horticulture 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Adv. Horticulture 4-H Exhibitor~~
~~Best Beg. Photography 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Intermd. Photography 4-H Exhibitor
~~Best Advanced Photography 4-H Exhibitor~~
Best Fine Arts 4-H Exhibitor
Best Leathercraft 4-H Exhibitor
Best Small Engines 4-H Exhibitor
Best Intermediate Clothing 4-H Exhibitor
Best Advanced Clothing Exhibitor
Best Taxidermy 4-H Exhibitor
Best Quilting 4-H Exhibitor
Best Welding 4-H Exhibitor
Best Fly Tying 4-H Exhibitor
Best Wildlife 4-H Exhibitor
Best Beginning Home Furnishings
Best Electric 4-H Exhibitor
Best Cake Decorating 4-H Exhibitor

A line through award means the award has already been sponsored.

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Please return to 4-H Office by May 5th

ALL AWARDS ARE SPONSORED ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS.

Sponsor's name as you would like it to appear on the award: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

List your preference for sponsorship in order:

1st choice _____ 3rd choice _____

2nd choice _____ Use where needed (check here): _____

Please make checks for each award sponsored payable to:

COLUSA COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
P. O. Box 180, Colusa, CA 95932

DATES & DEADLINES

State Leadership Conference

- **4-H State Leadership Conference - Session Proposals**

Deadline extended until sessions are filled.

The 2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference needs presenters! If you would like to present a session on Friday, August 10th or Saturday, August 11th, please submit a workshop proposal form to the State 4-H Office. Workshop applications and additional information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **4-H State Leadership Conference – Registration**

Conference registration will be released mid-April and due in June. The complete registration packet will be posted at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **4-H State Leadership Conference – Financial Aid Applications**

Applications have been released! Please submit your completed application to the State 4-H Office by May 10th. Applications will be available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **State 4-H Field Day – Registration deadlines**

- 4-H Photography Contest: May 4, 2012
- State 4-H Film Festival: Videos must be postmarked May 4, 2012
- State 4-H Fashion Revue: May 12, 2012
- Exhibits and displays applications: May 15, 2012
- State 4-H Presentation Day (presenters): May 21, 2012
- State 4-H Presentation Day (judges and room hosts): May 21, 2012
- 4-H Interview Contest: pre-registration is recommended (limited same day registration is available)
- Logo Design contest: no pre-registration necessary

For detailed event information, please visit: www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/. All registration is available online. For questions, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Future Day ~ May 13, 2012, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine**

Register at <https://sites.google.com/site/ucdavisvso/future-day/registration>

The Veterinary Student Outreach Club at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine would like to invite high school students to our annual Future Day. The purpose of this event is to promote higher education, demonstrate career possibilities, and expose students to science specific to veterinary medicine. If there are any questions, please contact Kristina Netherwood at netherwood@ucdavis.edu.

- **4-H Train-the-Trainer Babysitting Course**

The 4-H Military Partnership and Operation: Military Kid programs are offering a Trainer-the-Trainer course.

Location: **Porter Youth Center, Monterey, Ca**

Date: **May 19, 2012 at 8:00-12:00pm**

The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help youth 12-18 years old learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military afterschool sites. The training is open to all 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel. You will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. Bring a doll! To register, contact Jeanne Christenson, jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.

- **Call for Presentation for the 2013 Western Region Leader Forum in Waikiki, Hawaii**
Deadline: May 15, 2012
 The goal of the Western Region 4-H Leaders' Forum 2013 is to provide training opportunities for adults and teens that serve 4-H youth in our communities. More information can be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/139508.pdf>.
- **Robert Brownlee Science Award** (for 4-H members and volunteers)
Deadline: May 31, 2012 <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>
 Robert Brownlee (1942-1991) was a visionary, whose practical inventions were elegant solutions to complicated technical problems, and whose generosity continues to extend that vision to science education for young people. This category is awarded to a member and volunteer for utilizing science inquiry and experiential learning in 4-H work to help youth increase knowledge, skills and competencies and improve their attitudes about science. This category includes increasing science awareness and use in 4-H projects by testing predictions and making sense of observations.
- **Golden Clover Awards**
Deadline: May 31, 2012 The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a \$500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.
- **Statewide 4-H Advisory Committee Applications**
Deadline: Postmarked by May 31, 2012
 The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are accepting applications. If you are a 4-H member, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteer, 4-H YDP staff, or County 4-H YDP staff and have a desire to work in a collaborative team setting, we encourage you to apply. Statewide 4-H YDP Committees offer insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are due to the State 4-H YDP Office. For more information, go to: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/.
- **4-H Military Partnership Program Camps for Military Youth**
 The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering two camps this summer. Both are free of charge to military youth of any branch or component. There are also travel reimbursement funds available to cover costs to and from the camp sites.
 Rawhide Ranch, located in Bonsall, is a horse lovers' camp in a replica Old West town. It will provide military youth, ages 14-18, with an opportunity to learn or improve their horseback riding skills, as well as to experience traditional camping fun like skits, songs, arts and crafts, archery and more. The camp will be held July 1-7.
 Camp Ronald McDonald, near Susanville, provides a traditional camping experience for special needs youth ages 8-18. The camp is fully accessible and camp counselors are trained to work with youth with a variety of special needs, from autism to physical limitations. The camp will be held August 7-14.
 Registration for both camps is now open at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/MilitaryPartnership/Adventure_Camps/. For more information, contact Crystal O'Hara, 4-H Military Partnership Program Representative, at crohara@ucdavis.edu or 530-757-8968.
- Save-the-date! **Regional 4-H Thrive Master Trainer Trainings and Updates** are scheduled for 2012. The Master Trainer Training is for volunteers who wish to become part of their county's training team. Current Master Trainers who wish to extend their service an additional year will attend a one-day update training on Saturday. New Master Trainers will attend the whole weekend. All conferences are sponsored by 4-H Thrive and will cover the cost of conference, travel and lodging.
 The Regional Training Dates are:

 - o Central: August 25-26, 2012
 - o Southern Valley: September 8-9, 2012
 - o Southern: September 22-23, 2012
 - o Far Northern: September 29-30, 2012
 Registration information and more details are to come. Please contact Scott Mautte, scmautte@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.

- The **2012 State Leaders Forum** registration is now open. Join the South Central Section November 9-11 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. Wake up to the possibilities at “4-H in a Minute.” Conference registration is by survey with paper forms also available. The registration fee is \$60 until September 1st, so get together with your friends and plan to register early. The conference housing and meal package is reserved directly through Asilomar until September 9. All forms and registration information are at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012>. The Forum planning committee is accepting workshop proposals through June at <http://ucanr.org/2012slfworkshop>. SLF 2012 promises to be an exciting conference, focusing on timely issues and having a good time. “The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.” – Michael Altshuler

PROGRAM UPDATES

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- The *iThrive* Achievement Pins are now available for order. The *iThrive* pin is awarded to members who have completed the *iThrive* Leadership Project. The first year a member completes the project, they receive the “*iThrive*” oval pin. In subsequent years, a member receives a clover pin for each year of completion. The *iThrive* pins are available for order by community club leader, project leader, parent or UCCE staff. *iThrive* pins are \$1.90 and clover pins are \$1.75 each. Orders can be placed via this survey link: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=8357>
- **National 4-H History Preservation Program: 4-H Oral History Project**
<http://www.4-hhistorypreservation.com/> Extension is celebrating its Centennial Year in 2014, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the implementation of the Smith Lever Act. The National 4-H History Preservation Leadership Team proposes to capture oral recollections of former 4-H members, staff and volunteers about their 4-H experiences. Over the next two years, current 4-H members will be trained, and will conduct interviews in their local communities. For further information and to provide your input/feedback on this idea as well as your interest in participating in a pilot test, please contact Tom Tate, tate@aol.com, or info@4-HHistoryPreservation.com.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

- **2012 UC Davis C-STEM Conference**
May 5, 2012, UC Davis Conference Center <http://c-stem.ucdavis.edu/>
The UC Davis C-STEM Center invites you to the 2012 Conference, Showcasing STEM in Action – Integrating Technology and Engineering into Math and Science Education in the 21st Century. The mission of the UC Davis K-14 Outreach Center for Computing and STEM Education (C-STEM) is to improve computing, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (C-STEM) education in both formal and informal programs in K-14 education. You are invited to learn more about the C-STEM Center, its work to date and the rich set of free resources available to educators and students. This free event offers a first-hand opportunity to examine the groundbreaking work of the C-STEM Center and join a dedicated cohort of K-14 researchers, educators and policy makers to discuss and influence the future direction of STEM education.
- **Young Visitors to the White House Stir up Interest in Science and Engineering**
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/03/30/young-visitors-stir-interest-science-and-engineering>
At the 2012 National 4-H Conference, 40 4-H members were invited to the White House to talk about 4-H science, engineering, and technology! During their visit with Dr. John Holdren, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and other Administration policymakers, these bright and energetic young leaders volunteered to stir up interest in STEM throughout their communities. The 4-H members pledged to engage their peers in creative science and engineering activities like the Maker Movement through video contests, newsletter campaigns and mentoring programs. Together, they plan to build a national STEM peer movement.
- **4-H Million Trees**
<http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/> Thank you to those who have participated in the 4-H Million Trees project. So far, over 42,000 youth have planted over 362,000 trees to beautify their communities and help slow global climate change! Earth Day 2012 is coming up on Saturday, April 21. 4HMT encourages all current participants to organize an ED 2012 event to get some more trees in the ground. Please be sure all your trees are accounted for on the project database.

- **California Afterschool Network: JumpStart STEM Recorded Webinars**

<http://stem.afterschoolnetwork.org/webinars>

The AfterSchool Network has implemented a pilot effort operating in 17 after school programs in all 11 regions of California, representing over 250 sites. These efforts support site level implementation of 30-60 hours of quality STEM curricular programming with consistent student participation. As part of these efforts, the Afterschool Network is recording STEM webinars! View these webinars, including 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics, ProjectWILD, TechXcite, or many more!

- **Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team**

Applications due May 31, 2012

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

Do you have an interest and experience in technology? Think about joining the 4-H Technology Leadership Team! 4-H members age 16 and older and 4-H volunteers may apply. Candidates must have some type of technology experience where he/she could lead an hour workshop. Technologies could include photography, video, website design, social media, hardware, GPS/GIS, computer support, graphic design, 3D imaging, smartphones, programming, biotech, engineering and technology & society.

- **State 4-H Film Festival**

May 26, 2012 http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/

Submit a film for the State 4-H Film Festival by May 4, 2012! The 4-H Film Festival theme for 2012 is "4-H Revolution of Responsibility." Are you or a 4-Her you know making a difference in the community? Share your story of leading positive change through multimedia. The Festival will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis.

- **Rethinking How Kids Learn Science**

<http://www.npr.org/2011/11/11/142244052/rethinking-how-kids-learn-science>

How important are museums, TV shows and after school clubs to teaching kids science? Ira Flatow, host of Science Friday, interviewed Lynn Dierking (Sea Grant professor in free-choice learning, science & mathematics education, Oregon State University), Linda Kekelis (executive director, Techbridge), and Susan Singer (Laurence McKinley Gould professor of the natural sciences, Carleton College). They discuss informal science education and what researchers are learning about learning science. Plus, what's the best way to keep undergraduate science majors in science?

- **Expanded Learning and Afterschool Project** <http://www.expandinglearning.org/>

The Expanded Learning and Afterschool Project is dedicated to helping schools and communities leverage the time beyond school to accelerate student achievement by sharing research and best practices. This 50-state initiative is supported by a coalition of foundations led by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and launches March 27. The project is seeking supporters now who will agree to its [principles of expanded learning](#). Please join the effort by lending your name. Sign on now at <http://www.expandinglearning.org/signon/>. More opportunities to learn, share and engage will be announced soon.

- **What Does a Scientist Look Like?** <http://lookslikescience.tumblr.com/>

This website challenges stereotypical ideas about who scientists are. Meet scientists from all backgrounds who are also dancers, rugby players, sports fans, surfers, musicians and more. There is no single clear-cut path to becoming a scientist. A scientist can come from any background. There is no cookie-cutter mold of what a scientist looks like. A scientist can look like you, or can look like me. There is no rule that scientists can't be multidimensional and can't have fun. What Do 4-H Members Think Scientists Look Like? Use this assessment tool to see how your 4-H members think about scientists! <http://www.pearweb.org/atis/tools/5>

FUNDING UPDATES

Please note: University policy requires an Advisor or County Director to submit all grant applications and fulfill the requirements of UC ANR Contracts & Grants. For more information, please contact your local county 4-H office.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **One Month to Paper Clover: Contest Updates & New Materials**

The spring Paper Clover promotion at Tractor Supply Company and Del's is just a month away! Paper Clover starts on May 2nd and runs through May 13th. New items have been added to the Paper Clover Toolkit, so visit the Toolkit today visit www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit and enter the login information (user name: paperclover@4-H.org, password: paperclover).

- **CLOVER SECRET SHOPPER**

Sign up today! The first 100 people to submit name, club affiliation, county and state and local TSC/Del's store to paperclover@4-H.org before May 2nd, 2012 will be selected to be Clover Secret Shoppers and will receive \$10 off at the 4-H Mall! There will be one Clover Secret Shopper selected for each TSC/Del's store on a first come/first serve basis.

- **4-H PHOTO CONTEST**

Win Your 4-H Program More Funds by Visiting Your TSC During Spring 2012 Paper Clover! Entering is easy. Just submit a photo of your club or county participating in the Paper Clover fundraiser at your local TSC, and you'll be entered to win \$1,250 for your club or county 4-H program -- five winners will be chosen! Complete rules and guidelines for the 4-H Photo Contest can be found in the [Paper Clover Toolkit](#).

- **State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants**

If your work and involvement in 4-H has contributed to service-learning that helps increase student achievement in your community, consider applying a State Farm YAB National Grant. The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is currently accepting applications for service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that address the root cause of the following issue areas: Access to Higher Education / Closing the Achievement Gap; Financial Literacy; Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness; Social Health & Wellness Issues; and Environmental Responsibility. The application deadline is **May 4, 2012**. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/yMI7qZ>

- **Special Olympics Project Unify Grants**

The goal of Project UNIFY is to activate youth around the country to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change - fostering respect, dignity, and advocacy with and for people with intellectual disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics. To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 12 to 20, or a current undergraduate student in college. A Special Olympics North America program is required to be your main partner organization. Projects must demonstrate the core essence of service-learning. Budgets for projects can range from \$100 to \$5,000. Submission deadline is through **May 31, 2012**. <http://bit.ly/wQUgJV>

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