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West Marin 4-H Fair Saturday, June 5	April 10 April 23	Sectional Presentation Day, UC Davis Deadline for Nicasio-Tri Valley Fair entries
Sonoma-Marin Fair June 23-27	May 1 May 2 May 11	Deadline for Marin 4-H All Star Applications Nicasio/Tri Valley Fair—County Fashion Review Council Meeting and Potluck—Pt. Reyes Firehouse
Marin County Fair July 1-5	May 22 May 22-23 May 26	Poultry Workshop—Sonoma 4-H Center Camp Staff Training Weekend, Las Posadas Deadline for West Marin Fair entries
Marin County 4-H Summer Camp July 11– 17	June 5 June 25-29	West Marin 4-H Fair California Focus, Rancho Cordova
Sonoma County Fair July 28-Aug. 9	July 19-21 July 31 July 29-Aug 1	4-H Summer Day Camp ( <b>tentative</b> ) Year End Club Financials Due State 4-H Leadership Conference



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# Club News

## Hands Committed to Larger Service

The Nicasio Valley 4-H Cooking Project has used their time and talents to add to the much-needed service by West Marin Seniors of providing meals to homebound elderly. Many organizations help provide food, but often the small joy of dessert is left out. The Nicasio Cooking Project rose to the occasion and provided rainbow cupcakes in March for the home-delivered meals, and is looking to expand their service to this organization. West Marin Senior Services was so grateful. Here is what they wrote:

“Dear Nicasio Valley 4-H,

The West Marin Seniors thank you for the fantastic cup-cakes. ‘They look like spring and taste great,’ said one of the lucky seniors who received the rainbow cupcakes with his meals. For the seniors who receive meals from the Meals From Friends program, it is especially heart warming to know that the food from a young Thank you tasty



comes from a group of people. for all the treats.”

## Community Service Report: Beach Cleanup

by Skye McCormick, San Rafael 4-H Club

On March 21, 2010 members of the San Rafael 4-H club cleaned up McNear's Beach in San Rafael. We picked up fifty gallons of trash from McNear's Beach! First, we met with a Park Ranger and he told us what beach cleanup is and why it is important. Beach cleanup is important so animals don't eat the trash. It is especially important to pick up plastic. Plastic is not biodegradable. Marine animals eat the plastic and then it becomes part of them. If people eat the fish we are eating plastic.



## Update Your PDR

What did you do this month? Take some time to log it in your PDR!

Date	Activity	Category	Level
3/18	Prepared materials for Farm Day	Leadership	C
3/18	Attended Farm Day	4-H Events	C
3/18	Worked Club Display at Farm Day	Community Service	C
3/31	Presentation at Grant Committee	Communication Skills	C



### Marin 4-H Council Makes First Grant Awards

Three grant applicants presented their projects and funding needs to Marin 4-H Council's Grant Committee on March 31st.

The committee is happy to announce that grant funds have been awarded to the following projects:

Nicasio 4-H Cooking Project, for expanding the cooking program to provide meals for homebound seniors in the West Marin Area.

Indian Valley Gardening Project, for drip irrigation to complete the I.V. 4-H garden.

Point Reyes Horse project for project boarding expenses.

The next grant cycle will take place in the fall, with applications due to the 4-H office by **October 15th**. Any questions please call Allison at 415-499-4207.

### See 's Candy!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the See's Candies fundraiser. The Council raised \$1,353.34 from the efforts of our members and their families. This money will go directly to fund the 4-H Council's Grant Program.

A special thank you to Cindy Pomi for leading the fundraiser and to Deborah Skaar for managing the inventory and pick up.



### 58th Annual Nicasio/Tri Valley Fair May 2nd at the Marin French Cheese Company

Exhibits, workshops, Fashion Review and fun!

Here are the details —

1. All exhibits must be in place by 9:30 a.m.
2. Any class having 6 or more exhibitors will be divided into a junior and senior division (Jr. 9-12 yrs. and Sr. 13 yrs old and above as of Dec. 31, 2009).
3. There must be two or more exhibitors in any class to qualify for a rosette. Awards will not be presented to a member not having completed his/her project to the satisfaction of the project leader.
4. Rosettes will be given in both Jr. and Sr. divisions. A member must earn at least a blue ribbon to receive a rosette.
5. There will be a **THREE ITEM LIMIT** in cooking, indoor exhibits, clothing, arts, etc.

We are offering small and large animal work shops. The best chicken bbq and the KING of pasta will start at 11:30 a.m. Adults—\$12. Children under 12—\$10  
Hot dog with drink—\$5.00  
Drawing ticket prices: 2 for \$5, 6 for \$10, 15 for \$20  
Game tickets 4 for \$1

### ANOTHER MEMORABLE FARM DAY

Many thanks to the six Marin County 4-H clubs that participated in Farm Day 2010. Your exhibits were so successful—4-H was mentioned many times by teachers in their evaluations as one of their favorite exhibitors. The students and their teachers really enjoyed talking with 4-H kids about their projects and animals. Special thanks to Sarah Hambly for escorting Clo, and to Diana and Fred Genazzi for their help.



# From the Staff

## State 4-H Field Day—May 29 U.C. Davis

The State 4-H Field Day is an event for the entire family! 4-H members, siblings and parents can participate in numerous activities that take place during the event, held at UC Davis each year. The event is open to all California 4-H members (any age), siblings, 4-H volunteers, and parents!

Some activities at the Field Day require qualification and pre-registration: 4-H members receiving a gold medal at a sectional 4-H presentation day are eligible to present at the State 4-H Presentation Day. 4-H members receiving the "county winner" award in their category and age division at their county 4-H Fashion Revue are eligible to show at the State 4-H Fashion Revue.

This is a great event where 4-H members from across the state come together to compete at State Presentation Day, State Fashion Review, take workshops and have fun. There are two new competitions this year: photography and film making!

State Field Day also has interesting science exhibits, an interviewing contest, plant science contest and judging contest. There is something for everyone!

For more information about the 2010 CA 4-H State Field Day, visit the event website at: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>



## TEEN CORNER

### Service and Presentation Opportunities!

Planning has begun for 4-H Day Camp, and our teens have an opportunity to run and lead this fun summer tradition. Tentative dates for Summer Day Camp are **July 19-21**. Please send an email to Allison even if you *think* you are interested. Thanks!

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### All Stars Applications Due May 1st!

Don't pass up the opportunity to become a Marin 4-H All Star! Visit our All Star page on our website at:

[http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/All\\_Star\\_Rank.htm](http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/All_Star_Rank.htm)



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