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**Marin County 4-H
Newsletter**

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November

Nov 2 Marin County 4-H Council Meeting, Pt. Reyes 6:30 pm
Nov 4 Peer Summit
College of Marin
Nov 18 See's Candy Orders Due
Nov 30 C.A.L. Conference Forms Due

December

See's Candy delivered (should be available at club meetings for families to pick up and deliver)

January

Jan 1 Staff Camp Applications Open

February

Feb 11 Possible Presentation Day

March

Mar 3 Possible Presentation Day

July

Jul 7-14 Camp Las Posadas

The newsletter is sent to all 4-H families with completed and approved registration. A digital version of the newsletter is available on our website. To discontinue receiving a paper copy, call the office at 415-499-4207.

From the council president...

Using our Hand for Larger Service is what we do in 4-H and we do it in many ways.

Community Service uses our hands to help others in the larger community. Our hands pick up trash. Our hands make bowls and chop vegetables for soup. Our hands make and sign cards for soldiers and take treats to the elderly and shut in.

Larger service comes through leadership as well; the way we work with and for one another. We serve our club as officers, promising to do a good and fair job. We serve our project members by taking time out to assist another member with a challenging task or to teach a younger member a skill. Sometimes we just listen to a fellow member talk about a disappointment or a triumph when using our hands really means using our ears.

All of these great uses of our hands are contributions we make to each other, to our club, to our community and to our world.

How will you contribute this month?

~Alexandra Matthews





C.A.L. 2012
“Creating A Leader”
Leadership Training Conference
WHERE LEADERS ARE DISCOVERED!
January 27, 28, 29, 2012

C.A.L. Conference is for 4-H Youth members in grades 6-12, and is a weekend long event that helps members discover and develop their leadership skills.

The conference takes place at Walker Creek Ranch and is \$150 per member.

Marin County 4-H council often makes partial scholarships available.

Please contact the 4-H office if you would like a registration packet at 415-499-4207

Or email at alkeaney@ucdavis.edu.

Deadline for applications is November 30th!!!

Presentation Day—Important!!!

Council has selected two possible dates for Presentation Day.

First Choice: March 3rd, 2012

Second Choice: February 11th, 2012

We need your help! Presentation Day needs a venue in order to provide enough space for the different types of presentations to take place, and for a snack bar to be set up.

Our venue last year was good, but pricey. If we can find a place that is free, or close to it, then we don't have to pass the cost on to our participants.

Please contact the office if you have a suggestion for Presentation Day. We also need committee volunteers for set up and running the event. Each club is required to send at least one judge.

Call Allison at 415-499-4207

Emerald Star Candidates Announced

Congratulations to the Emerald Star candidates for 2011-2012:

Liam McCormick

Skey McCormick

Zoe McCormick

Megan Sintef



Each of these members will be working on a project to benefit the entire Marin County 4-H Program and will assist with key events and activities. We wish them well as they launch their projects for the coming year!

Contribution

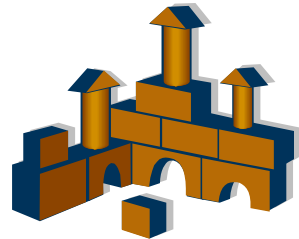
Ways our 4-H Members and Clubs have contributed to their community and their world

Tri Valley 4-H Delivered Halloween Pumpkins to a retirement home, bringing a little cheer along with them.



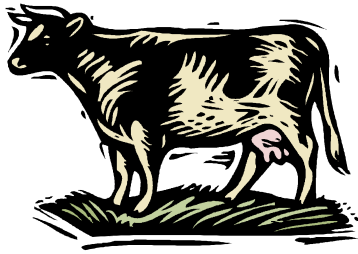
November Community Service Project: Toys For Tots by Skye McCormick and Liam McCormick

In November, the countywide community service project is Toys For Tots. Toys For Tots collects toys to give to less fortunate children during the holiday season.



Toys for Tots began in 1947, when Major Bill Hendricks and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign and it has been going ever since.

Please donate a new, unwrapped toy. You can bring toys to your club meeting, your community service meeting, or a project meeting--whatever makes sense for your club. You can also drop toys directly at a Toys For Tots donation location. Toys For Tots donation locations are located throughout Marin County.



**West Marin Fair and
Western Weekend**

Western Weekend will be **June 2 & 3 of 2012** and the Marin 4-H Council is forming a committee now to plan the activities and events for the fair.

Youth members and parents are invited to join the committee to come up with ideas and events for the fair. There are so many ways that the West Marin Fair and Marin 4-H can help the West Marin community celebrate! What ideas do you have?

Please contact the office at 415-499-4207 or email Allison at alkeaney@ucdavis.edu to find out more and to sign up.

**Tri-Valley Pumpkin
Community Service Project
By Gavin Harding**



On October 10, 2011 at the Tri Valley general 4-H meeting each member brought two pumpkins. We used stickers to decorate them. All of the members chose one pumpkin to take home and one to give to a convalescent home. Four members of our club, Derrick Pomi, Logan Pomi, Daniel DeCarli, and Jake DeCarli delivered these pumpkins to a convalescent home in our community. We hope that the pumpkins bless the people who get to enjoy them during the season. Our club had fun creating the pumpkins and look forward to this community project next year. (Please see our picture on page 4).

Update Your PDR

Date	Activity	Category	Level
10/2/11	Attended Achievement Day	3	C
10/2/11	Received Gold Record Book Award	7	C
10/2/11	Achieved Star Rank	7	I
10/2/11	Clean up for Achievement Day	4	C
10/2/11	Greeter at Achievement Day	4	C
10/2/11	Flag or 4-H Pledge at Achievement Day	6	C
10/15/11	Wrote and submitted Grant Application	6	C
10/25/11	Attended Officer's Training	3, 4	C

From the Staff

4-H has launched the New Online Record Book!



The new Online Record Book is ready for members to use! As soon as your 4-H enrollment is approved by the office, you may access the ORB with your email address and password used for your online enrollment.

The Online Record Book should make logging PDR items much easier. Information is saved to the state server so members can work on their record book from anywhere.

Security is definitely a concern for everyone!
To learn more about security protocols of ORB, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/files/121078.pdf>

You must be enrolled in the 4-H Online system to access the record book!

Log In Today!

Visit the system at <http://www.ca4h.org/orb/>

Marin County 4-H Summer Camp 2012 July 7-14, 2012

Las Posadas State Forest Angwin, California

We have our official dates for Camp 2012! It is time to start looking forward to the best part of Summer 2012, which is, of course,

Marin County 4-H Summer Camp!!!

The adult and staff application packets will be available after January 1, 2012 and the camper applications will be available beginning April 1, 2012. You will be notified closer to those dates and directed where to obtain your applications.

This notice is just to let everyone know when Camp is, so other vacation plans people may need to make around Camp can be done. If you have had a change in mailing address since last year, please let me know so you do not miss any post card notices. Looking forward to seeing everyone next July!! I hope you all have a wonderful Fall and Winter and before you know it, Camp will be here again! If you have any questions, please feel free to respond to this e-mail address and I will do my best to answer them for you.

Thanks, Eileen Castelli, Marin County 4-H Camp Clerk Marin4Hcamp@aol.com

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