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Marin County 4-H Newsletter

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M A R K Y O U R C A L E N D A R

September

Sep 13 County Council Meeting,
4-H Office, Novato
6:30 p.m.

Sep 19 Officer's Training,
4-H Office, Novato
6:30 p.m.

October

Oct 7 Achievement Day
Vallecito Elementary
2:00 p.m.

Oct 7-13 National 4-H Week

Oct 10 National Youth Science Day

Oct 13 NYSD Event
Novato Library
10:30 a.m.

Oct 17 New Leader Training
4-H Office, Novato
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November

Nov 8 Council Meeting

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 415-473-4207.

County News and Events

Welcome to the new 4-H year!

On behalf of the Marin County 4-H Council, I would like to welcome you to the new 4-H year and to the 4-H County Council. Many people do not know that the County Council exists, or what we do.

The 4-H County Council is organized for the purpose of cooperating with the University of California Cooperative Extension in organizing, promoting, and carrying out 4-H youth development work in this county. The 4-H County Council is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, educational organization. The purpose of the council is to implement a yearly program of projects and events based on the educational framework of the 4-H Youth Development Program. The County Council is in charge of raising and spending funds for the operation of Marin County 4-H programs.

The County Council has a slate of officers, just the way local clubs have officers. The County Council meets five times a year. Each club should send at least one representative to each County Council meeting. Any 4-H Volunteer, adult or youth, may attend any County Council meeting.

I hope to see you at one of our County Council meetings this year!

— *Alexandra Matthews,*
Council President



Achievement Day **Sunday, October 7th**

Please join your fellow 4-H members in celebrating your success at our Annual Achievement Day. This year's event will be held at:

Vallecito Elementary School
50 Nova Albion Way
Terra Linda
2:00 p.m.

The event will last about an hour with a small reception to follow. Record book awards, star rankings and other awards will be presented. Members are asked to wear their whites if they have them, or to dress nicely.

Families are asked to bring a treat to share. See you then!

RECORD BOOKS FOR 2012-13

As we prepare for the new 4-H year, take the time to consider doing your record book online. Information can be entered throughout the year, and updated as frequently as you like. Doing your record book at the end of the year is easier if you are working on it “as you go.”

To learn more about logging in to the online record book system, visit:

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/121045.pdf>

Here you will find complete instructions for youth members, parents and adult volunteers.



ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR

Returning families are welcome to visit their online enrollment records and re-enroll for the new 4-H year. Both youth members and volunteers may complete their enrollment.

While enrolling, please be sure to double check your contact information: addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

To complete your enrollment, please print and complete a medical form for each family member. Bring this completed form and enrollment fees to your first meeting and give them to your club's enrollment coordinator. Fees for the 2012-13 program year are \$30 per youth member and \$10 per adult volunteer. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to your club.

Families are reminded that their enrollment will appear as “pending” until payment and confirmation is received in the office from the club.

Please contact the 4-H office at 415-473-4207 with questions.

Club News

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Project leaders who need a little extra to get their projects off the ground, or up the next level, are encouraged to apply for a Marin 4-H Council Project grant.

Grants are awarded twice a year for up to \$500. Priority is given to projects that support community service or Science, Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.) efforts.

The deadline for fall applications is October 15th. Applications may be found at:

http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/Programs/4-H_Program/For_Leaders/

San Rafael and Tamalpais 4-H to Host National Youth Science Day Events

On October 10, 2012, millions of young people across the nation will become scientists for the day during the fifth annual *4-H National Youth Science Day* (NYSD). NYSD is the premier national rallying event for year-round 4-H Science programming, bringing together youth, volunteers and educators from the nation's 111 land-grant colleges and universities to simultaneously complete the National Science Experiment.

San Rafael 4-H and Tamalpais 4-H will be hosting NYSD events for the public who live around the area in which they meet. Additionally, county 4-H staff will be working with the Novato Library to host a public event after school.

You can participate in National Youth Science day in your own home or club too! Please visit <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx> for more information about this year's experiment.

Shooting Sports!

This Saturday, September 8th will be the first meeting for Shooting Sports at the Valley of the Moon Trap Club, 9:00 a.m. sharp!

New members **MUST** complete a safety training at this meeting, or at the meeting held on October 6th. No new members will be accepted after the October meeting.

If you are a returning member, please bring a completed medical form to the first meeting. This form can be found at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/4726.pdf>

Questions? Contact Martin at (415) 309-1563



From the Staff

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Have you visited your Marin County 4-H website? On our main page, you can view our Calendar, Newsletter and Contact information. Other pages link you to current 4-H events, individual Club pages, information for Youth, Parents and Leaders, along with links to state and nationwide projects and curriculum.

If you have trouble remembering our site address when your Cloverleaflet is not available, just “google” “marin 4h” and then add our site to your “Favorites”. Do you have friends who are interested in 4-H? This is a great website to refer them to.

While visiting our website, make sure to navigate through the tabs on the gold bar to see the programs, publications, and resources the Marin County Cooperative Extension office offers to our community.

And make sure to go to the home page and “Like” UCCE Marin on Facebook!



Officer's Training

New Club officers will have the opportunity to come and learn about their new job and participate in a mock 4-H Business Meeting to brush up on parliamentary procedure. It's your club; plan the year and run your meetings well!

Wednesday, September 19th
6:30 pm
4-H Office
1682 Novato Blvd. Ste. 150B
Novato

New Leader Orientation

Those who are looking to become project leaders or volunteers in 4-H are welcome to sign up and join us for new 4-H year.

New Leader Orientation will take place on
Wednesday, October 17th
7:00 p.m.
4-H Office
1682 Novato Blvd. Ste. 150B
Novato

Orientation should last about an hour.
Please call 415-473-4207 to R.S.V.P.

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