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Mark your Calendars!

February	
Feb 14	Camp Adult and Youth Leader Apps Due
Feb 18	Presidents' Day Office Closed
Feb 28	Presentation Day Entries due!
March	
Mar 7	County Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Marin Co. 4-H Office
Mar 10	Presentation Day Fashion Revue Vallecito School, 12:00 noon
Mar 21	Farm Day 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Marin Civic Center
Mar 30	Sectional Presentation Day Noon to 4:00 p.m. Vallecito Elementary School
May	
May 9	County Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Marin Co. 4-H Office
May 25	State Field Day

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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.

Update Your PDR

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

Date	Activity	Category	Level
Various	Attended a club presentation night	3	L
Various	Presented at a club presentation night	6	L
Various	Attended a club presentation workshop	6	L

Did you do any community service with your club? This can be anything from going out and cleaning up trash to donating an item. Community Service is category 5.

Remember, other community service you have done outside of 4-H can be counted on your PDR. Two items outside of 4-H may be counted.

Presentation Day is Coming!

Mark your calendars for our annual
Marin County Presentation Day
Sunday, March 10th
Vallecito Elementary School
50 Nova Albion Way, Terra Linda
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Registration for Presentation Day is now open!
The deadline will be February 28th to have all registration forms into the office.
You may access forms at the Marin County 4-H website:
http://cemarin.ucanr.edu/Programs/4-H_Program/

There are many different kinds of presentations that our members can do!
Please review all the different categories as there is bound to be one that is just right for you!

Our Favorite Foods category is a favorite of youth and families alike!
Members create a favorite recipe and bring it for tasting. They answer questions about their recipe, how it fits into current nutrition guidelines and safe food handling. Families enjoy tasting all the great foods after judging is complete!

Judges and Area Chairpersons:
We need several parent judges to make this happen!
We also need our older youth members, Jr./Teen leaders especially, to serve as area Chairpersons. They will still be able to participate and do their own presentations.

Please contact Allison at 415-473-4207 or alkeaney@ucanr.edu

Club News



Twenty-three members of the Indian Valley 4H Club got together on Sunday, January 13, 2013 and handcrafted 45 green, brown, red fleece scarves which we sent to the Breezy Point Cooperative in Breezy Point, NY to be distributed to senior citizens affected by Hurricane Sandy. We even had garment labels made and sewn onto each scarf, entitled, "Made for You by the Indian Valley 4H Club, Novato, CA." This project will also serve as our Club's Marin County Fair entry as a fruit "Giving Tree." We will purchase a citrus tree and adorn it with fruit-shaped photo ornaments of our 4H members wearing the scarves that they created. We retained one green scarf to drape around our tree to enhance our Fair entry. Once the Fair is over our club looks forward to donating the fruit tree to a local senior home in Novato.

Pajama Drive

By Lucy Tully
Tamalpais 4-H

I watched a movie about 2 girls that get adopted and it made me think about all the fosters kids that don't have families. And thought it would be nice to donate some PJ's to them.

We will be collecting PJ's in our club, but if you would like to participate, I will leave a box at the 4-H office in Novato and you may drop your donations off there. PJ's should be new, please!

Thank you so much,
Lucy



State Field Day May 25, 2013 U.C. Davis

Mark your calendars! The 2013 State 4-H Field Day will be held May 25, 2013 at UC Davis. The event offers multiple contests, activities, and exhibits for 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and families. The complete event packet and registration details can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>.

Included in these great events at State Field Day are State Presentation Day and State Fashion Revue. Those who qualify may compete at these events.

This is a fun filled family day. Check it out!

From the State 4-H Office

4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

For 4-H members, due February 15, 2013

2013 Topic: "Reducing the Usage of Bee-Killing Pesticides in My Community." <http://www.ca4h.org/files/156350.pdf>

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. sponsors this essay contest for 4-H members. 1st place national winner receives \$750, 2nd place \$500 and 3rd place \$250. Each state will select a winner and then a national winner will be selected from the pool of state winners.

California Focus **June 14-18, 2013**

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California. <http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/>. **Online Registration will be available February 1, 2013**

4-H State Leadership Conference 2013 – July 25-28, 2013 at UC Davis

Celebrating 100 years of California 4-H. This year's theme: ***There's no place like 4-H***
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. For more information visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>

4-H Record Book Manual and Forms Updated!

When youth intentionally keep up-to-date on their 4-H Record Book, they're learning an important skill that develops competence and confidence. As youth are working on their 4-H Record Books for the 2012-2013 program year, be sure they are using the most current forms. Did you know the Record Book Manual and forms were updated in 2011? And in 2012 an addendum to the manual was written to help give more information regarding the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB).

Tip: Use 4-H ORB to complete your record book and you will always be guaranteed that you're using the correct forms.

NEW!: Youth who plan to submit their 4-H Record Book to State Competition 2013 will be required to complete an online training prior to October 1, 2013. Look for more information on this online training to be released in March 2013. The training will help youth understand what forms to complete, how to complete them and tips on completing a successful book.

For the most recent forms, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/>

From the Staff

The Online Record Book and It's Surveys: Your Chance to Make the Best Better!

The Online Record Book (ORB) has several little surveys for our members to take that will help improve our 4-H program.

Why do we collect this information?

Youth surveys allows us to gather information about how well our program is doing at helping youth be happy, healthy, and successful. We can also learn whether curriculum is useful and effective for leaders and youth while learning what works best and how we can improve. We want to learn what helps youth be less stressed, have higher self-esteem and live healthy lifestyles while become more interested in science and technology.

What are the surveys about?

The surveys ask questions related to our members' sparks (what excites and motivates them) and goals in addition to questions about academics, science, healthy living and citizenship.

Survey data can help us make this program better for you, and make the program fit your needs. We want to make sure this program is helping you find your spark, reach your goals, and contribute to your community. Taking these surveys can help us do all that! So here is your chance to let us know how the program is working for you.

**To access the Online Record Book, visit:
Ucanr.edu/4hbook**

Marin County 4-H Summer Camp July 14-20, 2013

**Las Posadas State Forest
Angwin, California**

The adult and youth staff application packets are now available online and are due to the camp clerk by March 1st.

Camper applications will be available beginning April 1st.

Please note that all adults and camp youth staff are required to attend a training and work weekend April 19-21.

Please visit:

http://cemar.in.ucanr.edu/Programs/4-H_Program/4-H_Summer_Camp/

For applications and more information, please contact me via email:

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