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Mark your Calendars!

August

Aug 2	Record Books, Officer Books Club Financials due to office
Aug 10	Primary Record Book Judging
Aug 17	Jr/Senior Record Book Judging
Aug 27	Council Meeting 6:30—4H Office, Novato
Aug 24/25	Thrive Master Training U.C. Davis

September

Sep 2	Labor Day Office Closed
Sep 7	Thrive Interviews
Sep 14	Community Club Leader Round Table 10:00 A.M. Marin County 4-H Office

October

Oct 2	New Officers' Training
Oct 6	Achievement Day
Oct 8	National Youth Science Day

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.

Enrollment



ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2013-2014 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 adult 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 2013-14 program year are \$34 per youth member and \$12 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. It might appear as though you have enrolled and something is missing or not current. Please work directly with your club leader to make sure your family has turned in everything that is needed.

Please visit ca.4honline.com

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



NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

October 9, 2013

This year, the National Science Experiment will be:

4-H Maps & Apps!

Designed by **Colorado State University Extension**, the year's set of activities will turn young people into geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey.

Members and leaders can learn more by visiting:
<http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/>

County News

Zoe McCormick to Serve on State 4-H Committee



Zoe McCormick of the Tamalpais 4-H club has been selected to serve on the State 4-H Animal Science Education Policy Committee.

Congratulations!

Welcoming Back to the 4-H Family: 'H' Lane Vaqueros

We are very happy to welcome back to the Marin County 4-H family, 'H' Lane Vaqueros 4-H Club.

Pat Duffy, who has led the club for many years, will once again take the reins.

'H' Lane Vaqueros will offer a horse project that is focused on all aspects of horses and their care, including anatomy, nutrition, vet care and training. Members of other Marin County 4-H clubs who are serious about learning about horses are welcome to cross club into 'H' Lane Vaqueros as a project.

For more information please contact Allison at the 4-H office at alkeaney@ucanr.edu.

County Wide Sewing Project By Taylor Smith Tamalpais 4-H

I had an amazing year in the County Sewing Project. My highlight was making my first dress. It was a difficult pattern but I was able to get through it with help from my mom. I was not able to enter it into the Marin County Fair because I wanted to wear it to my 5th grade graduation. I am hoping to make more clothing items this coming year.



Parents and Leaders: Become a Thrive Master Trainer!

Leaders who would like to become Master Trainers of Thrive for Marin County are invited to attend a training at U.C. Davis, August 24th and 25th.

Master Trainers become the Thrive experts for their counties, assisting in the training of our club Thrive Leaders and supporting the important job of data collection for the research arm of U.C. Davis with regard to youth development.

For the past two years, we have had the pleasure of being served by Robin Torassa and Alexandra Matthews as our trainers. Won't you join them?

UPDATE YOUR *NEW* PDR: 2013-14

After completing your record book, the last thing on your mind is the 2013-2014 PDR for sure! But remember trying to fill all that stuff in? Wouldn't it be easier to do it once a month than once a year? Start now!

Date	Category	Description	Level
7/3/13	2	Exhibited at the Marin Co. Fair	C
7/3/13	7	Won at the Marin Co. Fair	C
7/3—7/7	4	Worked Fur & Feathers Tent	C
7/3-7/7	4	Worked Healthy Living Pavilion At Marin Co. Fair	C
7/25-8/11	2	Exhibited at the Sonoma Co. Fair	C
7/25-8/11	7	Won at the Sonoma Co. Fair	C
7/12-28	4	Worked 4-H Table at CA State Fair	S
Various	5	Volunteered at Food Bank	L

"I consider the work of the 4-H Club in building character one of the finest undertakings in all America."

- **Albert S. Goss**, Master, National Grange. April 1948.

Plan Ahead, Mark Your Calendars!

The big events for the new program year:

August 10	Primary Record Book Judging
August 17	Record Book Judging (* Parents and adult leaders needed.)
August 27	Council Meeting
October 2	New Officer's Training, 7:00 P.M. 4-H Office
October 6	Achievement Day, Vallecito Elementary School (Start of National 4-H Week)
October 9	National Youth Science Day
March 2	County Presentation Day, Vallecito Elementary School
March 20	Farm Day
June 7	West Marin Fair

From the Staff

THE ROLE OF RESEARCH

The 4-H Youth Development program has two main functions.

The first is something we are all familiar with, the youth program. Youth from all over Marin participate in 4-H. We often think of our clubs first: those fun meetings and projects that give members the opportunity to learn and try new things or become masters of knowledge in subjects that really spark a member's interest. In addition to our clubs, we serve the youth of Marin County through classroom outreach, afterschool programs and camp.

The second function of 4-H is something we don't talk about very often, and that is the role of research. The mission of 4-H states:

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development.

In all that we do for youth, we are also gathering information and feedback to improve the 4-H program specifically, and the field of youth development generally. This is why members have been asked to complete surveys over the years, and we will continue to do so.

Because of this two fold mission, we have the opportunity to make a difference for the youth of today, as well as make things better for the youth of tomorrow.

To learn more about the 4-H mission, core values and framework, please visit:

www.ca4h.org

Community Outreach in Our Program

This article is the first in a series about the importance of outreach in 4-H, and how volunteers, members and staff play important roles in the efforts to be open, welcoming and inclusive.

Question: Does 4-H have a commitment to diversity? The answer is: YES! As part of the University of California, 4-H has a commitment that its programs are open to everyone, and that efforts are made to promote diversity and inclusion.

Diversity simply means differences. There are two dimensions of diversity. Primary dimensions are those that are inborn, such as age, race and ethnicity. Secondary dimensions are acquired, discarded or modified, such as language, religion, and education. Though there can be differences, everyone has a contribution to make to diversity, including those in the majority group.

Diversity exists, but it takes action to create inclusion. With a growth mindset, diversity can be viewed as an opportunity rather than an issue. Inclusion is bringing in those who are not represented. Everyone has something to offer.

Where would you say your club, is today with diversity? Does it represent the demographics of your area? Can you answer these questions?

What are we doing well? * Who is missing?

What areas need improvement? * Any surprises?

Where can we be?

In this series, ideas will be shared that can help support individuals and groups with outreach efforts. Topics include: cultural characteristics, connecting with diverse communities, and examples of outreach strategies and efforts. Keep in mind, the club outreach form that is submitted annually to the county office can serve as a useful tool for an outreach plan.

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