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December

- Dec 21 Camp Staff Holiday Gathering
 McClure Barn 4-7 p.m.
- Dec 24 & 25 Winter Holiday
 Office closed
- Dec 31/Jan 1 Office closed

January

- Jan 21 C.A.L. Conference Team Mtg
 7:00—8:00 P.M.
 Marin County 4-H Office
- Jan 22 ORB Training
 6-9 P.M. (R.S.V.P. required)
- Jan 24, 25, 26 CAL Conference
 Walker Creek Ranch
- Jan 30 Council Meeting
 Marin County 4-H Office
 6:30 P.M.

February

- Feb 23 County Presentation Day
 Vallecito School

March

- Mar 29 Sectional Presentation Day
 U.C. Davis (all 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.

RECORD BOOKS FOR 2013-2014

Sparks Scores are still available and being kept open for another month. Please log on to the ORB and complete your Sparks Scores.

Thanks!!

Need help?

Visit:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/>



Update Your PDR

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

To get complete answers about your PDR and placing activities, please consult the Record Book Handbook found on the state 4-H website at www.ca4h.org

The holidays are often a time when our community service outreach increases greatly! Our clubs are paying visits to a variety of places, collecting food and coats, or doing other acts of kindness. Be sure to keep track of all that you are doing and update your PDR!

And, take a little time during the winter break from school to spend some time with your record book so there isn't so much to do at the end of the year.

Happy Holidays!



Club News

INDIAN VALLEY COLLECTS FOR ONE WARM COAT *BY KATIE SHEPARDSON*

The Indian Valley 4-H Club will once again be collecting coats outside of Harvest Market in Novato from 12-3 on Saturday, December 14th.

They also will be selling baked goods to benefit the Novato Human Needs Center.



News from Tri-Valley 4-H By Cameron Harding

Tri-Valley 4-H Club has gotten off to a great start this year. During our first meeting as a club we decided that we would do three things at each meeting this year. The first was to have a member from our club do a presentation or demonstration at each monthly meeting, the second was to participate in a community service act of some sort, and the final thing was to have some sort of game or fun activity at the end of each of our meetings.

Having a member do a demonstration or presentation at each meeting is something that we are doing to help our club get a gold seal, but it actually has been a lot of fun. At the first meeting one of the members showed us how to make a duct tape bow and last month we had a member give a demonstration on surface tension with a big glass bowl, water and a paper clip. It is really fun watching the demonstrations and next month I am going to give one also!

The second thing we are doing is a community service project at each meeting. At our October meeting we made little owls to give to people who live at a retirement home in Petaluma. In November we had each member bring cans of food that were then delivered to the Soup Kitchen in Petaluma. It is rewarding to know that we can do something to help others each time we meet. Tri-Valley plans on doing a community service project every month.

The third thing we plan on doing every meeting is a game planned by the committee. I find that the games are the best part. In October we played musical chairs and the winners got candy prizes. In November we played bingo. It is a lot of fun no matter what game you are playing. I am proud to be a member of the Tri-Valley 4-H Club and am looking forward to the year ahead.

County News

2014 California Camping Conference

March 21 – 23, 2014

Boulder Creek, CA

The California Camping Conference inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. Sponsored by the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, the weekend offers staff, volunteers and youth opportunities to develop their capacity as leaders in their local camp programs.

You will...

- Add new, fun, educational activities to your program
- Better understand how to work with campers, teen staff and adult volunteers
- Learn how to market and recruit campers and teen staff
- Network with others who share your passion for camp

Come away with practical tools to increase the safety, fun and growth for campers and staff

Conference workshops include:

- Understanding and dealing with difficult behaviors
- New science, engineering and technology (SET) activities for camp: shelter building, first aid and safety, creating cookouts and overnight adventures
- Working with chaperones and other adult volunteers
- Project Learning Tree and more “green” ideas
- Our campers Thrive activities
- Important steps for camp health and safety compliance
- Archery certification

And more!

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT 4-H?

Or brush up on what you used to know? There is a great new online course that give a fantastic overview of the 4-H program. It is listed as being an introduction for leaders but it is a wonderful resource for parents to learn more about the mission and direction of 4-H. Leaders might enjoy this as a refresher or a way to learn something new about 4-H they may not have known before or get some tips on leading projects.

<http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/course.html>

The state 4-H website is full of resources and great information for parents and leaders. Check it out at www.ca4h.org



Other News

Sonoma County [March Hare 2014](#) - March 8, 2014

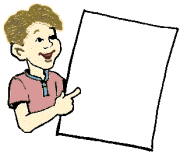
Attention all rabbit and cavy leaders and 4her's. March Hare is on! We hope to see you and your rabbits and cavy's on March 8, 2014. This will be a multi-county event with all the wonderful awards and event challenges as last year. We will have a guest speaker, followed by a single rabbit and cavy show as well as rabbit and cavy showmanship. We would like to include this year possibly, a 4H food booth. This booth does NOT need to be limited to rabbit or cavy projects, so if you are interested please be sure to contact me for details. More details and a catalog will go out in January. Can not wait to see you all!! Debra Mills [lit-
tlemfarms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlemfarms@sbcglobal.net) County Rabbit Project Leader/Forestville Rabbit Project Leader.

Important Information About Presentation Day and Fashion Revue

Please mark your calendars and plan ahead!!

Dates are being changed for Presentation Day, Favorite Foods and Fashion Revue

Due to the time constraints of entering our gold award recipients for Sectional Presentation Day, we will be moving our *County Presentation Day* to:



**Sunday, February 23rd
2014
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M
Vallecito Elementary School
15 Nova Albion Way, Terra Linda**

Because Presentation Day will be early, and so that members can participate in all the events we offer, Fashion Revue and Favorite Foods will be separated from Presentation Day and be held on their own event day on:

**Fashion Revue and Favorite Foods Day
Sunday, April 27th
2014
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M
Vallecito Elementary School
15 Nova Albion Way, Terra Linda**



CAMP NEWS!!!!!!

Dear 4-H Family of Marin County,

We have had the pleasure of enjoying tremendous growth in our camp program in the past few years. Once we had been concerned about being able to fill our camp, but that has all changed! As many of you know, camp started filling to capacity within just a few days and we had to turn away many disappointed kids. Last year, we were able to add a second week of camp, so no one had to be turned away. It was a great feeling!

With expansion often comes the need for change. Back in September, the Camp Board began the process of looking at the best way to support this growth, and also consider the 4-H centennial and looking toward the next 100 years. Ensuring that the management and leadership of camp is able to support a consistent, quality experience for years to come is a top priority.

The board began this process with three subcommittees working with 4-H staff. These committees were charged with 1. Staff training and development, 2. Job descriptions, and 3. Structure of the camp management committee. Each committee worked through a complete analysis of current practices and made recommendations for changes. Each committee presented their findings and changes to the existing camp board who provided feedback and endorsement.

The outcomes of these three committees were:

A structured training and development plan for camp youth staff along with recommendations for adult training at a later date.

Revision and update of job descriptions for all camp roles and jobs.

Organizational design of a new Camp Management Committee, replacing the "Camp Board."

The Camp Board will remain in place during the transition to the new Camp Management Committee. This will ensure continuity, and that important work gets done to prepare for camp in 2014. Applications for youth staff, adult chaperones and youth campers will still follow the traditional timeline that families have come to expect.

We invite you to be a part of this new structure! The placement of the members on new Camp Management Committee may take place through personal invitation or by announcement from the Marin County 4-H office, so let us know if you are interested in participating. Be sure to look for emails and announcements in the Marin County 4-H newsletter in the coming weeks for further information. We also want to make sure that everyone knows that Camp Committee meetings are open to our 4-H families, just like County Council meetings. Meeting dates will be announced in the 4-H newsletter.

As a board, we are excited to continue our preparations for Marin County 4-H Camp, 2014, and are thrilled to embrace the future, the next 100 years, together.

Making the best better,

Marin County 4-H Camp Board
Eileen Castelli, Camp Clerk
Denise Myers
Glenn Parks
Mike Tomasini
Matt Torrence

From the Staff

2014 State Field Day, May 31, 2014

Want to help plan and implement the 2014 State Field Day?

Sign up here to join the 2014 State Field Day planning committee. More info:
<http://ucanr.edu/sfdpt2014>

Committee members will help plan the overall event and can specialize and help with one main contest. The committee will be 50% youth or more. This is a chance for youth to be involved in the biggest California 4-H event in the State!

We will have monthly conference calls/Adobe Connect meetings to plan the 2014 State Field Day. Conference Calls are set for the 2nd Wednesday of over month from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Applications are due by October 31, 2013

Committee members will be notified by November 7, 2013

State Fashion Revue Cover Contest

The State Fashion Revue committee is seeking entries to design the program cover for the event. Your design should reflect the theme: California Grown, California Sewn. Contest rules are:

One design per member. Any 4-H youth member may participate, regardless of projects.

The design can be digital or hand drawn.

It should be no larger than 4.5" wide x 7.5" tall, to fit on a folded letter size page.

You may use any medium (colored pencil, marker, paint, digital) you wish. Be sure to include the words "2014 State Fashion Revue" and the date "May 31, 2014".

Use the 4-H clover appropriately in your design.

Please keep your original artwork and go to this link to submit your entry.

Entries are due by January 15, 2014. <http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest>

For more information email mvemails@yahoo.com.

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