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Marin County 4-H Newsletter

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Mark your Calendars!

September

Sep 4	Labor Day Office Closed
Sep 14	Council Meeting Marin 4-H Office 6:30 PM—8:30 PM
Sep 27	Officer Training Marin 4-H Office 7:00-8:30PM

October

Oct 1	Achievement Day
Oct 1-7	National 4-H Week “Grow True Leaders”

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.



On behalf of the Marin County 4-H Council I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all returning 4-Hers and all new 4-H members to our Council. As anyone who has been in the 4-H program for any length of time knows, being a member, or a volunteer in a 4-H Club is a very rewarding and worthwhile endeavor. I hope that all returning 4-Hers are bringing in a new member with them this year since there is no better way of building your club or project than exposing people who have never experienced the 4-H way. As they say, "Share the fun!"

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who make 4-H go. Without you this program would all but stop and the children currently in the program would not be able to enjoy the things they do by being in 4-H.

That is all for now and I look forward to seeing you at the County Council meeting on September 14th.

— Pat Karinen
President
Marin County 4-H

To all 4-H Members.... How to start the year with a bang!

It's a new 4-H year! What does that mean for you, the 4-H member? Here are some suggestions to help make this 4-H year a great one:

Try Something New: Sign up for a project you haven't tried before, or join a committee. Expand your horizons!

Set Goals: What do you want to accomplish in your leadership roles or projects? Write those goals down!

Plan Now for Next Year's Record Book: The key to completing a record book is to do a little at a time all year, especially the PDR. Check out the record book resources now, print out a PDR, and fill it in as the year unfolds. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/>

Celebrate National 4-H Week: National 4-H Week begins October 1st. The theme: "Grow True Leaders." Wear your shirt, give a presentation to your class at school, help out with a club outreach activity or share your 4-H pride in some other way.

Invite a Friend: Do you have a friend that might really enjoy your 4-H club. Invite him or her to come to your club meeting and check it out!

Have a great year!!!

I pledge...

My Head



To clearer thinking

My Heart



To greater loyalty

My Hands



To larger service

My Health



To better living

For my club, my community, my country and my world.



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September 2017 From the 4-H Youth Development Advisor



Results from the 4-H Environment Survey 2017

An organization – like 4-H – is shaped by the people who contribute their time and energy to its work. These individuals interact together, affecting the experiences of its members. Individuals, as well as the organization's mission, influences the experiences individuals have in the organization, both positive and negative.

We set out to assess 4-H volunteers, members, and parent's perceptions of the 4-H organizational climate and program quality during the 2016-17 program year in the North Bay (Marin, Sonoma, and Napa). Through a Qualtrics survey sent to every email address in the 4hOnline enrollment system (1,952 total emails), we received 181 survey responses (82 Sonoma, 20 Marin, 49 Napa, and 30 no county entered) from 13 members, 64 parents, and 78 leaders (26 no data).

Summary of Findings:

Mission and Brand: 89% agreed that 4-H's image is that of a high quality youth program; while 72% agreed 4-H is innovative in developing new ways to serve youth.

Leadership: 70% agreed the 4-H office staff are approachable; 56% agreed the County 4-H council executive board members are approachable; more concerning was variance in responses to 'conflict is managed well in 4-H' (21% disagreed, 35% neutral, 45% agreed).

Communication: 63% agreed they feel informed about changes that affect them in 4-H

Satisfaction, Belonging, and Pride: 94% agreed they are committed to the 4-H program; 93% are proud to be part of 4-H; but only 77% feel appreciated in the 4-H program.

Training: 62% get the training they need to do their 4-H volunteer position well

Respect: 82% feel valued by their 4-H peers; 64% feel free to express their opinions without worrying about negative responses (21% disagreed); 19% reported experiencing exclusionary, intimidating, offensive, or hostile behavior in 4-H (with reports that this behavior occurred at 4-H Club meetings, Council meetings, and at the 4-H Office).

Program Quality

4-H Meetings: 89% agreed mental and emotional safety is promoted; 95% agreed youth have opportunities to develop a sense of belonging.

4-H Projects: 89% agreed project leaders support youth in building skills.

Youth Leadership: 94% agreed youth have opportunities to collaborate and work cooperatively with others

These findings will help the 4-H office and Council Executive Boards prioritize program improvements during the coming 4-H program year. For the full report, please visit: <http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/files/267669.pdf>

Regional News

4-H Beyond the County

By Skye McCormick

Tamalpais 4-H, Marin County All Star

Our county program has lots to offer, but there are even more opportunities at the sectional and state level. Some of those opportunities include overnight conferences. I have attended 3 of those, Washington Focus, SLC, and Citizenship Weekend. Aside from learning about leadership and citizenship, I have met some really great people from all over California and the United States.

Citizenship Weekend seems to be a sort of unintentional secret. I went for the first time two years ago and it was a really good experience. We participated in a mock trial, cleaned up the beach, and toured local attractions. This year it will be held in Saratoga, September 22nd through 24th. Register soon! http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Citizenship_Weekend/

There is more going on in the 4-H Bay/Coast Region. Click here for an update:
<https://goo.gl/forms/hFz9ZwGUflnVuuU2>

SLC is the CA 4-H state leadership conference. It is held each year at a different UC or state school. We live in the dorms and eat in the college cafeteria. This year it was held at U.C.

Be sure to check out the **Annual Agrarian Games** at the Petaluma Fairgrounds, September 16th. There will be a farmer's market, ag related information, and of course fun games!



4-H will be participating at the following events this fall. Please contact us if you would like to help out!

Petaluma Youth Ag Day, September 29, 8:30-12:30, Sonoma-Marin Fair, Petaluma Contact: Allison Keaney (alkeaney@ucanr.edu)



North Bay Science Discovery Day, October 28, 10-4pm, Sonoma Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa Sign-up for 4-H members: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21597> Contact: Steven Worker (smworker@ucanr.edu)

All Star Corner

Exciting Announcement!

By Rachael Metzger

Hello fellow 4-H members, volunteers, parents, and alumni,

The Marin County 4-H All Stars would like to make a very exciting announcement: Marin County 4-H is introducing a teen club.

This club will be for members 13 years of age and up who would like to be a part of a club tailored towards teens' interests and abilities. The club will contain two projects: Service Learning, which will dive deeper into community service and the importance of supporting our community, and Leadership, which will include the projects of the county All Stars. Members who would like to work on the service award of Emerald Star are also eligible to join. To learn more about the Emerald Star service award, check out the overview and application here: <http://cemarin.ucanr.edu/files/198318.pdf>

More information about the club will be presented at County Achievement Day, so make sure you get there! Remember you don't have to be receiving an award to show club spirit and cheer on your fellow members at County Achievement Day on October 1st. This also is the start of National 4-H Week, "True Leaders.



Record Books

THANK YOU EVALUATORS!

Record book competition and the awards that go with it would not be possible without the generous volunteers that give up a Saturday to review the record books.

Please join me in thanking:

- Caryl Hodges, San Rafael
- Paula Sebastiani, San Rafael
- Luciana Downing, San Rafael
- Dana Russ, Nicasio
- Cindy Pomi, Tri Valley
- Patty Pomi, Tri Valley
- Pamela Smith, 'H' Lane Vaqueros
- Karen Gifford, Indian Valley
- Tracy Boothe, Indian Valley
- Loring Casartelli, 'H' Lane Vaqueros



Unfortunately we did not have enough help and there are still 8 book that need to be evaluated, which will be completed by some dedicated folks in the next week or two. Please contact the office if you can help!

REMINDER: Many officers have their own books to turn in for evaluation. These are due at the end of August to the 4-H Office. If you didn't get them in please do ASAP so they can be evaluated and members can receive the recognition they deserve!

- Treasurer
- Historian
- Secretary
- Editor

Record books can be time consuming, so down load a new copy of the PDR and fill it in as you go this year!

You can always find the correct and most current forms on the state 4-H website here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/RecordBook/RBResources/

Club News

What is Cross Clubbing?

You may have heard the term, “cross clubbing,” but aren’t sure what it is. No problem!

“Cross Clubbing” is when a member signs up for and takes a project in a club that is not his or her own. This may happen when a project is not offered in the member’s home club. For example, the Happy Clover 4-H Club might offer a goat project. Ben, is a member of the Hillside Clovers 4-H Club which does not have a goat project. Ben has room for goat and always wanted to raise them, and so would like to take that project.

How Does it Work?

“Cross Clubbing” may only be done with the permission of the club leader and the project leader. Sometimes the project is very full and can take no more members due to space constraints and safety concerns. The member should talk with the project leader and get permission.

When the member receives permission, he or she may add the club and project in 4honline as a secondary club.

When is “Cross Clubbing” not ok?

The purpose of “cross clubbing” is to make programs and projects available to 4-H members who are interested in them but do not have them available. “Cross clubbing” is not a way for youth to find a “better” project or leader. Members must utilize the offerings of their own club first.

Shooting Sports

One exception to this guideline is the Marin 4-H Shooting Sports Club. This club has a single project, and is structure to allow for cross clubbing from other Marin AND Sonoma County 4-H Clubs. Members may enroll in Marin 4-H Shooting Sports as their club, or they may enroll in shooting sports as a project in addition to their other 4-H activities.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the 4-H office if you have questions.

4-H Shooting Sports Club

If you know a young person who might enjoy learning about firearm safety and shooting clay targets in a controlled, supportive and fun setting, please let them know about 4-H Shooting Sports!

Enrollment will be at our first meetings on ***Saturday September 9th*** and ***Saturday October 14th*** at 9:00 AM sharp at the Valley of the Moon Trap Club. Directions can be found at www.vomtc.org

To save time, please enroll online beforehand by visiting:
http://cemarlin.ucanr.edu/Programs/4-H_Program/4hOnline_Enrollment/

If you are in another 4-H club, select Shooting Sports as your second club.

Please note ***new club members will need to successfully complete the required safety training*** on at least one of these two days. Any questions please contact: Martin 415 309 1563.



County News

Serve on a Marin 4-H Committee in 2017-2018

As most of you know, the Marin County 4-H program is led by the County Council. This group of leaders includes a representative from each club and the All Star Ambassador team. The Council raises money and guides the events and activities of the county program.

Our County program also uses committees to work on specific areas of the program. We have two committees that need participation this year.

Expansion and Review Committee: 4-H policy requires that each county convene an Expansion and Review committee each year, to explore options and advise clubs on ways to make their programs more welcoming and open to all of Marin. The Expansion and Review Committee meets 2-3 times a year, after regularly scheduled council meetings. There is no maximum of members for this committee, but should include a minimum of 6, ideally two leaders, two youth members, and two community members.

Incentives and Recognition: The Incentives and Recognition committee is an ad hoc committee that convenes every 2 –3 years to review the awards that are given out to Marin 4-H youth. This year the committee will convene to review a number of awards, meeting 2-3 times for 2 hours each. We are pleased to have Loring Casartelli, Karen Gifford, and Reisa Paulsey serving on the committee this year. We need one more youth member to complete the committee. The first meeting will be on ***Friday, September 8th at 4:00PM.***

If you would like to serve on either committee, please contact Allison at the 4-H office at alkeaney@ucanr.edu.

Council Officers 2017-2018

The Marin County 4-H County Council is a voting body of members from each club that plan Marin County 4-H events and manage the county program. The Council meets 4-5 times per year. All clubs are required to send a representative to each council meeting to provide input and learn of program updates and policy changes that affect their clubs. Officers are elected by the membership and serve a one-year term.

As the new 2017-2018 Program Year begins, the County Council would like to thank the following individuals for stepping up and serving:

President, Pat Karinen
Vice President, Karen Taylor
Treasurer, Amy Ondricek
Secretary, Rachael Metzger

*Many thanks to our officers who have served
and continue to serve each year!*

4-H Summer Science & Nature

Another Great Time at Marin 4-H Summer Camp By Marlowe Ural

Camp is a place like no other. It does and always will hold a special place in my heart. I've been going there since I was a small child and over the years there have been so many experiences that I've been through that make camp so memorable and enjoyable for me. I can remember one of my first years as a little camper getting lost on the sunrise hike and it being so foggy that you couldn't see 10 feet in front of you. I remember sleeping under the stars the first night I was there and just thinking what a beautiful and amazing spot I was at. My favorite memory has to be sitting up at the baseball field while stargazing and sitting in a circle and singing songs together with the fellow campers and staff. Camp is such an important part of my life. It means so much to me as it was one of the first places where I truly felt that I could fit in. I will always love camp and hope that I will be able to continue going for as long as I can as a staffer and then as a big kid. Come join us next year!



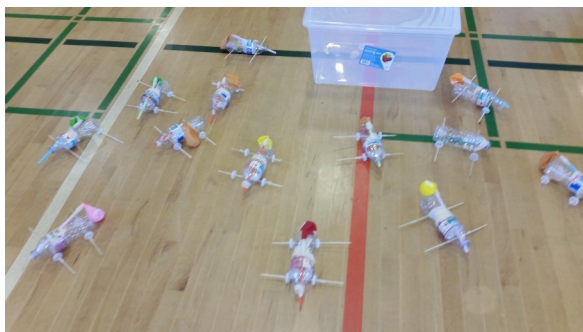
Campers and parent chaperones can join us next year. Keep on the lookout for chaperone applications on January 2, 2018 and camper applications on April 1, 2018.

Thank you to the camp committee and adult staff who make camp possible by planning, organizing, and giving up a week of their vacation time to create this great experience for our campers!



SUMMER 4-H STEM AROUND MARIN

Youth in Marin's summer enrichment programs were able to experience 4-H STEM activities this summer. Students in grades 1-8 explored chemistry, physics, civic planning, engineering, electricity, and environmental science. 4-H staff worked with Bay area Community Resources' LEAP program, YMCA, and Canal Kids' Club providing staff training and materials, serving approximately 800 youth.



From the Staff

Facility Use Agreement Renewal

It is the beginning of the program year and time for many to renew their club's facility use agreements.

The University of California requires a use agreement for any facility used for meeting purposes: schools, community centers, meeting halls, and such.

The facility use agreement is not a complicated process, but it does take a little time. Please contact Allison at the 4-H office to begin the use agreement process.

Thank you!



4-H Enrollment Fees for 2017-2018

Enrollment fees will be as follows for the 2017-2018 program year. We will not see a youth member increase next year, but will see a \$2 increase for volunteers.

Youth Members—\$50
Adult Volunteers—\$16

Returning families are welcome to go to 4Honline and re-enroll for the new year. Fees will still be payable directly to your club at the first meeting.



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