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## February 2019: Marin 4-H Newsletter (Cloverleaflet)

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### H-Lane Vaqueros 4-H Report from the Western National Round-Up and Save the Date!

H-Lane Vaqueros 4-H Member and National Competitor, Emily Charlton



From right to left: Lynn Warren Coach, Emily Charlton, Athena Ubladi, Miake Mieritz, Jaylin Nichols, and Valerie Charlton Coach

Save the Date, April 27th 2019, for the 4-H 2019 Horse Classic Hippology and Judging Competition! This fun competition challenges members to learn equine science facts and display their knowledge through competition. The junior teams that competed last year included H Lane Vaquero Club members Dylann Cullinane, Pyper Arnold, Kira Casartelli, Skyler Lee, Morgan Graziana and Iris Anselmi. They placed second and fourth in the state. The winning senior team at the June 2018 competition was also from the H Lane Vaqueros 4-H Club. The team members were Emily Charlton, Maikie Mieritz and Athena Ubaldi.

They continued on to the Western National Roundup Competition in Denver, Colorado in January 2019 to meet and compete with winning teams from many other states. More than 660 youth and more than 450 adults from more than 33 states and Alberta, Canada attended the Western National Roundup January 9-13, 2019, in Denver, CO. The Conference, now in its 99<sup>th</sup> year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. At this National Competition, our California team came in 10<sup>th</sup> place!

To learn more about horse project clubs in Marin County, visit the H-Lane Vaqueros and Morning Sun 4-H club pages on the [Marin 4-H website](#).

Register [here](#) receive the Statewide 4-H newsletter for regular updates from leadership.

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### Dec. 31st 2018 - Returning Adult Volunteer Reappointment DEADLINE LAPSED!

The Statewide 4-H Program has set a deadline for reappointment of returning 4-H Adult Volunteers.

**ALL REGISTRATION STEPS** (payment in full, eXtension review courses, and re-registration in 4HOnline) must have been completed by Dec. 31st 2018 in order for adults to act in their capacity as 4-H Adult Volunteers. **Note: If you missed this deadline and are listed as INACTIVE or PENDING in 4HOnline, you will be unable to provide rides, participate in club meetings, lead projects etc. until your reappointment process is completed.** Please see the [Marin 4-H Program website Volunteer page](#) for additional info.

Marin 4-H Staff are so grateful for all that you do to serve our youth. Please let us know if you need additional support in expediting your reappointment now that the deadline has lapsed. E-mail Silvia Baker ([sibaker@marincounty.org](mailto:sibaker@marincounty.org)) the Marin 4-H line at 415.473.4207 for support.

Thank you!

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## Notes From Your 4-H Marin All-Stars: Marin 4-H Teen Club Makes Homeless Care Packages

Olivia Blantz, Marin 4-H All-Star



At the January 14th Teen Club meeting, members came together to create homeless care packages. These packages included items that were generously donated from other clubs across the county. Some of these items were socks, combs, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, protein bars, wet wipes, bandaids, chapstick, nail files, rain ponchos, and a handwritten card from the Teen Club. We ended up making upwards of 75 packages in all.

Because the Teen Club is fairly new, and doesn't have a budget or much savings, we relied on members of the Teen Club to go to their "home base" clubs and ask for donations to make these packages possible. We would like to give a big thank you to the clubs who donated their items, money, and time, to make life a little more comfortable for someone else.

At the end of the meeting, each member took a couple care packages with them, and will be distributing them in person or through other programs like soup kitchens and churches.

The Teen Club plans on continuing to work on more service projects throughout the year, as well as raising some money for the club with a bake sale or garage sale, so that we can continue this work. The Teen Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the County Office Building (1682 Novato Blvd., Novato CA) at 6:30 PM.

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## Notes From Your 4-H Marin All-Stars: Bay Area Youth Leadership Summit Summary

Katie Shepardson, Marin 4-H All-Star



From January 18-20, teens from different counties in the Bay/Coast Area gathered for the Bay/Coast Area Youth Leadership Summit. They spent the weekend attending workshops to learn about different skills for effective leadership and listening to a keynote speaker. The workshops they attended included how to communicate face-to-face, becoming a better listener, working with different personality types, and team building. On the last day, participants worked in small groups to recreate part of a painting that they later all put together to produce the larger picture, a great example of teamwork and the combination of all the skills they learned that weekend.

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### **Emerald Star Naomi Watson Honored by the American Youth Foundation**

Nicasio 4-H (Marin Co.)'s Naomi Watson was honored in January 2019 as a American Youth Foundation (AYF) 2018 "Enkindled Spirit" and winner of AYF's National Leadership Award.

The Enkindled Spirit recognition goes to 6 youth throughout the United States who have served their communities with distinction during 2018. The National Leadership Award recognizes young people for their character and leadership potential.

Naomi the only youth to receive this combination of distinctions this year. Naomi was the only Californian and the only 4-Her to receive these combined recognitions during 2018.

Naomi credits her experience in 4-H with her progress toward her political/community governance goals and her comfort with testing her skills in the context of a caring community. Her profile in AYF's annual report is available on their website's Founder Fire tab under 2018: <https://ayf.com/who-we-are/publications/>



Naomi is invited, along with co-awardee Derrick Pomi, Tri-Valley 4-H, to attend a youth conference with other young leaders throughout the United States.



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### **"Harvest Moon" Marin County Farm Day - March 21st 2019**

Marin County Farm Day is a free, public event in which over 30 exhibitors provide hands-on interactive activities targeted for elementary school youth. This year's event will be held Thursday, **March 21, 2019 from 9:00 am to 12 noon**, at the Marin Center Exhibition Hall.

More information about logistics (and contests



available to elementary school classrooms throughout Marin) available [here](#). Historically, Marin 4-H Clubs have offered exhibitions at this event. For example, H-Lane Vaqueros and Morning Sun have brought ponies to the event and taught about the care and keeping of these large mammals. San Rafael 4-H has explored a variety of animal science and environmental science topics. Want to register your 4-H club? Do so here: [Exhibitor Registration - 2019](#). This year's theme is "Harvest Moon."

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## Need Volunteers for Committee Positions

Marin County 4-H is still seeking volunteers for a few important positions.

- The Marin 4-H **Incentives and Recognition Committee** is actively recruiting new members to oversee county level record book evaluation, develop policies to support Achievement Day nomination and selection, and pursue state/national recognition for Marin 4-H members.
- The Marin 4-H County Council has convened a **Fund Development Committee** to help design and implement fundraising initiatives. Funding increases will allow the Council to continue to award scholarships for 4-H members.

Please contact Marisa Coyne at [macoyne@ucanr.edu](mailto:macoyne@ucanr.edu) to be directed to the appropriate folks.

## Scholarship and Contest Opportunities



### JOANN Paper Clover Grant Campaign Second Cycle Open NOW!

Thanks to the JOANN Paper Clover campaign and the tremendous support of our community for 4-H, we can offer the following grants to support 4-H projects in Communications & Expressive Arts and Consumer & Family Science. [Head to the Joann 4-H Project Grant website](#) to:

- View information about past winners
- Identify award amounts
- Download a list of qualifying projects and applicants
- Explore Grant areas including: Spark Grant, Innovative Project Grant, and Service Learning Project Grant

**ALL applications are due March 27th 2019.**  
**Contact Marisa Coyne [macoyne@ucanr.edu](mailto:macoyne@ucanr.edu) for your letter of support by March 20th 2019.**

**JOANN** 

Qualifying Project Areas for  
JOANN 4-H Project Grants

Communications and Expressive Arts	Consumer and Family Science
Arts & Crafts	Child Development and Care
Calligraphy	Clothing and Textiles
Ceramics & Clay Arts	Consumer Economics (Consumer Education)
Communications	Fashion Revue
Cultural Arts	Fiber Arts
Dance	Flower Arranging
Drama & Theater Arts	Home & Personal Management
Graphic Arts	Home Arts & Furnishings
Hobbies	Quilting
Hobbies - Tabletop Gaming	Table Setting and Etiquette
Leathercraft	
Music & Instruments	<b>Other</b>
Photography	Cake Decorating
Public Speaking	
Scrapbooking	
Sign Language	

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### Marin Youth Poster Contest: Deadline May 10th 2019

The Youth Poster Contest provides Marin youth, ages 12-18, a unique, very public platform and an exceptionally-wide audience for expressing their hope, optimism and concerns about social justice, women's rights, immigration, firearms regulation, climate change, bullying and other issues that



affect their lives. For contest rules and examples of recent work, visit: <https://www.youthpostercontest.org/index.html>.

Prizes include art supplies for both the winner and a program/club/school of the winner's choice!



## Sonoma County Fair Flower Show Scholarships: DUE May 31st 2019



Every year the Sonoma County Fair is pleased to award scholarships to students currently pursuing studies in agriculture. Scholarships range from \$1000-\$2500 for students attending a 4-year university and from \$250-\$500 for students attending Santa Rosa Junior College. The 2019 Sonoma County Fair Flower Show Scholarship Application is now available, along with eligibility information. Complete applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 31<sup>st</sup> to the Entry Office of [entryoffice@sonomacountyfair.com](mailto:entryoffice@sonomacountyfair.com).

## Marin Events & Deadlines

### Presentation Day 2019 - Volunteer Evaluators NEEDED

Marin 4-H's Presentation Day, **Feb. 24th @ 2:00 PM**, is fast approaching. In order to make this event a success, the County Council **needs the support of 4-H Members and volunteers alike. Currently, the event is very understaffed, with only one confirmed evaluator.**

Visit <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=26353> to register and/or volunteer.

**REGISTRATION CLOSES FEB. 19TH @ 5:00 PM.**

The Marin 4-H County Council is seeking one-two club(s) or several club members to run an activities / crafts booth at Marin 4-H Presentation Day on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. The goal here is to provide fun, engaging activities for youth before or after their presentations. Please contact me at [macoyne@ucanr.edu](mailto:macoyne@ucanr.edu) to volunteer your club/project.



[Check out the 4-H Presentation Manual on our website!](#)

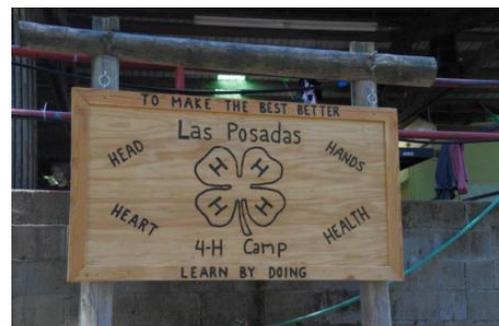
## Marin 4-H Camp News

Marin 4-H Camp will take place **July 14th - 20th 2019** at Las Posadas 4-H Camp in rural Napa County.

Applications and enrollments are currently being received for Adult Volunteers / Adult Camp Chaperones. Paperwork for these position is due February 15th 2019. Requirements must be completed by March 15th 2019. **Please do not attempt to register youth campers until applications open on April 1 2019.**

Watch the [Marin 4-H Camp page](#) for updates and information.

Contact Silvia Baker [sibaker@marincounty.org](mailto:sibaker@marincounty.org) for enrollment questions and Camp Clerk Nancy O'Neill [oneill.nlo@comcast.net](mailto:oneill.nlo@comcast.net) for program questions.





[Marin 4-H Calendar](#)  
\*UPDATED\*



**Marin County 4-H Council Meeting**  
Mar. 7th, 6:00-8:00 PM UCCE 4-H Office, 1682  
Novato Blvd, Ste 150B



**Marin 4-H Fashion Revue**  
Saturday, April 20th, 12:00 PM  
Vallecito Elementary School  
50 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael



**4-H Camp Committee Meeting**  
Feb. 27th, 7:00-8:30 PM  
UCCE 4-H Office, 1682 Novato Blvd, Ste. 150B  
\*Teen Staff Meeting\* Feb. 25th, 6:30-8:00 PM

## State and National Events



**Citizenship Washington Focus Applications**  
**OPEN - Multiple Program Dates Available**

Every summer, high school students from across the country travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), 4-H's premier leadership and citizenship program for high school students. CWF is more than a Washington, D.C. field trip – it's an opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn how to be citizen leaders and make a difference in their communities. For more information and program dates visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/>

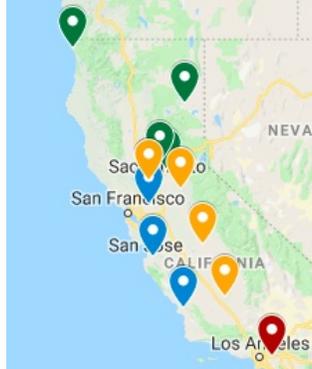


**Leadership Washington Focus Applications**  
**OPEN - July 15th - 19th 2019**

For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H'ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and we are happy to offer its sister program for middle school 4-H'ers, Leadership Washington Focus. The program takes place at the 4-H conference center, conveniently located one mile from Washington, D.C. For more information and program dates visit: <https://4-h.org/parents/leadership-washington-focus/>



**State Fashion Revue 2019**  
**June 1, 2019**



### Area Presentation Day Information April/May 2019

If you receive a Gold award at the county level, you are encouraged to present in an Area 4-H Presentation Day. You may present at **ANY** Area 4-H Presentation Day (not just the one organized for your Area). You can also present at multiple Area 4-H Presentation Days if you would like to try to improve your score or get more practice.

Visit the UC 4-H YDP [Area Presentation Day page](#) for dates and location information.

**The 4-H State Fashion Revue event** is for all 4-H members. You don't need to sew to enter! Participants can qualify for SFR at their county-level event

#### 2019 State Categories that do NOT require sewing:

- Consumer Science Purchased, \$40 limit
- The Make It Mine Challenge

#### 2019 State Categories specifically for members in the Clothing and Textiles (Sewing) project:

- Traditional
- Retro/Historical Challenge
- The Box Challenge

See the [SFR event webpage](#) for category descriptions and **2019 service projects in which that all 4-H members can participate.**

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