UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources
4-H Youth Development Program

February 2020: Marin 4-H Cloverleaflet

Marin 4-H Programs & Events

The Youth Agriculture & Animal Science Field Day

The Ag Field Day 2020, on Feb 8th- co-hosted by UC Cooperative Extension and the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds and Event Center- was a huge success!

Over 350 people attended the educational event. The purpose was to provide agricultural education to youth (and their adult leaders, teachers, and mentors) who raise, care, breed, show, and market animals; raise, grow, or farm plants or fibers; and/or care about agriculture.

A keynote was provided by Dr. Temple Grandin, Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University.

Workshops covered a variety of topics including science of wildland fire (Hannah Bird); building and enhancing the client-veterinarian relationship (Randi Black); communicating the value of agriculture and animal science at public exhibitions (Dayna Ghirardelli and Amy Houseman); embracing working landscapes: impacts of agriculture on climate change (Stephanie Larson); basic husbandry and disease prevention in backyard poultry (Maurice Pitesky); enhancing awareness of agricultural career opportunities (Sonoma-Marin Farm Bureau's young farmers and ranchers); There's a horse in the melon patch! The joys and pains of integrating livestock into vegetable cropping systems (Stuart Schroeder, Alda Pires, & Vince Trotter); and supporting positive animal welfare practices (Martin Smith).

Become a 4-H Allstar!

An All Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the county level. The goal of the All Star program is to recognize the achievements of active 4-H members & to offer additional resources & opportunities for leadership, career & life planning.

Applications are due June 1, 2020. Stay tuned for more information and updated webpage.

Presentation Day! Sunday, Feb 23rd

Presentation Day is next weekend! Public

speaking continues to be a cornerstone of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Come participate or support the presenters!

Sunday, February 23, 2020
2:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Vallecito School- 50 Nova Albion Wy, Terra Linda

If you would still like to be a presenter or volunteer, please reach out to 4-H office ASAP.

Upcoming 4-H Meetings & Calendar

Marin 4-H Calendar

Camper Registration OPEN on April 1st!

Camp is around the corner
July 12 - 18: Camp session 1
August 2 - 8: Camp session 2

Upcoming Events

Marin County Fashion Revue

Saturday, April 18th, 12:00 p.m.
Vallecito Elementary School
Terra Linda
12:00 p.m. - approx. 3:30 p.m.

Link

Mark your Calendars!
Its Happening!
Marin County 4-H Fundraiser

4-H EXPO w/ CLUB EXHIBITS, HORSE SHOW, DOG SHOW
BBQ DINNER w/
Live & Silent AUCTIONS
(all proceeds go to Marin County 4-H)

Date: May 3, 2020
@ Novato Horsemen's Grounds

Expo includes- Club exhibits and activities, Horse show with multiple disciplines (qualifier for Ca. Horse Classic); Dog show, Farm games; with evening BBQ Dinner and Live and Silent Auctions! Website coming March 1st!

Stay tuned for more information!

4-H SUPPORT NEEDED at County of Marin Board of Supervisor Budget Hearings!

March 24, 2:30pm at Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 330, Civic Center

Please show your support for UC Cooperative Extension (Farm Advisor) and 4-H by attending the budget hearings on March 24. Wear 4-H attire!!

State 4-H Opportunities

Area Presentation Days

4-H members may present at a Presentation Day to receive feedback and an award.Each county organizes a County 4-H Presentation Day.

· 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.
· If you receive a Gold award at any Area Presentation Day, you may present at the State 4-H Presentation Day.

Please check the *Area Presentation Day event page* for updates to scheduled events, links to register, and links to sign up as evaluators and room hosts. LINK

Think Outside...No Box Required! 2020 California 4-H Camping Conference

April 3 - 5, 2020
Sly Park Environmental Center

Registration for the 2020 California 4-H Camping Conference is now open! The weekend event takes place at Sly Park Environmental Education Center in Pollock Pines, about an hour east of Sacramento. The conference is designed for teens and adults who plan and run camp programs and are eager to learn and connect with others who share a passion for outdoor living and learning.

The conference fee is $190 and includes workshops and all program materials, lodging, and meals. Archery Certification is an additional $35. **Register by February 14 and receive**

the early bird discount rate of $160.

Questions? Contact Nate Caeton at nwcaeton@ucanr.edu or Marianne Bird at mbird@ucanr.edu.

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Western Heritage Workshop: Training for Adult Volunteers

National 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Workshop
April 13-16, 2020
River Oaks Firearms Training Center, Winton, CA

The 2020 National 4-H Shooting Sports Western Heritage Workshop training is strictly for 4-H volunteer adults 21 years of age or older and 4-H staff. This is a National Level II training and requires attendees to be state certified and experienced in at least one 4-H shooting sports discipline.

4-H Staff can login to the portal and access the *list of certified shooting sports leaders*.

This training is geared toward developing your shooting skills, knowledge of youth development, and teaching methods. Our goal is to prepare you to return to your home state/county and serve as a resource person and instructor that will help the 4-H Shooting Sports Program grow.

Upon completion, participants will be certified to lead the 4-H Western Heritage project in their home state.

Applicants must contact their county shooting sports leader for the application and to verify eligibility. *Application*

State Fashion Revue

Not just about Fashion!

Educational Opportunities in **Fashion Revue...**

State Fashion Revue provides opportunities to learn. Before competition, you learn how to choose a style and fabric, and even learn how to shop within a budget. You also learn how to present and exhibit your project. You develop your interview skills and practice public speaking. You can also test your sewing knowledge in the "Skillathon" competition. And, the service projects give you outlets to practice sewing to benefit others. Opportunities are endless!!

**Patterns for service projects – adult bibs and personal care kits- are on the website, as well as the descriptions for the five categories.

State Fashion Revue

Diamond Clover Awards

The **California Diamond Clove**r is the highest achievement for which a 4-H youth member and young adult volunteers are recognized.

All youth members and young adult volunteer who achieve the requirements are eligible to receive this award.

Applications are accepted year-round. Applications are reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awarded quarterly. **Learn more.**

Fun with a Purpose: Backstage Pass Workshop

April 18, 2020, 10am-5pm
CA 4-H State Office,
2801 2nd Street, Davis

Backstage Pass is a train-the-trainer edition of the *Fun with a Purpose* workshop. In addition to participating in a 90-minute version of the *Fun with a Purpose* workshop, participants will receive facilitation training and tools to lead the workshop.

By the end of the day you will:
- Learn how to facilitate the *Fun with a Purpose* workshop
- Receive additional facilitation training which can be applied beyond the workshop itself
- Practice facilitating a portion of the workshop
- Receive a facilitator's kit with all the tools necessary to market and facilitate the workshop
- Receive a Certificate of Completion certifying you as a *Fun with a Purpose* workshop facilitator

Who Should Attend:
- 4-H Youth members (ages 12 and up*) **
- 4-H Adult Volunteers
- County Personnel

*The workshop is appropriate for youth ages 12 and up; the activities are geared toward a middle school and high school level.

**Youth who hold leadership positions in their counties or emerging leaders who do not yet have a specific role but would like the opportunity to grow are strongly encouraged to attend.

Learn more and Register

4-H STATE LEVEL CALENDAR

At a glance - Save the Dates!

Horse/Equine Events

State Equine Education Contests
April 25-26, 2020
Modesto Junior College

State 4-H Horse Classic
June 25-30, 2020
Brookside Equestrian Center, Elk Grove

State 4-H Field Day, May 30

The California 4-H State Field Day is the largest educational event for California 4-H youth members and adult 4-H volunteers. The event is intended to provide a culminating experience in public speaking, textiles, plant sciences, photography, interview skills, and entomology. This family-friendly event is for all ages to participate.

4-H State Leadership Conference
July 23 - 26, 2020
UC Davis

2020 State Avian Bowl Qualifier

Event Details
Saturday, April 25, 2020
11am
Picadilly Inn Airport Hotel, Fresno

NOTE: Please see the January newsletter by Dr. Francine Bradley for updates on qualifiers for the Avian Bowl, as well as links to other poultry shows and resources on the UC Davis Avian website.

Registration forms must be postmarked or faxed by April 10, 2020.

REGISTER HERE!

National Level Events

Chaperones headed to Washington!

Taking applications for Washington Focus Chaperones
Want to make a difference in the life of a CA 4-H'er? Apply to be a chaperone for either the Citizenship or Leadership Washington Focus Trip. For more information on the requirements and how to apply please see the Chaperone Information page under Events.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
(AGES 15-19*)

Citizenship Washington Focus (Conference Only)
**** June 25-July 4, 2020**
$3,149

Citizenship Washington Focus (Conference + Extended Trip)

LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
(AGES 12-14*)

July 26-July 31, 2020
$2,399

Hosted at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, Leadership Washington Focus is a 5-day trip is packed with educational adventure as participants tour

**** June 25-July 7, 2020**
$3,999

Hosted at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, Citizenship Washington Focus gives youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need in order to become outstanding leaders. The extended trip includes more educational opportunities in Gettysburg, PA, Philadelphia, PA, and Baltimore, MD.

* Delegates must be at least 15 years of age by time of travel.
**This trip will begin at the California 4-H State Office in Davis, CA.

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our nation's Capital and learn life-changing leadership skills in a conference setting. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just one mile from the Washington, D.C. border.

* Delegates must be at least 12 years of age by time of travel.

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Youth in Action AWARD

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas: Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM.

Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- **$5,000 higher education scholarship**
- **Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story**
- **All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards**
- **Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni**
- **Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar**

One Pillar Winner will be selected as the 4-H Youth in Action National Award Winner and will receive an additional higher education scholarship.

National Youth Summit Series

Registrations Open

National 4-H Conference Center brings together inspired 9-12th graders for our National Youth Summits, where they'll participate in STEM, Agri-Science, Healthy Living, or Photography programs!

Photography - February 26 - March 1, 2020

2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition

The 2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H members only. *See the competition details.*

Submission DUE April 1, 2020

2020 Essay Topic: Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season

Honey bees have developed special skills to overwinter in the United States. Please discuss one of these skills and then include a discussion about what you do to prepare your hives for

winter. Include a photo of one of your hives, either using infrared technology or showing winter wrap, hay bales, special feeders, etc. to demonstrate how you prepare your hives for winter.

Other

4-H Policy reminder: Fundraising and CA State Sales Tax

4-H Policy, *Chapter 9, XV, C*, outlines California State Sales Tax related to Taxable items. Please see the *California State Sales Tax FAQ (docx)* for more information.

In general, the sale of items not made or produced by group participants such as t-shirts, wrapping paper, mugs, stuffed animals, etc. are subject to California sales tax. Thus, 4-H may not sell items that require collecting and reporting sales taxes.

As such, 4-H units need to use the above policy as the starting point when considering any fundraising opportunities. Fundraisers that involve items not made or produced by participants would ONLY be possible if ALL of the following criteria could be met:

1. Orders are solicited from the public in the name of 4-H.
2. The fundraising company, NOT 4-H, is responsible for reporting the sales and remitting sales tax and obtaining seller's permits. (If the 4-H solicits orders, collects payments and distributes tangible personal property for the supplier, it is considered to be the agent of that supplier. In this situation, the supplier is responsible for reporting the sales and remitting any tax due, based on the retail selling price of the merchandise. In this situation the 4-H does not need to obtain a seller's permit.)
3. Payments are collected from the customer in the name of 4-H;
4. 4-H is responsible for and pays the supplier for the merchandise;
5. The contract clearly indicates that the 4-H will purchase and resell the products to its customers. Additionally, the profits from the sales must be used exclusively in furtherance of the 4-H YDP's mission.

Contact US

Contact us @ the 4-H County Office

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