



Marin County 4-H Newsletter
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| May 31 | West Marin Fair, Dance Palace, Pt. Reyes |
| May 31 | State 4-H Field Day, Davis |
| May 31-Jun 1 | Muzzle Loading Trainer course, Lake County |
| Jun. 9 | Tuft's University Study, Dance Palace, 6:00 pm |
| Jun. 13 | Registration deadline for 2008 State Leadership Conference at UC Davis |
| Jun. 13-14 | Archery Certification Training, Roseville |
| Jun. 15 | Happy Fathers Day |
| Jun. 16 | Camp Staff training meeting, 4-H office, 7:00 pm |
| Jun. 18-22 | Sonoma-Marin Fair, Petaluma Fairgrounds |
| Jun. 23 | Boat building/sailing project, Session II |
| Jun. 26-29 | Horse Classic, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds |
| Jun. 27-July 1 | California Focus |
| Jun. 29- July 9 | Washington Focus #1 |
| July 2-6 | Marin County Fair, Civic Center Fairgrounds |
| July 3 | Dairy Show, Marin County Fair |
| July 3-4 | Poultry and Rabbit Show Marin County Fair |
| July 5 | Junior Horse Show, Marin County Fair |
| July 6-14 | Washington Focus #2 |
| July 9 | Record Books due to the County 4-H office |
| July 16 | Record Book Judging, 10:00 am, 4-H office |
| July 14-15 | 4-H Mini Day Camp |
| July 31-Aug.3 | State Leadership Conference, UC Davis |
| Aug. 3-9 | Marin County 4-H Summer Camp, Angwin |
| Aug.15- Sept.1 | California State Fair, Cal Expo, Sacramento |
| Sept. 16 | Marin County 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H office |
| Oct. 5 | Achievement Day, location TBA |

Statewide News

State Leadership Conference

The State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. Delegates stay in the campus residence halls, eat at the dining commons, participate in educational tracks in campus classrooms, and listen to motivational speakers. The conference will be held July 31- August 3 at the UC Davis campus. The fee for this conference is \$385.00 per person. Registration packets are due by June 13 to the County 4-H office. Marin County youth may apply for financial aid. More information and forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/> or contact the 4-H office at 499-4207.



Food Safety Education

To help minimize the risk of food borne illness at 4-H events where food is prepared and served, each 4-H club is to have at least one leader trained in a food safety education program approved by the county office. Leaders with a current national restaurant certification such as Serve Safe meet this requirement. The University food safety curriculum is entitled "Make It Safe, Keep It Safe." It is not a national certification program, but meets the University's minimum requirements for food safety education for leaders; this certification is good for a period of three years. Clubs that sell food to the public need to have at least one leader who holds either a national certification or participates in a training conducted by 4-H staff. Leaders who do not serve food to the public may visit the following website for an online program: <http://groups.ucanr.org/foodsafetyvolunteer/>. Clubs who have leaders who have completed the online program include: San Rafael 4-H Club and Halleck Creek 4-H Riding Club. Included in this newsletter is an informational food safety brochure. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to call Jane at the County 4-H office.

California State Fair

The California Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth. This is a great opportunity to share with the public your 4-H experiences, projects, and leadership opportunities. Bring small 4-H projects to share and give the public a "feel" for 4-H. Parking passes and admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who volunteer for 2-hour shifts. To sign up visit <http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>.



COUNTY AND CLUB NEWS



West Marin Fair

This year's West Marin Fair will be held on Saturday, May 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dance Palace in Pt. Reyes. The Pt.Reyes–Olema 4-H Club will be hosting the food booth. Still exhibits must be in place by 9:00 a.m.; poultry and rabbit judging will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Livestock Show at 10:00 a.m. 4-H members participating in showmanship should wear whites along with their hat and scarf or tie. Contact the 4-H office for more information: 499-4207.

Camp is for Campers

This online training gives staff a jumpstart in considering their roles and responsibilities before arriving at camp. The program's four interactive modules address counselor responsibilities as role models, stress reduction while working at camp, and the demographics of today's campers and behavior management techniques. To participate in the online training visit the website at: <http://www.acacamps.org/einstitute/camper/>. 4-H members can include this training in their record books.

Olompali Heritage Days

On May 18th 4-H members participated in Heritage Days at Olompali Park. Members Kaya Bottmeyer and Geneva Hamilton from San Rafael and Nicole Shroyer from Indian Valley club shared their rabbits, poultry, and guinea pigs.



Study on Youth Development

The California 4-H program has joined a Tufts University research study on youth development. The study will focus on youth ages 12-17, both 4-H and non-4-H members. The study will be followed up over the next two years. The 4-H staff will be conducting a second opportunity for youth to participate on Monday, June 9th, at the Dance Palace in Pt. Reyes. Each participant must complete a survey which takes approximately 1 hour. A \$10.00 gift card, along with dinner, will be provided to each youth. Members are encouraged to invite a friend. Written parental consent is required for youth to participate.

County–Wide Boat Project

The boat building and sailing project is under way. Youth have been working diligently on their small wood projects. The second session of the project will begin June 23rd. In the second session members will begin construction on a Norwegian Pram sailboat that they will then be sailing come September.

Fountain of Youth Facts

Positive Youth Development has grown as a result of studies that show the same individual, family, school, and community factors often predict both positive and negative outcomes for youth. Such factors as developing strong bonds with healthy adults and maintaining regular involvement in positive activities not only create a positive developmental pathway, but can prevent the occurrence of problems.

86.... Percent of youth who report wanting to make meaningful contributions to their communities.

67.... Percent of adults who describe youth as rude, irresponsible and wild when asked what first comes to their minds when they think about today's teenagers.

20,000... Girls, ages 11 to 17 serving in their communities through Girl Scouts

40,000... Young people who have already worked to rehabilitate their neighborhoods through Youth Build. See: <http://www.helpingamericasyouth.gov/exhibithall/PosYthDevel.pdf>.

7.... Million youth are learning Positive Youth Development through **4-H**

State Leaders Forum “ 4-H Rocks “ Builds Solid Foundations

The 2008 Leaders Forum will be held November 7-9 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. Volunteers as well as youth are encouraged to attend the conference. Reservations should be made by September 5, 2008. Conference information is posted at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/index.asp>. Registration information is also available at the 4-H office at 499- 4207.

Update your PDR

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Area</u> |
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| Participate as a member of fair planning committee | 4 | Received Best of Show award at local fair | 7 |
| Participate in animal showmanship at the fair | 2 | Participated as a member on float committee for parade | 5 |
| Judged still exhibits at local fair | 2 | Participated in Tuft's research study survey | 5 |

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