



Marin County 4-H Newsletter
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Cloverleaflet

November 2007

Nov. 2	Club Enrollments due to 4-H office
Nov. 5	Washington Focus registrations due
Nov. 8	New Leader orientation, 4-H office, 11:00-1:00
Nov. 9	See's candy orders due to 4-H office
Nov. 10	State Equine Field Day, King City
Nov. 16-19	State 4-H Leaders Forum, Asilomar
Nov. 18-25	National Family Week
Nov. 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING , office closed
Nov. 30–Dec. 2	State Record Book Judging, Davis
Dec. 1-2	Archery certification training, Napa
Dec. 8-9	Shooting Sports Workshop, Rifle, Lakeport
Jan. 7	California Focus registrations due
Jan. 25-27	CAL Conference, Walker Creek
Mar. 6-9	Western Regional Leaders Forum, Boise ID
Mar. 24-30	National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD
Mar. 27-31	National Camping Institute, Virginia
Apr. 18-20	California Camping Conference, Mariposa
Apr. 4-13	Junior Grand Nationals, Cow Palace, San Francisco
Jun. 27-July 1	California Focus
Jun. 29– July 9	Washington Focus #1
July 6– 14	Washington Focus #2

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Statewide News

California Citizenship Focus Program

California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a living classroom for this five day action-packed adventure. Registration forms for the California Citizenship Focus Program have arrived at the 4-H office. California Focus applications are due January 7, 2008. Financial assistance based on need is available. For more information: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp>

2008 International Exchange Program

The California State 4-H Program will offer outbound exchange educational experiences to Australia, Japan and Finland during the summer of 2008. Information and registration materials are available at the 4-H office, and on-line.

Australia: will take place June 17 through July 17

Finland: tentatively set for June 14 through July 13

Japan: is July 9th through August 7

All members who have not participated in the past must first interview and provide 3 recommendations. The State 4-H office is also looking for adult leaders interested in chaperoning delegates for any of the trips.

SAVE THE DATE

2008 National Camping Institute

This conference will be held March 27-31 in Virginia. The event will bring together camping professionals and enthusiasts to share the best ideas on camping, through workshops and seminars. For more information visit <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/2008nci/>

California Camping Conference

This conference will be held at Jack L. Boyd outdoor school in Mariposa County, April 18- 20, 2008. For adult leaders who are interested in improving your camp programs and developing your skills, this is the event you have been waiting for. More details will be available in December.

State Equine Field Day

The State Equine Field Day will be held Saturday, November 10 at the Salinas Valley Fair in King City. There will be guest speakers, educational contests, practice and tack swap. The cost is \$20 per person; \$15/person for a group of 10 or \$25 at the door. Pre-registration is due November 1, 2008. More information on this event is available at <http://ca4h.org/projeresource/horse/>.

COUNTY AND CLUB NEWS



CAL (Creating a Leader) Conference

CAL Conference is an interactive youth leadership conference held every year for the North Central Section. Delegates get to know each other Friday evening and then attend educational sessions on Saturday. On Saturday there is an afternoon assembly that highlights a special topic with a special presenter, followed by an evening of fun activities. The conference wraps up on Sunday. The conference will be held January 25-27 at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County. The cost of the conference is \$140.00 and an extra \$10.00 if you want to purchase a conference tee shirt. The conference is open to all 4-H members 7th grade and up. Each county is required to provide chaperones for this event. The Marin County 4-H Council does provide financial support; for more information, applications or questions contact the 4-H office at 499-4207.

Star Ranks

Interested in applying for upper Star Rank? [Emerald or All-Star] Each star has specific requirements that must be met. Emerald Star applicants must have earned their Platinum Star and be at least 13 years of age. All-Star applicants must also have earned their Platinum Star and be at least 15 years of age. All-Star is the highest rank a member can receive in the county. Contact the 4-H office for an application. We have plenty of great ideas and projects for members to choose from.



National Family Week

National Family Week is November 18- 25. At the center of every strong community is a strong family. Everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofits, policymakers and families themselves. Get involved! For ideas visit the website at www.national-familyweek.org

New Leader Orientation

All new project and community club leaders must attend a 4-H program orientation and be cleared in a background check before working with youth. The next leader orientations are scheduled for Thursday, November 8 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Monday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m.– 12 noon at the 4-H office in Novato. Please contact the 4-H office if you plan to attend by calling 499-4207.

Grants, Awards and Scholarship Opportunities

~For adults and youth

Salute to Excellence 2008 Volunteer Recognition Awards, deadline Nov. 26
http://ca4h.org/4resource/updates/attach/Salute_To_%20Excellence2008.doc

Give Back to Grow Awards -deadline December 2

Do Something Grants-year round

www.dosomething.org/

Making a Difference –scholarship

www.making-a-difference.com

Mix it up grants program for youth leadership –no deadline

<http://www.mixitup.org>

Southern California Fires

There have been so many lives touched over the last few weeks due to the fires in Southern California. The 4-H extended family is in need of so many things at this time. Clubs can get together to fundraise for those in need.

What is really needed at this time is money or gift certificates to stores, both for general merchandise and food. It is going to take some time for families to get their lives in order. As time goes on 4-H'er's can make donations of clothing, toiletries, blankets, towels and other larger items. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H office. Many 4-H clubs around the state are raising money to help our neighbors in the south.

Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Represented your Club at a local event	6	Halloween event	4
Participated in community service project with your club	5	Participated in Harvest Fair activity	6
Gave a prepared talk	6	Planned a club holiday event	4

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