



Marin County 4-H Newsletter
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CLOVERLEAFLET

July 22– Aug. 4 Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa
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
Aug. 22 State Fair, Farm Camp, Cal Expo
Aug. 22-23 Sleep over Farm Camp, State Fair, Cal Expo
Aug. 23 Vet School sessions, State Fair
Aug. 30 Vet School Sessions, State Fair
Sept. 4 New project leader orientation 10:00 am
Sept. 9 Youth Club Officer training, 5:30 pm, 4-H office
Sept. 15 California Service Learning grant applications due
Sept. 16 New project leader orientation 5:00 pm
Sept. 16 Marin County 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H office
Sept.22 New 4-H Family Welcome, 7:00 pm, 4-H office
Sept. 30 CA 4-H Computer Corps, applications due
Sept. 30 State Record Book Judges application due
Oct. 3-5 California WHEP Training, Walker Creek
Oct. 4 Avian Science Day, UC Davis
Oct. 5 Achievement Day, location TBA
Oct. 5–11 National 4–H Week
Oct 25-26 Feather Fanciers’ Bash at the Beach, Ventura
County Fairgrounds
Oct. 27 State Record Books due to 4-H office
Nov. 7-9 California Leaders Forum, Asilomar
Dec. 5-7 State Record Book Judging, UC Davis

Statewide News

California State Fair 4-H Booth

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 that volunteer for 2 hour shifts. To sign up visit <http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>.

California 4-H Service Learning Grants

Each year the California State 4-H office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for a service learning project. Groups or individuals can request up to \$5,000.00 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic, and or social issues affecting California’s youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. Examples of past projects are also listed. Applications are due September 15, 2008.

Poultry News

NorCal ~ Avian Science Day will be held at UC Davis on Saturday, October 4.

SoCal~ Seaside Feather Fanciers’- Bash at the Beach
2008 APA National Meet October 25-26
Ventura County.

Fur & Feather Ventura’s Beach 2nd Annual 4-H All Breed Shows & Jr. Showmanship Events November 15th, 2008



Fee Increase

4-H enrollment fees will increase for the 2008-2009 program year. **Youth** members will pay \$16.00 per year. **Adults** will pay \$6.00 per year.

State Fair Farm Camp

For two days only girls and boys ages 6-12 can gitty-up to the California State Fair Demonstration Farm for a good time and learn about California agriculture. The day will be filled with fun farm activities. There will also be a sleep-over camp that youth can attend. Farm Camp will be held Friday, August 22 and Friday, August 29 from 5:00pm-10:00pm. Sleep over camp is August 22-23 and August 29-30 from 5:00 pm—9:00 am. Registration fees are \$20.00 plus fair admission for day camp and \$35.00 plus fair admission for sleepover camp. Registration deadline is Friday, June 27, 2008. Visit the State Fair website at www.bigfun.org for more information.





COUNTY AND CLUB NEWS



California WHEP Training

“From Forest to Surf” is an opportunity for 4-H volunteers, youth members, parents, camp educational directors and staff who are interested in promoting environmental education and wildlife management. Project WILD, Project WILD Aquatic, and Project Learning Tree training will be held concurrently. Participants will receive the California WHEP activity guide as well as Project WILD curriculums, along with assorted surprises for educational enhancement. The conference will be held October 3-5 at Walker Creek Ranch. The fee for the conference is \$200; registration deadline is August 15, 2008. Contact Mary Engebretson at maryengebretson@comcast.net for registration information.

The 4-H Million Tree Project



This project is a great community service project which will help counter the effects of global warming. The goal is to mobilize millions of 4-H youth across the U.S. to plant 1,000,000 trees across the nation to help reduce atmospheric CO₂. If your club wants to participate, go to the website and register. Then visit <http://www.arborday.org/Shopping/Memberships/4h/> to become Arbor Day members and receive twelve trees at \$1 each. Trees will be available in the fall for planting in California. If every club in Marin County participates in this project we could plant over one hundred trees this year.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week is October 5-11. Each club should begin thinking about how they are going to promote 4-H and their club in their communities. You may need to reserve a space at the library or store front for your 4-H display. Make arrangements early to ensure the space is available when you need it. If you need ideas for your display or promotion contact the 4-H office.

“Clover Country” Songs from Famous 4-H Alumni

National 4-H Council has partnered with EMI music to create the first of its kind country music compilation CD featuring famous 4-H Alumni. This blend of music showcases Reba McEntire, Hillary Lindsey, Faith Hill, and Johnny Cash. Proceeds from each CD sold support the 4-H program! In addition, counties can use this as a fund-raiser. Copies can be ordered through your county 4-H office or by visiting www.clovercountrycd.com

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.



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

The 2008 Leaders Forum, hosted by the South Central Section 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 5th, 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. Fees: if paid by September 5, 2008 \$40.00 registration fee, lodging arrangements are additional.

Ways you can support 4-H!

- *Link your shopping credit card to EScrip at www.escrip.com
- *Connect your Albertsons Preferred Savings card to California 4-H Foundation through Albertson's Community Partners Program at www.albertsons.com
- *Choose to donate to 4-H online through Network for Good at www.networkforgood.org use key word Foundation, Charity Name = 4-H, State = Ca

Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Attended a County Fair	3	Project Exhibit at a County Fair	2
Participated as a tribe leader at 4-H camp	4	Attended Mini Day Camp	8
Participated in July 4th Parade	5	Visited a senior home and shared your animals	5



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