

August 2009



Cloverleaflet

4-H Happenings

State Leadership Conference
UC Merced
Aug. 6-9

Marin County 4-H Record Book Judging
Aug. 19

Marin County 4-H Achievement Day
Oct. 4

July 28– Aug. 9 Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa
 Aug. 6– 9 State Leadership Conference, UC Merced
 Aug. 19 County 4-H Record Book Judging, 4-H office
 Aug. 21– Sept.7 California State Fair, Cal Expo, Sacramento
 Sept. 15 Marin County 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H office, (tentative)
 Sept. 19 3rd Annual Kids Culinary Convention, Sacramento
 Sept. 27-30 National Dairy Conference, Madison, WI
 Sept. 28 State Record Books due to 4-H office
 Sept. 30 National Conference applications due
 Sept. 30 Deadline for 2009 4-H Computer Corps applications

Oct. 3 State Equine Field Day, Davis
 Oct. 4 Marin County 4-H Achievement Day (tentative)
 Oct. 4-11 National 4-H Week
 Oct. 11 4-H Day at the Farm, La Franchi Ranch, Nicasio
 Oct. 16 Fish and Wildlife Service 4-H Education Award deadline
 Nov. 6-8 State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum, Asilomar
 Mar. 20-27 National 4-H Conference Chevy Chase, MD



Back to school time



Marin County 4-H Newsletter
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Local 4-H News

NEW COUNTY DIRECTOR

The UCCE Marin office welcomes David Lewis as our new County Director . Dave was the Watershed Management Advisor for UCCE Sonoma/Marin/Mendocino for nine years. In his new role as county director he will continue to serve as a watershed management advisor in Marin County . He works closely with Marin farmers and ranchers and partnering organizations to assist them in finding management options to enhance their economic viability and stewardship of the environment. He has been a resident of Novato since 1996 and welcomes the opportunity to work more closely with UCCE Marin County programs, including 4-H and youth development.



4-H STAFF TRANSITION

The Marin County 4-H office staff is currently in transition. The Program Representative position, which Cindy Jensen holds, has been a contract position on temporary funds. That current funding is no longer available, therefore Cindy's last scheduled day is August 3rd. Career funding for the position is being sought, which would result in open recruitment. You will be kept informed of that recruitment, and you may also contact the county office for the most current information. These types of recruitments usually take several weeks to complete.

Meanwhile, Jane and Deborah will continue to be on staff, and provide program coverage. Both of them will be out of the office the week of August 17th. During that week, messages will be taken and returned the following week. We will make every effort to post the most current information on the county website, as well as send updated information to community club leaders.

During this transition, volunteer support will be needed for two events: Record Book Judging and Achievement Day. Currently, both events will take place as scheduled on the calendar. Our office would also like to recruit volunteers who might be able to help out in the office during weekday work hours in one to two hour shifts.

The council meeting scheduled for September 15th will be moved to a later date, to accommodate the staffing transition.

If you have questions about the online enrollment system or fingerprinting, please call or e-mail Deborah before August 17 or after August 31. Community Club Leaders need to enroll online ASAP so that the 4-H Office can enable them to see their respective club's enrollments. In order to complete club member enrollments, Community Club Leaders will need to get a list of their club's projects to Deborah. We are making an effort to post online enrollment resources on the county website to provide support for leaders and families.

If you have questions about the staffing transition or programming, or would like to request a new leader orientation, please contact Jane at jchin@ucdavis.edu. Note that with orientation, there is also a component called Safe Spaces, which is available [online](#).

As a reminder, clubs need to submit their year-end financial records, as well as their proposed budgets with fundraising plans, to the county office by September 15th. The budgets and fundraising plans must be approved by the county director. Clubs may submit changed or added fundraising plans as they occur afterwards for approval.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time of transition. We look forward to another great year in 4-H!

County and Club News



Clubs to Hold First 4-H Meetings of the New 4-H Program Year

Indian Valley Club– Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.
 Halleck Creek Riding Club– Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.
 Mill Valley Club– Thursdays, call for times and dates
 Morning Sun Club– call for times and dates
 Nicasio Club– Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.
 Pt. Reyes-Olema Club– Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.
 San Rafael Club– Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.
 Shooting Sports Club– Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m.
 (members signing up for Shooting Sports **must** attend the September or October meetings in order to participate in the year long project)
 Tomales Club– Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m.



Marin County 4-H Club Contact Information

<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Club Leader Contact</u>
Indian Valley	4-H Office, 1682 Novato Blvd., Suite 150 B	Toni Shroyer (415) 892-3662
Halleck Creek	Halleck Creek Riding Club, Nicasio	Julie Cassel (415) 669-7512
Mill Valley	169 Locust Avenue, Mill Valley	Mary Press (415) 388-6332
Morning Sun	Morning Star Ranch, Novato	Jill Baradat (415) 898-9556
Nicasio	San Geronimo Community Center	Tracy Marriott (415) 488-0725
Pt. Reyes-Olema	Dance Palace, Pt. Reyes	Jacki Hemelt (707) 776-4875
San Rafael	First Congregational Church, San Rafael	Caryl Hodges (415) 457-5594
Shooting Sports	Valley of the Moon Trap Club, Napa	Pat Karinen (415) 892-8616
Tomales	Tomales Town Hall, Tomales	Norma Nygard (707) 795-9788
		Tami Furlong (707) 876-3476
Tri-Valley	4690 D Street Ext., Petaluma	Cheri Katen (707) 778-8134
		Lori Glenn (707) 762-7291
4-H Office	1682 Novato Blvd., Suite 150 B, Novato	(415) 499-4207

Fountain of Youth Facts

In a national survey conducted and reported in 2008-2009 that studied American high school student's opinions, apprehensions and aspirations, American teens express their needs to compete and succeed in the global economy, citing improved technology as a critical requirement, according to the report.

34...percent or one in three students say that science and technology classes are the most important school subjects that prepare teenagers for the global economy.

38...percent of students ranked more up- to- date technology as the most desirable school improvement that would benefit their education.

26...percent cited math as the most important subject they will take in school.

38...percent of teens reported that the pressure to get good grades tops all others.

21...percent, or one in five students, dedicates more than 10 hours each week to homework compared to 2005, when only 12% of students reported spending as much time on homework. Students also report spending more time on their homework than in past years– to achieve the same grades.

75...percent of teenagers say that their parents would be more proud of them for receiving straight A's on their report cards than for receiving an athletic (5%) or community service (18%) award.

33...percent of students cite the internet as a primary news source. One in five (20%) students uses new websites and 13% use online blogs.



Record Book Competition

Record Book judging will take place at the 4-H office in Novato on Wednesday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m. Each club must provide a judge for every three books that are submitted. If you are interested in judging Record Book competition please contact the 4-H office. State record books will be due to the county 4-H office by September 28, 2009.



4-H Day on the Farm

The Marin County 4-H staff is collaborating with MALT (Marin Agricultural Land Trust) to host a 4-H Day on the Farm at the La Franchi Ranch in Nicasio. Clubs are welcome to do demonstrations, bring displays, animals, projects, etc. Day on the Farm will take place on Sunday, October 11, the end of National 4-H Week. This will be a good opportunity for clubs to recruit new members as well as new adult project leaders. Clubs should organize committees to plan activities their clubs can do. Youth will be encouraged to share project information and their experiences with the public.

California 4-H Online Enrollment

The new enrollment system is currently being used throughout the state. Information and directions on enrolling are available on the County 4-H website <http://cemarkin.ucdavis.edu> under Enrollment. There is a new sub-page that is currently being updated with additional online instructions. All 4-H members and leaders should enroll online prior to the first club meeting. Signed original medical forms, waivers, and fees must still be given to your club leader at the first club meeting. Once you have completed all phases of your enrollment, an e-mail confirmation will be sent. If you do not have an e-mail address, you can create one free of charge through g-mail or any other online email account provider. You will not be able to enter your information online without an email address. For those 4-H families who do not have computer access, please contact the 4-H office for paper enrollment forms. If you have questions, please contact Deborah at the 4-H Office at 499-4207.

This is the Last Paper Issue of the Cloverleaflet

In an effort to conserve energy and cut down on waste, we will no longer be mailing paper issues of the newsletter each month. The Cloverleaflet is available online at cemarkin.ucdavis.edu, and there will be copies available for those families that do not have internet access. Please contact the 4-H office at 499- 4207 if you need a copy sent to your home address.

State Fair Volunteers

It's not too late to volunteer at the California State Fair!! 4-H members and adults willing to staff the 4-H booth at the State Fair are welcome to sign up online for a shift at <http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>. Free admission and parking to the fair is available for those who volunteer.

Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Attended Marin County Fair	3	Participated as a 4th of July float committee member	4
Attended Mini Day Camp	3	Participated in 4th of July parade	5
Showed livestock at Sonoma County Fair	2	Attended Sonoma County Fair	5

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