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**Marin County 4-H
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Mark your Calendars!

December	
Dec 26-27	Office closed for Holidays
January	
Jan 1	Staff Camp Applications Open
Jan 4	County Council Meeting Dance Palace, Pt. Reyes 6:30-8:30
Jan 7	Thrive Training, 10am to noon Marin 4-H Office
Jan 27-29	C.A.L. Conference Stockton Poultry Show
February	
Feb 20	President's Day
March	
Mar 3	Presentation Day Location TBD
July	
Jul 7-14	Camp Las Posadas



The newsletter is sent to all 4-H families with completed and approved registration. A digital version of the newsletter is available on our website. To discontinue receiving a paper copy, call the office at 415-499-4207.



C.A.L. 2012 **“Creating A Leader”**
Leadership Training Conference
WHERE LEADERS ARE DISCOVERED!
January 27, 28, 29, 2012

The Marin County 4-H Council is please to announce our delegation to
C.A.L. Conference for 2012.

Olivia Puppo, Indian Valley 4-H
Rose Meyers, San Rafael 4-H
Mary Marriott, Nicasio 4-H

Wishing you a fantastic leadership learning weekend!

Presentation Day—Update

Presentation Day will be Saturday March 3, 2012

The location is still to be determined, but possibilities are the San Geronimo Valley Community Center in Laganitas and the Dance Palace in Point Reyes.

Please contact the office if you have any suggestion for Presentation Day. We also need committee volunteers for set up and running the event, (set up, clean up, snack bar) Each club is required to send at least one judge.

Call Allison at 415-499-4207



Update Your PDR

December is a big time for community service for many of our clubs. Be sure to log your Community Service activity on your PDR! Citizenship and Community Service activities go in section 5.

You may also get to count these activities in one other place! Did you help plan the event during your club meeting or get sign ups? Then you may count these activities in Section 4: Leadership as well. Did you stand up at your club meeting and explain the event, encourage volunteers and answer questions? Then you can count this as a Section 6: Communication Skill.

You may also count up to two Community Service Activities that are done outside of 4-H. If you have a service activity that you do with your church, other youth group or club, you may count them here.

Keep on using your hands for larger service and making the best better!

Contribution

Ways our 4-H Members and Clubs have contributed to their community and their world

Project Activity: Community Service! **By Zoe McCormick**

At the October San Rafael 4-H Club Vet Science project meeting we talked about how important play is for animals. Play is important for animals because it is one of their basic needs. Play helps us humans develop a positive working relationship with our animals.

For a project activity, we made pet toys. When I was planning this activity, I had the idea that we could make extra toys and donate them to the Marin Humane Society. I thought this would be a cool way to turn our activity into a community service project.

We made braided fleece toys for dogs. We made scratch blocks for chickens. For cats, we made toys by putting pieces of cork on curly wire and attaching the wire to a stick. For bunnies and cavy's, we made treat bags.

For the treat bags, we stuffed paper bags with popsicle sticks, hay, dried apple bits, and small wood blocks. Some project members did not have animals, but they made toys anyway. Some project members made extra toys. We donated all the extra toys to the Marin Humane Society, because the Humane Society animals have nothing to do all day. It is unhealthy for animals to have nothing to do all day. They get bored

and
develop
bad
behaviors.



Light Up a Life **By Gavin Harding**



On Friday December 2nd, 2011, Hospice of Petaluma hosted a Tree Lighting Ceremony. Tri Valley 4-H helped with the tree lighting event by putting candles in little silver stars and passing them out to all of the people who came to the event. We do this almost every year and the other members and I enjoy it very much. In their ceremony many people go on stage and give speeches like the Mayor of Petaluma. It all starts at 7:00 and they have lots of good music, of course the highlight is at the end when they light up the big trees. This is a great community service and I think it means a lot to the many people who come and participate.

From the Staff

4-H has launched the New Online Record Book!



The new Online Record Book is ready for members to use! As soon as your 4-H enrollment is approved by the office, you may access the ORB with your email address and password used for your online enrollment.

The Online Record Book should make logging PDR items much easier. Information is saved to the state server so members can work on their record book from anywhere.

Security is definitely a concern for everyone!
To learn more about security protocols of ORB, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/files/121078.pdf>

You must be enrolled in the 4-H Online system to access the record book!

Log In Today!

Visit the system at <http://www.ca4h.org/orb/>

Marin County 4-H Summer Camp 2012 July 7-14, 2012

Las Posadas State Forest Angwin, California

We have our official dates for Camp 2012! It is time to start looking forward to the best part of Summer 2012, which is, of course,

Marin County 4-H Summer Camp!!!

The adult and staff application packets will be available after January 1, 2012 and the camper applications will be available beginning April 1, 2012. You will be notified closer to those dates and directed where to obtain your applications.

This notice is just to let everyone know when Camp is, so other vacation plans people may need to make around Camp can be done. If you have had a change in mailing address since last year, please let me know so you do not miss any post card notices. Looking forward to seeing everyone next July!! I hope you all have a wonderful Fall and Winter and before you know it, Camp will be here again! If you have any questions, please feel free to respond to this e-mail address and I will do my best to answer them for you.

Thanks, Eileen Castelli, Marin County 4-H Camp Clerk Marin4Hcamp@aol.com

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