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## Mark your Calendars!

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<b>April</b>	
Apr 1	Camp Applications for Campers Available
Apr 21	County Wide Sewing Project Marin County 4-H Office 11:30 a.m.
Apr 16	Embryology Cycle 2 Begins
<b>May</b>	
May 2	County Council Meeting The Dance Palace, Pt. Reyes 6:30 p.m.
May 12	County Wide Sewing Project Marin County 4-H Office 11:30 a.m.
May 26	State Field Day
<b>June</b>	
June 2	West Marin Fair Toby's Feed Barn, Pt. Reyes
June 10	Tri Valley BBQ Pomi Ranch
June 20-24	Sonoma-Marin Fair
June 30-July 4	Marin County Fair

*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 415-473-4207.*

# Fairs are Coming!

Fair season is just around the corner!

This is a great time to get your whites (or your new whites) if you need them.

Hats, scarves and ties can all be ordered from:

Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies

Www.4hsupplies.com

888-466-9433

While the 4-H program does not require uniforms for participation, fairs often require that members “wear their whites” for showmanship, interviews and other presentations.

Other ways to prepare for our local fairs:

Start looking at your animals and projects with a critical eye. What will you enter?

Be sure to allow plenty of time for your project leaders to sign your entry forms.

Make sure you put all the important dates on your calendar: when entries are due, when exhibits need to be delivered, when you will show your animals, when you will have your interviews and so on.

Practice any presentations you may be giving.

Be sure your exhibits are neat, clean and the best presentation of your skills that you have.



## **Council Meeting**

**May 2, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.**

**The Dance Palace, Pt. Reyes**

This final County Council meeting of the year will include elections and our annual pot luck.

Agenda items include:

Proficiency Program

West Marin Fair

State Field Day

Planning the New 4-H Year

End of Year Business

## **Update Your PDR!!!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Level</u>
1/4	Attended County Council Meeting	3	C
1/4	Presented at Council Meeting	6	C
1/24	Attended C.A.L. Conference Meeting	3	M
1/27-29	Attended C.A.L. Conference	3, 4	M
2/11	Assisted at Embryology Workshop	4	C
2/16	Attended Presentation Workshop	3	C or I
3/4	Attended Presentation Day	3	C
3/4	Presentation Day Set up/Clean up Or Snack Bar	4	C
3/4	Gave a Presentation at P.D.	2,6	C
3/4	Participated in Fashion Revue/Entry	2,6	C
3/4	Participated in Fashion Show	2,6	C
3/4	Received a Gold Award at P.D./Fashion Rev.	7	C
3/28	Attended County Council Meeting	3	C
3/28	Gave Presentation at County Council Mtg.	3	C
3/31	Attended Sectional Presentation Day	3	M
3/31	Gave a Presentation at Sectional P.D.	3	M
3/31	Received "Gold" at Sectional P.D.	7	M

## **NEW COUNTY-WIDE SEWING PROJECT**

4-H members interested in gaining or improving their sewing skills are invited to join a new county-wide sewing project. The next meeting will take place at the Marin County 4-H Office in Novato on:

**Saturday, April 21 at 11:30 am**

Members are invited to bring current projects and their sewing machines, or come wanting to learn and project ideas will be waiting for you. This is designed to be a fun and informal sewing time where members can share ideas and get help with their projects.



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The sewing project welcomes any donations of fabric, notions and machines!

***Project Leader—Shari Cruse, San Rafael 4-H***

# Club News

## **CLUBS HELP MAKE A HAPPY EASTER!**

The San Rafael 4-H Club assisted the Lions Club of Marinwood with their annual Easter Egg hunt. They also have filled dozens of eggs for the Halleck Creek Therapeutic Riding Club members to find.

In Pt. Reyes, our 4-H Club once again hosted the egg hunt at West Marin School for lots of happy egg finders. Great work!



## **HOMESCHOOL 4-H CLUB**

Would your homeschool be enhanced with a 4-H club?

The Marin 4-H Program is considering starting a club for homeschool families.

This type of club can meet on a schedule that best suits our homeschool families and provide projects that can support and enhance curriculum and the homeschool experience. It would also be a draw for some families in our county that might not be able to join 4-H due to scheduling conflicts.

If you are interested, please contact **Allison at the 4-H office at 415-473-4207.**

We will hold an information meeting for interested families in May.

## **NICASIO 4-H BRINGS SMILES AND JOY WITH THEIR GRANT FUNDS**

In the fall, the Nicasio 4-H club applied for a grant to expand their greeting card community outreach. Focusing on the elderly, shut in and military the members wanted to reach more people in a more impactful way. Their grant was approved and one of the project they chose to undertake was the creation and delivery of a beautiful gift to elderly and shut in residents of West Marin. Using embroidery, members created “wearable” embroidered cards that were really flower pins. Each recipient was overjoyed at receiving their bit of spring to wear with them always!



# From the Staff

## 4-H CAMP

### **Camp is Full!**

Those interested will be placed on a waiting list in the order they were received.

Staff & Adult Volunteer Orientation will take place Saturday April 28th. Please check your email for invitation and details.

[http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/Programs/4-H\\_Program/4-H\\_Summer\\_Camp/](http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/Programs/4-H_Program/4-H_Summer_Camp/)

## Grant Awards

The Spring Grant applications will be accepted until 4/30.

Grant money is set aside every year by the County Council to help fund or expand projects.

Projects that include special attention toward the needs of the community.

Applications may be found at:  
[http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/Programs/4-H\\_Program/For\\_Leaders/](http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu/Programs/4-H_Program/For_Leaders/)



## **State Field Day May 26, 2012 U.C. Davis**

Mark your calendars! The 2012 State 4-H Field Day will be held May 26, 2012 at UC Davis. The event offers multiple contests, activities, and exhibits for 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and families. The complete event packet and registration details can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>.

Among the many events held during the State 4-H Field Day, the State 4-H Presentation competition requires members to qualify at a Sectional 4-H Presentation competition prior to the event. Information regarding Sectional Presentation Days is currently being updated and will be posted on the state website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SectionalPresDays/>. Please check back next week for the 2012 dates and locations.

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