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**November**

- Nov 7 County Council Meeting  
6:30—8:30  
Marin County 4-H Office  
1682 Novato Blvd., Nov.
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day  
Office Closed
- Nov 12 C.A.L. Conference Registration  
Due to County 4-H Office  
  
Camp Committee Meeting  
6:30—County 4-H Office
- Nov 20 Camp Staff Training  
County 4-H Office 6:30
- Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday  
Office Closed

**December**

- Dec 18 Camp Staff Training  
County 4-H Office, 6:30
- Dec 24 & 25 Winter Holiday  
Office closed

**January**

- Jan 24, 25, 26 CAL Conference  
Walker Creek Ranch

**Marin County 4-H  
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## **RECORD BOOKS FOR 2013-2014**

As we dive in headfirst to the new 4-H year, take the time to consider doing your record book online. Information can be entered throughout the year, and updated as frequently as you like. Doing your record book at the end of the year is easier if you are working on it “as you go.”

To learn more about logging in to the online record book system, visit:

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/121045.pdf>

Here you will find complete instructions for youth members, parents and adult volunteers.

Whether or not you do your book online **PLEASE** log on and do your **SPARKS SCORES !**



## **Update Your PDR**

**What did you do this month? Take some time to log it in your PDR!**

**To get complete answers about your PDR and placing activities, please consult the Record Book Handbook found on the state 4-H website at [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Level</b>
9/13	4	Completed Thrive Research Interview	S
Various		Attended a Camp Committee or	
	4	Council Meeting	C
Various	4	Sold Sees Candy	C
10/6	3	Attended Achievement Day	C
10/6	7	Record Book Winner	I
10/6	7	Star Rank Achieved	I
10/6	6	Led Pledge at County Achievement Day	C
10/6	6	Greeter at Achievement Day	C
10/6	4	Brought Snacks to Achievement Day	C
10/6	6	Presenter at Achievement Day	C
Various	3	Club Achievement Night	I
Various	5	Community Event/Harvest Festival	C

# County News

## 2014 California Camping Conference

March 21 – 23, 2014

Boulder Creek, CA

The California Camping Conference inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. Sponsored by the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, the weekend offers staff, volunteers and youth opportunities to develop their capacity as leaders in their local camp programs.

You will...

- Add new, fun, educational activities to your program
- Better understand how to work with campers, teen staff and adult volunteers
- Learn how to market and recruit campers and teen staff
- Network with others who share your passion for camp

Come away with practical tools to increase the safety, fun and growth for campers and staff

Conference workshops include:

- Understanding and dealing with difficult behaviors
- New science, engineering and technology (SET) activities for camp: shelter building, first aid and safety, creating cookouts and overnight adventures
- Working with chaperones and other adult volunteers
- Project Learning Tree and more “green” ideas
- Our campers Thrive activities
- Important steps for camp health and safety compliance
- Archery certification

*And more!*

## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT 4-H?

Or brush up on what you used to know? There is a great new online course that give a fantastic overview of the 4-H program. It is listed as being an introduction for leaders but it is a wonderful resource for parents to learn more about the mission and direction of 4-H. Leaders might enjoy this as a refresher or a way to learn something new about 4-H they may not have known before or get some tips on leading projects.

<http://4h.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/course.html>

The state 4-H website is full of resources and great information for parents and leaders. Check it out at [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)



# Other News

Sonoma County [March Hare 2014](#) - March 8, 2014

Attention all rabbit and cavy leaders and 4her's. March Hare is on! We hope to see you and your rabbits and cavy's on March 8, 2014. This will be a multi-county event with all the wonderful awards and event challenges as last year. We will have a guest speaker, followed by a single rabbit and cavy show as well as rabbit and cavy showmanship. We would like to include this year possibly, a 4H food booth. This booth does NOT need to be limited to rabbit or cavy projects, so if you are interested please be sure to contact me for details. More details and a catalog will go out in January. Can not wait to see you all!! Debra Mills [lit-  
tlemfarms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlemfarms@sbcglobal.net) County Rabbit Project Leader/Forestville Rabbit Project Leader.

## Important Information About Presentation Day and Fashion Revue

Please mark your calendars and plan ahead!!

Dates are being changed for Presentation Day, Favorite Foods and Fashion Revue

Due to the time constraints of entering our gold award recipients for Sectional Presentation Day, we will be moving our *County Presentation Day* to:



**Sunday, February 23rd  
2014  
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M  
Vallecito Elementary School  
15 Nova Albion Way, Terra Linda**

Because Presentation Day will be early, and so that members can participate in all the events we offer, Fashion Revue and Favorite Foods will be separated from Presentation Day and be held on their own event day on:

**Fashion Revue and Favorite Foods Day  
Sunday, April 24th  
2014  
2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M  
Vallecito Elementary School  
15 Nova Albion Way, Terra Linda**



# From the Staff

## **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

### **Youth Adult Partnerships**

Jane Chin Young

This article, the second in a series, centers on youth adult partnerships as a way to empower youth, while promoting and encouraging the diversity of the program and community.

Studies show that youth adult partnerships promote positive youth development, increase civic engagement, and support community change. Best practices are those that include: authentic decision-making, mutuality, and connecting to the community. This approach, particularly authentic decision-making, attracts and retains low-income, vulnerable, and minority youth. To connect to the community, youth need meaningful roles. The feeling of being a part of something larger can also increase the awareness of differences among diverse people...sharing cultures and perspectives while having a common cause. As a result, youth perception is more positive, and relationships, organizations and communities are strengthened.

There are many county activities that demonstrate successful youth adult partnerships with authentic and meaningful roles. Youth and adults were resources to each other as they mutually created an agenda and carried out an action plan, taking joint responsibility for the outcomes. Having youth in these community service roles promotes peer relationships and demonstrates youth as leaders.

One example is Marin's Embryology Program. Supported by county staff and adult leaders, 4-H youth members provide educational presentations to children in grades K-2 in classrooms across Marin County through the "4-H in the Classroom: Embryology" outreach. Youth presenters share knowledge and expertise about egg hatching, brooding and caring for chickens. The presenters bring several visual aids, live chickens and samples of different eggs. The students in these classrooms participate in a complete life science unit on embryology and incubate, hatch and care for chicks in their own classroom. 4-H members are mentored by their leaders, and in turn, mentor the classroom teachers who deliver the curriculum to their students through their presentations and the teacher training workshop held each March.

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