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Mark your Calendars!

August

Aug 18 Record Books Due to 4-H Office

Aug 29

**Record Book Judging
Marin 4-H Office
9:00 AM—2:00 PM**

September

Sep 7 Labor Day
Office Closed

Sep 10

**Council Meeting
Marin 4-H Office
6:30 PM—8:30 PM**

October

Oct 4 Achievement Day

Oct 4-10 National 4-H Week

Oct 7 National Youth Science Day

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.

Record Books!

RECORD BOOK EVALUATION IS ALMOST HERE!

August 18—Record books Due to 4-H Office

**County Record Book Evaluation
August 29th
9:00AM to 2:00PM**



Record Book evaluation will begin with an overview of evaluation process, summarizing the webinars in Record Book Evaluation offered this Spring by the state office. Our orientation time together this year is very important!

Parents and leaders are welcome to participate in Record Book evaluation. One does not need prior experience to be an evaluator, and serving as one is an excellent way to improve 4-H Record Book knowledge and skills.

We are using the online service, Sign Up Genius, for this and other 4-H events and activities. Many families have used this for school and other organizations and find it quite helpful. To reach our Sign Up Genius registration for Record Book Evaluation, please visit:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baeaf23aaf94-record>
(copy and paste into your online browser)

Record Book Evaluation is very rewarding! When we look at all that our members have accomplished and read about how they have grown and benefited from 4-H, we are reminded of just how our volunteer roles make a difference!!

Note: Many officers have their own books to turn in for evaluation. These are due at the end of August to the 4-H Office.

- Treasurer
- Historian
- Secretary
- Editor

County Council News

Council Officers 2015-2016

The Marin County 4-H County Council is a voting body of members from each club that plan Marin County 4-H events and manage the county program. The Council meets 4-5 times per year. All clubs are required to send a representative to each council meeting to provide input and learn of program updates and policy changes that affect their clubs. Officers are elected by the membership and serve a one-year term.

As the new 2015-16 Program Year begins, the County Council finds itself without a treasurer. This important role needs to be filled, or the council will be in violation of its charter and cannot conduct business. The role of treasurer is not a difficult one, and can be completed in approximately five hours of time per month. Please contact Allison at the 4-H office if you would like to learn more about this role at 415-473-4207 or alkeaney@ucanr.edu.

Many thanks to our officers who have served, and continue to serve, each year!

Council Fundraising—to See's or not to See's

Every year, the Marin County 4-H Council has participated in a See's Candy fundraiser during the winter holidays to support the council Scholarship Program, operating funds, and grant program. During the last meeting in May, the council discussed discontinuing the annual fundraiser for a variety of reasons.

- The See's Candy fundraiser for 4-H competes with other fundraisers in schools and clubs, offering the same or similar items.
- The amount of money brought in by the fundraiser has steadily declined for the past four years.
- Selling See's candy isn't the best fit with the 4-H program initiative of healthy living.

The County 4-H program is dependent upon funds in order to keep the program operating for our youth. In the fall, a committee will begin exploring options to provided needed funds in the coming years. Please come to the next Marin 4-H County Council meeting to learn more!

*Thursday, September 10th
6:30PM
Marin County 4-H Office
1682 Novato Blvd. Ste. 150B, Novato*

From the Staff

Changes in 4-H

The State 4-H Office has been working on changes to our program that better meet the needs of our youth. Statewide committees made up of leaders, youth members, and staff work toward improving our program in the areas of Incentives and Recognition, Science, Technology, Policy.

Coming in August, families will see new **Uniform Policies** rolled out. The 4-H Uniform will consist of:

- Greet hat with new embroidered logo
- White colored shirt of any sleeve type
- Bottoms appropriate to the event and in accordance with the 4-H dress guidelines <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf>
- Optional green scarf or tie, as decided by the member

Leslie Carman <https://www.4hsupplies.com/> will continue to supply our members with their uniform needs (hats, ties, scarves). Please look for more details in coming State 4-H Newsletters.

This uniform change rollout will take time, and the State and County offices will work with local fair boards to communicate these changes.

Also in the works are changes to the **Record Book**. Work has been taking place for many years to streamline and simplify the Record Book for next year. More information to come!

4-H Enrollment Fees for 2015-2016

We are happy to announce that enrollment fees for the new 2014-2015 program year are going to remain the same:

Youth Members—\$40
Adult Volunteers—\$14

Enrollment usually begins at your September club meeting. Your Community Club Leader or your club's enrollment coordinator will guide you.



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