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**Marin County 4-H
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December

Dec 24-25 OFFICE CLOSED

January

Jan 1 OFFICE CLOSED
New Year's Day

Jan 7 Council Meeting
6:30 PM
4-H Office, Novato

Jan 18 Martin Luther King, Jr
OFFICE CLOSED

Jan 22-24 C.A.L. Conference

February

Feb 15 President's Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Feb 24 Deadline
Presentation Day Enrollment

Feb 28 County Presentation Day
Vallecito School, Terra Linda
2:00PM

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.

County & Regional News

Presentation Day!

It isn't too early to begin thinking about this year's Presentation Day. Clubs usually begin reviewing presentations possibilities and types in January, then have an opportunity for practice in February, in preparation for County Presentation Day. This year's County Presentation Day will take place:

**Sunday, February 28, 2015
2:00 PM
Vallecito Elementary School, Terra Linda**

Those members who receive a Gold, in the Junior age bracket and up, may choose to go on to the Sectional Presentation Day, (date TBD) at U.C. Davis. Members receiving a Gold award as Sectionals may compete at State Presentation Day, part of State Field Day on May 28th.

For more information on the types of presentations and judging standards, please visit: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Projects/Leadership/PublicSpeaking/>

SEEKING ALUMNI—ALL STAR CORNER

I am Rachael Metzger, a 6th year senior 4-H member in both Tamalpais and H-Lane Vaqueros Clubs. This year I have the honor of becoming one of four Marin County 4-H All Stars. County All Stars are the liaisons between the clubs, county, and general public.



Each All Star has their own service project that will help expand or evolve 4-H; mine is the Marin County 4-H Alumni Project. I am reaching out to alumni to discover how 4-H has made an impact on their lives and in doing so, find talented volunteers and contributors to give back to our county. I hope to bring back former leaders and create a strong group of these alum. I will be starting a Facebook page to foster these connections and will be offering more information soon.

If you know of Marin County 4-H Alumni you could put me in contact with, or if you yourself are an alumnius, I encourage you to email me at Rachaelmetzger99@gmail.com to learn more about my project and to share your 4-H experiences with us.

Camp News



The Marin County 4-H Camp Staff Training Committee is pleased to announce the selection of the 2016 Camp Directors and Assistant Directors.

Please join us in congratulating....

Directors

Haley Goodrich & Sarah Seltsam

Assistant Directors

Madeleine Sagebiel & Katie Weinberg

* Applications for campers will be available in the spring.



Update Your PDR

It is December, and that means that your PDR should start having some pretty good items in the different categories.

Here are some things you should be taking a look at:

- **Club Officer:** Are you holding an office this year? This is a leadership activity for you (Category 4).
- **Presentations and Pledges:** Have you done a presentation at a meeting or led the Pledge of Allegiance or the 4-H Pledge (Category 6)?
- **Service Projects:** Are you participating in your club's holiday service projects? This is service and citizenship (Category 5) or if you led and organized the service it is leadership (Category 4).
- **Activities outside of 4-H:** Did you play a sport, participate in another club, or were you involved with your church? Then you want to update your lifestyle activities (Category 8).

Do it now! You will thank yourself later!

Club News—Holiday Hands for Larger Service

*All of our clubs do amazing things in their communities during the holidays!
Here are just a few...*

San Rafael 4-H Club Pet Supply Drive

Do you want to help the cats, dogs and other animals of the Marin Humane Society? If so, you can donate supplies listed below at the San Rafael 4-H club's pet supply drive! The Marin Humane Society and its animals will thank you for your donations! For more possible donations, go to <http://www.marinhumanesociety.org>.

For Dogs	For Cats	For Small Animals	For Everyone
Nylon and leather leashes	Disposable card-board scratchers	Hard plastic cat toys	Ceramic or stainless steel bowls
Exercise Pens	Cat litter	Quaker oat boxes	Cat box scoopers
Nylabones	Cat toys	Wooden hiding boxes	Paper bags with handles
Dog food	Cat food	Rat hammocks	Fleece crate mats

If you would like to contribute to San Rafael's Pet Supply Drive, you may drop off donations to the 4-H Office at 1682 Novato Blvd. Ste. 150B, Novato. *Thanks!*

Tamalpais 4-H—"One Warm Coat" & "Toys for Joy"

Tamalpais 4-H will be collecting coats for "One Warm Coat" and wrapping gifts for "Toys for Joy."

Morning Sun 4-H Continues its Toys for Tots Tradition

Each year, Morning Sun 4-H collects and delivers a big load of gifts to the fire station for the Toys for Tots drive. Here they are this year!



Tri Valley 4-H

Also collecting for "One Warm Coat," and "Christmas Cheer Petaluma." Tri Valley also again participated in "Light Up a Life—Hospice in Petaluma."

Point Reyes/Olema 4-H

Point Reyes/Olema 4-H has several holiday club projects, including Community Thanksgiving dinner preparations (shopping veggies the day before Thanksgiving), supporting the local food and gift drive, donating cookies for senior special holiday dinners, but perhaps their favorite is decorating the local senior residential facility, Stockstill House, for the Holidays.

Indian Valley 4-H

The Novato Human Needs Center looks forward to receiving the funds raised by Indian Valley's bake sale each year, and 2015 is no exception. This is in addition to their participation in 'One Warm Coat' once again.

From the Staff

Happy Holidays!

The 4-H Office wishes all of our members, our volunteers, and their families a wonderful holiday season!

We especially want to thank each and every one of our volunteers who tirelessly organize and manage their clubs, lead their projects, host events, spend nights outdoors at camp, and endlessly inspire our youth members each and every day.

We also have volunteers who set up events, judge Presentation Day, help with community outreach, and judge Fashion Revue. And let's not forget our youth volunteers who also serve on committees, lead or co-lead projects, and act as officers.

Our program would not be what it is today without all of you!
Wishing you all the best, now, and in the 2016!!



4-H in the Classroom News

4-H in the Classroom will be expanding into more classrooms and afterschool programs this March. Currently 4-H in the Classroom serves about 20 classrooms with our Embryology project, Our afterschool science activities take place at San Pedro School about 4 times a year.

Beginning in March, afterschool activities will expand to Bahia Vista, Venetia Valley, and Davidson Middle School.

We are recruiting for a new volunteer position that will deliver our 4-H Science activities to these sites. What a great way to give to the community and help bridge the achievement gap!

Volunteers will receive a 4-H orientation and training on the activities they deliver. This is a great opportunity for teaching and child development students.

An information session will be held at the 4-H Office on Saturday, January 30th from 9:00AM to noon.

Please email alkeaney@ucanr.edu or call 415-473-4207 to RSVP or find out more.

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