



Marin County 4-H Newsletter
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Cloverleaflet

December 2007

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| Nov. 30–Dec. 2 | State Record Book Judging, Davis |
| Dec. 1-2 | Archery Leader Training, Napa County |
| Dec. 8-9 | Shooting Sports Workshop, Rifle, Lakeport |
| Jan. 7 | California Focus registrations due |
| Jan. 12-13 | Archery Leader Training, Tulare County |
| Jan. 12-13 | Shooting Sports Training, Rifle, Siskiyou County |
| Jan 15 | Marin County 4-H Council Meeting, Novato |
| Jan. 23 | Presentation Day Workshop, 4-H office |
| Jan.25-27 | CAL Conference, Walker Creek |
| Feb. 23 | Statewide Record Book Training, Davis |
| Mar. 6-9 | Western Regional Leaders Forum, Boise ID |
| Mar. 15 | Sectional Presentation Day, UC Davis |
| Mar. 29- Apr. 5 | National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD |
| Mar 27-31 | National Camping Institute, Virginia |
| Apr. 5- 6 | Archery Leader Training, Kern County |
| Apr. 5-6 | Equine Educational Contests, CSU Fresno |
| Apr. 18-20 | California Camping Conference, Mariposa |
| Apr. 4-13 | Junior Grand Nationals, Cow Palace, San Francisco |
| Jun3 26-29 | Horse Classic, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds |
| Jun. 27-July 1 | California Focus |
| Jun. 29– July 9 | Washington Focus #1 |
| July 6– 14 | Washington Focus #2 |
| July 31-Aug.3 | State Leadership Conference, UC Davis |
| Aug. 3-9 | Marin County 4-H Summer Camp, Angwin |

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Statewide News

Statewide Record Book Training

Statewide Record book trainings will be held in 2008. These trainings are targeted towards a county training team or 4-H members 7th grade and up, 4-H volunteer leaders and 4-H staff. The trainings will be held on February 23rd in Davis, February 24th in Redding, March 1st in Los Angeles, March 2nd in Costa Mesa, and March 15th in Fresno. Registrations are due January 21, 2008 and are available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4resource/ir/recordbook/TrainingRegistration-Winter2007.pdf>

Record Book Survey

As we have completed a full year of the new 4-H record book, the statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is requesting feedback from volunteers and members. Please take a moment to respond to the 4-H record book evaluation survey at: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=2052>

2008 International Exchange Program

The California State 4-H Program will offer outbound exchange educational experiences to Australia, Japan and Finland during the summer of 2008. Information and registration materials are available at the 4-H office, and on line at <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/index.asp>. Deadline for application is January 18, 2008.

Australia: will take place June 17th through July 17th

Finland: tentatively set for June 14th through July 13th

Japan: is July 9th through August 7th

All members who have not participated in the past must first be interviewed and provide 3 recommendations. The State 4-H office is also looking for adult leaders interested in chaperoning delegates for any one of the trips.

4-H Citizenship Program

The California Focus citizenship program is a unique educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical cultural and governmental sites. California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a living classroom for this five day adventure. This trip takes place June 27– July 1, 2008.

Registrations are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp>. The cost is \$495.00 and is due to the State 4-H office January 14, 2008. Financial assistance is available based on need.





COUNTY AND CLUB NEWS



CAL (Creating a Leader) Conference

This conference will be held January 25th-27th at Walker Creek Ranch. This conference is for youth 7th grade and above and is an interactive leadership conference for the North Central Section. Come build and improve leadership skills. County delegations are asked to do a presentation on a topic decided by the 4-H staff. These presentations will be given at the open assembly. The 4-H staff will plan to meet with those youth who will be attending the conference in early January.

Presentation Day Workshop

The 4-H staff will be hosting a Presentation Day workshop on January 23rd at the 4-H office in Novato. Staff will share ideas on proper use of lettering and spacing information on panel displays and posters. Tips on public speaking and interpretive reading will also be shared, as well as some tips on audio-visual presentations. Please contact the 4-H office at 499-4207 if you plan to attend. We need a minimum of 8 members to participate in this educational workshop.



Mill Valley Club Resurrected
Welcome the **new** Mill Valley Club! Mary Press will be taking on the role of community club leader. The club is small and welcomes new members. Current projects focus on rabbits, poultry and gardening. Please contact Mary at 388-6332 if you are interested in joining the club.



California Camping Conference
The California Camping Conference will be held at Camp Green Meadows in Mariposa County, April 18th-20th. This is a great opportunity for adult volunteers and youth staff members who are interested in improving their camp programs and developing new skills. More details will be available in December.

See's Candy Fundraiser

Thank you to all members who participated in the annual See's Candy Holiday fundraiser. Congratulations to the Indian Valley 4-H Club. They were the **BIG** sellers this year. All funds are used for supporting programs within the county .

Grants, Awards and Scholarship Opportunities

~For youth:

Do Something Grants-year round www.dosomething.org/

Making a Difference –scholarship www.making-a-difference.com

Mix it up grants program for youth leadership –no deadline <http://www.mixitup.org>

Scholarships for Women– Jan 14. <http://talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp>

National Most Valuable Student Scholarship -Jan 9 www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm

Foundation of Youth Facts

Teen driving statistics

40% of all motor vehicle crash deaths among teenagers in 2004 occurred between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

69 % of those killed in accidents in 2004 were likely to be males not wearing a safety belt.

62% of teenagers killed in motor vehicle collisions in 2004 were not wearing proper restraints or safety belts.

2008 State Fashion Revue Backpack Challenge

The backpack challenge will be part of this year's state fashion revue. 4-H members can design and sew a backpack, purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your backpack. Use your creativity with fabrics, colors and details to personalize your design. For state fashion revue judging the back pack is the main garment and the outfit is the accessory.



Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Participated in community service project with your club	5	Participated in a county-wide candy fund raiser	5
Planned a club holiday event or activity	4	Submitted an article to a local newspaper	6
Participated in a food drive for your community	5	Participated as a member on a club party committee	4



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