



December 2008

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New 4-H Adult  
Leader  
Orientation  
Tuesday,  
December 16  
12 noon-1:30 pm

County Council  
Meeting  
Tuesday,  
January 13

Creating a Leader  
Conference  
January 23-25

Presentation/  
Favorite Foods  
Day  
Saturday,  
February 7

Dec. 5-7 State Record Book Judging, Davis  
 Dec. 16 Adult Leader Orientation, 4-H office 12 noon-1:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 24-25 Christmas Holiday, 4-H office closed  
 Jan. 1 All-Star applications due to 4-H office  
 Jan. 10 Archery Leader Certification, Red Bluff  
 Jan. 13 County 4-H Council Meeting, 4690 D Street, Petaluma  
 Jan.20 Presentation Day Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 4-H office  
 Jan. 23-25 CAL (Creating a Leader) Conference, Walker Creek  
 Feb. 7 County 4-H Presentation Day, 4690 D Street, Petaluma  
 Feb. 11 Record Book Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 4-H office  
 Feb. 25-Mar. 1 Western Regional Leaders Forum, Denver, Colorado  
 Mar. 19 Farm Day, Marin Center, Exhibit Hall  
 Mar. 28-Apr. 4 National Conference, Chevy Chase, Maryland  
 Mar. 27- 29 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium, Nebraska  
 Mar.28-29 State 4-H Horse Classic, Reedley College  
 Mar. 31 2009-2010 State Ambassador applications due  
 Apr. 1-5 Junior Grand National Rodeo, Cow Palace  
 May 2-3 Camp Staff Training weekend, Las Posadas  
 May 30 State 4-H Field Day, UC Davis Campus  
 June 21-29 Washington Focus I  
 June 25-28 State 4-H Championship Horse Show, Watsonville  
 June 26-30 California Focus, Sacramento  
 July 11-18 Marin County 4-H Summer Camp, Las Posadas, Angwin  
 July 12- 22 Washington Focus II  
 Aug. 6- 9 State Leadership Conference, UC Merced



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# Statewide 4-H News



## California Focus Program

Registration is now open for the 2009 California Focus, which will take place June 26–30. Youth members can participate in hands-on programs that bring government and policy issues to life to help you understand how you can be more involved with your community. Deadline for registration is January 16, 2009. Financial assistance and merit-based scholarships are available for the California Focus program. During California Focus, delegates will attend a professional production of the Lion King at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. Registration information is available on line at <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>

## 2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

4-H members may enter the 2009 essay contest. This year's theme is "The Dance Language of Bees." Essays are due February 13, 2009. More information on this contest is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2009BeekeepingEssay.pdf>



## International Exchange

Would your family enjoy being exposed to a different culture without traveling to another country? The California International Exchange month-long hosting program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right there at home by hosting an exchange student from Costa Rica, Finland or Japan. Host family applications are being accepted now for the Summer 2009 program, in hopes that all placements are made by early May. In addition, all 4-H members and leaders can participate in the Australia Outbound Program in 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/>. Or contact Pat English at 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu)

## State 4-H Ambassador Program

The 2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2009, have leadership and event planning experience and the ability to represent the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference, represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program and conduct team projects. Applications are due March 31, 2009 and are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership.ambassador/>.

## Looking for a Few Good Leaders

Applications are available for the District Leader position with the 2009 California Focus Program. Young adults ages 18-25 who have completed one year of work or college preparation are eligible to apply for this internship. Applications are on the website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/intern/2008%staff%20flyer.pdf> and are due January 5, 2009. This is a great opportunity to stretch your leadership skills by developing and carrying out this dynamic program. For more information contact Pat English, 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu).

## 4-H Archery Leader Certification

An archery leader certification training will take place on Saturday, January 10th and Sunday, January 11th in Red Bluff. Upon successful completion of this course, the participant will be certified as an archery volunteer and can lead archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. The cost for the course is \$35.00, including refreshments, lunch and materials. Registration is due January 2, 2009. Registration forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org>.

## Domestic 4-H Exchange

Is your county or club looking for an opportunity to participate in a domestic exchange with a 4-H club in another part of the U.S.? Lancaster County, PA 4-H is hoping to establish a domestic exchange for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 with an interested California 4-H group. Scenic Lancaster county includes Amish country and is centrally located close to Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Washington D.C. and Hershey. For those interested, please contact Sharon Sherick at [ssherick@dejazzd.com](mailto:ssherick@dejazzd.com).



## County and Club News



### County-wide Boat Project Sets Sail

The boat building/sailing project group has completed their project for this year. The group has been diligently working on building a 12-foot Norwegian Pram sailboat at the Spaulding Center in Sausalito. On Saturday, November 8th, the youth christened and launched their boat named "Guppy". The celebration took place at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center. The event was attended by over 100 family and friends. The boat will be housed at the Spaulding Center. Congratulations to those 4-H members who participated in the project. A job well done!



### CAL (Creating a Leader) Conference

The North Central Sectional Leaders Council will be hosting the 19th annual Creating a Leader Conference on January 23-25 at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County. This year's theme is "Believe In the Magic.....of You!" Participants share their knowledge, exchange ideas and information, and have the chance to develop and enhance their leadership skills. This is a great opportunity to meet youth and make new friends from other counties in California. Any member who is in 6th grade or above may participate. Adults chaperones are also needed from the county. Registration forms are available at the 4-H office by calling 499-4207. The fee for this year's conference is \$140.00.

### Presentation Day 2009

This year Presentation/Favorite Foods Day will be held on Saturday, February 7th at 4690 D Street in Petaluma. Registration forms will be available in early January. Registration forms will also be available on the county 4-H website at: [cmarin.ucdavis.edu](http://cmarin.ucdavis.edu). Entries and fees will be due Friday, January 30, 2009. Each club must provide one judge for every 3 entries. We will need youth chairpersons for this event. Youth members not planning to do a presentation at the event should consider volunteering as a chairperson or judge. This is a great opportunity to complete some of those areas in the record book. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. Presenters should plan to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to set up. For more information contact the 4-H office at 499-4207.

### The 4-H Million Tree Project

This is a great community service project which will help counter the affects of global warming. The goal is to mobilize millions of 4-H youth across the U.S. to plant 1,000,000 trees across the nation to help reduce atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. If your club would like to participate, visit the website at [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org) and register. Then visit <http://www.arborday.org/Shopping/Memberships/4h/> to become Arbor Day members and receive twelve trees at \$1 each. The trees will be delivered in the next month and available for planting in local areas. Clubs will be contacted when their shipment arrives. Trees should be planted promptly after they arrive.

### 2008-2009 Pete Conrad Award

The 2008-2009 Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Award is an opportunity for high school students to design products using science and technology. Students will compete for over \$120,000 in prize money and connect with leading scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs. Initial submissions are due by January 9, 2009. Visit: <http://www.conradaward.com> for more information and for entry information .

### Fountain of Youth Facts

4-H Science ,Engineering & Technology (SET)  
 5....million young people across America involved in the 4-H community are learning leadership, citizenship, life skills, and SET through the 4-H program. {www.4-H.org}  
 1.....million new scientists, one million new ideas: the campaign trademark and goal of attracting one million new young people to the 4-H science, engineering and technology programs by the year 2013. {www.4-H.org}  
 53....percent of Californians say that the quality of education in K-12 public schools is a big problem. Public Policy Institute statewide survey {April 2005}  
 18....percent. Only 18% of U.S. high school seniors are proficient in science. {NAPE 2005}  
 7....out of every 10 students graduate from high school in four years and only one in four is college ready. {The Governor's Committee on Education Excellence 2007}

### Science Engineering & Technology {SET}

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is dedicated to fostering an environment throughout our state in which youth and adults work together as equal partners in ways that result in positive community change and the acquisition of new skills. With the release of the (SET) Science, Engineering & Technology initiative, the California State 4-H office will provide 4-H members, volunteer leaders, and staff an opportunity to receive funding for SET service learning projects. This initiative is in response to our nation's and state's concern for improving human capacity and workforce abilities in the areas of science, engineering, and technology. It combines informal education with hands-on inquiry-based learning in a youth development context to increase SET literacy and engage youth in improving their knowledge, skills, and abilities in science, engineering and technology.



### Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Participated in a community service project	5	Participated in county-wide See's candy fundraiser	5 or 6
Submitted a new article to local newspaper	6	Committee member for community service project	4
Attended the boat project launching	2 or 8	Led the 4-H pledge at a club meeting	6

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