



Marin County 4-H Newsletter  
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## January 2008

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| Jan. 1          | Happy New Year!!!                                 |
| 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         | CAL Conference Delegate orientation, 6:00 pm      |
| Jan 15          | County 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm, 4-H office    |
| Jan. 23         | Presentation Day Workshop, 6:30 pm, 4-H office    |
| Jan.25-27       | CAL Conference, Walker Creek                      |
| Feb. 2          | Presentation Day, Nicasio School, Nicasio         |
| Feb. 6          | Record Book training, 6:30 pm, 4-H office         |
| Feb. 23         | Statewide Record Book Training, Davis             |
| Mar. 6-9        | Western Regional Leaders Forum, Boise ID          |
| Mar. 15         | Sectional Presentation Day, UC Davis              |
| Mar. 20         | <b>FARM DAY</b> , Marin Civic Center              |
| 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 |
| Jun. 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              |

## Statewide News

### California Camping Conference

The State-wide camping task force will be hosting a camping conference April 18-20. The conference will be held at Jack L. Boyd school at Green Meadows Fish Camp in Mariposa County. The conference will feature a variety of workshops in staff training, behavior management, new program ideas, team-building challenges and guest speakers. There will also be special workshops available for certification in Archery, CPR, and Food Safety.

The cost of the conference is \$120.00 per person. Camp adult and youth staff are encouraged to attend this conference. Additional information and registration forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org> or by contacting the Marin County 4-H office 499-4207. Registration deadline is Friday, April 4, 2008.

### Statewide Record Book Training

The State 4-H Program is offering record book training for youth and adult volunteers. The training will take place February 23rd in Davis.

You must register for the training. Forms are available at <http://www.ca4h./council/i-r/index.asp>.

Registrations are due by Monday, January 21, 2008.



### Volunteer E-Learning Course

This course is an introduction to the 4-H youth development program and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. It can be used as a pre-requisite to the volunteer leader training orientation. The course does not certify volunteers but introduces them to the basics of the youth development program. Policies of the California 4-H Youth Development Program are not included. Check out this course on line at <http://www.ca4h.org/volunteer/voltraining.asp>.

### 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 due to the State 4-H office by January 14, 2008. Financial assistance is available based on need.



## COUNTY AND CLUB NEWS



### Presentation Day Workshop

The 4-H staff will be hosting a Presentation Day workshop on January 23rd at the 4-H office in Novato at 6:30 pm. The 4-H staff will share ideas on proper use of lettering and spacing information on panel displays and posters, help with visuals, share information on public speaking and interpretive reading, as well as some tips on audio-visual presentations. Please RSVP to the 4-H office at 499- 4207 if you plan to attend.



### 2008 Marin County Presentation Day

This year Presentation/Favorite Foods Day will be held at the Nicasio School in Nicasio. The event will begin at 9:00 am. Presenters should arrive by 8:30 am to set up. Registration forms are available on the county 4-H website at [cemar.in.ucdavis.edu](http://cemar.in.ucdavis.edu); click the link on the right side of the home page under Current News. Members can also obtain forms from Community Club Leaders or by calling the 4-H office at 499- 4207. Registrations along with medicals and payment are due to the 4-H office by Monday, January 28th. Each club must provide one judge for every three entries. We also need youth chairpersons for this event. Youth members who are not planning to do a Presentation, please consider volunteering as a chairperson or judge. This is a good opportunity to complete some of those areas of your record book.

### CAL (Creating a Leader) Conference

This conference will be held January 25-27 at Walker Creek Ranch. The conference is for youth 7th grade and above and is an interactive leadership conference for the North Central Section. Marin has 6 delegates who will represent the county at the conference. Delegates are to attend a **mandatory** orientation on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00 pm at the 4-H office. We hope that these delegates bring back new activities and ideas to share with their individual clubs.

### Farm Day

This year's theme is "Growing up Green in Marin." Farm Day will be held Thursday, March 20th at the Marin Center. Each year the Marin County 4-H Program collaborates with several organizations throughout the county to bring this educational event to thousands of school age youth. 4-H members are encouraged to participate in this educational event by bringing animals, having educational displays, serving as guides, or volunteering in a booth. This is a great opportunity to share your 4-H experience with other youth in the county .

## Grants, Awards and Scholarship Opportunities

~For youth

*Do Something Grants*-year round [www.dosomething.org/](http://www.dosomething.org/)

*Making a Difference* –scholarship [www.making-a-difference.com](http://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](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm)

~ for West Marin Youth

*Inverness Garden Club*- March 31. [www.scholars@invernessgardens.org](http://www.scholars@invernessgardens.org)

### Marin County 4-H Summer Camp

#### Interested in being on summer camp staff?

The 2008 summer camp is scheduled for August 3-9. Post cards will be sent to all current youth staff members, as well as those youth who will be eligible to be on staff this year. Youth staff applications will be available on the Marin County 4-H website in late January @ [cemarlin.ucdavis.edu](http://cemarlin.ucdavis.edu), click on the 4-H program, then go to 4-H clubs and camps. Youth Staff applications will be due March 1. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Knudsen, camp clerk, at (707) 878-2824.

#### Bringing cheer and warmth to those in need!

The Indian Valley 4-H Club collected **150** warm coats for the One Warm Coat Organization. The coats were distributed to those in need during the holiday season.

**Great Job!!!**

### Update your PDR

| <u>Event</u>   | <u>Area</u> | <u>Event</u>   | <u>Area</u> |
|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| Participated in a holiday community service project with your club | 5           | Submitted a news article about your club event or donation | 6           |
| Participated in a planned food drive                               | 5           | Planned a club holiday event or activity                   | 4           |



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