



January 2009

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County Council Meeting
Tuesday,
January 13

County-wide leader training
January 17

Creating a Leader Conference
January 23-25

Presentation/
Favorite Foods Day
Saturday,
February 7

Farm Day
March 19

Jan. 1	All-Star applications due to 4-H office
Jan. 8	New Leader Orientation, 4-H office, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Jan. 10	Archery Leader Certification, Red Bluff
Jan. 13	County 4-H Council Meeting, 4690 D Street, Petaluma
Jan. 17	County-wide leader training, 4-H office, 9:00 am– 1:00 pm
Jan.20	Presentation Day Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 4-H office
Jan. 23-25	CAL (Creating a Leader) Conference, Walker Creek
Jan. 30	Presentation Day/Favorite Foods entries due
Feb. 7	County 4-H Presentation/Favorite Foods Day, 4690 D Street, Petaluma
Feb. 11	Record Book Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 4-H office
Feb. 13-15	Western Bonanza Livestock Show, Cal Poly
Feb. 25-Mar. 1	Western Regional Leaders Forum, Denver, Colorado
Feb. 28-Mar. 1	Shooting Sports Training, Rifle discipline, Bakersfield
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, Angwin
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



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Statewide 4-H News

4-H Archery Leader Certification

An archery leader certification training will take place on Saturday, January 10 and Sunday, January 11 in Red Bluff. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archer 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>.

Shooting Sports Workshop

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield, Saturday, February 28, 8:00 a.m.– 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 1, 8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.. Participants must attend both days of the training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at jaborba@ucdavis.edu.

Western Bonanza Junior Livestock Show

Cal Poly will host its annual Junior Livestock Show at the California State University in San Luis Obispo, February 13-15. This is the 25th anniversary of this event. There will be a trade show, skill-a-thon, fitting contests, livestock shows, exhibitor giveaways, and much more. Deadline for entries is Friday, January 23rd. Entry forms and additional information can be found at www.westernbonanza.calpoly.edu.



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>.

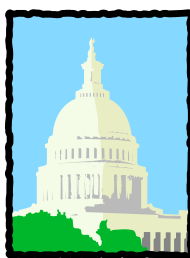


International Exchange

Would your family enjoy being exposed to different cultures without traveling to another country? The California International Exchange month –long hosting program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here 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 Out bound Program in 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/>. Or contact Pat English at 530-754-8520 or penglish@ucdavis.edu.

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/>.



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.



County and Club News



Presentation/Favorite Foods Day

This year's Presentation/Favorite Foods Day will be held on Saturday, February 7th at 4690 D Street, Petaluma. Categories include visual displays, illustrated talks, demonstrations, interpretive reading, public speaking, posters, and power-point presentations. Members must provide their own computers and electrical cord for presenting. Registration forms will be available from your community club leader or can be accessed online at the County 4-H website: cemarlin.ucdavis.edu. Completed registrations along with medical forms and payment must be received by Friday, January 30. If you are a 4-H member interested



in assisting as a chairperson or teen judge please complete that section of the registration form. The event will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Members should arrive by 9:00 a.m. to set up. Those participating in Favorite Foods must bring their own card table. Please contact the 4-H office to reserve a table if one is needed; the 4-H office has a limited supply of tables.

The 4-H staff is hosting a Presentation Day workshop on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office, if you would like some help in preparing or get some new ideas for a presentation.



County-wide Leader Training

On Saturday, January 17, the 4-H staff will host a second county-wide project leader training from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.. There have been several new things that have come through the State 4-H office that can help both club and project leaders plan and carry out successful meetings. We are currently working with project leader modules that include project planning, project meeting, leadership, citizenship and life skills. We will also have a short training on the new online enrollment system. This is a great opportunity for new project leaders from all areas of the county to get together, share ideas, and learn some new games and activities that will help improve projects within your club. Please RSVP to the 4-H office at 499-4207 by Wednesday, January 14th, if you plan to attend.



4-H Council Meeting

The Marin County 4-H Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 13th at 4690 D Street in Petaluma. Each club should send one representative. The agenda will include upcoming spring 4-H events, fairs, Farm Day, community service projects and fundraising for the coming year. Please contact the 4-H office at 499-4207 if you have additional discussion items for the agenda.



One Warm Coat

Once again this year the Indian Valley 4-H Club participated in the **One Warm Coat** drive. On December 20th and 21st, the 4-H club set up a collection spot at Delano's Market in Novato and collected 276 coats. This is a great community service project and brings warmth and happiness to many youth and adults in need of a warm winter coat.

State 4-H Ambassador Program

The 2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador applications are now available! Candidates must 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/>.



Raising Funds for 4-H Clubs

~All 4-H clubs, projects, camps and others must get approval for fundraisers from the 4-H office before doing any fundraising in the name of 4-H.
 ~Funds raised or donations received by projects or other groups of a 4-H club become the property of the entire 4-H club. Such fundraising efforts and donations also need to be approved by the 4-H club members. All funds must go through club or council checking accounts! The UC 4-H Youth Development Program cannot conduct lotteries, drawings, raffles, bingo, and other games of chance.

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.

Paying for Project Materials?

At the beginning of the project year, the Project Leader should make a plan to figure the overall cost of the project (curriculum, fees, copying fees, material or supply costs, etc.). Members should be charged accordingly to cover these costs. Project leaders **may not charge** a fee for their services, lessons or rental of their equipment.

Tax Tips for 4-H Volunteer Leaders

Many 4-H volunteer leaders, adults, and teens can incur out of pocket expenses or make contributions to 4-H, some of which may be claimed as income tax deductions. You may deduct:

- ~The fair market value of property and materials donated to the 4-H program
- ~Cash contributions
- ~Cost of raising a guide dog puppy
- ~Cost of travel while serving as a volunteer
- ~Unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for postage, telephone calls, refreshments, photocopying, etc., incurred while carrying out your volunteer service. You **cannot** claim the value of your volunteer services, time, or costs of transporting your own child.



Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Participated in a holiday community service project	5	Participated as a committee member	4
Led the 4-H pledge at a club meeting	6	Submitted a news article to a local newspaper	6
Participated in Toys for Joys distribution	5	Participated in a holiday play, dance, or musical performance	8

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