



June 2009

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West Marin
4-H Fair
Saturday, June 6

Sonoma-Marin
Fair
June 24-28

Marin County Fair
July 1-5

Marin County
4-H
Summer Camp
July 12- 18

Sonoma County
Fair
July 28-Aug. 9

June 2 Camp Staff Training, Santa Rosa
 June 6 West Marin Fair, Dance Palace, Pt. Reyes
 June 7 Western Weekend Parade, Pt. Reyes
 June 12 Registration deadline for State Leadership Conference
 June 21 **Happy Fathers Day**
 June 21-26 Range and Natural Resources Camp, Half Moon Bay
 June 21-29 Washington Focus I
 June 24-28 Sonoma-Marin Fair, Petaluma Fairgrounds
 June 26-28 State 4-H Championship Horse Show, Watsonville
 June 26-30 California Focus, Sacramento
 July 1-5 Marin County Fair, Marin Civic Center, San Rafael
 July 1 Horse Play Day, Marin County Fair
 July 2 Junior Dairy Show, Marin County Fair
 July 3 Junior Horse Show, Marin County Fair
 July 10 County 4-H Record Books due to 4-H office
 July 11-18 Marin County 4-H Summer Camp, Las Posadas, Angwin
 July 12- 22 Washington Focus II
 July 28-Aug.9 Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa Fairgrounds
 Aug. 6- 9 State Leadership Conference, UC Merced
 Aug. 21- Sept.7 California State Fair, Cal Expo, Sacramento
 Sept. 15 Marin County 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H office
 Oct. 4 Achievement Day (tentative)
 Nov. 6-8 State 4-H Volunteers Leaders Forum, Asilomar



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Statewide 4-H News

State Leadership Conference 2009

This year's conference will be held August 6-9 at the new UC campus in Merced. UC Merced is the 10th campus in the prestigious University of California system and is proud to host this year's conference! High school 4-H members, adult 4-H volunteers and staff are invited to attend the conference. Delegates will stay in the residence halls, eat in the dining commons, participate in educational tracks and workshops, and engage in evening recreation! The theme for this year's State Leadership Conference is "SLC It's a BIG DEAL". Registration materials are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/> and are due Friday, June 12, 2009. This year 4-H Alumni are invited to the 4-H Alumni Reception at the conference. The reception will be held on August 7, 2009 from 7-10 p.m. at UC Merced.



Staff the California State Fair Booth

The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting members to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair August 21–September 7. This is a great opportunity for youth to share with the public their 4-H experiences. Members are encouraged to bring displays of their projects, photo albums or record books to show people who are interested in learning more about your 4-H projects. Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. To sign up, please visit <http://ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>.

Sonoma-Marín Fair

This year's theme is "Saddle up for Fun!" It is the 70th anniversary of the Sonoma -Marín Fair. The fair will be held June 24th through June 28th at the Petaluma fairgrounds. Premium books and fair entry forms are available at the 4-H office as well as on line at: www.sonoma-marinfair.org. For more information contact the Petaluma Fairgrounds at (707) 283-3247.

Wednesday, June 14th– Poultry Judging
Saturday, June 20th- Junior Horse Show
Thursday, June 25th—Rabbit Judging
Thursday, June 25th– Dairy Judging
Friday, June 26th– Sheep Judging

The Fair will feature the following special events: Diaper Derby, Coloring Contests, and the World's Ugliest Dog contest.



Pen Pal in Kenya

Are you interested in establishing a pen pal relationship with a student in Kenya? California 4-H has made a contact with a school administrator who oversees a Catholic school in Kenya and will establish a pen pal program so that students 13-17 years old can communicate with one another and share information about their lives. Please contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520 if you are interested in communicating with a young person from Kenya.



Cool Green Fun! at the Marin County Fair

The 64th annual Marin County Fair will be held July 1-5 at the Civic Center Fairgrounds in San Rafael. There are many fun new things to see at the fair, as well as great entertainment. New this year is the Electric Wheels car show along with past events like Junior Star Search, Hip Hop and Break Dance competition, poetry slam, nightly music performances and fireworks. For more information on daily events and activities go to www.marinfair.org.

Junior 4-H animal competitions will take place on:

Wednesday, July 1st–Poultry Breed and Showmanship, Guinea and Pocket Pets
Wednesday, July 1st–Horse Play Day
Thursday, July 2nd–Rabbit Showmanship, Friday, July 3rd–Rabbit Breed
Thursday, July 2nd–Junior Dairy Show
Friday July 3rd–Junior Horse Show
Friday July 3rd–*New Event:* Dog Showmanship





County and Club News



Marin 4-H Fair and Livestock Show

This year we are celebrating the 60th year of Western Weekend, which is held in Pt. Reyes. The Pt. Reyes-Olema 4-H Club will be hosting the West Marin 4-H Fair and Livestock Show on Saturday, June 6. There will be still exhibits, small animals and poultry as well as a dog show at the Dance Palace. There will be a horse exposition and livestock show in the arena adjacent to the Dance Palace. There will also be a variety of SET (Science, Engineering, and Technology) activities available for youth to participate in. This year the fair committee has invited 4-H alumni to share their 4-H memorabilia and projects from past years at the West Marin Fair. The Pt. Reyes-Olema 4-H Club will host a food booth. This is a family fun 4-H event!!!



60th Annual Western Weekend Parade

The West Marin Lions, Rotary & Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their annual Western Weekend Parade on Sunday, June 7. Parade entries are due by June 3. Marin 4-H clubs are encouraged to enter the parade. The Halleck Creek Riding Club will hold their annual Cow Flop Drop behind Toby's after the parade and BBQ. If you need a parade entry form, contact the 4-H office at 499-4207 or call Kate at 663-9380.

California 4-H Online Enrollment

The new enrollment system is currently being used throughout the state. Beginning July 1, 2009 all Marin County 4-H members and leaders who will be participating in fairs or other 4-H activities over the summer must enroll online. Information packets are available from your club leader. Directions on enrolling are also available on the County 4-H website: <http://cemarin.ucdavis.edu> under "Enrollment". For all members and leaders who will not be participating in 4-H activities over the summer, you may still enroll online to be ready for starting up in September. Signed original medical forms along with fees must still be given to your club leader. Once you have completed all phases of your enrollment, an e-mail confirmation will be sent. If you do not have an e-mail address, you can create one free of charge through g-mail or any other online email account provider. You will not be able to enter your information online without an email address. For those 4-H families who do not have computer access, we still provide paper enrollment forms. Any questions please contact Cindy or Deborah at the 4-H office 499-4207.

Melissa & Melody Osheroff



In Memory of Melody Osheroff. Melody Osheroff was 9 years old, a member of the Indian Valley 4-H club and a student at San Ramon Elementary School in Novato. Melody passed away on Thursday, May 28th after a tragic accident while she and her father were walking near their home. Her father sustained serious injuries and will be confined to a wheelchair. A fund is currently being set up for the Osheroff family. If you would like to donate money to help the family, you can send your donation to the Marin County 4-H Council. The money will be given to the family trust.

Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund

4-H club support funding is available through the Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund for California 4-H members or volunteers. Funding is intended for activities that meet the following criteria: 1) enable youth to develop citizenship, leadership or life skills; 2) support the development of new and innovative 4-H projects benefiting 4-H members; 3) increase awareness of the 4-H Youth Development Program; 4) expand the reach of the 4-H Youth Development Program (new youth, new audiences); 5) provide continuing benefit to the applicant's local 4-H Club or project. Application information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding>. Applications are due September 15, 2009.

Strong Families Matter

4-H has long recognized the powerful influence families have on young people's development. Recent studies confirm that family strengths are associated with significantly better outcomes for adolescents in both lower-income and higher-income families. Family strengths include emotional/subjective strengths (such as close and caring parents); behavioral/concrete strengths (for example parental monitoring and parent involvement); and passive parenting strengths (for instance, positive parental role modeling). A new Child Trends brief, Exploring the Links Between Family Strengths and Adolescent Outcomes, reports several key findings:

~ Adolescents who reported having close and caring parents are significantly more likely to perform well in school. Higher parental monitoring and parent involvement are also associated with better school performance.

~ Adolescents in families with higher parental monitoring were more likely to avoid risky behaviors. Also, risky behaviors are significantly lower when parents are more close and caring and more involved.

4-H Youth Development Programs that value family involvement and focus on building family strengths can provide yet another protective factor for young peoples' positive youth development.

2009 State Leaders Forum

The California State Leaders Forum will be held November 6-8, 2009. This year's theme is "4-H Past, Present and Future". The registration packet is now available at: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/nsection.SLF09/index.htm>. For any questions you can contact Richard Meade at rmeade@csuchico.edu

Class of 2009

Congratulations to the Marin County Graduating 4-H members!

Jaidene James-Tri-Valley
Clayton Walker- Shooting Sports
Megan Dodd- Morning Sun
Jake Dellinger- Tri-Valley
Jenny Magee- Morning Sun
Colleen Zak- Nicasio
Lianne Nunes- Pt. Reyes-Olema
Zak Cordisco- Shooting Sports
Jake Karinen- Shooting Sports

Best of Luck in your future!



Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Served as a committee chair or member for a club event/fair	4	Attended local 4-H fair	3
Participated in Showmanship at a local 4-H Fair	2	Exhibited your project at a local fair	2
		Attended State Field Day	3
		Participated along with club to plan and build a float for local parade	5

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