



March 2009

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Agriculture &
Environmental
Science Day
UC Davis Campus
March 6 & 7

**Farm Day
March 19**

Camp Staff
training weekend
May 2 & 3

Nicasio-Tri-Valley
4-H Fair
May 3

Feb. 28-Mar. 1	Shooting Sports Training, Rifle discipline, Bakersfield
Mar. 6-7	Agriculture & Environmental Sciences Field Day, Davis
Mar. 14	Open House for county wide Boat Project, Sausalito
Mar. 15	Youth camp staff applications due
Mar. 19	Farm Day, Marin Center, Exhibit Hall
Mar. 21	County-wide Boat Project begins, Sausalito
Mar. 28	Sectional Presentation Day, UC Davis
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
Apr. 4	Quality Assurance & Ethics Training, 4-H office, Novato
Apr. 16-18	4-H You See Davis Days, UC Davis campus
Apr. 18	Livestock Judging Contest, CSU Fresno
May 2-3	Camp Staff Training weekend, Las Posadas, Angwin
May 3	Nicasio-Tri-Valley 4-H Fair, Marin French Cheese Co.
May 12	County 4-H Council Meeting, Pt. Reyes Fire Station
May 30	State 4-H Field Day, UC Davis Campus
June 6	West Marin Fair, Pt. Reyes
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



Marin County 4-H Newsletter
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Statewide 4-H News

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 a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as a 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.

Agriculture & Environmental Sciences Field Day

The University of California Davis is hosting the 33rd annual Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Field Day. This year's event will take place on March 6th and 7th, with an estimated 3,000 FFA and 4-H students in attendance. The event consists of 26 judging events and leadership contests that are all facilitated by current UC Davis undergraduate students.

Sectional Presentation Day

Sectional Presentation Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, at the UC Davis campus Wellman Hall. Categories will include Demonstrations, Scientific Demonstrations, Illustrated/Scientific Talks, Educational Displays, Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech, Interpretive Reading, Audio-Visual Presentation, Problem Solving, Cultural Arts and Share the Fun. 4-H members who participated in county Presentation Day and received a gold award may participate in this event. Opening Ceremonies will take place at 9:40 a.m. For more information visit "Conferences and Events" at <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu>.

Poultry Field Day

San Mateo County will be hosting a 4-H Poultry Field Day at Elkus Ranch on Sunday, March 15, 2009. The event will feature Jim Adkins, who has been an APA/ABA licensed poultry judge since 1994. He has raised over 50 breeds and varieties of chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys, and is dedicated to the education of youth, promotion of exhibition-quality poultry, and preservation of heritage breeds. There will be three seminar sessions and a hands-on showmanship workshop. The event is open to all youth. You can register online at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=3522>. Registrations are due Monday, March 9, 2009.



State Leadership Conference 2009

This year's conference will be held August 6-9 at the new UC campus in Merced. The theme for this year's State Leadership Conference is "SLC It's a BIG DEAL". 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. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/>.



State 4-H Field Day

Plan to attend the 2009 State 4-H Field Day on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at the UC Davis campus. The 8th annual Field Day is an event for the entire family, with both competitive and fun activities. You can present a demonstration, participate in the fashion revue, take a plant science test, participate in a judging contest, or draw a logo for 2010! This year's Apron Challenge for State Fashion Revue is also part of the State Field Day activities. For more information on this category visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/index.asp>. State 4-H Ambassadors will be collecting new or used stuffed animals which will be donated to local children's hospitals. Learn more about State Field Day at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>.





County and Club News



Marin County Farm Day

This is the 25th anniversary of Marin County Farm Day. This year's theme is: "Marin's Farming Roots: *Can You Dig It?*". Farm Day will be held on Thursday, March 19, at the Marin Center exhibit hall. 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 event by bringing animals, having educational displays, serving as guides, or assisting other exhibitors with their booth. This is a great opportunity to share your 4-H experience with other youth in the county. Contact the 4-H office if you would like to volunteer. The 4-H staff will provide community service hours to fulfill school requirements.



2009 Presentation Day

Many 4-H families and friends attended the recent Presentation Day/Favorite Foods event. There were some wonderful presentations in many different categories. Liam and Skye McCormick from San Rafael did a traditional Irish Dance, the Tri-Valley rabbit group prepared a display on Rabbit Facts, Olivia Severns from Indian Valley made a delicious fruit smoothie and fruit salad, and Jasmine Sagebiel from Nicasio presented a panel display on Manatees. Thanks to the Glenn family from Tri-Valley for hosting the event in their barn. It was a great success. Congratulations! to all 4-H members who participated in the event.



Olivia Severns

Nicasio - Tri-Valley Fair

The Nicasio-Tri-Valley Fair is a family fun event. The fair will be held Sunday, May 3rd at the Marin French Cheese Company in Hicks Valley. This year the clubs will host small and large animal showmanship workshops. The workshops will help youth prepare for the larger county fairs. There will be a still exhibit competition and a fashion revue for youth sewing projects. Members participating in fashion revue may model their creations. There will be a category for small animal/dog outfit creations. The fair also has kids' games, a cake walk and a chicken BBQ. All Marin County 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate.



Skye and Liam McCormick



Jasmine Sagebiel

Food Safety Education

Each Marin County 4-H family will receive a food safety brochure entitled "Make it Safe, Keep it Safe". The brochure outlines basic principles of safe food preparation and service, to reduce food borne illness. Each club needs to have at least one leader who has participated in a food safety education program. In addition to national certification programs, UCCE makes "Make it Safe, Keep it Safe" available face-to-face and online at: <http://groups.ucanr.org/foodsafetyvolunteer>. The online version has a quiz and participants will be notified of their certification. If you have questions or would like to participate in a training, please contact the 4-H office.

Scholarships and Grants

Visit the State 4-H website at <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu> to find a variety of statewide 4-H scholarships offered to 4-H high school students. The deadline to apply for most statewide scholarships is April 30, 2009. If youth need assistance with the application process or letters of recommendation, contact Cindy Jensen at the 4-H office: 499-4207.

Marin County 4-H Youth Boat Project

We are beginning the 2nd year of the youth boatbuilding and sailing project. Once again, we are collaborating with The Spaulding Wooden Boat Center and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Marin to offer the project to youth in Marin County. The project will begin with basic woodworking skills. The classes will take place on Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. Classes will be held March 21–April 11. The boatbuilding session will begin April 25th and continue throughout the summer on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The project will conclude with a sailing session that will take place August 22-September 19. The Spaulding Center will host an Open House on Saturday, March 14th to introduce members to the project.



Quality Assurance & Ethics Youth Training

The training will take place on Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4-H youth intending to show animals at upcoming fairs will be expected to take this training for participation in county fairs. This is a policy at the California State Fair and will soon be implemented for all county fairs. 4-H youth members should plan to attend this training. Please contact the 4-H office at 499-4207 to reserve a space.



You See Davis Days

The collegiate 4-H club at UC Davis is pleased to present “4-H You See Davis Days”, April 16th–18th, for high school students. This three-day event is an opportunity for participants to experience college life at UC Davis. High school 4-H members will have the chance to attend classes, tour the campus, meet with admissions advisors, explore Greek life, experience the food, dorms, and other highlights of college life. The cost for this event is \$55.00.

Register Now– space is limited. Registration information is available on-line at: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm>. Registration deadline is Monday March 16, 2009.

Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Attended the Presentation/ Favorite Foods Day event	3	Gave a Presentation at Presentation/Favorite Foods Day	6
Gave a prepared talk at your local club meeting	6	Carried out a planned community service project with your club	5
Performed in a play or musical at your school	8	Served as a committee chair or member for a club event	4

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