



May 2009

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4-H Camp Staff
Training
Las Posadas
Saturday, May 2

Nicasio-Tri-Valley
4-H Fair
Sunday, May 3

West Marin
4-H Fair
Saturday, June 6

Sonoma-Marin
Fair
June 24-28

Marin County Fair
July 1-5

May 2 Camp Staff Training, Las Posadas, Angwin
 May 3 Nicasio-Tri-Valley 4-H Fair, Marin French Cheese Co.
 May 7 Record Book workshop, 6:30 p.m. 4-H office
 May 12 County 4-H Council Meeting, Pt. Reyes Fire Station
 May 14 Marin County Fair entry deadline
 May 15 Horse Council Spring Trail Ride , Dickson Ranch
 May 22 Dairy Replacement Heifer Scholarship applications due
 May 22 Sonoma-Marin Fair entry deadline
 May 24 State Presentation Day registration deadline
 May 27 West Marin Fair entry deadline
 May 29 Sonoma County Fair Flower Show Scholarships due
 May 30 State 4-H Field Day, UC Davis Campus
 May 31 4-H Golden Clover Award, nominations due
 June 6 West Marin 4-H Fair, Dance Palace, Pt. Reyes
 June 7 Western Weekend Parade, Pt. Reyes
 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 25-28 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 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



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Sonoma-Marin Fair

This year's theme is "Saddle up for Fun!" It is the 70th anniversary of the Sonoma-Marin 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. Deadline for entries is Friday, May 22, 2009. For more information contact the Petaluma Fairgrounds at (707) 283-3247.

The fair will feature special events such as Diaper Derby, Coloring Contests, and the World's Ugliest Dog Contest.



Golden Clover Award

Nominate a 4-H member, volunteer, or group for a 2009 4-H Golden Clover Award! Awards recognize outstanding 4-H achievement! Recipients receive \$500, a medallion, pin, and statewide recognition. Applications are due by May 31, 2009. Information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/>.



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. Fair premium books along with entry forms are available at marinfair.org. There are many fun new things to see at the fair this year. There will also be some great entertainment. New this year is the Electric Wheels car show, Junior Star Search, Hip Hop and Break Dance competition, poetry slam and much more. The Marin Master Gardeners are co-sponsoring a new herb garden contest. Entries are due Thursday, May 14th. No late entries will be accepted. The Junior Dairy show will take place on Thursday, July 2nd. The Junior Horse Show will be held on Friday July 3rd and the **new** dog showmanship competition will be held on Friday, July 3rd.



Statewide 4-H News

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 judging contests, 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/>. Participants must register for events online at <http://ucanr.org/sfr2009>. Deadline for State Presentation Day is Wednesday, May 24th.

Sectional Presentation Day

Congratulations to the Marin County 4-H members who competed at Sectional Presentation Day at UC Davis. Liam and Skye McCormick from the San Rafael 4-H club received a Gold Award for their Cultural Arts performance Irish Dance. Jenna Magner from the Indian Valley 4-H club received a Blue Award for her presentation on "Basic Rabbit Care" and Megan Sintef from Nicasio 4-H club received a Blue Award for her presentation, "How to Prepare a Chick for Show."

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/>.





County and Club News

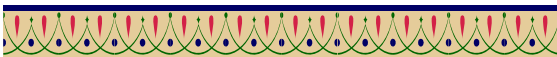


Nicasio- Tri-Valley Fair

This 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 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. Still exhibits must be in place by 9:30 a.m. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Workshops will begin at 9:30 a.m. The fair also has youth games and a cake walk. The chicken BBQ will begin at 11:30 a.m. All Marin County 4-H clubs are welcome to participate. For more information contact the 4-H office at 499- 4207.

West 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, poultry, and a 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 is inviting 4-H alumni to share their 4-H memorabilia and projects from past years. The Pt. Reyes-Olema 4-H club will host a food booth. Fair books, registrations, and medical forms are available on the website at: [ce-mar.mar.ucdavis.edu](http://cemar.mar.ucdavis.edu), under Upcoming Events. Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 27th.



The Tri-Valley 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 13th. The Rabbit Project group gave a demonstration report on rabbits. The group talked about different breeds of rabbit. The club also discussed the upcoming Nicasio-Tri-Valley Fair, where members will be displaying their projects as well as their livestock on May 3 at the Marin French Cheese Company. *Alyssa Curtis*

Scholarship Applications

The Marin County 4-H Council is offering up to \$2500 in scholarship funds. Current high school 4-H members and former 4-H members who have graduated in the past two years are eligible and may apply for the Marin County 4-H scholarships. Applications are available on the Marin County 4-H website at <http://cemar.mar.ucdavis.edu> and are due to the Marin County 4-H office by Friday, May 8, 2009. No late applications will be accepted. Scholarship recipients will be notified in June. For more information contact the 4-H office at 499-4207.



Marin County 4-H Council Meeting

The Marin County 4-H Council will hold its last meeting of the 2008-2009 program year on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Pt. Reyes. There will be a pot luck dinner prior to the meeting. Each club representative is responsible for bringing something to share. The 4-H Council will provide paper goods and drinks. The agenda will include planning for upcoming summer events, All-Star reports, scholarship applications and officer elections for the coming program year. Agenda items must be submitted to the 4-H office by Friday, May 8th.



California 4-H Online Enrollment

The new enrollment system is currently being used throughout the state. Beginning July 1, 2009, all 4-H members and leaders who will be participating in fairs or other 4-H activities over the summer must enroll on line. Information packets will be available from your club leader. Directions on enrolling are also available on the County 4-H website: <http://cemar.mar.ucdavis.edu> under Enrollment. For all member s 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 e-mail account provider. You will not be able to enter your information online without an e-mail address. For those 4-H families who do not have computer access, we still provide paper enrollment forms. If you have questions, please contact Cindy or Deborah at the 4-H office at 499-4207.

~ **Sonoma County Fair Flower Show Scholarship** The Sonoma County Fair & Exposition is offering scholarships from \$1000 to \$2500 to students studying at a 4-year university, or \$250 to \$500 to students entering or attending Santa Rosa JC. Applications are available at the 4-H office or by contacting the Sonoma County Fair. Applications are due to the entry office of the Sonoma County Fair by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 29th.



~ **Emerson Hogue Dairy Heifer Replacement Scholarship** High school seniors and college students under the age of 21 who have participated in the 4-H Dairy Heifer Replacement Program are eligible to apply for a \$500 Emerson Hogue Scholarship. Students must be entering a college or trade school in the fall. Applications are available at the 4-H office and are due to the 4-H Heifer Replacement Committee by Friday, May 22, 2009.

Fountain of Youth Facts

Retention of 4-H Teens- As individuals proceed toward adolescence and high school, their participation in youth programs declines dramatically. A look at early adolescence tells us youth leaving these programs to do something else is a part of the developmental process rather than a programming glitch. It does mean that youth organizations need to adjust their expectations for teen participation and remember that teens participate voluntarily. Youth organizations that are flexible and willing to make program changes to reflect changing teen interests/trends will continue to attract and retain participants. 9...to 11 years old comprise over half of the participants in 4-H, Scouts, and other youth organizations. 45...percent of new 4-H members became dropouts after the first year. 21...percent increase in the senior retention rate was noted after Extension personnel in Louisiana examined the issue of 4-H retention. A needs assessment identified topics that teens wanted more information about, topics such as careers, suicide, pregnancy, dating, teen years, fashion, and after high school opportunities. 40...to 50% of the new 4-H members dropped out during the first year. During the second year, 20% dropped out. But, if a family survived until the third year, they were more stable and tenure increased.

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Clean and Green Day

The Indian Valley 4-H Club participated in the annual Earth Day event on Saturday, April 25th. Members of the club picked up trash along a stretch of roadway along Indian Valley road.



Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Gave a prepared talk at your local club meeting	6	Carried out a planned community service project with your club	5
Served as a committee chair or member for a club event/fair	4	Attended local 4-H fair	3
Exhibited projects at local fair	2	Participated in an animal workshop at a local fair	3

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