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<p>Marin County 4-H Achievement Day October 5</p> <p>New Adult 4-H Leader Orientation Oct. 9 & Oct. 14</p> <p>4-H Club Officer Training October 14</p> <p>National 4-H Week October 5-11</p> <p>Tri-Valley Haunted House October 24, 25, 31</p>
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Sept.26-Oct.4	Stockton Rodeo, Stockton Arena
Sept. 30	Applications due for State Record Book Judging
Sept. 30	Junior Grand National Merit Award applications due
Oct. 3-5	California 4-H WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) Conference, Walker Creek Ranch
Oct. 4	Avian Science Day, UC Davis campus
Oct. 4-5	Shooting Sports, Archery Training, Clayton, CA
Oct. 5	Marin County 4-H Achievement Day, 2:00 p.m. West Marin School, Pt. Reyes
Oct. 5-11	National 4-H Week
Oct. 9	New leader orientation, 4-H office, Novato 10 a.m. - noon
Oct. 11-12	Shooting Sports Rifle Leader Training, Corona, CA
Oct. 14	Club officer training, 4-H office, Novato
Oct. 14	New leader orientation, 4-H office, Novato 7:15-9:00 p.m.
Oct. 18-19	Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Training, Ukiah
Oct. 24, 25	Tri-Valley 4-H Haunted House , Petaluma
Oct. 27	State Record books due to 4-H office
Oct. 31	Tri-Valley 4-H Haunted House , Petaluma
Nov. 3	Club enrollments and fees due to 4-H office
Nov.7-9	2008 4-H State Leaders Forum, Asilomar
Nov. 8-9	Shooting Sports Archery Training, Bakersfield, CA
Nov. 13	See's Candy orders due to the 4-H office
Nov.15	Marin County Leader training, 4-H office, Novato
Nov.15	All Breed Fur and Feather Show, Ventura County
Nov. 18	Pick up See's Candy orders 4-H office
Dec. 5-7	State Record Book Judging, Davis
Mar. 6-9	Western Regional Leaders Forum, Boise ID

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Statewide News

2009 Citizenship Study Travel Program

Washington Focus— is a program that provides an opportunity for California 4-H members and volunteer leaders to participate in the Citizenship program at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. During the program participants will look at the challenging issues facing our country today, take a look behind the scenes in our nation's capital and meet their legislators. This unique program combines educational workshops and simulations with field trips that will provide each delegate with a deeper understanding and appreciation of their American heritage. Enrollment is open to all adult 4-H leaders and youth members who have completed their sophomore year or are 16 years of age by the time of travel.

Washington Focus: Trip #1 Road to Democracy June 21-29, Heritage Trail II June 21– 27

Trip #2 Global Journey July 12-22, Heritage Trail II July 12-18

Fees: vary for length of trip and destinations.

California Focus— this 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 in California. Sacramento becomes a living classroom for this five-day action-packed adventure that allows delegates to experience state government. Legislative appointments at the Capitol will allow delegates to meet face-to-face with their senators and assembly persons to discuss current issues, learn how proposals are funded, and advocate for issues critical to them and their constituents.

California Focus: Sacramento June 26– 30 Fees: Teens \$495.00 Adults- \$590.00

Enrollment is open to all adult and youth members who have completed the 8th grade.

All information is available on line at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp> for California focus, deadline Jan. 16, 2009

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus/index.asp> for Washington focus, deadline Nov. 5, 2008

Online registration will open on October 1, 2008.



Volunteer Leader Website

The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4Hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu

State Record Book Competition

For youth choosing to participate in State Record Book competition, books must be complete and submitted to the Marin County 4-H office by Monday, October 27th. State record book judging will take place December 5-7 in Davis.



4-H Interstate Exchange

Lancaster County, PA 4-H Program is looking for an exchange with any interested California 4-H groups. Scenic Lancaster county is located in Amish country and situated close to Gettysburg and Washington D.C.. Contact Sharon Sherick at ssherick@dejazzd.com.

2008 State 4-H Leader's Forum

The Leader's Forum will be held on November 7-9 at Asilomar conference grounds. Workshops will support new leader development, technology, home arts, animal science and citizenship/life skills. This is a great opportunity to meet leaders from throughout the state. Forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conferecne/slf/2008%20state%204-%20Leaders%20Forum.pdf>.





County and Club News



Marin County 4-H Achievement Day

The annual Marin County 4-H Achievement Day will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at the West Marin School in Pt. Reyes. The event will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. All 4-H members and families are encouraged to attend this event where we award 4-H members who have participated throughout the past year in their club's activities and projects meetings, as well as leaders who have given much of their time to the 4-H program.

Along with the volunteer leader awards we will be honoring Doris Mendoza, one of our long-time 4-H leaders. 4-H members are expected to dress in white shirt, hat, and scarf or tie. Members' families are asked to bring some cookies or snacks for after the event. Contact the 4-H office for more information 499- 4207.



National 4-H Week

National 4-H week is October 5-11. Each club should begin thinking about how they are going to promote 4-H and their club in their communities. You may need to reserve a space at the library or store front for your 4-H display. Promote your club at your local school or church. Invite a friend to your club meeting, post club flyers at schools, post offices, & public buildings. Put a short article in a local newspaper with dates and times of your club meetings. Wear your 4-H hat or club tee shirt to a local event. Ask your local farmers market organizer if you could set up a small booth to set up a poster board, have flyers available for hand out, talk with the public about your projects and the community service you do.



The 4-H Million Tree Project

As your club begins planning for community service projects for the coming year, you may want to consider Project Million Trees. It is a great community service project which will help counter the affects of global warming. The goal is to mobilize millions of 4-H youth across the U.S. to plant 1,000,000 trees across the nation to help reduce atmospheric CO2. So far over 20,00 trees have been planted by over 6,600 youth in 26 states. If your club would like to participate, visit the website at www.4hmilliontrees.org and register. Then visit <http://www.arborday.org/Shopping/Memberships/4h/> to become Arbor Day members and receive twelve trees at \$1 each. Trees will be available in the fall for planting in California.



See's Candy Fundraiser

Marin County 4-H program will begin its annual See's candy fundraiser. All 4-H members are encouraged to participate. Candy orders are due to the 4-H office by November 13th.



County-wide Leader Training

The 4-H staff is hosting a county-wide leader training which will be held on Saturday, November 15th at the 4-H office in Novato. There will be a short training on the new 4-H online enrollment system that we will begin using next year. This system will allow adults and youth members to enroll online, and will eliminate some of the paperwork that is required. 4-H staff will offer modules from the Leader's Digest on ages & stages, project planning, project meetings, and leadership, life skills and citizenship. Leaders will share in some games that help promote teamwork within club and project meetings. We will also have a session on quality assurance and ethics, which will be required for anyone entering animals in the fair, as well as a short session on food safety. Registration forms will be available in October. We encourage all club and project leaders to attend this training. For more information please contact Cindy Jensen at 499- 4207.

Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

Archery certification workshop: Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, Clayton, CA

Rifle discipline workshop: Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12, Corona, CA

Muzzle Loading discipline workshop: Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, Bakersfield, CA

Shotgun discipline workshop: Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, Ukiah, CA

Most courses are offered several times during the year. Courses are generally two days. Fees vary with the course. Overnight accommodations are available for all workshops. Contact the 4-H office for additional information and registration forms at 499-4207. Register early for workshops as there are a limited number of spaces available.



Fountain of Youth Facts

Youth Education and Civic engagement. Civic education is no longer a priority in California's overburdened public schools. Studies find that most students lack a proficient understanding of civics, U.S. history, or the constitution. 75.....percent of 15-25 year olds said the most common themes in Government, Civics and American History classes are the Constitution and how the U.S. system of government works.

9.....out of 10 Americans say that it is important for high schools to teach civics and government.

66.....percent of 15- 25 year olds support the idea of mandatory civics classes in high school and middle school.

55.....percent of young adults oppose requiring community service in order to graduate from high school.

81....percent of young adults favor a year of national or community service to earn money towards college or advanced training.

These statistics can be found at <http://www.civicyouth.org/research/products/data.htm>.

Ben & Jerry's Foundation

Is offering grant funds of varying amounts to organizations that seek to create social change and exemplify problem solving.

For more information visit:

www.benjerry.com/foundation/guidelines.

Horse Council Fundraiser

The Marin Horse Council will sponsor its annual Trail Ride & BBQ fundraiser. The event happens on Saturday, October 4. The ride begins at Presidio Riding Club in Sausalito. Riders will experience magnificent trails with vistas of the Pacific Ocean, watch the seabirds soar and the waves crash. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.; the ride departs at 9:30 a.m., followed by a BBQ lunch from 1:00- 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for youth. All donations are tax deductible. For more information contact Marin Horse Council at 259-5783.

Update your PDR

<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Area</u>
Submitted news article about your 4-H club	6	Wore your 4-H hat or tee-shirt to school	6
Attended Achievement Day	3	Presented awards at Achievement Day	4
Visited a nursing home	5	Received Medalist award for record book competition	7
Received County winner award in record book competition	7		

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