



4-H Spirit



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Newsletter

October 2009

4-H Achievement Night Slated for October 17



Mark your calendars for the annual 4-H Achievement Night slated for Saturday, October 17 with dinner at 5:30p at the New Life Christian Fellowship Gym. The Achievement Night committee is planning a great evening. The theme is "4-H Goes Hawaiian." 4-H Council will provide dinner and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert and salad to share with others along with their own place settings.

Clubs, don't forget the Table Decorating Contest! You need to bring a table just in case there are no extras. Club tables can be set-up between the hours of 3:30p-5p. Tables must be finished by 5p. Here is the criteria:

- ◆ No adults working on table-members only
- ◆ Only use current year achievements
- ◆ Incorporate theme of Achievement Night
- ◆ To be finished within 30 minutes before Achievement Night dinner begins
- ◆ Limited to one provided table

Again there will be a great Silent Auction!! So far we have a night stay at the Narrow Gauge Inn, whitewater rafting trip for two, In-n-Out t-shirts, Fresno Grizzlie tickets, and more. If you know of anyone that would like to donate something, drop by the office for a donation slip. Ask your friends and relatives to come and bid on the silent auction items and to watch the ceremony. Remember, this is a fundraiser for our 4-H Council!!

**Mark your calendars for Saturday,
October 17 for a fun 4-H evening!!**

LCORT 2010 NEWS

Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger will be the location for LCORT slated for January 29-31, 2010. This year's theme is "Life is not a Dress Rehearsal... Take the Leading Role". Cost is \$105 per delegate. 7th-9th graders can attend with the 10th-12th graders presenting the workshops.

Chaperones of both genders are needed for this event. Must be of 21 and older and be a certified 4-H leader.

Registration forms are now available at the office and club meetings. **Registrations along with fee are due into the office by November 16 by 5p. Make checks payable to "4-H Council".**



Food Safety Workshop Slated for November 4

On Wednesday, November 4, at the UC Office there will be a Food Safety Workshop from 6-8p given by Margaret Collins, UC Nutrition Consumer Science Advisor. We need at least 8 people to attend this workshop from the Mariposa County 4-H Clubs or other interested parties. **For 4-H food fundraisers this workshop is necessary.** Adult leaders or older members can attend. ***Please contact Donna by October 29 if attending so enough supplies will be available.***



Happy Autumn!

HIGHLIGHTS

**All-Star & Emerald Star
Information**

Volunteer Training

Projects Available

Volunteer Jobs Available

Animal Loans

4-H Council has animal loans available to help purchase your first animal. A member may receive a livestock loan one time only.

If you need monies for your first animal, applications for this loan will be available at the Mariposa UCCE Office October 13 and will be due into the office by November 15, 2009.

New Leader and Community Club Leader Orientation Dates

Scheduled for October 14 at 5:30p or October 27 at 4p are the new leader orientations. **If you are a new leader, please RSVP by October 3 on which orientation you will be at.** The orientation takes approximately two hours. **For the new Community Club leaders, an additional half hour is needed.**

All new leaders must attend this orientation, be fingerprinted, and be approved by the County Director before having any project meetings.

Fair Board Suggestions & Fair Theme Contest

If you have any suggestions for next year's Mariposa County Fair, please have any suggestions/comments to the fair office by December 31. Your suggestions must be in writing.

If you have any suggestions for the Junior Livestock Auction Committee, write letters to President Amy Gibson c/o the fair office.

November 19 by 5p is the deadline for the 2010 Mariposa County Fair theme contest. You can drop off at the fair office or mail your ideas.



4-H Projects for the 2009-10 program year as of 9/25/09-

For Regular members– ages 9-18 (as of Dec. 31)

Beef
Guide Dogs/Service animals
Archery
Silversmithing- limit 6 (age 13 & up)
Jewelry-limit 12 (age 11 & up)
Horses & Ponies- limit 15
Rabbits/Cavies
Hi 4-H- 7th grade & up
Swine (Triangle)
Sheep (Catheys Valley)
Sheep (Triangle)
Poultry- (Bootjack)
Poultry (Triangle)
Rocketry
Public Speaking/Presentation Project
Goats- meat, dairy, pygmy
Vegetable Gardening
Cake decorating– advance, intermediate and beginning
Self-Defense
Fly Fishing
Sewing (limit 8)
Shooting Sports
Citizenship
Food Preservation– NEW (limit 8)
Junior Master Gardener– NEW (grades 2 & up) need 5
Teen Camp Counselor– NEW (high school age)

Primary members- ages 5-8 (must be 5 by)

Rabbits/Cavies
Vegetable Gardening
Clover buds- (Beginning 4-H)
Poultry
Pygmy goats
Rocketry
Junior Master Gardener– NEW (grades 2 & up) need 5

**Don Pedro Club-
For regular members**

Rabbits/Cavies
Food & Nutrition
Sewing
Horse
Poultry

Primary members-

Rabbits/Cavies
Food & Nutrition
Poultry

HAVE YOUR FRIENDS JOIN 4-H TODAY!

**THERE ARE NEW 4-H PROJECTS, CAMPS,
CONFERENCES TO ENJOY AND HAVE FUN!**

4-H COUNCIL, CLUB & PROJECT NEWS

Hi 4-H

If you are in 7th grade & up, Hi 4-H would like to have you join! This group does a variety of things such as fundraising, community service, has career speakers, take college trips, and a special end-of-year trip.

The first meeting for the 2009-10 year will be Monday, October 5 at 4:00p at the office. Hope to see you there.

4-H State News

- **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery** A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in Modesto, CA on Saturday, **November 7**, 8 AM - 4 PM and Sunday, **November 8**, 8 AM - 2 PM. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. The course will be held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall Room E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto. The cost will be \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and class materials. For more information, contact Dan Burner 209-874-2732 (evenings) or dan_burner@yahoo.com. Fees are due by **October 23**, 2009 and can be submitted to Dan Burner, P.O. Box 829, Waterford, CA 95386.
- **4-H National Youth Science Day on October 7, 2009!** The 2009 4-H National Youth Science Experiment - "Biofuel Blast" - will engage youth in important environmental issues our global community faces together and the opportunity available for a greener tomorrow. As our nation grapples with important environmental issues such as global warming, sustainability and energy independence, "biofuels" -sources of energy obtained from recently harvested plant materials- are at the forefront of the discussion of alternative energy sources. **This event is a great way to publicize 4-H and 4-H SET!** Download your 4-H National Youth Science Day **experiment guide, facilitator guide and media toolkits** at <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/>.
- Dates have been set for the **2010 Citizenship Focus Program**. Come participate in hands-on programs that bring government and policy issues to life and help you get involved in your own community. **California Focus** June 25-29, 2010 <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/> Washington Focus I Road to Democracy, June 27-July 5, 2010 Heritage Trail, I June 27-July 3, 2009 Washington Focus II Global Journey, July 11-21, 2010 Heritage Trail II, July 11-17, 2010 <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus/> For more information, contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.
- The **California International Exchange Program** will offer **outbound programs** to Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan during the summer of 2009. Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 2010**. An interview with the California 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, Pat English, is required. For more information contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.
- "What's in YOUR Closet?" the **4-H State Fashion Revue**, will be Saturday, **May 29, 2010** as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. For counties and families planning their calendars, online registration will be due by May 10. Be sure to pick up a copy of Simplicity pattern # 4762, which is our Challenge Vest pattern. All 4-H members and adults are encouraged to participate in a new service activity, Hats Off for Kindness. Create a soft hat for a cancer patient by sewing, knitting, or crocheting. Please leave off floppy flowers, hard edges or attachments. For pattern ideas check out <http://brimmingwithlove.com/patterns.html>. All hat makers are invited to model their creations on stage before the SFR fashion show, but if you are a SFR participant you'll need a substitute model. We hope to collect at least 250 hats. For Hats Off information contact Rachael Gross at kandragross@sbcglobal.net. For State Fashion Revue information, contact Sue Moore samoore@ucdavis.edu or see <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

4-H SUPPLIES

The UCCE Office has 4-H supplies. The cost for the various items are:

Scarf	\$12.50
Scarf kit	7.00
Hat	11.50
Tie	9.50
Chevron	1.50
Binder	3.50



For Future All-Star & Emerald Star Applicants

For interested 4-H members 9th grade & up with their gold star, and three years of 4-H experience and working towards their platinum star. All-Star applications are now available at the office or at club meetings. Applications are due into the UCCE Office by November 15, 2009.

Emerald Star applications will also be available to 7th grade & up members who have their Bronze star and have been Junior/Teen Leaders. Start thinking about your great Emerald Star project. Talk with your leaders, parents, or contact Donna at the UCCE office to get some project ideas. These are also due November 15, 2009.

Mariposa County 4-H Policies

- ◆ The 4-H club year in Mariposa is October 1-Sept. 30
- ◆ Members may transfer clubs only once during the program year
- ◆ Re-enrolled Members must be enrolled in a project by October 1 and New Members by November 1 for 2010 fair. Can change or add projects by December 15.
- ◆ Each club must send the Community Club Leader and project leaders to the CCL / Project leader Workshops
- ◆ New leaders must attend an orientation, be fingerprinted and be approved by County Director before having project meetings
- ◆ Section 800 'Child Safety Policy'— all projects Must have two certified volunteer leaders or either one certified volunteer leader and a parent at each project meeting.
- ◆ There must be a minimum of six one hour meetings with a minimum of 10 hours of instruction for all projects during the program year
- ◆ Clubs must submit budget/planning & constitution/by-laws by November 15 to the UCCE Office for approval
- ◆ Clubs Community Club Leader must submit an All Reasonable Efforts form along with flyers, photos, etc. by September 30 to the office.
- ◆ Members must maintain 80% attendance requirement at club & project meetings, do a presentation in front of their project group by July 15 & have their project record form current to show at fair. Completed record books due to CCL at their September club meeting or required date.
- ◆ A member may visit another club only twice during the program year. The member must have the 'interclub slip' signed by visiting Community Club Leader and taken to own CCL to receive credit for that meeting
- ◆ Uniform to be worn at 4-H events and fairs is *Dark* blue jeans, white blouse/shirt with sleeves and tucked in, 4-H hat, scarf or tie. For competition, a belt matching the color of shoes is encouraged.
- ◆ If members decide to transfer from 4-H to either independent or FFA, they **MUST** contact the UCCE office 60 days before fair for all projects or 120 days for beef. This is a requirement to sell at 2010 fairs.

(See enclosed agreement for fairs)

Who Pays for Project Materials & Supplies?

The project leader should figure the overall cost of the project (publication fees, duplicating costs, project material cost, etc.). The members should be charged accordingly to cover these costs or have the member purchase their own curriculum through the 4-H catalog. If leaders collect money from members, they must give a receipt to the member for that amount. **Remember, that non-4-H curriculum must be approved by the 4-H staff before sharing it with the 4-H youth.**

A project leader cannot charge for their services, lessons, or rental as 4-H is a volunteer organization. Any situation where an adult charges a fee for the above is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance. Also, the 4-H youth are not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance in this situation.

*People grow through experiences
if they meet life honestly and
courageously. This is how
character is built.*

Eleanor Roosevelt

4-H Volunteer Leaders and UC Non-Discrimination Policy

Volunteers must follow UC Non-Discrimination guidelines, just as if they were UC employees. Being a volunteer means that you are an agent of the University, even though you are not an “employee”.

UC does have a Non-Discrimination Policy. 4-H volunteers can find the 4-H Non-Discrimination Policy in the 4-H Handbook Section 500 at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/handbook/index.asp> or pick-up a copy at the UCCE office.

PDR Corner

The 2008-09 year has ended and all record books should have been turned in to your Community Club Leaders. All record books should have been handed in to your CCL by September 18th to be eligible for county awards. **All records books must be turned in by September 30th to complete this project year and to receive your stripe and year pin and to be eligible for 2010 fairs.**

The new program year will begin October 1st and it is time once again to keep track of your 4-H activities. The easiest way to keep track is using a calendar. Place a calendar in your bedroom and every time you attend a 4-H activity, go to a project meeting, etc., write it down on your calendar and then transfer it over to your PDR as the year goes on. Don't wait to do your project record forms and PDR at the last minute. If you plan on trying to earn a county award, remember to use ink or type your forms.

All Mariposa County project record forms are available on our county website–
http://cemariposa.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Mariposa_County_Project_Forms_and_more.htm



EVERGREEN 4-H CLUB NEEDS CLUB LEADER

The Evergreen 4-H Club in the Lushmeadows area needs a Community Club Leader or the club will dissolve as of October 30. This club started in 1999 and would hate to see it close due to no leader.

If you are interested in this job, please contact Donna ASAP to go through the new leader training.

Agreement Signed Between 4-H, FFA, Grange, and The California Dept. of Food & Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions

TO: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIRECTORS AND 4-H YOUTH ADVISORS, AGRICULTURE TEACHERS/FFA ADVISORS, GRANGE YOUTH FAIR LEADERS, AND FAIR AND EXPOSITION ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF.

To maintain the fine statewide cooperation that now exists between Cooperative Extension, high school agriculture education departments, the California State Grange, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions it is essential that all staff members, leaders and advisors in these organizations and agencies be informed of the joint policy governing ownership/entrepreneurial projects and enrollment of youth who participate in fairs and expositions as members of the 4-H, FFA, Grange, or as independent exhibitors. We hope that all leaders, staff teachers/advisors, fair and exposition officials, and members/exhibitors will observe these policies so that the best interests of all organizations and the member/exhibitors are served educationally.

The 4-H, FFA, and Grange organizations recognize the role of the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions to establish and enforce state rules for educational and fair competition at California fairs. These organizations recommend to the Division of Fairs and Expositions that the content of this agreement be supported in the "State Rules for California Fairs" and that equitable rules be included for independent exhibitors. We recommend that the content of this agreement be used as a basis for rule development and enforcement at all endorsed fairs and expositions or other sponsored events.

None of the organizations, publicly or privately supported, have the right to determine the extent to which an individual can participate in projects whether as a member of an organization or independent provided the minimum requirements are met for supervised project work. The member and parents should determine what projects should be undertaken in each organization or independently. The agriculture instructor, the 4-H leader, nor the Grange leader should discourage the member from following the choice agreed upon by the member and parents.

It is agreed that when an individual belongs to more than one organization, or exhibits as an independent, he/she must carry a different ownership/entrepreneurial project in each organization/independent. To further clarify this policy, when a member maintains projects in 4-H, FFA, Grange, or independently, the projects may not be in the same kind of livestock or crop production classification. "Production classifications" refers to the grouping of livestock and crops with consideration given to their production type and usage not simply by species. For example, a beef project in FFA and a sheep project in 4-H would be acceptable since these two projects are both different species and produce a different commodity, but a beef breeding project in FFA and a beef market project in 4-H would not be acceptable since they are of the same species and produce the same commodity of beef; even if the animals were of different breeds. A further example of a project of the same specie but different production type would be a dairy goat project in Grange and a meat goat project in 4-H that would be acceptable since the production of milk versus meat is clearly different. To assist in determining whether the projects are to be considered "different" and may be carried in the different organizations or independently see attached Addendum 1 for a listing of projects production classifications that have been agreed upon for administration of this agreement. The addendum does not address "projects" which are non-ownership/work experience in nature or involve participation in leadership development activities and events such as public speaking, parliamentary procedure, or judging contests, which are not covered by this agreement.

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A member of an FFA chapter, Grange, or 4-H unit (club, group, etc.), or independent exhibitor may transfer projects from one organization/independent to another only once during a calendar year. All transfers must include official notification by the member to the organizations involved of their desire to drop and/or add a project and take place at a time that would allow for the supervision of the project by the respective organization/independent. Transfers must take place not less than 60 days, (or the number of days required for the ownership and supervision of respective species whichever is greater), prior to the exhibit or award recognition of the project. For additional detail regarding agreement for members transferring projects from 4-H or Grange to FFA when entering the ninth grade, refer to Addendum 1(see below). To be able to show a project at an endorsed fair, exposition, or other sponsored event, it must be owned and supervised according to the following requirements:

Poultry – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Rabbits – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

All feeder and breeding animals (except rabbits, poultry and horses) must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market sheep, swine, veal, and goats – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 consecutive days.

Market beef – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

Horses – must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

We are in agreement that members are expected to care for, prepare for show, and exhibit their own animals while at the fair or livestock show. However, because of the educational nature of livestock shows, it is appropriate on occasion for parents, leaders, or other youth eligible to exhibit at that show to provide assistance. Assistance should always be given only when the exhibitor is present and actively engaged.

Separate classes for 4-H, FFA, Grange, and independents should be maintained and strengthened. However, we recognize that in some circumstances combined classes may be appropriate. When combined classes are established, that decision should be reached with input and agreement by 4-H, FFA, Grange, and independent representatives participating in the affected show.

We are in agreement that 4-H, FFA, Grange, and the Division of Fairs and Expositions will unite in an effort to support the ethical and humane treatment of all animals at fairs and expositions and in the production of a healthy and safe food supply. We also agree to reinforce the educational emphasis of competitive programs for plants and animals, and maintain the standards of integrity of all participants while attending endorsed fairs and expositions or other sponsored events.

Addendum #1

Students desiring to transfer projects to FFA must notify both the FFA Advisor and the 4-H or Grange project leader of their intent to transfer and drop/add their project of time not less than the period required for ownership and supervision of that project. To be eligible to be a member of FFA and exhibit a project under FFA a student must: 1) be pre-enrolled in an agriculture education course, 2) be affiliated with the State FFA organization, 3) be legal owner of the project and be supervised by the FFA Advisor for the period of time required by agreement for this project production classification, 4) keep records of conduct of the project, and 5) received promotion from eighth to ninth grade. Under this agreement students can transfer projects for FFA and drop them from 4-H or Grange prior to completion of the eighth grade. Under no circumstances however, may a student exhibit as an FFA member prior to official completion of the eighth grade.

This agreement became effective on July 1, 2005, and remains in effect indefinitely until modified or terminated by mutual consent.

Mariposa County 4-H Development Program Volunteer Opportunities

4-H is not just for the member, but is a family affair! Please indicate your interest with a check mark in the appropriate column in assisting the Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Program. For information on a particular program, contact the UCCE office for more details at 966-4829.
Please return by November 15th.

In-County	Serve on Committee	Helper or Chaperone
Community Service	_____	_____
Finance/Fund Raising	_____	_____
Dinner (fundraiser)	_____	_____
Program Planning Committee	_____	_____
Expansion/Review Committee	_____	_____
Weekend in the Country	_____	_____
Fashion Revue	_____	_____
Judging Day	_____	_____
Career Days	_____	_____
4-H Dances	_____	_____
Camp Tweety	_____	_____
Achievement Night	_____	_____
Presentation/Favorite Foods Day	_____	_____
Public Relation/Recruitment	_____	_____
County Fun Days	_____	_____
Council officer	_____	_____
Out of County		
Summer Camps	_____	_____
Regional Leadership Conference	_____	_____
State Leadership Conference	_____	_____
Judging Activities	_____	_____
Regional Presentation Day	_____	_____
Regional Council Meetings	_____	_____
Regional Fashion Revue	_____	_____
LCORT	_____	_____
Chaperone	_____	_____

Name _____ Club _____

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Thanks for your help!!

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<http://ca4h.org>

Donna Wice
4-H Coordinator



October 2009

2-3	County Record book judging
4-10	National 4-H Week
5	Hi 4-H Meeting– 4:00p at office
8	Bootjack 49ers Club Meeting-6p Triangle 4-H Club Meeting-7p
12	Columbus Day– Office Closed Don Pedro Rattlers Club meeting-6:30p
14	New Leader Training-5:30p office Catheys Valley 4_H Club Meeting-7p
17	4-H Achievement Night-5:30p
27	4-H Council Meeting– 6:00p New Leader Training-4p office
31	Halloween– HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

November 2009

2	Hi 4-H meeting– 4:30p UCCE office
9	Don Pedro Rattlers meeting– 6:30p
11	Catheys Valley Club meeting– 7p
12	Bootjack 49ers Club meeting– 6p Triangle Club Meeting-7p
16	LCORT registrations & fees due
18	4-H Council meeting– 6p
26-27	Office closed-Thanksgiving



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