

# 4-H Club Notes

Madera County

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## Madera County 4-H in Full Swing for 2012

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### Favorite Foods Day and Consumer Science Judging Day Scheduled

Favorite Foods Day and Consumer Science Judging will be held Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Life Change Community Church, in Chowchilla, 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please refer to the Favorite Foods Day flyer (November Club Notes) for guidelines and categories.

### Education-Related Special Awards for Favorite Foods Day

The special awards again this year will consist of : \$25 gift certificate for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$15 gift certificate 2nd, and \$10 gift certificate 3rd place prizes to participants. Your project must have an education related topic associated with the entry. Math, history, science, reading, etc. should be reflected in the entry. Please make the association to education and your project clear for the judges to see.

### Guidelines for Consumer Science Judging

During Favorite Foods Day judging members, leaders and mini members may participate in a Consumer Science Judging Contest.

- \$2 entry fee per member
- One entry per category.
- Pre-entry not required
- Bring a pencil.
- First, second and third place medals will be awarded in the junior, intermediate and senior age divisions: mini-members will receive participant ribbons. Study guides are available at the 4-H Office: citrus and vegetables. Vegetable classes may include potatoes, carrots, broccoli, onions and lettuce.
- There will be a workshop on judging meats at the Consumer Science Judging.
- Information on giving reasons is included in the vegetable study guide.

### Small Animal and Livestock Committee Meetings

The Small Animal Committee will meet Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Demo Bldg. Each club **must** be represented.

The Livestock Committee will meet Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Demo bldg. Each club **must** be represented.

### Chowchilla Steer Weigh-In

Date: Saturday, January 28, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
Where: Producers Livestock in Madera

If you have any questions please call the Chowchilla Fair Office at (559) 665-3728.

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*Jillian Milam Barden*

4-H Program Representative



We earned \$385.84 of free money!  
Thank you all for using your Save Mart Shares cards in the third quarter of 2011. Call the office to get yours.

## 2012 Camp Dates

Camp has been scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> -June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please make note of this as counselors will arrive on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> with campers arriving on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and everyone leaving camp on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The **2012 California Camping Conference**, planned for **March 23-25, 2012** at YMCA Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA, inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. The weekend conference offers staff, volunteers, and teen leaders the opportunity to learn new practices, acquire new skills, and network with others from all over the state. One of our key presenters will be Dr. Jim Cain who is an innovator in team building and author of several books including *Raccoon Circles* and *Teamwork & Teampplay*. The fee is \$130 per person and includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials. The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. If you plan to take the archery certification there is an additional \$30 fee for class material. Archery is a full twelve hour course. For more information about the conference visit the 4-H Camp website at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Camps/Conference/>  
To register online visit:  
<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7206>.

Congratulations to Kyle Garrison & Ryan Ylarregui! Kyle Garrison was State Recordbook Winner in Aerospace & Rocketry and Ryan Ylarregui received a merit recognition for his Poultry Recordbook. Both should be commended on their hardwork.



### 4-H Levels of Membership

Primary (Mini) Members must be 7 years old or in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (Madera County) as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Program year. The only approved animal projects for primary members are dogs, rabbits, rats, cats, poultry, caviars, mice, embryology, entomology, marine science, pygmy goats, and therapeutic animal projects.

Junior, Intermediate & Senior must be 9 years old or in 4<sup>th</sup> grade by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the Program year. For home schooled children, the age criteria **only** will apply.

Calling all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students! The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual **Northcoast Youth Summit, "Target Tomorrow"** will be held on February 11, 2012. All registration for this event must be completed by **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. A flyer for this event is available [here](#), and all event information can be found at: <http://ysummit.org/default.aspx>.

The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will hold its **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**. The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2012 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to [LINK](http://www.calaged.org/registration) <http://www.calaged.org/registration> Select the event (2012 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link "Get Access Code". Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes. After your chapter is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to "UC Regents" and mailed to:

Attn: Francesca Ross

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences  
One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616

#### Deadlines:

**November 14:** Registration opened

**February 10:** Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due

**February 10:** Registration closed

**February 17:** Payments must be postmarked – We are now enforcing a \$25 late fee for payments postmarked after the 17<sup>th</sup>. For questions email [fieldday@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fieldday@ucdavis.edu) or visit <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday>.

### \*\*\*\*\*Small Animal Expo Dates\*\*\*\*\*

Tests are due to the 4-H office Tuesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

Tests will be Wednesday 930am in the Small Animal moved to 10<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. to arrive at ups are scheduled to begin at 10:00am



corrected Feb 29<sup>th</sup> at Demo Building Expo has been Saturday, March Madera Volunteers need 9:30am and sign



## January 23 at 5:00pm

will be our first countywide Crochet project meeting. We will meet in the 4-H office conference room. Please bring a size H crochet hook and one small skein

of cotton yarn (your choice of color). The project is open to all ages of members. The project will be geared towards beginners. You will learn about hook sizes, yarn weights, different crochet stitches and how to read patterns.

### Out of County Trip Being Planned?

Out-of-County Trip Notifications must be submitted to the 4H Office 7-working days before the event for Jillian's review. A group must be supervised by a certified 4-H Volunteer Leader (1 leader per 10 members). Timely notification to the office in advance of the event is imperative for insurance coverage. These forms can be found on our website under Leader Resources [http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu/Youth\\_Development/](http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/)

**2012 Scholarships** - will be made available on our website the third week of January. Please check the deadlines and be sure to get them in on time. Also be sure to look on the State 4-H site to see what is open at that level. Most applications can be printed directly from the site. Make sure to give adequate time to those you are asking to write recommendations.



The countywide Floral Design project will have there next meeting in the Demo Building on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The following meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The kids will be working on a Valentines Day project. Contact Brittany Cavaletto with any questions at [bmc102691@yahoo.com](mailto:bmc102691@yahoo.com)

### Shooting Sports Leaders -

Mark Your Calendars! – A **State Shooting Sports Leader Meeting** will be held **April 28 & 29, 2012** at the Oakdale Sportsman's Club in Stanislaus County. There will be hands-on sampler sessions for adult and teen leaders as well as updates on policies and programs. More details will be provided in the next edition of Updates.

## 4-H Record Books

The California 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of record-keeping for 4-H members. In early 4-H history, Record Books focused on project profit and loss and other necessities for agricultural work. As 4-H moved from a primarily agricultural focus to encompassing suburban and urban clubs, the Record Book format changed. In the late 80's, the state level Record Book was reformatted to conform to national achievement (which was then eliminated in the early 90's) and the core values of the 4-H Youth Development Program. However, this left the California 4-H YDP with two different Record Book formats - local and state.

The Statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee has combined the local Record Book format (Personal Development Report) and the state level Project Competition format into an integrated California 4-H Record Book system. In the 21st century, practices must transform to meet the needs of a changing society: industrial agricultural practices have moved to computerized systems, and record-keeping has become streamlined. In order for the 4-H Record Book process to pilot youth into prepared and engaged partners within their communities, it needs to become modernized, streamlined, and relevant.

### The Purpose of Record Books:

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. While society has changed, so have the goals of 4-H record-keeping. 4-H Record Books allow 4-H members to reflect on their yearly work completed as well as maintain records of project and club work. 4-H members demonstrate growth and measure achievements across their years in 4-H.

In record-keeping, 4-H members develop the following life skills:

- Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work and school and community activities
- Keeping personal and business records
- Improving communication with other people
- Learning time management and organizational skills
- Learning responsibility and developing goal setting skills

4-H Record Books are an educational component of the 4-H Youth Development Program. They may not be required for 4-H membership nor for participation in 4-H activities such as club events and activities, earning a participation pin, or attending 4-H camps or conferences.

4-H Record Books may be required for some projects to show at county fairs or to receive participation awards (such as star ranking). In many clubs/units, counties and at state, 4-H members receive medals or pins for 4-H Record Book achievements.



## CALENDAR

### January

- 11 Small Animal Committee mtg. 6:00 p.m. Demo Building
- 11 Large Animal committee mtg. 7:00 p.m. Demo Building
- 21 Favorite Foods Day/Consumer Science Judging 9:30 a.m., Life Change Community Church, Chowchilla
- 23 Leaders Council mtg., 7:00 p.m. Demo Building
- 28 Chowchilla Fair Steer Weigh-in, 10-12, Producers Livestock in Madera
- 27-29 LCORT, Wonder Valley Ranch, Check in time: January 28, 6-9 pm

### February

- 1 Club enrollment due
- 7 Livestock tests available
- \*28 **Small Animal tests due**
- \*29 **Correct Small Animal tests 9:30am Demo Building**
- 27 Leaders Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., Demo bldg.
- 28 County Presentation Day entries due, 4-H Office

\* Notes change in dates from Yearly Planner

### Volunteer Leader Website

The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. 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](mailto:fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu)

### ***An Opportunity for 4-H Alumni or Collegiate Members***

The 2012 **California Focus** Program is looking for young adults ages 18-25 to fill **staff positions**. For young adults who enjoy planning and carrying out educational programs for high school students, this is the place to be. District Leader staff expand their skills while they participate in a valuable civic engagement program. The application is on-line at: [http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/District\\_Leader\\_Opportunity/](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/District_Leader_Opportunity/). The deadline for submission is **Monday, January 16, 2012**.

### **Act Out Loud Traffic Safety Contest**

Registration Deadline: January 31, 2012

Join youth across the country and **ACT OUT LOUD** for traffic safety. 4-H clubs and groups are invited to participate in the 2012 media contest that includes creating a t-shirt design, billboard and Facebook page dedicated to traffic safety. All teams that register for the contest will automatically receive free iTunes gift cards (while supplies last) and have the chance to win up to \$40,000 in prizes. Check out [www.actoutloud.org](http://www.actoutloud.org) and register your team today.

### **2012 State 4-H Field Day**

**May 26, 2012.** The event will include a variety of interests including presentation day, state fashion revue, a plant science contest and interview contest amongst many others. If you are interested in exhibiting at this annual event, click here <http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Programs/Events/SFD/> for more information on events offered and application. Applications due by April 1.

**2012 State 4-H Horse Events** The California Equine Education Field Day will be held in conjunction with State 4-H Field Day at UC Davis on May 26, 2012. Equine Educational Field Day will be held May 26-27. Please mark your calendars with these important dates and spread the word. If you have any questions please contact the office.

The Agriculture Council of America is seeking entries to the **2012 Ag Day Essay Contest**. High school students are invited to submit a 450 word written or two-minute video essay. The theme is "American Agriculture: Feeding the Future, Filling the Gaps." Due February 1, 2012 at <http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay/>

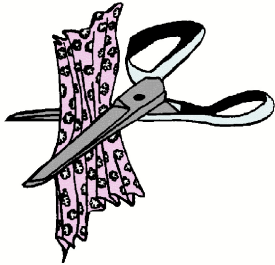
### **Special Recognition at 2012 State Presentation Day**

A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on healthy living. This year's focus area is healthy food. Potential topics may include USDA's MyPlate, serving sizes, sugar-sweetened beverages, nutrition facts labels, food groups, nutrients, and more. Visit [www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition\\_Opportunities](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities) for details.

**4-H Leaders, Members & Parents-** Club Notes are completely electronic. Since we have gone strictly to emailing our newsletter we have no space restrictions. We can include photos with our articles and use full color. If you have any 4-H News that you would like to submit for Club Notes please email it to [jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before you would like to see it.

**Club Reporters-** We would love to see a monthly article from you in Club Notes. Please write up a paragraph or two about the going ons in your club. Email it to us by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. We'd like to start this with our February Club Notes.

**Quilts for Wounded Warriors Service Project** is continuing for 2012 State Fashion Revue, as our American service personnel remain in harm's way. These quilts are given to the injured while they are in transport or in the hospital and are taken home upon their release. These labors of love will give comfort and awareness that people care as they connect with our soldiers and become a part of the healing process. State Fashion Revue (SFR) invites you to participate. You can make a completed quilt measuring gurneys and can choose to square(s), 12 1/2" x 12 1/2". Red, white, and blue fabrics are preferred. Over 60 quilts were completed in 2011 and our goal is to break that record this year. We are also accepting donations to help with the cost of finishing quilts. Bring your quilts or squares to SFR on May 26 at UC Davis or contact [teacher2@yahoo.com](mailto:teacher2@yahoo.com) or [maryengebret@comcast.net](mailto:maryengebret@comcast.net) for other options.



**Reminder to 4-H Leaders**

Leaders who have not yet been fingerprinted or have not been orientated as a leader cannot conduct meetings until this has been done. There is a fingerprint form that you will need to take with you when you get fingerprinted. You can pick this form up at the 4-H office. If you have not been orientated please call the 4-H office 675-7879 ext 202

**2012 4-H Camp**

Camp Keola at Huntington Lake will be the home of our 2012 Summer Camp.

The camp offers many water activities such as swimming, sailboats and paddle boats as well as basketball, archery, baseball and many of our traditional camp activities.

Counselors will arrive at camp on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> with Campers coming in the next day and a departure of Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Application Due Dates**

Teen Council - January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Adult, Junior & Assistant Counselors - February 7<sup>th</sup>

Campers - May 1<sup>st</sup>

**The cost of camp will be**

Campers \$275.00

Counselors \$150.00

Teen Council \$100.00

In 2012, California 4-H will provide an **outbound exchange to Japan**. Two programs are offered – a four week homestay program and an eight week program that includes a four week language development program and the four week homestay. Expand your world with an international exchange and increase your cultural competence skills while you have the time of your life. More information is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/>. Applications are due **Monday, January 16, 2012**. (Due to budget cuts, the additional exchange opportunities to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, and Norway have been suspended).

Once again this year we are helping out with **Scarves for Special Olympics**. There are several knit & crochet patterns along with guidelines on the website [www.scarvesforspecialolympics.org](http://www.scarvesforspecialolympics.org) Scarves will need to be into the 4-H office by February 15<sup>th</sup> so they can be shipped out.

**New Leader Orientation** is scheduled for Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 530pm in the Demo Building. If you or any of your leaders plan to attend contact Jillian at the 4-H office to RSVP

## COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

When: Saturday, March 17, 2012

Where: Madera High School, North Campus, Health Science Building  
200 South L Street - between Olive Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street

What: This year's Presentation Day promises to be a fun and exciting day for all 4-H'ers. There will be the traditional demonstrations and illustrated talks. There will also be categories for Share the Fun, speeches-prepared and impromptu, audio/visual, 4-H display and interpretative reading. Interpretative reading may be age appropriate childrens stories, essays, poetry or an excerpt from a novel. The member is presenting the reading as a story hour - no costumes or props are allowed. These categories will be offered at Sectional Presentation Day, Saturday, April 14, 2012 in Sonora and be eligible for gold medal awards.

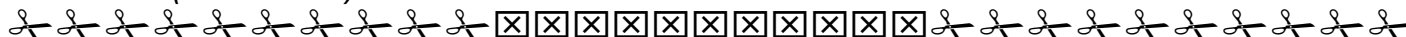
**Learn to be a good, well rounded speaker and to organize your thoughts by taking part in County Presentation Day.** Giving presentations is a terrific way to gain confidence in speaking in front of a group. That skill will not only help you in 4-H, it will also help you at school and later, in your career. Pick a topic that you are familiar with - your 4-H project, a hobby, a school sport. Write up a simple plan which would include an introduction, the body (where you develop the ideas in a logical order), and the conclusion (where you emphasize the main points). All presentations should be given exciting titles and illustrated with colorful, attractive posters. Examples of titles might be: Hamming It Up (swine), Foxy Boxes (arts & crafts), What Burns Never Returns (safety), Sticky Fingers (foods). Then practice enough so you know what you want to say or show, and you feel comfortable saying or showing it.

So have some fun and learn too! DEADLINE for entries turned in to the 4-H Office is Tuesday, February 28th

Schedule: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Room Monitor Orientation  
 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Check in with Room Monitors. All presenters MUST BE signed in by 9:30 a.m.  
 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Judges' orientation  
 9:30 - 11:30 p.m. Presentations and speeches  
 11:30 - Command Performances Immediately followed by AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Guidelines for preparing demonstrations, interpretative readings, Share the Fun, audio/visual presentations, speeches-prepared and impromptu, problem solving and are available at the 4-H Office or at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd>. Presentations will be grouped by grade in school. Team demonstrations are limited to three members and the team will go into the group of the oldest member. An illustrated talk is similar to a demonstration in content, but nothing is actually demonstrated. A talk on the weather using weather charts is an illustrated talk, whereas a demonstration shows or teaches the how to. If you need to give your presentation outdoors, be sure to indicate this on your application. Please use one form for each presenter (except teams) and make sure that it is filled out completely and correctly.

**Each club that sends presentations to County Presentation Day must provide one (1) judge for every 5 presentations (or fraction of).**



### PRESENTATION DAY APPLICATION

Please return form by Tuesday, February 28, 2012 to: 4-H Program Representative, 328 Madera Avenue, Madera 93637

Name(s):	Age:	Grade:	Club
			Classification:
			Junior (grades 4-5) <input type="checkbox"/>
			Intermediate (grades 6-8) <input type="checkbox"/>
			Senior (grades 9 & up) <input type="checkbox"/>
Categories are: Demonstration - Illustrated Talk - Prepared Speech - Impromptu Speech - Interpretative Reading - Audio/Visual Presentation - Problem Solving			
TITLE (LIMIT 2)	Individual/ Team	In/Outdoors	Category