



4-H Club Notes

4-H Camp Scheduled July 16 - 20

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President's Day
Monday, February 20th
UC Cooperative Extension Office/
4-H Office Closed



Desserts and Gift Baskets Needed Saturday, March 11th

Madera Agricultural Youth Association (MAYA) is asking for 4-H support in making their annual dinner/dance and sole fund-raiser successful. **The event will be held at the SFA Hall in Chowchilla.** This organization has been instrumental in helping many of our county 4-H members with support of their fair market animals and awards, scholarships, study travel trips and more.

In addition to furnishing your wonderful **homemade desserts**, clubs are being asked to provide **theme gift baskets for the silent auction.** Theme baskets have been done on "Cooking with Pork" and "Rabbit Care"....let your imagination go!

Desserts, silent auction items and/or displays may be delivered to the 4-H Office, 8-5 any day the week before the event or the SFA Hall the morning of the 11th. If you have any questions, or if any parents are interested in attending the dance, feel free to contact Blanche Campbell, 718-8250, for more info and tickets.

4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due March 6, 2006 Camp Date: July 16 - 20, 2006

Plans are underway for 4-H Camp 2006. **Assistant and Jr. Counselor, Dishwasher, Dean and Adult Camp Applications will be due at the 4-H Office Monday, March 6.** Jr. Camp Counselors are 9th-12th grades and Assistant Camp Counselors are 7th-8th grades. Counselor fees are set at \$50. The applications will include an essay and will be screened by the camp committee in order to select the Dean(s) and Counselors before the first camp meeting..

Camp Counselor meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th; Wednesday, May 3rd and Wednesday, June 21nd in the 4-H Demo Building. **All youth counselors are required to attend. Adult counselors need to plan on attending the May and June Counselor meetings.**

All Stars and TLAWs who wish to attend 4-H Camp in a leadership role must also fill out the counselor applications which are **due March 6th.**

Counselor applications are available at the 4-H Office.

2006 LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS

California Farm Bureau
Due by March 1, 2006

Madera County Farm Bureau
Due by February 28, 2006

MAYA (Madera Ag Youth
Association) Postmarked no later than
April 3, 2006

Ellen Erickson 4-H Memorial
Due by April 3, 2006

Emily Fahey 4-H Memorial
Due by April 3, 2006

4-H Leaders Council
Due by April 3, 2006

A. W. Bodine-Sunkist Memorial
Scholarship Application
Due by April 28, 2006

Friends of the California State Fair
Scholarship Program Applications
Due by March 25, 2006

Information available in the 4-H Office
or visit their website:

www.bigfun.org/pdfs/competitions/New42005/scholapp.pdf

**CSU CHICO
EDUCATIONAL DAYS
SWINE DAY - February 4, 2006
SHEEP & GOATS DAY -
February 25, 2006**

**For more information contact the
swine unit at 530-898-6025 or the
sheep unit at 530-898-6024
Informational flyer available at the
4-H Office**

**2006 Livestock Expo
Saturday, March 18, 2006
Madera District Fairgrounds
Registration: 9-9:30 a.m.**



Are you ready for the Livestock Expo? Bring a pencil and let the “fun” begin.

Reminder: 4-H members **must have taken the Livestock Expo written** test (by specie) to qualify for awards. Leaders should send or take their **written request** for tests in to the 4-H Office **at least 2 days before picking them up**. Tests will be available to leaders February 1st and are due in the 4-H office March 8th by 5:00 pm with a \$2 entry fee per test. They will be corrected Wednesday, March 15th.

Each club must furnish its own animals in every species again this year. The Livestock committee recommends 4 youth per animal. Pens will be made available by club for sheep and swine. Clubs/individuals must also provide any equipment that is needed that day for their project.

Group leaders and volunteers are needed to help out. **One person from each club to be a judge is required**. If you are interested tell your Community Leader so your name can be submitted.

PLANNING TIME AGAIN!!

2006 State Leadership Conference will be held August 10-13, 2006 at UC San Diego. Estimated cost is \$350 per participant. Scholarships available. This year’s theme is “Take a Risk: Leaders, Heroes, and YOU!”

High school aged - delegates.
19 - 24 years old - 4-H Leaders
Older than 25 - Chaperones.

Provides youth with leadership and service skills, peer and adult networks, encouragement and opportunities necessary to improve their well-being, their family and their community.

Pre-Conference: Youth Leadership Summit - Allow youth to delve into community and youth issues. Counties formulate Action Plans to implement after the Summit.

Registration materials will be available April 2006. **Registration Deadline: June 26**. For more information go to the UC Website: <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/conference/slc/index.asp>.

**Favorite Foods and
Consumer Science Judging Day
Congratulations to all Participants!**

There were 104 entries at Favorite Foods Day 2006. Members recognized in each category are:

Dairy Foods

- 1st Shannon Sumpter, Dixieland
- 2nd Daphne Norman, Coarsegold
- 3rd Sierra Meyers, Howard

Cookies

- 1st Scotland Snyder, Columbia
- 2nd Mikenzi Meyers, Howard
- 3rd Clayton Guillemen, Spring Valley

Cakes

- 1st Jessica Gambriel, Coarsegold
- 2nd Haley Kyriss, Berenda
- 3RD Gina Pappas, Sierra Shadows

Breads

- 1st Alissa Arata, Alview Dairyland
- 2nd Kylie Harvey, Howard
- 3rd Megan Christianson, Dixieland

Appetizers

- 1st Eliza Marentes, Berenda
- 2nd Trevor Hensley, St. Joachims
- 3rd Ryan Ylarregui, Howard

Pastries

- 1st Joshua Dowell, Dixieland
- 2nd Willie Buchnoff, Spring Valley
- 3rd Megan Christianson, Dixieland

Candies

- 1st Joshua Dowell, Dixieland
- 2nd James Gonzalez, Raymond
- 3rd Sarah Haag, Berenda

Healthy/Diet Goodies

- 1st William Wallace, Chowchilla
- 2nd Bethany Buchnoff, Spring Valley
- 3rd Jazmine Jackson, Berenda

International Foods

- 1st Sarah Rogers, Sierra Shadows
- 2nd Sarah Gorman, Sierra Shadows
- 3rd Gina Pappas, Sierra Shadows

Made From Mix

- 1st Emily Fernandez, Dixieland
- 2nd Megan Christianson, Dixieland
- 3rd Willie Buchnoff, Spring Valley

Entree/Main Dish

- 1st Alissa Arata, Alview-Dairyland
- 2nd Danyelle Arreazola, Howard
- 3rd Jacob Johnson, Golden Oak

Decorated Food

- 1st Megan Christianson, Dixieland
- 2nd Bethany Buchnoff, Spring Valley
- 3rd Trevor Hensley, St. Joachims

Salad

- 1st Haley Kyriss, Berenda
- 2nd Trevor Hensley, St. Joachims
- 3rd Margaret Pekarek, Alview-Dairyland

Special Occasion

- 1st Bailey Britton, Howard
- 2nd Kristen Hefner, Howard
- 3rd Kylie Harvey, Howard

Place Setting

- 1st William Wallace, Chowchilla
- 2nd Alissa Arata, Alview-Dairyland
- 3rd Haley Kyriss, Berenda

Mini Member

- 1st DeeLanie Dodson, Berenda

Special Awards:**Almonds**

- 1st Sarah Haag, Howard

Beef

- 1st Shannon Sumpter, Dixieland
- 2nd Emily Fernandez, Dixieland

Dairy Products

- 1st Shannon Sumpter, Dixieland
- 2nd Trevor Hensley, St. Joachims

Candy

- 1st James Gonzalez, Raymond

Goat

- 1st Joshua Dowell, Dixieland
- 2nd Laura Haen, Dixieland

Lamb

- 1st Daphne Norman, Coarsegold

Poultry

- 1st Jacob Johnson, Golden Oak
- 2nd Alissa Arata, Alview-Dairyland
- 3rd Trevor Hensley, St. Joachims

Pork

- 1st Sarah Gorman, Sierra Shadows

Raisins

- 1st Alissa Arata, Alview-Dairyland

Decorated Foods

- 1st Megan Christianson, Dixieland
- 2nd Bethany Buchnoff, Spring Valley

Holiday/Special Occasion Decorations

- 1st Bailey Britton, Howard

Place Setting

- 1st William Wallace, Chowchilla

Educational Award

- 1st Jazmine Jackson, Berenda
- 2nd Daphne Norman, Coarsegold
- 3rd Sarah Haag, Berenda

Salad

- 1st Sarah Rogers, Sierra Shadows

**Consumer Science Awards:****Junior - 3rd - 5th Grade**

- 1st Bethany Buchnoff, Spring Valley
- 2nd Morgan Nassar, Howard
- 3rd Danyelle Arreazola, Howard

Intermediate - 6th - 8th Grade

- 1st Shane Herold, Golden Oak
- 2nd Michelle Grable, Sierra Shadows
- 3rd William Wallace, Chowchilla

Senior - 9th Grade and up

- 1st Laura Haen, Dixieland
- 2nd Sarah Gorman, Sierra Shadows

LOST AND FOUND - Table setting items left behind at Favorite Foods Day. Stop by the office to claim them.

**2006/07 4-H
STATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

The 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the 4-H Youth Development program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors will be expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning July 7, 2006 and ending August 31, 2007. They will be selected to provide support and leadership throughout the development and delivery of State and Regional 4-H Leadership Conferences, assist in the introduction of innovative programming for youth and families, and support various regional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations and fund development. State 4-H Ambassador candidates must be a California 4-H member in good standing who is at least 16 years of age as of January 1, 2006, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2006. Each section will also select one outstanding adult volunteer to serve as "State 4-H Ambassador Team Advisor." Applications may be picked up in the 4-H Office and are due back to the County 4-H Office March 27, 2006.

**REMINDER - 2006 CALIFORNIA STATE
FAIR EXHIBITORS**

This is the second year for DNA testing at the California State Fair. Be sure to check the State Fair website, www.bigfun.org, to request your DNA collection kits and to obtain the entry forms.

**HORSE CLASSIC DATES SET
The State 4-H Horse Classic dates have been
selected for July 19-23, 2006.**



**4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Certification
Workshop - Rifle**

Saturday, February 18-19, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

True Sportsman's Club, Ione, CA (Amador County)

Upon completion of this course, the participants will be certified as 4-H shooting sports trainers and volunteer leaders in the rifle discipline. Participants must attend both days of training. This certification is for rifle only. For more information regarding this course contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or email: jaborba@ucdavis.edu.

2006 Youth Education Summit

Applications are now being accepted for the National Rifle Associations 2006 Youth Education Summit, a free summer program for high school sophomores and juniors. Four students will be hand selected to spend a week with NRA staff in Washington, D.C. All attendees have to pay for is transportation to and from Washington, D.C.

The 2006 program is schedule to take place June 19-25. Applications are due on April 1. If interested, visit the website at <http://www.nrafoundation.org/yes/application.asp>

2006 You See Davis Days

Date: April 20-22, 2006

Where: University of California, Davis

Who: All California, high school level, 4-H members

A three day, activity-filled event offering high school 4-H members a safe taste of college life and a valuable chance to experience the campus of the University of California, at Davis.

Students will be given a chance to:

- attend classes
- Tour the campus
- Meet admissions advisors
- Explore Greek life
- Experience the food, dorms and other highlights of college life.

"Register Now" Space is limited, so get your forms in as soon as possible. Registration deadline is March 20, 2006. For more information contact the 4-H Office or download the information and registration packet <http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays2006.htm>

COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY
Saturday, March 25, 2006
Madera High School, North Campus
Human Resources Building
(Math/Home Ec) Corner 6th and N Streets

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 speeches - prepared and impromptu, audio/visual, problem solving and interpretative reading.** Interpretive reading may be age appropriate children's stories, essays, poetry or an excerpt from a novel. The member is to present the reading as a story hour - no costumes or props are allowed. These categories will be offered at Sectional Presentation Day, Saturday, April 8th in Stanislaus County 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 Monday, March 6th.**

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.
9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Judges' orientation
10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Presentations and speeches
12:00 - 12:15 p.m. Critiques in rooms
12:30 p.m. AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Guidelines for preparing demonstrations, interpretative readings, 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 make sure that your form 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 **Monday, March 6th** to: UCCE Madera County, 4-H Advisor, 328 Madera Avenue, Madera 93637

Name(s):	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