



4-H Club Notes

Madera County

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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 23, 2010 at the Life Change Community Church, in Chowchilla, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See the enclosed Favorite Foods Day flyer 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 1st, \$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 Consumers 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 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Demo Bldg. Each club **must** be represented.

The Livestock Committee will meet Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Demo bldg. Each club **must** be represented.

Chowchilla Steer Weigh-In

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

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.

We earned \$620.00 of free money!
Thank you all for using your Save Mart Shares cards in the third quarter of 2009. Call the office to get yours.

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2010 Camp Dates Changed

Camp has been changed to July 20th -24th. Please make note of this as counselors will arrive on Monday, July 19th with campers arriving on Tuesday, July 20th and everyone leaving camp on Saturday, July 24th.

Madera County 4-H Camp Teen Council

A leadership opportunity is available to Madera County 4-H Teen Leaders. Our 4-H Camp will be run by the Teen Council. Six members will preside over Camp for a 2-year term. Each year three new members will be accepted onto the Council to work with the three in their second year.

So if camping is important to you and you want to work with the Camp Directors, Program Coordinator, and Camp Leader Committee to put Camp on, fill out an application. Applications are available on the 4-H website on the application page under Camp. The application is a form will PDF so you can type in your information before you print it. Applications are due to the 4-H Office Monday, January 4 by 5:00pm. The first meeting of the new Camp Teen Council will be in February.

NOTE: Applications will still be accepted for Camp Dean who will also serve on the Council. Camp Deans now must have been out of high school for at least 1 year to be eligible.

Counselor Applications (Junior, Teen & Adult)

are due into the 4-H office by Monday, March 1, 2010.

You can find the applications online on our County's website under applications.

Once you are approved as a counselor you still need to fill out and turn in a camper application, due June 7th.

4-H Levels of Membership

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

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

4-H is partnering with the Corporation for National Service to participate in the 2010 **Martin Luther King Day of Service** that will be held on **January 18, 2010**. This event will kick off a year of service for 4-H members, leaders, and their families as they engage in their communities to make a lasting, positive impact. To aid in this effort, the 4-H Citizenship Mission Mandate Task Force is providing a tool kit or guide for service activities to help you manage your project. This tool kit is available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/>.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERSHIP.

Thanks to the Lubeck Lucky Clovers 4-H Club in West Virginia, The 4-H Million Trees Project (4HMT) has established an understanding with Habitat for Humanity so 4-H clubs across the U.S. can partner with their local Habitat for Humanity (HFH) affiliates to plant trees at recently completed homes. HFH and 4HMT are both announcing this partnership this week, and 4-Hers are encouraged to contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate now to organize future planting events. Enter your zipcode at <http://www.habitat.org/cd/local/default.aspx> to obtain the telephone number.

If you would like more information, please go to www.4hmilliontrees.org

State Qualifying Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests

The 2010 Judging contests will be held **April 17, 2010** at Fresno State University in conjunction with a state FFA judging contest. Applications are due by **February 19, 2010** to the State 4-H Office. The entry fee is \$25.00 per team or \$5.00 per individual. The applications are available at

<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/livestock/index.asp>. Check the State 4-H site for the rules governing state dairy and livestock judging contests.

Attention State Fair Exhibitors

You must attend a Quality Assurance and Ethics Training if you have not had one in the last 5 years or if it has been more than 3 years since you have shown.

There are several scheduled around the state and we are trying to get one scheduled here in Madera in the Spring. Keep an eye on Club Notes for an update.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

Rifle Discipline

Saturday, January 9, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2008

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A shooting sports training workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare, CA.

Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: [http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin field.htm](http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm)

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 http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/ under Leader Resources

2010 National 4-H Source Book is now available online at <http://4hmall.org/>. We also have a few copies at the 4-H office. The source book contains 4-H merchandising, 4-H pins and curriculum. _____

2010 Scholarships

will be made available on our website the first 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.

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

- 4 Camp Teen Council applications due
- 6 Small Animal Committee mtg. 6:00 p.m. Demo Building
- 6 Large Animal committee mtg. 7:00 p.m. Demo Building
- 23 Favorite Foods Day/Consumer Science Judging 9:30 a.m., Life Change Community Church, Chowchilla
- 23 Chowchilla Fair Steer Weigh-in, 10-12, Producers Livestock in Madera
- 25 Leaders Council mtg., 7:00 p.m. Demo Building
- 29-31 LCORT, Wonder Valley Ranch, Check in time: January 29, 6-9 pm

February

- 1 Club enrollment due for Spring/Summer Fairs/Shows
- *8 **Small Animal tests due**
- 8 Livestock tests available
- *10 **Correct Small Animal tests 9:30am**
- 21 Small animal Expo, 1:00 p.m., Madera Fairgrounds
- 22 County Presentation Day entries due, 4-H Office
- 22 Leaders Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., Demo bldg.

* Notes change in dates from Yearly Planner

7th Annual Northcoast Youth Summit

Calling all 4-H youth, 7-12th graders and adults working with 4-H youth! You are invited to attend the **7th Annual Northcoast Youth Summit**. This year's theme is: "Connect for a Cause!" and will be held on **February 27, 2010** at the College of the Redwoods, 9am-3:45pm. Visit <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/2010/Jan/Connect%20for%20a%20Cause%20flyer%202010.pdf> for more details on the event and registration information.

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

An Opportunity for 4-H Alumni or Collegiate Members

Are you a 4-H alumni or Collegiate 4-H'er? Do you have a passion for government, history, political science, working with youth, public speaking, or leadership? Consider applying for the **Program Assistant (PA)** position at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center! PA's touch the lives of thousands of high school students from all over the U.S. through the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Program. The Center is looking for individuals with at least a high school diploma (preferably some college experience) and a passion for youth development, hospitality, teaching, history, politics, or leadership. National 4-H Council will work with PA's and their college to secure credit towards graduation. Applications are due **January 18, 2010** and are available at:

<http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org/programassistant.aspx>. For more information contact Molly Young at myoung@4HCenter.org.

Members and Leaders:

*Are you ready to hop on a plane and become an ambassador for California 4-H and the United States? California 4-H is seeking 4-H members and leaders who would like to participate in an **International Exchange Program** during the summer of 2010. Join a team and prepare to be an ambassador for one month in Australia, Costa Rica, or Japan? Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by **January 27, 2010**. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>.*

2010 State 4-H Field Day

May 29, 2010. 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://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf> for an application. Applications are due by **April 2, 2010**.

2010 State 4-H Horse Events The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA (southeast of Fresno). The Championship Horse Show will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on **Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27**. Tentatively, the English classes and Over Fences will be held on Friday, Western classes on Saturday and Gymkhana on Sunday. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. Please contact the 4-H office if you would like to be part of the county team.

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 jmbedel@ucdavis.edu by the 15th 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 15th of every month. We'd like to start this with our February Club Notes.

New Feature

**BIRTHDAYS -
JANUARY**



Jim Alcott, Alissa Arata, Kylie Bowe, Dean Tolmachoff, Regina Mollet, Trevon Santos, Joseph White, Gianna Mariscotti, Raquel Flores, Taylor Helton, Candice Hefley, Macey Faust, Robert Mattes, Sean Smith, Ariana Valencia, Kinsey McDougald, Clara Briley, Kelli Foley, Shyann Mattes, Blake Palmer, Cheryl Herold, Marshall Kennedy, Christopher Sanchotena, Daryl Fletcher, Martin Fernandez, John Haen, Grayson Galimba, Susan Spomer, Alexis Fringer, Melissa Abshire Bailey Britton, Jim McKinley, Ryan Machado, Dianne Krummen, Koby Calley, Christian Varner, Kylie Kaufmann, Ilyra Pope, Marissa Tate, Cecelia Sheeter, Jacob Carr, Madison Devine, Joshua Gwartney, Andrew Rezendes, Blake Balbas, James Mattes, Susan Martinazzi, Kari McDougald, Anahi Rivera

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

New Countywide Project

As of February Madera County 4-H will have a Countywide Project.

We have arranged with our local Ronald McDonald House to visit once a month and do activities with the children.



The children in the house are siblings of those that are in local hospitals (not just Children's Hospital) Often times they are gone all day visiting their brother/sister in the hospital, then come back to the House in the evenings, eat dinner and head to bed. We want to provide a bit of fun for them and give their parents some downtime for a few hours. We want to make it about the kids.

On the third Thursday of each month we will meet at the Ronald McDonald House with an idea in our heads and a smile on our faces.

One month we may do arts & crafts. The following month we may make our own musical instruments and hold a concert. The next month we can spend some time in the kitchen and make some fun foods. When the weather gets warmer we'll move our activities to the outdoors and do some games. We might even just have a quiet evening and do movie night.

We may also meet a second time a month to get ideas and supplies together for our visits. Those meetings will take place at the 4-H office, during office hours.

Currently because of the H1N1 children under the age of 12 years old aren't allowed in hospitals so many parents are making arrangements for them to stay with relatives while they make their trip to and from the hospital. The Ronald McDonald House isn't housing the numbers of children it use to because of this. So our project will start small at first. We are looking for a few adults and around ten 4-H members (5th grade and older) who would like to participate in this project.

If you'd like to participate in the project please call the office 675-7879 ext 202 or email me at jmbedel@ucdavis.edu. The first 10 members will be taken and the rest will be placed on a waiting list until the rules loosen pertaining H1N1 and children visiting the hospital.

4-H Favorite Foods Day

Faith Hall at Life Change Church

717 Robertson Blvd, Chowchilla

Saturday, January 23, 2010

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.-Registration & Setup

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.- Judging Orientation

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.-Picture Taking

10:45 a.m. (Approx.)-Judging.....Showmanship...

CONSUMER SCIENCE JUDGING

Sampling of food following AWARDS

A Beverage/Snack Bar will be provided

SPECIAL AWARDS will be given for the following categories: beef, lamb, pork, raisins, almonds, dairy products, goat, poultry, candy, salad, decorated food, special occasion decoration, place setting, and educational theme. You **MUST** sign up your entry for the special awards when you register; you will **NOT** be entered automatically. Be sure to check when registering to see if your entry qualifies for special award consideration as most do. An item can be entered under more than one category for a special award as long as it qualifies.

GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW FOR FAVORITE FOODS DAY:

1. \$1.00 entry fee per item to be paid at time of registration.
2. One entry per category, with no limit on how many categories you may enter.
3. No pre-registration. Registration will be done that day.
4. All entries **MUST** be made by contestant and all setting up of entry or display **MUST** be done solely by the contestant.
5. Exhibit should be attractively displayed. A holiday or special occasion theme may be used. Placemats and decorations should be used in your display.
6. Recipes **MUST** be included, printed in ink or typed, on recipe cards or paper. An entry not having a recipe to accompany the entry will be disqualified. Please **DO NOT** put your name on the recipe card. Complete recipes, ingredients and instructions are required for each category entered. Please read your recipes very carefully. Recipes will **NOT** be returned.
7. You will be given a registration number when you check in. Please keep that number for registering your item.
8. All displays must be in place ready for judging by 10:30 a.m. for judging.
9. Mini-members may enter category 16. Participant ribbons only will be awarded in this category.
10. All 4-H members are eligible to participate. The Danish and American systems of judging will be used. Each contestant will be judged on their own merit receiving a blue, red or white ribbon on their entry. An entry can be disqualified if it does not come under the guidelines at the judge's discretion. Judges will choose from each category a 1st (gold), 2nd (silver), and 3rd (bronze) on an overall basis (mini member category excluded).
11. Tables will be covered with butcher paper. Spaces provided for each contestant will be 14" deep x 24" wide. In order to keep within these limits, please take this into consideration when creating your display.
12. NO alcoholic beverages or containers are to be used in displays in any category.
13. Electrical outlets **WILL** be available this year for hot items. Cold foods requiring immediate refrigeration will be provided (such as ice cream, or those that will melt easily). Space is limited to a first come first serve basis. Members please provide your own utensils for cutting & serving as though you were going to serve it..

CATEGORIES

1. Dairy Foods Entry must contain 2 dairy products; i.e.: butter, milk, cheese, sour cream, etc. No imitations.
2. Cookies All cookies, brownies, bar cookies, etc.
3. Cakes Made from scratch (not a box)
4. Breads White, wheat, banana, etc.
5. Appetizers..... Cheese balls, dips, fondues, etc. Please provide bread, crackers, chips, etc.
6. Pastries Pies, cheese cakes, puddings, breakfast rolls, etc.
7. Candies All kinds.
8. Healthy/Diet Foods. Whole wheat, grain, fruits, etc. Recipes must contain nutritional facts such as Total fat, saturated & trans fats, sugar, protein, sodium, etc..
9. International Foods. Main or side dish, dessert or other. Entry should give Country of origin.
10. Made From Mix Entry is prepared from a mix or box, with additional items.
11. Entree/Main Dish Main dish of a meal or side dish of a meal
12. Decorated Food Cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc.
13. Salads Any type of salad, green jello, potato, macaroni, fruit, etc.
14. Holiday/Special Occasion Decorations. Centerpieces, gift basket filled and decorated holiday crafts.
15. Place Setting. Include menu (NO FOOD). Formal or informal, just for fun, picnic, etc.
16. Mini Member Participant ribbon only awarded.

4-H Favorite Foods Day is a baking display event for all 4-H'ers. You do not have to be in the Foods & Nutrition Project to participate. You can medal at this event, win special awards and above all HAVE FUN!!!