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Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT)

Registration for LCORT 2011 Conference is due in the 4-H office **Tuesday, November 22**. The **conference will run January 27 - January 29, 2012** at the Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA. This year's theme is "Reeling in Success Through 4-H" Members in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades are encouraged to attend. The fee is \$140 and includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (starting Saturday morning), snacks and all registration materials (\$150 after December 1, 2011).

Every Delegate is responsible to:

- *Attend and participate in all sessions and activities.
- *Act in accordance with the 4-H Code of Conduct.
- *Be responsible for yourself and your belongings.
- *Follow all facility rules.
- *Follow the dress codes.

Registration forms are available on our County website at:

http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Applications.htm

Chaperones will be needed based on the number of delegates.

2012 Calendar Changes

February 25	Small Animal Expo
April 28	County Fashion Revue
June 11-16	4-H Camp

A new 4-H calendar for Jan-June 2012 will be emailed out to you shortly.

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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, Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program.

We Need Your Email Address

When completing your enrollment forms, please make sure your correct email address is listed on your form. We will be sending out Club Notes, reminders, project specific emails and entry forms. We are operating on a very limited budget this year and this is one way we have to reduce our spending between paper, copies and postage.

A small supply of Club Notes will be made available in the 4-H office or from your Community Club Leader for those that do not have email or internet access.

Subscribe to receive Club Notes Online

You can subscribe to Club Notes by typing in <http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu> then going to NEWSLETTERS, clicking on CLUB NOTES and entering in your information. You will receive a notification email each month when Club Notes are posted and if any updates are made.



Favorite Foods Day/Consumer Science Judging Day Scheduled

Favorite Foods Day and Consumer Science Judging will be held **Saturday, January 21, 2012** at Life Change Community Church, 717 Robertson Blvd, Chowchilla, 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See the enclosed Favorite Foods Day flyer (pg.5) for guidelines and categories.

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
- 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.
- Information on giving reasons is included in the vegetable study guide.

4-H Horse Ownership Papers Due

Horse ownership papers are due in the 4-H Office by Thursday, December 1 for members to be eligible for spring fairs. Originals must be delivered to the 4-H Office. No faxes, no e-mails.

Chowchilla Fair Weigh In

Saturday, January 28, 2012 at
Producers Livestock Yard in Madera

Attention High School 4-H Members Winter Snow Camp

Stanislaus County Hi 4-H has invited High School 4-H members from our county to their annual Winter Camp at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest on January 13-16, 2012

Departing: Evening of January 13, 2012

Returning: Afternoon of January 16, 2012

A four (4) day event at **Camp Sylvester**, Pinecrest, CA. Trip includes cabin accommodations, food, beverages, some winter recreational opportunities and nightly entertainment.

Ski* - Snowboard* - Ice Skate* - Sled - Dance - Film Hike and Create Everlasting Memories

Come See What's Fun, Camp Sylvester is within short walking distance to Pinecrest Lake, marina, general store and art gallery. Also within a 10 minute drive (Shuttle Service Available) from Dodge Ridge Ski Resort, Long Barn Ice rink, Lealand Meadows Snow Park and much more!

(3) Nights (4) Days, Starting at \$115.00

Price includes lodging and (8) meals

*additional cost not included in \$115.00 price

Space is limited: Max capacity of persons dependent on available drivers and cabins. Each county will be responsible for their own transportation and chaperones.

*Additional sign-ups will be wait listed

For more information on regional sites and attractions visit:

www.campsylvester.org and www.dodgeridge.com

RSVP and a deposit of \$25.00 due to the Madera County 4-H office by December 1st. Call us for more information and to get your application.

CALENDAR

November

- 22 LCORT registration/fees due 4-H office
 24 Thanksgiving Day
 25 Holiday - 4-H office closed
 28 Leaders' Council Meeting, 7pm

December

- 1 Horse papers due 4-H Office for Spring Shows/Fairs
 23 Christmas Eve Holiday - office closed
 26 Christmas Holiday- office closed
 29 New Year's Eve Holiday - closed
 30 New Year's Day Holiday - closed

January

- 3 Camp Teen Council apps due
 3 Small Animal Tests available
 11 Small Animal Committee Meeting, 6pm
 11 Large Animal Committee Meeting, 7pm
 13-16 Winter Snow Camp
 21 Favorite Foods Day/Consumer Science
 23 Leaders' Council Meeting, 7pm
 27-29 LCORT

STATE AMBASSADOR 2012-2013

The **2012-2013 4-H State Ambassador** applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2012, have leadership and event planning experience, and ability to represent the 4-H YDP. 4-H State Ambassadors plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference, represent the California 4-H YDP and conduct team projects. Applications are due **March 30, 2012** and are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>.

Office Policy

Please remember, it is the policy of the 4-H office to *not accept* faxed documents that have a deadline i.e.: Horse papers, Jr. Leader Plans, California and Washington Focus, Emerald Star, camp applications, LCORT registration, to name a few.

Most deadlines are on a Monday which allows to have papers delivered over a weekend to the drop box by the front door. This makes it possible for everyone to make a deadline.

It is important that *everyone* observe deadlines.

4-H Hat Guidelines

Green Hat - Junior 4-H members, defined as a 4-H member in the eighth grade and below (or 13 years old and younger.

White Hat - Senior 4-H members, defined as a 4-H member who has graduated from the eighth grade (or 14 years old and older)

Stars and Medals

Left Side of Hat - All Star, platinum, gold, silver, or bronze stars in front. (Members may "cascade" the stars, although some counties request that members only wear their current star.) Behind the stars are placed the Jr./Teen Leader emblems after that, the Hi 4-H Patch. These patches are only worn while the member is serving as a junior or teen leader.

Cap Stripes - When the completion pins are presented to the members they should be accompanied by the appropriate "stripe."

- White stripe on green background for green cap.
- Green stripe on white background for white cap.
- Gold stripe on white background for member completing a year of junior/teen leadership with a white cap.
- Gold stripe on green background for member completing a year of junior/teen leadership with a green cap.



Countywide Floral Design

The next meeting for this project will be Thursday December 15 at 630pm in the Demo Building.

If you have any questions you can contact Brittany Cavaletto by email at bmc102691@yahoo.com

Horse Expo 2011 Medalists

Congratulations to all medalists!!

Level I

Miranda Scholten, Alview-Dairyland
Bailey Lopez, Dixieland
Natalie Anselmo, Howard
Tyler Kaufmann, Howard
Deven Skouti, Spring Valley
Hailie Warnock, Spring Valley

Level II

Laura Hooker, Alview-Dairyland
Kaylan DeSanders, Golden Oak
Kaylean Nelson, Golden Oak
McKayla Batty, Howard
Kylie Kaufmann, Howard
Kelea Kamalani, Spring Valley
Madison Pearson, Spring Valley

Level III

Alexandra Jimenez, Alview-Dairyland
Lauren Garrison, Howard
Emily Kaufmann, Howard
Annabelle Lowndes, Spring Valley
Ryan McDougald, Spring Valley

Level IV

Jessie Miles, Raymond
Jordan Miles, Raymond

Debbie Sumpter would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all the participants, volunteers and parents for your help at this year's Expo.



4-H Events in 2012! Mark Your Calendars

LCORT

January 27 - January 29, 2012 -
Wonder Valley \$140

Favorite Foods Day and Consumer Science Judging Day

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Small Animal Expo

February 25, 2012 at the Madera
Fairgrounds

Request test from January 3

Return tests February 7

Correct test February 8

County Presentation Day

March 17, 2012 - Madera High -
North

Applications due February 28

Large Animal Expo

March 24, 2012 Madera
Fairgrounds

Request tests February 7

Return tests March 13

Correct tests March 14

County Fashion Review

April 28 - Madera High - North
Workshop March 21

Entries due April 11



more on.... Favorite Foods Day

Entries are
judged on:
Flavor, texture,
appearance,

display (over all), completeness of
recipe. Place Settings, Decorated
Foods, Holiday/Special Occasion
are judged on proper setting,
attractiveness, originality, menu to
coordinate occasion, appearance,
creativity, color, design
coordination suitable for purpose.
It is important to display your entry
as attractive as possible.

Educational Awards must have an educational related topic/theme associated with the entry. Display board, a picture frame containing information is acceptable. The display should reflect the item entered. (Example: You are making goat cheese...you may want to tell what country this originated from, how it is made, etc).

Countywide Pack Project

Daryl Fletcher, a leader with Sierra Shadows 4-H, is starting a pack project. The project will involve both horses and mules. He has opened it up to any 4-H members in the county.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions you can contact Daryl directly at 559-479-6224.

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 11th with Campers coming in the next day and a departure of Saturday June 16th.

Application Due Dates

Teen Council - January 3rd
Adult, Junior & Assistant
Counselors - February 7th
Campers - May 1st

The cost of camp will be

Campers \$275.00
Counselors \$150.00
Teen Council \$100.00

4-H Favorite Foods Day

Faith Hall at Life Change Church

717 Robertson Blvd, Chowchilla

Saturday, January 21, 2012



- 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. - Registration & Setup
10:30 - 11:00 a.m. - Judging Orientation
11:00 a.m. (Approx.) - Judging.....Showmanship...
12:30 (Approx.) - Picture Taking (after judging)

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!!!

November 15, 2011

Coarsegold 4-H : Community Service
by Eden Hussey, Coarsegold 4-H Club Reporter

4-H is not just about raising animals and learning to be a farmer. It is also about helping people. Our community service project members have been busy. In October, we made "We Care" bags for the Madera Rescue Mission. The "We Care" bags had warm jackets, clothing, and canned foods in them. The Madera Rescue Mission feeds needy people 3 times a day and were very thankful to receive our donation.

In November, we all signed and sent Christmas cards to soldiers to say thank you for keeping our country safe. We also made Christmas Boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" to be donated to kids. Our community service project leader is Deonne Gonzalez. 4-H runs all year and we try to do at least one community service project every month.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, it is easy to remember people who need a little help, but actually, people need help every day of the year. In the past, we have also donated food to Manna House of Oakhurst and every year, we participate in Kids Day papers and Change Bandits to benefit the sick kids of Childrens' Hospital in Madera.

We try to live up to the 4-H pledge which states: I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world. The 4-H motto is "to make the best better" and we are always working to make that happen.



"We care" bags for Madera Rescue Mission. From right to left: Josh Shea, Paige Cruz (front), Taylor Wade (back), Jessica Wade, Larissa Garcia and Shayleen Garcia, James Gonzalez, Roman Gonzalez, and Tryston Lewis. Photo by Deonne Gonzalez.

"Operation Christmas Child" Boxes. From right to left: Paige Cruz, Tryston Lewis, Josh Shea, James Gonzalez, Eden Hussey, Elyjah Hussey, Roman Gonzalez. Photo by Karl Hussey.



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