

4-H Club Notes

Achievement Night October 10th!

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13th Annual 4-H Achievement Night Installation of Officers and Silent Auction

Date: Wednesday, **October 10th, 6:00 p.m.** at the VFW Hall on Granada in Madera. Cost: **\$3.00** per person.

A cookies, cakes, other sweet goodies and beverages will be served by the Howard 4-H Club.

The Madera County 2012-13 4-H All Star, Olivia Fernandez will host the dinner and installation of officers.

The 2012-13 TLAWS Cody Clay, Christine Fry, Kyle Hansen and Ryan Ylarregui along with their advisors, Paula Hansen and Tracy Ylarregui, will be assisting to help make it a great event.

The 8th Annual Silent Auction will be presided over by our 2012 California Focus Delegates and their Advisors. The money from the auction supplements the Citizenship Focus trips.

Advance reservations are required. Return the reservation form along with the fee to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, September 25th (form page 6). This is a family event so bring everyone. Those of you who mail in your reservation form and money may pick up your tickets at the door.

A reminder to all 4-H members, this is an awards ceremony, please dress appropriately.



Enchilada Casserole Takeout

We are changing things up a bit this year instead of our annual 4-H Beef, Beans and Greens Luncheon we are going to do an Enchilada Casserole Take Out, this is the main fund raiser for Leaders Council and helps offset some of the costs of supporting the County 4-H program.

Take out will be from 3-6pm on Thursday, October 18th at the Hatfield Hall Kitchen at the Madera Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$15.00 for a 9x12 tray of Enchilada Casserole.

Each valley club is required to sell a minimum of 25 tickets.

If any project leaders, members or 4-H parents are available to help that day please let us know. We will be assembling earlier in the day and could use all the help we can get.

We have sent out donation letters to local businesses in hopes of offsetting some of our costs and achieve a greater profit to benefit our program and its participants.

It takes the support of the whole 4-H community to make this event a successful fundraiser for the County 4-H Program, so sell, sell, sell and hope to see you there!

Resources Available

The 4-H Office has many resources available here in the office. We have books, videos and a whole room of publications. Many of these would be great additional teaching tools for your projects. Printed lists of these items are available at the 4-H Office

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2012 Madera 4-H Horse Expo

Madera County 4-H Skills Day
 Date: Saturday, November 3rd
 Place: Madera Fairgrounds
 Registration: 10:30 a.m.
 Skills: 11:00 a.m.
 Awards: 2:00 p.m. approximately

Bring: a pencil and grooming equipment if needed.

4-H members will take the Horse Expo written test prior to the day of the event. Horse leaders must administer and return the tests to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, October 23rd. The tests will be corrected Wednesday, October 24th, 9:30 am in the 4-H Demo Building. Leaders, be sure to have volunteers from your club to assist with correcting tests.

During tallying at Horse Expo Horse Bowl XI will be conducted. Sign up for the horse bowl when checking in at Horse Expo. Questions will come from the county horse materials: Horse Safety Guidelines, The Light Horse Book, The Colorado Horse Manual and Expo Study Guides Levels 1-4. Points will be given for each correct answer. We hope you will plan on taking part in this fun and educational game.

Leaders may request tests from the 4-H Office beginning October 2nd. Provide the office with a list of names and the test level for each youth. Please allow one to two days for assembling of the tests.

Rememberall tests (used or unused) must be returned to the 4-H office in the original envelope.

Horse Ownership Papers Due December 4, 2012

Horse ownership papers are due in the 4-H Office Tuesday, December 4, for members to be eligible for spring fairs/shows. Get them in early - don't wait until the last minute!

CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

National 4-H Week welcomes you to connect with the 4-H community where young people across America are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 7th - 13th this year.

What is your club doing to celebrate National 4-H Week? By the end of 4-H Week all of Madera County should be aware of 4-H.

You can promote 4-H with recruitment information brochures and posters available from the 4-H Office to tell everyone about 4-H.

Wear something green all week to show your love and support of 4-H.

Get a 4-H club committee together and start planning now to tell your community about 4-H with window displays in stores, bulletin board displays in schools or at the libraries.

Give demonstrations to civic and service clubs, have a feature story and picture in our local newspaper, do a radio spot, contact the cable companies for service spots, have your town mayor make a proclamation, have the county board of supervisors make a proclamation, hold a special program to honor your club volunteers, leaders, parents and friends of 4-H...**PROMOTE 4-H NOW!**

4-H TRIP NOTIFICATION

Project leaders need to remember that anytime they take project members out of Madera County (even to Fresno) they need to fill out a 4-H Trip Notification Form. This form can be picked up at the 4-H Office and must be turned in 7 working days before the event.

You can also find the form on our website: <http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu>

LCORT - 2013

Leadership Conference of Regional Teens

Start planning now - **LCORT 2013** is coming up. **"Happy Birthday California 4-H: Celebrating 100 Years of Building Leaders"** is this year's theme. The conference will be held **January 25-27, 2013** and will again be held at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA. **Check in time is January 25, 6-9 p.m.** The **registration fee is \$145.00** per delegate/counselor. The fee includes registration materials, lodging for 2 nights, 3 meals on Saturday, 1 meal on Sunday and snacks, all conference materials, recreation **AND** t-shirt.

Members in 7th, 8th and 9th grades are encouraged to attend. Registration forms are available on our website or at the 4-H Office and are due Tuesday, November 20th .



The California 4-H Shooting Sports

Program welcomes all current and/or potential 4-H Shooting Sports project leaders, teen leaders (high school aged 4-H members), and 4-H staff to attend a two-day leaders meeting on December 8-9, 2012 in Visalia, CA. To register for the meeting, please access the following link:

<https://ucanr.org/survey2/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7810>

Sue Cavaletto, CCL for Sherman Thomas 4-H will be starting two countywide projects - Pygmy Goat and Cavies. If you are interested or have any question you can contact her at 673-2709 or by email at scavaletto@stcs.k12.ca.us

Washington/California Citizenship Focus Trips

A wide variety of citizenship learning activities for 4-H members are being planned beyond the county level.

For those members who are 13 years old or older, an eighth grade graduate at time of travel (June 2013) and currently serving as a Jr/Teen Leader we recommend the California Citizenship Focus trip - a four day study of our state government in Sacramento. This program will offer the 4-H member: a comprehensive look at all of the state legislative and judicial processes and a look at California history, heritage, cultures and industries.

For those members who are 16 years old or older (June-July 2013) at time of travel, have completed their Sophomore year in high school and are currently serving as a Teen Leader we recommend the Washington Citizenship Focus trip - a 7-10 day study of our federal government in Washington D.C. This program will offer the 4-H member: a comprehensive look at the federal government, how bills become law, and learn about 4-H activities in other states. The study group at the National 4-H Center will be comprised of 4-H members from several other states.

These programs are offered to all California 4-H members. The fees will be approximately \$495 for California Focus and \$1700 for the basic Washington Focus trip. Selected delegates are responsible for their initial (\$150/CA \$600/WA) deposit and will participate in a set number of fund raisers to earn part or all of their fees. The Madera 4-H Leaders Council also budgets a set amount for each of the delegates. Deadline for California/Washington Focus applications is Tuesday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.; interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, October 24 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Demo Building

The pre-application criteria, established by the 4-H I&R Committee, **must have been met by the 4-H year prior to applying. Please read the application carefully.**

Re-Enrollment Time

It's re-enrollment time again. Your Community Club Leader will give you the re-enrollment packet. Please check your re-enrollment form and add/correct/delete information where necessary. Please pay special attention to birth dates. Our old system just recorded the month and year and we need the complete birth date for the new 4H Online enrollment. Be sure to complete both sides of the Medical Form and *be sure to include the date of the last tetanus shot*. Read and sign the waiver form. For members-adults please be sure to include your child's age when you sign the waiver. Adults, for the Confidential form - please answer all questions where applicable.

Make sure you *return the forms to your CCLs by the date they require*. The CCLs must update their rosters and return all the forms to the 4-H Office by October 4th.

Write "Thank You" Letters!!

"Thank you" letters are very important. A "Thank You" should be sent for scholarships, 4-H award sponsors, fair buyers, donors for events such as the Washington and California Focus trips and the Silent Auction.

Be sure to show your appreciation to those who have contributed to 4-H and helped make your experience an enjoyable one, and to insure they will want to help others in the 4-H Program in the future.

Be a Part of the Madera County 4-H Horse Team

For those that are interested in participating in the State 4-H Horse competitions this year, Stacy Miles of Raymond 4-H will beginning her study group in October. If you would like to be part of the team or have any questions contact the 4-H office or Stacy directly at 689-3320

State Record Book Competition

Time is fast approaching for 4-H members to get their record books ready for state competition. Books are due to the 4-H Office by October 26th for preparation to be sent to the State Office by November 2nd. A State 4-H Cover Page and County Check Sheet must be included before the book is submitted to state judging. Judging will be at the beginning of December.

Senior 4-H members (at least 14 years of age by December 31 of the program for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition. All 4-H work up to the end of the county program year should be included.

State level competition is focused on recognizing 4-H members who have outstanding 4-H Record Books and who have made a contribution to the 4-H Youth Development Program.

A state medal is awarded to members who have demonstrated personal growth in their leadership, citizenship and life skills development. At the state competition, the first round of judging will determine the books that receive a minimum of 90 points. 4-H Record Books receiving at least 90 points shall be declared "State Medalists." The second round of judging will determine "State Winners" based on available award funds for the year.

*****To help youth prepare 4-H Record Books for State Competition there is a 2012 Addendum to the Record Book Manual posted on the website www.ca4h.org Youth who are planning to submit a 2012 Record Book to State Competition should review this addendum for the most current guidelines**

Countywide Crochet Project



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The new **4-H Year** has started and clubs and projects are beginning their meetings. The first meeting of the 2012-2013 year will be Monday, October 8th 3:30-5:00 pm at the 4-H office. Beginners welcome! If you are interested in participating please contact Jillian for a supply list at jmmilambarden@ucdavis.edu or by phone at 675-7879 ext 202

Favorite Foods Day Volunteers Needed

Our next planning meeting for Favorite Foods Day is scheduled for Monday, October 22nd at 6pm in the Demo Building. This is a very important meeting since we are planning to incorporate some changes this year. The actual date of the event is Saturday, January 19th.

First we are switching locations to Minarets High School in O'Neals. Second we are hoping to add a new event...an **Iron Chef** Team Competition. A team will provide all of their cooking utensils, sides, spices but they will not get their main ingredient until that day.

We are looking for some willing volunteers to spearhead this addition to our fun event.

State Fashion Revue

The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee announces categories and service project for 2012. Entry categories returning from 2012 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with \$19.99 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished.

We are offering two Challenges this year. The first is **2 Yard Wonder**, using a 2 yard length of 100% cotton fabric, sew a garment and an accessory. You can use less fabric but not more for the garment and accessory. There is no specific pattern requirement. The second category is the Duct Tape Challenge: Create a wearable garment out of duct tape such as a jacket, shirt, pants, skirt or dress. The member may choose to begin with a purchased garment or not. Additional garments, accessories, fabric and materials may be added.

There are no project requirements for Consumer Science Purchased, Wearable Art Embellished or Duct Tape Challenge.

State Fashion Revue is coordinating 3 service projects. The first is a small stuffed animal. The second is a drawstring bag. The third is "Little Dresses & Shorts for Africa." Patterns and instructions will be posted here soon! SFR will continue to accept quilts for troops to pass on. These projects can be done by anyone, Community Service, Clothing and Textiles, Arts and Crafts, etc.

If you, you project, or county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

Animal Committee Meetings October 3

The Small Animal Committee meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. and the Large Animal Committee meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Both will be held in the Demo Building.

4-H Volunteers are encouraged to attend. If you would like your questions answered or your concerns heard or are interested in helping on one of the committees now is the time to let the committee members know.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

Attention: Community Club Leaders: Please remind your potential new leaders that they must attend an orientation and have their fingerprinting completed before they hold any meetings. Volunteers must call the 4-H Office (675-7879, ext. 202) to sign up for the session so materials will be available.

The next date that is scheduled is:

Monday, September 24th at 530pm in the 4-H Office Conference Room.

If a volunteer is unable to attend the above orientation please have her/him call the office to be put on the contact list for the next date.

Sign up for Club Notes via email

You can sign up online at anytime to receive an electronic newsletter. Visit the website at: <http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu>. Go to NEWSLETTERS and then click on the newsletter you are interested in, enter your email into the blank field and submit. You will be notified by email when the newsletter is posted.

Calendars & Cookbooks are now available

Calendar and cookbook sales are underway to support Madera County 4-H Scholarships. Ask your community club leader, leaders' council member or contact the 4-H office for more information.

Calendar

October

- 2 Club Enrollment 2012-2013 due
- 2 Horse Tests available
- 2 CA/WA Focus applications due
- 3 Small Animal Committee Meeting, Demo 6pm
- 3 Large Animal Committee Meeting, Demo 7pm
- 7-13 4-H Week
- 10 Achievement Night/Officer Installation, Silent VFW Hall 6pm
- 18 Enchilada Casserole Takeout, Hatfield Hall Kitchen 3-6:00pm
- 22 Favorite Foods Day Meeting, 6pm
- 22 Leaders' Council Meeting 7pm
- 23 Horse Tests due, 5pm 4-H office
- 24 Correct Horse Tests, Demo 9am
- 24 CA/WA Focus Interviews, Demo 6pm
- 26 State Record Books due to 4-H County Office

November

- 1 Jr/Teen & Leader Plans due
- 3 Horse Expo, Madera Fairgrounds 1030 reg
- 14 Enchilada Fundraiser - Mountain Clubs
- 20 LCORT registration due
- 26 Leaders' Council Meeting 7pm



National 4-H Week

October 7-13

Theme for 2012 is 'Join the Revolution of Responsibility'

Thank you to those that provided articles. Be sure to keep an eye out for your article that week

Announcing the New Highest California 4-H Youth Award!

The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/

Rationale: Most youth serving organizations have a highest honor—Boy Scouts have Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts have the Gold Award, Camp Fire USA has the WoHeLo Award. While the 4-H State Ambassador Program is a very high honor, it is a working honor and is prohibitive to many who may be deserving of a highest youth award.

Okay everyone.....there are still a few of the 2013 Fresno Save Around Books left here in the office.

They are very similar to the entertainment book. There are several Madera businesses - Baskin Robbins, Subway, McD's, Sonic, Wendy's Quiznos, Long John Silver's, Domino's, Rally's, IHOP and more.

Tons of Fresno Spots...Whole Foods Market, Arby's, Burger King, Chevys, Cinnabon, Rocky Mountain Chocolate, Thai Palms, Wahoo's Fish Tacos, Wing Stop, World Sports, Sports Authority, Red Carpet Car Wash, Regency Cinemas, Dick's Sporting Goods, Edible Arrangements, Grocery Outlet..... Fresno Grizzlies coupons, Fresno Zoo, Blackbeard's, Island Waterpark, Fresno Monsters, Pheasant Run Golf Course, Pump It Up, Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater....there is so much in this book. You can probably save the \$20 you spent on it the first week.

The books only cost \$20.00 and \$10.00 of that goes to benefit Madera County 4-H. The books are good through December of 2013. They would make a great thank you gift.

Stop by the 4-H Office today to pick one up.



MADERA COUNTY 13th ANNUAL 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND 8th ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Wednesday, October 10, 2012.....6:00 p.m.

VFW Hall

Cost \$3.00 per person



4-H members, leaders and parents are cordially invited to attend the Madera County 13th Annual 4-H Achievement Night and Installation of Officers to be hosted by the Madera County 4-H All Stars. The event will be held Wednesday, October 10th, 6:00 p.m., VFW Hall in Madera. Refreshments and beverages will be served by the Howard 4-H Club at a cost of \$3.00 per person. The 8th Annual Silent Auction will also be held. Clubs, individuals and donors provide many interesting items to bid on for purchase. Come and check out the great choices.

This will be a time that outstanding 4-H members and record book winners will be recognized. An exciting program is planned for everyone's enjoyment. This is an family event so bring everyone.

Members being recognized or installed are reminded to wear their 4-H uniform.

Please be sure to make your reservations early....return the reservation form below along with the amount due to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, September 25th before 5:00 p.m. You will receive a ticket for each person attending. Seating will be provided in the back for those not eating dinner. Money will not be taken at the door.

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RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012
RESERVATION - MADERA COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND SILENT AUCTION

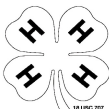
I would like to make reservations for _____ people. Enclosed is \$ _____ for my reservation.
(\$3 per person)

Club _____.

Name(s) of member(s)/leader(s) attending: (Please print)

Member

Leader



Please make check payable to Madera County 4-H Leaders Council.

