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Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT)

Registration for LCORT 2014 Conference is due in the 4-H office **Tuesday, November 19**. The conference will run **January 24 - January 26, 2014** at the Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA. This year’s theme is “Happy Birthday California 4-H: 100 Years of Building Leaders”

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, 2013).

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.

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2014 Calendar Changes
Regional Presentation Day - April 5

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.

Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S Card Program

We just received a check for \$385.77 for the third quarter of 2013. Keep using those cards! They are an easy way to support our Madera County 4-H 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.

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 18, 2014** at Minarets High School in O'Neals. See the 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 25, 2014 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 17-20, 2014

Departing: Evening of January 17, 2014

Returning: Afternoon of January 20, 2014

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, Price TBA

Price includes lodging and (8) meals

***additional cost not included in initial 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. Remainder of balance paid by January 3rd. Call for more information and to get your application.

CALENDAR

November

20	LCORT registration/fees due 4-H office
22	Thanksgiving Day
23	Holiday - 4-H office closed
26	Leaders' Council Meeting, 7pm

December

4	Horse papers due 4-H Office for Spring Shows/Fairs
24	Christmas Eve Holiday - office closed
25	Christmas Holiday- office closed
31	New Year's Eve Holiday - closed

January

1	New Year's Holiday - closed
8	Camp Teen Council apps due
8	Small Animal Tests available
9	Small Animal Committee Meeting, 6pm
9	Large Animal Committee Meeting, 7pm
19	Favorite Foods Day/Consumer Science Judging
25-27	LCORT
28	Leaders' Council Meeting, 7pm
29	Large Animal Tests Available

Save Around Coupon Books are now available

These coupon books are like the old entertainment books. There are coupons for food, fun and entertainment.

There are several businesses in the Madera and Fresno areas. The coupons are good from now until December of next year.

The books are \$20 (\$8 from each book goes to Madera County 4-H).

These books make great thank you and holiday gifts!

STATE AMBASSADOR 2014-2015

The **2014-2015 4-H State Ambassador** applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2014, 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, 2014** 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 Tuesday 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.

Favorite Foods Day Volunteers Needed

Our next planning meeting for Favorite Foods Day is scheduled for Monday, October 28th at 6pm in room 303 at Minarets High School. 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 18th.

This will be our second year hosting the event at Minarets High School in O'Neals. We are still 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.

MOUNTAIN 4-H CLUB ENCHILADA TAKEOUT

Right now all the mountain 4-H clubs are selling tickets for their enchilada take out which will take place on Wednesday, November 13 at the Coarsegold Community Center. Contact Coarsegold, Golden Oak, Raymond, Spring Valley 4-H or the 4-H office for more information.

Thank you everyone that helped out for the Madera County 4-H Enchilada Casserole Takeout that took place on Thursday, October 17. It was put on by our valley floor 4-H Clubs - Alview Dairyland, Chowchilla, Dixieland, Howard, Sherman Thomas and Sierra Shadows. Together they sold over 200 trays of enchilada casserole.

We also want to say a huge thank you to Madera County Ag Boosters, Madera County Cattlewomen, La Rosa and Costco.

4-H Events in 2013! Mark Your Calendars

LCORT

January 24 - January 26, 2014 -
Wonder Valley

Favorite Foods Day and Consumer Science Judging Day

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Small Animal Expo

February 9, 2014 at the Madera
Fairgrounds

Request test from January 7

Return tests January 28

Correct test January 29

County Presentation Day

March 15, 2014 - Madera High -
North

Applications due February 25

Large Animal Expo

March 22, 2014 Madera
Fairgrounds

Request tests February 18

Return tests March 11

Correct tests March 12

County Fashion Review

April 26 - Madera County Farm
Bureau

Entries due April 8

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).

2014 4-H Camp

Camp Keola at Huntington Lake will be the home of our 2014 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 16th with Campers coming in the next day and a departure of Saturday June 21st.

Application Due Dates

Teen Council - January 7th

Adult, Junior & Assistant
Counselors - February 11th

Campers - February 11th (money
due by May 6th)

The cost of camp will be

Campers \$275.00

Assistant Jr. Counselor \$200.00

Junior Counselors \$175.00

Adult Counselors \$125.00

Teen Council \$100.00



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.





4-H Favorite Foods Day
 Minarets High School
 45077 Road 200, O'Neals, 93645
 Saturday, January 18, 2014

- 10:00 - 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 - jello, potato, macaroni, fruit, etc.
14. Place Setting - Holiday/Special Occasion Decorations.... Include menu (NO FOOD) Formal or informal, just for fun, picnic etc. Centerpieces, gift basket filled and decorated holiday crafts
15. 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!!!**