



September 2014

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### Achievement Night October 8th!!

Don't miss this night of recognition for your fellow 4-Her's, record book winners, county leadership winners, and installation of all club officers.

Wednesday, October 8th  
6:00 p.m.  
VFW Hall  
2026 N. Granada, Madera

COST: \$3.00 per person

Cookies and other sweet goodies with beverages will be provided. The 2014-15 TLAW's will help host this event.

There will be a silent auction and the proceeds go to help fund our youth who travel to the Citizenship Focus trips.

**Advanced tickets must be purchased at the county 4-H office by September 23, 2014. No sales will be done the night of the event. You must present ticket for admittance.**

Please find the Reservation Form at the end of the newsletter. Please return it along with payment. This is a family event so everyone is invited!

Reminder to all 4H members, this is an awards ceremony so please dress appropriately.



### MADERA FAIR TIME.....

Wishing everyone an outstanding Madera Fair! Congratulations in advance to all those who make it to Champion Row, Master Showmanship, or Best of Show with any entry you are exhibiting. Have fun and enjoy the experience!

Jr. Livestock Auction Exhibitors..... **NO BUYER GIFTS.** This a new policy put out by the fair board, livestock committee, and buyers. Please make sure to write "thank you" letters promptly for your buyer, bump bids, and any awards you may receive. **THANK YOU!**

### **ENCHILADA TAKE-OUT FUNDRAISER**

**OCTOBER 16, 2014**  
**3:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**Hatfield Hall Kitchen**  
**Madera Fairgrounds**

Madera County 4H Leaders Council Enchilada fundraiser is here again. This is one of two main fundraisers for Leaders Council to help offset some of the costs of supporting the 4H program. Take-out is from 3-6pm at the Madera Fair Hatfield Hall Kitchen. **Tickets are \$20** and should be purchased in advance from any valley 4H club or the Madera County 4H office. Enjoy a delicious 9x12 tray of enchilada casserole made with love and also support a fabulous program for youth! It takes the support of the entire 4H community to make this event successful, so let's sell those tickets and hope to see you all there!

## OUT OF COUNTY 4-H EVENTS

If any 4H member is participating as a 4H'er at an event out of the county, you must notify the county 4H office 2 weeks in advance of the event.

Need to know: Name of Event, date of event, adult responsible or in charge of the member, and medical form filled out for the adult responsible for the 4H member. Thank You in advance. We need to keep track of these things for liability and insurance reasons.

## NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

The following will be dates for New Leader Orientation held at the 4-H

Office Conference Room:

**September 10 6:00 pm**

**September 22 5:30pm**

Please call the office ahead of time for reservation. 559/675-7879 ext. 7202. *Thank You!*

## All Leaders and Parents

Madera County 4H Leaders Council has monthly meetings to plan, organize, and discuss important events and decisions that shape and guide our 4H youth. Come join these meetings to help learn about this great youth development organization. Every 4th Monday of each month.

**Madera County 4H Office  
Demo Building  
7:00pm  
328 S. Madera Ave.**

Meetings are September through May. Come make a difference!



## California/Washington 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 or older, an eighth grade graduate at the time of travel (June 2015), and currently serving as a Jr/Teen Leader we recommend the California Citizenship Focus trip—a 4-day study of our state government in Sacramento. This program will offer the 4H 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 or older (June-July 2015) at the 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 a comprehensive look at the federal government, how bills become laws, and learn about 4H activities in other states. The National 4H Center will host study groups comprised of several other states.

These programs are offered to all California 4H members. The fees will be approx. \$500 for California Focus, and \$2000 for the basic Washington Focus trip. Selected delegates are responsible for their initial deposit for the trip (approx. 1/3 of the total cost). Members could do fundraisers to help offset the fees involved in the trip.

Madera County 4H Leaders Council budgets a set amount to help with costs also.

**Applications are DUE to the 4H Office by Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014.  
Interviews will be Weds. Oct. 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Demo Bldg.**

## Re-Enrollment Time

It's time to re-enroll. Your Community Club leader will give you your packet. Please take the time to add/delete/correct any information as necessary. Please pay close attention to School changes, etc. ***Please complete both sides of the medical forma and we need the date of the last tetanus shot.***

Make sure to return the forms to your Community Club Leaders along with membership payment. The CCL's must update their rosters and return all forms to the 4H office by the required date. Thanks you and have another great year!

## Evaluation Report for the 2014 Online Record Book Satisfaction Survey

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/  
files/195881.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/195881.pdf)

## Evaluation Report for 2013 and 2014 State Field Day

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/  
files/195534.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/195534.pdf)

**Go to the above links to see the report on those items through the State 4H office.**

## State 4-H Equine Field Day

Save the date, October 18th State 4-H Equine Field Day . Tentatively will be held at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. More information coming soon!



## National 4-H Week

October 5-11, 2014

All clubs are highly encouraged to submit articles for National 4H Week to the County 4H office by Tuesday, September, 16, 2014. Anyone can write an article. Be creative and let's tell everyone what a great youth organization 4H is.

## 2015 STATE FASHION REVUE

Announcing **State Fashion Revue 2015** categories, service projects, cover art contest and first committee meeting! The SFR committee meets October 4 from 10-2 at the San Joaquin Robert J. Cabral Agriculture Center, 2101 East Earhart Avenue, Stockton. Bring lunch and your fabulous ideas. All 4-H members are invited to participate in the SFR 2015 program cover art contest to illustrate the theme "Through the Looking Glass." Original art work is due by December 15, 2014 to <http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest>.



Participant categories returning for SFR 2015 are Traditional, Upcycled, and Consumer Science Purchased \$40 limit. The two new categories are Jacket Challenge and Costume Challenge. The service projects this year are pillowcases (sewn) and hats (sewn, knitted or crocheted). Please see the SFR website for more details on joining the committee, the cover contest, the categories and service projects or the event itself at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/).

Madera County Fashion Revue Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Demo Bldg. Now is the time to share your ideas and get involved to make this event a huge success.



## NEW PROJECT OFFERED

There is a new Bio-Security based curriculum being offered to projects based in the sheep, swine, cattle (dairy or beef), or goat areas. Russ Hill, our county 4-H Advisor, is helping to direct this information. If anyone, leaders or members, is interested in using this as part of your project, please contact the 4H office. It comes with complete step by step outline of what to do, when to do it, and how to document it. Very simple and worthwhile.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The 4H Office and the State 4H website has many resources available to you, as a member or volunteer. Stop by and check out what there is or take time to browse the web.



## CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER**
- 1-7 Madera Fair
  - 9 Madera Fair Attendance Lists DUE
  - 10 New Leader Orientation—6:00pm
  - 16 National 4H Week Articles DUE to 4-H office
  - 17 Fashion Revue Comm. Mtg—7:00pm Demo Bldg
  - 22 New Leader Orientation—5:30pm Leaders Council Mtg—7:00pm
  - 23 Achievement Night Reservations DUE 4-H office
  - 30 CA/WA Apps DUE: Horse Expo test Available

## OCTOBER

- 1 Small Animal Comm Mtg—6:00pm Large Animal Comm Mtg—7:00pm
- 2 Silent Auction Items for Achievement Night DUE to 4H office
- 5-11 National 4H Week
- 8 Achievement Night—6:00pm VFW Hall
- 16 Enchilada Take-Out (Valley Clubs)
- 21 Horse EXPO tests DUE to 4H office
- 22 Horse EXPO Test Correction 9:00am \*CA/WA Focus Interviews—6:00pm
- 24 STATE RECORD BOOKS DUE
- 27 Fav Foods/Con Sci Mtg—6:00pm Minarets HS Leaders Council Mtg—7:00pm Minarets HS

Inquiries regarding ANR's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Linda Marie Manton, Affirmative Action Contact, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618, (530) 750-1318. For local inquiries, call 559/675-7879 Ext. 7202, UCCE Madera County.



15<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Achievement Night

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Installation of Officers

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 ..... 6:00 p.m.

VFW Hall

Cost: \$3.00 per person



4H members, leaders, parents, and guests are cordially invited to attend the Madera County 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 4H Achievement Night and Installation of Officers. Desserts, sweet goodies and beverages will be served. A Silent Auction will be held and proceeds go to help fund the Citizenship Focus trips. Clubs and individuals provide many interesting items to bid on for purchase. Come check out the auction and support the Madera County 4H.

This is a recognition for outstanding members, record book winners, and club officers. Members please wear your 4H uniform.

Please be sure to make your reservations early!

Return the reservation form below along with the amount due to the 4H office by September 23, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. You may drop it off to the office or mail it to: Madera County 4-H, 328 S. Madera Ave., Madera CA 93637

**\*\* If mailing, tickets will be reserved at the door the night of the event for pick-up. \*\***

**MONEY WILL NOT BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR**

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**RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2014  
RESERVATION - MADERA COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND SILENT AUCTION**

Reservations to how many people \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my reservations.  
((\$3.00 per person)

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of members/Leader/Parent/Family attending:

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## 4-H Club Articles

July 11, 2014

**NEWS RELEASE – Community Pride at Children’s Hospital**

**From: Lauren Garrison, 2014-15 Howard 4-H Club Reporter**

**Phone: 664-8879**

### **HOWARD 4-H HOSTS ACTIVITY DAY AT CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL**



**Members of the Howard 4-H Community Pride group pose in front of the stack of 80 blankets they made for patients at Children’s Hospital Central California. From left to right: Katelyn Donnelly, Lauren Garrison, Autumn Pecarovich, Nina Civiello, Natalie Houlding, Abby Poore, Katie Ylarregui, Matt Ylarregui, Bryce Poore, Taylor Davis, Megan Donnelly, and Ryan Ylarregui.**

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Summer has officially arrived. The school year has ended, graduation festivities have come and gone, and most kids are happy to be kickin' it at home for endless hours each day. But oh contraire for a group of proactive 4-Hers who have agreed to devote a chunk of their summer to serving their community. While the 4-H year has come to end for most members, the Howard 4-H Community Pride group has just recently put a massive outreach effort underway.

The group was awarded a \$1000 "Revolution of Responsibility" 4-H grant after submitting their "Blankets for the Heart" proposal. The twelve members of the group spent several weeks making 80 fleece blankets for patients at Children's Hospital Central California as well as assembling 450 craft kits that patients could do in their rooms. The Community Pride group's goal was simple: they wanted to make kids undergoing treatment at Children's feel cared for and comforted even in a not so comfortable situation.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the group hosted a special Hospital Activity Day at Children's. Participants were given the opportunity to decorate cookies, paint picture frames, decorate small wooden boxes, assemble small crafts, make slime, Borax crystals, pinwheels, and even their own ice cream! Patients of all ages thoroughly enjoyed the event and for a few hours were able to take their minds off their hospital stay and instead focus on some fun. The members of the Community Pride group were all touched and heart warmed by the grateful responses from the patients who participated in Activity Day.

On that same day, the group presented their 80 fleece blankets to Children's Hospital. The hospital was extremely thankful and assured the group that the blankets would be greatly appreciated by the patients who receive them. By the end of the day, the whole group was quite exhausted. But satisfaction in a job well done was prominently beaming from within each member and when asked if they'd do it again next year, there was nothing more than a unanimous "Yes!" The group hopes that they have established a good relationship with Children's Hospital. As responsible 4-Hers, members of the Community Pride group are typically more than happy to give their time and talents to those in need. Well done, Howard 4-H Community Pride group!

Madera County 4-H Youth Program is a non-profit organization for youth who are 9 years old or who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up to 19 years of age. All youth and adults in Madera County are invited to participate in the 4-H Program regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, mental or physical handicap.

August 1, 2014

#### Coarsegold 4-H News: Golden Valley Sheep Farm

by Emma Hussey, Coarsegold 4-H Club Reporter

I am in the Sheep project. I raise lambs and they go to fairs and I show them and then I sell them at the Junior Livestock auction at the end of the fair. Coarsegold 4-H goes to two fairs every year which are Chowchilla Fair and Madera Fair.

Last month, the Coarsegold 4-H Sheep project went to Golden Valley Sheep Farm on the corner of Ave 24 and Road 24 in Chowchilla for a field trip. This farm started with only 39 Friesen sheep in 2009 and now has over 980 sheep. Friesen sheep are one of the best breeds for being good milk producers. This farm makes the sheep milk into cheese and ice cream. Sheep milk is not like cow milk and is ok for people who are lactose intolerant to eat or drink and it is good for allergies. For the sheep to make good milk, they have to be fed a good diet. We learned about the fodder system and how growing your own food for your animals can be good for the sheep and good for the farmer.

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Since there has not been a lot of rain for awhile, everybody should think about saving water. The fodder system does that. It grows barley seeds into green barley grass using only a little bit of water and the leftover drains off and is used to water the other plants on this farm. Fodder can have about 20% protein which is more than what show sheep food has. This farm also uses almond hulls instead of hay. This is a totally different way of feeding than what we have learned so far and it was interesting and educational.

The Golden Valley Farm is run by a family with five people in it. Mr. Mario is the dad and the boss of the farm and he and his family do all of the work. They milk the sheep, feed the sheep, and make the cheese. They also had Black Angus cows and bulls there also. The sheep were divided into separate sections. They were separated by milking ewes, baby lambs, and bigger lambs. The baby lambs are only allowed to stay with their mom for a short time and then they are separated. Each section also had a protector animal like a llama or emu and they also had dogs. This farm also raises chickens and they run free all over. Their job is to eat flies and bugs to keep the farm clean.

They are working on making a farm store that anyone can go visit to buy cheese, ice cream, and other sheep products. It will be open in about a month and I hope that we can go there again to see their store. Their website is [www.goldenvalleysheep.com](http://www.goldenvalleysheep.com). Their address is 23865 Road 24, Chowchilla, CA and their phone number is (559) 696-0655. The Coarsegold Sheep Project is about learning about sheep like how to care for them, how to train them, and about keeping them healthy. This was a good field trip to learn about new sheep information. Coarsegold 4-H has a Facebook page now so if you would like to see more pictures and see what we are doing and learning, check us out!

Our community club leader is Pat Strimling and if you would like to join our 4-H, you can call her at 683-5149. Anyone can join! You don't have to be a student at Coarsegold Elementary to be a member of Coarsegold 4-H, you can live anywhere in Madera County as long as you can come to our meetings.

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Coarsegold 4-H Sheep kids visit Golden Valley Farm. From left to right: Roman Gonzalez, Emma Hussey, Suzanna Gonzalez, Savanna Gonzalez, Mario Daccarett, Eden Hussey, and Jenna Annis.



Mario shows us one of his cheese caves at Golden Valley Farm.

Coarsegold Sheep Project



members in the milk processing room.