



December 2014

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow... Or Just Rain!

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LCORT

(Leadership Conference of Regional Teens)

The conference will be **January 23-25, 2015** at the Wonder Valley Ranch and Conference Center in Sanger, CA. This year's theme is "MISSION: LEADERSHIP".

We have several members attending this year.

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 all dress codes.

Victoria Bodine, Madera County TLAW will be presenting a session. If you are going, make sure to check it out!

ENCHILADA TAKE-OUT FUNDRAISER

The Madera County 4-H Leaders Council Enchilada Fundraiser was a huge success again this year with both Valley and Mountain clubs selling all of their allotted tickets for each fundraiser. Special thanks to everyone who helped out. And huge appreciation to Madera Ag Boosters, Madera County Cattlewomen, Sierra Tel, La Rosa, Costco, Save Mart, and Pak-N-Save for their generous donations.

There are still enchilada casseroles at the 4-H office that were never picked up. We are now selling the remainder of them. \$20 each and they are frozen. Please come by and pick one up for a quick and easy holiday dinner!

HORSE EXPO RESULTS

Horse Expo was held on November 9, 2014 at the Madera Fairgrounds. It was a very successful day and congratulations to all the members who participated.

LEVEL I: Medal Makayla Beckstead-Coarsegold; Monica Christopher-Coarsegold; Larissa Garcia-Coarsegold; Abigail LaSpada - Coarsegold; David Jones - Dixieland; Olivia Hurley- Howard; Sierra Gonzales- Sierra Shadows; Claire Jones-Sierra Shadows; Liz Lovering- Sierra Shadows; Haylie Matthews- Sierra Shadows; Chloe Robbins- Sierra Shadows; Krystal Shipman- Sierra Shadows; Natalie Medrano- Spring Valley; Maegen Redman - Spring Valley. **Certificate** Shayleen Garcia- Coarsegold.

LEVEL II: Medal Leslie Biscay- Alvview Dairyland; Janay Hibner- Dixieland; Alex Radder- Raymond; Kelsie Wasum- Raymond; Carolyn Fay- Sierra Shadows; Madeline Hart- Sierra Shadows; Lilly Kier- Sierra Shadows; Meg Pentorali- Sierra Shadows; Gracia Ellis- Spring Valley.

LEVEL III: Medal Natalie Anselmo- Spring Valley. **Certificate** Alexis Soulis- Raymond.

Special Thanks to all the volunteers and parents who were there and helped to make the event run smooth!!



**Favorite Foods
& Consumer Science
Judging Day Scheduled**

Favorite Foods and Consumer Science Judging Day will be held Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Minarets High School in O'Neals, CA.

It will be a fun day full of food! Any 4-H member can participate. You do NOT have to be in a foods/cooking project to create and enter your masterpiece. Simply put your imagination to the test and become a chef for a day.

Information about the categories and guidelines is attached at the end of club notes. Please take a look for more information.



Consumer Science Judging

Along with Favorite Foods Day, 4-H members can test their knowledge of sorting the good from the bad in the world of fruits and vegetables. Members will have the opportunity to judge and place veggie and/or fruit classes based on the shape, color, size and maturity. It's a great learning opportunity and will be something they will use well into adulthood. Come check it out. After all, 4-H is all about learning by doing!



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/.

Madera County Fashion Revue Committee has been busy planning for the upcoming County Fashion Revue on April 25, 2015. If you did not attend the committee meeting, and wish to contribute, please contact the 4-H office. We need every club's sewing projects to help to make County Fashion Revue a success. Thank You!

Archery Certification Class

Scheduled

**December 12-13, 2014
River Oaks Range
11584 N. Shaffer Road
Winton, CA**

FOR Directions to the facility:
<http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html>.

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Participants will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis, with a maximum of 30 allowed in the class.

Participants will be required to fill out a facility waiver to participate. To view the language of the waiver or to download it and sign it prior to the meeting you can go to: http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/SFSA_Risk_Agreement_rev1a.pdf



**CHOWCHILLA FAIR
STEER WEIGH-IN**

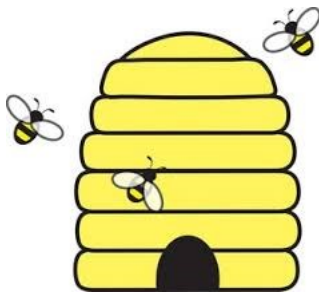
**Saturday
January 24, 2015
Producers Livestock Yard
Madera, CA**

Looking for a Qualifying Horse show for the 2015 California 4-H Horse Classic?

Visit <http://ucanr.edu/classic-qualifiers> to find a Horse Show near you!

2015 State 4-H Equine Field Day- Working on a location in the Fresno area for **January 31, 2015**. More information will be released once a location is secured.

2015 State 4-H Horse Classic – Save the Date June 24-28, 2015
Brookside Show park
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/



2015 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

2015 Essay Topic: *“Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up”* Participate in the 2015 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest and submit a 750 to 1000 word essay with the listed criteria in this document. This contest is open to active 4-H club members and must adhere to the requirements and designated subject. **Awards: 1st Prize - \$750, 2nd Prize - \$500, 3rd Prize - \$250** Essays must be submitted electronically as a Word or .pdf attachment, to the State 4-H Office by February 6, 2015. Email to: ca4h@ucanr.edu. In the subject line write: 2015 National Honey Bee Contest. The National winners’ essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation’s newsletter.

Apply to be a 2015-2016 State Ambassador!

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. **Due February 16, 2015.**

4-H CAMP 2015

Camp Keola—Huntington Lake

June 16-20, 2015

It’s that time of the year to start thinking about 4-H camp.

Application **DUE** dates:

Teen Council—January 6
Adult Counselors- February 10
Jr./Asst.Cslr—February 10
Camper—February 10

ALL money DUE
May 5, 2014



****Attention****

There are still fair checks to be picked up at the Madera Fair office. Please call or check out their Facebook page to see if you still have money to pick up. Fair office is open 8:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday. 559/674-8511.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 2 Horse Ownership Papers **DUE**– Spring Fairs
- 10 Club Enroll **DUE** to office
- 12/22/14-1/2/15 OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY

- 6 4H Camp TEEN COUNCIL apps **DUE**
- 6 Small Animal Expo Tests Available
- 7 Small Animal Comm Mtg 6pm Demo Bldg
- 8 Large Animal Comm Mtg 7pm Demo Bldg
- 17 Favorite Foods/Consumer Science 9:30am Minarets HS
- 19 OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 23-25 LCORT—Wonder Valley Ranch
- 24 **Chowchilla Fair Steer Weigh-In** Producers Livestock Yard– Madera
- 26 **Leaders Council Mtg** 7pm Demo Bldg
- 27 Small Animal Expo Tests **DUE**
- 28 Small Animal Tests Correction 9am

FEBRUARY

- 2 Club Enroll **DUE** for Spring Fairs
- 8 Small Animal Expo 11:30am Madera Fairgrounds
- 10 4H CAMP Apps **DUE**—Counselor & Camper
- 16 OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 17 Lg Animal Tests Available
- 23 **Leaders Council Mtg** 7pm Demo Bldg
- 24 Presentation Day Entries **DUE**



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**4-H Favorite Foods Day
Minarets High School**

45077 Road 200, O'Neals, 93645

Saturday, January 17, 2015

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.-Registration & Setup

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.- Judges 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, **5x7 inch size maximum**. 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.
9. Mini-members may enter category 15. 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!!!

Entries are judged on: Flavor, texture, appearance, display (Overall), 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 suitable for purpose.

**** It is important to display your entry as attractive as possible.
(Please refer to Guideline #11 for size of space you are allowed)**