



**LEARNING BY DOING.....**

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**Central Youth Summit**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**DEADLINE**

Registration for Central Youth Summit 2018 is **due in the 4-H office Friday, December 1, 2017**. The conference will be **January 26-28, 2018** at the Wonder Valley Ranch and Conference Center in Sanger, CA. This year's theme is "Leading the Pack".

Members age 12-14 (by Dec. 31, 2017) are encouraged to attend. The fee is \$150 and includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (starting Saturday morning), snacks, and all the registration materials.

**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.

Online Registration application:  
<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21680>

**\*\* Chaperones will be needed based on the number of delegates going.**



**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. **This includes Out of State Shows!** Thank You in advance. We need to keep track of these things for liability and insurance reasons.

**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. The 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!

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## ***Madera Co. 4-H Leaders Council Fundraiser***

Please help support Madera County 4-H by purchasing a Sal's Restaurant voucher good for 1 dozen enchiladas or bean & cheese burritos. Put your money where your mouth is...literally! All clubs are selling these. No expiration date. Good for entertaining or having a night off from cooking dinner! Makes great appreciation gifts and Christmas presents.

**\$20.00 Donation**

*Please contact any club leader to get yours today!*



## **Leader Orientation**

Please make sure you have completed the Online Leader Orientation. This is newly implemented from the State 4-H Office. You need to do this yearly in order to be a leader and conduct project meetings, etc. Any questions, please contact the 4-H Office.

Thank You!

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## **Need Space? Cleaning out the Tack Box, Laundry Room, Trailer?**

Just bring your used, outgrown show whites to the 4H office. We always have people looking through the boxes before shows.



## **HORSE EXPO**

SUNDAY, November 19, 2017  
Registration: 10:30am  
Madera Fairgrounds

Those members in the horse project, please come prepared and ready to medal! Go 4-H!



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

Favorite Foods and Consumer Science

Judging Day will be held:

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 9:30am**  
**Minarets High School**  
**O'Neals, CA**

The committee is currently working on a great event. If you or your project would like to help, please contact Pat Strimling, Coarsegold 4-H or Dana Poore, Sierra Shadows 4-H.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATIONS**

The Merced County 4-H Shooting Sports training team still has project leader/leader trainer classes in pistol and archery offered in December. All classes will be in a Saturday and Sunday format, 9 AM –4 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 N. Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. Participants must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days

to receive certification to lead any of the shooting sports disciplines at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost for each discipline is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday lite breakfast refreshments. Dry camping is available on site as is self-contained RV camping. You are responsible for lunches. The nearest shopping is 15 minutes away. It is recommended to bring lunches each day. You may bring your own firearms and ammunition or archery equipment. However everything will be provided if you want to use their equipment. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back home.

Driving directions to the classrooms and range are at <http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html>

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf> and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$35 check payable to "Merced County 4-H Council" and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, 7 days prior to the class you are taking, and space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418; [dmcintyre@ucanr.edu](mailto:dmcintyre@ucanr.edu).

Complete information on the 4-H Shooting Sports Program can be found at: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET\\_Projects/ShootingSports/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/)



***Giving Tuesday is Back! November 28, 2017***

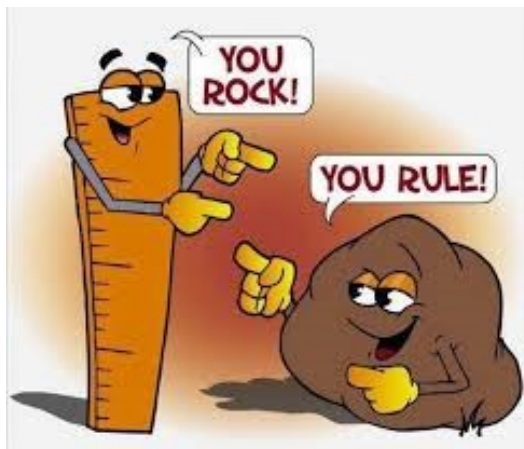
What better way to help out the County 4H Program! All you have to do is go to [www.ca4hfoundation.org](http://www.ca4hfoundation.org). Click on the “Donate Now” button, and follow the prompts. Make sure to designate the donation going to Madera County 4H Program.

**On November 28th, the California 4H Foundation will match funds ....WOW!!**

Mark your calendars! Set your alarm on your cell phone! What an easy way to donate to a great youth development program!



**Thank you** to everyone who helped make Achievement Night a success. Alview Dairyland 4-H did an awesome display of goodies & milk!! Bo Beels and Heather O’Neal for heading up the Silent Auction on Facebook. You guys rocked it! Heather Abrahams, Dana Poore, and Luz Juarez, our TLAWs for helping in the set up and our All Stars for hosting the event. A special thanks to Matthew Ylarregui for sharing his experience at Washington Citizenship Focus Trip with us. All of the members, leaders, parents, and family who came and supported this yearly event. You are all truly appreciated!



Inquiries regarding ANR’s nondiscrimination policies may be directed to John Fox, 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.



**CALENDAR**

**NOVEMBER**

- 19 Horse Expo—Madera Fairgrounds 10:30am
- 22 Laurie OUT OF OFFICE
- 23-24 OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 27 Leaders Council Mtg.—DEMO BLDG 7:00pm

**DECEMBER**

- 1 Horse Papers DUE—For Spring Fairs Central Youth Summit Money DUE \$150
- 18-29 OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY

**JANUARY**

- 1 OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 8 Small Animal EXPO tests available
- 9 Camp Teen Council Apps DUE
- 10 Small Animal Comm Mtg 6:00pm Large Animal Comm Mtg 7:00pm
- 15 OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 16 Club Enroll Fees DUE to 4-H Office
- 20 FavFoods/ConSci Day—Minarets HS 9:30am Chowchilla Fair Steer Weigh In
- 22 Leaders Council Mtg—DEMO BLDG 7:00pm Area Presentation Day Comm. Mtg 6:00pm
- 24 Fashion Revue Planning Comm. Mtg DEMO BLDG 6:00pm
- 26-28 CENTRAL YOUTH SUMMIT

## Alview-Dairyland 4-H Exciting Projects & Leaders

By

Lana Cederlof and Daisy Goncalves, Club Reporters

Many people think that in 4-H we only show animals, but there is a lot more to it. As members of Alview- Dairyland 4-H, we have the opportunity to join non- livestock projects. We would like to share with you what this club offers. Arts and Crafts, led by Holly Haynes, is a group where members can do fun crafts and activities. Project leader Karen Upton hosts the Foods and Nutrition group, where children bake sweet treats and snacks. Engineering- Automation is an exciting project taught by Linda Cederlof. The kids program and wire little mechanisms. Led by Kimberly Bitter, Public Speaking is a small group that goes to presentation days, and speaks in front of others.

Shooting Sports is a fun project taught and led by Duarte Goncalves, Jeremy Cederlof, and Brad Bitter. You can participate in Rifle, Shotgun, or Archery. Jennifer Goncalves, the leader of Veterinary Science, has an interesting group where you can learn all about how to properly care for many species of animals. Floral Design is a fun project where you can make lovely flower arrangements out of real or silk flowers and the leader of this project is Angie Barney. Tara Davis is the leader of the Dairy Judging group, in which you place cattle in order from best looking dairy cow to poorest looking dairy cow. The Community Pride project is led by Paula Hanson. In this group, children take pride in their community by participating in various community events. Debra Haworth is the leader of the Scrapbooking group where members learn how to save memories using pictures. Last but definitely not least is the Photography group led by Gina Sanchotena learns how to properly use a camera, and how to develop films.



## NEWS RELEASE – Howard 4-H Fall Activities

From: Nikki McCann, 2017-2018 Howard 4-H Club Reporter



**Savannah Reyes, of Howard 4-H, prepares her pledge poster to present at the club’s October business meeting. Savannah is a member of the Beginning 4-H project, led by Mika Petrucci.**

Howard 4-H club is active this month with a variety of projects and activities. The monthly business meeting was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting began with a presentation of the 4-H Pledge by the members of Mika Petrucci’s *Beginning 4-H* group. Other highlights included a report by Sarah Turini on the National 4-H Week display at Evan’s Feed & Fuel and the collection of donated items for the Madera County Animal Shelter by co-chairs Katie Ylarregui and Abby Poore. Perhaps the most significant item on the agenda was the Initiation Ceremony for the club’s 21 new members. The meeting concluded with group games and refreshments.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Howard 4-H members, along with members of other Madera County 4-H clubs, attended the 2017 Achievement Night. Recognition was given to outstanding 4-H members and record book winners. Also featured during the event was a presentation by Matthew Ylarregui, who spoke on the Washington, D.C. Citizenship Focus trip that he experienced this past summer.

## Pig Tales from Coarsegold 4-H

By: Keiana Cramblett

As October rolls on, my mom and I are getting ready for farrowing season. Farrowing is the act of a sow giving birth to a litter of piglets. Two of our sows, Lucy and Shirley, are currently pregnant. Lucy is due at the end of this month and Shirley is due the first week of November. A sow is a female pig who has farrowed a litter. A pig's gestation period is 114 days (3 months, 3 weeks, and 3 days). A sow's litter size can vary from 8-12 piglets on average, but genetics can play a part in litter size, as well as the environment the sow is in. After the 114 days pass, the sow goes into labor and can be restless for a few hours or up to a day before farrowing. When a sow is almost ready to farrow, she will spray milk. A few minutes after being born, the piglets are up and walking by themselves, looking to nurse. After a few days the piglet establishes a teat and will use the same teat for the remainder of the nursing period, which at our house is 21 days. A few days

after the piglets are born, my mom and I process them. When we process the piglets, we ear notch them, give an iron shot, and trim their tails to prevent other piglets from chewing it off. Ear notching is a popular identification process to monitor sick pigs. Ear notching doesn't hurt the pigs very much as it is very similar to piercing your ears. You clip notches into the piglets' ears, and the notches have corresponding numbers. The piglets grow rapidly. When my mom sells the piglets at two months, they usually weigh 40 - 50 pounds, with a weight at birth of approximately 3 pounds. I pick my show pig at that point, and I begin the growing process. At 4 months the pigs weigh 150 - 200 pounds. A month before fair



I begin to train my pig for show. By training, I don't mean to teach my pig a bunch of tricks. I take my pig out and teach it to turn, slow down and speed up. Fair comes and the pigs are 6 months at this point. They weigh 215-280 pounds at this time. Show day is a crazy experience. For swine you show two classes, Market and Showmanship. Market class is to judge your pig on its market quality, how much it weighs, how much muscle it has and other market components. Showmanship class is about the exhibitor and how well you can control your pig. You auction your pig off at the fair's auction, and the process is done. Then a few months later, a new litter is born and the madness starts again.

Coarsegold 4-H had their own float at this year's Heritage Day parade, and our club was awarded 1st place in the Youth Marching Division. Achievement Night for record book was this month. Eden Hussey won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Sheep, Emma Hussey received County Winner for Vegetable Garden Projects, and Erin McCulley was awarded her Bronze Star and 5<sup>th</sup> place for Poultry. The Llama project participated at the Western Regionals, and Makayla Beckstead was awarded 1st in judging, 2<sup>nd</sup> in performance, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Showmanship.

### Upcoming Events :

Central Youth Summit is coming up soon. Central Youth Summit is a 3 day leadership camp for all 4-H members. Community prides project this month is Operation Christmas Child, which is when we fill boxes with an assortment of supplies and send the boxes out throughout the world for less fortunate kids. We received a letter from a boy in El Salvador, telling us he received one of our Operation Christmas Child boxes from last year. We are making pillows and donating them to Ryan's case for smiles - a charity for special illnesses.

## Sierra Shadows 4-H Article

By: Sierra Gonzalez, Reporter

Sierra Shadows is a great 4-H club to be in. We offer a lot of projects like poultry, rabbit, dog, sheep, goat, swine, horse, community pride, photography, archery, art & crafts, baking, floriculture, outdoor living, public speaking, and sewing.

We recently just had achievement night. Our club all together earned some pretty great awards. Some people who got awarded or recognized are: Sierra Gonzalez, Taylor Cardoza, Bryce Gonzalez, Graciela Ruiz, Payton Poore, Lilly Kier, Aaliah Medina, Mariah Medina, Regan Fringer, Bree William, Cayla Johnson, Devon Johnson, Carolyn Fay, Lacey Christopher, Emily Christopherson, and Isabella Alarcon. The members are led by generous volunteer leaders who give a lot of their time and knowledge.

We also had a Halloween party on October 28th. We created our own haunted forest that the community pride group put together. The idea of the haunted forest was Payton Poore's. We want to give a special thanks to Terri Fernandez who hosted this outreach event.

Keep an eye out for some upcoming events we will be doing like the Ranchos Tree Lighting with the Chamber of Commerce.



Community Pride Haunted Forest Staff ready to start



Sierra Shadows Members 4-H Achievement Night posing with pride.