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Message from the President

Our New Year is off to a roaring start! The 4-H Foundation BBQ was a great event – many 4-H members and 4-H parents and leaders were volunteering to help make the day very successful. Enrollment is in full swing and we are sure it will be a much smoother process this year.

The All-Star team and their Advisors have been working hard and meeting weekly to organize the big event of the year – *Achievement Night!* They are putting the finishing touches on event now and it promises to be a spectacular event. We hope everyone attends and helps clap and cheer on your fellow members, leaders and clubs for the outstanding work you did in 2010–11!

Join the “Revolution of Responsibility” and help celebrate National 4-H Week October 2-8th. Each year the Sonoma County Grange Credit Union works

with Sonoma County 4-H to help promote our National 4-H week Window Display Contest. Good luck and congratulations to all the 4-H clubs that participated and created a display for the public to see. National 4-H week provides a great opportunity to put your local 4-H club, members or leaders in the spotlight! Celebrate your club’s success by sharing their stories and recognizing their commitment to making positive impacts in their communities.

Our first CCC meeting is behind us and I would like to thank everyone for attending and I encourage you to share the information you receive at the meetings with your clubs. Our next meeting is October 4th at 7 pm at the 4-H office in Santa Rosa.

Diana Stornetta
CCC President

Go On a Magic Carpet Ride!

Calling all Junior and Teen Leaders! The first meeting of the new Countywide Leadership Development Project is October 14 from 6-9 PM at the 4-H Center. We’ll be exploring the new *Thrive!* Leadership curriculum in this project chock full of fun and hands-on activities designed to develop and inspire you to become leaders and work with the members in your projects.

At our first meeting you’ll get to know other teens from throughout the county, get involved with the new Online Record Book (“the ORB”), enjoy good food, and even take a ride on a magic carpet! Our other meeting dates are December 9, March 9 and June 8, always from 6-9 PM at the 4-H Center and always including dinner!

Adult CCC and Project Leaders are welcome for their own orientation to this new Project and the *Thrive!* Leadership Curriculum at the first meeting on October 14. The Adult portion of the meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Enroll in the new project by selecting this **countywide** project during online enrollment and come on down. If you’re interested in getting more involved, we’re looking for a few more Teen Leaders to join the county team of Thrive Master Trainers. Contact Kelly Hinde at 291-2050, Charlotte LeGallee at 481-4413, Amber Cook at 894-2333 or Mary Engbreth at 996-2981 for more details or if you have questions about the new project.

Coming Soon... Presentation Day 2012

Sure, it's not even Halloween, but it's not too soon to be thinking about Presentation Day! Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 4, 2012 and hold the date. Begin to think about doing a presentation – do you have a favorite project you want to share with others, want to learn more about a topic and then teach other about it, need presentations toward your next star? This is your chance! Look for more details in upcoming issues of the Reporter!

Kelly Hinde
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Service Learning Opportunity for Poultry Members

Do you want to learn what goes into putting on a poultry show? Did you know that poultry shows are typically hosted by volunteers to support the ongoing development of quality animals? This supports agriculture and our economy.

The Cloverdale Citrus Fair poultry show needs a few youth to help with its annual Poultry show on Saturday, February 18, 2012. 4-H Members who are nine years and older and in a poultry project can help set up the show learning how coops are assembled and classes arranged on Friday evening. A few older members (14 and older) are needed on Saturday during the show to help exhibitors coop in, clerk for the judge, and run the showmanship competition. Finally, help with clean up is also needed.

In addition to learning more about exhibiting poultry competitively, you earn credit for your Record Book for a multi-county event and a special thank-you gift! Those who help may still exhibit their birds and participate in showmanship. Interested? Contact Kelly Hinde at 291-2050 or at hindekelly@gmail.com.



All Star Report

The All Stars are hard at work, carefully planning Achievement Night 2011, to be held at the 4-H Center in Rohnert Park on October 8th at 7pm, so don't miss it. Also, if you wish to have the All Stars come to your club and install your officers, please get in touch with our advisors Karyn Pulley: kdpmick@aol.com, Cheryl Mohrman: mohrmanjr@aol.com with your club meeting place and time.

The 2011-2012 All Star Team

2012 National 4-H Conference

Chevy Chase, Maryland

March 24-29, 2012

Due postmarked October 31, 2011

Application available on line at
<http://www.ca4h.org/files/3617.pdf>

Adults and Members: *Don't let this great opportunity pass you by!* Your expenses will be covered by State and National 4-H

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must have not represented California 4-H Youth Development at the Conference within the past seven years.

1. Youth Delegates must be least 15 years of age as of December 31, 2011, and be enrolled as a 4-H Member.
2. Adult Delegates must be least 18 years of age, enrolled as a 4-H Volunteer Leader or as a 4-H YDP staff member.
3. Chaperones must be least 25 years of age, enrolled as a 4-H Volunteer Leader or as a 4-H YDP staff member.

Attention Teens with Community Service Ideas!

If your planned community service project is in need of funding and matches up to any one of the 16 issue areas listed on the WaysToHelp.org site, you may apply for a grant by visiting <http://waystohelp.org>. Grant requests are accepted on an ongoing basis and are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

2011 State Leaders Forum

With the 2011-2012 4-H year soon upon us, it's time to start plans for the upcoming 4-H year. As members of the 2011 State Leaders Forum Committee, we hope your plans include the State Leaders Forum at the beautiful Asilomar Conference Center location from November 11-13, 2012. More specifically, our hope is that you will help us support this educational and networking opportunity for 4-H Leaders by helping us offset costs of the event by assisting with donations for the Silent Auction. The SLF Silent Auction helps to defray some of the costs of State Leaders' Forum, offers the opportunity to showcase and share some of your county's offerings, allows leaders throughout the state to sample items from another location in this wonderful state, is tax-deductible and is an exciting part of SLF.

Each county is requested to donate one or more "County Baskets" featuring items you feel are representative of all that makes your county the wonderful place it is. Local non-perishable items making up county baskets are always hot items on the Silent Auction tables. Baskets usually include 5-10 items and have a value of \$50 or more. If you collect items with a dollar amount greater than \$100 you might consider splitting it into more than one basket. The SLF 2011 Silent Auction Committee is hoping to get donations of "County Baskets" from all counties in the state as well as individual, "Club" and "Project" based baskets.



Countywide Rabbit Leadership

The countywide rabbit project is returning this year—with a twist! This year the project will be all about leadership in the world of rabbits. Members will attend their own club rabbit projects to learn skills like showmanship, breeding, and husbandry. At the County-Wide Rabbit Leadership meetings they will learn how to plan, organize and put-on large-scale events like State Rabbit Field Day and the March Hare Double Youth Rabbit Show. The project will meet monthly at the 4-H Center starting in October on the third Thursday at 7 PM (October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19 and May 17).

This project is open to all youth who are enrolled in a club rabbit project (even those who cross-club) and are interested in learning how to put on events. Older youth will serve as Chairs of events and committees and will mentor younger youth. If you have questions please call one of the project leaders, Kelly Hinde at 291-2050 or Debra Mills at 799-2359.

UC Davis Professor to discuss Infectious Bursal Disease (IBD) in Sonoma County Poultry

The bursa of Fabricius is an extremely important organ in the immune system of birds. The bursa is present at hatching and through the early life of the bird before gradually disappearing when the bird reaches sexual maturity. The IBD virus destroys the bursa and thus causes the bird to be greatly susceptible to other (i.e. secondary) infections such as E. coli, Salmonella, coccidia, and Marek's disease.

A unique strain of the IBD virus is present in the Sonoma area of California. Researchers and veterinarians from UC Davis, The Ohio State University, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the U.S. Dept of Food and Agriculture (USDA) have been working with the local poultry industry in order to understand the ecology and epidemiology of the disease. Specifically, understanding how the disease was introduced and how it spreads will be essential toward effectively managing IBD in the future.

CDFA, UC Davis, and UCCE will be co-hosting a meeting at the UCCE office in Santa Rosa on Tuesday November 1st at 5:30pm regarding IBD. Dr. Beate Crossly from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and the California Animal Health and Food Safety Lab (CAHFS) will present a brief description of IBD. In addition, she will discuss resources available to backyard bird owners with sick birds.

Please contact Judy Ludovise at jludovis@sonoma-county.org with any further questions.

Come in and see the new curriculum for our 4-H library!

- 4-H Stories from the Heart
- 3 new guides: 4-H Guide to Dog Training and Tricks, Training Horses, Raising Chickens
- Exploring the Treasures of 4-H and the Helpers Guide
- Junk Drawer Robotics (all three levels)

Healthy Living with 4-H

If you could improve the health in your 4-H club, where would *you* start? The 4-H Healthy Living Initiative Advisory Committee wants to hear about what is currently taking place within your county and club programming, and how the healthy living components and practices of California 4-H can be strengthened. To put it simply, we want to know how we can *best* provide the desired programs, resources, and activities that will benefit your 4-H community. To represent Sonoma County and have your voice heard, visit <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5768>

4-H Foundation Project/Event Grants Guidelines and Form

The 4-H Foundation of Sonoma County sponsors a grants program designed to support and enhance the 4-H program. Grants are made available to 4-H projects, activities or events that will benefit the 4-H program. Available funds may vary from year to year. Grant requests will be considered twice a year, with applications due on November 15 and February 15 of each year.

Any 4-H member, leader, project group or club may submit a grant request. Grant Request forms are available at the 4-H Office or from the 4-H Foundation's website at www.4hfoundationofsoco.org.

Camp Memories

My name is Gianna, I am 9 years old, and I went to 4-H Camp for the first time this past summer. I attended Camp 2, I was in Tribe 3: Space Juice. I loved 4-H Camp! It was lots of fun. My favorite activities were swimming, crafts and the treasure hunt. I learned many new songs like Black Socks, Baby Bumble Bee and many more. If you like your parent can be a chaperone. 4-H members, if you're old enough you can be a staffer.

There is a boy's side and a girl's side for sleeping and there is a camp clean up competition; whichever side is the cleanest (girls or boys) get's to ask the losing side to carry their luggage on the last day. At our camp, the girl's camp won (naturally), so the boys helped us carry our luggage out to the bus. Girls rule!

You can go to 4-H camp even if you are not in 4-H, it is lots of fun and I recommend it.

Gianna
Gateway 4-H

ChickenQue 2012 Update

The planning for the 2012 ChickenQue is underway! We have decided to add a cake baking contest and a cake-eating contest! As we get closer to the event we will get the details out to you.

Please make sure that your club has a ChickenQue representative in place. This is a very important position and our goal this year is to make it *fun!* Your ChickenQue Rep will be your club's connection to the event and they will help you have a successful day (No experience is necessary—we'll train you!).

Please remember that ChickenQue is very important to the funding of the programs that you and your families enjoy as 4-H members. As we have seen our outside funding and support dwindle due to tough financial times, we need to do more to support ourselves. This event is *your* event—and with its 50-year history, possibly the only event of its kind!!!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns!

Matthew Schafer
2012 ChickenQue Chairperson

Local Gardening, Food and Food Preservation with the Junior Master Gardener 4-H Project

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) is planning to increase local food production and access, by bringing Master Gardeners, 4-H members and community supporters together to develop a Jr. Master Gardener program. This program will use resources from UCCE to enlarge existing programs, thus increasing outreach in a new program area that uses Sonoma County Community Gardens to teach gardening, food production and food preservation skills to youth in a 4-H Countywide community project. This project looks to increase leadership skills to the youth of Sonoma County.

UCCE is looking for interested individuals to develop this innovative countywide project. For more information, please contact, Dr. Stephanie Larson at 707-565-2621 or slarson@ucdavis.edu.

National 4-H Week is Just Around the Corner!

Go to <http://www.4-h.org/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2011-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/>

Download your own customizable toolkit. Promote your club or the county program. Check it out. Good project for teen leaders

Countywide “Catchin’ Air” Skateboarding Project

Project leader: Richard Williams (707) 483-6194;
please call with any inquiries

Our first meeting will be on Saturday, October 15,
2011 at 1:00pm at the Carson Warner Memorial
Skatepark, 1300 Grove St, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Requirements:

1. Ages 5-15 must have parent/guardian supervision at all times.
2. All skateboarders must have their own skateboards.
3. All skateboarders must always wear their own protective gears; helmet, elbow pads and knee pads.

Note: Please bring your own food and plenty of drinking water.

Project Leaders and Parents: A Winning Team!

We would like to encourage all of our project leaders to set up their meeting dates and times this month and share them with your families. Everyone is very busy and letting our families know when, where and what time the dates of their meetings will help to reduce confusion and frustrations on everyone’s part. It is so easy to think that we will “get to it” and life happens! Our 4-H Program feels that projects are the key to a successful 4-H experience. We are always so impressed by the variety of projects offered and the creative project leaders who develop these experiences for our youth.

We would also like to encourage parents to attend monthly club meetings so they can keep informed on upcoming activities throughout the county. It is also important to support your project leaders through volunteering to help them when needed and to respect their time by having your members to the meetings on time and picking them up promptly at the end of the meetings. Together our leaders and parents can create a wonderful learning environment for our young people.

Mark Your Calendar for 2011 Orientations Required for New 4-H Volunteers

6:30-8:00pm at 4H Center in Rohnert Park
Fingerprint service available through Truscan at these meetings. Come at 6:00 if you need fingerprints

October 13 (Thursday), November 7 (Monday)

*Change this year- This meeting will cover UC requirements/policies only. Attendance is required in order to be appointed as an agent of the University and to receive liability insurance coverage when performing as a 4H leader.

NEW THIS YEAR: Additional orientations will be held before each CCC meeting at 6:00-6:45pm at the **4-H office** 9/6, 10/4, 11/1. No fingerprint service available at these orientations. You will need to schedule an appointment through the Sheriff’s office

**Optional Project Leader Training available by appointment at the 4-H office in Santa Rosa.*

Please call the 4H office (707) 565-2681 to make a reservation.

Volunteer Needed...

With less staff on board in the 4-H office, we are looking for additional ways that volunteers can help us keep the program running smoothly.

We would like to find a volunteer who could take over the layout of our monthly 4-H newsletter. Interested?

For more information regarding the specifics, please contact Judy Ludovise at jludovis@sonoma-county.org.

Thank you!





SONOMA COUNTY 4H PROGRAM COUNTYWIDE PROJECT

ROCKS / LAPIDARY



Educational Goals and Objectives:

- Learn the basic science of rock and mineral identification techniques such as hardness, color, specific gravity as well as visual techniques.
- Learn the safe and proper operation of mineral working machinery such as saws, grinders and polishers.
- Learn basic lapidary (rock polishing) techniques.
- Learn mounting techniques to create finished jewelry from a polished specimen.

Outline of Project Completion Requirements:

- Attendance of 80%. (Make-up dates will be available for approved excuses).
- Demonstrate proper lapping technique.
- Demonstrate mounting of specimens using DOP wax.
- Complete a minimum of one piece from rough rock to finished mounted stone in a setting.

Eligibility:

This project is open to all Sonoma County 4H members **aged 8 years and older**.

Costs:

For insurance purposes each 4H participant must join the Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society at a cost of \$20 per year. Shop fees are \$2 per meeting. Rock specimens will be provided or participants may provide their own rocks.

Meetings at the Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society Shop located at 5690 Old Redwood Highway, Santa Rosa 95402 on the **First Saturday of each month** from **9:30 AM to Noon** beginning 10/1/2011, 11/5, 12/3, as well as 1/7, 2/4, 3/3, 4/7 & 5/5/2012.

For More Information:

Mike Fynan 707-569-0565 (mike.fynan@gmail.com)



2011-2012 4-H DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER APPLICATION FORM

MEMBER:		CLUB:		YEARS IN 4-H:
ADDRESS:		CITY:		ZIP:
PHONE:	AGE:	DOB:	GRADE IN SCHOOL:	ACRES:
BREED CHOICE:	1.		2.	
HAVE YOU EVER HAD A REPLACEMENT HEIFER BEFORE?			IF YES, HOW MANY?	
OTHER PROJECTS NOW ENROLLED IN:				
DAIRY LEADER'S SIGNATURE:				

RECOMMENDATION OF LEADER:

The deadline for the **4-H Dairy Replacement Heifer Application is NOVEMBER 1, 2011** . Please mail application to Pat Groverman, 400 Ormsby Lane, Petaluma, CA 94954. Since 1958 the 4-H Dairy Replacement Heifer Project has been popular. Heifers will be placed from January to April. These heifers will be from one week to two months old (usually three weeks of age). Members enrolled in this project, raise the heifers, show them at fairs, have them bred, and sell them two and one half years later as heavy springers at a special 4-H Dairy Replacement Heifer sale. The process for securing a heifer is:

1. The 4-H member and parents should understand that this is a commitment to a two and one-half year project. The applicant must be currently enrolled in a 4-H Club.
2. Once a decision has been made to apply, the member should fill out the above application and contact the local dairy leader for a recommendation and signature.
3. The dairy leader will make a recommendation to the Replacement Heifer Committee by the application deadline. When making a recommendation, the leader should note interest, dependability, and parental support. These criteria are very important!! In the past, some members have been very negligent in turning in required information, such as vaccination, breeding dates, Bill of Sale, and contact.
4. The Dairy Replacement Heifer Advisory Committee will review all applications and select the members who will receive heifers.
5. Applicants will be notified in December, by mail whether or not they will be receiving a heifer.
6. Only in rare cases do first-year members receive heifers. Primary membership does not apply. Only 4-H members residing on dairy ranches can apply.
7. Members are not eligible after they are 16 years of age **or** reached their junior year in high school.

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Upcoming 4-H Events



October

- 2–9 National 4-H Week
- 4 CCC Meeting, 4-H Office, Santa Rosa 7:00pm
- 8 Achievement Night, 4HC 7:00pm
- 13 Leader Orientation 4HC 6:30pm
- 14 Thrive Meeting, 4HC 6:00pm
- 22 County Citizenship project
- 25 Ex CCC Meeting, 4HC 7:00pm

November

- 1 All Enrollment Due to 4-H Office
- 1 CCC Meeting, 4-H Office, Santa Rosa 7:00pm
- 7 Leader Orientation 4HC 6:30pm
- 11–13 . State Leader's Forum, Asilomar
- 24–25 . 4-H Office Closed. Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29 Ex CCC Meeting, 4HC 7:00pm

December

- 6 No CCC Meeting
- 9 Thrive Meeting, 4HC 6:00pm
- 26–31 . Office Closed for holidays

Articles for the November *Reporter* are due
by October 5th

Please email all articles to
jludovis@sonoma-county.org