California 4-H Youth Development Program
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SONOMA COUNTY 4-H REPORTER

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From Our President...

With only two CCC meetings left, it's time to talk about Executive Board positions. We currently have five board positions open: President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Programs, Special Accounts Treasurer and Member-at-Large. This is an incredible opportunity. Your voice and ideas can make a difference. We would love to have some new energy and new faces at the head table. Please contact me if you are interested or if you have any questions, mohrmanjr@aol.com or 792-1096.

Our next CCC meeting is April 7 at the 4-H Office, don't forget to let me know if you want to be on the agenda or if you have an announcement.

4-H Camp applications are available online and Sonoma County Fashion Revue is April 11 at the 4-H Center. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Get ready for ChickenQue! This will be a great event and we need everyone's support. This is an inexpensive family fun day and a great opportunity to show off your 4-H clubs and projects to the public.

~Cheryl

ChickenQue: Good Clean Fun for Volunteers Too

PARENTS -Are you signed up to help at ChickenQue on May 3rd? We will be feeding 7000 people!

This is the one large fundraiser conducted by the county 4-H program. The funds raised go directly to the 4-H program to benefit your children.

We ask that all parents and members come to the fairgrounds and work for a shift. Please see your club leader today to sign up. **WE NEED YOU!!!** If you are already signed up- thank you!

When you get to the event, the first thing you should do is wash your hands! And, if you are cooking or serving food, please: no jewelry, have your hair tied back, and any cuts should be covered.

Observing these few simple rules will ensure a safe day for all.

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Attention Leaders:

once again, the 4-H Foundation has given us the first chance to book the 4-H Center for next year.

Please call or email Kati at the 4-H office with your dates!

4-H Camp is Ready to go!

Have you had enough of the cold, wind and rain of winter? It's time to start dreaming of fun in the sun, sleeping under the stars and basking in the natural beauty of Las Posadas 4-H Camp. Camp is open to all Sonoma County youth between the ages of nine and fourteen, as well as their parents. Our primary purpose is outdoor education, but there is also plenty of time for swimming, crafts, campfires, songs, hikes and sports.

Applications for the 2009 camp sessions are available online at www.ucanr.org/soco4hcamp This year we hope to avoid massive postage fees by having applicants download this large packet if at all possible. Applications may be picked up at the 4-H Office for those who are unable to get them online.

The Camp dates are:

Camp I - Monday, June 29 to Saturday, July 4.

Camp II - Sunday, July 5 to Friday, July 10.

Applications for 4-H members will be accepted after February 28. Applications for non-4-H members may be submitted after March 31. Mail your applications early. Camp often fills up before the final deadline of May 31.

Transportation to and from camp is by bus. Camp fees include a camp photo and T-shirt.

Teens: Come Camp Out at Lake Sonoma!

On May 16 and 17 a group of 6th grade and older 4-H members will be attending a Sonoma County 4-H Outdoor Adventure event and we'd like your suggestions and help. If you are a 4-H leader or youth (in the sixth grade or higher) and are interested in helping with this brand new event at Lake Sonoma, please contact Patti Camgros [Beginning 4-H project leader] at rpcamg@hughes.net or 778-8781.

We are looking for youth/adult teams to head up subcommittees for Food, Registration, Transportation, Hiking, Biking, Fishing, in-camp activities, and what ever else it takes to put on a fun weekend. Please send your ideas to my email or call me [listed above]. We are especially looking for a lifeguard or a lifeguard in training to come along so that we can offer swimming as an activity for Saturday afternoon. A registration form for the event will be in the next Reporter (If we get enough volunteers to make this happen!)

Thank you, for your time and interest. We can use any extra help we can get!
Thank you in advance, Patti Camgros & Dominic Page

ChickenQue is May 3rd! Please Help Out!

Question from a volunteer: Why is Chickenque so important? Isn't it just another fundraiser?

Answer: Chickenque isn't just another fundraiser! It is our ONLY fundraiser. Our goal is to raise enough money at this one-day event, to fund our Program for the entire year.

Proceeds used for:

Achievement Night, Officers Training, Presentation Day, Spring Fling, 4-H Summer Camp, All Star Program, Delegates to State Leadership Conference, Delegates to State All Star Conference, International Exchange Programs, County Project Activities, Delegates to Washington D.C. Citizenship Focus, Livestock Judging Day, Leaders to attend training conferences, Jr/Teen Leader Training, Chaperones for out-of-county events, Sonoma County Council 4-H Scholarships and more!

We Need Your Help! Please don't let us down, because it is the youth that suffer the consequences. Volunteer to help and then **PLEASE SHOW UP!** We had nearly everyone who signed up last year show up and do their part– thank you! Many other counties must ask their volunteers to conduct multiple fundraisers throughout the year to fund their countywide program. We are fortunate to have our well-established Chickenque one-day event. But it only works if we ALL pitch in. You are needed!

Whether you are new to 4-H, or have been around for a while, we have a place for you. Come join us as we work together to make the best better!

State Leadership Conference Registration Opens April 1st

This year's conference is being held August 6 to 9, 2009 at UC Merced. Registration materials are available after April 1st and are due June 12. More information about the Conference is available at http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/

All Star's Corner…

Hello, Sonoma County 4-H members. Spring is here…and so are 4-H events!

County Fashion Review will be held on April 11th. Fashion Review is a fun day filled with beautiful and creative clothing. Entering and competing is always fun, but getting to see all the other fantastic entries is even better. If you are not entering the Fashion Review, I recommend attending as a spectator. I know that making, preparing, and/or purchasing an outfit for the Fashion Review is difficult and time consuming.

Coming up soon is the Sonoma County 4-H ChickenQue on May 3rd. Congratulations to everyone who entered and placed in the ChickenQue Poster contest; I look forward to seeing all of the fabulous ChickenQue posters around Sonoma County. Work hard to sell lots of ChickenQue Tickets. The ChickenQue is our largest fundraiser so sell as many tickets as possible. Members are required to sell 4 tickets.

This event is a great opportunity for community service. There are many ways to volunteer for example: working at booths, serving food, serving coffee, cleaning tables, and recycling. Adults and parents are welcomed to volunteer at the cake booth, as a cook, or supervising the youth. Please do not forget to sign up at your monthly 4-H meeting. Volunteer hours at the ChickenQue always look great in Record Books.

Finally, spring is the time to purchase market lambs, hogs and goats. There are plenty of great local sales and auctions for all 3 species. Ask you project leaders for more information on upcoming sales.

Work hard, and have fun.
Cierra Warner, Cynthia Hinde, Kasey Peterson, Tara Camgros, John Mohrman and Rocco Cunningham, your 2008-2009 All Star Team

Fashion Revue is April 11th!

Do you like fashion? Do you like to sew? Or do you like being a spectator? If you answered yes, then you should come to the **2009 4H County Fashion Revue on April 11th**, at the 4H Center in Rohnert Park. This year's theme is "Clothing, Textiles & Quilting: From the Past to the Present."

There will be the following 8 categories: Traditional, Purchased, Recycled, Embellished, the Apron Challenge, Vintage Style, Textiles and Quilted. The Vintage category is clothing style 1960 and earlier, the Textile category is woven, knitted or felted clothing or accessories, and the Quilted category is for clothing, accessories or quilts.

The 5 Divisions are (Age as of 1/1/09):

6-8 years- Primary, 9-11 years- Junior, 12-13 years- Intermediate, 14 years & up- Senior, and First year in Sewing

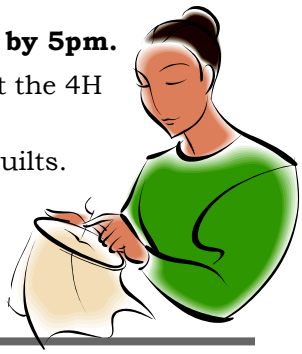
The entry forms will be available in March.

Entry form deadline will be on April 1st, 2009 and will be due at the 4H Office by 5pm.

The last and final Fashion Revue workshop will be on Quilting and it will be held at the 4H Office starting at 10am, on March 14th, 2009.

There will be information, demonstrations and examples on Quilted clothing and Quilts.

This year's Fashion Revue should be new & exciting and I hope that you will come and check it out. If you have any questions you can email Denise or Chenoa Van Gerpen at: dvangerpen@gmail.com *Submitted by Chenoa Van Gerpen (teen chair member)*



4-H'ers Enjoyed the Citizenship Conference

A few weekends ago, March 6-8, I, along with 33 other 4-H members, attended the North Section Citizenship Conference. This year it was held in San Francisco at the Fort Mason Hostel. There were six members from Sonoma County, the rest were from various other counties in our section.

The first night, we were separated into groups based on which community service project we would be doing on Saturday. Then we played ice-breaker games to learn each others name and become familiar with one another. The next day, we woke up, ate breakfast, and the three groups split up.

One group went to a center for food collection and distribution. While they were there they separated good oranges from bad oranges. Another group planted trees. Many of these trees were planted in front of people's houses and the home owners were extremely grateful. The last group, my group, went to Crissy Field, on the bay, and removed invasive species of plants. We also cleaned up garbage and made the area look nicer.

That night we all went on a walk to Ghirardelli square. The whole experience was really fun and educational. I learned a lot about being a better citizen and ways I can help my community. We also were able to inform people about 4-H. I recommend attending next year's conference to everyone!

~Emma Davidson, Alexander Valley 4-H

Alexander Valley 3D Archery Shoot is April 19th

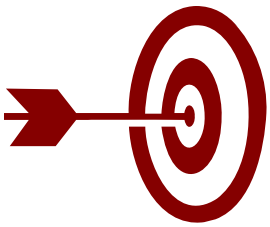
CHECK IN AT: 8:00am

Awards for each age group: JUNIORS: 9-11yrs., INTERMEDIATES: 12-13yrs., SENIORS: 14-19yrs.

$ 5.00 to shoot, $5.00 for Hot BBQ Lunch

At: Fanucchi's Vineyard (5279 Hwy 128, Geyserville)

For entry forms or info, contact: Ron Elmer 707-431-8972



-Simeon & Kinsman Van Gerpen

SET Training a Great Experience

On February 7th, I attended the SET (Science, Engineering and Technology) Training at UC Davis. The goal of the conference was to educate leaders and teen members on how to get more young people interested in these fields. Conferences were being conducted simultaneously at UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, UCCE Merced County and UCCE Tehama County. Using video conferencing, we were able to participate in the seminar with 4-H members, staff and leaders throughout the State.

A big part of the conference was centered around inquiry-based learning. This is where the leader will ask open-ended questions to encourage students to discover information for themselves. I thought this way of learning really helped the student retain the information. We did a fun activity that illustrated inquiry-based learning.

After this activity, we broke up into 2 groups for curriculum training on Veterinary Science and Oak Woodland Wildlife. In the Veterinary Science Group, we did an activity that illustrated the function of the heart by using experiential learning. We then broke out into smaller groups to pilot five animal specific curriculums using inquiry-based and experiential learning. The curriculums would eventually be available to our 4-H projects.

Overall, the conference was a great way for me to learn how to share SET through the concept of inquiry-based, experiential learning. I am hoping to share what we learned with my club and county to get more young people interested in science, engineering, and technology.

-By Michaella Patt, Independence 4-H

Golden Hills 4-H Assists Foundation

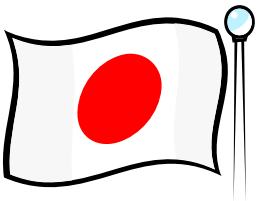
In February the Golden Hills gardening project made two planters for the 4-H Center. They were to decorate the front of the 4-H Center for their ribbon cutting ceremony. It was quite difficult trying to make a false bottom that would also make a drainage system so that the planters would not weigh a lot. We tried several different methods, but in the end we turned the plastic containers that held the plants, upside down and filled the leftover space with dirt. We planted a bush, two grasses and some pansies in each one. The planters were a lot of fun to do and it felt great to help the 4-H Center. *-Caitlyn Keaney, Golden Hills Reporter*

Bring the World Home!

Can't find the time and money to travel? Enjoy the exposure to different cultures which travel brings? Looking for a low-cost experience for the whole family? The California 4-H Japanese Exchange Month-Long Hosting Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchange student from Japan.

U.S. families often find they are drawn closer together and see their lives in a whole new perspective as they welcome a student into their home. The only hosting requirement is that families must have a child of the same gender and close in age to the Japanese student.

Japanese youth, ages 12 – 16, will visit California from July 22 to August 18, 2009. The students are members of the Labo youth development organization that offers an integrated program of youth development, language learning, and cultural awareness for Japanese youth and their families.



Come join the fun. Information is available at: http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp or by contacting Pat English in the California State 4-H Youth Development office at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

Saturday Morning Story Time Needs Books!

Please help Sequoia 4-H club gather used or new books for the Bayer Park Story Time. Story Time is April through October.

Children and Teen books needed for all ages and languages. Help promote the love of reading and the education of children by donating a book or more for a child to have and share.

Please Contact Vonni Araya or Lavonne Araya @ 707-576-0449 to donate.

4-H Foundation Spring Grant Recipients!

The 4-H Foundation is very pleased to announce the recipients of the 4-H Foundation of Sonoma County grants for Spring 2009:

$700.00 – **Healdsburg 4-H Sheep Project** --Weigh Scale

$500 00 – **Independence 4-H Sheep Project** -- Clippers, Blocking Stand & Equipment

$890.00 – **Penngrove 4-H Dairy Cattle Project** -- Countywide Educational Fitting and Showing Clinic

$400.00 – **Healdsburg 4-H Woodworking Project** -- saw, shave set, scrappers, block plane, double square

$400.00 – **Sequoia 4-H Presentation Skills Project** -- In Focus LCD Projector

$ 90.00 – **Sequoia 4-H Chickenque 4-H Promotion Booth** -- photo paper and ink cartridge

$300.00 – **Warm Springs Sheep Project** --Lister Star Clipper and surgical blade set

$360.00 – **County 4-H Office, Judy Ludovise** -- Red Cross Babysitter Certification Course

$1,500.00- **Windsor Bloco 4-H** -- replacement drum, event transportation and entry fees, costumes

$329.30 – **County Dairy Goats** -- Goat Milk Workshop, supplies for making goat milk cheese and lotion

Total Spring 2009 Grants funded- $ 5,469.30

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California State 4-H : http://ca4h.org
Sonoma County 4-H: www.ucanr.org/soco4h
National 4-H Council: www.fourhcouncil.edu
Volunteer resources: http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers
Project ideas:
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/ProjectLinks.htm
UC Cooperative Extension- Sonoma County:
http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu
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Upcoming 4-H Events...

APRIL

5 Co. Dogs 2pm 4HC
7 CCC 7pm 4-H Office
9 Co. Rabbits 7pm 4HC
11 Co. Fashion Revue
16-18 You See Davis Days
18 State Livestock Judging Contest
18 Co. Vet Science TBA
19 Alexander Valley Archery shoot
22 Co. Wildlife 4pm 4HC
23 Co. Money Matters 7pm 4HC
23 ChickenQue Mtg 7pm 4HC
25 Foundation Scholarship interviews
27 Camp planning 7pm 4HC
28 Ex. CCC 7pm 4HC

MAY

3 CHICKENQUE! Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds
5 CCC 7pm 4-H Office
9 Co. Dogs 2pm 4HC
14 Co. Rabbits 7pm 4HC
16 Co. Vet Science 10am 4HC
16-17 Teen Outdoor Event– Lake Sonoma
17 Cloverdale Archery Shoot
25 Memorial Day– 4-H office closed
27 Co. Wildlife 4pm 4HC

Articles for the May Reporter are due April 5th. Please email them to jeludovise@ucdavis.edu.

30 State Field Day: State Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, Plant Science Contest
31 Golden Clover awards due

JUNE

1 Camp planning 7pm 4HC
24-28 Sonoma-Marin Fair
29-J4 Camp 1

Read the Reporter online! Go to www.ucanr.org/soco4hnews

EMERSON HOGUE

4-H DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM Due May 22, 2009

Name of Applicant_____
First Middle Last

Local Address_____

City_____**Zip**_____**Telephone**_____

Birthdate_____**SS#**_____

High School Attended_____**Yr of Graduation**____

 # Years in 4-H_____ **#Replacement Heifers**_____ **Year Sold**_____

College/Trade School plan to attend/attending _____

If awarded a scholarship, are you prepared to enroll in a College/Trade School within the next school year? _____

Major field of study: _____

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To what extent are you responsible for your support as a student?

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List other scholarships applied for: _____

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List any scholarships you have been awarded: _____

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List activities you are engaged in outside the classroom. Include campus and community involvement._____

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Are you currently involved in a livestock or agricultural project? If yes, explain.

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Date:_____ **Signature:**_____

Completed application includes. Application form
Three letters of recommendation
High school/college transcripts

Return to: 4-H Replacement Heifer Committee
3422 Gravenstein Hwy. S.
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Applicant must be available for interview at a date set by the Replacement Heifer Committee.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 22, 2009.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.