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**All Star Applications Due
April 29, 2013**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Local Events in **Bold**)

Apr 13, 2013	Dairy Doe Seminar and Goat Day (p7)		Ferndale Fairgrounds
Apr 13, 2013	Sectional Presentation Day (p5)		Lake County
Apr 15, 2013	Rhododendron Festival Parade Entries Due (p4)		
Apr 16, 2013	New Leader Orientation (p8)	6:00 pm	Ag Center
Apr 20, 2013	Cutten 4-H Pancake Breakfast	8:-00-11:00 am	Cutten Elementary
Apr 27, 2013	Rhododendron Festival Parade (p4)		Eureka
Apr 29, 2013	All Star Applications Due (p4)		4-H Office
May 1, 2013	Archery Shoot Entries Due (p10)		
May 11, 2013	Tour of the Unknown Coast (p10)		
May 6, 2013	All Star Interviews		Ag Center
May 20, 2013	County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting (and uniform exchange)	6:30 pm	Ag Center
May 25, 2013	State 4-H Field Day	8:00 am—6:00 pm	UC Davis
May 25, 2013	Hum. Co. Centennial Banner due at State Field Day		Davis
Jun 14-18, 2013	California Focus (p10)		Sacramento
Jun 20-23, 2013	Redwood Acres Fair “Humboldt Made”		Redwood Acres
Jul 19-21, 2013	4-H Summer Camp (p10)		Blue Slide
Jul 25-28, 2013	4-H State Leadership Conference		UC Davis
Nov 8-10, 2013	State 4-H Leaders’ Forum		Sacramento

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STATE 4-H UPDATES

<p>California 4-H \$1,000 for 1,000 Service Learning Projects</p> <p>2013 Revolution of Responsibility</p>	<p>JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>http://www.ca4h.org/ Support/RofR/</p>
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Application Deadlines:

May 15, 2013
July 15, 2013
September 15, 2013
November 15, 2013

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Deadline: April 30, 2013

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Nominees, who may range in age from 8 to 18 years old, must have been the prime mover of a service activity, and demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Winners of the Barron Prize receive \$2,500 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project and several other benefits. <http://bit.ly/edhitj>

The Power of Children Awards

Deadline: April 30, 2013

The Power of Children Awards: Making a Difference is an annual event to honor and further empower youth, in grades 6-11, who have made a significant impact on the lives of others, demonstrated selflessness, and exhibited a commitment to service and the betterment of society. Each award recipient will receive a \$2,000 grant to continue his or her extraordinary work, a four-year post-secondary scholarship to a participating institution of higher learning, recognition in the museum's The Power of Children exhibit for at least one year, and honor and recognition during a special awards event on Nov. 1, 2013, at The Children's Museum. <http://bit.ly/Yeu5bR>

America's Farmers Mom of the Year

Deadline: April 23, 2013

The 2013 Farm Mom of the Year program sponsored by Monsanto is underway. Do you know an outstanding mom who contributes to her family, farm, community and agriculture? Nominate your favorite farm mom and give her a chance to win \$10,000! Check out America's Farmers for the contest details (<http://www.americasfarmers.com/farmmom/overview.aspx>).

Higher Education Scholarships 2013

The Higher Education Scholarship applications are now available online. All applications will be due on **May 1, 2013 by 11:59 pm**. For more information and to apply: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>

State Field Day – Applications due April 1st! See the **March GRAM for websites and details.**

UC Davis Campus, May 25, 2013.

2013 State 4-H Shooting Sports ARCHERY Match
Entries for the 1st Annual State 4-H Archery Match in partnership with the state 4-H shooting sports program and Mendocino County 4-H Council must be postmarked by **May 1, 2013** and returned by **June 17, 2013**. Read the official rules: State Archery Match Rules and State Archery Match Entry Form (<http://www.ca4h.org/files/161613.pdf>).

We are now accepting statewide **4-H Advisory Committee applications for the 2013-14** program year. The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are a representative group of 4-H members, adult volunteers, and county and state 4-H YDP staff. The committees offer insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. Please note that there is now an online option to apply. We advise applicants to read the advisory committee descriptions for additional materials that may be required depending on the committee. **Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2013 or online by 11:59 pm on May 31, 2013.** For more information, see: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

Save the Date: June 26-30, 2013

The **California 4-H Horse Classic** at Brookside Equestrian Park in Elk Grove (20 minutes south of Sacramento). Email spwatkins@ucanr.edu Sarah Watkins, CA State 4-H Office, for more information.

Awesome Time – State 4-H Leaders Forum:

Nov. 8-10, 2013, Sacramento

Awe! When was the last time you felt awe over anything? Awe is a hard thing to revive. Things become so familiar, even a lightning bolt, or a sunset, or a 4-H project meeting. Which is why in this Centennial Year of 4-H in California – “100 Years and Thriving,” we aim to rekindle our capacity for awe, for experiencing the awe of what we do in 4-H, for relishing the awe-inspiring people we know in 4-H, for the awe of strengthening our vision of the future for 4-H. Join your fellow 4-H leaders and staff for an awesome experience, a networking opportunity, and a celebration of 4-H. Check out the web page <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013> for information.

California 4-H Youth Development

Get Connected and Plugged In to Positive Youth Development!

California 4-H has several ways to connect with us online to get up-to-the-minute updates on information affecting 4-H statewide. Don't rely on urban legend or information to pass through the grapevine – get the information as it happens and from the horse's mouth. Here is a list of the ways you can connect with us online:

Website: <http://www.ca4h.org>

4-H Online Record Book (yes every registered adult volunteer and every youth ages 9 and older has an Online Record Book account): <http://www.ca4h.org/4hbook/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/california4H>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/California4H>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/California4h>

Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/california4h/>

Blog: <http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/>

Instagram: <http://instagram.com/ca4h>

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4-H GRAM

APRIL 2013

Humboldt County 4-H Newsletter

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

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KEY ASSETS IN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Meaningful Youth Participation



As we continue applying the five key youth development practices or supports to our 4-H delivery, we will focus this month on **meaningful youth participation**. The five supports and opportunities that young people should experience in the 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) include: 1) safety; 2) supportive relationships; 3) meaningful youth participation; 4) community involvement; and 5) skill building activities.

Meaningful youth participation involves more than just young people showing up for the program and being engaged in the program activities. Meaningful youth participation means that youth:

- Have opportunities to participate in decision-making
- Have opportunities to develop and practice leadership
- Experience a sense of belonging.

True youth-adult partnerships happen when projects or activities are initiated by young people and decision-making is shared between youth and adults. This empowers and builds the skills of young people while at the same time enabling them to access and learn from the life experience and expertise of adults.

Here are **five things you can do now to increase meaningful youth participation**:

1. Give youth opportunities to develop program, club, or project goals
2. Get young people involved in activity planning, training, and evaluating the program
3. Give young people choices in the program or activity
4. Give every young person an opportunity to help others
5. Ensure that adults are serving as mentors and facilitators in all aspects of the 4-H Youth Development Program with young people taking the lead.

Here are a few indicators that show an environment that fosters meaningful youth participation:

- Adults share control of the meetings, planning, activities, etc. with youth
- The program schedule allows time for youth to make choices about how they use their time
- Youth have multiple opportunities to set goals and make plans for projects and activities
- Youth are engaged in an intentional process of reflecting on what they are doing or have done
- Give youth opportunities to provide feedback on activities and incorporating changes accordingly.

Assess these indicators of meaningful youth participation and **think of at least two ways you can strengthen youth participation**. Set specific goals and re-evaluate your progress. Through these practices, you will communicate the message to young people that "What you think and what you do matters!" Next month we will explore community involvement.



**APPLY TO BE A
COUNTY 4-H ALL STAR**
Applications due April 29th
Interviews May 6th

It's time to apply to be a 4-H All Star or an All Star Intern. The All Star is the highest achievement at the county level. All Stars provide leadership for events, clubs, and the county 4-H program while gaining valuable life skills and connections for future opportunities. All forms and requirements are listed on the County 4-H website. Applications are due April 29th, and interviews will be May 6th. If you are in eighth grade you can apply to be an intern your freshman year. Those who are already high school freshmen or higher can apply for either intern or All Star. The process includes filling out an application, getting letters of reference, and being interviewed. Apply today!

EVENT CHAIRS NEEDED

Once an event has been completed, it is open again for the following year. The following County 4-H Events need youth chairs:

- 4-H Horse Camp
- Awards Banquet
- Country Auction
- Poultry Show
- Presentation Day
- Project Field Day
- Rabbit/Cavy Show
- Postal Shoot



The 4-H office has information to guide you through the process. To apply, download an application form from the County 4-H website and turn it in to the 4-H office with your letter of recommendation. Plan to interview at the next Selection & Events meeting.

4-H FAIR DISPLAY

The fairs will soon be here, and that provides a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to share about 4-H with the general public and to celebrate our 100th year anniversary. You can share about the county 4-H program, your club, a specific project group, or an event. Premiums are offered from the display that could fund a need in your club or project group. We also need to include collection of alumni names and contacts. Call the 4-H Office if you are interested in assisting with a fair booth display.

**REDWOOD ACRES FAIR
"HUMBOLDT MADE" JUNE 20-23**

Once again the theme focuses on local products, information, and resources within our county. The Redwood Acres Fair director is looking for youth to share what they have been learning in their 4-H projects in **EVERY** area! If you can lead an arts & crafts activity, share a cooking demo, hatch out baby chicks, show how to care for your animal, etc., please contact the 4-H office immediately. This is a great way to showcase what you can do in 4-H and gain credits for star rank in your record book. It can be one simple 10-20 minute presentation, and you will receive free entry into the fair that day. If you are willing but need ideas, the 4-H office will help you find a project to present. Call today!

**4-H HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
AT THE STATE LEVEL**
Due by online submission – May 1st

For high school grads AND those in college. Full details and application form is on the web at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>

GOLDEN CLOVER AWARDS

Just a quick note to let you know that the Golden Clover Awards Application is now open. Please refer anyone and everyone wishing to nominate others or themselves to <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/> for details and the link to the application.

**RHODODENDRON
FESTIVAL PARADE!**
Entries DUE April 15th
Parade: April 27th



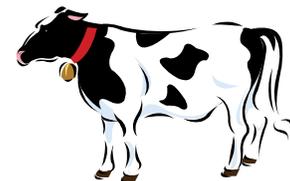
It's Rhody time again!! The theme this year is "Securing Traditions, It Starts with YOU." This fits wonderfully with our 100th Anniversary Celebration of 4-H!!! Cristal Wilson is coordinating and supporting all the parades in the county this year. We need a vehicle and people to assist in sharing an entry!

Call the 4-H office, 445-7351, if you could join in walking, riding, driving tractors, building an entry, or any part of this great event to share 4-H with our community. If you have questions about the parade, contact Shalise Miles at 441-1496 or email her at Shalise@williamsonmiles.com for the info.

**"BEEF LEAD" CLASS EXPANDING
AT HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR!**

This year there is something new and exciting going on in the show ring at Humboldt County Fair. The beef lead class that was started last year is expanding to include classes for sheep and swine. This fun class is basically a dress-up contest for the exhibitors and their animals. Contestants should prepare a costume that incorporates the animal and the exhibitor while promoting the industry in some way. Each exhibitor will show their animal while their personal description is being read by the commentator, kind of like a beauty contest! Contestants will be judged on their poise, presentation, use of industry knowledge, creativity, and overall appearance. The contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members who are exhibiting animals at the Humboldt County Fair. There are great prizes and awards also! Entry forms will be available at the livestock office during the fair. If you have any questions, please call Emily Dale at 725-2846. We hope to see lots of fun and creative ideas this year!

Contest Date: **Friday, August 16**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Main Showing Arena



COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY RESULTS!

County Presentation Day was a great success! The All Stars and volunteer judges assisted Jed and Amanda to provide the help needed for the day to run smoothly. If your club was not represented, invite one of this year's presenters to come and share their presentation as part of a club meeting to inspire youth to present next year!

Below are the results of those who presented. All blue and gold winners are eligible to present at Sectional Presentation Day in Lakeport on **May 25th!** We wish them success there as well! Congratulations to ALL!

GOLD Winners:

Ella Waterhouse – Arcata Bottom
Bryleigh Busick – Ferndale
Dominic Regli – Ferndale



BLUE Winners:

Abby Ziesak – Cutten
Ari Alter – Kneeland
Rachel Russ – Ferndale
Rebecca Russ – Ferndale
Chloe Robnett – Cutten
Genevieve Regli – Ferndale
Rachelle Regli – Ferndale
Paxton Woodward – Ferndale



RED Winners:

Sarah Goodrich – Ferndale
Anya Collingwood – Freshwater
Halee Reynolds – Freshwater
Narisa Hagg – Freshwater

Primary Participation Ribbons:

Noah Waterhouse – Arcata Bottom
June Lancaster – Kneeland
Trinity Hamm – Arcata Bottom
Lily Hodges – Arcata Bottom

SECTIONAL 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

Date: April 13, 2013

Lake County - Upper Lake Middle School

Anyone can attend this event. All blue and gold winners from County Presentation Day are eligible to present at the Sectional Presentation Day. Contact the 4-H office, 445-7351 for forms, directions and information on the day. Pre-registration is required. Forms must be received by **April 5, 2013**. Check-In Time: 9:00 a.m.; Room Coordinator & Judges Orientation begins – 9:15 a.m.



STATE 4-H POLICY REGARDING CHILD ABUSE



Note: Section 800 of the Policy Handbook is available online from the State 4-H Website: www.ca4h.org for those who want to read it in its entirety. Child safety brochures are available at the 4-H Office. Below is a brief summary on Child Abuse.

What is Child Abuse? How do I recognize Child Abuse?

Child Abuse and neglect are the injury, sexual abuse,, sexual exploitation, negligent treatment, or maltreatment of a child by any person who harms the child's health, welfare, and/or safety.

How do I respond to a Child who discloses?

- Believe the child and be supportive
- Be on the same eye level
- Reassure the child that it is okay to tell
- Listen to the child
- Rephrase the important thoughts
- Tell the child help is available
- Let the child know you can report it
- Trust your "gut" feelings
- (Although not mandated, you may report)
- Don't** promise confidentiality
- Don't** panic or express shock
- Don't** ask leading or suggestive questions
- Don't** make negative comments about the alleged perpetrator
- Don't** disclose information indiscriminately.

Who must report?

All 4-H YDP Staff are considered to be childcare custodians and are thus required by law to report suspected child abuse. 4-H Volunteers are not considered childcare custodians and are not required by law to make reports.

However, the penal code states that volunteers who supervise children or have direct contact with them are encouraged to obtain training in how to identify and report child abuse.

A 4-H Volunteer may elect to notify Child Protection Services or local law enforcement agencies directly. In addition, the 4-H Office should be notified to ensure the safety of other youth involved in 4-H YDP activities. Encourage the 4-H member to tell the appropriate authorities.

Any person making a report about child abuse is immune from civil or criminal liability as a result of the report, unless it can be proven that a false report was made, and the volunteer knew the report was false.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?

- ◆ **Be Well Prepared** – Know leadership takes work as well as practice.
- ◆ **Be Group Minded** – Regard yourself as a part of the group. Say ‘we’ instead of ‘I’. Don’t try to run the crowd. Instead, be guided by the crowd’s wishes.
- ◆ **Like People** – Be understanding and friendly.
- ◆ **Be Poised** – Don’t let irritations bother you.
- ◆ **Have Humility** – Be confident, but not cocky. Don’t be afraid to reveal you don’t know everything.
- ◆ **Be Responsible** – Live up to your word and duties.
- ◆ **Be Cooperative** – Know how to work with others and enjoy working with them.
- ◆ **Be a Fun-Lover** – Enjoy life-the simple things as well as the big.
- ◆ **Have Vision** – Help the persons in your group to learn and grow through the activities.
- ◆ **Be Clear** – Be able to express yourself effectively.
- ◆ **Be Proud** – Proud of what you do. Take pride in being a leader, but earn it.
- ◆ **Be Neat** – Always be neat in dress and personal appearance.
- ◆ **Be Courteous** – The words “please” and “thank you” pay dividends. Use them often.
- ◆ **Think Ahead** – Know members opinions and be ready to meet changing situations.
- ◆ **Set Goals** – Make them high, but be sure to reach them.
- ◆ **Take Advice** – But do your own thinking.
- ◆ **Get the Facts** – Analyze them before you draw conclusions.
- ◆ **Do Your Best** – At all times. Plan to make the most effective use of your time.

4-H THRIVE TRAINING FOR ALL CLUBS

Scott Mautte, a State 4-H THRIVE Trainer, provided training to our clubs for the THRIVE leadership project. Teams that were trained will soon begin using the THRIVE project materials that will enrich your youth and enhance the work of your club and project groups.

If you have youth that would like to participate but your club did not send a team to be trained, please call the 4-H office. We will try to find a club near you that could support your youth.

Annette Nickols will soon be helping to coordinate the THRIVE Leadership Project from the county office. She will work with your club team and project leaders to implement this exciting curriculum with our older youth.

4-H AND FFA PROJECTS CLARIFIED

An Official Agreement that outlines concurrent project participation in 4-H and FFA can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/policy/forms.asp> (under chapter 12). In brief, when a member maintains projects in 4-H & FFA, the projects may NOT be in the same kind of livestock or crop. Refer to the agreement for further information.

WORKING WITH JUNIOR AND TEEN LEADERS

The Value of Youth & Adults Working Together

Youth-Adult Partnerships in 4-H provide an opportunity for youth and adults to share responsibility and ideas and to develop leadership skills together. Junior and Teen Leaders are involved in planning, teaching, and leading projects, activities, and events at all levels of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Successful youth-adult partnerships themes include:

Build Relationships – Get to know each other and build trust and confidence in each other’s skills and abilities. Understand each person’s strengths/gifts/talents/resources and how he or she contributes to the partnership. Be organized. Check in with each other often to be aware of progress. Appreciate each person’s contributions. Use phone calls, email, and notes of thanks to keep in touch.

Set high expectations – List your goals for the year and how you plan to accomplish them. Map out your year and then focus on each meeting’s topic or theme. Make sure experiential learning is happening and that the project members are reaching their goals. Use project proficiencies and help everyone be successful.

Communicate clear expectations - Decide together what will happen, who will do it, and how it will be done to avoid misunderstandings. Write it down. Be realistic on time frames. Acknowledge that each person’s contributions enhance the outcome.

Be a Team – Each person should contribute to the plan. Be willing to try new ideas. Share difficulties and challenges and create ways to make them into positive opportunities.

Evaluate, affirm, and recognize – Reflection is an important element in learning. Evaluate project goals, direction, and progress. Reflect on your roles in the project and your effectiveness. Give feedback, encouragement, and celebrate success. Alter future direction if needed.

NORTHCOAST YOUTH SUMMIT

“Illuminate Your Future”

College of the Redwoods

Saturday, March 16th 2013

Over 300 youth and adults attended this incredible event and were stoked to make change happen, investigate career opportunities, and put leadership skills into action! This inspiring and FUN day included two keynote speakers, 48 workshop choices, a service project, a photo booth, lunch, and lots of door prizes. Youth met teens from all over Northern California!

Here are some of their comments: Informative! Fun! It was amazing! I really liked the hands-on classes. They were fun and engaging. It was super fun! I loved the Summit! I will come next year!

Photos are on the www.ysummit.org website. Make plans now to be included next year!



CELEBRATE THE 4-H CENTENNIAL!

by Sandy Sathrum

Our 100th Anniversary begins July 1st. 4-H in California started right HERE in Humboldt County. The planning has been going on but **WE NEED YOU** to help us in carrying out the plans and events. We want to review the decades of 4-H and capture stories on video, connect with local 4-H alumni, and share the amazing assets of 4-H with our entire community in as many ways as possible.

Here are some **ways you can help** individually or in a group:

Identify past 4-H members – send names and contact information

Collect photos which can be scanned and returned

Gather 4-H Memorabilia – record books, uniforms, historical documents

Help with a display or booth at summer fairs

Record radio spots

Complete your club backboard with the past history & current work

Plan a parade entry for your community

Join one of the county 4-H planning teams: history, events, fundraising, publicity

Read each month's GRAM for other needs and updates

Connect us with other resources.

Contact Bert Van Duzer (498-7778), the 4-H County Leaders Council President, or Sandy Sathrum at the 4-H Office (skathrum@ucdavis.edu) to share your ideas, information and connections for making our CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION reflect the 4-H motto: to make the best better!

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CENTENNIAL BANNER!

Due May 25th at State Field Day in Davis

How is your county "Joining the Revolution to 4-H's next 100 years?"

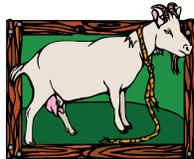
Bring your felt 30" X 36" County Banner to Field Day!

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>

Contact Sarah Watkins at spwatkins@ucanr.edu for more information.



HUMBOLDT DAIRY DOE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



Are you planning to participate in the Dairy Replacement Doe Project this year? On Saturday, April 13th 2013 the Humboldt Dairy Doe Replacement Project Committee will be giving a short informational seminar on the project. If you have questions about deadlines, paperwork, CAE testing, or are thinking about raising a replacement doe next year, then come talk to the committee to find out more. This will be one of the seminars at the 2013 HDGA Goat Day, and we hope to see everyone there! Go to www.hddrp.org for more information.

1ST ANNUAL HDGA GOAT DAY

The Humboldt Dairy Goat Association will be hosting its 1st Annual Goat Day on Saturday, **April 13th 2013** at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds. This event will have a variety of seminars on meat goats, dairy goats, and general goat care. Topics will include Raising and Feeding Market Goats, Home Goat Processing, Raising Kids, Hoof Trimming, Judging Dairy Goats, Fitting & Showmanship, and How to Make Goat Milk Lotion, among several others.



Registration will begin at 9am in the Art Building, with the day ending around 4pm. Youth ages 17 and under are free, while adult admission is \$5. There will be local vendors present, a raffle that benefits the HDGA Youth Scholarships, and a door prize drawing at the end of the day. For more information please go to the club website, www.hdgc.org. If you have goats or would love to learn more about them, we hope to see you there!

4-H UNIFORM EXCHANGE

There will be a uniform exchange at the May 20th County 4-H Leaders Council meeting. If you have outgrown pants or shirts and want to exchange for a different size, please bring them to the meeting. Leslie Borges from Hydesville is coordinating the exchange.

Also remember that the Leslie Carman 4-H Supply carries the items needed for the 4-H Uniform that the fairs require for showing: 4-H hats, ties, & collars. This is a good time to inventory what you might need and be prepared for the fair. You can find the order information on their website: www.4hsupplies.com or by calling them directly at 1-888-466-9433. The 4-H office has the pattern if you would like to make the collar.

MANDATORY NEW LEADER ORIENTATION**Tuesday, April 16th 2013, 6:00 pm, Ag Center****Any leader or parent is welcome to attend**

A new leader orientation is planned for April 16th. If you want to help with 4-H camp or do a project over the summer, come to this orientation. If you are planning to be a new leader in 4-H in any capacity, you must complete the orientation before beginning your volunteer work. Call the 4-H office to sign up today!

All new volunteers **must** attend the orientation, complete their enrollment form and a live scan (fingerprints) before doing any 4-H work. *Any* returning leader or parent is welcome to attend the orientation too. You will learn about the history & purpose of 4-H, experiential learning, program delivery, 4-H policies, safety considerations, age and grade characteristics, project proficiencies, curriculum resources, and much more!

Call the 4-H office, 445-7351, to reserve your space!

THE 4-H FUTURES TASK FORCE

A group of adults and youth (both inside 4-H and outside the 4-H program) who are committed to youth in our communities is meeting for the next few months to explore ways to expand the reach of 4-H within Humboldt County in order to provide more young people with the opportunity to gain the skills and benefits that result from participation in the 4-H Youth Development Program.

With our 100 year anniversary celebration it seems the opportune time to evaluate what we do and see if we can do it even better. The 4-H Motto is: "To make the best better!" One key area of review is our administrative structure and those of other 4-H programs in the state to see if there is a more efficient way to utilize our resources and reach new strategic goals.

The task force will present a proposed plan to create sustainability and capacity building to the 4-H Leaders Council in May for their adoption. Make plans to attend.

CUTTEN 4-H ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Cutten 4-H Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday-April 20th from 8:00am - 11:00am at Cutten School, 4182 Walnut Avenue.

Ticket prices:

\$3.00 child under 12 and Seniors

\$5.00 for adults

\$15.00 for family of 4



For tickets, please call Chloe: 444-8751

**ONLINE RECORD BOOK TRAINING**

On Saturday, March 22nd Scott Mautte, State 4-H THRIVE Program Rep, offered training in using the ORB (Online Record Book). The workshop combined presentation, hands-on practice, and group discussion. Those clubs who sent participants now have trained leaders to assist your members.

Call the 4-H office if you would like training.

STATE 4-H UPDATES, CONT.

Next Generation of my4-H <https://www.my4-h.org/>

The new site will focus on sharing, discussion and learning among 4-H professionals, volunteers, and youth leaders anywhere. It will be accessible on 4-H.org and serve as a one-stop shop for more of the resources you want – including the addition of the *National Directory of 4-H Materials* to the resource library.

Bullying: A Big Problem with Big Consequences – *Teen Talk Fact Sheet* reviews the research and what can be done about bullying. It's available in English at: <http://www1.extension.umn.edu/family/families-with-teens/fact-sheets/teen-talk-bullying.pdf>, and in Spanish at: <http://www1.extension.umn.edu/family/families-with-teens/fact-sheets/teen-talk-spanish-bully.pdf>.

Teen Talk Take and Teach CD — is a CD of easy-to-use resources for professionals who work with teens and their parents. Go to this link for ordering information: <https://shop-secure.extension.umn.edu/PublicationDetail.aspx?ID=1779>. \$15 for the CD, which includes power point presentation, facilitator guide, handouts/activities, evaluation, resources

California Agriculture License Plates

This is a project spearheaded by the CDFCA that began about five years ago. The plates are being produced and can be ordered at: <http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg17.pdf>. Proceeds from the license plate sales will be used to support agricultural education programs. A small portion of the plate fee (about \$1 per plate) will go into a fund every year when a plate is renewed or a new plate purchased. The fund will be used to issue grants from CDFCA to organizations doing agricultural education. The grant eligibility and distribution process are currently being determined. Please help spread the word about the new "California Agriculture" license plates. This is an important movement in raising the profile of agriculture and helping to support the next generation of agriculture industry's innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders. For additional information and FAQs visit: <https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/calagplate/>

Community Club News

News of what is happening in our clubs is inspiring to others. We need ALL club reporters to submit their articles to the 4-H office **by the 15th** of each month so we can include your club news. Photos should be sent as a separate jpeg file. Articles should be no longer than 150 words in length.

Is your club featured in this GRAM?



FERNDALE 4-H NEWS

by Jasa Sisemore

Our March meeting was very interesting. We had two guest speakers from Arcata Bottoms, Justin Wallis and Alex Anderson. They spoke about the Tour of the Unknown Coast and what they have been doing this year with their club.

Next, Debbie Busick announced that our Ferndale 4-H Club will not be putting on our annual pancake breakfast. Finally, I would like to thank Heather Cutler, our Quartermaster, for working hard and being so creative with choosing our 100th anniversary sweatshirts.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 11th.

Remember that there will be sign-ups for next year's OFFICERS at this meeting!

FORTUNA 4-H NEWS

by Theron Dale

Hey it's Fortuna 4-H again with the March report.

First, for our community service project this month, we are going to Miranda's Rescue to drop off donations and visit the animals.

We are getting our fair animal projects started and looking forward to a great spring. We had a real "green" meeting this month, and all members brought in a green treat in honor of St. Patrick's Day.



FRESHWATER CLUB NEWS

by Kacy Tuel

We had a busy meeting last month.

Officer responsibilities were handed out for everyone to start thinking about the upcoming elections to be held at the April meeting.

We started planning for the end-of-the-year party, helpers for Tour of the Unknown Coast, and the Centennial back-board.

Everyone had fun playing the game at the end of the meeting-who doesn't like to find hidden things?

Our next meeting will be on Monday April 8th at 7 pm.

HYDESVILLE 4-H NEWS

Everyone had a blast at last month's meeting. We had our own Presentation Night, where each project group made a presentation about something they learned, and showed it to the club. We had everything, from how to test if an egg is rotten to horse fun facts and sheep purposes.

Don't forget, April 14th is the county-wide 4-H Spaghetti Feed.

Our next meeting is on **Monday, April 1st at 7 pm** at Hydesville School, and we're having an Easter egg hunt, so it'll be lots of fun. See ya there!

KNEELAND 4-H NEWS

Kneeland 4-H will be holding their 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Kneeland School on **Saturday March 30th** at 10 am. The 4-Hers are busy little bunnies filling plastic eggs with candy for the hunt. This event is open to the community to come and enjoy a morning of fun and refreshments.

Upcoming events are Easter Egg dyeing with Arts & Crafts group and a bike ride with the Fun & Fitness group. Last month Fun Fitness had a blast doing Zumba with mom and 4-H leader Jamie Lancaster, who also teaches Zumba at Healthsport.

Congratulations to Ari Alter-Watson and June Lancaster on making presentations at 4-H County Presentation Day. This was Ari and June's first county presentation, and they both did very well. Great job Ari and June!

TOUR OF THE UNKNOWN COAST

May 11th 2013

The date for this year's Tour of the Unknown Coast is set for Saturday, May 11th.

EACH CLUB has been asked to be a part of this fund raiser for 4-H by sending at least two volunteers to help man the various tasks given to 4-H during preparation for the event AND for the day of the event.



We need as many people as we can get to make everything possible.

If you have any questions you can contact Alex Anderson, 496-0095, or Pam Berry, 725-3138.

4-H SUMMER CAMP

**Blue Slide Camp in Maple Creek
July 19th - 21st**

This year the Cutten 4-H Club is chairing the annual 4-H Summer Camp. Lots of enthusiasm is building for camp.

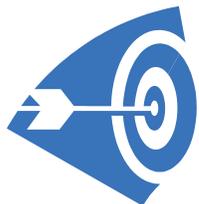


An open water lifeguard will be needed. If you know someone certified, call the 4-H office.

The first camp planning meeting was held March 25th. Call Jessalyn Kunkler, 443-4262, to join the planning or to find out more information.

Camp forms will be on the county website so you can sign up today! Share the information at your club meeting, and recruit a group to attend.

Include 4-H Camp as you plan your summer! Don't miss the FUN!



2013 STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY MATCH

It's time to sharpen up your archery skills for the 1st Annual State 4-H Archery Match in partnership with the State 4-H shooting sports program and Mendocino County 4-H Council.

Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2013 and returned by June 17, 2013. Don't wait until the last day to enter ... once your entries are received, the official match targets and scorecards will be mailed.

JR. LIVESTOCK AUCTION SCHOLARSHIP

Kelly Victorine

A \$500 scholarship is available to graduating seniors accepted at a college. To apply you must have sold in the auction at least three times, have a letter of recommendation, transcripts, and the application filled out and returned by May 1st!

Contact Kelly, 768-3932, for more information.



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STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The State 4-H Leadership Conference is celebrating 100 years of California 4-H. This year's theme is: *There's no place like 4-H*. The conference takes place July 25-28, 2013.

Humboldt County 4-H would like to send a LARGE delegation this year. We would like **every club to submit names of youth** to be included. This will be a great investment in the future of 4-H in Humboldt County.

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience.

For more information visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>

JR. LIVESTOCK AUCTION FAIR UPDATE

Kelly Victorine

To sell an animal at the Humboldt County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction it is a requirement to sell ad tickets. If you have not received tickets from your club leader you can contact Kelly Victorine in the evening at 768-3932. Kelly will also review the rules regarding the sale and return of tickets.

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL OF COURAGE

Save the Date: October 12-13

You are invited to participate in the 11th Annual Medieval Festival of Courage at the Christie Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze in Blue Lake. The website for the festival is <http://medievalfestivalofcourage.org>

4-H has had a petting zoo and an archery area in the past. If you want an application for a vendor or performer, contact the 4-H office.