The New Year is upon us with so much to be proud of in Humboldt County 4-H during 2015. Please take a moment to reflect on the past year by checking out the Humboldt County 4-H Facebook Page. In 2016 I am committed to using Facebook as a conduit to share important information and events so be sure to not only ‘Like’ the page but follow so that when new information becomes available your family receives the most up to date information.

Many of the successes for 4-H in Humboldt County during 2014-2015 program year were guided by youth that took advantage of the opportunity to chair a county event. If you or a friend are interested in taking a leadership role at the county level take a look at page 6 inside this issue of The GRAM to learn more about the chaired events and how to apply. The deadline for the applications is January 22nd.

There are few other changes coming in the new year. One of those include a change in policy for the club bylaws. Now a quorum for a club meeting is defined “A quorum to do business shall consist of the number of persons present at the meeting” and cannot be defined as a percentage. Clubs do not need to vote on this change as it is a change in the policy at the state level. Community Club Leaders have been notified of this change and notation will be added in the clubs file at the county office.

As you may know Humboldt County Management Team meetings are now accessible remotely through Adobe Connect. Check out the program and test your connection here. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25th and we would love to have your participation in person or digitally.

An opportunity to participate with the Outreach & Visibility Committee will take place January 19th at 5:30pm at the UCCE Office. This is an exciting committee that helps advertise and perform outreach to the community about the 4-H program. Come join the FUN!

Program Representative Message

Thomas Stratton
4-H Program Representative

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Futures Task Force Implementation
Watch the recorded implementation roll-out meeting of the Futures Task Force to learn about the new state level Volunteer Management Organization.
[Watch Recording Here]

Mindfulness Retreat Save the Date
November 4-6, 2016
Cambria, CA
Teens ages 13-19 and adults are welcome to spend the weekend at beautiful Camp Ocean Pines developing their health and well-being. Teens will increase their personal healthy lifestyle skills and skills needed to be a health advocate in their communities.
[More Information Here]

New Presentation Manual
The New California Presentation Manual is available for county programs to implement locally. The manual provides a Preface with supporting information of what has changed in this new version. It is important to note that major changes include:
- Classifying presentations based on age
- Allowing anyone to ask a question
- Modified rubrics
- Variable Award System for points and awards
[More Information Here]

State Fashion Revue
May 28, 2016
UC Davis
Announcing State Fashion Revue 2016, “Hoe Down, Sew Down.” As a part of State Field Day, members qualify in their home counties to enter SFR. Participant categories returning for 2016 are Traditional, Upcycled, and Consumer Science Purchased $40 limit. The rules for Upcycled have been modified to place more emphasis on the transition. There are two new challenge categories. In the Western Wear Challenge, sewing project members make a western shirt and add other sewn or purchased garments to complete an outfit. For the Muslin Challenge, members create a garment out of at least 2 but not more than 3 yards of cotton muslin fabric. Please see the SFR website for more details on joining the committee, the categories and service projects or the event itself.
[More Information Here]

SLC at HSU Program Assistant Application
July 28-31, 2016
Humboldt State University, CA
The State Leadership Conference is coming to Humboldt County! This rare opportunity needs your support! Program Assistants are the boots on the ground help prior, during and after the conference to assist in logistics and planning. The main instruction and communication for this role will come from the state office. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network with other 4-Hers from across the state. Make plans now to attend this conference, invite your friends and help to make this event possible! Applications are due March 31, 2016. If you are interested in applying click on the link below.
[More Information Here]
California Camping Conference
April 1-3, 2016
Due March 15, 2016
Stateline, Nevada
The next California Camping Conference will be held at the Nevada State 4-H Camp in Stateline, Nevada. The Camping Conference provides 4-H teen leaders and adult camp administrators the opportunity to network and attend sessions to develop their local camp program. Please inform your key leaders and teen leaders.

Register Here

2016 California Horse Classic Save the Date
August 3-7, 2016
Rancho Murieta, CA
The California 4-H Horse Classic offers 4-H members the chance to showcase the culmination of their efforts put forth in their equine projects, throughout the year. The show provides the opportunity for the 4-H riders to compete at a level beyond local/ county or regional events, while education contests allow members to showcase their equine knowledge. Contests offered include: Hippology, Horse Judging, Horse Bowl and Public Speaking.

More Information Here

State Ambassador Applications Open
Due February 16, 2016
Apply to become a California 4-H State Ambassador for the 2016-17 year! The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program.

Apply Online Here

Color Me Green Run
March, 2016
Humboldt County
The Color Me Green 5K Run will provide your county or club with a state-wide service learning opportunity specific to the improvement of health. With the support of adult leaders, youth will organize and execute a 5K run in their community. It is our hope that through participation in the Color Me Green 5K Runs both individuals and communities will aspire to increase their health habits. Be a health advocate for your community and host a Color Me Green 5K Run!

More Information Here

CPR/First Aid Training for Volunteers
Increase program safety in your club or project by becoming trained in CPR and First Aid! If you would like to get your CPR and First Aid Certification Contact Thomas Stratton with the expense amount and how many people will be trained and he will work with the university to get the costs covered. Depending on the costs of the training you maybe reimbursed for partial or full cost.

Thomas Stratton tjstratton@ucanr.edu
Animal Science Symposium Animal Welfare
May 23-25, 2016
UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
The Animal Science Symposium is a train-the-trainer professional development approach for 4-H staff, key 4-H volunteers, and FFA supervisors/teachers on important topics and skills related to animal welfare and animal health. The Symposium is not open to 4-H youth members. The symposium will provide a foundational training on the new Animal Welfare Proficiencies, a research-based education program on animal welfare developed by the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Extension. In addition, the Symposium will engage leading specialists on animal welfare, animal health, and species-specific issues to deliver educational sessions. Registration will open in February.
More Information Here

Global Youth Service Day
April 15-17
Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world. GYSD challenges youth around the world to demonstrate what they are doing in their community to make an difference in the world.
More Information Here

California Focus Registration Opening
June 17-21, 2016
Sacramento, CA
Witness California’s government in action by participating in the legislative, political, and judicial processes. Registration is opening the second week of January. Humboldt County 4-H has funding to support youth attending this conference.
More Information Here

Small Animal Field Day
March 19, 2016
Santa Ynez, CA
This event is an opportunity for youth to learn and network with other youth enrolled in small animal projects across the state. The field day includes a showmanship contest, breed show, pygmy goat confirmation class, photo-poster/display and knowledge bowl contest. Registration will open mid-January. For entries and inquiries please contact Michelle Vander Meulen vanderlandusa@gmail.com

4-H Equine Field Day
February 20, 2016
Fresno State Agriculture Pavilion
The Equine Field Day is an educational event, that offers three concurrent presentations for each of the five 45 minute sessions. Past presentation topics have included saddle fitting, equine nutrition, equine chiropractic treatment, equine acupuncture treatment and 4-H equine educational contests. Check back soon for a complete list of 2016 workshop topics!
Register Here
2016-2017 4-H Online Enrollment
July 1, 2016
Next program year, beginning July 1st, 2016, all 4-H Families and Volunteers will be able to enroll themselves in Humboldt County 4-H using the 4-H Online System. The transition to a digital enrollment process has been highly successful with the participation of clubs Volunteer Enrollment Coordinators (VEC’s). Cristal Wilson, Brenda Tuel, Shannon Fulton, Jessalynn Kunkler, Joan Crandell, Debbie Nickols, Karen Hansen, Anita Huff and Katrin Homan took on the responsibility of becoming VEC’s for their community clubs by attending the VEC training in the Fall and processing their clubs paper enrollments. This training has prepared them to provide assistance to their club families to enroll using the online system next year.

Become familiar with the system before next year's enrollment, update your contact information, communication preferences and project participation by using the link below to login. If you are logging into the system for the first time use the email you provided during enrollment. You will need to request that a temporary password be sent to your email. If you need help logging in contact your club's VEC.

Login Here

Management and Program Team Openings
The Humboldt County 4-H Management Team, formally known as County Council, needs you! There are open positions for directors of the Fiscal Accountability, Civic Engagement, Communication and Expressive Arts, Selection and Healthy Living committees. All Committees are open for youth and adults. Take a look at the committee descriptions online to see where your skills might be put to good use for the county program.

More Information Here

Management Team Meetings Online!
There is now the opportunity to attend Management Team Meeting remotely using the University of California Adobe Connect program. To attend these interactive meetings you may use a computer, tablet or even your mobile device! The Adobe Connect Program can be used online through a web browser or through the Adobe Connect App for iOS or Android. You are able to view the webcam and the Power Point slides as they are being shared. The Management Team Meeting can be accessed through the link below. Please be sure to schedule time in advance of the meeting to work out the technical details that might include computer updates or downloads to enable the online software.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
January 25, 2016 6:30p-8:00pm
March 21, 2016 6:30p-8:00pm
May 15, 2016 6:30p-8:00pm

Fieg-Tucker Scholarship
Due March 4th, 2016 5:00pm
New application forms for the 2016-2017 Fieg-Tucker 4-H Scholarships for current high school seniors are now available at the 4-H Office or online on the Humboldt County 4-H website. Applications include a summary of your 4-H projects and activities, recommendations, and a current high school transcript. All parts of the application are due at the 4-H Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016. All deadlines must be met for an application to be considered -- postmarks will not be accepted. There will be NO exceptions for missing the deadline. Be sure that you are using the current application forms. Before submitting your application, you MUST request that your community club leader review your application and verify its accuracy. Accordingly, you must be sure to complete your forms early enough to give your leader adequate time to finish that task. The primary determining factors in the selection process are 4-H records, personal written recommendations, scholastic standing, and college plans of the applicants. The personal financial situation of the applicant is not used to determine selection or amount of a scholarship. Amounts vary each year based on the number of qualified applicants and the funds available.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the March 21 County Leadership Meeting.

Scholarship Application Here
Northcoast Youth Summit: “Find Your Voice”  
March 19, 2015  
College of the Redwoods, CA  
The Northcoast Youth Summit Planning Team is developing an unforgettable conference. The Northcoast Youth Summit (NYS) is an annual self-development youth conference sponsored, organized and ran by youth. Forty workshops offered in four different sessions, with two keynote speakers and lunch activities. Workshop topics include fitness classes, marine biology, career field exploration, resume writing, introduction to program code writing, and many more. Stay tuned to The GRAM and website. Registration is open from February 1st-29th through the link below.  
[Register Here](#)  

County Event Chairs Selection  
**Due January 22, 2016 5:00pm**  
County Event Chair positions are crucial leadership roles in the 4-H program here in Humboldt county. These chairs take on the learning, enjoyment and responsibility of planning some of the most influential events offered to the youth in the program. The formal processes of applying to become an event chair is starts with the application. Use the link below to navigate to the application on the Forms and Applications page of the Humboldt County 4-H website. This year the due date for the county chair positions is January 22nd by 5:00pm. Submit your chair application physically to the office or email digitally to [tstratton@ucanr.edu](mailto:tstratton@ucanr.edu)  
County Chairs Needed in order of priority  
- Lamb BBQ  
- Country Auction  
- County Presentation Day  
- Baby Week  
- Tour of the Unknown Coast  
- Rabbit Show  
- Poultry Show  
- Barn Dance  
- Horse Camp  
- Summer Camp  

[Application Found Here](#)  

State Leadership Conference at HSU  
July 28-31, 2016  
Humboldt State University, CA  
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas. Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff.  
[More Information Here](#)  

Sectional Presentation Day  
April 23, 2016  
Willits, CA  
The Northwest Sectional Presentation Day and State Field Day Qualifying event will take place at Willits High School. You may participate in sectional presentation day if you receive a Blue or Gold during the county presentation day and will be give the registration information from the county office. There is also an opportunity to participate in an interview contest without qualifying at the county level.  

[More Information Here](#)  

4-H Livestock Record App  
This app offers tracking functionality enables users to track individual animal’s acquisition information, including weight, cost, and birth and acquisition dates. In addition, users can track an animal’s growth and weight gain, as well as costs associated with feed, veterinary medicine, harvesting, meat cutting, and processing.  
[More Information Here](#)
News from Arcata Bottom
Arcata Bottom 4-H has been very busy. We have been making Baskets for Soldiers, and Thanksgiving and a Christmas too. We also participated in a firewood cutting fundraiser which was a big success. At our November meeting we had a Dessert Auction Fundraiser which brought in a lot of money. Our new officers that were nominated in September have been working hard and together we will lead our club in a great year. Our Healthy Living Officer has been having fun activities for the club each month to participate in; like bike on the Hammond Trail. Our December meeting was a Christmas party at the Arcata Pool. Everyone had a blast swimming and it was great to watch members interact with their friends. We held a gift exchange and then had some treats at the end. I hope everyone had a safe holiday. Arcata Bottom 4-H wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Miller-Arcata Bottom 4-H.

News from Miranda 4-H
This year on December 18th Miranda 4-H club participated in the lighted parade that passes through Redway and Garberville. The co chairmen of the float were Malachi Church and Mariah Willis. The decided theme of the float was “Thank You Firefighters.” The float won Best Christmas Theme and fifty dollars. On the same day the club hosted a successful bake sale. In November we also had a canned food drive which was chaired by Kitira Stark. We also helped decorate the Garberville vets hall for the community Christmas & Thanksgiving dinners. This activity was chaired by Jonathan Archibold. We also sang Christmas carols at the Garberville Hospital long term care facility coordinated by Joanne Leppanen. Miranda 4-H club is doing well.
News from Freshwater

Our club won a $100 gift card from the Tractor Supply Company from the drawings they held after Clover week in October. Maeve chaired a clean-up at 3 Corners Market on November 21st. She and her volunteer crew picked up trash, weeded and planted beautiful flowers. In November, Jenna, Nia and Kelsey chaired a Thanksgiving basket food drive. Our members came together and provided enough food for three families to enjoy Thanksgiving dinners!! In December, Kylie chaired a $10 Target gift card drive by partnering with Betty Chinn. The youth of Betty’s choosing got 2 gift cards each and were able to spend it any way they wanted. Alyssa and Kiya gathered clothing for kids at the North Coast Learning Academy. Several kids at NCLA received new and/or gently used clothing items to help keep them warm thru the winter. There was a picture in the Times-Standard of them delivering the donated items form our club. Jenna organized a holiday sing along on Monday December 14th at Alder Bay and Timber Ridge, and we had a wonderful turn out! After, we had a holiday party provided by our club, thanking the members, parents, and siblings of members who give so much, so often. Our club wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!! Jenna Sadler
Reporter

Submit your club updates, news and pictures to be published in the MAR/APR edition of The GRAM by Feb. 22nd to the 4-H Program Representative Thomas Stratton.
tjstratton@ucanr.edu

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Humboldt County 4-H

🐰 Rabbit Show 🐰

Saturday, February 20th

9am at the Van Duzen River Grange,
Carlotta Ca.

ARBA sanctioned youth show

4-H Showmanship

Costume contest

For a show book or to enter: email
hcrcbayouth@hcrcba.org

www.hcrcba.org/