

Clover Country 2009

This newsletter is online along with Record Book forms, scholarship applications, event registration forms and more! Visit <http://cecalaveras.ucdavis.edu> for information.

August 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19th at the CCWD Board Room in San Andreas. It begins at 7 pm. All 4-H families are welcome to attend! You do not need to be a 4-H leader to attend. Parents and 4-H members may also represent your club.



Important Policies About Re-Enrollment In 4-H – Please Read!

Please be looking in your mailbox for your re-enrollment packets. Save money by enrolling by the Early-Bird Deadline!

Enrollment forms are due for returning 4-H members and leaders as follows:

For Returning 4-H Members:

ENROLLMENT DATE	FEE PER 4-H MEMBER
Up to September 15th	\$15.00 Early Bird Fee
September 16th – 30th	\$20.00 Fee
October 1 st	\$20.00 Fee & written appeal must be made to the 4-H Council AND the parent or guardian must attend the October or November 4-H Council meeting.
After the November 4-H Council Meeting	No returning members or appeals will be accepted.

If You Miss the September 30th Deadline...

After September 30th -

1. You must make a formal written appeal to Calaveras 4-H Council for re-enrollment. Contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office for the Appeal Form.
2. You must have a written request, citing the reasons why you have missed the deadline, and be placed on the October or November Calaveras 4-H Council agenda.

3. You must attend the 4-H Council meeting, to be heard. Re-enrollment is not automatically granted.
4. The Calaveras 4-H Council Executive Committee will serve as the appeal board. You will be informed in writing after the meeting by mail, as to their decision.
5. The enrollment fee still applies if your appeal is approved.

For Returning 4-H Leaders:

ENROLLMENT DATE	FEE PER 4-H LEADER
Up to September 15th	\$9.00 Early Bird Fee
September 16th – 30th	\$14.00 Fee

Please make your check payable to “**UC Regents**”.

Enrollment fees must be included
when mailing in your forms.

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New 4-H Council Officers

Congratulations to our new 4-H Council officers!

They are:

President: Elizabeth Byrns

Vice President: Liane Roberts

Treasurer: Tawnya Hernandez

Secretary: Patty Reed

A Thank You To Record Book Judges

Thank you to all of the parents and 4-H leaders who spent their Saturday, July 18th judging record books at the County Judging Day. They were:

Liane Roberts (Chairperson)

Jane Melenchek

Patty Reed

Maryann Smith

Carolyn Wright

Debbie Fouch

Kelsey Markus

Dee Moran

Kathy Carlin

4-H members – Your record book judging results were mailed to you after this event. Please review the judges’ comments, as they were written to help you.

County Record Book Judging Results



Swine

Samantha Artiaga, County Winner
Amanda Carlin, Medalist
Kelsey Millar, Medalist
Alyssa Carlin, Medalist
Kristen Mergl, Certificate Winner
Holly Wilwert, Certificate Winner
Logan Millar, Certificate Winner

Quilting

Colton Smith, County Winner

Creative Arts & Crafts

Paul Hellyer, County Winner

Clothing & Textiles

Jennay Hellyer, County Winner

Sheep

Codi Sue Mills, County Winner

Cavies

Mason Fouch, Medalist
Kenny Reed, Medalist

Meat Goats

Logan Sullivan, Medalist

Horses & Ponies

Elana Smith, Medalist

Beef

Kyle Caires, County Winner
Kent Whittle, Medalist
Krystin Peirano, Certificate Winner

Poultry & Game Birds

Amy Reed, County Winner

Rabbits

Caitlin Melenchek, County Winner
Jacob Barry, Medalist

Primary Scrapbooking

Leah Callahan, Countie Winner
Kenzie Segale, Medalist



Mountain Ranch 4-H In Need Of Community Club Leader!

Sadly, we are losing Jessica Wharregard as the 4-H community club leader for the Mountain Ranch 4-H Club. Jessica's son is moving on, and therefore Jessica plans on going in other directions also. In the event you might know of someone who might be interested in taking over the role of the club's leader, please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office. If no one is interested in stepping up to the position, the club will have to fold. The remaining members will have to join another 4-H club, Grange, FFA or become independent.

13th Annual Ironstone Concours d'Elegance to Benefit 4-H

Over 300 original and restored automobiles, motorcycles, commercial vehicles and vintage house trailers will gather on September 26th at Ironstone Vineyards' 13th Concours d'Elegance to help raise money for California FFA and local 4-H organizations, Calaveras County Fair Scholarship program as well as the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship program.

This is not just “another classic car show.” Attracting car aficionados from around the nation, this event has become recognized for its well-honed blend of beautiful vehicles, great food, and entertainment, all hosted at the beautiful Ironstone Vineyards. Guests have the opportunity to visit with the vintage car owners who enjoy sharing the history and their love for their magnificent vehicles. It’s an event not to be missed.



Showcasing Automotive Elegance. The Ironstone Concours is an extraordinary step back in time with vehicles dating from 1900 – 1971. Many of the vehicles are very rare and not often available for public viewing. Each year features several unique vehicles, and this year is no exception.

A Charity Benefit. The inspiration behind the Ironstone Concours Foundation is Gail Kautz. She spent many years as a 4-H leader, and is a lifetime member of the 4-H Foundation Board, and wanted to establish a fundraising event to help generate money for 4-H programs. The Concours d’Elegance is the main event of the Foundation, and the funds raised are used to help benefit a variety of programs throughout California.

General admission is \$20 and youth 19 and under are free. Check out www.ironstonefoundation.org for details.

Cookies, Bottled Waters & Volunteers Needed For The Ironstone Concours



We need your help!

Cookies! Each year we donate gift bags to the car show participants. 4-H members from Amador, El Dorado, Mariposa, Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties all bake cookies for the gift bags. We need the cookies to be in sandwich-sized bags (typically four to six cookies per bag, depending on the size).

Our county needs a total of thirty home made bags of cookies, so any help would be greatly appreciated! Many people dress the sandwich bags up, with green ribbon, which is a nice touch, but not required. Cookies can be dropped off at the 4-H Office or at the Hallmark Store at Middleton’s in Angels Camp. They will need to be dropped off no later than noon on Thursday, September 24th. Cookies can also be brought to the Registration Table at the Concours event by 9:00 a.m. if you’d prefer.

Gift bag assembly help is needed. If you can help assemble gift bags, please call Jennifer at the 4-H Office, 754-6474. Volunteers will be directed to the area where gift bags will be assembled on the morning of the event. The more help we have, the quicker the bags can be assembled. It is a fun and easy part of the event.

Bottled waters are also needed for the event and can be brought on Saturday morning to the 4-H Registration Table. The 4-H members get thirsty during the day, and having water available to them is important. If you can donate water, please do. It would be greatly appreciated.

All Stars! Please mark your calendars for this event. We will need you to help with the announcement of the car show winners, and to help hand out the gift bags.

Club Audits

Please don't forget that your club audits are due to the 4-H Office by September 15th. Please call Jennifer at 754-6474 should you have any questions. Thank you!

Who pays for project supplies?

At the beginning of the project year, the project leader should make a plan to figure the overall cost of the project (publication fees, duplicating fees, project material costs, etc.). The members should be charged accordingly to cover these costs.



Can a project leader charge for their services, lessons, or rental? Absolutely NOT. 4-H is a volunteer organization. Any circumstance, where an adult charges a fee for services, lessons, rental or any related type of charge, even once, is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance. Also, the youth is not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance in this situation. Should you have any questions or need clarification about these issues, you are encouraged to contact the 4-H office at 754-6474.

Requirements for Project Completion & A Few Other "Housecleaning" Items

Often times we are asked how many meetings a 4-H leader should hold to complete a 4-H project. The 4-H Staff Handbook states, "A minimum of six hours of project instruction is required to complete a project. If used, proficiency or other tests must be reviewed, evaluated and approved by the 4-H staff prior to implementation." This means that if you require any type of test or evaluation of 4-H members it must be approved by 4-H staff beforehand.

We cannot require members or parents to sign contracts to use facilities. Any contracts or agreements that are signed on behalf of 4-H must be signed by County Director Ken Churches. The University does not recognize contracts signed by volunteers, parents or 4-H members which means you are personally liable if you do. So please, always remember to bring any forms for facility use or rental agreements to the 4-H office.

Leaders cannot require 4-H members to attend certain events, perform demonstrations or give speeches in order to have Fair entry forms or other event registration forms signed.

Members are required to attend 80% of their project meetings, and meet the attendance criteria for community club meetings to be in good standing with their club. They must also turn in a completed 4-H record book to their community club by the announced deadline to receive their year pin, stripe and other awards given by their 4-H club. Of course, they must comply with the Code of Conduct also, which they signed when they joined 4-H.

If you have any questions about these or other issues, please don't hesitate to give us a call. We are happy to help and want to encourage a great 4-H year for everyone!

About UCCE Insurance

What the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) insurance does cover:

Automobile Liability

The insurance program provides secondary auto liability coverage while driving to and from an official UCCE business activity.

Coverage is secondary to the insurance which covers the vehicle driven by the volunteer involved in an accident, and only if the volunteer's action is determined to be negligent in causing the accident.

General Liability

UCCE insurance program provides limited liability coverage for volunteers in cases where it has been determined, through investigation, that they acted negligently. Coverage is for supervision of people and general supervision of a UCCE-sponsored programmatic activity. There are some exceptions and limitations which are determined on a case-by-case basis through investigation.

What UCCE insurance does NOT cover:

The insurance program does not provide coverage for any personal or real property not within its care, custody and control. Examples could be ownership of and use of an animal in a project, using one's home, ranch, garden or arena for a program. Livestock, horse and dog project leaders need especially to be aware of this.

Volunteers should check with their insurance carrier and review their liability coverage before assuming the risks involved in using their personal property for UCCE programs. Adequate coverage is usually determined through a careful appraisal of personal assets. Coverage should be adequate to at least cover a potential lawsuit related to the ownership, care and maintenance of their property.

4-H Club Meeting Dates

Calaveras 4-H Clubs will soon be holding their first meetings of the 4-H year. It is your responsibility to contact your 4-H club leader to find out when the first meeting will be held. New members will have an opportunity to join 4-H at that time, and pick up an enrollment packet. New member enrollment packets can also be picked up at the 4-H Office, which is located at 576 East Saint Charles Street in San Andreas or available soon to be printed off of our website at <http://cecalaveras.ucdavis.edu/member.pdf> . Sorry, but we don't mail the new member enrollment packets, as they are bulky and our mail budget is slim. Your community club leader can tell you what projects will be available to you this year.

Club meeting dates will soon be announced on our office website at <http://cecalaveras.ucdavis.edu>. Click on the "Calendar" link on the right side of the page, for a more comprehensive calendar of upcoming events and meeting dates.

Community Club Contacts:

Angelus Ranus 4-H – Diane Gray, 736-4219
Mokelumne Hill 4-H – Mike Filter, 772-1698
Mountain Ranch 4-H – No 4-H community club leader at this time
Murphys 4-H – Stacy Hanan, 736-1120
Copper Hills 4-H – Michele Toberer, 785-9800
San Andreas 4-H – Stacy Ames, 754-5059
Tri-Dam 4-H – Patty Reed, 981-9781
West Point 4-H – Angel O'Meara, 293-7657
Calaveras Wranglers 4-H Horse Club – Chris Markus, 728-3148
Jenny Lind 4-H – Liane Roberts, 772-3527

4-H Club Officer Manuals

Club leaders, please let Jennifer at the 4-H Office know the number of officers you will have this 4-H year. Each officer should receive an Officer's Manual.

Clover Safe

The publication, Clover Safe, is produced each month by ANR's Division of Environmental Health and Safety. These one page documents offer tips and activities for health and safety concerns in different 4-H project areas. New subject areas are continually being added to the listing. These materials are designed to be used at project leader meetings and can be downloaded at: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/curriculum/>.

4-H Volunteer Leader Website

The volunteer leader website is an interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog,

4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu

My Chicken Plucker

By James Walker

Hi, my name is James Walker. I am in the West Point 4-H Club. My main project is meat birds. This year I went to the 4-H Home Arts Expo with a chicken plucker. I won a gold medal with it. The judges asked me if it worked. I didn't know because we hadn't tried it out yet. So, after fair was over our poultry group processed our meat birds. After the first 10 chickens the motor overheated. We had to stop and get a new motor. We need a bigger motor. The idea came from the Whiz Bang Chicken Plucker book. We still need to work on it some more. But it beat plucking by hand. Next year it will be ready for the whole group.

Congratulations to Tyler Caires

Tyler Caires is a member of the Tri-Dam 4-H Club, and has been involved in many 4-H projects and activities over the years. At the State level, there is a scholarship that 4-H members can apply for, but only one 4-H member can win, and Tyler did. So, congratulations to you Tyler, for winning the \$1,000 Samarin Family Scholarship!

Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair

Once again The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair (August 21 - September 7). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences, as well as, the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone who may be interested in learning even more about your 4-H project.

Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Further, each shift must have an adult or older teen in the booth at all times. To sign-up, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>.

2010 National 4-H Conference

The 2010 National 4-H Conference will be held March 20-27, 2010 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. 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. 4-H members, volunteers and staff may apply to join the California delegation by September 30, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/index.asp>.

Service Learning Project Funding

Are you planning a service-learning project for next year? Each year the California State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the California 4-H Service Learning RFP. Groups can request up to \$5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application and information is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. Examples of past projects are also listed. The application is due September 15, 2009.

Frogtown Flea Market

Dates on Saturdays:

August 22

September 26

October 31

November 28

Free to the public!



Set up 6:30 a.m.

Public hours 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Booth space rent \$20 per 10' x 10'

Located at the Calaveras Fairgrounds, around the pond, or Mark Twain Hall if raining.

All types of booths are welcome. Used or new items, produce, crafts, etc. allowed.

Questions? Call the Calaveras Fairgrounds at 736-2561.

Livestock News

National Dairy Conference, September 27-30, 2009

California is looking for interested delegates. California has the opportunity to send a group of 5 4-H members and 2 adults to Madison, Wisconsin in September to attend the National Dairy Conference. This group will serve as an exploratory team to determine whether California should make this an annual event. Interested candidates need to complete an application. Applications can be obtained by contacting Dr. Cyndi Barnett or Steve Dasher. Please contact Dr. Cyndi Barnett at ccbarnett@ucdavis.edu or Steve Dasher at hsdasher@ucdavis.edu by August 15 if you would be willing to serve on the team or if you have any questions about the conference.

California State Fair Presents

Vet School



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Saturday, August 22, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 29, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 5, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Vet School, an International Award Winning Program, will be held at the 2009 California State Fair Livestock Nursery.

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital will be conducting hands-on activities and lessons to promote animal health and welfare.

This special opportunity will give students ages 10 -17 the chance to learn veterinary practices and procedures.

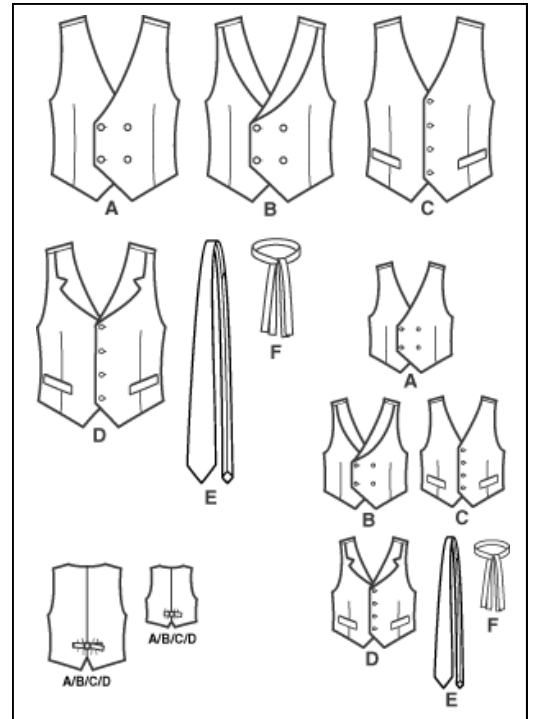
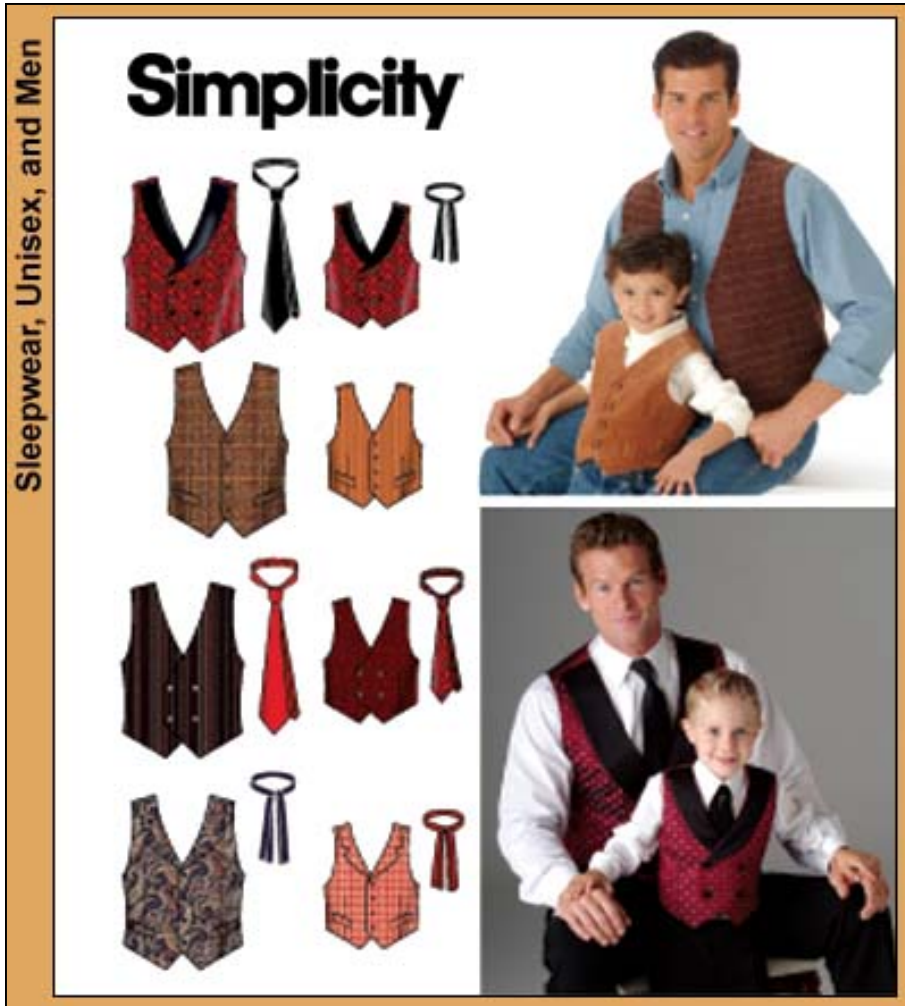
Applications available online at www.bigfun.org



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2010 STATE 4-H FASHION REVUE CHALLENGE PATTERN

SIMPLICITY VEST # 4762



Make an inVESTment in your future wardrobe with this year's challenge. Sew a lined vest, but don't forget to spice it up. It could be reversible, have pockets, frills or whatever fits your style.

Start with Simplicity pattern #4762. You must use this pattern; no substitutions. The possibilities for personalization are endless! You can make it shorter or longer, add trim or appliqués, and experiment with fabrics, colors or details. To alter the pattern for girls, move the buttons to the left side. If needed, add back darts or use the cinch and enlarge the front darts. Purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your vest.

For more information about State 4-H Fashion Revue, go to
<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion>

