

# *Clover Country 2009*

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Welcome to Our New and Returning  
4-H Families!

Welcome to all new and returning members, families and leaders. 4-H clubs in Calaveras County are still accepting new members.



We are looking forward to another educational and fun 4-H year. 4-H is a great opportunity to meet new people and learn lots of interesting things. Your project leaders and community club leaders are there to help, and are great resources for a productive 4-H experience. Again, welcome and welcome back!

All 4-H activities are led by volunteers. If you and your child want to have a positive and educational 4-H program, it is up to you to take an active part. Consider teaching a project, by yourself or with a friend. You could plan a club activity or fundraiser. Don't expect other parents to do all of the work so your child can enjoy 4-H. We are a strong organization because of the strength of our active volunteers. You don't have to be asked! Step up and say you can help! Your family will have more fun if you're involved.

As a gentle reminder, California 4-H requirement that there be at least 2 adults at every 4-H activity: one must be a certified adult 4-H leader and one can be another adult. One must be at least age 21. Parents, please volunteer to be that additional adult or the leader cannot have the project meeting. If you are dropping off a child, make sure that the second adult is already there. Actually, we hope you do not just drop off your child, as 4-H encourages family involvement. For safety or supervision reasons, some project leaders may require that parents stay with their children. This is a mandatory requirement for primary members.

## 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21st 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.

## A Reminder About Our Office Hours...

We are opened Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and our office is now closed on Mondays and Fridays. We are often available by appointment only, on Mondays and Fridays.

## Who Is A 4-H Leader?

A 4-H leader is an adult volunteer who has been certified through the 4-H Office. Adults who are not 4-H volunteers cannot hold project meetings regardless of whether a 4-H leader is present or not. Would you like to become a 4-H leader? Please call Jennifer at the 4-H office for details on this wonderful opportunity to help the youth of our county, 754-6474.

## Club & Project Leaders!

If you need an updated list of the 4-H members who have signed up for your project or club, please call the 4-H office at 754-6474 or email Jennifer at [jgoerlitz@co.calaveras.ca.us](mailto:jgoerlitz@co.calaveras.ca.us). We are still receiving new member enrollments, so don't hesitate to ask for an updated list anytime!

Please make sure that you have a current and original Medical Treatment Form for every 4-H member in your project. The forms should be in your possession at project meetings, or any project field trips. Also, be sure that a parent writes a permission slip when their child is riding with another adult.

## All Star Applications Available

An All Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the County level. The goal of the All Star program is to recognize the achievements of active 4-H members and to offer additional resources and opportunities for leadership, career and life planning.

To become a Calaveras County 4-H All Star you must meet criteria that includes: be in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade; be eligible for or have earned your Gold Star; and have completed at least three years as a 4-H member by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you are selected. Please visit our website at <http://cecalaveras.ucdavis.edu/Allstar.pdf> . All Star applications are due to the 4-H office no later than January 20, 2010.

## Ironstone Concours Recap

This year, the Ironstone Concours Foundation's show of antique and classic cars, trailers, boats and motorcycles was a benefit for foothill 4-H programs, State Fair scholarships, Calaveras Fair scholarships and FFA.



Thank you to everyone who participated at the Ironstone Concours, brought displays, performed demonstrations, and helped assemble and pass out gift bags. We had great representation, along with beautiful (although a bit warm) weather. Thank you to all of the parents and leaders who came and helped, and to those who contributed cookies and bottled water.

## 4-H Record Book Clinic

There will be a 4-H record book clinic on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Calaveras Works Building, Sequoia Room. This clinic, hosted by the Calaveras 4-H All Stars, is for all 4-H members, parents and leaders who would like to learn more about how to assemble record books. Record books can be confusing, so if you need help with your book, this is an excellent opportunity to learn!

The Calaveras Works Building is the large, cream-colored building on the corner of Mountain Ranch Road and Highway 49, in San Andreas. The Sequoia Room and parking is located in the rear of the building.

## Need Help With Record Book Forms?

A great resource for answering questions about the new forms is at [www.groups.yahoo.com](http://www.groups.yahoo.com) where you can join the group called **ca4hrb**. This site provides an excellent opportunity for 4-H families to ask questions and receive feedback from others, including staff at the State 4-H Office.

### Policy Regarding Reimbursements

Project leaders, parents and 4-H members: Please note that if you have out-of-pocket expenses, which you are seeking reimbursement from your 4-H club or Calaveras 4-H Council, you have only 45 days from the date of the bill, to submit the bill for reimbursement.

However, bills incurred in the month of June must be turned in to the club or the Council by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Receipts that are turned in past these dates will not be honored by your 4-H club or Calaveras 4-H Council.

## Tax Tips For 4-H Volunteers

4-H volunteers (leaders, parents, teens) who incur out-of-pocket expenses or make a direct contribution to 4-H may be able to claim income tax deductions for:

- The fair market value of property and materials donated to 4-H
- Cash contributions to 4-H
- Cost of raising a guide dog puppy
- Cost of travel while serving as a volunteer (consult a tax manual for actual allowances)

- Non-reimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for stationary, postage, telephone calls, refreshments, photocopying, etc. incurred in rendering volunteer expenses.

You CANNOT claim the value of your volunteer services, time, or costs of transporting or paying expenses for your own child. Consult with your tax advisor if you have any questions. Be sure to keep complete records and receipts in case your contributions are ever questioned.

## Using A School For Meetings?

Many schools or organizations require that an agreement be signed to use their facilities for 4-H meetings or events. Please remember that ONLY the County Director, Ken Churches, may sign these agreements. 4-H leaders and parents cannot sign on the behalf of the 4-H program.

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## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK COMING!

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National 4-H Week will be held October 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to plan with your club to promote 4-H. What can you do?

- Wear your 4-H uniform to school or church.
- Share your 4-H hat and record book with your class.
- Give a demonstration to your classroom or local service groups.
- Put up a public display in a store window or library.
- Invite someone new to your next 4-H meeting.
- Ask neighbors and friends if they would like to join 4-H.
- Community pride recognition (clean up a local park, share pets with members of a convalescent home, canned food drive, etc.)

## *ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAIL REMINDER?*

If so, you are still enrolled in 4-H. If you are planning on a successful 4-H year, please attend Community Club meetings and project meetings. Those who have not been showing up are being marked as absent, which is especially critical for members who plan on exhibiting at the Fair or entering 4-H events. Absences do count toward the 4-H Attendance Policy and your 100% Attendance pins. If you are unsure whether you are missing your meetings, contact your Community Club Leader right away.

## Signed Up For A Project In A Different Club?

4-H members: If a project isn't available through your club, you may have signed up for the project in a different 4-H club. If this is the case, **be sure and contact the project leader** to find out when their project meetings will be held. It is your responsibility to find out their meeting dates.

## Volunteer Orientation & Certification

Every 4-H volunteer must be certified (attend an orientation, be fingerprinted and cleared) before you hold project meetings. You will be notified once all requirements have been met. Those interested in becoming a 4-H leader should call the 4-H Office at 754-6474 to set up an orientation appointment.

## Tips For New Club Treasurers

Please remember to do the following when writing checks:

- Note what the check was written for in the lower left-hand corner of the check, where it reads, "Memo". For instance, if your club holds a fundraiser and you bought sodas for the fundraiser, you would write in, "Sodas for fundraiser" on the memo line. This way, you have a permanent record of what each check is written for, and a great paper trail.
- Always have two signatures on each check, but from two unrelated people.
- Avoid writing checks to "Cash" if possible.
- Keep all receipts.

## 4-H Calendar of Events for 2009/10

**October 4-10**, National 4-H Week

**October 12**, Columbus Day Holiday

**October 21**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting

**October 26**, 4-H Record Book Clinic, 6:30 pm, CalWorks Bldg., San Andreas

**November 6-8**, State 4-H Leaders' Forum at Asilomar

**November 11**, Veteran's Day Holiday

**November 18**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting

**November 26-27**, Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 16**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting Cancelled

**December 24-25**, Christmas Holiday

**December 31-January 1**, New Year's Holiday

**January 18**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

**January 20**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting

**January 20**, All Star Applications Due

**February 6**, SubRegional Presentation Day, 10 am, Jenny Lind Elementary

**February 15**, President's Day Holiday

**February 17**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting

**February 17**, All Star Interviews

**March 1**, Nancy Cundiff, Ely Bettencourt & 4-H Council Scholarship Deadlines

**March 8**, 4-H Record Book Clinic, 6:30 pm, CCWD Board Room, San Andreas

**March 17**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting

**March 17**, 4-H Council Scholarship Interviews

**April 6**, 4-H Goes To The Board of Supervisors Meeting

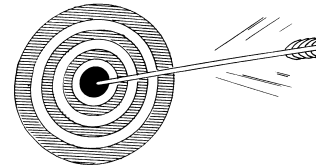
**April 17**, 4-H Home Arts Expo, 10 am, Mark Twain Elementary

**April 28**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting  
**May 13-16**, Calaveras County Fair  
**May 26**, 4-H Buyers' Dinner Set Up  
**May 27**, 4-H Buyers' Dinner, 6 pm, Mark Twain Hall  
**May 31**, Memorial Day Holiday  
**June 17**, Calaveras 4-H Council Meeting Cancelled  
**June 30**, Record Book Club Judging Deadline

## 4-H Supplies

If you are in need of 4-H supplies (hats, scarves, ties, etc.) you can purchase these items at the 4-H office. These items can be purchased directly online also at <http://www.4hsupplies.com/cart3/scripts/prodList.asp>. The company, Leslie Carman, has been in business for four generations and produces high quality products for the California 4-H Program.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery



A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in Modesto, CA on Saturday, **November 7**, 8 AM - 4 PM and Sunday, **November 8**, 8 AM - 2 PM. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. The course will be held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall Room E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto. The cost will be \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and class materials. For more information, contact Dan Burner 209-874-2732 (evenings) or [dan\\_burner@yahoo.com](mailto:dan_burner@yahoo.com). Fees are due by **October 23**, 2009 and can be submitted to Dan Burner, P.O. Box 829, Waterford, CA 95386.

## California International Exchange Program

The California International Exchange Program will offer **outbound programs** to Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan during the summer of 2009. Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 2010**. An interview with the California 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, Pat English, is required. For more information contact Pat English at: [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8520.

## 2010 Citizenship Focus Program

Dates have been set for the 2010 Citizenship Focus Program. Come participate in hands-on programs that bring government and policy issues to life and help you get involved in your own community.

**California Focus** June 25-29, 2010  
<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>

## Washington Focus I

Road to Democracy, June 27-July 5, 2010

Heritage Trail, I June 27-July 3, 2009

## Washington Focus II

Global Journey, July 11-21, 2010

Heritage Trail II, July 11-17, 2010

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus/>

For more information, contact Pat English at [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8520.

## Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program is currently seeking applications to nominate and recognize 4-H members in grades 5-12 for their volunteer activities in the last year. 4-H participants may apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. The access key for applications is: **spirit**. Top high school and middle level volunteers will receive silver medallions, \$1,000 awards and a trip to Washington, D.C. All applications must be completed, printed out, signed and submitted to your county 4-H office by **November 2, 2009**.

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## Livestock News

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### Calaveras Mule Packer's Challenge

Saturday, October 24th and Sunday October 25th

- World Champion Packers
- AMA Mule & Donkey Gymkhana
  - Team Roping
  - Cattle Sorting
  - Steer & Mule Packing
  - Open Horse/Mule Roping
  - Calaveras Gold Mine Packing Race
  - Trophy Pack Saddles For Youth Packers

Vendors, BBQ with the packers Saturday night, bring your RV and stay the weekend! Starts at 8:00 am on Saturday and 9:00 am on Sunday, Cowboy Church on Sunday at 8:00am. Check out the website for more details!

[www.calaverasmulepackerschallenge.com](http://www.calaverasmulepackerschallenge.com)

This event will be held at Frogtown, at the Calaveras Fairgrounds

\$2.00 ADMISSION! Free Parking

For more information call 209/785-9800



## Calaveras 4-H Wranglers News

My name is Kait Smith and I am part of the 4-H Wranglers Horse Club. My 4-H leader, Chris Markus, put together a lot of fun summer riding activities for our club to do this year. One of which was a trail ride around White Pines Lake in Arnold. It was really fun because not a lot of people went. By being in a smaller group we were able to maneuver on the trails a little easier. Being on the trails, however, one could really tell that they had not been ridden on for a while by horses. There were a couple of really thick spots where the trees and bushes had grown over the trail. As we went through one Chris asked what we thought might be on the other side. So I yelled out "Narnia!" We all had a good laugh about that. We got lost on some of the trails and Chris had us go over some big, rotting, tree trunks. A few of us were uncomfortable about going over one of them with horses so we went back. When we all got back to our trailers, our leaders Chris and Kelsey Markus took their horses to cool off by swimming in the lake. It looked like fun and I would really like to try it with my horse sometime in the future. All in all, this was a really great ride to go on and I really enjoyed myself.

## Horse Lease Agreements

If you are leasing a horse and are planning on using the horse as part of a 4-H project, you must have a 4-H Horse Lease Agreement filed at the 4-H office at least 120 days prior to the Fair Horse Show. Late forms will be rejected. Contact the 4-H office if you need the form or print out a form online at our web site <http://cecalaveras.ucdavis.edu/fair.htm>.

## Animals As Gifts

The 4-H Youth Development Program does not accept animals as gifts or donations. Councils, clubs or projects must not accept title or ownership of animals. Any such gifts should be made directly to individuals.



## Free Rabbits To Good Home

Broken black Polish and 1 senior doe and 1 senior buck. Call 786-2334 for details.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Poultry Show

October 17, 2009

Gold Country Fairgrounds, 1273 High Street, Auburn CA

NEW this year we will be offering a primary show for exhibitors aged 5-8.

**Youth ages 9-18:** come join us for competition including, APA judging for caged poultry, showmanship, breed I.D., costume contest, poster contest & egg judging.

Enjoy fabulous awards, a silent auction, door prizes, snack bar and a poultry sales area.

Proceeds will benefit awards programs of Placer and El Dorado County 4-H Poultry Coordinator Groups.

**For more information call:**

Heidi Carpenter 530.885.5778

Courtney Moody 530.823.7071

<http://calendar.ucanr.org/eventdisplay.cfm?caleventnum=62602&group=w6871>



## State 4-H Equine Field Day

The annual State 4-H Equine Field Day will be held on Saturday, **October 24th** at UC Davis. Go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/> for the event details and registration form. Pre-registration is due Friday, **October 16th**; no postmarks. This event is in partnership with the UCD Department of Animal Science. 4-H Horse members, leaders and parents are invited to attend.

## Calaveras Fair Rules Committee Meeting

October 12, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Fairgrounds, Frogeteria

All agenda items must be received by the Fairgrounds on or before October 1, 2009. Only items that are rule changes or modifications will be on the agenda. Subjects such as show schedules or judge selection are management and/or JLA decisions and will not be addressed at this meeting. Correspondence regarding non-rule items may be submitted to the Fairgrounds for consideration. For more information contact the Fairgrounds at 209-736-2561 or email [laurie@frogtown.org](mailto:laurie@frogtown.org)

