

Clover Country 2009

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Lots of Changes At The UCCE/4-H Office

Please note that we will be having many new changes and some new faces at our office over the next few months.



- Ken Churches, County Director and Farm Advisor will be retiring at the end of February 2010. Dorothy Smith, who is County Director in Amador County will be filling Ken's position as County Director. Dorothy is also the Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor. Scott Oneto will be overseeing the Farm Advisor duties.
- Karen Riley, Master Gardener Program Coordinator & Office Accounts Manager will be retiring at the beginning of December 2009.
- Gretchen Sullivan, Extension Assistant has resigned. We welcome Stacy Arhontes as Gretchen's replacement!

Along with all of the changes taking place at the county level, there are several changes that will be occurring at the UC level, and we appreciate your patience while we go through this transition.

4-H Council Meeting

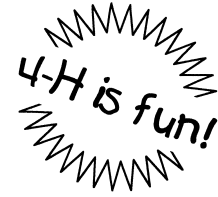
The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at the CCWD Board Room in San Andreas. It begins at 7 pm. All 4-H families are welcome to attend! You do not need to be a 4-H leader to attend. Parents and 4-H members may also represent your club.

Deadline for Appeals

If you are a 4-H families that was in 4-H last year, and did not re-enroll by the deadline, you must file an appeal to the 4-H office by November 11th. Your appeal will be heard at the adjournment of the November 18th 4-H Council meeting, which you must attend. This is the last date that appeals will be heard for this 4-H year. Please note that this deadline does not affect new 4-H members. Please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office for an Appeals Application, 754-6474.

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 9th – 12th grade; be eligible for or have earned your Gold Star; and have completed at least three years as a 4-H member by July 1st of the year you are selected. Please contact Jennifer at the 4-H office, 754-6474, for an application and all requirements or visit our website at <http://cecalaveras.ucdavis.edu/Allstar.pdf> . All Star applications are due to the 4-H office no later than January 20th. Community club leaders and project leaders are encouraged to recruit potential 4-H members who would be interested in becoming 4-H All Stars!

Project Orange Thumb

Application deadline: Feb. 26, 2010

Project Orange Thumb is a grant program that provides community garden groups with the tools and materials they need to reach their goals for neighborhood beautification and horticulture education. Recipients receive up to \$1,000 in Fiskars® garden tools, Project Orange Thumb t-shirts for garden members and volunteers, and up to \$1,000 for other materials such as plants, seeds, mulch, and more.

For application information, visit www.fiskars.com. Contact orangethumb@fiskars.com or 800/500-4849 with questions.

Seaworld/Busch Gardens Awards

Deadline: Nov. 20, 2009. Schools and community groups with existing projects that address environmental problems including, but not limited to, habitat restoration, school yard beautification, and education and outreach are eligible to apply for this award. Eight winning groups are selected each year to win \$10,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event. One environmental educator/leader each year receives \$5,000. To view previous winning projects, and to apply, visit seaworld.org.

4-H Volunteer Leader Website

One of the most useful tools that have been developed at the State 4-H Office is the 4-H Volunteer Leader website. It is located on the State 4-H page under Volunteer Information. This web-page hosts volunteer voices to be updated monthly, a blog, on-line courses, and pointers to web-based curriculum resources. Check out the new volunteer leader webpage at: <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>.

Safety and 4-H

We all know that safety should come first at 4-H club and project meetings. Check out the 4-H Safety Program at <http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/>. The Clover Safe Notes are listed by project area.

New Dates For The California State Fair

The California Exposition & State Fair Board has announced new dates for the fair. The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from **Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 1, 2010**. For more information, you may contact Erica Manuel of the California Exposition and State Fair at emanuel@calexpo.com. 4-H members, adults and staff may also contact 4-H Animal Science Committee Chairs Cynthia Barnett, cbbarnett@ucdavis.edu and Steve Dasher, hdsdasher@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.

California Speech Trek

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) invites high school 4-H members to compete in California Speech Trek. Beginning each September and continuing through March 1, high school students throughout California are welcome to contact the local AAUW branch near them (or email speechtrek@aauw-ca.org) for details about the local AAUW speech contest. The theme this year is "Breaking Through Barriers". The first place winner receives \$750, while second and third place winners each receive \$500. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/2009/Nov09/SpeechTrek4HBrochure-2PrizeMoney.pdf>

Higher Education Scholarships



The fall season is in full swing and as students are researching schools and colleges they'd like to attend after graduation, 4-H members are reminded to plan to apply in Spring 2010 for one of the Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships available. For more information on the scholarship program, visit:

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/>.

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Rifle –Tulare, CA

A shooting sports training workshop for the rifle discipline will be held in **Tulare, CA** on **Saturday, January 9, 2010** 8 AM – 6 PM and **Sunday, January 10, 2010** 8 AM – 4 PM. The course will be held at the Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare, CA. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is

no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu. For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Atascadero, CA

Rifle Discipline (San Luis Obispo County)

Saturday, November 14, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 15, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Santa Lucia Sportsmen's Association Facility in Atascadero. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

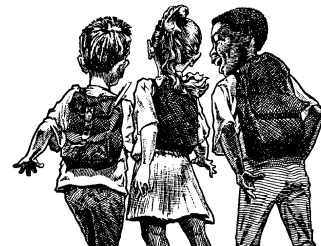
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2010 California Focus Program

On-line registration for the 2010 California Focus Program is available now and is due on **January 15, 2010**. 4-H members and leaders come together to run their own state government in the fictitious state of Sierra Cascade. Delegates draft legislation, participate in a mock trial, and run for office. Then participants interact with their legislators, court officials, and those close to current issues. Financial assistance is available for this program for members who could not afford to attend without help and the Young Civic Leader Scholarship is available for teens with an outstanding leadership and community service record. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.

California International Exchange Program

California will be sending 4-H members and leaders outbound on the California International Exchange Program during the summer of 2010. Are you ready for a one month experience in Australia, Costa Rica, or Japan? Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by **January 27, 2010**. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>.



Join the Crew!



Ahoy mateys! CAL Conference 2010 is looking for interested youth in eighth grade and older who enjoy taking on leadership roles, being part of a team, and can work well with both youth and adults. Applications are **due by Nov. 7, 2009** and there is a mandatory cabin leader training on **Nov. 21, 2009**. So, come on board the Leader-“Ship” before it sails away, and sign up to be a cabin leader for CAL 2010, Jan. 22-24 at Walker Creek Ranch.

****It is strongly encouraged that cabin leaders have attended CAL at least once.****

Please contact Molly Carlson or Taylor-Leigh Walters with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Livestock News

Murphys 4-H Rabbit Show

Murphys 4-H Rabbit project will be holding a double youth rabbit show January 9, 2010 at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds. This is an ARBA sanctioned show. We have youth from as far south as Gilroy and as far north as Chico attend this show. We will have breed classes. Showmanship contest. Also a breeder's class. This show isn't the usual rabbit show.

We have a lot of awards. We award ribbons and trophies. We hope that everyone leaves with some new knowledge and a ribbon. We hire ARBA judges for this 4-H event. Attending counts as an event attended in your record book. We will have a silent auction during the day. This will help cover some of our expenses. An item donated to the silent auction will be appreciated. Or if you want to sponsor a trophy or donate monies for our awards will always be appreciated. Hope to see ya at the show. Call Jane at 209/728-0531 or email janem56@comcast.net for details.

Fur and Feathers Show

4-H members are invited to participate in the Fur and Feathers show, a small animal breed show and showmanship event, planned for **January 16, 2010**. Entry deadline is **December 15, 2009**. The event is for 4-H members statewide in Cavy, Poultry and Rabbit projects. You may contact Jenean at bass@roadrunner.com for questions (sorry, no location was provided in the press release).

2010 State 4-H Horse Events

Dates have been set for 2010 State 4-H Horse Events. The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held **April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA** (southeast of Fresno). The **Championship Horse Show** will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on **Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27**. Tentatively, the English classes and Over Fences will be held on Friday, Western classes on Saturday and Gymkhana on Sunday. More information will be available by December 1st on the web site at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

Voluntary Beef Weigh-Ins

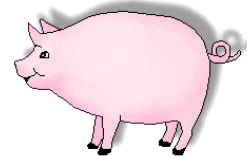
The Calaveras County Fair will hold a voluntary beef weigh-in on December 19th, 9 am to 11:00 am. It is sponsored by the Calaveras Cattlemen's Association and Spence Ranch Feed & Supply. Those who wish to enter the "Rate of Gain" contest pay \$10. For more information, call the Fairgrounds at 736-2561.

Livestock Information Night

This event is for 4-H leaders and parents – January 4, 2010, 6:30 pm at the Frogeteria, at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds. Learn what is new for 2010. Bring your questions for the livestock superintendents, fair staff and the Jr. Livestock Auction Committee. Questions? Call 209/736-2561.

Nutrena Swine Showmanship Videos Available

Swine leaders, please remember that we have copies of the Nutrena Showmanship videos available in VHS and DVD format for you to use and keep, for your swine projects. Thank you to Jeremy Carlin for donating these videos! If you haven't picked up your copy, please make arrangements with Jennifer at the 4-H Office to receive one, 754-6474.



Amador County Youth Poultry Show

Jackson Gold Wheels 4-H will host the Amador County Youth Poultry Show at Evalynn Bishop Hall in Lone, CA on Saturday, December 12th from 9 am to 4 pm. Coop-in at 7:30 am. For more information contact Angela Creach at 209/296-2334 or email zboy850@yahoo.com.



Make It Safe, Serve It Safe

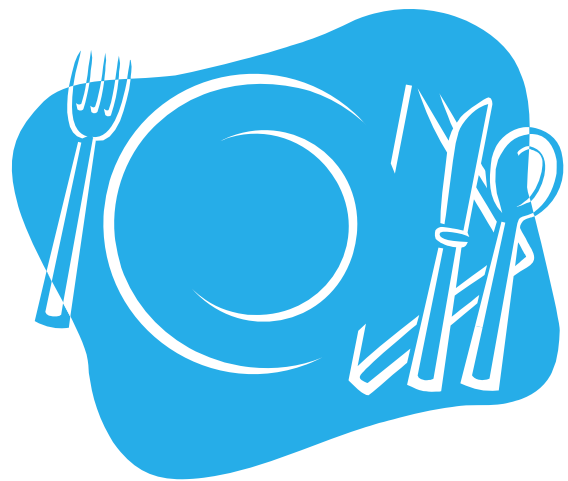
Monday November 16, 2009

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Calaveras UC Cooperative Extension Office

(fee waived for 4-H volunteers)

Questions or to RSVP? Call 754 - 6476



- Do you know someone who has gotten sick from eating contaminated food?
- Do you know what to do to prevent this from happening?

Most cases of food borne illness are preventable if basic food safety guidelines are followed. Dorothy Smith, Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor from the UC Cooperative Extension is providing a workshop emphasizing the importance of preparing, storing and serving food safely. The workshop will provide participants with food safety information to use in all food preparation. Attendees will participate in fun learning activities and receive handouts that can be duplicated and shared with others. Each participant will receive an instant read thermometer.

Join us for this informative workshop! This is an educational opportunity for 4-H leaders and parents involved with Food & Nutrition Projects, Bake Sales, Quarter-A-Dip dinners, etc.

Name(s) _____ Contact Phone _____

Address _____

Mail to:

UCCE-Calaveras County, 891 Mountain Ranch Rd San Andreas, CA 95249

- Learn how to talk to parents about their child's behavior
- Gain new "tools" when dealing with challenging children and families
- Examine the social-emotional development of infants and toddlers to the relationships they have with parents and caregivers



*Child Care, Child Welfare, Early Education and
Early Intervention Professionals
Please join us for an
interactive and engaging morning of*

***Understanding
Social-Emotional
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and
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***Saturday, December 5, 2009
9:00am – 12:30pm
501D Gold Strike Road
San Andreas, CA***

Presented by Judy Knapp, Director of Education & Training for The Center for Violence-free Relationships and Co-founder of PreventionWORKS; dedicated to promoting safety and preventing abuse, injury, and violence.

TO REGISTER

For this *FREE* workshop
or for more information

Contact Robin Davis
754-1470

email: cscoord@sbcglobal.net

Space is limited. Register by November 25.

- Professional Development Certificates Available
- Refreshments Provided

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