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DECEMBER 2011—JANUARY 2012
ELECTRONIC ONLY

Please note: The UC Cooperative Extension Stanislaus County Office (including 4-H) will be closed from December 26, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012. Council and Hi 4-H will meet January 2, 2012 at the usual times.



SUMMER CAMP



Two 5 day/4 night sessions will be held so start packing! Dates for Camp will be **Saturday, June 9th to Wednesday, June 13th** and **Thursday, June 14th to Monday June 18th**. Price will be \$180 for members in good standing. Campers must have completed one year as a regular 4-H. High school age members can attend as staff, counselors, or assistant counselors and are encouraged to apply! (8th going into 9th may come as campers as long as space is available.)

New this year is Online registration with a credit card payment (\$11 processing fee). Paper registration is still available with your club Camp Representative. Workbook will be given at the January 2nd Council meeting. Registration opens 8 am, February 6, 2012

Counselor Applications: Counselor applications online at: <http://ucanr.org/sites/Stanislaus4-H/files/122268.pdf> High school 4-H members entering 9th grade may apply for counselor positions. Applications are available on the County 4-H web site or can be picked up at the 4-H office. These are due in the 4-H office no later than **January 6, 2012**. Please note: Counselors need to include 2 references. Cost for counselors is now 1/4 the camper cost (\$45).

Interviews will be held January 24 and 25, 2012.

If not hired as a counselor, you may be chosen to go as an assistant counselor and pay 1/2 the camper fee.

LEADERS RECOGNITION DINNER

Friday, February 10, 2012

Social Hour – 6:00; Dinner -7:15, SOS Club
819 Sunset Ave. in Modesto, south of
Thurman Field and Muni Golf Course
Theme:

This is our time to honor 4-H leaders who have achieved clover pin milestones and others who support 4-H. We celebrate the good works of these folks in a context of fine food and fun. All leaders are welcome. Cost is \$20 per person which many clubs cover.

Each club is asked to provide a **silent auction** item. Of course, other supporters of 4-H can also contribute. Proceeds go to the 4-H Club Council.

This is your official invitation. Sign up with your community club before January 13, 2012. Reservations are due from clubs on or before January 20, 2012.

For more information contact the 4-H Office or Jennifer Ambrosino, Chairperson. Her number is available from the 4-H Office.

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LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

Refreshments for the 2012 Leaders Council meetings will be provided by the following clubs. If your club is listed, please plan to bring some sort of refreshments for 30-35 people along with any special utensils (plates, forks, napkins, etc.) Council provides beverages for the meetings. This list is posted on the "Community Leaders" page of our website. If you have any questions contact the 4-H office at 525-6801.

January - Mt. View & Wood Colony
 February - Ohana & Kiernan Klovers
 March - Foothill & Waterford
 April - Empire & Vernalis
 May - Patterson & Community Cultivators
 June - Pot Luck
 October - Sacred Heart & Westport
 November - Turlock H-n-H & Ceres
 December - Pot Luck



Leadership Conference Of Regional Teens (LCORT)

January 27—29, 2012
 Wonder Valley Ranch,
 Sanger, CA
 7th-9th Grade 4-H'ers

CHAPERONES NEEDED!

Download ADULT registration forms from the State 4-H website or pick one up at the office.

Registration Forms:

http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT

2012 LIVESTOCK PROFICIENCY DAY

The date for Proficiency Day is March 17, 2012 and will be held at the new MJC Ag Pavilion on the West Campus. Watch for details and registration information in the next newsletter.

CLOVER SAFE NOTES AND 4-H SAFETY MANUAL

NEW CLOVER SAFE NOTES RELEASED. Please take some time to check out the safety information available online at http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H_Resources/. We also have printed copies of the *Safety Manual* at the 4-H Office.

Clover Safe Notes are one page summaries of relevant safety information about specific topics. These notes continue to be developed as additional requests for training on specific topics are needed. Clover Safe Notes are purposefully designed for their intended audience of 4-H staff, volunteers and members. Accordingly, Clover Safe Notes incorporate a picture or drawing and information about topic-related injuries or illness to provoke the reader's interest followed by a succinct, bulleted or numbered, discussion of precautions to prevent topic-related injuries or illness. They are also concisely written to emphasize the primary safety issues related to the topic and restricted to one page to maintain the reader's attention. Finally, Clover Safe Notes are intended to be used while connected to the website or may be downloaded, printed, and handed out at 4-H activities and project meetings.

Safety Manual. Many 4-H programs, projects, and events incorporate activities that inherently have various risks for injuries or disease exposures to both 4-H YDP volunteers and members. Information given in this manual has been developed for use by 4-H volunteers and members and is intended to provide initial guidance for implementing practices and procedures to reduce the risk of sustaining injuries or illnesses while participating in 4-H sponsored programs, projects, and events.

PRINT THIS PAGE TO USE AS YOUR ENTRY FORM

~The 4-H Creed~

** I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.*

** I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.*

** I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.*

** I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful and useful.*

** I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, resist disease and to work efficiently.*

** I believe in my country, my state and my community and in my responsibility for their development.*

** In all these things I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.*

The Stanislaus County 4-H Creed Competition will be held on January 21, 2012, 6 pm at the County Ag Center. All Clubs are invited to participate and/or come to watch. There will be two Divisions in the competition.

To Participate: Each member will recite the 4-H Creed and be asked a series of three questions from the judges. A list of at least ten questions that could be

asked are on the County 4-H website (see link to Creed Competition). All participants in each Division/Category will be asked the same questions.

The judging score sheets will be very similar to those used in the FFA Creed competition. See the scoring sheet on the Website.

*Category One will be for members reading or using a written version of the Creed.

*Category Two will be for members reciting the creed from memory.

Both Categories will be split into two divisions.

*Division One = 4th grade or 9 years old through 8th grade.

*Division Two = Presently attending High School.

There will be a Danish system of judging. There will be one county winner potentially awarded in each Category and Division. (The presentation must warrant county winner status.)

Complete rules, questions, entry forms, and judging sheets are available online at the County 4-H website.

For more details you can contact Patty Baskin at 632-5957 (Event Chairman) or the 4-H Office.

6th Annual Stanislaus County 4-H Creed Competition

Event Date: January 21, 2012, 6 pm at the County Ag Center, Modesto

Registration Forms are due to the 4-H Office January 13, 2012

Registration Form

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please Check the Division in the Category in which you are competing - (must switch or move up if you won a trophy last year)

CATEGORY 1 – Reciting The 4-H Creed using a written copy

- Division 1 – Novice 4th Grade (9 years old) through 8th Grade
- Division 2 – Senior High School

CATEGORY 2 – Reciting The 4-H Creed from memory

- Division 1 – Novice 4th Grade (9 years old) through 8th Grade
- Division 2 – Senior High School

**SET YOUR SITES FOR
STATE 4-H AMBASSADOR**

State Ambassadors are 4-H youth selected to serve the California State 4-H Program. They engage in leadership through education and service in what we like to term a “working honor.” State **Ambassador Advisors** are adult volunteers who work with these youth in the areas of leadership and community service.

Youth must be at least 16 as of 7/01/12 and not older than 18 as of 12/31/12 and have completed at least one year in 4-H. Advisors must be at least 21 years old, have completed one year as a 4-H leader, and not be related to any current youth candidates. The term is July 2012 through August 2013.

Financial support comes from the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation. Go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/> for an application or pick one up from the County 4-H office. They are due in the County 4-H office by March 15, 2012 for approval.



**CAMP THEME CONTEST
WINNER**

“Sylvester Land—Happiest Camp on Earth” will be the theme for camp this year. The theme was selected by the Camp Committee based on a combination of suggestions sent in by members. Since none of the contest entries were used, it was decided to award the prize of paid camp fees by drawing a name from those that entered.

Congratulations to Natalie Thompson!!
Thank you to all of you that sent in entries for the Camp Theme Contest.

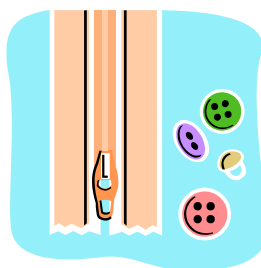
HI 4-H NEWS...



Snow Camp is scheduled for January 13-16, 2012 at Camp Sylvester in Pincrest. Deposits are due by December 23rd. For those that submitted their deposit, they will be receiving a packet of forms to complete and return to the 4-H office with the balance of their fees.

Remember, to be eligible to attend Snow Camp you must attend at least two Hi 4-H meetings; for a Hi 4-H Partial Scholarship you must have worked at least one shift in the Milk Bar, and attended two Hi 4-H meetings prior to camp.

Reminder: Scholarship applications are due March 15th for both Hi 4-H and Council Scholarships. Applications are available in the 4-H Office and online starting January 2012.



FASHION REVUE 2012
This year’s challenges are
The “\$19.99 Challenge”
And
"Bag Up Fashion" Tote Bag Challenge

The County Fashion Revue date will be Sunday, April 22, 2012. For category descriptions please refer to the new State Fashion Revue Manual found on the State 4-H website. The Challenge information, and 2011 photos, see the SFR website at www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/

There are also two service projects: **Quilts for Wounded Warriors** and **Million Pillowcase Project**. See the website above for details.

More information will be sent to leaders and members as details are finalized for the County Fashion Revue. As their Emerald Star Project, Matthew Black and Cori Barney are the chairman for this year.

**COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY
DENAIR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Mark the date: March 24, 2012

Denair Middle School (Lester Rd. just north of E. Monte Vista & Main in Denair)

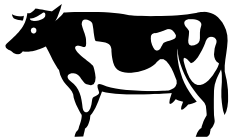
Registration is due by Wednesday, March 7th.

Members: you can start planning your best ever presentation now to give at the brand new middle school which is next door to the high school.

Project leaders & parents: Encourage your members to participate in this event. We have room for all!

Of course, we will need judges, MC's, and room chairs.

The opportunities to be part of this most satisfying of events are plentiful. Let's keep it a wonderful 4-H extended family day!



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
FAIR HEIFER
REPLACEMENT**

The County Fair's Heifer Replacement Program information and forms have been mailed out to dairy leaders by the Fair office. Due date for applications is **Thursday, January 19, 2012, no later than 5 p.m.,** at the Fairgrounds office in Turlock.

For more information contact Laura at the Fairgrounds office, 668-1333.



July 13-22, 2012

Be sure to watch for new check-in times, show schedules and new procedures on the County Fair website: stancofair.com

Dates for the California State Fair:
July 12 to 29, 2012

**RABBIT, CAVEY &
POULTRY FIELD DAY**

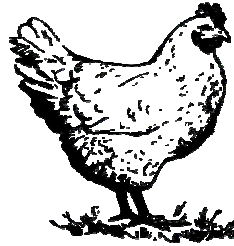
FEBRUARY 11, 2012

9 AM — 3 PM

AG CENTER

HARVEST HALL

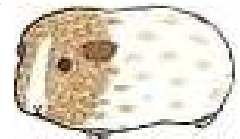
SAVE THE DATE



This field day is open to all 4-H counties.

Workshops and more!

- ◆ Top ARBA judges and professionals from around the state on Breed ID, Judging, Showmanship and Animal Selection.
- ◆ Entry fee includes lunch. \$7 advanced registration and \$10 on the day of the event.
- ◆ This year's event will be organized as an Emerald Star Project by Mark Borges, Zack Rose, and Mary Lambert



Registration form is available at the 4-H office or download here:

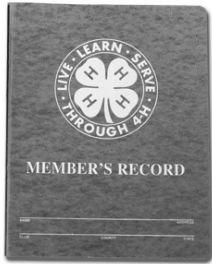
<http://ucanr.org/sites/Stanslaus4-H/?calitem=148860>

**FARMYARD EXPERIENCE
CAN BE YOURS, TOO!**

It's the flagship of our county 4-H public service and marketing program. It involves more members and leaders than any other single activity we engage in. It's a great venue for Emerald Star projects. It's a huge source of pride for most all of us. It's the Farmyard Experience.

We're out to prove that in 2012 we will once again make our best better. To do so, we need YOU! Planning meetings will be announced in the January Forecast.

In fact, don't even wait until the meeting. Contact Farmyard Experience chair, Karlene Bert (545-0980) right away to enlist in this important countywide 4-H activity.



THE 4-H RECORD BOOK: Personal Development Form (PDR), Part 2

4-H Project/Skill Activities *This category records activities where 4-H members either exhibited their 4-H work or demonstrated their knowledge to an audience and/or judge.*

Exhibits – Report 4-H shows or events and their location where the 4-H member exhibited 4-H work from a 4-H project, committee or club (such as livestock, clothing, food, pictures, artwork, or other project items). 4-H members may receive credit for the same exhibit presented before new audiences at different events.

Judged Exhibit – Each separate project judged counts as a credit. Multiple items from one project count as one credit. Projects are defined to be those in which a separate Annual Project Report would be completed. Showmanship is a judged exhibit.

Examples: Fashion Revue, Food Faire, Field Days, County Fair, or State Fair.

Non-Judged Exhibit – Each show/event counts as one credit (regardless of the number of items/projects exhibited).

Examples of events: Parents' Night, display at the County Fair, exhibit for National 4-H Week, display at a shopping mall or public building.

Knowledge Contests – Report participation in any 4-H knowledge bowls, contests or other activities that test a 4-H member's knowledge.

Examples: Livestock Knowledge Bowl, Horse Bowl, Avian Bowl, Horticulture Contest, Champion Challenge.

Judging Contest - Report participation in any 4-H judging contest where the 4-H member judged with other 4-H members by a set of standards.

Examples: Judging Day, Livestock Judging Day, Club Judging Contests, Judging Contest.

Note: Youth may not participate as 4-H members nor will their participation be recognized as a 4-H experience in jackpot/pro prospector shows. (4-H Policy 410.2)

Do you have questions about the new record book? Do you know what a 4-H record book is for?

Join <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ca4hrb/> today to talk with other members, parents, volunteers and 4-H staff about the PDR. **NEXT PAGE:** Personal Development Form, Pt. 3 — “4-H Events Attended”

OPEN AND BREED SHOWS

Only 4-H projects exhibited at either a 4-H event or at a show with 4-H divisions (that follow 4-H policy, including philosophy in judging; i.e. County Fair) may be counted under #2 Project Skills Exhibits.

Rationale:

1. A 4-H member showing a 4-H project at an Open Show (not affiliated with 4-H) does not make it a 4-H event. The exhibit (e.g. animals) are the personal property of the member (not the 4-H project). They are showing their animal, at an open show, as a community member—that happens to be in the 4-H program.
2. An Open Show is not a 4-H organized or 4-H authorized event. Open shows are not under the jurisdiction of 4-H and may provide competitive categories for youth under the age of nine, or may offer other judging processes which conflicts with 4-H policy.
3. An Open Show that recognizes 4-H policies and the 4-H philosophy of judging by having a defined 4-H division (i.e. no competition for primaries, and follow other 4-H criteria as outlined in the 4-H Policy Manual 416.2 and 416.3—<http://ca4h.org/4hresource/handbook/HTML/Handbook400.01a.asp>) may be considered a de facto 4-H event and counted under #2 Project Skills Activities. This is the case with fairs.
4. In terms of specific PDR details, while categories #3 through #7 have "List up to two significant activities outside of 4-H", category #2 does not. This can be inferred to mean that only activities within 4-H are allowed in #2 Project Skill Activities.



THE 4-H RECORD BOOK

Personal Development Form Part 3, 4-H Events Attended

Purpose: This category records 4-H events, other than 4-H Club and project meetings, that the 4-H member attended during the year.

4-H events are authorized and publicized functions other than regular club or project meetings. Record events not reported elsewhere. Optional/voluntary 4-H events outside the normal club and/or project expectations may be counted here. Multiple day events count as one credit (e.g. county fair, conferences, etc.)

Examples: Club Holiday Dinner (not at a regular club meeting), Club Invitational, District, County, Sectional, and State Field Days, California or Washington Focus, State 4-H Leadership Conference, Teen Leader Conference, County Fair Awards Ceremony, Fashion Revue, Horse Bowl, Equine Play Days and Livestock Clinics, Leadership Training Workshops, Project Training Workshops, and National 4-H Conference.

Note: 4-H members may receive credit for actively participating at an activity during the event (example: giving a presentation; PDR #6) and attending the event (example: attending presentation day; PDR #3).

Example: Attending the County 4-H Presentation Day (#3 Event Attended) and presenting a demonstration (#6 Communication Skill).

JANUARY 2012

- 2 New Years Holiday for County, Office closed during Day Council Exec Board, 6 pm 7 H-I
Club Council, 7 pm H-I
Hi 4-H, 7 pm ABC of Harvest Hall
- 5 Horse Project Leaders 7 pm H-I
- 13 California Focus Registration due to 4-H Office
- 13-16 Hi 4-H Winter Camp, Pinecrest**
- 16 King Holiday, Office Closed
- 16 Shooting Sports Rifle Leaders Mtg @ Jim Atherstone's, 6:30 pm
- 17 Camp Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm H-I
- 19 Heifer Replacement Forms due to Fair Office by 5 pm Livestock Leaders Mtg, 7pm H-I
- 21 4-H Creed Competition, 6 pm ABC DE G**
- 26 Small Animal Livestock Meeting, 7 pm H-I
- 27-29 LCORT, Wonder Valley Ranch, Fresno**

EMERALD STAR



New Emerald Star project applications should be received by the 4-H Office prior to February 1, 2012.

If you are planning on doing a display at the Farmyard Experience, you will need to present your project either at the February meeting or the May meeting. May is a busy time for most members so we recommend you present your project at the February meeting.

Application and final report forms are available online or at the 4-H Office.

Date for the meeting will be February 28, 2012

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Leaders Council, Hi 4-H, Phyllis Larrick Horse Member, and Steven Ellery Scholarship applications will be due in the 4-H office no later than 5 p.m. on March 15, 2012.

Applications are available on our county web site, stanislaus4h.ucdavis.edu on the "forms" link or from the 4-H office.

FEBRUARY 2012

- 2 Horse Project Leaders Mtg, 7 pm H-I
- 6 Council Exec Board Mtg, 6 pm H-I
Hi 4-H Meeting, 7:00 pm ABC
Leaders Council Mtg, 7:00 pm H-I
- 10 Leader Recognition Dinner, SOS Club
- 11 Rabbit, Cavy, and Poultry Field Day, 9 am-3 pm, Harvest Hall**
- 14 Camp Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm H-I
- 16 Livestock Leaders Mtg, 7pm H-I
- 23 Small Animal Livestock Meeting, 7 pm H-I



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