



Clover Chatter

Sutter and Yuba Counties
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Special Points of Interest

- CalFocus Citizenship Program
- "Year-End Bi-County 4-H Program Evaluation" insert:
PLEASE COMPLETE
- Important "Parent/Adult Behavior Guidelines" on page 4
- Since You've Asked.....



4-H - "To Make the Best Better"

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Summer Camp

By Willa Davis



The Campers, Chaperones and Staff of 4-H Summer Camp

What does great food, lots of sunshine, free time, and organized activities have in common? They were all the ingredients needed to make 4-H Summer Camp a great place to be for Bi-County 4-H members, parents and staff from June 19th - 22nd.

Take a virtual tour of camp in this edition of the Clover Chatter to see the variety of things campers did at this year's summer camp. **PLAN NOW** to register to attend in 2007!

Waiting in Line for Meals "It was worth it!"



Working Together and Developing New Friendships - Best Part of Camp!



Some Free Time Activities



Some Organized Activities



And, Family Night Activities



Camp photos courtesy of Steven Sanchez



Rozalia Trammell, (909) 864-2653
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for registration **extension** and details

August 2 - 6

442 Franklin Avenue, Yuba City
yubasutterfair.com

August 10-13, 2006 @ UC San Diego



WWW.BIGFUN.ORG

Achievement Night

October, 2006 (Date/Time TBD)
Sheriff's Training Center (Whitaker Hall)



Start Planning Your Club Display Now!

New Leader Orientation!

1. A completed Adult Volunteer Application
2. LiveScan fingerprinting and background check
3. Completion of a New Leader Orientation session provided by the 4-H office.

Sat., September 16, 2006
Tues., October 17, 2006
Wed., November 15, 2006
Sat., January 13, 2007

IT'S A BIG D.E.A.L.



This annual regional event is for **4-H members, 6th – 12th grades and volunteer adult leaders** to learn about leadership, citizenship and life skills. Mark your calendars **NOW** and plan to attend. Registration materials will be available in early August 2006.

CLUB DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DATES

- 2005-2006 Secretary Book
- 2005-2006 Club Program Planning Guide
- Treasurer Book, including:
 - * 2005-2006 club budget
 - * 2005-2006 annual financial report
 - * 2005-2006 club audit/peer review
 - * 2005-2006 club inventory
 - * June/July 2006 bank statement

July 1, 2007 - '5 Presentations' list; 'Alfred Garcia Award' nomination list, and 'Club Master Roster' - corrected copy.

California Focus

Kayla Woods of the Plumas 4-H Club is our Bi-County delegate for this year's CalFocus, a unique 4-H citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on activities with great guest speakers and visits to historical, cultural and government sites.

The "Cal" part of the California Focus name comes from where the conference is held. But, do you know where the "Focus" part stems from? It comes from the five "focus" areas of the program, which are:

Focus I - Personal Development and Self Esteem

Focus II - History and Cultural Heritage

Focus III - Government Studies and Leadership

Focus IV - Environmental Issues and Citizens

Focus V - Societal Concerns and the Citizen's Role

Read the September Clover Chatter to find out Kayla's plans for her CalFocus project.

2006 / 2007 4-H Enrollment

It is time to start another fabulous year of developing leadership, citizenship and life skills through fun "learn by doing" project work in 4-H!

There is a Bi-County Council meeting on August 10th and mandatory for all Community Club Leaders to attend. This is a very important meeting. If you are not able to attend, please send another 4-H leader from your club to represent you. We will be discussing University and 4-H policies and distributing your 2006 / 2007 enrollment packets.

Enrollment forms will be due **November 1, 2006.**

1. All enrollment forms must be turned in by the Community Club Leader.
2. Fees for the 2006 / 2007 Program Year are as follows:

Youth:

Fees	\$17.00
Insurance	<u>\$ 8.00</u>
	\$25.00

Adult:

Insurance	<u>\$ 4.00</u>
	\$ 4.00

Call the 4-H office if there are:

- * Leader changes / additions
 - * Changes to the location of your monthly Community Club / Project meeting
- (The new location requires issuance of an insurance certificate)**



4-H Club Reports

East Nicolaus 4-H Club: Reports that 25 club members and parents attended a Round Robin Training Day on July 12, 2006. It was the outcome of Matt Conant's Jr. Leadership Project that was held at the Conant Ranch which hosted a BBQ and swimming afterwards. Matt Conant and Juliet Conant demonstrated showmanship tips and raising techniques of swine, dairy heifer and dairy goat, and lamb. All guest members took turns learning how to show the different animals.



Plumas 4-H Club: Announces that Erin Hastey earned 2nd place in the 4-H State Horse Classic speech competition. Hers was about her deceased mustang filly, "Splash." Erin also showed "Emerald Chicadee" in three classes. She didn't place, but did very well. Julie Fergoso did not ride, but worked quite a few days in the announcer's booth and office during the event. Both are to be commended given that it was reported it was 122 degrees in the shade on the days they participated!

Please submit information about your club to Willa Davis by August 15th for the September newsletter.

"Want to go to the California State Fair?"

The California 4-H Youth Development Program Office needs 4-H members and volunteers to staff a 4-H booth in the "Counties" building during the State Fair, which runs August 11 - September 4. We need help especially on weekends. The primary purpose of the display booth is to inform the public about today's 4-H Program and its benefit to the youth involved, as well as the communities in which they live. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, wildlife, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of community service projects make especially good stories. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone interested about your 4-H project.

Parking and fair admission tickets will be given to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 people is ideal for a shift. Each shift must have an adult or older teen in the booth.

If you're interested in staffing the booth, please contact Mary Engebret (530) 752-8629, mailbox number is 45822, or visit the listerv: state-fair-vols@ucdavis.edu. Please leave as much data as possible so you may be assigned your primary time choices.

Applications are available online and due at the State 4-H Office by September 22, 2006.
Go to: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp> and click on "Service Learning Request for Funding Proposal".



Up Close and Personal With Carry Elkins and Riley High

Carry Elkins became a 4-H project leader 27 years ago after being a member since she was nine years old. She said she became one because she had sewing skills and there was a need for someone to lead a sewing group. She is now the Head Cook for the 4-H Summer Camp each year because she likes to cook and because she wanted to make sure the campers had a good meal. Campers would agree that she fulfills that need.

The most important traits that a 4-H volunteer leader can have, Carry says, is the ability to be understanding of the child, to have lots of patience, and to obtain the cooperation, support and involvement of the members' parents. She states it's important to understand that change is inevitable, but that it's also important to retain the strength of traditional ways.

Carry believes the greatest attributes of our bi-county 4-H Program are our summer camp, our good leadership program, and the great group of kids who are our members. The advice that she would like to share with new leaders is, *"Hang in there. Don't expect too much the first time you do anything. There are rewards at the end of the year, but you have to work for it!"*

Riley High started as a swine project leader 37 years ago when his eldest daughter became a youth member. He's also the swine project leader for the Lindhurst High School FFA. He started and stayed with both youth development programs because, *"It's just one of those things that I've enjoyed and I wanted to stick with it."* He has stuck with it throughout the years that his daughters were involved in 4-H and now, his grandchildren.

"Wanting to work with the kids, and keeping them on a balanced road," is one of the most important characteristics that 4-H volunteer leaders can possess or develop, Riley says. They also need to want to "be there" for the kids and help them along, and to be patient as they learn.

Riley believes that the annual Fashion Revue, the animal projects, and the hands-on approach that 4-H uses to help youth learn are the greatest highlights of our local 4-H Program. Hands-on learning projects, especially with the animals, really helps members, he says. It's also the best way for leaders to learn, too, Riley says, which is his recommendation to leaders just starting out. His other piece of advice is, *"It takes a little wisdom and the willingness to devote a lot of time to help kids stay on the road, but it's worth it."*



Since you've asked.....

Question: What is the Bi-County Council and who can attend?

Answer: The Bi-County Council is responsible for planning, executing, evaluating and making local policies for the Sutter-Yuba 4-H Youth Development Program. All Project and Community leaders are members of the Council. An active member of the 4-H County Council shall have voting rights as long as their local Community Club is "active" and represented at two or more consecutive Council meetings. The Community Club becomes "inactive" and all members of the Club become ineligible to vote until the Community Club is again represented at two consecutive Council meetings. The activation of voting privileges will take place during the second consecutive regularly scheduled meeting attended. It is very important that all Community Clubs be represented at the Council meetings. We recommend that at least one leader be selected from each club to attend this meeting each month.

Here are just a few areas you could become involved in by attending Council meetings:

- * Summer Camp
- * Public Relations and Marketing
- * Fundraising
- * Spring Fair
- * Presentation Day

ONLINE ACCESS

Have a computer? You can access 4-H record book forms and view/subscribe to the Clover Chatter on-line by visiting:

<http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter737.htm>

Help Wanted!!

4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders for 2006-2007

Help us recruit caring adults who want to make a difference in the life of a child.
Call **822-7515** to find out more information.

WISH LISTS

What do you need to do your job better as an volunteer leader?
What projects do you wish our local 4-H Program had?
What publications/resources do we need to update our library?

Submit your wish lists to the 4-H Office ASAP. Lists will be reviewed at the August Council meeting.

Sutter/Yuba Counties 2006/2007 4-H Event Calendar

July	Citizenship Program: Washington Focus	July 8 - 19, 2006
	Record Book Judging Submissions and Judging	July 14 @ 4-H Office, 12:00 noon
	State 4-H Horse Classic	July 19 - 23 @ Rancho Murietta
August	Yuba-Sutter Fair	August 2 - 6 @ Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds
	State Leadership Conference	August 10 - 13 @ UC San Diego
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	August 10 @ 4-H Office, 6:00pm
	California State Fair	August 11 - September 4 @ CalExpo, Sacramento
	Bi-County Council Executive Board Training/Retreat	August 24 @ 6:00 p.m.
September	Record Book Star Rank Judging Submissions Due	September 8 @ 4-H Office, 5:00pm
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	September 14 @ 4-H Office
	New Leader Orientation	September 16 @ 4-H Office, 10:00am
October	National 4-H Week	October 1 - 7
	Jr. & Teen Leader Officers' Training Retreat	TBD
	Achievement Night	TBD
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	October 12 @ 4-H Office
	North Section WHY Conference	October 13-15 @ Camp Tehama, Mill Creek
	New Leader Orientation	October 17 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
November	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	November 9 @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Craft Day	November 11 @ 4-H Office, 9:00am - 1:00pm
	Bi-County Presentation Day	November 14 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	New Leader Orientation	November 15 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	State Leaders Forum	November 17 - 19 @ Asilomar
January	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	January 11 @ 4-H Office
	New Leader Orientation	January 13 @ 4-H Office, 10:00am
	Fashion Revue Workshop	January 14 @ 4-H Office, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
	Record Book Star Rank Judging Submissions Due	January 19 @ 4-H Office, 5:00pm
	Bi-County Presentation Day	January 17 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
February	Chico Swine Day	February 3 @ CSU, Chico
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	February 8 @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Craft Day	February 10 @ 4-H Office, 9:00am - 1:00pm
	Bi-County Presentation Day	February 13 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	Chico Sheep & Goat Day	February 24 @ CSU, Chico
March	Bi-County Presentation Day	March 3 @ 4-H Office, 10:00am
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	March 8 @ 4-H Office
	Record Book Star Rank Judging Submissions Due	March 30 @ 4-H Office, 5:00pm
	Sectional Presentation Day	TBD
April	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	April 12 @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Fashion Revue	April 14 @ Wheatland Elementary School
	Grand National Rodeo	April 7 - 15 (Tentative) @ Cow Palace, San Francisco
May	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	May 10 @ 4-H Office
	Spring Fair / Presentation Day	May 12 @ Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds
	State Field Day / Fashion Revue / Presentation Day	May 26 @ UC Davis
	All-Star Applications Due	May 31 @ 4-H Office
June	Record Book Judging Submissions and Judging	June 8 @ 4-H Office, 12:00 noon
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	June 14 @ 4-H Office
	4-H Camp	TBD
	California Focus	June 22 - 25 (Tentative)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Able Riders Club Meeting	2 Yuba-Sutter Fair	3	4	5 
6 Yuba-Sutter Fair 	7	8 Able Riders Club Meeting	9	10 Community Leaders and Bi-County Council Meeting State Leadership Conference	11 State Fair Begins	12 
13 State Leadership Conference 	14	15 Able Riders Club Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Able Riders Club Meeting	23	24 Bi-County Council Executive Board Training	25	26
27	28 Live Oak Club Meeting	29 Able Riders Club Meeting	30	31		

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3	4 Arboga Browns Valley District 10 East Nicolaus Hallwood Club Meeting	5 Able Riders Club Meeting	6 Franklin Club Meeting	7 Community Leaders and Bi-County Council Meeting	8 Record Book Star Rank Judging	9 Yuba Hills Club Meeting
10	11 Plumas Wheatland Club Meeting	12 Able Riders Sutter Buttes Club Meeting	13 Pleasant Grove Rocky Hills Club Meeting	14	15	16 New Leader Orientation
17 Guide Dogs Club Meeting	18	19 Able Riders Dententer Smartsville Club Meeting	20	21 Barry Club Meeting	22	23
24	25 Live Oak Club Meeting	26 Able Riders Club Meeting	27	28	29	30

UCCE - Sutter/Yuba Counties 4-H Youth Development Program

2005-2006 Year-End Program Evaluation

As the 2005-2006 Program Year comes to an end, it is important to evaluate what the strengths of the Sutter/Yuba Counties 4-H Youth Development Program are, as well as find out what the areas are that we can improve. This survey is brief in order to keep it to two pages, so please add anything you want us to know in the spaces provided or list them on a separate sheet of paper. For those of you who are both parents and Project and/or Community Club Leaders, please complete both sections. Please be honest in answering the following questions so changes can be made "to make the best better" in our local 4-H Program.

*It is important that we receive your completed evaluation by **Friday, August 18, 2006** so the information can be included for the 2006-2007 Program Year. Please deliver your evaluation to the 4-H Office by mail, in person (in an unmarked envelope), or by e-mail, if you prefer not to remain anonymous. You can download this evaluation from the local website at <http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/Youth%5Fdevelopment/> and clicking on Sutter-Yuba 4-H Forms. Thank you in advance for taking time to provide us with this valuable information.*

	Youth Members	Always	Usually	Not Much	Never
1.	Did you like the project/s you enrolled in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Did you learn new things in the projects you enrolled in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Did your project leader make project learning fun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Did your project leader have meetings often enough?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Did you learn how meetings should be run by attending your monthly community club meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	If you attended any Council meetings, did you learn how meetings should be run by attending these meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Did you learn what it means to be a good citizen in your community by being part of 4-H?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Did you learn personal leadership skills by being part of 4-H?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Did you learn things to help you take care of yourself in life by being part of 4-H?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Do the 4-H events like Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, Spring Fair mean anything to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Would you be interested in attending youth leadership events?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Are you interested in earning star ranks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If "not much" or "never", what is your reason/s? _____				
13.	The 1-3 things I like best about 4-H are: _____ _____ _____				
14.	The 1-3 things I wish were different about 4-H are: _____ _____ _____				
15.	Other things I want to say about our local 4-H Program are: _____				

	Jr. & Teen Leaders / Hi-4Hers
1.	The things that make me want to stay in 4-H are: _____ _____
2.	The things that our 4-H Program needs to do to make non-4-H teens want to belong to it are: _____ _____

	Parents of Youth Members	Always	Usually	Not Much	Never
1.	Did your child like the project/s she/he enrolled in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Did your child learn new things in the projects she/he enrolled in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Did your child's project leader make project learning fun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Did your child's project leader have meetings often enough?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Did your child learn how meetings should be run by attending monthly community club meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	For those who attended Council meetings, do you believe your child learned how meetings should be run by attending these meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Did your child learn what it means to be a good citizen in their community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Did your child learn personal leadership skills by being part of 4-H?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Did your child learn life skills by being part of 4-H?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Do the 4-H events like Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, Spring Fair, Camp, etc. mean anything to your child?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	The 1-3 things I as a parent like best about 4-H are: _____ _____ _____				
12.	The 1-3 things I as a parent wish were different about 4-H are: _____ _____ _____				
13.	Other things I want to say about our local 4-H Program are: _____ _____				

	Community Club and Project Leaders	Always	Usually	Not Much	Never
1.	Do you believe you were prepared to teach the project/s/clubs you enrolled to lead?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Do you believe you were provided the training you needed to do your job as a leader?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Do you believe you were provided the curriculum/materials necessary to do your job?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Do you believe you had the support you needed from your Project / Community Club Leader/s?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Do you believe you had the help you needed from your members' parents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Do you believe you had the cooperation and assistance you needed from your members and parents to conduct fundraising efforts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Do you believe you were encouraged to actively take a leadership role in 4-H events (e.g., Fashion Revue, Camp, etc.) from people already serving in senior leadership roles?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Do you believe our 4-H Program is doing its job in teaching its members citizenship, leadership and life skills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Do you believe youth learn how meetings should be run by observing how Council meetings are run?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Do you believe our 4-H Program is "keeping up with the times" in providing the kind of projects, activities and events to recruit and retain new youth members?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	The 1-3 things I as a volunteer leader like best about 4-H are: _____ _____ _____				
12.	The 1-3 things I as a volunteer leader wish were different about 4-H are: _____ _____ _____				
13.	Other things I want to say about our local 4-H Program are: _____ _____				