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Special Points

- Wildfires Affect 4-H Families
- National 4-H Week Window Display Pictures
- Officers' Training a Hit!
- Send a Note of Thanks!
- 4-H Resource Library



4-H - "To Make the Best Better"

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Achievement Night

More than 100 members, their families, and 4-H volunteer leaders attended this year's Achievement Night that was emceed by All Star Ben Duran, Cal Focus delegate Margery Magill, Dustin Rossiter, Alison Tarke, and Kayla Taylor. The evening's festivities began when the emcees made a patriotic tribute to the American flag.

Awards were presented to members and leaders for various accomplishments they achieved during 2006-2007. Valerie Wilson received a certificate signifying her contribution as a 4-H leader for 40 years. Ben also made a few surprise presentations that were enjoyed by all the recipients.

Clubs were recognized for participating in the National 4-H Week Window Display Contest. Winners this year were: **Sutter Co.:** Sutter Buttes-1st, Franklin-2nd, Guide Dogs-3rd; **Yuba Co.:** Wheatland-1st, Hallwood-2nd, Dententer-3rd.

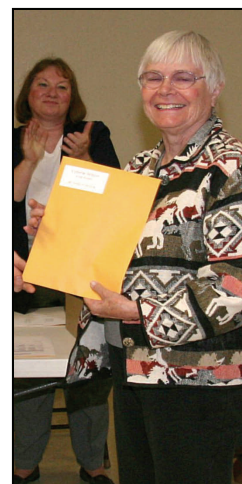
Reflect on your accomplishments as you set new goals as individuals and clubs for the 2007-2008 4-H Program Year and best wishes in all you do "to make the best better."



Cal Focus Wants You!

The California 4-H Office Citizenship/Service Learning Advisory Council is seeking teens (8th grade graduates or above) and adult chaperones with strong leadership and community service skills to attend the **2008 California Focus conference in Sacramento on June 27 - July 1, 2008.**

The California Focus Conference teaches young people about California history and political (cont'd on pg. 6)



Photos courtesy of Steven Sanchez

COMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, AND MEETINGS

CLUB DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DATES

New Year Documents

- 2007-2008 Club Budget Nov. 1, 2007
- 2007-2008 Enrollment & Insurance Nov. 1, 2007
- 2007-2008 Club Information Form Nov. 1, 2007
- 2007-2008 Outreach Efforts Reports Jan. 2, 2008



Presentation Day Committee Meeting

November 1, 2007 @ 5:30 pm
4-H Office

New Leader Orientation

All orientations will be held at the 4-H office.
It is mandatory that all adults assisting with the operation of a 4-H unit be certified before they begin working with members.

The certification process includes:

- A completed Adult Volunteer Application
- Live Scan fingerprinting & background check
- Attendance at a New Leader Orientation on:

Wed., November 7, 2007, 7:00 pm

Sat., April 5, 2008, 10:00 am

CAL FOCUS APPLICATIONS

Applications Due in the 4-H Office on Friday,
November 30, 2007

Interviews will take place starting on Wed.,
December 12th, 6:00 p.m.
at the 4-H Office



2008 Fashion Revue Committee Meeting

December 3, 2007
6:30 pm @ 4-H Office

Leaders Dinner

January 10, 2008

6:00 pm, 4-H Office

There will also be a Bi-County Council Meeting

Bi-County Equine Advisory Committee Meeting

December 13, 2007, 6:30 pm
Round Table, Yuba City



Star Rank Judging

Books due
January 11th

Judging is
January 12th



START PREPARING NOW!

Bi-County Craft Day

Saturday, November 10th
9:00am-1:00pm @ 4-H Office

Plan to attend this FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY!



Equine Field Day

November 10, 2007
8:45 am - 4:00 pm

Salinas Valley Fairgrounds, King City

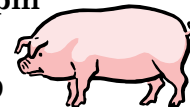
Registration Due November 1st

<http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>

CSU, Chico Swine Education Day

February 2, 2008, 8:00am - 3:00pm
University Farm, Chico

Contact Don Sinnott @ 898-4989



Bi-County Craft Day

Saturday, February 9th
9:00am-1:00pm @ 4-H Office

Record Book / Star Rank Committee Meeting

November 14, 2007
6:00 pm @ 4-H Office



CSU, Chico Sheep Day

February 23, 2008
University Farm, Chico

Contact Celina Johnson @ 898-4147





CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

More than 40 members and leaders attended training for 4-H club officers on October 20th at the 4-H Office. They were asked to write statements about what leadership meant to them and about a goal they personally wanted to achieve. They also broke into groups to discuss the responsibilities of their particular office.

Additionally, they practiced how to run effective club meetings using Parliamentary Procedure and learned how important communication is in building a team after the Marysville and East Nicolaus FFA officer teams demonstrated these useful tools.

Overall, the feedback from both members and leaders was positive. *"The team building," "Being able to see what being a officer is all about," "Marysville High School FFA team on Parli Pro,"* and *"Met new people"* were just some of the things they liked best based on the comments stated on the evaluations they completed at the end of the day.

Best of all, they overwhelmingly responded that they thought they were able to be a better officer because of what they learned at the workshop, and are equipped to fulfill the 4-H motto, *"To make the best better."*

Speaking of making the best better, please think about how to incorporate the training, including setting goals for your club using the SMART technique, **(Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-lined)** when completing your club's Program Planning Guide. Remember, you don't have to check everything in the guide.

Also, practice the Parliamentary Procedure techniques that were demonstrated and to effectively facilitate club and committee meetings. Also, be sure to record the decisions that were made at each meeting so they are complete and accurate in the meeting minutes. This includes the decisions made about how to raise funds and spend funds.

There is an insert of a fictitious club's meeting minutes to give you an example of each motion made from approving the previous meeting's minutes and treasurer's report, to what kind of fundraisers members decide to do and what they are raising the funds for, to what events and activities club members plan to participate in.

Lastly, it's very important to keep accurate records of how much income was brought in and what expenses were paid. Include all original receipts and if you lose a receipt, complete a "Declaration of Lost Evidence" form that can be found on the local web-site.

For more information on how to do your job best, talk with your Club Leader/s and consider having a designated Officer's Advisor. Best wishes!

SAN DIEGO WILD FIRES AFFECT 4-H FAMILIES

All of us have heard the news about the devastation that recent wild fires have created in San Diego and surrounding counties. The following is an excerpt from an e-mail from Hogan Tong, 4-H Program Rep. in San Diego County.

"Reports and stories have been coming in from all over the county now. Our fair grounds in Del Mar was what some horse folks called "controlled chaos" at best. Thousands of horses were sheltered there including llamas, alpacas, chickens, ducks, cats, dogs, a zebra, and a monkey.

Our East County Fair is housed at the Eastern County Rodeo Grounds and we learned that they needed experienced hands to help out with the animals there. We sent out word and now that emergency shelter is fully staffed with 4-H members caring for the animals.

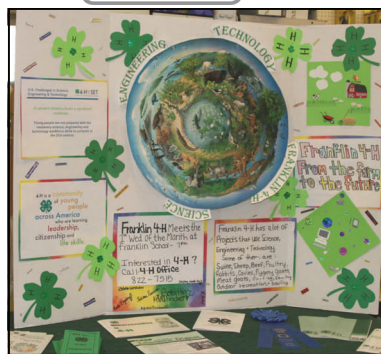
Sadly 4-H families have lost homes. Two of our leaders who have been with us for 25 plus years a piece lost their homes. We are attempting to reach out to them, but communication is still sporadic in the affected areas. We want them to know that we are here to help.

We are accepting donations directly. Please make checks out to San Diego 4-H Leaders' Council. The Fire Recovery Fund will be used to help our 4-H families affected by the disaster. Hopefully, we can ease some of the stress by assisting with supplies for animals, replacing materials for projects, and replacing lost equipment for affected clubs.

Please consider this to be one of your club's community service projects this year as well as individually making a donation as you can. Thank you.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WINDOW DISPLAYS



Sample Club Meeting Minutes

November 2006

The meeting of the Happy 4-H club was called to order on Sunday, November 12th, 2006 by President Johnny Doe at 7:02 pm in the Sunshine Lodge at 1111 Moon Road, Clarksville, California.

Billy Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance and Suzi Smith led the 4-H Pledge.

We called the roll of members and there were numerous leaders, parents, and guests present.

The last meeting's minutes were read by Secretary Jeanne Davis. Betty Bop moved that we approve the minutes as read. Judy Jam seconded the motion. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

Treasurer, Rita Right reported that we had raised \$400.00 in membership dues, and moved that we pay the \$4.00 fee for each leader, Judy Jam seconded the motion, and it passed by a majority vote. We had no other bills due.

Vice President, Kathy Can, introduced the idea of having a Christmas Party at our December meeting. It was discussed as to what we had done in the past. Rita Right moved that we should have a Christmas Party, Kevin Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried. Rita Right volunteered to be the chairperson for the party.

Judy Jam led a short discussion about the Harvest Festival booth plans. She will be calling everyone to remind them of what to bring, and when to be there.

We had no leaders reports as they all said that they would be calling their project groups and making plans.

President Doe went over the Clover Chatter, and reminded us all that we needed to start working on our presentations.

Our song leaders led us in Happy Birthday and If You're Happy and You Know It.

The Jam family provided refreshments for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Davis

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The ABCs Of Personal Development Through Record Book, Annual Project and Star Rank Judging

Review the most recent version of the Record Book Manual for up-to-date guidelines and policies, and access the new PDR forms by going to:
<http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/YouthDevelopment/> and clicking on Sutter-Yuba 4-H Forms.

Join the new 4-H Record Book discussion list for the most up-to-date answers from Steven Worker, Chair of the State 4-H Office's Incentives and Recognition Committee! To join the list, visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ca4hrb/>

The Sutter/Yuba Counties 4-H Program's Record Book/Star Rank Judging Committee will judge Record Books for star ranks on **Saturday, January 12, 2008**. So, start preparing your books now to earn the next star to place on your hat as a mark of accomplishing the goals you set in developing your citizenship, leadership and life skills.

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance at 80% or more Community Club and Project meetings is still required for submitting a Record Book for any type of judging.

1. **4-H Projects Completed:** It is a requirement that an "Annual Project Report" be completed and included in your folder for *each project* you complete *per year*, including Jr./Teen Leader Reports.
2. **4-H Project Skill Activities:** Report the number of events where you showed or exhibited your 4-H project at the project, club, county or state level, or where you participated in a judging contest.
3. **4-H Events Attended:** Achievement Night; Club Officers Training; Craft Day; Harvest Festival; Sectional Leaders' Council meeting; Equine Advisory Committee meeting; Presentation Day (not as a presenter).
4. **Leadership Development:** Represented club at Bi-County Council meeting; Served as Washington Focus delegate; Planned window display for National 4-H Week contest; Chaired committee conducting hands-on activity at Harvest Festival.
5. **Citizenship/Community Service:** Led 4-H pledge at County Council meeting; Picked and donated pumpkins to Harvest Festival; Served as 4-H escort at Farm Day; Staffed booth at Harvest Festival.
6. **Communication Skills:** Wrote article about Achievement Night and submitted to Appeal Democrat and/or Clover Chatter (not as part of your job as Reporter); Prepared PowerPoint presentation as part of National 4-H Week promotion; Gave speech at school about 4-H; Made presentation at project, club, state, or sectional level.
7. **Honors and Recognition:** 100% Attendance pin; Proficiency Pin; Camp attendance pin; Clean Barn award; Honor Roll at school; State Record Book Medalist or Winner; Emerald Star.
8. **Lifestyle Activities:** Working at a job not related to 4-H; Drummer in school jazz band; On school sports team.

POLICY REMINDERS AND UPDATES

• **311: Volunteer Break in Service**

4-H volunteers returning to the 4-H YDP after a year or more break in service must repeat the Volunteer appointment process, including a new fingerprint clearance & orientation.

• **703.1: Budget Planning**

All 4-H YDP VMOs/Councils and units/clubs will prepare an annual program budget to establish allocation of financial resources to fulfill program needs.

Budget management is a primary responsibility of Council and 4-H YDP club officers. Thus officers are responsible for ensuring that members are kept abreast of the budget targets as compared to the actual expenditures. If there are deviations from the planned budget, officers are obligated to inform the members to ensure that there is full agreement, support, and approval on any changes.

The method of fund raising and intended use of funds must be included in the annual budget proposal, and reviewed and approved by the UCCE County Director or designee. **Raising funds with no specific 4-H YDP program or purpose is not allowed.**

• **703.2B 3b: Raffles Not Permitted**

4-H participants (members and leaders) cannot sell raffle tickets to fundraise for their club or for other organizations. A raffle is an activity that requires no skill in order to win a prize. Prizes are awarded through the purchase of chances.

Proposition 17 sets forth rules that govern lotteries and charitable raffles in California. Public non-profit agencies, such as the University of California 4-H YDP, are not legally permitted to conduct lotteries, raffles, bingo or other games of chance.

Additionally, all fundraising activities are to be reviewed by county office 4H YDP staff or the County Director. These activities should further the educational and research goals of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

BI-COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS



County Council Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2007, 6:30pm

Contact the 4-H office at 822-7515 or e-mail Willa Davis at wdavis@ucdavis.edu to add any items to the Council Meeting Agenda.

Roll Call: The 4-H Club without representation at the September 13, 2007 Bi-County 4-H Council meeting was:
Yuba Hills

Council Meeting Minutes & Agenda:

Now online by going to: <http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/>, clicking on 4-H Youth Development Program and then clicking on 4-H Council Meetings.

NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR 2008-2009!

All leaders interested in serving as an officer on the Bi-County Council, please contact Tracy Bishop (Yuba Co.) @ 633-0510, Danielle Coleman (Sutter Co.) @ 315-1163, or Willa Davis @ 822-7515 for more information

Did you know that each club is supposed to have a teen leader representative at Council meetings? If your club doesn't have one, yet, think about electing one at your next club meeting.



Up Close and Personal with Jeanne Christenson and Liz Romness

Jeanne Christenson started as a 4-H leader in May 2007 when she became the Community Club Leader for the newly established Beale Air Force Base Youth Center 4-H Club. She wanted to become a leader for the youth development program because she believes in the program and what it stands for, what the kids learn from it, and what they gain from it.

Jeanne continues that she truly enjoys working with children and that's the reason why she will continue to serve as a 4-H leader. She wants to watch the personal growth of the children she and others lead at the Beale Youth Center 4-H Club.

Jeanne believes that the most important personal characteristics that a volunteer leader can possess or develop are communication skills and the ability to help build confidence in children, and to show you truly care about them. It's also important to realize how much adults can learn from youth members.

The strongest features of our local 4-H Program include the community's involvement and the numerous projects, events and activities that are offered to youth, Jeanne says. She goes on to say that Achievement Night especially allows you to see the pride in the children's faces from being publicly recognized for their accomplishments. It's good to know that as a leader, you have contributed to that achievement.

The advice Jeanne wants to give to new leaders is, *"Remember, every child has their own characteristics and develops in different ways. You need to have patience with them, believe in them, and help them believe in themselves. Remember, this is for the kids."*

Liz Romness started as a 4-H volunteer leader about five years ago because she wanted to give back what she was given as a 4-H youth member. She continues as a leader because of the kids, hers and others. She enjoys seeing the joy on their faces as they accomplish goals and develop lifelong friendships.

Liz believes that 4-H leaders need to have patience and be committed to the kids who are their project members and to what they want to get out of the project in the long run. Then, they can feel a sense of accomplishment themselves when their project members graduate from high school, knowing they have had a hand in helping them develop into outstanding young adults.

Having a sense of club, community and camaraderie is one of our local 4-H Program's best features, Liz says. She states that we have a belief in the youth development program and want it in our children's lives. Her recommendation to new leaders just starting out in 4-H is, *"Don't take on more than you can handle. Start slow, start small and work your way up. Then, the rewards will be tremendous."*

4-H Club Reports

Dententer: Installed its new officers for the new Program Year. They are: Abby Chavez-President & Corresponding Secretary, Christina McRunnels-Vice President, Brianna Fonseca-Secretary, Evan Willert-Treasurer, Coti Leal and Zach Willert-Sgt. At Arms, Faith Fonseca, Megan Hardey & Mariah Hardey-Song Leaders, Cory Willert & Leannah Carrasco-Reporters, Myles Shockley & Coti Lead-Pledge Leaders, and Michael Shurtz-Historian.

Hi 4-H: Is selling poinsettias (red = \$13.00; pink & burgundy = \$14.00). To order, contact any member.

Plumas: Installed its new officers for the new Program Year. They are: Jacob Bartlett-President, Kayla Woods-Vice President, Arely Mendoza-Secretary, Haley Uhland-Treasurer, Michael Woods-Reporter, Haley Gullett-Historian, Information Officer-Megan Bartlett, and LeAnn Palu-Sgt. At Arms. The club also hosted a New Member ceremony and welcomed Kaylee Burdine and Brenden Nunes. Additionally, Community Club Leader Jerry Uhland conducted a New Officer Ceremony.

Please submit information about your club's activities to Willa Davis by November 15th for the December/January newsletter. Thanks!

Send a Note of Thanks, Please

A special thanks goes, once again, to Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company for their ongoing sponsorship of the *free, specially designed* 4-H calendars it provides to members and leaders of the Sutter-Yuba 4-H Program.

Will you please send a note of thanks to:

John and Ellie Cary
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.
750 Sutter Street
Yuba City, CA 95991



Thank you for showing your appreciation of this generous donation to our local 4-H Youth Development Program. Thank you.

4-H Resource Library

Animals, Nature, Recreation, Personal Development, Arts & Crafts, Clothing, Science, Computers, and more!

Resources include:

- Books and Binders with project series based on age, difficulty or subject types including activities
- Animal Kits
- Videos on many subjects



Check it out at the 4-H Office!
or view a complete listing at <http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/>

Sutter/Yuba Counties — 2007/2008 4-H Events Calendar

November	New Leader Orientation	November 7, 7:00 pm @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Council Meeting	November 8, 6:30 pm @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Craft Day	November 10, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ 4-H Office
	Record Book/Star Rank Judging Committee Meeting	November 14, 6:00 pm @ 4-H Office
	State Leaders Forum	November 16 - 18 @ Asilomar
	Cal Focus Applications Due	November 30 @ 4-H Office
December	Fashion Revue Committee Meeting	December 3, 6:30 pm @ 4-H Office
	Spring Fair Committee Meeting	December (Date TBA) @ 4-H Office
	Cal Focus Interviews	December 12, 6:00 pm @ 4-H Office
	Equine Advisory Committee	December 13, 6:30 pm @ Round Table Pizza, Yuba City
January	Cal Focus Financial Assistance Applications Due	January 7 @ State 4-H Office
	Leaders Dinner/Bi-County Council Meeting	January 10, 6:00 pm @ 4-H Office
	Fashion Revue Workshop	January 13, @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Presentation Day	January (Date TBA) @ 4-H Office
February	Chico Swine Education Day and Pig Sale	February 2, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm @ CSU, Chico, University Farm
	Bi-County Craft Day	February 9, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Presentation Day	February (Date TBA) @ 4-H Office
	Chico Sheep Day	February 23 @ CSU, Chico, University Farm
March	Bi-County Presentation Day	March (Date TBA) @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Council Meeting	March 13, 6:30 pm @ 4-H Office
	North Section Presentation Day	March 29, Hosted by Sutter/Yuba Cos. 4-H YDP
April	New Leader Orientation	April 5, 10:00 am @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Fashion Revue	April 12
	Grand National Rodeo	April (Date TBA) @ Cow Palace, San Francisco
May	Spring Fair Set-Up Day	May 1 @ Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
	Bi-County Council Meeting	May 8, 6:30 pm @ 4-H Office
	Spring Fair / Presentation Day	May 10 @ Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
	State Field Day / Fashion Revue / Presentation Day	May 24 @ UC Davis
	All Star Applications Due	May 30 @ 4-H Office
June	4-H Camp	June (Date TBA)
	California Focus	June 27 - July 1 @ Sacramento

California Focus Wants You! (cont'd from pg. 1)

processes in a hands-on way. The program also provides an opportunity for 4-H members and leaders to visit with their state and federal elected officials to discuss issues affecting their communities. **A community action plan is required so members and leaders should consider this to be a 12 month project.**

Registration fees are \$590.00 for adults and \$495.00 for teens. The **Bi-County Council must approve delegate's attendance at Cal Focus, and financially supports delegates with sponsorships. The specific amount will be determined at the next Council meeting on November 8, 2007.** There is also financial assistance available through the State 4-H Office. For more information, go to: <http://ca4h.org/> and clicking on Citizenship, or contact Willa Davis at 822-7515 or by e-mail at wdavis@ucdavis.edu.

Cal Focus applications can be obtained online at <http://ca4h.org> and clicking on Citizenship or from the 4-H Office. They **must be submitted to the Bi-County 4-H Office no later than Friday, November 30th.** *Be prepared to present your proposal plan to the Awards Committee on December 12, 2007.* You will be contacted with the specific time.

FREE SHOW RABBIT to good home. Call Angie at 749-9447 for more information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Arboga District 10 Hallwood Browns Valley Rio Oso Club Meeting	6 Able Riders Club Meeting	7 Franklin Club Meeting New Leader Orientation	8 Bi-County Council Meeting	9	10 Bi-County Craft Day
11 Yuba Hills Club Meeting	12 Live Oak Plumas Wheatland Club Meeting	13 Able Riders Sutter Buttes Club Meeting	14 Pleasant Grove Rocky Hills Smartsville Club Meeting	15 Barry Club Meeting	16	17
18 Guide Dogs Club Meeting	19 Hi 4-H Club Meeting	20 Able Riders Dententer Club Meeting	21	22	23	24
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