



Clover Chatter

Sutter and Yuba Counties

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October 2007**Special Points**

- * Council Committees WANT YOU!
- * Deadlines for Club Dues.
- * Cal Focus Project HOPPs!
- * Interested in Starting Club?
- * 4-H Resource Library Information.



4-H - "To Make the Best Better"

Creating Welcoming Places for New 4-H Families

by Willa Davis

The following is an article I wrote earlier this year. I thought it would be appropriate to reissue it at this time when clubs are receiving new members and families. We want to make sure we not only enroll members into our wonderful youth development program, but that we also do everything to ensure we are creating an atmosphere that is welcoming and inclusive. This is important for good club man-

agement, to help to develop our youths' positive self-concept, and to strengthen our 4-H families.

Think about what your club does to create an atmosphere in which new members and parents feel comfortable and develop a sense of belonging. What do you do to make them want to attend monthly meetings and participate in club activities?

Does your club (cont'd on pg. 6)

SPECIAL MEETING ABOUT 4-H CAMP

To: The Sutter/Yuba 4-H Community
From: Mike Murray, County Director,
Sutter/Yuba Cooperative Ext. Programs

Some recent developments have caused the 4-H office to reconsider our summer camping experience. We have had a long-standing (70+ years) agreement with Yuba County to use the Dobbins 4-H camp (Yuba County is the owner of the camp). Many of you have participated in the summer camping program and it has been a great relationship. However, the 4-H office has had responsibilities for "running the camp". That no longer seems a viable option due to:

- The recent retirement of 4-H Advisor Isela Valdez with no short-term replacement likely. The camp was one of Isela's passions and she is no longer available to assume personal responsibility for ensuring the camp runs well.
- The retirement of the facility caretaker and problems associated with securing a new caretaker.
- The camp has operated at a loss (expenses greater than income) for the past two years and the Yuba County 4-H Council is responsible for making up the difference. This is not a sustainable solution as it is not fair to put the financial burden on the Yuba County 4-H Council. We will bankrupt them if we continue.

- When we entered the agreement to run the Dobbins 4-H Camp with Yuba County the situation was different. The 4-H community utilized the facility for many weeks during the summer. Recently, our usage has been one week a year. It does not appear to make sense for us to manage a facility 52 weeks a year when we only use it for one week.

There are other options. I am not suggesting we abandon summer camping experiences for our youth. I am suggesting we think about how best to provide that experience and if our current arrangements make sense in today's atmosphere.

I want input of all the Sutter/Yuba 4-H community who has an opinion or something to contribute to the discussion. No plans have been made at this point, but we need to resolve the situation ASAP. **Therefore, we are calling an open meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at the Yuba City Cooperative Extension meeting room (142 Garden Hwy.).**

The meeting will begin with a more detailed discussion of the reason for re-evaluating our current arrangements and then opened up for public comment about alternatives and how to ensure outdoor experiences for our young people.

I hope you are able to attend this important meeting if you have an opinion about the issue. I may be reached on my cell phone at (530) 701-8481.

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COMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, AND MEETINGS



Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau and Yuba-Sutter Fair
For more information and to sign up to have a
display/presentation, contact the Yuba-Sutter Farm
Bureau Office @ 530-673-6550

Kick off the 2007-2008 4-H Program Year with the Window Display Contest. Theme is **“Science, Engineering & Technology”**. For ideas, go to: www.4hmediaresources.4husa.org/



Achievement Night

NOTE: POTLUCK HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 6:30 pm
Sheriff's Training Center (Whitaker Hall)

Saturday, October 27th
Sutter Orchard Supply



Entry Forms Due to Y/S Farm Bureau:	Oct 19th
Deliver Pumpkins to SOS:	Oct 27th, by Noon
Judging at SOS:	Oct 27th, 1pm
Winners announced at SOS:	Oct 27th, 2pm

**For entry forms, go to: <http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu> or call
Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau at 530-673-6550**

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:

Tues., October 9, 2007, 7:00 pm
Wed., November 7, 2007, 7:00 pm
Sat., April 5, 2008, 10:00 am

BI-COUNTY RECORD BOOK TRAINING

Thursday, October 11, 2007
6:30 - 8:00 pm @ 4-H Office

Leaders, Parents & Senior Members Are Invited!
Attend to prepare to be evaluated, to serve on Record Book/Star Rank Judging Committee, & to conduct Star Rank, Annual Project & Record Book evaluations



22nd Annual Horse Day Symposium

Oct 13th - 14th

Freeborn Hall, UC Davis

<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/events/horseday/>



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Saturday, October 20th
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
4-H Office

DOWNTOWN YUBA CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 27th, 4pm - 10pm
Plumas Street, Yuba City

- Agricultural Exhibits and participation from our Ag Community
- **Hoedown: Children's Area hosted by 4-H Clubs, Farm Bureau and Sutter County Library from 4:00-8:00 pm,**
- Best Scarecrow Contest; Costume Parade and Candy Give-Away
- Harvest-Song: Two stages of entertainment; bluegrass to country
- Hay Rides, Arts & Crafts & Food Vendors

A time for children, families and friends to join in fun and celebrate the harvest ... our community ... and our history!

CLUB DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DATES

NEW YEAR DOCUMENTS

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| • 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 |

SAVE THE DATE!

BI-COUNTY CRAFT DAY!

Saturday, November 10th
9:00am-1:00pm @ 4-H Office
Plan to attend this **FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY!**

WE WANT YOU!



The Sutter/Yuba Counties 4-H Youth Development Program is a project-based, event-driven educational program for the youth in our community. It takes a commitment of time and energy of many people, both youth and adults, to help it run smoothly and effectively. You don't have to be a Community Club Leader to serve on a Council committee. Will you please consider serving on one of the many committees to ensure events continue to be offered, funded and publicized?

The following is a brief description of the various ways you can serve. Many committees meet only once, some meet just by e-mails and phone calls. Whatever your availability and interest is, there's a committee that needs you.

Call Willa Davis at 822-7515 for more information on how you can support your local 4-H Youth Development Program in this capacity. Thank you!

4-H COUNCIL COMMITTEES

National 4-H Week: Coordinates information distribution; obtains judges for window display contest; announces winners at Achievement Night.

Sectional Council: Serves as Bi-County 4-H representatives and attends meetings to discuss and conduct business of North Section 4-H Council; gives report at following Bi-County Council meeting.

Achievement Night: Coordinates activities with 4-H Program Representative and office support staff; makes arrangements with clubs and promotes participation and attendance by members and their families.

Craft Day: Coordinates activities with 4-H Program Representative and Clubs. Promotes participation and attendance by members and their families.

Presentation Day: Coordinates activities with 4-H Program Representative and office support staff; promotes participation and attendance by members; may recruit and serve as one of the judges when needed and desired.

Fashion Revue: Serves on a variety of subcommittees, including decorations, fundraising, line-up, registration, awards, etc. Includes a pre-event workshop and post-event fundraising fashion show and luncheon.

Spring Fair: Serves as coordinator or member on a variety of sub-committees, including small animals, large animals, fundraising, still exhibits, presentation, awards, etc.

Equine Advisory: Helps plan, promote and implement Fair 4-H Horse Show, educational clinics & seminars, and Spring Fair held throughout the year.

MORE COUNCIL COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Week: Coordinates arrangements and programming activities with Hi 4-H group, 4-H Program Representative and office support staff.

Record Book & Star Rank Judging: Participates as judge and obtains trained leaders to serve as judges for Star Rank and annual Record Book and Annual Project judging; conducts training of leaders, members, and families; attends training by State 4-H Office when offered; coordinates activities with 4-H Program Representative and office support staff.

Public Relations/Marketing: Coordinates activities with 4-H Program Representative to develop and implement Public Relations/Marketing/Recruitment plan for the Bi-County 4-H Program; helps clubs with promotional and outreach efforts; serves as a Bi-County Council Reporter.

Awards: Serves on panel that reviews and makes approval decisions about applications for All Star, Cal Focus and Washington Focus, Senior Awards, Camp and member scholarship applicants, and other award matters.

Fundraising: Coordinates activities with 4-H Program Representative to develop and implement master fundraising plan for the Bi-County 4-H Program.

Camp Maintenance & Operations: Identifies camp-ground needs, and makes suggestions about which tasks can/need to be done by camp caretaker, volunteers, and professional contractors. Coordinates all tasks with 4-H Program Representative and develops timeline for work to be done by responsible party/ies.

Technology: Researches equipment return on investment for use by members and leaders; identifies ways to use technology for distance learning and meetings; may assist clubs in designing their own websites.

Telephone Tree: Contacts committee and Council members as reminder to attend meetings.

Joys & Concerns: Reviews news about a joy or concern and recommends what type of response is necessary; then, makes arrangements to have appropriate action taken; reports on action taken at Council meeting.

2007 / 2008 4-H Enrollment

The 2007-2008 4-H Program Year began July 1st. Enrollment forms will be due **November 1, 2007**.

1. All enrollment forms must be turned in by the Community Club Leader.
2. Fees for the 2007/ 2008 Program Year are as follows:

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

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

Club Leaders: Please notify the 4-H office if there are changes in:

- Leaders, both deletions and additions
 - Location, date and time of club meetings
- (The new location requires issuance of an insurance certificate)**



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 is sponsoring a **training session on Thursday, October 11th** so members can be helped in recording their goals and achievements in the development of their 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*.
2. **4-H Project Skill Activities: Allowed** — Competing in Round Robin at State Fair; Competing at State Fair 4-H Horse Show; Competing in Shooting Sports contest.
3. **4-H Events Attended: Allowed** — Yuba-Sutter Fair; State Fair; County Record Book training; Achievement Night; Staffing Children's Area at Harvest Festival; Club fundraising breakfast; WHY Conference.
4. **Leadership Development: Allowed** — Being a Jr. leader for a project; Serving as any type of club officer; Chairing any type of committee; Representing club at Bi-County Council meeting; serving as Cal Focus delegate.
5. **Citizenship/Community Service: Allowed** — Donating towels and blankets to HOPP; Raking an elderly neighbor's yard; Making and distributing video about Veteran's Day to schools; Leading pledge at County Council meeting; Participating in community mission trip.
6. **Communication Skills: Allowed** — Making radio Public Service Announcement recording; Giving presentation at project, club, County, Sectional or State level; Giving speech at Council meeting.
7. **Honors and Recognition: Allowed** — Best of Show Livestock Master Showmanship at State Fair; Achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold Rank Stars; Completing Emerald Star project; Participating in Academic Decathlon.
8. **Lifestyle Activities: Allowed** — Taking swim lessons; Being a member of Jobs Daughters; Participating in church youth group; Playing on Park & Rec soccer team.

POLICY REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Parent/Adult Behavior Guidelines

The California 4-H Youth Development Program strives to provide quality leadership for youth participating in 4-H programs, events, and activities. The opportunity to work with youth is a privileged position of trust that should be held only by those who are willing to demonstrate behaviors that fulfill this trust.

Parents and adults helping in the 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to:

- * Treat others in a courteous, respectful manner demonstrating ethical behaviors appropriate to a positive role model for youth.
- * Abide by policies and guidelines of the California 4-H Youth Development Program state and county 4-H programs.
- * Obey all laws of the locality, state, and nation, including those related to use of illegal substances, or use of firearms.
- * Recognize that verbal, sexual, physical abuse, and/or neglect of youth is unacceptable either within or outside the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- * Treat animals humanely and teach 4-H youth to provide appropriate animal care.
- * Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner, and only with a valid operator's license and the legally required insurance coverage.
- * Handle fundraising and finances in an ethical manner according to the policies and guidelines of the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- * Do not consume alcohol while responsible for youth in 4-H activities nor allow 4-H youth under your supervision to consume alcohol or illegal substances.
- * Deliver your child/ren on time for events and meetings, and pick up at the agreed upon time.
- * Avoid the use of obscene, impolite, and/or discriminatory language at any 4-H activity or where youth are present.



BI-COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

County Council Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2007, 6:30pm

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

Yuba Hills

All adult and teen leader representatives are welcome!
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

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.



Up Close and Personal with Melissa Quintero and Annette Stewart

Melissa Quintero started as a project leader for the Arboga 4-H Club about three years ago and stepped up to the plate to serve as its Community Club Leader this year when the position became vacant. She started as a 4-H volunteer because she was a member herself as a youth and wanted to make sure her own kids were involved in something positive.

And that's why she continues to volunteer. She says that as a parent you need to step up and participate in things you want your kids involved in. She continues that she likes to help the kids learn to do things she also likes doing.

The most important personal attributes a 4-H leader can have include patience and time to do what you say you're going to do. She says it's important to be true to your word and follow through so you don't let the kids down.

Melissa believes the strengths of our local 4-H Program are the responsibility the program teaches them and the various leadership development opportunities that are offered to them if they want to take them, such as Cal Focus and Washington Focus. Her advice to new 4-H leaders is, *"Don't be discouraged, because at some point in the year, someone will get mad at you, so don't take it too personally. Choose your battles and remember, it's about the kids, not you."*

Annette Stewart started as a 4-H volunteer for the Live Oak 4-H Club four years for the same reason Melissa did, she wanted to be involved in something her children were involved in. Her kids wanted to enroll in the poultry project and there was no leader, so Annette volunteered. And, that's why she continues in the program, she says. Plus, she enjoys it. She says she's constantly learning herself right along with the kids.

Also like Melissa, Annette believes patience is one of the key characteristics that a 4-H volunteer can possess or develop. It's also important to stay informed, keep learning, and to make it fun so the kids and parents stay actively involved.

Dedicated leaders and active parents who don't just rely on the leaders to do everything is one of the highlights of our local 4-H Program, Annette says. It takes everyone being involved to make it work and to help get kids to the fair at the end of the year if that's their goal.

Annette's advice to new volunteers just starting out in the 4-H Youth Development Program is, *"Learn, and keep learning, and then, pass it on to the kids. Keep them active and stay involved. It's a team effort to make it fun. We all need to cooperate and do it together."*

4-H Club Reports

Arboga: Welcomes Melissa Quintero as their new Community Club Leader.

Browns Valley: Correction—William Hill's name was accidentally deleted in last month's Club Reports. He won Jr. Dog Showmanship at the Yuba-Sutter Fair.

Dententer: Top honors at the Yuba-Sutter Fair are as follows: Christina McRunnels won 1st place in Rabbit Showmanship and 1st place in the Breeders Class; Cory Willert won a blue ribbon in Foods; Evan Willert won a blue ribbon in Electronics. Over the summer the club's Citizenship project worked on a quilt to auction. The money will be used to buy a Christmas tree and presents for a needy family at Christmas time.

ALL FAIR RESULTS NOW ON LOCAL WEBSITE

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

Cal Focus Delegate Service Project H.O.P.P.s!

Margery Magill's and Hannah Baber's service project is H.O.P.P. (Helping Orphaned Pets Prosper). They are asking the community to donate gently used or new blankets and towels that will be given to the four animal shelters and rescue organizations in the bi-county area.

Collection sites include: Tractor Supply, Sutter Orchard Supply, Petco, PetSmart, Gaiser Pets, Marysville Veterinary Hospital, Country Veterinary Clinic (Live Oak), the Yuba-Sutter Fair Office, and the 4-H Office.

Donations will be accepted through December 20th.

INTERESTED IN STARTING A NEW CLUB IN SUTTER COUNTY?

As Yuba City and the surrounding area continues to develop, clubs are growing, too. To maintain the unique features of the "community club" concept, it has been suggested that a new club be started to best serve youth who want to become new members. Please call Willa Davis at 822-7515 to learn more about this exciting leadership and community development opportunity.

Sutter-Yuba Counties

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

October	Farm Day	October 5 @ Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
	North Section Council Meeting	October 6 @ Hosted by Sutter/Yuba Cos. 4-H YDP
	National 4-H Week	October 7 - 13
	New Leader Orientation	October 9, 7:00 pm @ 4-H Office
	Record Book Training	October 11, 6:30 pm @ 4-H Office
	Club Officers Training	October 20, 9:00 am @ 4-H Office
	Achievement Night	October 23 @ Whitaker Hall,
	Harvest Festival	October 27, 4:00 pm on Plumas Street, Yuba City
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
	State Leaders Forum	November 16 - 18 @ Asilomar
January	Leaders Dinner/Bi-County Council Meeting	January 10 @ 4-H Office
	Fashion Revue Workshop	January 13, @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Presentation Day	January (Date TBA) @ 4-H Office
February	Chico Swine Day	February (Date TBA) @ CSU, Chico
	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 & Goat Day	February (Date TBA) @ CSU, Chico
Mar	Bi-County Council Meeting	March 13 @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Goat & Sheep Day	(Date TBA) @ Lindhurst High School
	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 @ 4-H Office
	Spring Fair / Presentation Day	May 10 @ Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds
	All Star Applications Due	May 30 @ 4-H Office
	State Field Day / Fashion Revue / Presentation Day	May 31 @ UC Davis
June	4-H Camp	June (Date TBA)
	California Focus	June (Date TBA) @ Sacramento

Creating Welcoming Places ... (cont'd from pg. 1)

President or Vice President send a letter to all new members and their families welcoming them to your club? What is done to make sure meetings are conducted in a democratic manner that respects other's points of view? How do you provide opportunities for all members to take part in planning and implementing activities to achieve club goals? What are things you do so even the youngest member can help?

How are parents/guardians informed about "how to do 4-H", especially in regards to conducting presentations, completing Record Book documents, etc.? How are they involved? Even the busiest adult usually will "make time" when asked to conduct a specific step as part of the whole process of an activity. That builds *belongingness*, some-

thing that *all people need to build a positive self-concept*.

Just what is "self-concept" and where does it come from? Self-concept is how you think and feel about yourself. The image you have of yourself is learned by the verbal and nonverbal feedback you receive from others, especially the important people in your life, such as your parents/guardians, friends, teachers, 4-H leaders, and others. It is what makes you feel good or bad about yourself and helps you feel confident no matter what challenges life gives you.

Self-confident people are willing to learn and are not afraid of making mistakes. They feel good inside and like themselves. They have strong self-respect as well as respect for others. Let's all do what we can to *create welcoming places* this year for our members and families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Arboga Hallwood Browns Valley Club Meeting	2 Able Riders Club Meeting	3 Franklin Club Meeting	4	5 Farm Day	6 N. Section Council Mtg
7 National 4-H Week	8 Live Oak Plumas Wheatland Club Meeting	9 Able Riders Sutter Buttes Club Meeting New Leader Orientation	10 Pleasant Grove Rocky Hills Club Meeting	11 Record Book Training	12	13 National 4-H Week
14	15 Hi 4-H Club Meeting	16 Able Riders Dententer Smartsville Club Meeting	17	18 Barry Club Meeting	19	20 Club Officers Training
21 Guide Dogs Club Meeting	22	23 Able Riders Club Meeting Achievement Night	24	25 Camp Meeting	26	27 Harvest Festival
28	29	30 Able Riders Club Meeting	31			

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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	12 Live Oak Plumas Wheatland Club Meeting	13 Able Riders Sutter Buttes Club Meeting	14 Pleasant Grove Rocky Hills Club Meeting	15 Barry Club Meeting	16	17
18 Guide Dogs Club Meeting	19 Hi 4-H Club Meeting	20 Able Riders Dententer Smartsville Club Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Able Riders Club Meeting	28	29	30	November 