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Thank You Fiesta Camp Staff & Participants!

4-H "FIESTA" CAMP 2003 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, DUE TO THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF HI 4-H MEMBERS MICHELLE PALU, BRANDON HOBBS, RANDI STONE, MEGHAN HAUCK, JENNIFER DOBYNS, JUSTIN ELLIS, CORY PALU, JOHN MARCUS, TRAVIS MULL, MINDI FERGUSON AND ASHLEY PERRYMAN; ADULT CHAPERONES ANGIE HIGH-BARTLETT, DEBBIE DOBYNS, TERESA ESCALANTE, RILEY HIGH, JUDY JONES, LISA MESSICK, CARRIE PERRYMAN, STEVEN SANCHEZ, DARRYL STINEMAN, DEBBIE TARKE, DIANNA TAYLOR, DAVID WAINER AND KATHY WALKER.

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SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO HI 4-H ADVISORS MARY HALL AND CATHERINE HALL WHO KEPT US ALL ORGANIZED AND WITHOUT WHOM WE WOULD NOT HAVE A POSITIVE CAMP PROGRAM.



SPECIAL THANKS also to all the leaders who participated in County Record Book Judging. We had a great number of record books submitted and judging was a difficult task!

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COMING EVENTS

Star Rank Judging for 2003-2004

September 4, 2003
January 8, 2004
May 6, 2004

Star Ranks are received when enough points have been earned for a rank on your Personal Development Form. Star Ranks are judged three times per program year (July 1-June 30). You may receive one rank per year.

New Leader Orientations

All adults working with members in the 4-H Youth Development Program must complete the Leader Certification process. This process consists of:

1. Completing a Leader Registration Application.
2. Attending a Leader Orientation session.
3. Completing a Live Scan fingerprinting and background check.

The 4-H Office will provide 4 opportunities to attend a Leader Orientation. You need to attend only one. Please remember that you MAY NOT work with members until you have completed all three steps of the Leader Certification process.

2003-2004 Leader Orientation Dates

*(all orientations will be held at the
4-H Office)*

September 11, 2003 @ 7 P.M.
October 7, 2003 @ 7 P.M.
November 17, 2003 @ 7 P.M.
January 10, 2004 @ 9 A.M.

Live Scan forms are available at the 4-H Office. Yuba County residents may obtain a Live Scan at no cost by contacting the Yuba

County Probation Department. Sutter County residents may obtain a Live Scan at no cost by contacting the Sutter County Probation Department.

Bi-County Leader's Council

Monday, September 22, 2003
7:00 P.M. ~ 4-H Office

Council Treasury Audit
Monday, September 22, 2003
5:30 P.M. ~ 4-H Office

WHY Conference

September 26-28, 2003
Camp Tehama
Ages 14-19

"Lighting the Way through the Future"

WHY Camp is open to all 4-H members ages 14-19 and certified 4-H leaders and located at Camp Tehama – Mill Creek in Tehama County. The cost for each youth and adult is \$27.00 for camp and food. You may purchase a T-shirt for an additional \$6.00. Registration forms are now available at the 4-H office. The deadline to receive a T-shirt is September 8, 2003. Final registration deadline is September 22, 2003.

4-H Achievement Night Save These Dates!

October 14 & 15, 2003
Whitaker Hall, Yuba City
(see flyer in this issue)

2004 Fashion Revue Planning Committee

October 20, 2003
6:30 P.M. ~ 4-H Office

**All Clothing Leaders should
attend this meeting.**

2003 Grand National Rodeo, Horse & Stock Show

Oct. 24 – Nov. 2, 2003
Cow Palace

San Francisco, CA

For more information, visit:

www.cowpalace.com

National 4-H Week

October 5-11, 2003

National 4-H Week Media ideas are now available at the 4-H Office. All clubs should design a 4-H display to be placed in a local business or public place. The 4-H Source Catalog also has other items and ideas you may use individually or with your club to publicize 4-H and show your 4-H pride.

4-H State Leaders' Forum "Change the World One...At A Time Through 4-H"

November 7, 8, 9, 2003
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, CA

This conference will provide you the chance to be a part of positive change. There will be hands-on learning experiences as well as leadership and project development opportunities. The Educational workshops give each delegate the chance to meet other leaders throughout the state and learn about new projects, or new ways of doing old projects. The speakers are fantastic, enthusiastic and perhaps a little surprising!

Registrations are due September 1, 2003. Forms may be obtained at the 4-H Office or downloaded from the California 4-H website at <http://ca4h.org>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Record Books Due October 1, 2003 4-H Office

Now that the 2002-2003 4-H year is over, it's time for Club Officers to wrap up some important details.

Treasurer

The Treasurer Books are due to the 4-H Office to meet the University of California regulations. As outlined in the manual you need to complete the Treasurer's Manual, including the final Treasurer's Report. Your club books must be audited before they are submitted to the 4-H Office. The Audit Committee must fill in the back outside cover of your Treasurer's Book with the information required. Submission of all financial information is **MANDATORY**.

Secretary

Take an inventory of the property owned by your 4-H club. In order for your club to receive a Seal for the charter, the Secretary's Book must be turned in to the 4-H Office.

2003-2004 4-H Enrollment DUE: November 1, 2003

1. All enrollment forms must be submitted to the Community Club Leader. No forms turned in by individuals will be accepted at the 4-H Office.
2. All enrollment forms are due to the 4-H Office by **November 1, 2003**.

There is no longer an additional charge for members or adults enrolled in the Horse Project!

ENROLLMENT FEES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE THIS YEAR; HOWEVER AN AMOUNT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER WILL HAVE THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

2003-2004 Bi-County Council Officers

Sutter County

President Sam Diaz
Vice-President Dominique Beilke
Secretary Keri McVey
Treasurer Jan Quisenberry

Yuba County

President Jan Kraus
Vice-President Steven Sanchez
Secretary Mary Hall
Treasurer Gail Hauck
Reporter Julie Page

03-04 Committees

Sectional Council

Yuba County Adult **VACANT**
Yuba County Youth **VACANT**
Sutter County Adult **VACANT**
Sutter County Youth **VACANT**

Y/S Fair Livestock Committee

Mark Quisenberry

Craft Chairperson

County Tommie Mettz
Camp Mary Hall

Presentation Day

2 VACANCIES

Awards Committee

Marlene High

2 VACANCIES

National 4-H Week

Julie Page

Telephone Committee

Yuba County Laura Dodd
Sutter County Sam Diaz

Fund Raising

Yuba Catherine Hall
Sutter Jan Quisenberry

Spring Fair

Livestock
Small Animal Large Animal
VACANT Deb Luis
Still Exhibits Mary Hall
Clothing Tommie Mettz

Camp Maintenance

Sam Diaz Steven Sanchez

2 VACANCIES

Council Refreshment Schedule

Sept. 22, 2003 Sutter Buttes
Oct. 27, 2003 Barry
Nov. 24, 2003 Dententer
Jan. 26, 2004 **Leaders Dinner**
Feb. 23, 2004 Plumas
March 22, 2004 District 10
April 26, 2004 Franklin
May 24, 2004 Live Oak
June 21, 2004 Browns Valley

VACANT Positions

Anyone wishing more information or interesting in filling one of the vacant positions should call the 4-H office.

Membership Age Eligibility

Membership in the 4-H Program is accepted according to the following categories:

PRIMARY: K-3rd grade – Must be 5 years old or in Kindergarten as of January 1, 2004.

JUNIOR: 4th – 6th grade – Must be 9 years old or in 4th grade as of January 1, 2004.

SENIOR: 9th grade and over – Have not reached the age of 19 years old by December 31, 2003.

NOTE: For home schooled children, only the age criteria will apply.

REMINDER: Primary members are eligible to enroll in ONLY the following animal projects: dogs, rabbits, covies, cats, poultry and pygmy goats. Youth must be 9 years old or in the 4th grade as of January 1, 2004 to enroll in a large animal project (sheep, swine, beef, goats, dairy cow, and horse).

Livestock Auction Checks

If you have not picked up your Yuba Sutter Fair Livestock Auction check, please do so immediately. It is also very important to show appreciation to all the supporters of the Junior Livestock Auction. To make sure that all buyers are

properly recognized for their support, please send your buyer(s) a letter or card.

Thank you . . .

FOR PROJECT LEADERS

Project Requirements

To make the 4-H experience a learning experience as well as a rewarding experience there are certain requirements that need to be met by all leaders and members.

Project leaders are required to hold a **minimum of five (5) meetings or 10 hours of instruction**. Project members are required to attend 80% of these meetings to be eligible for fairs participation and awards. At times, there are circumstances when it is not possible to attend meetings. The project member is responsible for notifying the project leader to inform him/her of this and make alternative arrangements. Many project leaders will arrange for "make-up" meetings or activities.

Developing Project Goals

Leaders sometimes ask, "Is there anything else we should be covering in this project this year?" And new leaders ask, "What should we be covering?"

The answer lays in the project objectives. The objectives for youth project work can be found in the booklet called "California 4-H Incentives and Recognition Program Objectives". If your club leader doesn't have a copy, copies are available from the 4-H office.

This document describes the scope of project knowledge the youth member should be developing – consistent with their years of experience in the project.

At county, regional and state record book judging, this is used as the guideline to assess and com-

pare the members' development and experiences.

Most of the objectives guide a member in developing four ways:

- 1) Knowledge and application of some body of guiding principles, scientific research and the application of these to the area of work, such as methods and practices.
- 2) Skill development (actual doing).
- 3) Developing capability to apply this body of knowledge into meaningful opportunities and career choices.
- 4) Grasping the economics of the activity.

For example, let's look at the Sheep Project objectives. **You can apply the same thinking to your project's objectives.**

1. "Learn the basic principles of animal science by owning and/or caring for and keeping records on one or more head of livestock." Note: the member does not have to own an animal IF he/she is closely involved with at least one animal's care and record keeping.
2. "Demonstrate knowledge of sound breeding, feeding, and management practices. Members beyond the first year are expected to be gaining knowledge of 'breeding, feeding, and management practices'." Does this mean they should own a breeding animal? Not necessarily – BUT they need to be working closely with a breeding animal. The member should also be learning the effects of different feeds. They should know "good" and "bad" animal management practices and WHY.
3. "Identify types and grades of animals and fleece to employ efficient marketing practices." They need to learn to judge and grade animals and fleece AND to understand how these affect usability and marketability.

4. "Identify quality in wholesale and retail cuts of animals and animal products and understand their relationship to management practices." Advance members should be taught what can be done to maximize the return on their economic and time investment in this whole process.
5. "Learn the value of scientific research and its influence on animals, the meat industry, and the fiber industry." Your advance members should know the leading edge research in their project area.

But what if you don't have all these answers? That's where your county resource leaders, the staff of the university, and industry specialists can help.

Do you need to do it all? NO!! Ask your Jr./Teen Leaders to arrange a speaker. Go on a field trip, take a ranch tour, or get a feed producer to speak. Use your imagination and HAVE FUN!

2003 Fall 4-H Training Series

Promoting Citizenship, Leadership and Life Skills

The State 4-H Office in collaboration with the Center for Youth Development, Experiential Education Workgroup, Service Learning Advisory Committee, and the National 4-H After-school Collaborative will present a day-long staff and volunteer development training workshop. The day will begin with a general session followed by a 30-minute lunch break and three concurrent hour and half workshops. Both staff and volunteers will lead the workshops.

The sessions are open to staff and volunteers. The day is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The dates and locations are: Los Angeles Co. – Saturday, October 4, 2003. Monterey Co. – Friday, Oc-

tober 10, 2003. UC Davis – Saturday, October 18, 2003.

Kern Co. – Saturday, November 1, 2003.

Registration fee is \$8.00, checks made payable to UC Regents. For detailed workshop descriptions and registration forms see the web site at www.ca4h.org.

CA State 4-H Leaders' Forum Volunteer of Excellence Awards

This award is to encourage and recognize individuals who have made a unique, innovative, or special contribution to the 4-H program in their attempt to "Change the World" in each county. Each county in California has the opportunity to select one outstanding 4-H volunteer who will be acknowledged at the Volunteer Recognition ceremonies during the 2003 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum. **Deadline for county nominations is September 20, 2003.** Call the 4-H Office for more information.

The Mall at Yuba City Community Fair

**Saturday, September 13, 2003
10:00 A.M. 7:00 P.M.**

The Mall at Yuba City is inviting any interested club to participate in a Community Fair. Your club will be allowed to sell homemade goods such as food items, crafts, etc. to support your fundraising efforts, in addition to handing out or displaying information pertaining to 4-H. If you are interested in participating in this event, you may pick up an application at the 4-H Office. **Applications are due to the Mall office by 5:00 P.M. September 8, 2003.**



SEW FOR FUN McCall's & Butterick Pattern Company

The new fall 2003 SEW FOR FUN packet is available at the 4-H Office. All patterns in the packet are offered at 95¢ each with a minimum order of 5. This is a great opportunity to save some cash on your clothing projects!

Careers & Scholarships



Grand National Scholarships & Cow Town Council

The National Scholarship application is available to high school seniors or college freshmen who will be attending the 2003 Grand National Rodeo, Horse & Stock Show. This year there are seven (7) scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$2500. Applications are available at the 4-H Office and **the deadline is September 18, 2003.**

The Cow Town Council is a Junior Leadership Program. The duties of Cow Town Council members include interviewing the scholarship applicants, acting as official greeters for some of the rodeo performances, providing tours of the Cow Palace when needed, and coordinating the Round Robin Showmanship, just to name a few. **Applications are due October 1, 2003** and may be picked up at the 4-H Office.

Speech Contest "Forest Land-Our Legacy"

**October 6, 2003 ~ 6:30 P.M.
1511-B Butte House Rd.
Yuba City**

This annual speech contest is sponsored by the Sutter County Resource Conservation District. The District first-place winner will be invited to the Area-wide contest to be held October 29 in Lakeport. The Area winner may compete in the statewide contest during the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts' conference, November 21, at Granlibakken in Tahoe City.

All interested members may pick up a copy of the announcement flyer, award listing, sample judge's form and an entry blank at the 4-H Office. **The deadline to sign up for the contest is September 29, 2003 at the Sutter County Resource Conservation District Office.**

2003-2004 Agrium 4-H Youth Leadership Initiative Program

The Canadian 4-H Council and Agrium Inc. invite California 4-H members to apply for this program, which targets the development of leadership skills and challenges senior 4-H members to enhance their local communities through active participation. Applications must be submitted before October 1, 2003. More information is available at <http://www.4-h-canada.ca/pdf/>

2004 National 4-H Conference March 21-27, 2004 Chevy Chase, Maryland

Applications are now available for youth (ages 15-29), volunteers (ages 21 and up), and 4-H YDP Staff. The National 4-H Conference

is held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland in the spring of each year. Eight youth and two adult delegates are selected to represent California 4-H. The conference focuses on creating recommendations to help improve the 4-H Program.

California's participation in the National 4-H Conference is sponsored by the generosity of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation and The California 4-H Foundation.

Applications are due October 31, 2003 and may be found at <http://ca4h.org/conference/n4hc>.

All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program

Deadline: December 31, 2003

The All-Ink.com College Scholarship Program is available to students who are enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college or university with a minimum 2.5 GPA. There will be 5 awards with the minimum amount of \$1000. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be considered for this award. To apply for this scholarship, you must submit a 50- to 200- word essay on who has had the greatest impact on your life, and a 50- to 200-word essay on what you hope to achieve in your personal and professional life after college. For more information, visit the web site at:

<http://www.all-ink.com/scholarship>

All-Around Scholarship

Target invites applications from high school seniors and college students to recognize volunteer work and academic achievement. Applications are due November 1 2003 and are available at http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_scholarship.

THE WEB PAGE

Yuba-Sutter 4-H Program In Cyber-Space!

The Yuba Sutter 4-H Program is on the Web! Check out all the latest 4-H information as well as information from other Cooperative Extension programs.

<http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu>

Want to receive your Clover Chatter more quickly? Subscribe to the Sutter/Yuba Cooperative Extension 4-H Program Web Site to receive your newsletter and program updates on-line! The web site will automatically send your Clover Chatter as soon as it is posted. No waiting for the print shop or the postal service to deliver. Also, any updates during the month will be available immediately – no waiting for the next month's newsletter or missed deadlines!

Subscribing is free! – and it helps cut down on the cost of production and mailing. To subscribe call the 4-H Office with your name and e-mail address.

Other Great 4-H Web-Sites:

California 4-H Youth Development Program
<http://fourh.ucdavis.edu>

National 4-H Headquarters
<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov>

National 4-H Council
<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>

National 4-H Youth Development Program
<http://www.4-h.org>

FYI

Fund Raising Opportunity

Dutch Mill Bulbs, Inc.

Make 50% profit on each sale. For more information, contact the 4-H Office.

ABC's of Personal Development

C	Camp
F	Committee Chairperson
F or J	Fair Booth, Barn Area Display
I	Auction Runner/Server
J	Camp Planning Committee
	Livestock Auction Committee
P	Project at YS/State Fair <i>(count each project only once regardless of # of exhibits)</i>
W	All Star, Champion Animal
W or V	Round Robin Winner
X	Clean Barn, Best Pen
Y	Sold tickets/Served Fair Dinner
Z	Showmanship

Council Fund Raiser

Glorybe Collectibles

The Bi-County Council is selling Glorybe Collectible 4-H "Beenie Babies". These adorable stuffed animals are available as a bear, pig, lamb, cow, rabbit, goat, chicken, horse and dog – all in 4-H green and white.

Community Clubs may check out a set of these animals from the 4-H Office to show at their next club meeting, where they may take orders and payment for animals to be delivered at the next monthly meeting. Call the 4-H Office for more information.

"Life after Budget Cuts": A Message from the State Director

August 2003

Dear 4-H Youth & Volunteers;

Throughout the spring and summer, so many of you have been involved in efforts to let legislators and the public know about the proposed budget cuts and their potential impact on Cooperative Extension and the 4-H Youth Development Program. Your efforts have been phenomenal! You have done a tremendous job of raising public awareness of our program and the impact we make on youth and communities. All over the state, volunteers and youth have conducted powerful letter and fax campaigns. We've also seen many letters to the editor, newspaper articles, and television spots that showcased the wonderful contributions the program makes, and the challenges we face with budget cuts. The cuts to Cooperative Extension and the 4-H YDP could have been much worse, if it hadn't been for all of your efforts, and the increased visibility of the 4-H YDP. Thank you so much for your tremendous support and hard work. I am constantly awed and inspired by your commitment and passion for 4-H!

With the passage of the state budget, we know that Cooperative Extension is faced with a 25% budget cut. There are still many questions that need to be addressed about where those cuts will be made, but we do know that Vice President Reg Gomes has made county-based programs (including the 4-H YDP) a top priority. While we know that the counties will still face some cuts, we are also encouraged by the fact that the work that happens at the local level has been recognized and valued.

In order to preserve county-based programs as much as possible, administration and statewide units will take a greater share of cuts (this includes the State 4-H Office and the California 4-H Foundation). The State Office and Foundation will eliminate three positions and assume additional cuts in operating support. However, in spite of these cuts, we plan to continue seeking new ways to support the work that happens locally. We will be doing some strategic planning in early September to address the question, *"Given the current reality of our state staff and budget, how can we be of most support to counties, both programmatically and financially!"* Our planning will be guided by the Mission and Direction core values and program criteria. We will have to eliminate some of our activities, and possibly add new areas of focus. If you would like to provide input, please share your thoughts with the 4-H Advisor or Program Representative in your county, who can send it along to us.

We will share the results of this strategic planning with you, when it's completed, and will disseminate updated contact information for the State 4-H Office and 4-H Foundation. I am confident that our program will remain strong and effective, and that we will be able to continue "engaging youth in reaching their fullest potential"!

Thank you,
Carole MacNeil,
State Director
University of California 4-H Youth Development Program



ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

When: Yuba County October 14, 2003
 Sutter County October 15, 2003
Where: Sutter County Sheriff's Training Center (*formerly*
 Whitaker Hall), Airport Rd., Yuba City
Potluck: 6:30 P.M.
Program: Potluck & Awards

Since this is a potluck dinner, you and your family are requested to bring the following:

Last name initials: **A-M:** Hot Dish and Dessert
 N-Z: Hot Dish and Salad

Please bring enough to feed 10 people. You will need to bring serving utensils for your food. Plates, cups, silverware, etc., will be provided by the council. Be sure to label everything with your name.

Areas of Recognition

"5" Presentation Pin Awards	Junior & Teen Leadership
Charters & Seals	Certificates
Secretary & Treasurer Book Seals	County Record Book Winners
Special Leader Awards	Achievement Pins
Alumni Pins	Star Ranks



September 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day – Office Closed	2	3	4 Record Books due for Star Rank Judging	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 7 p.m. – New Leader Orientation (4-H Office)	12	13 Community Fair The Mall at Yuba City
14	15	16	17 7 p.m. – Hi 4-H Meeting (4-H Office)	18 Star Ranks Returned	19	20
21	22 7 p.m. – Bi-County Council Meeting (4-H Office)	23	24	25	26	27
28 4-H WHY Conf. Ends	29	30 4-H Computer Corps Applications Due			4-H WHY Conference (Camp Tehama)	

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Record Books Due to 4-H Office	2	3	4
5	6	7 7 p.m. – New Leader Orientation (4-H Office)	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 6:30 p.m. – Yuba Co. Achievement Night	15 6:30 p.m. – Sutter Co. Achievement Night	16	17	18
19	20 6:30 p.m. – Fashion Revue Planning Comm.	21	22 7 p.m. – Hi 4-H Meeting (4-H Office)	23	24	25
26	27 7 p.m. – Bi-County Council Meeting (4-H Office)	28	29	30	31	