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Clover Chatter

Sutter and Yuba Counties

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Special Points

- * Council Committees WANT YOU!
- * Deadlines for Club Docs.
- * State Record Book Judges Needed
- * More Fair Pictures
- * Interested in Starting Club?
- * Cal Focus Project HOPPs!
- * Service Learning RFPs Due
- * **Year-End Program Evaluation Insert**



4-H - "To Make the Best Better"

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Welcome to the 2007-2008 4-H Program Year!

by Willa Davis

Officially, the 4-H Youth Development Program Year begins July 1st and concludes the following June 30th. However, most community clubs begin their new year activities in September. Whenever activities begin, it promises to be an exciting year for both youth members and adult volunteers.

There are several new Community Club Leaders this year and many who have been in the program for a long time are returning. I am asking "veteran" leaders to serve as mentors to those who are learning the ropes. You are one of the greatest resources that our local 4-H Program has!

In order for us to "make the best better", local 4-H administration will be reviewing program management practices and processes. We welcome your

input about this and the way your club and projects are run, too.

There is an insert in this edition of the Clover Chatter for you to tell us about your experiences last year as a member, parent and/or leader. Please take a few moments to complete this year-end program evaluation and submit it to the 4-H Office by September 15th so we can use the information to help guide our efforts in 2007-2008.

You may return the evaluation by U.S. mail or in person. You can also download it from our local website by going to: <http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/>, clicking on 4-H Youth Development, and then, clicking on Sutter-Yuba 4-H Forms. Then, save and complete the form, and e-mail it to me at wdavis@ucdavis.edu
Thanks and have a great year!

The 2007 Yuba-Sutter Fair was Sheepwrecked!



4-H members "strutted their stuff" at the 2007 Yuba-Sutter Fair from August 1st through 5th. Their year-long efforts paid off as they were recognized by the various awards they earned and the money they received.

The greatest reward for most was knowing they achieved their goals in "learning by doing" project work. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

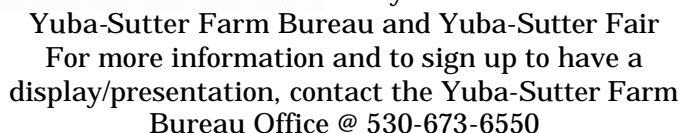
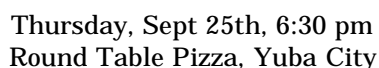


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Sat., September 8, 2007, 10:00 am
Tues., October 9, 2007, 7:00 pm
Wed., November 7, 2007, 7:00 pm
Sat., April 5, 2008, 10:00 am

Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 6:00 pm
Sheriff's Training Center (Whitaker Hall)



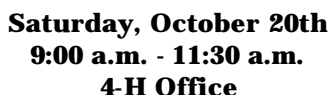
**For entry forms, go to: <http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu> or call
Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau at 530-673-6550**

Start Planning Your Club Activities
and for the Window Display Contest.
Theme is **“Science, Engineering &
Technology”**. For ideas, go to:
www.4hmediaresources.4husa.org/



- Agricultural Exhibits and participation from our Ag Community
- Harvest-Song: Two stages of entertainment; bluegrass to country
- Hoedown: Children's Area, Yuba City Certified Farmer's Market
- Best Scarecrow Contest; Costume Parade and Candy Give-Away
- 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!



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

- 2006-2007 Secretary/Treasurer Books **Sept. 4, 2007**
- 2006-2007 Club Program Planning Guide, **including:**
 - * 2006-2007 Club Budget, Club Inventory
 - * 2006-2007 Club Audit/Peer Review
 - * June/July 2007 Bank Statement

- 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**

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 Leader to help. Will you please consider serving on one of the many Council Committees to ensure its continued success?

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 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; serves as judge when needed and desired.

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

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

Horse Fair Show and Projects: Helps plan and implement Fair 4-H Horse Show and educational clinics held throughout the year.

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 advanced training by State 4-H Office when offered; coordinates activities with 4-H Program Representative and office support staff. activities and events.

MORE COUNCIL COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

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; serve 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, and Camp 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 to be work done by responsible party/ies.

Technology: Researches equipment for potential purchase for usage by members and leaders; may assist clubs in designing their own websites and 4-H Office in upgrading its website.

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.

BI-COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 5:30pm



County Council Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, 6:30pm

NOTE: New Time for Council Meeting

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

STATE RECORD BOOK JUDGES NEEDED!

The State 4-H Office is recruiting judges for the 2007 State 4-H Record Book Judging to be held at:

**UC Davis
November 30 - December 2, 2007.**

For applications, go to:
www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition

Applications are due Sept. 30, 2007.



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 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 Yuba-Sutter Fair; Exhibiting quilt at State Fair; Showing dog at Spring Fair; Competing at 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 visit to Rest Home; Walking in Plumas St. Stroll Parade.
- 4. Leadership Development: Allowed** — Being a Teen leader for a project; Serving as any type of club officer; Organizing exhibit at State Fair; Chairing any type of committee; Representing club at Bi-County Council meeting.
- 5. Citizenship/Community Service: Allowed** — Donating towels and blankets to HOPP; Raising flag at government offices on Labor Day; Collecting food for local food bank; Serving dinner at homeless shelter.
- 6. Communication Skills: Allowed** — Exhibiting at County and State Fair; Giving presentation at project, club, County, Sectional or State level; Giving talk about 4-H at Rotary Club meeting; Writing letter to Congressman; Producing video and sending to Buyers.
- 7. Honors and Recognition: Allowed** — Winning Grand Champion Beef; Earning President's Service Award; Achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold Rank Stars; Serving as All Star; Completing Emerald Star project.
- 8. Lifestyle Activities: Allowed** — Taking tennis lessons; Being a member in Boy Scouts; Participating in church youth group; Playing on school volleyball team.

POLICY REMINDERS AND UPDATES

- **Leadership: A Minimum of Two Adults**
Two appointed adult volunteers, or one appointed adult volunteer and another adult or 4-H YDP staff member (one of which must be at least 21 years of age), are required for all programs, events, activities. The adult in charge of the event must be an appointed 4-H Volunteer as established by the County Director. In general, no one-on-one interactions should occur in private. This includes between youth and adults or among youth. If personal discussions are needed, the discussions should be conducted in an area that is in view of other adults and youth. When transporting youth, if two adults cannot be present in the vehicle, the alternative minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members. An adult should not be alone with a youth (other than his/her own child) without the advance written permission of the youth's parents.
- **Horse Identification Application** forms must be resubmitted each 4-H Program Year to 4-H Office and updated whenever there is a change in ownership or lease of animals. All forms must be on file 120 days or longer from the date of event in which members want to participate.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the 4-H booth at the Yuba-Sutter Fair. You did a great job promoting 4-H. I look forward to seeing you all next year! Thanks again,

Gina Pico,
Public Relations Committee and
Fair Booth Coordinator

MORE FAIR PICTURES





Up Close and Personal with *Martina Jones* and *Ronda Smith*

Martina Jones is the new Community Club Leader for the Rocky Hills 4-H Club this year. She started as a project leader three years ago because she thought she could offer something to the club's youth members. She has stayed involved as a leader because she sees the value of what the kids get out of being involved in the youth development program and how much fun they have.

Martina believes the most important attributes 4-H volunteers need to have is the ability to get in touch with their own inner child and remember what it was like to be a kid, and then, use that information to their advantage in working with club youth. They also need to never lose sight of why they're involved in 4-H and that it's all about the kids.

She believes that one of our local 4-H Program's strengths is its leaders' dedication to it. She says it's awesome that some people have been involved for a very long time. Her advice to new volunteers is, *"Don't get discouraged. There's a lot of resources to help you, just ask. Remember, it's for the kids."*

Ronda Smith became a project leader for the Sutter Buttes 4-H Club before stepping up this year to serve as one of its Assistant Community Club Leaders (CCL). She says she became a 4-H volunteer because she sees how the program brings out the best in kids. It teaches them self-confidence and as a parent leader she sees how it provides reassurance to kids as they grow.

Ronda says she agreed to serve as an Asst. CCL this year because she understands that it takes more than just one person to make the program successful. It takes working together as a team and learning to get along in order to provide a valuable experience to club members.

She reports that a 4-H volunteer needs to be positive, especially around the children, and be reassuring to them as they come up with ideas. It's important to let them know you believe they can do it and that you're there to guide them in order to bring out their unique potential.

A strength of our bi-county 4-H Program, Ronda says, is the way that everyone tries for the most part to do their best. It takes a lot of people to make the program work, so it's important that each club is represented at Council meetings so they have a voice in how the program is governed and decide what everyone wants the program to be in the long-term.

Ronda's recommendation to new leaders is, *"Be informed. Read e-mails and everything that's available. Be knowledgeable about the whole program. And, talk to the kids to find out what they hope to get out of it. Also, have fun; after all, that's what it's all about!"*

4-H Club Reports

Barry: Raeann Magill won High Point English Pony at State Fair by placing 1st or 2nd in six classes, including Hunter Hack, Equitation Over Fences and Pony Hunters.

Browns Valley: Members who took top honors at the Yuba-Sutter Fair included: Brooke DeAlba: Reserve Champion Steer; Ben Duran: Sr. Small Animal Round Robin and Grand Champion Ram.; Cheryl and Taylor Gragg: Champion Meat Goat and Reserve Champion Meat Goat; Jr. Dog Showmanship; Dustin Rossiter: Supreme Champion Ewe, Champion Market Lamb, and the Sheep Carcass contest; Travis Wise: Reserve Champion Wool Ewe. Dustin also won Champion Hampshire Ewe at State Fair and Ben won Reserve Champion Ram at State Fair.

Guide Dogs: Margery Magill organized the Service Dog Exhibit in California Ranchland at State Fair. She also led a canine bowl team, including Haleigh Fuentes (Pleasant Grove) and Ben Duran, which won Senior Novice Division.

Smartsville: Shae McElroy placed in the top 10 of the Yuba-Sutter Sheep Carcass Contest; Ashley Taylor took Reserve Spring Ram Breeding Sheep and won Jr. Dairy Showmanship at the Yuba-Sutter Fair; Kayla Taylor won Breeding Sheep Showmanship & Sr. Large Animal Round Robin at the Yuba-Sutter Fair. She also won the 4-H Best of Show Livestock Master Showmanship at State Fair.

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

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.

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

Margery Magill is the 2007 Cal Focus delegate for the Sutter/Yuba Counties 4-H Program. Her service project, along with Hannah Baber of Colusa County, 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.

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

Sept	Executive Committee Meeting	September 5, 5:30 pm @ 4-H Office
	WHY Conference	September 7 - 9 @ Triumphant Life Camp, Humboldt County
	New Leader Orientation	September 8, 10:00 am @ 4-H Office
	Bi-County Council Meeting	September 13, 6:30 pm @ 4-H Office
	Horse Projects & Shows Committee Meeting	September 25, 6:30 pm @ Round Table Pizza, Yuba City
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

2007 4-H SERVICE-LEARNING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS — DUE SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is dedicated to fostering an environment throughout our state in which youth and adults work together as equal partners in ways that result in acquisition of new skills and positive community change. A community service project becomes a service-learning project when the experiential learning process is used in conjunction with learning and service objectives. For proposal applications and information, go to: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2	State Fair Ends	4 Able Riders Arboga Club Meeting	5 Franklin Club Meeting	6	7 WHY Conference	1 New Leader Orientation WHY Conference
9 WHY Conference Yuba Hills Club Meeting	10 Hallwood Browns Valley Live Oak Plumas Wheatland Club Meeting	11 Able Riders Sutter Buttes Club Meeting	12 Pleasant Grove Club Meeting	13 Council Meeting 6:30 PM	14	15
16 Guide Dogs Club Meeting	17 Hi 4-H Club Meeting	18 Able Riders Dententer Smartsville Club Meeting	19	20 Barry Club Meeting	21	22
23 30	24	25 Able Riders Club Meeting	26	27	28	29
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 Meeting	11	12	13 National 4-H Week
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