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The current Asian crisis is one of the worst natural disasters in our time, and many of the victims are young people. During this time of great sadness remember the 4H pledge and know that no matter what your age, you can help make a difference in the world today.

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

If you would like more information on how you can help make a difference for the youth in Asia visit www.dosomething.org. Do Something created the Do Something: Kids Tsunami Relief Fund to provide young Americans with a way to take action. The money collected will go towards rebuilding schools, purchasing school supplies, and offering emergency relief to kids in need. The website will also give you or your Club great fund-raising ideas to help get your creative juices flowing.

If you would like to help in the Tsunami Relief efforts but do not have the time to organize a fund-raising event, the Fairview 4H Club's Leadership Development project is raising money for the Tsunami Relief Fund. They have a goal of raising \$5000 by February 14th, 2005. For more information, please call Adaline at (831)623-9343.

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4H: MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Coming Events

Spring Arts and Craft Workshop

February 12th, 2005

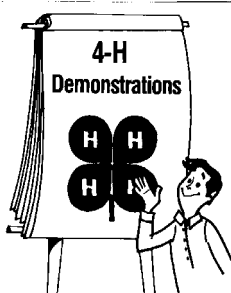
9am-1pm

4H office

All 4H members are invited to come and make arts and crafts. Create a special gift or a keepsake for yourself. Whatever the project, it will be lots of fun.

There will be a small charge for supplies. Snacks are also provided for a minimal charge. Hope to see many of you there!

Presentation Day #2



February 23rd, 2005

4H Office

7-9pm

Entries due by 5:00pm

February 16th, 2005 to the 4H office.

Plan Ahead:

For those of you unable to attend the February Presentation Day, Presentation Day #3 will be held on March 12th, 2005 at 9:00am at the 4H office.

2005 State Wide Postal Shoot

It is time to sharpen your shooting skills and start preparing for the Twenty-First Annual 4H Statewide Postal Shoot, sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4H Council. Entries for the Statewide Postal Shoot, must be postmarked by March 11th, 2005.

For more information, or for an entry form please contact the 4H office at 822-7515.

2005 Fashion Round-Up

Saturday, April 2nd, 2005

Yuba College

Mark this date! More information to follow in the next Clover Chatter.

Spring Fair 2005

May 14th, 2005

Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds

Mark you calenders early! The next Spring Fair planning meeting is scheduled for February 16th, 2005 at 6:30pm at the 4H office.

4H and FFA

Bi-County Goat Field Day

May 21st, 2005

Lindhurst High School

Contact Pat Dickens for more information: 743-5690.

Just a Reminder:

These events were listed in last months Clover Chatter but I just wanted to remind you:

Swine Day 2005

February 5th, 2005

2005 Sacramento County Horse Symposium

February 12th, 2005

Western Regional 4H Leaders Forum

February 23-27th, 2005

Avian Science Day

February 5th, 2005

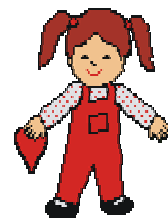
2005 4H Horse Leadership Conference

February 12-13th, 2005

State Presentation Day

May 29th, 2005

Record Book Meeting



TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR LEADERS

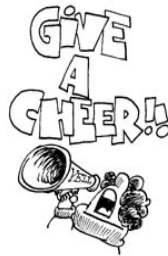
In last months Clover Chatter I mistyped the wrong date for the meeting. The meeting will be held February 9th, 2005 at 6:30pm at the 4H office. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss ideas and suggestions regarding the 4H Record Book and how to address issues surrounding completion of the paperwork.

I am also planning to have a County Record Book training in the Spring. Watch the Clover Chatter for an upcoming date!



CONGRATULATIONS!

To all members who submitted record books for Star Rank Judging.



Mark your calendars for the next judging in May. Record books will be due into the 4H office on May 6th, 2005 by 5:00pm.

Bi-County Leader's Council

Thank you to all the leaders who attended the Bi-County Leader's Dinner and Auction on January 13th, 2005. The food was wonderful and the auction was a great success. The recipients of this years "Thank You" awards by the Council for all they have done for the 4H program were: Calpine, Sutter Orchard Supply, and Browns Gas.

The next meeting will be February 10th, 2005 at 7pm at the 4H office.

All leaders and teen Club Representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

Tax season is just around the corner again. There are certain contributions, if made to the 4H program, that are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.

- Amounts spent for fees, materials, awards, travel expenses(including meals, lodging) are deductible when not reimbursed.
- Cash contributions
- Cost of raising a Guide Dog Puppy
- The fair market value of property and materials donated to 4H

Generally, out of pocket expenses and property donations are deductible as contributions. These must be incurred in connection with service to 4H and the record should be kept which includes the date of the donation and the amount of the fair market value of the goods contributed. Always keep all receipts and cancelled checks to support your contributions. You may not claim the value of your volunteer services, time or cost of transporting or paying expenses for your own child. For more information consult with you tax advisor.

Great Websites!

Want to have fun learning and practicing skills learned at school? Check out funbrain.com! Also, if you are looking for lots of great craft ideas you might want to visit www.makingfriends.com or www.kidsdomain.com.

McCall Pattern Company

S E W F O R S F U N



The new Spring 2005 Sew for Fun pattern packet is now available. All sewing project leaders and members should check out the new spring styles and patterns!

4H 2007 Calendar

National 4H Supply Service wants to know how you think 4H benefits America, and your story could be used in the 2007 National 4H Calendar. The theme is "How 4H Benefits America". It will be up to the 4H members, volunteers, parents, staff and partners to furnish the stories that will be featured.



One story for each month will be featured in the calendar and the author will receive one \$10 gift certificate towards a future purchase in the 4H Source Book. Please limit your entry to 125 words. Submission deadline is April 30th, 2005. Mail stories to:

Maria Cascioli
National 4H Supply Service
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
mcascioli@fourhcouncil.edu

29th Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day March 4th-5th, 2005 UC Davis

Field Day consists of 27 judging events and leadership contests. More information available at

<http://ca4h.org/projresource/aesfd/index.asp>

4H You See Davis Days April 14-16th, 2005

This three day, activity-filled event is an opportunity for participants to experience college life at UC Davis. Registration forms due March 31st, 2005 and may be found at: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/>

Shooting Sports Project Video

An online PowerPoint slide show has been put together that answers many of the questions leaders often have regarding the shooting sports project. To access the information visit: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>. Once you have entered the site, click on the bar labeled "California 4H Shooting Sports Program Orientation Slide Show."

Dairy Cattle Curriculum

Would you like to be part of a nationwide pilot test for the new 4H cooperative Curriculum System's Dairy Cattle Curriculum? Activities can be downloaded at: www.n4hccs.org. Click on "2005" pilot materials" in the left column and look for the dairy cattle project. For more information call the 4H office.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

National Family Volunteer Awards: Family Matters, a national program of the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network is accepting nominations for the National Family Volunteer Awards recognizing outstanding family volunteering activities performed at any time throughout the past year. See Points of Light Foundation website for complete program information and nomination guidelines: <http://pointsoflight.org>. Deadline for nominations is March 4th, 2005.

"Reach For the Stars" a statewide campaign to promote energy efficiency in rural communities seeks 20 well-established community groups to share information about the ways people can help the environment and save money by reducing energy consumption and purchasing energy efficient appliances and materials. For further information or an application packet contact Suzane Henerson at shenderson@rs-e.com or call (916) 446-9900.

2005 Girls Going Places Scholarship Program:
The Guardian Life Insurance Company of

America has announced the launch of the 2005 Girls Going Places Scholarship Program, a national competition that recognizes and rewards entrepreneurial between the ages of 12-18. Complete information and nomination forms available at <http://www.girlsgoingplaces.com>. Nominations due February 25th, 2005.

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes: The Barron Prize recognizes young people ages 8-18 in the US and Canada who have shown leadership and courage in service to people and our planet. Visit www.barronprize.org for more information. Nomination deadline is April 30th, 2005.

Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program: The group is now accepting applications and will offer more than \$50,000 to California college or graduating high school students currently attending California institutions. Applications must be in by March 25th, 2005. For more information and to download an application, please visit the California State Fair website at www.bigfun.org.

“5 Presentation” Award

The Yuba and Sutter County 4H Council sponsor an award for every member who gives a total of five presentations during the 4H year (July 1st -June 30th). The presentation requirements form is included in this issue of Clover Chatter.

Now is the perfect time to start. There are still opportunities to give a county level presentation. You can meet a requirement for your star rank, meet your fair eligibility requirement and start earning a “5 Presentation” pin for your hat! “5 Presentation” pins are awarded at Achievement Night in October.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Symbols of 4H

The 4H Creed

I believe in 4H work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the dignity it will give me to be helpful, useful and skillful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease and to work efficiently.

I believe in my World, my Country, my State and my Community and in my responsibilities for their development.

In all these things I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

