



Colusa County 4-H News

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS: (Starting in September)

- Arbuckle 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- Colusa 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette’s Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa
- Maxwell 4-H – 1st Wednesday, 6:00pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room
- Princeton 4-H – 2nd Monday, 6:00pm, Princeton High School multipurpose room
- Stonyford 4-H – 2nd Sunday, 4:00pm, Town Hall
- Williams 4-H – 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Veteran’s Hall (9th & C Street)
- 4-H Council – 3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

OCTOBER 2009

CALENDAR:

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- 1-31 Year of Science 2009: Geosciences and Planet Earth
- 3 Sectional Council meeting, Shasta County UCCE Office
- 4-10 2009 National 4-H Week
- 5 Colusa County Fair premium book changes due to 4-H Office
- 5 CARCD Speak-Off Contest Applications due
- 6 New Leader Certification, 6:30 – 8:00pm, CIP Conference Room, RSVP
- 7 Maxwell Achievement Night, 6:00pm, Maxwell Elementary Multi-purpose Room
- 7 4-H National Youth Science Day
- 7 CARCD Speak-Off Contest, 7:00pm, CIP Conference Room
- 11 Stonyford Achievement Night, 4:00pm, Stonyford Town Hall
- 12 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 12 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette’s Hall
- 12 Princeton Achievement Night, 6:30pm, Princeton High Multi-purpose Room
- 19 Arbuckle Achievement Night, 6:30pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 20 Williams Achievement Night, 6:30pm, Veteran’s Hall
- 23 State 4-H Record Book Competition – BOOKS DUE
- 24 State 4-H Equine Field Day, 9:45am – 3:30pm, UC Davis
- 26 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room – All Leaders & Jr/Teen Leaders

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- 2 4-H Home Ec Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room – All Leaders & Jr/Teen Leaders
- 6-8 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum, Asilomar
- 11 Veteran’s Day Holiday – UCCE Office closed
- 16 FINAL New Leader Certification, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room, RSVP
- 18 Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday – UCCE Office closed

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NORTH SECTION 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

Shasta County Cooperative Extension
1851 Hartnell Ave, Redding CA 96002
Phone: 530-224-4900

Email: pdweliver@ucdavis.edu or
nosec4hcouncil@yahoo.com.

For directions please use your gps, google map, or see Shasta County's website at <http://ceshasta.ucdavis.edu/>.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided by Shasta County, the host of this meeting.

UNCLEARED COUNCIL CHECKS

Beginning this program year any checks received from Council that have not been cashed by the end of the program year (August 31st) they are issued will be considered a donation back to the Council's general fund. There has been too much time and effort expended by our volunteer treasurer keeping record of these items. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

RURAL YOUTH LOANS

Rural Youth Loans are available through the Farm Service Agency. Loans are made available to youth age 10-20 to finance income-producing ag-related educational projects. See your local Farm Service Agency.

THE STATE 4-H EQUINE FIELD DAY

The State 4-H Equine Field Day at UC Davis on Saturday, October 24, 2009 has just been confirmed! There will be speakers from UCD and surrounding areas. Early registration will be due Friday, October 16th. More information, the flyer and registration form is online at the state 4-H web site at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/#2>.



YOU MAKE IT CRAFTS EXPO

Saturday, November 7, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Auburn Fairgrounds, Armory bldg. For details go to <http://ceplacervevada.ucdavis.edu> calendar event, click on calendar event to send

you a reminder. This is a fun, easy way to have a craft project day all taken care of for the year. No fuss or bother for leaders except to take a carload of kids to Auburn and come home with an armload of finished crafts for gift giving and exhibiting at the Fair. For about \$20 you can do 4-6 items.

SAVE THE DATE:

2010 LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY

January 10, 2010

Colusa County Fairgrounds, Barn area

2010 PRESENTATION DAY

January 2010, (day TBA)

Stonyford 4-H will host at Indian Valley School.

2010 HOME EC REVIEW

March 13, 2010

Princeton 4-H will host at Princeton High School.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

The Colusa County 4-H Livestock Committee comprised of adult leaders and Jr/Teen Leaders will meet Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room. Chairman Terry Bressler has set the date of the Livestock Field Day as Sunday, January 10, 2010. This meeting is to plan this event and consider other livestock topics. All leaders, and Jr/Teen Leaders are asked to attend.

HOME EC COMMITTEE MEETING

The Home Ec Committee will have its annual meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room. All adult leaders and Jr/Teen Leaders in non livestock projects should attend to plan the Home Ec Review and consider other non livestock projects topics.

FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

Anyone interested in making changes in the 4-H section of the Colusa County Fair premium book must get them to Liz Dawley by Monday, October 5th.

MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

At the recent Council meeting it was agreed to suspend the Ed and Josie Mattingly Memorial Livestock Loan this year. In the past two years there have been three outstanding loans still to be repaid. This loan will not be given until the three loans have been paid back. These unpaid loans have seriously reduced the money available to future members.

MAKE IT YOURSELF WITH WOOL CONTEST

The Make It Yourself With Wool Competition is requesting those who enjoy sewing and knitting projects to enter in a district contest near you, planned for October and early November. Winners will compete in state finals. If you are interested in participating, you may download a contest entry form [here](#), a national competition brochure is available [here](#), and specific contacts for the California contests are listed [here](#). Please contact Julie Castillo at calif.wool@gmail.com for additional questions.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day is the nation's largest day of doing good. Americans are asked to devote the fourth Saturday of October (**October 24, 2009**) to helping others. It is a day where organizations (such as 4-H) join together to clean up their communities, mentor children, repair parks or community facilities, help the elderly and touch many lives. This would be a good time for any of our local 4-H Clubs to do a community service.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

4-H Clubs, Camps, and After School programs are preparing to engage 4-H and other youth in the 2009 4-H National Youth Science Day on October 7! Test your science skills in the 2009 4-H national Youth Science Experiment - "Biofuel Blast" - where youth can engage in the important environmental issues our global

community faces together and the opportunity available for a greener tomorrow. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/>

CARCD SPEAK-OFF CONTEST

Looking for new opportunities to gain experience in public speaking? The Colusa County Resource Conservation District will be participating in the 2009 California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Annual Speak-Off Contest, and we want high school students to participate! This year's topic is "The RCD's role in the protection of ground water through urban, agricultural & environmental planning". So if you are interested in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment, and in the 9th – 12th grade then this is the contest to participate in. Show off your talents by speaking at the local, regional, or maybe even State level by competing among your own peers. Local competition will be held on October 7th at the CIP Conference Room at 7:00pm. Continuing competitors will speak will speak at the Sacramento Valley Region RCD meeting on November 3rd at Greylodge, and finally if chosen at the regional level, you will have the opportunity to represent your school, RCD and County at the CARCD annual meeting in Squaw Valley. **Applications are due by October 5th**. For more information and application, please contact Patti Turner at 458-2931 x101.

STATE LEADERS FORUM

"4-H Past, Present, Future"

This highly recommended conference for 4-H volunteers, held at Asilomar, Pacific Grove is Friday-Sunday noon, Nov. 6-8, 2009. You'll learn new skills,, network with volunteers and staff from other counties, and enjoy the restful atmosphere of the retreat by the sea. Scholarships and transportation are available. Go to: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/nsection>.



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 4-10, 2009 is National 4-H Week! How will you spread the word about 4-H and what it does in your community? School talks, window displays, and articles in your local newspaper are a few simple ways to spread the word about 4-H. Form a National 4-H Week committee in your club and spread the word!



Any 4-H club or group that plans to have a window display during National 4-H Week needs to contact the 4-H Office in order to be judged. The theme this year is "Meet the Future" Windows should include the theme, invite new members/leaders and share meeting and project information. For more information on National 4-H Week check out the tool box at the National 4-H Website, <http://4-h.org/brandnetwork/4hweektoolkit.html>.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COURSES

The Training Request Form can be found at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>

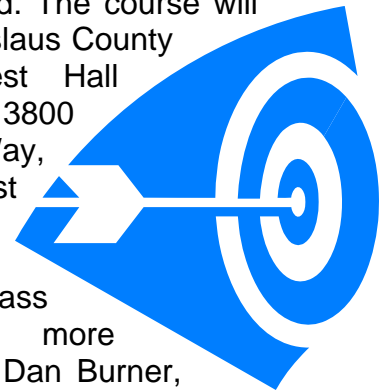
• Shotgun Discipline

A shotgun trainer course will be held 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25 at the Ukiah Gun Club, in Mendocino County. Upon successful completion of the two-day course, participants will be certified as 4-H leader trainers, and will be eligible to serve as shooting sports project leaders, as well as instruct and certify other volunteers in the discipline of shotgun. Cost for the course is \$30, which includes shotgun shells, clay targets, continental breakfast and lunch both days, and class materials. Teen Leaders may attend, with a participating adult volunteer. Limited camping space is available, contact John Holder for arrangements. The course will be limited to twenty (20) participants. You must be an appointed 4-H volunteer or member to attend this training. Send Training Request Form with fees payable to "Mendocino County 4-H Council" to UCCE 4-H Shotgun, 890 North Bush Street, Ukiah CA 95482. For more registration information, contact Linda Edgington (707) 463-4495 or

lgedgington@ucdavis.edu. If you have questions regarding the course or facility, contact the instructor, John Holder at (707) 485-8445 or bearhunt56@hotmail.com.

• Archery Discipline

A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in Modesto, CA on Saturday, November 7, 8 AM - 4 PM and Sunday, November 8, 8 AM - 2 PM. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. The course will be held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall Room E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto. The cost will be \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and class materials. For more information, contact Dan Burner, dan_burner@yahoo.com or 209-874-2732 (evenings). Training Request Form and Fees are due by October 23 and can be submitted to Dan Burner, P.O. Box 829, Waterford, CA 95386.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- MACY REAMER • CHARISMA OWEN •
- ROMAIA DELAROSA • SARAH MARSH •
- JULES KING • MEGAN MANN • MOIRA
- SIBLEY • AUDREY PERDUE • PRESTON
- SMITH • CATRINA STIRLING •
- DUSTIN CODER • ALEXIA PRICE •
- ALYSSA RIOS • LANE WORLEY • ROD
- ANGUS • JAKE DRIVER • CONNOR
- HERRICK • CAITLIN VACA • ANI KNOX
- AUSTIN ALVERNANZ • ADAM CUTTER •
- MARIAH CORONA • MAUREEN
- LAGRANDE • OSCAR COLSA-VALENCIA
- THERESA LAGRANDE • TARRA
- EDWARDS • KAYLA BERNARD •
- KASSIDY TALBOT • LAUREN LAGRANDE
- NILAH PEARSON • CIERA GREEN •
- DEVIN LEE • RYLEE CODER •
- BRANDON CARLSEN • JESSICA HICKEL

FACILITY USE PERMITS

Remember these facility use permits need to be in place to use buildings or grounds for 4-H meetings and events. Only the County Director may sign them. For any club, project and 4-H event a request needs to be processed as soon as possible for this 4-H year. Simply bring them to the 4-H Office and we will complete the necessary paperwork to insure that your members are insured.

EMERALD STAR

Considering earning your Emerald Star?



Applications are due November 1, 2009 and are available from your Key Leader or the 4-H Office. Remember to use the Colusa County 4-H specific PDR for this year as an additional set of activities are required as well as a community service project.

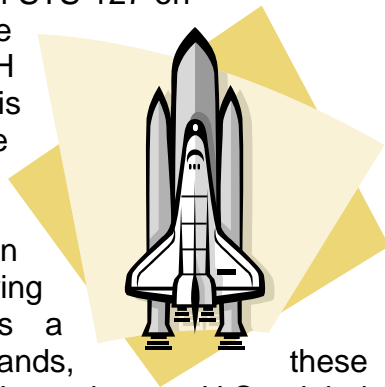
STATE RECORD BOOKS

Senior members are eligible to submit their Record Books in the State 4-H Record Book competition. Record Books are due to the 4-H office on October 23. For more information about the State 4-H Record Book competition, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition.asp>.

SET NEWS

NASA Space Shuttle Endeavor took a 4-H flag into space on Mission STS-127 on 7/15/09.

“The inclusion of the 4-H flag on this mission is reflective of the commitment 4-H has to building young leaders in science, engineering and technology. As a global economy expands, these leaders will strengthen the U.S. global competitiveness and leadership in these field”, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.



ARBUCKLE ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Arbuckle 4-H will have their regular club meeting Monday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. The next week their Achievement Night will be held at 6:30 on Monday, October 19th with a dessert potluck to follow the awards assembly. There will also be a design contest that night sponsored by the leadership group. The winning design chosen will be made into t-shirts, so please bring your design with you or your ideas and create one that evening.

COLUSA SWINE MEETINGS

The Colusa Swine meetings are scheduled for:

- November 18, 2009
- January 20, 2010
- March 17, 2010

They will be held at the Colusa School District Office at 745 Tenth Street and will be from 5:30 – 6:30pm. If you have questions please call Shannon Laux at 713-7114 or Heather Hamilton at 300-7229.

CLUB AND PROJECT REPORTS

MAXWELL CLUB REPORT

Submitted by: Maureen LaGrande

The Maxwell 4-H Club held their first meeting for the 2009-10 year on Wednesday, September 2nd. It is going to prove to be another active and exciting year! We will once again be doing community service by cleaning up after the Maxwell High School Football games. “Meet the Future” is the theme for National 4-H Week and numerous members volunteered to create a window display. Members also volunteered for the phone tree committee and are ready to keep everyone posted on all our events. We are already preparing for our annual Christmas wreath fundraiser which has some new wreaths to choose from this year. We finished off the meeting by writing Christmas notes to our military soldier’s with cards sponsored by the Glenn-Colusa Cattlewomen. Achievement Night will be the highlight of our next meeting, to be held October 7th.

COLUSA CLUB MEETING

Submitted by: Haley Leue'

President Jessica Bugni called Colusa's first meeting/sign-ups to order at 7:02pm. on August 24th 2009. First off, we introduced this year's officers.

President- Jessica Bugni

Vice President- James Swiggum

Secretary/Treasure- Haley Leue'

Historian- Cheyenne Laux and Andrea Thomas

Sergent of Arms- Shane Saso, Alex Bailey, Matthew Steidlmayer, Amanda Thomas, Cole Schreiner, Garrett Hamilton, Zackary Vaillancourt and Dylan Heidrick.

James Swiggum reported on our future exhibit booth at the fair. Our ice-breaker was red light green light. President Jessica Bugni explained the new sign-up forms. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm. Then we started the sign-ups. Our next meeting was September 14th at 7:00pm.

ARBUCKLE CLUB REPORT

Submitted by: Mary Marsh

The Arbuckle 4H Club is off to a great start. We held our first meeting on Monday September 14. New officers leading the way included Ali Ornbaun as President, Anastasia Cristler as Vice-President, Hilary Brainard as Recording Secretary, Caitlyn Murphy as

Historian, Sarah Driver as Attendance and Corresponding Secretary, Molly Doherty as Treasurer, Mary Marsh as Reporter, and Riley Voorhees, Colt Ornbaun and Cody Murphy serving the club as Sergeants-at-Arms.

After Key Leader Adrian Murphy explained some of the responsibilities and expectations of 4H members and their families, leaders tempted the members with details about the exciting projects available to 4H members in Arbuckle. One intriguing new offering was Primitive Cooking featuring solar cooking and other low-tech, power-free methods. BBQ Cooking was also a new option 4H'ers had to choose from. Officers were put to work assisting with applications, taking fees, passing out receipts and alphabetizing completed applications for easier processing. The feedback on having partially completed applications available to the returning members was good, although it still took a very careful going-over to catch all the details that needed updating.

Several Arbuckle members had just returned from the WHY Conference hosted by Glenn County up at Camp Tehama. The WHY workshops were great! My favorite was Container Gardens and I brought home some very cool cacti to plant.

INFORMATION FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE:

FOR STATE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES GO TO: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hinfo/calendar/>

"What's in YOUR Closet?" the **4-H State Fashion Revue**, will be Saturday, **May 29, 2010** as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. For counties and families planning their calendars, online registration will be due by May 10. Be sure to pick up a copy of Simplicity pattern # 4762, which is our Challenge Vest pattern. All 4-H members and adults are encouraged to participate in a new service activity, Hats Off for Kindness. Create a soft hat for a cancer patient by sewing, knitting, or crocheting. Please leave off floppy flowers, hard edges or attachments. For pattern ideas check out <http://brimmingwithlove.com/patterns.html>. All hat makers are invited to model their creations on stage before the SFR fashion show, but if you are a SFR participant you'll need a substitute model. We hope to collect at least 250 hats. For Hats Off information contact Rachael Gross at kandragross@sbcglobal.net. For State Fashion Revue information, contact Sue Moore samoore@ucdavis.edu or see <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

My Own Book (www.myownbook.net) is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the joy of reading. It was started three years ago and now distributes over 24,000 books nationwide to less fortunate children. We'd like to see 4-H clubs and groups across the state involved in the My Own Book project. If you are interested for your club, let us know. We can supply books to hand out as well as ideas for a year of fun with members of all ages. This is a great way to reach out to other children in the community. Please contact Brady and Kyle Baldwin at kyleandbrady@myownbook.net for more information.

INFORMATION FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE CONTINUED:

The **Junior Master Gardener program** has offered a Recognition Certificate for JMG groups to earn this fall. The certification will be in **Building a Vegetable Garden**. Students will experience hands-on learning as they participate in all aspects of gardening. There is no cost to register your JMG group. If you are in need of a Level One JMG Teacher Guide, you can start register and order one by visiting <http://67.59.137.247/index.cfm?did=2035§ionID=2017>

The California **4-H Youth Development Program** offers inexpensive **curriculum** for 4-H volunteer leaders and members through ANR Communication Services. Please check out the catalog on-line at: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/>. Browse through the collection by clicking on 4-H Youth Development in the "Browse Menu" to the left. Items can be ordered on-line.

A free professional development training opportunity is available for those involved with youth development programs focusing on healthy living concepts. The two-day trainings, "**Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: A Centerpiece for a Healthy School Environment**" will be held in several location across California. You may visit: <http://www.lifelab.org/ffv.php> to register today. Click [here](#) for the full training flyer. For any questions, contact Deborah Beall at dbeall@cde.ca.gov.

Dates have been set for the **2010 Citizenship Focus Program**. Come participate in hands-on programs that bring government and policy issues to life and help you get involved in your own community.

California Focus June 25-29, 2010

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>

Washington Focus I

Road to Democracy, June 27-July 5, 2010

Heritage Trail, I June 27-July 3, 2009

Washington Focus II

Global Journey, July 11-21, 2010

Heritage Trail II, July 11-17, 2010

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dfocus/>

For more information, contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

The **California International Exchange Program** will offer **outbound programs** to Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan during the summer of 2009. Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 2010**. An interview with the California 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, Pat English, is required. For more information contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program** is currently seeking applications to nominate and recognize 4-H members in grades 5-12 for their volunteer activities in the last year. 4-H participants may apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. The access key for applications is: **spirit**. Top high school and middle level volunteers will receive silver medallions, \$1,000 awards and a trip to Washington, D.C. All applications must be completed, printed out, signed and submitted to your county 4-H office by **November 2, 2009**.

Zine-a-thon Contest: Tell an entire science story in art and text on a single 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper folded to make a mini-magaZINE. You can zine about anything in science -- from pigeons to earthquakes to neutrinos as long as they are aligned with one of the Year of Science themes. One top zine contributor will receive a \$500 grand prize and two will receive \$250. **Zines are due November 1, 2009**. More information is available at <http://www.yearofscience2009.org/about/zine-contest.html>

An updated online and searchable **4-H Handbook** was released on July 1, 2009. You can find it on the California 4-H Website. You can expect additional support documents throughout the year. Here are three new enhancements:

- Electronic Check Conversion Frequently Asked Questions ([link](#)) - provides an overview of the electronic check conversion process and how to review monthly bank statements that contain checks that have been electronically converted.
- 4-H YDP Petting Zoos and Interactive Animal Displays Frequently Asked Questions ([link](#))- provides answers to safety resources and insurance coverage for these activities.
- 4-H YDP Shooting Sports Handbook ([link](#))- provides updated guidance to the 4-H YDP shooting sports project and activities.

Youth Garden Grants offers awards for schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. The National Garden Association helps youth learn vital life lessons from working in gardens and habitats. Priority is given to programs that emphasize: nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and the social aspects of gardening. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years. Applications are due by **November 2, 2009**. For more information, please visit <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

The Afterschool Alliance is extending an invitation to everyone interested in supporting the positive work and impact of afterschool programs for our youth. This is the **10th annual Lights On Afterschool event**, planned for **October 22, 2009**. When registering you will receive posters, events tips and helpful information to make this day a success for your afterschool program. You may visit: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaHostEvent.cfm> to register today.



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