



## Colusa County 4-H News

### MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

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

**DECEMBER 2009**

### CALENDAR:

#### DECEMBER 2009

- 2 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:00pm, Maxwell Elementary Multi-purpose Room
- 4-6 State 4-H Record Book Competition, UC Davis (2,7)
- 13 Stonyford Club Meeting, 4:00pm, Town Hall
- 14 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 14 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 14 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton High Multi-purpose Room
- 15 No Williams Club Meeting in December
- 24-1/4 Christmas and New Years Holiday – UCCE Office closed

#### JANUARY 2010

- 1 New Years Day Holiday – UCCE Office closed
- 6 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:00pm, Maxwell Elementary Multi-purpose Room
- 10 Sheep/Goat Field Day, Freed home, 2458 East Camp Rd. Williams
- 10 Stonyford Club Meeting, 4:00pm, Town Hall
- 11 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 11 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 11 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton High Multi-purpose Room
- 15 Due: Presentation Day Registration to 4-H Office
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – UCCE Office closed
- 19 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall
- 20 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference room
- 20 Colusa Swine Meeting, 5:30-6:30, Colusa District Office (4)
- 23 Presentation Day, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Indian Valley School (3,6,7)
- 30 CSUChico Swine Day, 8:00am, CSU Chico Swine Unit
- 31 Swine Field Day, 10:00am, Sankey Barn, 7437 Moon Bend, Colusa  
(This will be changed to 3/28 if it rains on 1/30)

**HAVE A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



## LIVESTOCK FIELD DAYS

At the October 26<sup>th</sup> Livestock Committee meeting leaders and members decided to hold separate days for each specie at leaders' homes. Members are encouraged to attend all the field days, especially their own project specie day. Be equipped with pencil/pen and something to write on when you attend. Directions and details will be in the January newsletter.

- Jan. 10 Sheep/Goat Field Day
- Jan. 31 Swine Field Day
- TBA in Jan. Avian/Rabbit/Horse
- Feb. 28 Beef/Dairy (9am-12pm)

CSUChico educational days are beginning with Swine Day at 8:00am with Registration and Preview, then Key Note Speaker at 9:00am and Educational Workshops at 10:00am. Lunch at 12:00pm and the Sale will begin at 1:00pm. Located at the CSU, Chico Swine Unit (311 N.C.Schouten Lane, Chico). For more information go to their website at [www.thepigpage.com/chicostate](http://www.thepigpage.com/chicostate).

The dates for all educational days are:

- Jan. 30 Swine Day
- Feb. 13 Sheep/Goat Day
- Feb. 20 Beef Day (producers only)
- Mar. 27 Project Lamb & Goat Mgt Clinic for youth 9:00am – 2:00pm

All CSUC educational days are well worth your time and recommended to attend.

## VOLUNTEER LEADER WEBSITE

The state volunteer leader website is a new, interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. Features: sections change monthly, 4-H blog, and updates in the program. Please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share to: [fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu).

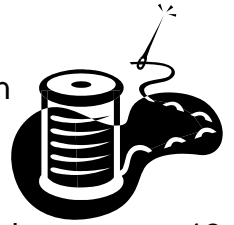
## JOEL SCHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

The Joel Scherer Memorial Livestock Loan has transferred from Arbuckle to the management of the Colusa County 4-H Council with the approval of his family. The loan advisor, Mrs. Kathy Sankey is announcing the availability of loans to Colusa County 4-H Livestock

members beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 7, 2010. Information packets are available by phoning 458-0570.

## HOME EC COMMITTEE

The leaders and Jr/Teen Leaders of non-livestock projects met November 2<sup>nd</sup> to plan the year. The Home Ec Review will be Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Princeton High School. New this year members may enter one food item and two other categories. Clothing members may enter all Fashion Revue categories and one other category. Also new, all non-food entries may be stand alone items or table settings. Registration packets will distributed at the January 20, 2010 Council meeting. All registrations are due Friday, February 19, 2009.



## YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS IMPORTANT

Your email address is requested on your enrollment form and checking your mail routinely is critical to being informed of 4-H news and events. More now than ever information is being sent via email and the internet. This method has saved a great deal of staff time and your tax dollars on supplies. Thank you for your cooperation in this endeavor. Questions may be sent to [erdawley@ucdavis.edu](mailto:erdawley@ucdavis.edu).

## 2010 GRAND NATIONAL STOCK SHOW

The 2010 Junior Grand National Stock Show will be held April 7-11, 2010. More information is at [www.cowpalace.com](http://www.cowpalace.com)

Ownership requirements:

- Breeding stock – 30 days (by March 9)
- Market beef - 120 days (by Dec. 9)
- Mkt. Swine/Sheep/Goats – 60 days (by Feb. 9)
- Mkt. Rabbits – 30 days (by March 9)

The stock show also offers **non-livestock divisions** such as educational displays, speech contest, multi-media displays, etc. Details are in the online premium book available in January.

## WINDOW DISPLAY RESULTS

The results are as follows –

Maxwell = Gold  
Williams = Blue  
Arbuckle = Blue  
Colusa (Swine Group) = Gold  
Colusa (Citizenship Group) = Blue  
Stonyford = Blue



## GET YOUR PRESENTATION READY

Start planning now to give a presentation at Colusa County 4-H Presentation Day **January 23, 2010**. Usually everyone is very busy then with extra work. First, find a subject in which you are very interested, perhaps one of your projects, then prepare your posters, write your

talk and practice. If you would like some information about how to give a demonstration and tips on some topics, please stop by the UCCE, Colusa office (4-H).

## CALIFORNIA 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Come explore...travel with 4-H youth from across the U.S. and live with a native host family during your stay. Have the support of a chaperone from 4-H during the exchange to:

### COSTA RICA

Who: 4-H youth 15-19 (must turn 15 by date of travel)

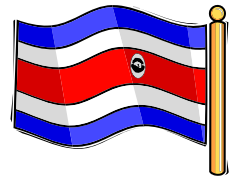
When: June 19 – July 17, 2010

Cost: Approx. \$1400 plus airfare

Due: February 1<sup>st</sup> – App. and \$600 deposit

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Airfare (approx. \$800-1200)

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Remaining balance



### JAPAN

Who: 4-H youth 14-18 (must turn 14 by date of travel)

When: July 7 – August 5, 2010 for the 4 week program (there is also an 8 week program)

Cost: Approx. \$3300 – \$4100

Due: February 1<sup>st</sup> – App. and \$600 deposit

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Airfare (non-refundable)

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Remaining balance

### AUSTRALIA

Who: 4-H youth 16-19 (must turn 16 by date of travel)

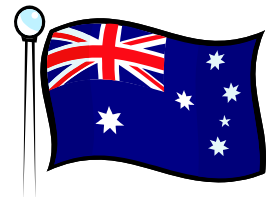
When: June 16 – July 15, 2010

Cost: Approx. \$2600 plus airfare

Due: February 1<sup>st</sup> – App. and \$600 deposit

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Airfare (Approx. \$2000-2500)

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Remaining balance



For more information on all these opportunities contact Pat English, California 4-H International Exchange Coordinator at 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu)

## **COLUSA WELDING**

Introduction to welding will be held at Boggs Engineering Shop (3134 River Rd., Colusa) and will include:



fundamentals of welding, gas, brazing, cutting arc, mig, tig on steal. Welding members will make a small project at the end of welding course. You will be contacted in December for the date and time of instructional class prior to the shop class dates.

The shop dates will be:

Jan. 16, 2010 at 9am – 12pm

Jan. 23, 2010 at 9am – 12pm

Jan. 30, 2010 at 9am – 12pm and 1pm – 4pm

And make up date of Feb. 6, 2010

Needed materials for members to provide:

1. Safety glasses – clear & shade #5 for welding & cutting 287.1
2. Long sleeve denim shirt
3. Long pants
4. Boots – not tennis shoes
5. Leather gloves

For any questions please contact Eric Anderson at 530-237-6586 after 4pm Monday-Friday and all day Saturday.

## **ATTENTION POULTRY LEADERS AND MEMBERS**

Dr. Francine Bradley's time has been reduced to 50% and is restricting her efforts to Poultry Health Inspection (PHI), Game Fowl Health Assurance (GFHA) and statewide 4-H Poultry Programs. She has moved and is no longer in Davis. Her address is:

Francine A. Bradley, Ph.D.

Extension Poultry Specialist

1775 East Palm Canyon Dr. Suite 110-129

Palm Springs, CA 92264

There will not be an Avian Science Day in 2009, perhaps in 2010, but Dr. Bradley's 4-H efforts will begin in January and the Avian Bowl and Egg Prep Qualifiers later in the spring.

## **2010 WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS' FORUM**

The 2010 WRLF is March 11-14<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The best rate for registration is due Dec. 15, 2009. Forum website is <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/>

Conference rate for rooms at the Hyatt Regency Hotel is available until Feb. 10, 2010 by calling 402-592-6464 or 888-421-1442. This is an enjoyable educational experience full of workshops, teen activities, tours and souvenirs to enhance your 4-H teaching.

## **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.

## **CPPA YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

California Pork Ambassador Program is looking for a youth ambassador between the ages of 18-21 to promote California Pork Producers and the swine industry at various events throughout the year. The successful candidate will receive a plaque and a \$500 scholarship. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2009. For more information please contact the 4-H Office.

## **BILL SILVEIRA SCHOLARSHIP**

The Silveira Scholarship Fund was established to help cultivate future CPPA and agriculture industry leaders and has helped pork producers who are pursuing a college education with financial assistance. For application and necessary criteria please contact the 4-H Office. Application due by December 31, 2009.

## **LOANER GILT PROGRAM AND PIG SHOW SCHOLARSHIP**

The Directors of the CPPA and CPPA Swine Improvement Committee are promoting interaction between the leaders of today and those of tomorrow by providing junior members with either a high quality purebred gilt's for a period of one year or a high quality show pig for their county fair. For a list of requirements please contact the 4-H Office. Both deadlines are December 31, 2009.

## **FFA/4-H/GRANGE/CDFA**

### **AGREEMENT**

All 4-H families are reminded of the agreement among FFA, 4-H, Grange and California Department of Food and Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions. It is agreed that when a youth belongs to more than one organization, or exhibits as an independent, he/she must carry a different project/crop in each organization/independent. For example a beef project in FFA and a sheep project in 4-H would be acceptable since these two projects are different species and produce a different commodity, but a beef breeding project in FFA and a beef market project in 4-H would not be acceptable, even if they are different breeds.

Additionally, a member of FFA, Grange, 4-H or independent may transfer projects from on organization/independent to another only once during a calendar year. All transfers must include official notification by the member to the organization involved. For a complete copy of the agreement send a request to your local organization.

## **CLUB AND PROJECT REPORTS**

### **HO! HO! HO!**

Submitted by Maureen LaGrande  
Christmas has found its way early into the hearts and minds of the members of the Maxwell 4-H Club. Hands flew up fast when volunteer committee chairpersons were needed for the annual Canned Food, Coat, and Toy-4-Tots Drives. Parents always volunteer to assist the committees willingly, as well, and we thank them for their support. Please remember to bring your donations, for each Drive, to the next Club Meeting, if you wish to participate.

The football season is coming to an end and everyone who helped out on game nights, to clean up, did a great job! What teamwork! Bryce Perry is continuing to collect items for the Adopt-A-Troop program so please help him out any way you can.

We were informed that the Livestock Judging Day event has changed to separate days for



each of the different livestock projects. Remember to change your calendars and keep checking for dates for each of your individual project's judging day.

Thanks to the refreshment committee for ending our meeting on a sweet note. We all look forward to our treat at the end of the night and we appreciate everyone who volunteers.

### **MAXWELL SWINE MEETING**

Submitted by: Nilah Pearson

Today I along with other 4-H members attended a swine meeting at Dawn Lee's house. We went over pig breeds, parts of the pig, and ear notching. Since we were split up in groups, my job as a junior leader was to lead my group to the three different stations, help them out, and make sure they were also having fun. I had a lot of fun and I want to help out a lot next time.

### **ARBUCKLE CLUB REPORT**

Submitted by: Mary Marsh

At the November meeting of the Arbuckle 4H Club, Ashleigh Ehrke won the tee shirt/sweat shirt design contest hosted by the Leadership/Citizenship group. She will receive a tee shirt and a sweat shirt featuring her winning design. The rest of us will be able to purchase one with profits being used for leadership conference fees and expenses.

Molly Doherty reported that we collected over \$90 for breast cancer at our last meeting. Canned goods for the Colusa County Food Basket Association were collected and we heard many project reports. It does not surprise me how many good speakers we have in our club! President Alison Ornbaun talked the group through our bylaws and requirements for participating in the county fair. For those with a sweet tooth, check out the pie sale at the Arbuckle Food Center beginning at 9am the day before Thanksgiving. Come early because I heard they sold out by 11am last year!

Wear your craziest hat to our December club meeting and bring a parent because Key Leader Adrian Murphy will be going over Presentation tips and requirements.

## **ARBUCKLE BEGINNING 4-H**

Submitted by: Halle Charter

The Arbutle Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 1<sup>st</sup> grade 4-H met on October 13. We cooked eggs, pancakes, toast and oatmeal. Pancakes were hard to cook because they took the longest. It was hard to flip them. Sometimes they got messed up. We had a feast at the end. It was really fun.

## **ARBUCKLE JMG**

This month's Junior Master gardening meeting was all about the acorns. We identified and talked about the different types of oak trees. Our group gathered acorns and decided what kinds of oak trees they were from. We measured the trees with a pencil, by going backwards with a pencil until the whole tree was inside the pencil. Then, we turned the pencil to the side and had a person walk to the side until they fitted in the pencil as well. With a yardstick, we measured the area between the tree and the other person. Next, we planted the acorns in buckets and watered them. While we were waiting for our parents to show up, we smashed acorns in an Indian grindstone. It was a very fun meeting.



## **MAXWELL HORSE GROUP**

Submitted by: Kaily McKinley

On Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> the horse group had a Halloween Spooktacular. There was a costume contest with 3 categories: prettiest, funniest, scariest and one for the best overall winner. Everybody had very creative costumes and worked hard on them. Bailey Morral won prettiest, Anne Jarrett won funniest, and Theresa LaGrande won scariest. After the costume contest we saddled our horses and started warming up for the other events which included speed barrels, keyhole, ribbon race, flag race, egg and the spoon race and a trail obstacle course. We got participation awards and the winners of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the events also got a prize. The prizes included halters, fly masks, brushes, grain scoops and many more! The day was so much fun and I hope we can do it again!

## **THE RESULTS! MAXWELL WINDOW DISPLAY**

Submitted by: Theresa LaGrande

We won GOLD! We won \$10.00 for the Club! Thanks to the committee, myself, Maureen LaGrande, Hannah Azevedo, Nilah Pearson, Wyatt Perry, and Hailey Traynham. The committee is very happy their hard work paid off and Cy Hawkins Insurance Agency was pleased we decorated their window. They wish to keep Bryce's stuffed raccoon for a while longer, because it is a good conversation piece.



## **LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING**

Submitted by: Bryce Perry

On October 26<sup>th</sup> I along with Taylor and Nilah attended the Livestock Leaders Meeting as Junior Leaders for Maxwell beef and swine groups, my mom attended as the Maxwell beef leader and Doris attended. There was a lot of discussion on the Livestock Judging Day. It had originally been scheduled for January 10, 2010. This year instead of having one big judging day covering each species there will be individual judging days. There will be a beef & dairy day, a swine day, a sheep & goat day, a horse day and the rabbits & avian will probably be together. Each 4-H member will have to attend the judging day for each livestock project they are enrolled in. The dates and locations for each judging day should come out in the December Newsletter because they were not all set that night.

## **HOME EC LEADERS MEETING**

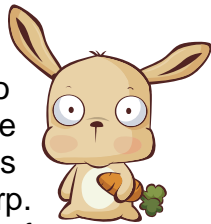
Submitted by: Taylor Perry

On November 28<sup>th</sup> I along with Nilah attended the Home Ec Leaders Meeting as Junior Leaders for Maxwell Scrapbooking, quilting and arts & crafts groups. My mom, Doris, Dawn Brown and Nell attended as Home Ec leaders. The Home Ec Judging Day is scheduled for March 13, 2010 at Princeton High School. There was a lot of discussion on table settings vs still exhibits and the number of entries that are allowed. This year all the table settings will be judged together and any non-livestock projects may enter as a still exhibit. Entries are limited to one cooking and two other items or six clothing and one other item.

## **MAXWELL RABBIT PROJECT**

Submitted by: Maureen LaGrande

Yesterday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we started our meeting by playing with my rabbit Joker. We talked about his Mini Lop breed, how to gently handle him, and that we should all wear long sleeves because rabbit nails are sharp. We looked at different kinds of cages, needed supplies and shelter, feed, water, and containers for both. We also learned about the Polish and Californian rabbit breeds.



We got to enjoy rabbit snacks (carrots & apples) while we talked about proficiencies, Livestock Judging Day, presentations, and keeping records for our Annual Project Report. Theresa and I did a presentation on rabbits and answered questions. Then we asked the group questions about rabbit breeds and supplies. They did great!

Everyone was given a sheet with the parts of the rabbit so we can learn them for showmanship and proficiencies. We filled out our project report so they are kept up to date through the year. Everyone learned and enjoyed!

## **MAXWELL COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Submitted by: Hannah Azevedo

On September 11, 2009 Carli Costa, Michaela Carvalho, Wyatt Perry, Natalie Wilson, Hollie

Azevedo and myself picked up trash after the first Maxwell home football game.

We recycled all the plastic bottles and cans to help with the earth. My mom and I took the recyclables to Williams and they were worth \$12.00. This money is being put back into the 4-H funds.

I enjoyed keeping the school clean and recycling the bottles.

## **MAXWELL SCRAPBOOKING**

Submitted by: Carli Costa

On Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> the members of the scrapbook group met and started our meeting with lunch from Subway. Then we worked on our scrapbook pages. We worked with tools, such as scissors, paper punches and wavy rulers. We used my mom's die cut machine to cut letters to make titles for our pages. We also used colored pens, adhesive, bright stickers, colorful paper and pictures to capture our memories. We talked about writing down the specifics about our pages such as:

1. Who – who is in the pictures
2. What – what are they doing
3. Where – where are they
4. When – the date
5. Why – the reason (birthday, holiday, vacation)

We were given a homework project, which is to decide what our favorite “thing” is and take pictures of our favorite thing so we can scrapbook it at our next meeting. I think my favorite thing is shoes, because I have lots and lots of them. I took pictures of my different pairs of shoes and I will be using the pictures at our next meeting.

Submitted by: Nilah Pearson

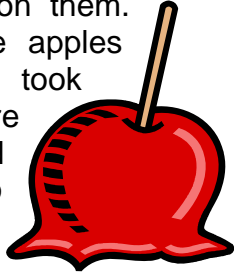
On October 16, 2009 I along with other 4-H members attended a Scrapbooking meeting. We went over what we needed to do for proficiencies and that we were going to make cards for soldiers. We all made six different cards, but by making the cards we all got to use our own creativity. We made 42 cards – they all turned out great and we will send them to the soldiers. I had a lot of fun and I can't wait to see what we are going to make next.

## MAXWELL COOKING

Submitted by: Wyatt Perry

After school on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> we had our first cooking meeting at Kim's Deli. We got to make caramel apples. We used real twigs from a tree as our sticks. Then we got to decorate the apples by dipping them in caramel, putting sprinkles and nuts on them and then putting chocolate on them.

This was a lot of fun. The apples turned out really good. We took them home and they were delicious. We also talked about what we wanted to do for our next meeting. I want to make sausage. Kim said we might be able to do that.



## ARTS & CRAFTS MEETING

Submitted by: Taylor Perry

We had our first arts & crafts meeting on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Nell Bernstein's house. Alyssa and I attended. We decorated picture frames. We were given three options. We could paint them, decoupage them or put ribbon on them. I painted and put ribbon on one and Alyssa painted hers. It was a lot of fun and I love how my frames turned out. We will also be attending the Auburn Craft Expo this weekend where we will get to make a lot of different craft projects.

## CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

Submitted by: Kaily McKinley

On August 19-26, Sacramento hosted the California State Fair Jr. Livestock Competition.

My sister and I entered our lambs, and went and competed. This project was a lot of work. Basically, after we finished with County Fair, we started all over, and raised lambs all summer long getting them ready for State Fair. I entered four market lamb classes, and one showmanship class. The week of State Fair was also the first week of school, so it was kind of hard. I missed two days of school. On Thursday my mom and I loaded the trailer and all the lambs and drove to State Fair. When we got there, we had to park and wait. Vet Tech's came to our trailer and checked our lambs for fungus, and any other health problems, then we were allowed to pass. Then we went and got our pen assignments. The rules at State Fair are you cannot have any shavings, and only wheat straw. Needless to say, the lambs loved to eat that! It created many big bellies. Many people had plastic netting over the top of the straw. We went to Home Depot, and got some carpet, and also plastic netting. We put the netting around the sides of the pens so other people's straw didn't come through to our lambs. Thursday was weigh-in, and also the Showmanship Contest. Friday we showed in the market classes. There were hundreds of entries. I did O.K. The highest in class I got was 4<sup>th</sup>. It is like our fair, we had to clean our pens, walk our lambs, feed and water. My sister and I worked as a team re-shearing our lambs before their class. It was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun, and a really great experience.

## INFORMATION FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE:

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

### State Qualifying Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests

The **2010 Judging contests** will be held **April 17, 2010** at Fresno State University in conjunction with a state FFA judging contest. Applications are due by **February 19, 2010** to the State 4-H Office. The entry fee is \$25.00/team or \$5.00 per individual. The applications will be available on the state website after December 1, 2009 and by contacting the State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518. Check [here](#) for the rules governing state dairy and livestock judging contests.

The **California Exposition & State Fair** Board has announced new dates for the fair. The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from Wednesday, **July 14 to Sunday, August 1, 2010**. For more information, you may contact Erica Manuel of the California Exposition and State Fair at [emanuel@calexpo.com](mailto:emanuel@calexpo.com). 4-H members, adults and staff may also contact 4-H Animal Science Committee Chairs Cynthia Barnett, [cbbarnett@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cbbarnett@ucdavis.edu) and Steve Dasher, [hsdasher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hsdasher@ucdavis.edu) for additional questions.

What are you doing in your county clothing projects? **State Fashion Revue 2010** will feature our County Corner where you can share innovative ideas from your county that relate to the Clothing & Textiles project, including non-wearable items. Check out the website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/> to find out more about it.

Applications are now being accepted for the **Military Extension Internship Program**. College-age students and recent graduates who are interested in childcare and youth development with military child, youth, and family programs are encouraged to apply. Applications received will be considered for summer and fall semester, 2010. You can access more information and application materials at: <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/military>.

### **The American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes**

The American Red Cross (ARC), with the support of Pitney Bowes, is pleased to once again sponsor the Holiday Mail for Heroes. Our goal is to let the military, their families, and veterans know that America cares. People can send their cards to the American Red Cross special mailbox from **November 2, 2009 through December 7, 2009**. We must strictly adhere to this date to ensure that there is time to screen, sort, and distribute the cards. Visit <http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail> for more information.

### **Babysitting Savvy**

American Red Cross babysitter, First Aid and CPR training will be held in Sacramento during the month of December. The first meeting is scheduled for **December 6th**, 2009 in Citrus Heights, beginning at 1:00pm. Military youth are invited to attend the training at no charge. Contact Sylena Wise at [smwise@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smwise@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-8585 for more information.

4-H members are invited to participate in the **Fur and Feathers show**, a small animal breed show and showmanship event hosted by Ventura County 4-H and planned for January 16, 2010. Entry deadline is **December 15, 2009**. The event is for 4-H members statewide in Cavy, Poultry and Rabbit projects. Click [here](#) for more information. You may contact Jenean Bass at [jeneanbass@roadrunner.com](mailto:jeneanbass@roadrunner.com) for questions.

### **Never Forget Our Fallen**

On Saturday, **December 19, 2009**, the Never Forget Our Fallen organization is hosting the **2nd Annual Military Children's Santa Christmas Party** which will be held at the Roseville Police Activity League Gym 110 Corporation Yard Road Roseville, California 95678.

The day will begin with "Refreshments and Thanking Our Military Children and Parents," and to honor and remember all veterans, past and present. We will offer crafts, games and video recording to those children who have parents deployed. After a visit from Santa Claus, we will wrap up the day with the children having the opportunity to choose their Christmas gifts from the many items that hopefully have been donated to this very important cause.

If your 4-H club would like to make donations or offer crafts or games during the event contact Sylena Wise at 530-752-8585 or visit the website at [www.neverforgetourfallen.com](http://www.neverforgetourfallen.com).

On-line registration for the **2010 California Focus Program** is available now and is due on **January 15, 2010**. 4-H members and leaders come together to run their own state government in the fictitious state of Sierra Cascade. Delegates draft legislation, participate in a mock trial, and run for office. Then participants interact with their legislators, court officials, and those close to current issues. Financial assistance is available for this program for members who could not afford to attend without help and the **Young Civic Leader Scholarship** is available for teens with an outstanding leadership and community service record. Those applications are due by **Jan 7, 2010**. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.

### **Education Summits on Bio-Security in 4-H**

In order to improve the understanding of 4-H adult volunteers, veterinarians, and administrators from fairs and exhibitions about existing bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects in California and issues related to traceability, three **Regional Education Outreach Summits** will be offered by 4-H and Veterinary Medicine Extension. Each Education Outreach Summit will include four major components: a) an overview of current data on bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects; b) updated information from USDA on the current status of NAIS and animal traceability; c) a listening session to provide stakeholders the opportunity to share their experiences and provide feedback on traceability issues to USDA; and d) a mini-training for 4-H teens and volunteers on the new 4-H Bio-Security curriculum. Dates and locations of the Education Outreach Summits are: **December 12, 2009 - UC-Davis**; January 16, 2010 - **UCCE Tehama County**; and **February 27, 2010 - UCCE Kern County**. Times for all summits will be 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Register at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4238>. For more information, contact Martin Smith ([mhsmith@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mhsmith@ucdavis.edu)) or Steven Worker ([smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu)).

#### **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Rifle**

A shooting sports training workshop for the rifle discipline will be held in Tulare, CA on Saturday, **January 9, 2010** 8 AM - 6 PM and Sunday, **January 10**, 8 AM - 4 PM. The course will be held at the Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare, CA. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu). For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at:

[http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin\\_field.htm](http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm)

The **2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum** is scheduled for **March 11-14, 2010** in Albuquerque, N.M. Click [here](#) to register. Some key upcoming dates youth development professionals will want to save include:

**-December 15, 2009:**

Early Bird Registration Deadline, \$200.

**-January 15, 2010:**

Regular Registration Deadline, \$250

Share Faire Registration Deadline

4-H Display Registration Deadline

Volunteer Leader Award Deadline

The **4-H Military Partnership Program** is offering free Training courses on the **4-H Babysitting Curriculum** at the following locations:

. Kern County 4-H Office. **January 16**, 9:30-4:30

. Ventura County 4-H Office. **January 30**, 9:30-4:30

The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth to learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military afterschool sites. The training is open to all 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel. You will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. Bring a doll! For more information, contact Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu) or 530-219-6608.

If you have an enthusiasm for birds and have some wonderful photos of birds to share, consider entering in the **Biosecurity for Birds Calendar photo contest** by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection. The contest entry deadline is **January 31, 2010**. The winning photos will be displayed in the 2011 Biosecurity for Birds calendar. Everyone is encouraged to enter at: <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

Calling all 4-H equine enthusiasts! The National Youth Horse Council presents the **National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium** is scheduled to be held March 19-21, 2010 in Lexington, KY. Registrations are due postmarked by **Feb. 24, 2010**. Please click [here](#) for full details on event.

Dates have been set for **2010 State 4-H Horse Events**. The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA (southeast of Fresno). The Championship Horse Show will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27. Tentatively, the English classes and Over Fences will be held on Friday, Western classes on Saturday and Gymkhana on Sunday. More information will be available by December 1st on the web site at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

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/dcfocus/>

For more information, contact Pat English at [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8520.

A second payment of \$500 is due in the State 4-H office on **Jan 15, 2010** for the Washington Focus delegates. Contact Pat English, [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) for any questions.

#### **4-H Youth Training Babysitting Courses**

The Operation: Military Kids (OMK) Program is offering free Babysitting Training courses for Youth 12-18. This training is designed to help youth learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. The youth will receive Child/Infant CPR training on the second day of the training. They will also receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag filled with essential supplies for babysitters. Bring a doll for fun!

For more information, contact Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenon@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenon@ucdavis.edu) or 530-219-6608.

The following are dates and locations of upcoming trainings:

- . **UC Davis 4-H Office Feb. 20 & 21, 9:30-4:30**
- . **Yuba/Sutter 4-H Office March 13 & 14, 9:30-4:30**
- . **Beale AFB April 5 & 6, 9:30-4:30**

The **2010 State 4-H Field Day** is planned for May 29, 2010. The event will include a variety of interests including presentation day, state fashion revue, a plant science contest and interview contest amongst many others. If you are interested in exhibiting at this annual event, click here <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf> for an application. Applications are due by **April 2, 2010**.

#### **State Leadership Conference**

The **2010 year's theme is "Operation 4-H"**, and is an annual event in which high school age members from across the state meet to develop leadership skills through workshops, games, and night time activities. We are now accepting applications for educational session/track presenters. Please share your knowledge about all things leadership and help Operation 4-H be a tremendous success! Click [here](#) to download a proposal. Proposals are due the State 4-H Office by Feb. 26, 2010. You may contact Quang Tong for additional questions at 530-752-5644.



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# COLUSA COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010 – 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
INDIAN VALLEY SCHOOL, 300 SANHEDRIN ROAD, ELK CREEK

Fill out a form for each entry. You may copy this form or call the 4-H office for additional entry forms.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ PH # \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ PH # \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

(This information must be provided for each member participating in the presentation. If additional space is needed, use additional paper.)

Is this a team presentation? (For Creed Speaking select no) YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate category:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk \_\_\_\_\_

Public Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Planned \_\_\_\_\_ or Extemporaneous \_\_\_\_\_

Share the Fun \_\_\_\_\_

Slide/Video Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Display \_\_\_\_\_

Radio Spot \_\_\_\_\_

Creed Speaking \_\_\_\_\_

Are you using a live animal? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Topic of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

## ***RULES AND REGULATIONS***

1. A 4-H member may participate in only ONE presentation at the County Presentation Day. (For this first Creed Speaking year members may do both Creed and one other presentation.)
2. Team demonstrations may be composed of two members as long as each member participates equally.
3. Demonstrations shall be 5-10 minutes in length.
4. Members are not required to wear a 4-H uniform, but should be neatly dressed.
5. Planned speeches are 5-10 minute talks on topic of your choice. Judges do not see script. Any topic is acceptable. Jr. Division: 7th & 8th grades, Sr. Division: high school.
6. Extemporaneous is for Sr. Division only. Presentation must be 4-6 minutes. Contestants draw three topics, quickly select one of them, prepare speech in 20 minutes.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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NAME OF PROJECT LEADER YOU'VE  
NOTIFIED ABOUT YOUR PRESENTATION

**ENTRIES ARE DUE IN THE 4-H OFFICE ON JANUARY 15TH**