



## ENROLLMENT

### Welcome new & returning members!

The 4-H program is now enrolling for the 200-2010 year. Returning members and leaders will receive their forms at their September club meetings. If you are changing clubs, let the 4-H Office know. New members can get forms at club meetings, at the 4-H Office, print them from our website, or call the office to have a set mailed to you. Forms should be returned to your club leader, with the \$12 per member or \$6 per leader enrollment fee payable to UC Regents.

**New members:** The best time to enroll in 4-H is at the beginning of the school year, so you don't miss any activities. Visit a club in September and turn in the forms as soon as possible.

**Returning members:** You already know when your club meets, so you are responsible for all meetings.

Enrollment forms must be returned before you attend or lead project meetings. You may always contact the 4-H Office to change or add projects after your form is returned. If you plan to exhibit at the Mother Lode Fair, your enrollment form must be received by the 4-H Office by **October 20** for returning members and **December 20** for new members.

Recruiting is everyone's job - Now is the time to invite your friends to join 4-H. Tell them about 4-H and bring them to your club meeting. Ask your teacher if you can tell your class about 4-H. Invite your classmates to come to your club meeting. Help your club distribute flyers at your school.

## WHY BE A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

You can make a difference! More youth need the values, the skills and the guidance offered by 4-H. We provide practical education in a variety of subject areas. As a 4-H volunteer, you will have support from the Cooperative Extension office, part of the University of California. Being a 4-H volunteer may also help you grow as a person, develop new leadership skills, meet new friends, and have great adventures!

## WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is an educational youth program which follows a "learn-by-doing" approach. Activities promote leadership, citizenship (being involved in one's community) and the acquisition of appropriate life skills. 4-H is diverse, offering many opportunities for children. In Tuolumne County we offer three programs. Youth may be members of a community club, which is the focus of this newsletter. They can also do short term projects and gain skills in the PM Club afterschool program, in which 4-H is a partner. And they can experience a 4-H project like embryology in their classroom. Adults and teens within the community serve as volunteer leaders. 4-H encourages family involvement. The 4-H Youth Development Program is administered by the University of California Cooperative Extension, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and county government. The first 4-H club began in Ohio in 1902. Tuolumne County 4-H started in 1954.

## WHO CAN JOIN 4-H?

Any youth who is 9 years old or in 4th grade through age 18, as of December 31, 2009 may join a community club as a regular member. For home schooled youth, only the age criteria applies. Youth can remain in 4-H until December 31 of the calendar year in which they turn 19. Special projects, events and activities are offered for teen members.

## PRIMARY MEMBERS

Children age 7-8 as of 12/31/09 may join now as Primary Members and have fun in 4-H! Primary members may enroll in up to two projects with leader approval and should have a parent/guardian chaperone with them at all times. Per state rules, they may not handle large animals or take shooting sports. They are encouraged to wear the 4-H uniform, attend 4-H events, and turn in a primary member report to earn credit for the year. They are not eligible to enter the fair as 4-H members, or earn medals or credit toward star ranks until they are regular members. Many of our county 4-H events have special classes for Primary members.

*4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills*

## ARE YOU IN 4-H & FFA?

Youth can belong to 4-H, FFA, Grange or show as an independent. However, you must take a different project in each organization. There are also rules about changing a project from one organization to another. If you are in 4-H and also FFA, Grange, or plan to show as an Independent, you should read the policy which is available from the 4-H Office, FFA Advisors, and on the 4-H Office website at <http://cetuolumne.ucdavis.edu/> Go the 4-H section, then to forms. If you are transferring a project to or from 4-H, there is a new form to use, also on the website.

## NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

Will be held at the UCCE/4-H Office on Monday, September 21 from 1-3 pm and repeated at 6:30-8:30 pm. The sessions in October are on Thursday, 10/15 again from 1-3 or 6:30-8:30. You must be pre-registered; RSVP to the 4-H Office. If neither of these dates or times convenient let Sue know when you could come. Please do not bring children. The enrollment forms may be printed from the website or completed at the meeting. If you want to get a head start and have your fingerprints taken ahead of time, call or e-mail Sue for that form. Orientation and screening must be completed before an adult is accepted to volunteer in the 4-H program. Welcome to all our new leaders!

## CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

All executive officers - President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer - must be trained with their club leader before officer installation. Club officers need to be prepared before they assume their offices so our clubs are in capable hands! Call the 4-H Office to get your training on the calendar.

## FAIR AWARDS

Did you receive a trophy, plaque or buckle at the Fair? Have you written your thank you to the award donor? Don't take awards for granted - a personal note acknowledges the gift and lets the donor know you appreciate their contribution.



## RECYCLE YOUR WHITES

Do you have outgrown 4-H whites, hats, scarves or ties in your closet? Please donate your gently used 4-H uniform parts to the recycle box at the 4-H Office. The clothes are free for all Tuolumne County 4-H families.

## RECORD KEEPING & ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

4-H members - the Attendance and Record Keeping policy is part of your enrollment packet, on gold paper this year. Be sure to read it because you are responsible for understanding and following it if you plan to enter the Mother Lode Fair or other competitive events. Attendance and record keeping are both integral components of the 4-H youth development program.

**ATTENDANCE** If you want to show as a 4-H member at the Mother Lode Fair, you must enroll by the deadline, have at least 80% attendance at your club and project meetings and attend at least one Tuolumne County 4-H event from the list.

**RECORD KEEPING** The requirements for a minimum record book to show as a 4-H member at the Fair are listed on the gold sheet in your enrollment packet. The minimum record book is due to your club leader before your fair entry forms are signed. New for this year - you will need to write at least a half-page 4-H story about your year.

Members are always encouraged to complete more than the minimum record book. Use the PDR form to record your activities during the year which count towards earning a star rank. Junior and teen leaders who complete the Jr/Teen leadership report will receive a gold year stripe for the year.

Primary members are also encouraged to complete the Primary Report to receive a primary member year stripe and year pin.

## COUNTY RECORD BOOK JUDGING

Congratulations to the 37 members who submitted a complete record book for County Judging. Thank you to judges Ron Hamilton, Linda Hembree, Sue Moore, Sharon Smales and Gwen Swenson. Record book awards will be announced at Achievement Night on October 11 and printed in the November Tooter.

## SENIOR RECORD BOOKS

Are you interested in sending your senior record book to State Judging? If so, please let the county 4-H Office know. Three additional forms need to be completed to summarize your previous years in 4-H and Sue is willing to assist you in getting your book ready. The books need to be completed and delivered to the 4-H Office by October 23.

## GET WELL SOON!

Sagen Maddalena is recovering from shoulder surgery. Shauta Murray was hospitalized after being injured on her horse. Linda Hembree is home from the hospital and breathing better now. We are thinking of you!



## IRONSTONE CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE



Saturday, September 26, 10-4

Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys

Adults \$20, family ticket \$35, children under 14 free  
\$2 off coupon at [www.ironstonefoundation.org](http://www.ironstonefoundation.org)

Sixteen years ago, John and Gail Kautz, a farming couple from Lodi with an interest in classic cars, decided to host a car show to benefit local youth groups. It's a grassroots tradition they've continued, as Gail and John Kautz are again staging the Ironstone Concours d'Elegance on September 26 at the Ironstone Winery in Murphys. This year the show will feature Hudson, Rolls Royce and Bentley autos, plus a special class for cars from the Harrah's Automobile Collection, in addition to vintage trailers, motorcycles and wooden boats. The featured car is a 1937 Airomobile, the three-wheeled car with distinctive fins on the rear.

Guests can visit with car owners, tour the winery grounds, view 4-H displays, hear 4-H presentations and watch FFA competitions. This is a fund raiser for foothill 4-H Councils, FFA, and the California State Fair Scholarship program. Attending the Concours counts as a 4-H event attended on your PDR.

The Foundation has invited 4-H members from foothill counties to bring project displays and give demonstrations. Guests enjoy seeing 4-H project animals too. 4-H teens from the foothill counties are also invited to serve in visible leadership positions along with FFA members.

All Stars from the 5 foothill counties assemble and distribute gift bags for the Car Show sponsors and winners. Each county supplies 15 dozen home made cookies. Thank you to this year's volunteer cookie bakers - Hannah Harris, Suzette Ponder, and Linda Hembree.

If you're interested in participating, complete the form that was in the June Tooter and return it to the 4-H Office by September 10. The form is also on our website.

## COLUMBIA PARADE

4-H clubs have been invited to participate in the California Admission Day parade in Columbia on Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 pm. They would like to have a 4-H group in uniform carry a 4-H flag. Entry is free. Mailed entries are preferred but registration will also be taken on parade day before 12:30. For information, contact Bob Law at 588-8475. Entry forms are also at the 4-H office.

## UCCE OFFICE BUDGET CUTS

Due to reduced budgets for the University of California and Tuolumne County, the UCCE office will operate with about 1/3 less funding this year. Our half-time clerical assistant was laid off, all remaining staff will be taking unpaid furloughs ranging from 15-20 days, and the services and supplies budget was reduced by half. What does this mean for 4-H? Sue will not be able to personally visit clubs and attend all 4-H events, copying and supplies will be limited, and volunteers will be needed to assist with enrollment, assembling the Tooter, and preparing for events. There may be days when no staff is in the UCCE Office, due to personnel teaching programs or on furlough. If you can, please leave messages for Sue via e-mail not phone and **VOLUNTEER TO HELP!**

## What can YOU do in 4-H?

Check out the graphic below. It is one of a series posted on the state 4-H website. We would like to put some statements and photos of our 4-H members on our county UCCE site to focus more attention on the 4-H program and what makes us unique!

Between now and Achievement Night on October 11, be thinking of what YOU do in 4-H that makes it fun, educational or special. Write your ideas on an index card, add you name & club, and turn it in at Achievement Night. We'll have index cards there if you forget to bring yours. If yours is chosen, we'll make arrangements to take your photo too, doing something you really enjoy in 4-H and then we'll post them on our website! Like this example, we will not be using last names online.

What can **YOU** do in 4-H?



- Lead the pledge
- Compete in public speaking
- Read to the elderly
- Raise a lamb
- Go to camp
- Clean up the beach
- Freeze dance

Connor, age 9

## COMING IN OCTOBER...

### LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY & 4-H FAMILY PICNIC

If you're interested in 4-H livestock projects or having fun with 4-H friends, come to the Fairgrounds livestock area on Saturday, October 3.

The schedule for the day is

7 am Setup (volunteer help appreciated)  
9-12 Livestock Field Day  
1 Lunch  
1:30 -3 Games



Youth and parents are invited to see and learn about the 4-H livestock projects, both large and small animals. Some stations will be hands-on; some will be demos. Teen and adult leaders will be on hand to answer your questions. Youth are invited to complete the judging classes; test your reasoning skills! Ribbons and medals will be awarded. Tuolumne Pioneers is chairing this event, so sign up with Ron Hamilton to give a presentation or supply a judging class, 928-1815.

Games on the livestock lawn for children of all ages are hosted by the Tuolumne County 4-H All Star and Leadership Teams.

Thank you Deniel Sheffield for chairing the Potluck and John Hembree for barbecuing. Families with last names A-H please bring a salad, I-P hors d'oeuvres, and Q-Z a dessert. 4-H Council will supply hamburgers and hot dogs, table service & lemonade. All new and returning 4-H families are invited. Bring food to share and plan to have some fun!

### ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 pm  
Sonora High Auditorium



All 4-H families are invited to join the All Star Team as we celebrate the achievements of our 4-H members. Every member who completed last year with a written record will be recognized on stage, including primary members. Star ranks will be presented along with awards for record books, leaders, clubs and club officers.

Registration begins at 2:30, with the program at 3:00. Returning members - sign in on your club's roster so your name will be called. Wear your 4-H uniform, club T-shirt or dress neatly. Each club should designate two past-year officers to present their members' year pins. Each family is asked to contribute a plate of "finger foods" for refreshments. Thank you Sonora Cloverleafs for coordinating the refreshments. Come join us for an exciting afternoon.

## MARKET BEEF LOANS



The Sonora Rotary Club offers loans to 4-H and FFA members to set up their market livestock projects through the Lowell Martin Memorial Loan Fund. Beef project loans are \$800.

Applications are at the 4-H Office and on the office website and are due by October 15.

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 4-10 is National 4-H Week. This week is set aside to recognize the contributions 4-H makes to the community, to publicize the 4-H program, and to invite new participants to join. You can be part of National 4-H Week by making and displaying a poster at your school, giving a presentation in your 4-H uniform or club t-shirt for your class or at a service club, inviting a friend to a 4-H meeting, wearing your uniform to church, donating to the First Baby Basket or doing a community service activity during this week. If you would like to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 6, meet us at the 4-H Office at 8:30 am.

Parents - You can celebrate National 4-H Week by recruiting other adults to be project leaders or signing up yourself. Our program is dependent upon volunteers for its success.

## NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH SCIENCE DAY



October 7th is the official date but we are hoping our 4-H clubs will participate during their October club meetings. The featured experiment is called "Biofuel Blast." The experiment engages youth in one of the important environmental issues our global community faces. Biofuels are sources of energy obtained from recently harvested plant materials and at the forefront of the discussion of alternative energy sources. Supplies for the experiment are easily obtained - balloons, water bottles, yeast, corn syrup, plant material, and a funnel. Kits may be ordered from the National 4-H Mall for \$20. More information and the instructions are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/>

## 4-H WEEK BABY BASKET



This is a traditional activity to honor the first baby born to Tuolumne County parents during National 4-H Week. Every 4-H club is invited to contribute. If you would like to donate baby items or gift certificates, please bring them to the 4-H Office by October 10 or to Achievement Night on October 11. Thank you Lucky Trails club for coordinating this!

## HI 4-H HAUNTED HOUSE

Construction has started! The Hi 4-H Haunted House is located in the red barn behind JS West Lumber. We are indebted to both JS West and the Symons Foundation for allowing us to use the barn free of charge.

This 4-H activity is meant for teens & adults. Except for the Saturday matinee, it is too scary for young children. There will be eight evening performances; cost is \$6 per person. The Saturday matinee with the lights on is \$1 each. Group rates for 10+ are available with advance purchase; group rate is \$3 each.

Wed. 10/21 from 7-8:30 pm is free to 4-H families

Thursday	10/22	7-8:30 pm
Friday	10/23	7-9:30 pm
Saturday	10/24	4:00-5:30 matinee
Saturday	10/24	7-9:30 pm
Wednesday	10/28	7-8:30 pm
Thursday	10/29	7-8:30 pm
Friday	10/30	7-10 pm
Saturday	10/31	7-10 pm



## LCORT 2010

### Leadership Conference of Regional Teens



Friday, January 29  
to Sunday January 31, 2010

Wonder Valley Ranch near Sanger

Cost is \$105 per person

Open to teens in grades 7-9 from  
the 12 counties in the South  
Central Section (that's us)

Sessions are taught by teams of older teens from each county. It is a beautiful setting and always a fun conference. If you're in 7th-9th grades, think about attending! Forms are on the UCCE office website in the 4-H events section. Forms and fee are due to the county 4-H Office by November 30.

## STATE LEADERS FORUM

November 6-9, 2009

"4-H's "Past, Present, and Future" is sponsored by the North Section Leaders Council. It is just for adults and held at the Asilomar Conference Center, next to the beach in Pacific Grove. Registration is \$45 by October 6th and housing with meals is \$205-\$265 by September 6th, depending on size of room. For more information, go to <http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/>

## FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE

**Youth Garden Grants** offers awards for schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. 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 age 3-18. Applications are due November 2. <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

Do you have experience and interest in computers, the Internet, digital photography, GPS/GIS, or other tech area? Join the **2009 California 4-H Computer Corps!** 4-H members, age 15-19, 4-H volunteers and staff may apply by September 30, 2009. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/wrp/compcorps/>.

Is your club planning a service project? Does it need additional resources? California 4-H offers funds to members and volunteer leaders on a competitive basis through the **California 4-H Service-Learning RFP**. Groups can request up to \$5,000 for activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The application is due September 15. <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>.

The **Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund** offers resources in support of club work to 4-H members and leaders. Funding is intended for activities that 1) enable youth to develop citizenship, leadership, or life skills; 2) support the development of new and innovative 4-H projects benefiting 4-H members; 3) increase public awareness of the 4-H program; 4) expand the reach of the 4-H Youth Development Program to new youth, new audiences; 5) provide continuing benefits to the local 4-H Club or project. Applications are due September 15. Go to <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/>

The **2010 National 4-H Conference** will be held March 20-27, 2010 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, volunteers and staff may apply to join the California delegation by September 30, 2009. <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/index.asp>

The **State 4-H Record Book Judging applications** are due to the State 4-H Office by September 30. Go to <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/>. Note from Sue: I'd recommend if you are a 4-H volunteer and you want to know more about state record book judging, that you apply to judge at the state level! You may not judge if your child will be sending their book.

## WHAT IS 4-H SET?

The 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Initiative was started in 2008 to help address America's critical need for more scientists and engineers by engaging new youth into 4-H SET activities and projects. In formal K-12 education, most administrators and teachers use the acronym **STEM** to denote similar content areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. 4-H SET content = STEM content with one important difference. 4-H integrates mathematics into SET activities as 4-H has no purely mathematics projects. However, 4-H SET education differs from formal K-12 STEM education in four important ways:

1. **4-H is a non-formal education program**, which is more structured than informal learning and more flexible and adaptable than formal education.
2. **4-H utilizes experiential and inquiry-based learning** where youth engage in hands-on learning, sharing, discovering, and applying their learning.
3. **4-H activities are delivered in a context of positive youth development**, which promotes a sense of community, opportunities for independence and generosity, and allows youth to master new skills.
4. **4-H projects promote youth-adult partnerships** where learning experiences are led by trained, caring adult staff and volunteers acting as mentors, coaches, facilitators and co-learners.

## SET NEWS

The **4-H Million Trees** project continues to make progress with 68,561 trees planted by 23,959 youth from 42 states! This summer, senior 4-H youth in 20 states are giving speeches at their state 4-H conferences on leadership, community service, and SET using 4HMT as an example. Please continue to plant trees as part of this project, and then remember to update your database records. Go to <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>

**Pennies for the Planet**, part of the National Audubon Society's TogetherGreen initiative, motivates kids ages 7 to 12 to get involved in conservation locally, to learn more about threatened species and habitat, and to raise money to support three critical national conservation programs 1) Project Puffin and the Seabird Restoration Project off the Maine coast, 2) Four Holes Swamp/ Francis Beidler Forest in South Carolina, and 3) Wyoming's sagebrush "sea". More information is available at <http://www.togethergreen.org/p4p/>

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is encouraging a new program called "**Take a Child Outside Week**" from September 24-30, 2009. It is a program designed to help break down obstacles that keep children from discovering the natural world. By arming parents, teachers and other caregivers with

resources on outdoor activities, our goal is to help children across the country develop a better understanding and appreciation of the environment in which they live. <http://takeachildoutside.org/>

National 4-H Council has created a partnership with **FIRST** (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) to reach new youth across the nation and expand existing 4-H robotics programs. FIRST organizes several competitions inspiring K-12 youth into STEM education and career exploration. They are for high school students, children 9-14 years old, and for 6-9 year olds. Read more about the 4-H and FIRST partnership at [http://www.ca4h.org/SET/documents/FIRST\\_4-H\\_Partnership\\_release\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/SET/documents/FIRST_4-H_Partnership_release_FINAL.pdf) Teams typically being work in August and September with events held in Winter and Spring. Check out the FIRST website for more information at <http://www.usfirst.org>

Can you design an air-powered rocket that can hit a distant target? Build a rubber band-powered car that can scramble across the room? Ready to get creative? Try out your own design skills with these **21 Design Squad challenges**. You can build all of these projects using materials you can usually find around the house. Engineers have led a technological revolution that has improved the quality of our lives, yet many youth do not understand how the technology they use in their daily lives works. They are also unclear about the engineer's role in society or even what an engineer does. PBS's Design Squad is one of the places on TV where kids can learn about engineering. <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/projects/index.html>

Hands-on scientific investigations are acknowledged to be the best way to teach science literacy. **Science Buddies** supports these activities by providing free science fair project ideas, answers, and tools to teachers, parents, and students. The activities make great projects for 4-H science displays or science learning activities that relate to 4-H projects. The site includes topics on the scientific method, doing research and constructing a hypothesis and has an "Ask an Expert" feature. The program is funded by the Kenneth Lafferty Hess Family Foundation located in the San Francisco Bay Area. <http://www.sciencebuddies.org/>

Celebrate Astronomy! Ever hear of a quadricentennial? Well, astronomy is one of the oldest sciences and 2009 marks the 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of a telescope to study the skies. The **International Year of Astronomy 2009** is a global effort initiated by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) and UNESCO to help the citizens of the world rediscover their place in the universe through the day- and night-time sky. [http://www.yearofscience2009.org/themes\\_astronomy/celebrate/](http://www.yearofscience2009.org/themes_astronomy/celebrate/)

# CLUB NEWS

## **FOOTHILL 4-H**

Welcome Back Foothill families! Don't forget our first meeting is Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Humane Society meeting room in Jamestown. We will be distributing enrollment forms and discussing our projects and activities for this year. Call Ida Ponder 984-5515 or Sharon Smales 532-5036.

## **GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS**

We invite all Groveland area youth to join our 4-H club! We meet at Tenaya School on the second Tuesday night each month. We look forward to seeing you at 7 pm on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a friend who might want to join 4-H. For more information, contact me at 962-7528.

*Carol Willmon, Club Leader*

## **HI 4-H**

Hi 4-H is both a project and a club. It is a project open to all 4-H members in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above who are enrolled in any club. It is a club for members in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up who only do the Hi 4-H and/or the Haunted House project. Whether you are in Hi 4-H project or Hi 4-H club, the meetings are the third Wednesday each month at 7 pm at the Sonora Youth Center. Come join us on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Leaders are Linda Mager, 532-5896, Anita Payne, 532-8309, and Linda Hembree, 532-8656.

## **LUCKY TRAILS**

Hope summer was great for everyone. Congratulations to all winners and participants at the Mother Lode Fair. Our first club meeting will be on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the 4-H office. We will elect our officers and schedule project meetings. Hope to see you this year.

*Sue Griffiths, Club Leader*

## **MOUNTAIN RANGERS**

Hope you had a wonderful summer! Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (officers at 5:30). We will be meeting at Curtis Creek School in one of their Junior High Rooms. Since we do not have the room number at this time, we will post signs up at the school showing the way. If you have any questions please call me at 586-1922.

*Gwen Swenson, Club Leader*

## **SONORA CLOVERLEAFS**

Welcome Back Cloverleaves! Our first meeting for the year will be Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Sonora Youth Center on Barretta Street. Enrollment fees are \$12 for members and \$6 for adult volunteer leaders. Members, bring a parent/guardian to sign your enrollment forms. Invite a friend! Be ready to learn new skills, serve the community and have fun! For more information, contact the club leader, Deniel Sheffield, at 536-9791 or sheffy@mlode.com.

*Deniel Sheffield, Club Leader*

## **TUOLUMNE PIONEERS**

Our first club meeting will be on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Summerville Elementary. Bring a friend. We have new projects, new activities and great ideas! Congratulations to all who participated in the Mother Lode Fair. For more information, call Ron and Kris at 928-1815 or Shelly at 532-3241.

*Ron Hamilton, Club leader*

## **COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS**

County-wide projects are open to members from any club. Call the leader listed for information. Additional projects will be announced as they are confirmed.

### **BEEF**

Check back in October for first meeting information. New members, you will need a commitment for parent involvement to enroll in this project. It is also recommended that you have prior experience in raising large animals.

### **CLOTHING & TEXTILES**

Sue Moore and Jan Kahl teach a "sewing" project meeting on Sunday afternoons. It is limited to 6 youth with returning members having priority. Call Sue at 533-6990.

Karen Ross teaches a sewing project but it may be full already. Call her at 984-0779.

We would love to have more people volunteer as sewing project leaders. You don't need to be an expert. The 4-H office even has some sewing machines that can be checked out. The Fashion Revue Challenge pattern for 2010 is a Vest using Simplicity pattern #4762. Could you teach beginning sewers how to make and personalize a vest? Then you could be a sewing leader! Call the 4-H office for more information.

**DOG TRAINING** We are hoping to have a dog care & training project this year. Let the 4-H Office know if you're interested.

## COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

### EXOTIC BIRDS

The County Wide Exotic Bird project will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month starting on October 18th at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office meeting room. This project is open to all 4-H members interested in learning about Exotic Birds. Bird ownership is not required but encouraged. You may want to wait to purchase a bird until after the first meeting where we can help you decide what bird might work best for you and help you find a suitable bird at a reasonable price.

Our project this year will include instructions on feeding and caring for your birds, taming and training techniques, making bird toys & treats, playing bird games, Bird Rodeo & Round Robin, guest speakers & field trips with enough interest. We are planning another fun year in the Exotic Bird Project. Please come and join us. Contact us with any questions or suggestions for the Exotic Bird Project.

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If you raise exotic birds or are interested in learning more, you might like to attend the Gold Country Avicultural Society Exotic Animal Expo on Saturday, September 12 from 9-4 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Adult admission is \$2. This year there will be an English Budgie show during the Expo from 10-12 and 2-4 for those interested in learning how to show birds. All types of birds, cages, toys, feed, & supplies will be available at reasonable prices.

### GLASS ETCHIING

Rick Nelson's project will be meeting on the third Tuesday night this year, beginning September 15 at 6:30. It is for members age 12 and up. The project will cover the different techniques for glass etching and give members opportunities to design and complete individual projects. Call Rick at 352-0476 or come to the first meeting.

### GOATS

We will have county-wide projects in Dairy Goats, Meat Goats and Pygmy Goats. Sign up on your enrollment forms and watch the Tooter for meeting announcements.

### GPS

We have some hand held GPS units and would like to offer this project again. Is there someone who could teach a project about using GPS and learning to map coordinates on a laptop computer?

### HI 4-H & HAUNTED HOUSE

Hi 4-H is for youths 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Hi 4-H puts on the Haunted House in October, serves a pancake breakfast in March, takes a trip to Disneyland in April, has a float in the Roundup parade in May, and assists with the CAST fishing day in June. In between we try to help in a couple of community service projects.

We are starting now with the planning and building of the Haunted House. You don't have to wait for the first Hi 4-H meeting to sign up. Contact Jay Wallace (533-1907), Linda Mager (532-5896) or Linda Hembree (532-8656) and we will let you know when to show up for work. This activity is geared for teens in 7th grade and up and adult leaders. If you are younger than 7th grade, you must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during all Haunted House performance nights. All youth working in the Haunted House must be enrolled as 4-H members and all adults must go through the 4-H screening process.

If you do not want to participate in the Haunted House but would like to be a member of Hi 4-H and join us for our other activities, come to our first meeting, Wednesday, September 16 at the Sonora Youth Center.

### HORSE

We will have at least two, possibly three, or maybe even four horse projects this year. Lori Mills will teach Rock Creek Riders, a county-wide project. Ronda Amos will teach horse for Groveland Highlanders members. We are waiting to hear about other possible horse leaders, so sign up on your enrollment forms and watch the Tooter for information.

### PIGEONS - NEW! Homing Pigeon Project

This project will focus on the exciting and rewarding sport of Homing Pigeons. We will cover all aspects of raising Homers, from housing, feeding, breeding, racing and much, much more. We will also be taking a couple of field trips. Any member who is interested in pigeons is welcome to join; you don't need to own birds. Write Pigeon project on your enrollment form and contact Alicia Encoyand for information at 768-0281.

**POULTRY** Welcome to Countywide Poultry! This year we will be covering diseases, housing, showmanship and how to raise market and fancy poultry. Market poultry includes meat birds and turkeys. We will meet the third Thursday each month at 7 pm at the 4-H Office, starting November 19. Contact Lynn or Greg Hummel at 586-2784 if you have any questions. See you then!



## COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

### RABBIT

The TLC project, aka Tuolumne Lepus Club, aka county-wide rabbits, will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office. This project will cover selection, different breeds, housing and care for your rabbits, breeding and genetics, showmanship and preparing for competition. For information, contact Gail Aruta at 532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com.

### SHEEP

Red Grove Sheep is the county-wide project led by Janean Amos and Ed Orpurt. They will be concentrating on nutrition, showing and breeding this year. The project is open to members with prior experience with sheep (not first year). Contact Janean at 962-7940.

### SHOOTING SPORTS - ARCHERY

Sign up on your enrollment form and watch the Tooter for more information.



### SHOOTING SPORTS - RIFLE

Signups for the 4-H Shooting Sports-Rifle project will be on Tuesday, September 8th at 6 pm at the Mother Lode Gun Club on Jamestown Road. BE EARLY. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is limited to 50 students. Youth must be at least 10 years old in 2009 to shoot on the range and must be accompanied to signups by a parent or guardian. This project meets for 8 weeks, every Tuesday night. The first meeting is a mandatory safety class. The cost is \$25, with all equipment provided. The MLGC junior shooting program is open to the public as well as 4-H members. For more information, please contact Steve Finigian at 532-4926.

### SWINE

**HILLTOP HOGS** is led by Tim & Patti McEwen and Lisa Mlekush. Meetings will be on the first Monday each month beginning October 5th, at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Office. New and returning members are welcome. Come ready to learn and be prepared for a good year! Call Tim for more information, 586-2468.

**MOUNTAIN COUNTY HOGS** is led by the Stegalls. Call Kathy at 694-8679 for more information.

**OTHER PROJECTS** will be added as information becomes available. Watch this section of the newsletter for information about projects that may interest you.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### EMILY HAMILTON

Emily was introduced on stage during the closing assembly of State Leadership Conference at UC Merced along with the rest of the new 2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador team. The Tuolumne County 4-Hers attending stood and cheered for her! She will be recognized by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on September 8. If you'd like to attend, contact the 4-H Office for the time.

### STATE FAIR NEWS

Congratulations to **Cate Amos** of Groveland Highlanders and **Ariane Jones & Danny Hamilton** of Tuolumne Pioneers for representing Tuolumne County 4-H at State Fair. Cate competed in Large Animal Master Showmanship with 31 other youth representing county fairs throughout California. The classes included beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, dairy goat and dairy cattle. Ariane and Danny gave their demonstration about retiring the American flag, "A Ceremony of Honor," two times in the Junior building.

### ALL STAR TEAM & LEADERSHIP TEAM

Three All Stars have agreed to continue for the current year: Jamie Smith, Jodi Hembree and Emily Hamilton. They bring many years of leadership experience to our program and we're very lucky to have them continue as All Stars! Jodi is a 9 year member of Foothill 4-H, Jamie is a 7 year member of Tuolumne Pioneers and Emily is a 9 year member of Tuolumne Pioneers. All Star Team Advisor is Sharon Smales of Foothill 4-H.

The Leadership Team for 2009-2010 is

- Dakota Siebert, Tuolumne Pioneers
- Stephanie Hankins, Trailblazers
- Alicia Magdaleno, Sonora Cloverleafs

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Receiving the Tuolumne County 4-H Scholarships awarded by 4-H Council are  
Ros Roberts Scholarship:

Shauta Murray & Ethan Lincoln

Bonnie Scroggs Scholarship: Melissa Stegall

Jeanne Thompson Scholarship: Jodi Hembree



Receiving the Howard Kooyers Scholarship, awarded by the Tuolumne County Small Livestock Exhibitors Association are Taylor Dennis & Stephanie Tweedy.

Receiving the Joan Miller Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Robert Miller family with funds from the Small Livestock Benefit Auction are Shauta Murray and Stephanie Tweedy.

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## SEPTEMBER 2009

- 2 4-H Leaders Council, 7:00 pm
- 7 UCCE Office closed, Labor Day holiday
- 12 4-H Sectional Council, 10 am, UC Merced
- 21 New leader orientation, 1 pm or 6:30 pm, RSVP
- 26 Ironstone Concours d'Elegance, Murphys

## COMING IN OCTOBER

- 3 Livestock Field Day & Family Picnic
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 6 All Star Team presentation to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, 9 am
- 7 4-H Council, 7 pm
- 11 Achievement Night, 3:00 pm, Sonora High
- 15 Beef project loan applications due
- 15 New leader orientation, 1 pm or 6:30 pm, RSVP
- 21 Hi 4-H Haunted House, free to 4-H families, 7-8:30
- 21-24, 27-31 Hi 4-H Haunted House

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### TOOTER NEWS

Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome. News for the October Tooter is due by September 20th

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