



4-H NEWS

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FEATURED NEWS

- **4-H Newsletter Now on Email**

Due to budget reductions we will no longer be able to mail hard copies of the 4-H newsletter. This is the *final* mailed issue. Beginning with the September issue we, will be switching to an electronic version which will be emailed to those who provide an email address and posted to the county website at: <http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter40.htm>

We hope that this new streamlined format will bring you information in a timely and efficient manner so that the quality of our programming for the youth is not compromised. Our top priority during this transition is to maintain the integrity of the information while reducing the file size of the email for those on dial-up internet. You will notice that there is minimal layout, no graphics, and that state and national news will not be covered in our emails. In the past, we have copied information from the state news and duplicated in our newsletters. To reduce this redundancy, you will now receive your state news directly from the state 4-H office. To subscribe to receive the state news, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/>. To subscribe to receive Science, Engineering, and Technology related news, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/updates/index.asp>.

- **New Program Fees for 2009-2010.** Remember to submit your member and leader enrollment forms along with the required program fee form. Only club checks will be accepted for fee payments, no cash or personal checks. Fees are: **Adult Leaders \$8.00 each, Members \$16.00 each**
- **Solano County 4-H Survey** We need your ideas to help us develop program planning for the 2009-2010 4-H year. Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey at <http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/> Click on 4-H and then click on HOT NEWS. The survey will be posted until October 11th.
- **Emerald Star Report, Colleen Bohannon, Westwind 4-H Club**
Since my Personal Development Report Support Piece has been posted, I've seen and heard of many people using it. My plan is to continually update my project over the next few years. To complete my project, I'm going to be sending out an evaluation piece because I need your feedback about its usefulness and any changes that you feel might be beneficial. Please look for the evaluation piece shortly after the completion deadline of 2008/2009 record book deadlines.
- **Solano County Calendar of Events**, the 2009-2010 Calendar will be voted on at the September 9, 2009, Leaders Council Meeting, 7 PM, UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield.
http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/4-H_Calendar_of_Events.htm
- **2009-2010 Leaders Council Officers.** Listing posted at:
http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/4-H_Leaders_Council.htm

UPCOMING TRAININGS

- **Mandatory Community Leader Training Meeting**, Wednesday, August 5th, 7:00 PM, UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield. All adult volunteers, new and returning, who are planning to serve as community leaders for the 2009-2010 club year must attend this *mandatory* annual meeting. This meeting has been on the county event calendar since August 2008. The meeting will go over enrollment procedures, insurance fees, policies, and procedures for the club year.
- **Mandatory Club Treasurer Training**, Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 7 PM, UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield. All new and returning club treasurers, their parent or guardian, and a community leader, as well as any leader or member with signing authority, are required to attend this annual training. The treasurer manual will be distributed at the workshop. The training will cover duties of the club treasurer and procedures for good record keeping. Don't miss this vital officer training opportunity!

UPCOMING TRAININGS

- **New Leader Orientations at Solano County UCCE**, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield

- Tuesday, September 29
- Wednesday, October 28

All new leaders and returning leaders who have had a break in service of a year or more must have orientation training, livescan fingerprinting; and be covered by the University Liability Insurance Program before they are permitted to function as a volunteer leader in 4-H. We will cover youth protection safety guidelines, leader responsibility, safety, publications, utilizing Jr. & teen leaders and answer any questions you may have.

We will have a Livescan technician present to take fingerprints. ***You must pre-register at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled orientation. Registration deadlines are Sept. 15 & Oct. 14.*** When you register, you will be asked to provide information for the fingerprinting process and be informed of the fingerprinting fee as the cost is being negotiated. You must bring a photo ID and payment in order to complete fingerprinting.

Until leaders have attended orientation **and** their fingerprints have cleared, they **may not** hold project meetings or work with 4-H members.

- **New Leader Orientations at Sacramento UCCE**. 7:00-9:15 pm, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento. Yolo, San Joaquin, and Solano volunteers are able to attend. Please let your home county know if you will be going.

- Thursday, August 20
- Monday, September 28
- Thursday, October 22
- Thursday, December 3

- **New Leader Orientation at San Joaquin UCCE**. 6:00-8:30 pm, 2101 E. Earhart Ave, Stockton

- Tuesday, October 6
- Tuesday, November 3

- **State 4-H Leaders' Forum, November 6-8, 2009** at Asilomar Conference Center. You'll come home loaded with ideas, activities, and enthusiasm!

- 4-H SET sessions will include Experiential and Inquiry Learning
- Infusing 4-H SET Abilities into projects
- Quick 4-H SET Activities for club meetings
- Water conservation curriculum for high-school youth
- Power of Wind alternative energy curriculum for middle school youth
- Ideas for integrating technology into 4-H

Registrations range from \$250.00 to \$310.00 and are due September 1, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/>

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **Achievement Night, Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 7:00 PM, Vallejo**

All 4-H members, parents, leaders, and their families are invited to attend this annual awards night, where members and leaders are honored for their outstanding accomplishments completed during this year. The following presentations will be made at Achievement Night: leader 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 year pins, star ranks, presentation proficiency, county record book winners and medalists, Alan Hamel Citizenship Award, All Stars, Emerald Stars, Leader of the Year, 4-H Alumni, Friend of 4-H, county winners secretary, reporter, historian, newsletter editor & treasurer books, 1st year Jr. & Teen Leader pins. *Member year pins, stripes and 100% attendance pins are presented at the local club meetings.*

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- **Harvest Fair, Friday, October 23, 2009, Vacaville**

Sign-ups for Harvest Fair booths has begun! Your club representative must email Kara Payne of your choice no later than the September 9th Leaders Council meeting. All clubs are expected to provide a carnival booth (i.e., fishing game, ring toss, bean bag throw etc.). We will also need each club to sign up to help with two of the tasks during the activity, which include ticket sales, refreshment booth. To make it easier for clubs who are traveling from other areas, the hosting clubs will be doing set-up and clean-up. To reserve your booth or if you have any questions contact Abbie Glass, Vacaville Area Representative, at aglass@solanowireless.com or phone 707-451-8442.

- **Family & Consumer Sciences Field Day Saturday, October 24, 2009 at UC Davis**

This day-long event features educational workshops for 4-H members 9 and older with sessions running concurrently all day. Members can participate in up to six fun sessions including:

1. Food/Nutrition: What's for Dinner; Martha Meets Miss Manners; Play With Your Food; Smoothie "Throwdown"; Got Jerky?
Clothing: Strut Like Tyra; Creative Costuming; Beadazzeling; Project Runway; Fashion Frosting; Sewing 101; Upcycling
Personal Consumerism: What Not to Wear; BOGO; Fashion Cat; Chairman of the Board

Look for more details in upcoming issues. Pre-registration is required and will be online in the Fall. Cost is \$10 for the first member from your family and \$5 for each additional member. Members don't have to be enrolled in any particular project to participate! Be part of something new and exciting ... you may find your next 4-H calling!

- **Vet School at California State Fair.** The UCD School of Veterinary Medicine will be conducting hands-on activities and lessons to promote animal health and welfare with 10-17 year olds. Applications available at www.bigfun.org

- **CAL Conference, January 22-24, 2010 at Walker Creek Ranch**
http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Conferences_-_Events.htm

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

- **2009-2010 Solano County 4-H All Star Ambassador!** Announcing the new All Star Ambassador for 2009-2010, Carson Wignall! The rank of All Star Ambassador is the highest attainable county 4-H rank. The major responsibilities of the All Star is to serve as an ambassador of Solano County 4-H, give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors during 4-H Week, and help in a leadership capacity at club, county and sectional events. Congratulations Carson!
- **County Record Books Due, Wednesday, August 12, 2009, Solano UCCE Office, 501 Texas St., Fairfield.** Please call ahead to schedule an appointment time. **No late books will be accepted!** Prior to the county due date, all books will be reviewed at the local club level by a committee of leaders and parents who are familiar with the evaluating procedures. That committee should send to the county competition only OUTSTANDING record books from those that received GOLD SEALS. Each member may compete in 2 projects. Members will be divided into three grade divisions, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th grade and above. Clubs may submit a **maximum** of 4 books for each project area, in each grade division. **An initial screening will be done by the I & R Committee. Any record books with incomplete forms, missing forms or signatures will NOT be judged at the county level.**
- **Solano County Record Book Judging, Solano UCCE Office, 501 Texas St., Fairfield.** Each club that is sending record books to the UCCE office for county judging must send a minimum of 1 evaluator for every 2 record books (or fraction thereof). Clubs that fail to provide judges will not have their members books evaluated! There will be two different times to choose from.
 - Wednesday, August 26, 2009, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 - Thursday, August 27, 2009, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Each club must submit their list of judges when they drop off their record books for county competition. *Books will not be accepted without the list of judges!* The ability to be objective in your evaluation is important. *All county judges must have evaluated record books at the club level in the past two years.*

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- **State Presentation Day Awards**

California 4-H State Presentation Day was held Saturday, May 30 at UC Davis. 4-H members who received a gold award at sectional presentation day were eligible to compete. Solano County 4-H members received the following awards:
Blue Awards: Emily Kinman (Rio Vista), Hannah DeTomasi, Lyle Glass, Kylie Walker, Kristin Clark-Webb, (Vaca Valley).
Gold Awards: Nika Gardner, Cooper Johnson, Jamie Tryba, Lindsay Tryba (Roving Clovers), Emily Carlson, Molly Carlson, Drake Delorefice, Isaac Hall, Jacob Hall, Jaime Picano (Suisun Valley), Kaylee Lindgren (Tremont), Kiersten Bakke, Colleen Bohannon, Monique Crawford, Carolyn Elder, Sarah Elder (Westwind).

CLUB NEWS

- **Swine Project, Sara McNeill, Vaca Valley 4-H Club**

The last meeting we had was the Saturday before the Dixon May fair which was on May 3rd 09' and we were getting ready for the fair also figuring out our shifts in the barn for people. We also played a small game that Trevor Curtis made that consisted of pig diseases. Then we all went home and got ready for the Dixon May Fair.

- **Outdoor Adventure Project, Kylie Walker, Vaca Valley 4-H Club**

At our last Outdoor Adventure Project Meeting we went canoeing. We went to Lake Solano and launched the canoe. We learned it was easier to paddle with the current. We learned many useful techniques for canoeing. We also learned not to stand up in the canoe. We only saw one trout and decided not to fish. Overall we had a really fun time and learned alot.

- **Vaca Valley 4-H Stars At the Library, Brady Baldwin, Suisun Valley 4-H Club**

Vaca Valley 4-H members dressed up in their 4-H whites and read to children for hours at the Vacaville Public Library one recent Saturday. The 4-H members read aloud to children and then let the kids pick out their very own book. This is a great example of taking service learning further. "It is exciting to get to interact with the children and watch them pick out a book of their own," noted one excited member. The Vacaville Library declared the event a hit. My Own Book thanks Vaca Valley 4-H Club for reaching out to the community and making a difference. If you would like to volunteer and spread the joy of reading please visit www.myownbook.net

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Are you planning a service-learning project for next year? Each year the California State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the **California 4-H Service Learning RFP**. Groups can request up to \$5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application and information is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. Examples of past projects are also listed. The application is due September 15, 2009.
- 4-H club support funding is available through the **Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund** for California 4-H members or volunteers. Funding is intended for activities that meet the following criteria: 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 Youth Development Program; 4) expand the reach of the 4-H Youth Development Program (new youth, new audiences); 5) provide continuing benefit to the applicant's local 4-H Club or project. Application information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/>. Applications are due September 15, 2009.

RESOURCES

- **4-H Resource Library.** The 4-H publication and audio/visual library is looking good. We are making a list for purchases of publications, videos and other visual aids for the library. Please submit any recommendations (along with an order form or information) to Valerie Williams at the UCCE Office by August 12th.
- To view the **4-H State news**, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/>
- To view the **4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology news**, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/updates/index.asp>
- To view the **National 4-H news**, go to <http://4-h.org/news/4hnews.php>

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday, 8:00-5:00 (Closed 12:00-1:00)