



# 4-H NEWS

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## FEATURED NEWS

- **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.
- **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](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/4-H_Calendar_of_Events.htm)
- **4-H Newsletter** Please refer 4-H families to the Solano County website for the most current 4-H Newsletters at: <http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter40.htm> Articles for the newsletter are due to Valerie Williams, [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu) by the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.
- **Attention Shoppers!** Here's a great chance to help. Solano County 4-H Leaders Council will be continuing with the Raley's Quality of Life Card fundraiser. This paperless scrip program makes it easy for you to support our 4-H Leaders Council—with no cost and just a little effort on your part! Leaders Council uses its funds to pay for county events, conference scholarships, graduating Sr. scholarships, member awards & more! Here's how it works:  
Obtain a Raley's Quality of Life Card from Sheila at the UCCE office  
Register Online-If you already have a card you can modify your existing account to give a percentage to Solano County 4-H.  
Present the card to the cashier each time you shop. The card must be presented during the transaction. A percentage of your purchases will be donated to the 4-H Leaders Council.  
The Quality of Life Card is different than other scrip programs, in that your full contribution goes to support the 4-H Program. Nothing is taken out for administrative fees. There are no product exclusions—you can even use it at the pharmacy! All of your purchases except non-merchandise items (lottery tickets, money orders, sales tax, CRV, postage stamps, gift cards, commuter passes), will generate money to help the 4-H program in our county. You can even get extra cards to give your family and friends. Thanks for your support, and be sure to use your card every time you shop at Raley's, Bel Air, or Nob Hill Foods! If you have any questions, call Sheila Bakke, Solano County 4-H Leaders Council Treasurer, at (707) 438-7415.  
Online Registration Procedure:  
Log onto <http://www.raleys.com>  
Click on Quality of Life Card, on the left, under NEIGHBORHOOD  
Click on "Click here to Activate Card"  
Fill out forms Steps 1-5  
Click "Join Now"  
Scrip  
Log In  
Scroll down  
Your organization selections states "Solano County 4-H" Click log out. You are now registered. Just remember to use your card every time you shop at Raley's.
- **Dixon May Fair Competitive Exhibits Meeting,** Chairperson Jill Bors-Turner would like to have a meeting with 4-H leaders and FFA advisors on September 15th @ 6:00 pm. in Madden Dinning Hall. We would like suggestions or concerns you may have for the 2010 fair.

# COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

In an effort to offer members a greater variety of projects, some 4-H clubs are opening their projects on a county-wide basis. Many projects are limited in size.

- **Alpaca Project, Vaca Valley**

This project will be open County wide to all 4-H youth who either own or are interested in Alpacas. While the focus will be on Alpacas, we will also discuss other Camelids such as Llamas, Vicunia and Guanico. Youth do not need to own an Alpaca and are welcome to use another Camelid (i.e. Llama etc.) for their project work.

For those interested in owning or leasing an Alpaca, we are working on some low cost opportunities. The goal is that the project be affordable as compared with other 4-H projects. We are still working on the plan for the year. Details will be available at our first meeting.

### Project Topics & Activities

- Camelid history and evolution.
- Health, husbandry & housing.
- Fiber uses & crafts.
- Training and showmanship.
- Still life entries for fairs.
- Show opportunities (hopefully Dixon May Fair and Solano County Fair).

### Alpaca Facts

Live 15 - 25 Years.

- Easy keepers, they eat small quantities of feed, are relatively clean preferring to use a community dung pile and are easy on fences.
- Smaller than Llamas, about 3 ft tall at withers, with a long graceful neck, weigh 100 - 175 pounds and have soft fiber all over.
- Females give birth once per year to one baby, called a cria.
- Quiet and gentle in nature, they hum when communicating and can be handled by children.
- Excellent companion and show animals, they are easily trained to lead and perform on obstacle courses.
- Smart, funny and have a permanent smile.

### Meeting Schedule

- Third Saturday of each month at 10 am beginning in September.
  - Galway/Howard Home - 4071 Norman Ct. Vacaville. We may rotate to other member homes to work with their animals.
- Approximately 10 meetings & field trips.

Are you interested or even just curious? Please call, e-mail or come to the first meeting on September 19th, 10 am. Deb Galway, 455-8211, [grndctr@solanowireless.com](mailto:grndctr@solanowireless.com), 4071 Norman Ct. Vacaville

- **Archery Project, Vaca Valley & Roving Clovers**

Kirk Howard & Debbie Pinon, Leaders

Meeting Dates: 10/3/09, 11/14/09, 12/12/09, 1/9/10, 2/13/10, 3/13/10, 4/10/10, 5/1/10, 6/12/10

Location: 4071 Norman Court, Vacaville & The Lagoon Valley Archery Range

Project size limited to 20

Come join us in the county-wide archery project. We will construct arrows from scratch. We will also learn the history of archery, eye dominance, types of archery equipment, shooting safety, shooting form, use of compound and recurve bows and tuning your equipment.

What do you need? You will need to supply an arm guard & finger tab. All other archery equipment will be provided. A willingness to learn and enjoy archery target shooting. Want to use your own equipment – THAT'S GREAT!

Contact Kirk Howard, 707-455-8211 or [tools@solanowireless.com](mailto:tools@solanowireless.com).

- **Beekeeping Project, Sherwood Forest 4-H Club**

Sherwood Forest club would like to lead a bee keeping project this year, and would like to open it to all

4-H'ers in Solano County. Meetings will be held in a variety of locations, maybe beginning at the UCCE offices in Fairfield. Other meetings may be at farms, orchards, UC Davis, American Canyon bee keepers, etc. We plan to learn about bee keeping, pollination, colony collapse disorder, honey collection etc; and apply for permits to keep bees. If you are interested in learning more, or signing up for this project please contact Tirzah Haik at [haikolds98@aol.com](mailto:haikolds98@aol.com)

- **Cavy Project, Tremont 4-H Club**

Audrey Ritchey Cavy Leader has opened the project to county. First meeting is Sept. 3rd at 6:30 to 8:30 PM, location 545 Spruce Street, Dixon. Meetings will be on the 1st Thursday of each month. Contact number 707-592-9213 after 5PM

- **My Own Book, Suisun Valley 4-H Club**

Help spread the joy of reading by Community Service. In the My Own Book project you'll learn high service/high learning community service by collecting books, reading to kids, and letting children choose their very own book. In many cases the book given will be the very first book ever. This will be a rewarding project where members will learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills. You can visit [www.myownbook.net](http://www.myownbook.net) for more information. This county wide project will be open to members is grade 9+ who want to read and help other kids. We'll make bookmarks, design t-shirts, practice reading aloud, and have a book drive. Come join the fun! Contact Brady Baldwin if you are interested in being a part of this project at 707-864 4046.

- **Service Learning Project, Vaca Valley 4-H Club**

**What is service learning anyway?**

- Youth and adults work together as equal partners in ways that result in acquisition of new skills and positive community change.
- A community service project becomes a service-learning project when the experiential learning process is used in conjunction with learning and service objectives.
- Service-learning combines service objectives with learning objectives with the intent that the activity changes both the recipient and the provider of the service.

**How will we do this project?**

- The 4-H members will decide what the project will be by brainstorming, discussion, and final agreement. Some ideas might be:
- Link with the Vacaville Museum on a project they have...could be something to do with Pena Adobe.
- Help beautify the new Veteran's Cemetery on Midway Road.
- Have a veteran's support project defined in conjunction with the Vacaville Veteran's group.
- Contact Opportunity House and create a project with ideas of what they really need. Ideas are endless...enroll in the Service Learning Project and share your ideas!

**Meetings**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Thomas residence, 250 Silver Eagle Way, Vacaville, 448-4268. After that, we're

planning on holding them the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, and we'll let you help select what time is best. Contact Pam Thomas for more information, [pkthomas@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pkthomas@ucdavis.edu)

- **Shooting Sports, Maine Prairie**

Project will be lead by Ed Coffelt assisted by Kirk Howard & William Butler. Members will learn how to shoot a shotgun or .22. This project will follow strict state policies and procedures for shooting sports projects. It is mandatory that a parent or legal guardian attends the first meeting. Contact Ed Coffelt for more information at [Coffelt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Coffelt@sbcglobal.net) or 707-678-2777.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **The next Leaders Council meeting** is Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 7:00 PM, in the UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield.
- **National 4-H Week** National 4-H Week is October 4 – 10. Displays must be in place by Saturday, October 3, and must remain in place through Saturday, October 10. To be included in the contest, send the exact location of your display, via email, to Valerie Williams at [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu) by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Awards will be \$25.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$15.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$10.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.  
The 2009 National 4-H Week theme is “Celebrate 4-H.”  
Window displays will be evaluated according to the following criteria:
  - \* Is the display location visible and accessible to the public?
  - \* Does the display attract attention and encourage people to stop and look?
  - \* Does it promote 4-H and encourage youth to join?
  - \* Is the display simple and attractive, sign easily read, with appropriate symbols and modes of expression?
  - \* Does it tell people that this is National 4-H Week?
  - \* Are observers referred to a source for more information?
- **Solano County 4-H Achievement Night**, “National Treasure” is the theme, Tuesday, October 6, 2009, Community Presbyterian Church, 2800 Georgia Street, Vallejo, 7:00 p.m.  
All 4-H members, parents, leaders and their families are invited to attend this annual awards night. Members and leaders will be 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, modeling proficiency, county record book winners and medalists, Alan Hamel Citizenship Award, Emerald Stars, All Star Ambassador, California State Ambassadors, Leader of the Year, 4-H Alumni, Friend of 4-H, county winners secretary, reporter, and 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.*

From Dixon, Vacaville, Fairfield & Rio Vista: West on I-80 to Vallejo. Take the Georgia St. exit towards Central Vallejo. Bear to the right, continuing right, over the overpass at the light onto Georgia St. Follow Georgia St. approximately 1/2 mile. The church is on the left on the corner of Georgia and Annette St. You may drop off for unloading in front of the church. Disabled parking is available behind the church off of Annette St. Street parking surrounds the church. Additional parking is available across the street in the 7-11 parking lot at the corner of Cedar and Georgia St. *Please park to the right of the yellow curbed area as you enter the lot.* Use the cross-walk, with light, at the Cedar & Georgia St. intersection to cross the street to the church.

We will be collecting food for the hungry in Solano County at Achievement Night. The list below is a list of the top ten most needed foods at the Solano Food Bank.

Canned Meat, Fish & Poultry  
Canned Ready to Eat Meals  
Canned Vegetables & Tomato Products  
Peanut Butter (plastic container)  
Iron Rich Cereal (45% or more of daily value)  
100% Fruit Juice (48 oz. or less plastic bottles)  
Canned Fruit (in juice)  
Dry Beans (any type)  
Enriched Rice or Pasta  
Powdered Milk

Also, we will be collecting used batteries (sizes AAA through D) and used ink cartridges.

- **Harvest Fair, Friday, October 23, 2009, Orchard Avenue Baptist Church, 301 N. Orchard Avenue, Vacaville, 5:00 – 8:30 PM.** Please join us for the HARVEST FAIR on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be carnival type booths for members to play. There will be lots of games and fun! This event kicks off a year of fun for 4-H members and their families. The Vacaville 4-H clubs will be hosting the event this year. Each of the 11 clubs in the county will have a carnival type booth for members to play, all costing 10¢. A food booth will be available to purchase dinner and snacks. In addition to the carnival, a peanut butter drive will be held with donations being distributed to food closets in each community of the county. Admission to the Harvest Fair is ½ dozen cookies to share and 1 jar of peanut butter per family.

All clubs are expected to provide a carnival booth (i.e. fishing game, ring toss, bean bag toss, etc.). In order to encourage a variety of booths at the Harvest Fair this year we are offering a \$25 prize to the club that has the booth with the highest attendance. We are looking for booths that can be enjoyed by younger kids as well as ones that the older kids like and want to attend. We want to see some good competition between the clubs. So put on your thinking caps and start designing those booths! We will also need each club to sign up to help with two of the tasks during the evening. Tasks include: ticket sales, refreshment booth, set-up and clean-up. If you have not signed up by the September 9 Leaders Council Meeting, we will be assigning responsibilities to your club. To reserve your booth, or if you have any questions, contact Abbie Glass at 707-451-8442 or [aglass@solanowireless.com](mailto:aglass@solanowireless.com).

Driving directions and additional details will be in the October issue of 4-H News.

- **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!

## CONFERENCES

- **National Conference Applications** Due September 30, 2009, March 20-March 27, 2010, Chevy Chase, Maryland, 4-H Office, 875-6811 <http://ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/> Conference is for youth (ages 15-19) and volunteers (ages 21 and up) currently enrolled in 4-H in California.
- **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/>

- **CAL Conference, January 22-24, 2010 at Walker Creek Ranch.** Applications will be posted to the website when we receive them.  
[http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Conferences - Events.htm](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Conferences_-_Events.htm)

## 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.** Call or email Valerie Williams to register at [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu) or (707) 784-1319. **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.

If you are not able to attend the Solano County orientation you may attend orientation in Yolo, San Joaquin or Sacramento County. Please contact Valerie Williams at [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu) or (707) 784-1319 and let her know if you are attending training outside of Solano County.

- **New Leader Orientation at Yolo County UCCE office**, 6:30-9:030 pm, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland. Contact Delynda Eldridge at (503) 666-8735.
  - Tuesday, September 22
  - Thursday, October 15
  - Thursday, November 19
- **New Leader Orientations at Sacramento County UCCE office**, 7:00-9:15 pm, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento. Contact Joan Ryan (916) 875-6811 or (916) 875-6913.
  - Monday, September 28
  - Thursday, October 22
  - Thursday, December 3
- **New Leader Orientation at San Joaquin County UCCE office**, 6:00-8:30 pm, Robert J. Cabral Ag Center, 2102 E. Earhart Ave, Stockton. Contact Michelle Drummond at (209) 953-6106.
  - Tuesday, October 6
  - Tuesday, November 3
- **4-H Shooting Sports Course Shotgun Discipline, Ukiah, CA, October 24-25 2009, Cost \$30**  
 A shotgun trainer course will be held 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, **October 24-25, 2009** at the Ukiah Gun Club, in Mendocino County. Upon successful completion of this two-day course, participants will be certified as 4-H leader trainers, and will be eligible to serve as shooting sports project leaders, as well as instruct and certify other volunteers in the discipline of shotgun. Cost for the course is \$30, which includes shotgun shells, clay targets, continental breakfast and lunch both days, and class materials. Teen Leaders may attend, with a participating adult volunteer. Limited camping space is available, contact John Holder for arrangements. The course will be limited to twenty (20) participants. You must be an appointed 4-H volunteer or member to attend this training. Send Training Request Form (found at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>) with fees payable to "Mendocino County 4-H Council" to UCCE 4-H Shotgun, 890 North Bush Street, Ukiah CA 95482.

For more registration information, contact Linda Edgington (707) 463-4495 or [lgedgington@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lgedgington@ucdavis.edu). If you have questions regarding the course or facility, contact the instructor, John Holder at (707) 485-8445 or [bearhunt56@hotmail.com](mailto:bearhunt56@hotmail.com).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **CA Computer Corps** Apps due September 30, 2009, <http://www.ca4h.org/compcorps/>  
 Applicants must be 15 or older and a California 4-H member, Volunteer Leader, or 4-H Staff. Membership is a one-year commitment with an optional second year.

## INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION

- **State Record Book Judging** Books Due: October 23, 2009 to County 4-H Office, Judging December 4-6, 2009 ,State 4-H Office, UC Davis

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition.asp>

Senior 4-H members (14 and older by December 31) are eligible to enter State Competition. A cover page and other materials to be included before the book is submitted for state judging. All 4-H work up to June 30 should be included.

State competition is focused on recognizing 4-H members who have outstanding 4-H Record Books and who have made a contribution to the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Judges' applications are due September 30, 2009. Judges are needed; applications are available at the above website.

- **NEW Solano County All Star Ambassador 2009-2010!**

My name is Carson Wignall and I have been selected as Solano County's All-Star Ambassador for this upcoming year. For those of you that do not know me, I am a rising junior at Jesuit High School in Sacramento, where I am involved in many activities, such as newspaper staff, yearbook staff, liturgy planning committee, and Block J. I am also a very dedicated member of my school's Cross-Country and Track teams.

However, of all the activities in which I have participated, I owe the most to 4-H because, in the nine years that I have been involved in this program, I have grown immensely by taking all of the opportunities that the program has to offer. Through 4-H, I have become a very well-rounded person. I joined 4-H at the age six as a very shy kid and, over the years, I developed many life skills through projects and raising livestock. 4-H has also helped me develop valuable public speaking and leadership skills. I am glad to say that, thanks to 4-H, I am no longer the same shy boy I used to be; now, I am a more confident person.

My fondest memories in the 4-H program have been those where I have challenged myself. Looking back, 4-H, more than any other extra-curricular activity, has given me a great sense of accomplishment. As an All-Star, my single goal is to get the kids in Solano County more involved in 4-H so that each member can have similar accomplishments. I am proud to be a 4-H member and will work hard this next year to help each of you to get the most out of the program.

As All-Star, I represent the 4-H program in our county. This means I will be at all major county events and be available to assist to all of those involved in Solano County's 4-H program. I would love to come speak at your club meetings or provide you assistance. Feel free to contact me by email at [Carson.Wignall@Yahoo.com](mailto:Carson.Wignall@Yahoo.com) or by phone at (707) 718-8440.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Harvey McDougal loans** are low interest livestock loans for 4-H and FFA members raising feeder animals or breeding projects. Loan applications for **Beef & Dairy Cattle** projects are due by Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM to the Solano County UCCE office.

*All first-time applicants* must attend an interview & be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The interview will be held at the UCCE meeting room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Repeat borrowers* must submit their completed record book from the previous year's project along with their completed application, by the due date. *Repeat borrowers* are also asked to attend a brief meeting with the loan committee on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 PM, to answer any questions regarding your application and to complete the appropriate loan promissory notes.

Applications are available at the UCCE office or online at [http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/) (See the Scholarships-Awards Tab).

Sheep, goat and swine project loan applications will be due in January.

- 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.

## POLICIES

- **Enrollment Age**  
**Primary Members:** Must be at least 5 years old or in Kindergarten by December 31. They may not enroll in large animal, shooting sports, or leadership projects.  
**Regular Members:** Must be at least 9 years old or 4th Grade by December 31, and may continue in the program until the end of the calendar year they become 19 years of age.  
**Home Schooled Children:** Enroll based on their chronological age as of December 31.
- **No Gambling in 4-H**  
 Lotteries, Drawings, Raffles, Bingo, and other games of chance are illegal under California Law for 4-H. Check with other clubs to find out what fundraisers have been successful. **ALL** fundraisers must be approved by the 4-H Youth Development Staff beforehand.
- **Project Supplies Cost**  
 The project leader should figure the overall cost of the project (publication fees, duplicating costs, project material costs, etc.). The members should be charged accordingly to cover these costs. A project leader cannot charge for their services, lessons, or rental as 4-H is a volunteer organization. If this happens, it is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance. Also, the youth is not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance. Should you have questions or need clarification, please call the 4-H Office.
- **Certified Project Leaders**  
 Don't forget you must be a certified leader in order to hold project meetings. You must complete fingerprinting, paperwork and an orientation meeting to be certified.
- **Length of Project**  
 Project work occurs over a period of several weeks or months during the year. A minimum of ten hours of instruction is required in order to be considered a complete 4-H project. Older youth who have mastered topic areas should be used as junior or teen leaders in order to continue their growth in the project.
- **Club Bylaws & Constitution**  
 All clubs should be reviewing and updating their club Bylaws & Constitution using the updated state template.

## CLUB NEWS

- **Community Service Project, Savannah San Nicolas, Golden Hills 4-H Club**

On August 6th I volunteered at the Kids Fest at the Vacaville Museum. The weather gave us a slight breeze with some heat; although, we were completely covered over a canopy of branches full of leaves in their courtyard. Some of the booths that were at the museum, were: face painting, I among the many booths, I worked at the Bean Bag Toss with two other volunteers, telling the kids how to play the game, and where they were to stand in distance from the target board. I had fun working at the Kids Fest with all of the kids and other volunteers. I am sure to volunteer next year.

## 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)*