



# 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 December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**UCCE Office Holiday Closure.** The UCCE office will be closed for the following holidays:

**Thanksgiving,** November 26 & 27, 2009

**Christmas,** December 25, 2009

**New Years,** January 1, 2010

If you are planning to visit the office please call ahead to make sure that we will be here to help you!

## 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.

- **Swine, Roving Clovers**

How exciting!! Roving Clover 4-H Swine Group is going County Wide for members 9 years and above. We would like to open this up to other 4-H Clubs that do not offer Swine as a project to join us! We are a small, but active group and would love to have more members join; we meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 in Vacaville.

Contact Craig Black at 707-310-4701 or Logan Talken at 707-592-1877.

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**The next Leaders Council meeting** is Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 7:00 PM, in the UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield.

**Project Skills Day & Chili Cook-Off**

Saturday, January 9, 2010. Riverview School, 525 South 2<sup>ND</sup> Street, Rio Vista

Planning is underway by the Rio Vista 4-H Club for this event. Entry requirements and registration forms are posted at: [http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Conferences - Events.htm](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Conferences_-_Events.htm)

Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**State Fashion Revue!** Make a soft, fleece or knitted hat, bring it to the State Fashion Revue, model it, and donate it to cancer patients, young or old! This community service is open to all 4-H youth and adults. This is a great way to use your sewing skills for the benefit of your community. Think soft and fuzzy, not hard or scratchy. Bring your hats to Fashion Revue in May and let's show our cancer patients we care! For more details, check out the website at

<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

## CONFERENCES

**C.A.L. (Creating a Leader) Conference, January 22-24, 2010 at Walker Creek Ranch.** 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H members are invited to attend the 20th annual Sectional Youth Leadership Conference. Cost is \$75.00 (\$85.00 with t-shirt) Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis and they will fill up fast—so don't delay! (*As of November 17, 2009, the 15 allotted spots are full.* All applications (with payments) received from now until the registration deadline, will be put on a waiting list.) Registration deadline is November 27, 2009. Applications are posted at: [http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Conferences - Events.htm](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Conferences_-_Events.htm)

**2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum** is scheduled for March 11-14, 2010 in Albuquerque, N.M. Registration deadline, December 15, 2009 <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/>

**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. 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. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://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.

**California International Exchange Program** will offer 1 month outbound programs to Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan during the summer of 2010. Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by January 27, 2010. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>. For more information contact Pat English at: [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8520.

**Conference Chaperones** are required for most conferences, **NO** conference applications for youth participants will be accepted until *certified* volunteers, both female and male, come forward to chaperone the particular conference. If a chaperone does not come forward by the application deadline date, registration materials and fees will be returned to all youth applicants. For most conferences we are obligated to provide at least one chaperone for every 10 delegates or portion thereof. Chaperones must be at least 25 years of age. If there are both male and female members attending the conference we are obligated to supply both male and female chaperones. Solano County 4-H Leaders Council will pay for the registration fees of the required chaperones. The following conferences will be offered this year and all will require chaperones: CAL Conference, North Central Section Citizenship Conference, California Focus, Washington Focus and State Leadership Conference.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**4-H Conference Scholarships.** During the year, Leaders Council offers 4-H members many scholarships to cover part of the cost of attending sectional and state events. To apply, members must send their written request to the Leaders Council Executive Board, to arrive by the 1st Wednesday of the month and prior to the application registration deadline. Scholarship requests will **not** be accepted for reimbursement after an event. The executive board will discuss and consider all requests at the same time, and present a recommendation at the next Leaders Council meeting.

In return for the scholarship funds, members must sign an agreement to plan and carry out a special activity for their club, community or county that relates to the event they attended with the scholarship funds.

Events that offer scholarships include: C.A.L. Conference, a sectional event held in January in Marin County that teaches leadership skills; California Focus and Washington Focus, trips to our state capital and the nation's capital during the summer to learn more about our government; Sectional Citizenship Conference, a sectional event held in March to acquaint members with various aspects of the citizenship project; and State Leadership Conference, usually held in August.

In addition, scholarships are available for adults attending these conferences as chaperones. Leaders attending the State Leaders Forum for the first time are also eligible. For more information, speak to a Leaders Council officer or Valerie at the UCCE office.

### Harvey McDougal Livestock Loans

Harvey McDougal loans are low interest livestock loans for 4-H and FFA members raising feeder animals or breeding projects. Loan applications for **Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine & Goats**, projects are due by Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 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, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

*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 at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 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/Scholarships\\_&\\_Awards.htm](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Scholarships_&_Awards.htm)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**4-H Leaders Council Committee Volunteers Needed.** Leaders Council needs parents, leaders and youth (ages 14+), to volunteer to serve on the committees that help council to run effectively. Contact a council officer, area representative or Valerie in the UCCE office if you would like to participate or want more information. You can learn much about the 4-H program by serving on these committees. Committees needing members are: Incentives & Recognition, Audit, Public Relations, Leader Development and Training, Project Advisory & New Club Development.

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

**Food Safety and the Holidays**, Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Solano County UCCE Office, 501 Texas St., Fairfield. Come and learn about food safety through hands on activities. Food gifts and demonstrations for safe recipes that illustrate food safety principles.

Solano County 4-H policy is that any 4-H Club planning to sell food products (other than pre-packed foods) must have a designated 4-H volunteer participate in Food Safety training annually. We strongly encourage all Foods and Nutrition Project Leaders, Food Preservation Project Leaders, Jr. & Teen Leaders, anyone responsible for food service, handling or sales at 4-H events and activities to participate in this important training. Please contact Valerie to reserve your spot no later than Monday, November 30th. Call 707-784-1319 or email [vwilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vwilliams@ucdavis.edu)

### **New Leader Orientation**

*If you were not able to attend the Solano County orientation you may attend orientation in Yolo, San Joaquin or Sacramento County. Please contact Valerie Williams at [vwilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vwilliams@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**, Thursday, November 19, 6:30-9:30 pm, UCCE office, 70 Cottonwood Street, Woodland. Contact Delynda Eldridge at (503) 666-8735.

**New Leader Orientations at Sacramento County**, Thursday, December 3, 7:00-9:15 pm, UCCE office, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento. Contact Joan Ryan (916) 875-6811.

### **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Rifle, Tulare, CA**

Saturday, January 9, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. 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)

### **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. For more information, contact Martin Smith, [mhsmith@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mhsmith@ucdavis.edu) or Steven Worker, [smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu).

# INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION

## SOLANO COUNTY 4-H HAT ETIQUETTE

Green Hat-through 8th grade.

White Hat-9th grade and above.

The cap should reflect the dignity of 4-H Club work and not be cheapened by fastening to it every emblem, award and ribbon won by the wearer.

Service Stripes for 4-H Hat:

**White bar on green**-worn on green hat, one bar for each year of 4-H completed.

**Gold bar on green**-worn on green hat, one bar for each year of junior leadership completed (6th, 7th & 8th grade only).

**Green bar on white**-worn on white hat, one bar for each year of 4-H completed.

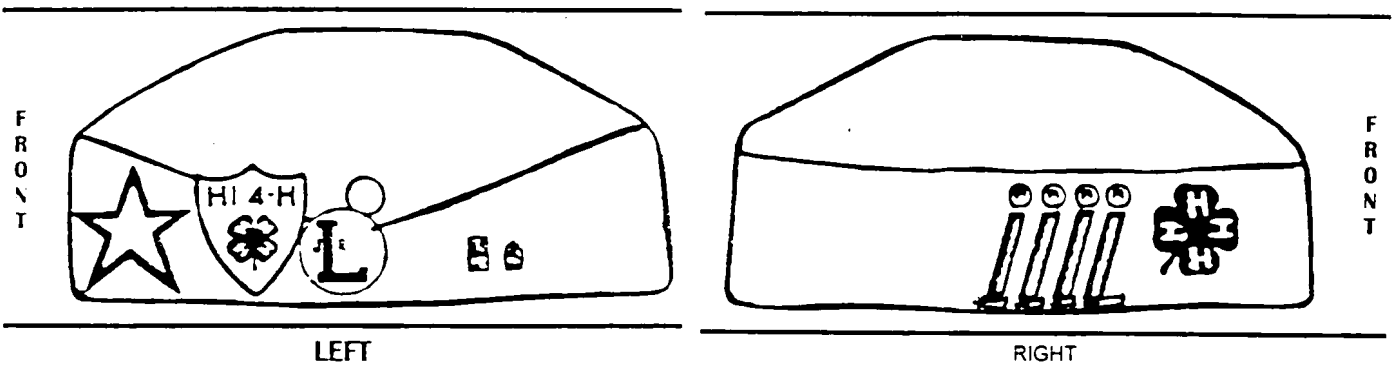
**Gold bar on white**-worn on white hat, one bar for each year of junior or teen leadership completed.

### LEFT SIDE

- ★ All Star, Emerald Star, Platinum, Gold Star, Silver Star or Bronze Star **ONLY** the highest Star award earned is worn near the front of the cap.
- ★ The Hi 4-H Patch is placed behind the Star.
- ★ Junior or Teen Leader Patch follows the Hi 4-H. It is worn only while the member is serving as a Junior or Teen Leader.
- ★ The All Star Pin should be fastened to the center of the All Star emblem.
- ★ The Emerald Star should be fastened to the center of the Emerald Star emblem.

### RIGHT SIDE

- ★ Service Stripes are worn on the right side of the hat, behind the 4-H Clover. One Service Stripe is earned for each 4-H year completed.
- ★ Year Achievement Pins are fastened above Service Stripes, starting with the first year pin & stripe next to the 4-H Clover.
- ★ 100% Attendance Pins are placed at the bottom of the Service Stripe for the year in which it was earned. 100% Attendance Pins are earned for perfect attendance at the years Community Meetings. Per Solano County 4-H policy, if a member is absent (excused or not) they should not receive a 100% Attendance Pin.
- ★ Medals may be worn on either side of the hat. No other pins or ribbons should be worn on the hat.



**Achievement Night Results**, complete list of Achievement Night award recipients.  
[http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Scholarships\\_&\\_Awards.htm](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Scholarships_&_Awards.htm)

**Solano County 4-H Week Window Display Contest.** Congratulations to all of the 4-H Clubs who participated in the 5th annual window display contest!

Displays were judged based upon inclusion of the following: National 4-H Week information, contact information, use and or definition of the 4 H 's and overall attractiveness.

Awards:  
1st place: Vaca Valley 4-H  
2nd place: Sherwood Forest 4-H  
3rd place: Rio Vista 4-H

Other Participants:  
Maine Prairie  
Suisun Valley 4-H  
Tremont

## CLOVER SAFE NOTES

### **CLOVER SAFE #28, MEETING SPACE SAFETY CHECKLISTS**

Prior to holding a meeting, it is a prudent and recommended practice to evaluate the configuration, accommodations, limitations, and hazards of the space. Once these aspects of the meeting space have been evaluated, then guidelines, instructions, or other information can be developed or provided to safely manage the meeting and space, as appropriate. Prior to meetings review the meeting space check list at: <http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/files/43117.pdf>

For additional safety information [http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/Clover\\_Safe\\_Notes.htm](http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/Clover_Safe_Notes.htm)

Clover Safe Notes are prepared by the UC ANR Office of Environmental Health & Safety, in support of the Statewide 4-H Youth Development Program.

## CLUB NEWS

### **The 50 Person Challenge, Cooper Johnson, Roving Clovers 4-H Club Reporter**

Have you ever heard of Wreaths Across America? Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization whose goal is to place holiday wreaths on the graves of veterans in U.S. national cemeteries to honor them for their service to the country. Our local wreath laying ceremony is at the Sacramento Valley National Veterans Cemetery on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M (located between Vacaville and Dixon).

The Roving Clovers 4-H club challenges every Solano County club to have at least 5 members participate in this community service and citizenship event. There are two opportunities to take part – one is to help unload wreath boxes a day or two before the event and the other is laying the wreaths on the day of the ceremony. *Can you meet or beat our challenge?*

For more details or to accept the challenge, please contact me at [rovingcloversreporter@gmail.com](mailto:rovingcloversreporter@gmail.com)  
You may also visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

## **New County Wide Community Service Project - Diaper Round Up Help Make A Change: Donate Diapers**

When our community needs help, 4Hers are there to do what needs to be done! There are more and more families in Solano County that need assistance. Many organizations collect food for hungry families, but these families have other needs too. Many of these families have children under the age of three. These families need diapers! Let's help make a change in their life. Kaylee and I will be collecting diapers of all sizes, especially the larger sizes. We will be working with ChildNet.Org to distribute diapers to Solano County families. If you would like to donate diapers please contact: Hannah Crawford Stewart at [hannah.elyse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hannah.elyse@sbcglobal.net) or Kaylee Lindgren at [kayleesarockstar@gmail.com](mailto:kayleesarockstar@gmail.com)

## **Farm Bureau Celebration - Community Service, Savannah San Nicolas, Golden Hills 4-H Club**

On the morning of Oct. 17, 2009 I went to Pippo Ranch in Vacaville, with my brother, sister and mother to help set up for this event. When I we arrived, we were assigned to set up just over 300 chairs around tables, put elegant table cloths and center pieces on them. I was also able to help set up their poster for what they were having the event for and was able to learn about this event. I learned that I was helping set up a first ever fund raiser for farmers in CA. The money received from their silent and live auction would go to help farmers in need. On the large display was information about farming and many brochures laid around it on the table. The event coordinator/secretary was really enjoyable to be around and was very thoughtful. She didn't forget that even though this event was mainly for adults, there were going to be some children present and thought of something to keep them entertained. There was a volleyball net, bocce ball set up and a bean bag toss board. All in all, I enjoyed helping others reach success in what ever they were reaching for.

## **Beef Project, Bryanna DeTomas, Vaca Valley 4-H Club**

Our last beef meeting was held on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at the Glass' house. When we got there, we went over the different breeds we were assigned to research from our last meeting. Once everyone presented their breeds, we did an anatomy test. Everyone did a lot better than we thought we would have done. After the anatomy test, we went outside to learn some basic training for showmanship. We learned different things like what to look for when picking out your steer, proper positioning of your steer and how to walk them in a show ring. At the end of our meeting we got to wash and groom the steers.

## **Archery Project, Jestine Pinon, Roving Clovers 4-H Club**

At Our First October 10, 2009, It was exciting to meet new members at the project. Chris Galway-Howard and I went over some of the basics of Archery. The leader of the project, Kirk Howard, went over the safety of Archery and the overview of the year.

## **Rabbit Project, Sara Meier, Vaca Valley 4-H Club**

We had our first rabbit meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Our rabbit group had grown by 5 new members! We now have a total of 11 members. We split the group up in two, one group was the new members and the other were the members from last year. The new members went over proper care of the rabbit and the different breeds. While this was going on, the older members went over the diseases and body parts of the rabbit as a quick review. We also discussed what we want to accomplished in rabbits this year. This should be a fun year.

## **County Archery Project, Seth San Nicolas, Golden Hills 4-H Club**

On our first meeting, Oct. 10, 2009, our leader went over the rules and scheduling. The 2 teen leaders took turns showing us the parts of the bow and arrow. We were to write all of these parts down on a picture diagram and later we had a test. It really wasn't a test for they helped us if we didn't know the parts. It was a good way to learn about each part. I learned which eye is my dominate eye and practiced shooting with an elastic band, as if it were the bow. I look forward to the next meeting and hopefully we can shoot with real bows and arrows.

## **Family & Consumer Sciences Field Day Saturday, Sara San Nicolas, Golden Hills 4-H Club**

The Science Field Day was something that gave me a couple of aspects and tips on different subjects that I'll constantly remember. It was held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at U.C. Davis. I was able to go to four of the top six classes that I chose, plus they were a bit more than I had expected. The first class was called Playing with Food. We made a breakfast meal and also a dessert that was taffy. We had a mixed of vanilla and chocolate and more with plain vanilla and plain chocolate separately. I had to push it into a ball, pull away without actually pulling it apart, twist, and repeat until the color was softened. So as you can tell we were kind of "playing" with the food we were making. I also had an etiquette class that we were mainly learning over table settings and the manner one should have at a formal lunch/dinner party. For the lunch break, my sister and I found a quaint little café shop across the small street of the building we were in. Afterwards, the next class showed me a few things about reusing things similar to recycling but with clothing materials that I've either outgrown or simply don't want anymore. It's a really useful idea to do this, one wouldn't have to go out and buy something but instead take apart and create something new out of it. The instructor showed us how one could easily take a pair of pants and recreate it into a handbag. I was able to start with a small project that the material was originally from a neck tie. From a piece of that neck tie I was making a cell phone holder that could also be a little coin purse if one made it a little smaller. It was quite simple, just mainly sewing the sides together. My last class was What Not to Wear. We covered face types, body types, and what types of clothes would be good to follow with those features. I really enjoyed learning and talking about things in this class. I was fond of the system of how much one should wear every day, not too much yet not too little. One can calculate by adding a point to each article of clothing, one with each different color, and two points for every patterned article of clothing. The best number is to have eight points. You wouldn't really want to be bland or overwhelming yourself with too much. Overall at this event, it was something that was worthwhile to gain a bit of knowledge and fun.

## **POLICIES**

**Fair Participation.** All 4-H members who plan to exhibit at **ANY** fair during 2010, must be enrolled in 4-H **AND** be enrolled in the project in which they wish to exhibit by 12/31/09.

**Solano County 4-H Horse Registry Forms and Lease Agreements.** At the January 1998 Leaders Council Meeting a policy was adopted. All 4-H members leasing a horse for their project work must have a registry form on file with the UCCE Office 120 days prior to exhibiting at the Dixon May Fair, Solano County Fair and California State Fair. *The lease agreement must be filed annually.* If you own your horse you do not need an agreement, but the horse must be in your possession 120 days before use in a fair. Horse Registry forms are available at the UCCE Office or online at <http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu> Click on the HOT NEWS tab.

### **Participation in Activities where Alcoholic Beverages are Served This policy was adopted at the March 10, 1999 Leaders Council Meeting**

The presence of alcohol is prohibited at all 4-H functions when youth are present, and 4-H leaders are not to consume alcohol while performing their 4-H duties. The following policy is to be followed when youth and adults are participating as 4-H members and leaders at a non-4-H function.

If participating as a 4-H member, members/clubs/units/councils may attend and/or provide services for fund raising and/or public relations efforts to community, private or service groups that serve alcoholic beverages at the function or event providing that:

1. Members shall not handle or in any way come in contact with alcoholic beverages and shall be supervised while in the vicinity or area in which alcohol is present, whether as a participant, attendee or server and shall remain out of the area when the activity is completed.
2. There must be adequate ASSIGNED, certified 4-H adult volunteer leaders on hand at the event.

3. The assigned 4-H adult volunteer leaders shall accept the responsibility of supervising members who could potentially come into contact with alcoholic beverages.
4. 4-H adult volunteers shall be responsible for clearing the tables and/or service area of all alcoholic beverages.

Adequate, assigned supervision is defined as a certified adult volunteer 4-H Youth Development Program Leader, 21 years of age or older. The assigned 4-H adult volunteer leader shall not consume alcoholic beverages while assigned to supervise members.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H staff and/or County Director to assure that this policy is understood by the assigned 4-H adult volunteer leaders through orientation, memorandums of understanding or other training programs. The policy shall be adhered to and in force at any function where alcoholic beverages are served and 4-H members are in attendance. Members and adult volunteers violating this policy may face disciplinary action from the 4-H Council and/or UC County Director/4-H Youth Development Advisor.

### **Jackpot Shows**

The California 4-H Youth Development Program recognizes that there are many animal exhibition opportunities in which young persons can show their project animals. Jackpot shows are one such opportunity. However, the ownership and project participation entry requirements of jackpot shows and the handling of premium funds are not consistent with University and State 4-H policies and practices. The California 4-H Youth Development Program places an emphasis on learning and practicing animal project lessons and this emphasis forms the basis for 4-H projects and educational goals.

The following is the California 4-H Youth Development Program's policy on jackpot shows for livestock or other project areas:

**Definition:** A jackpot show is defined as one in which entry fees are charged and cash prizes or premium are awarded from the accumulated entry fees or other matching funds.

**Participation:** Youth may participate, as individuals, in jackpot shows with their project animals. However, youth may not participate as 4-H members nor will their participation be recognized as a 4-H experience. Coverage under the 4-H accident insurance program and protection under the University's liability program will not be extended to include jackpot shows.

**Sponsorship:** 4-H clubs, projects, groups, or councils will not sponsor, co-sponsor, or host in any way jackpot shows. Jackpot shows sponsored by other entities should not be held in conjunction with 4-H events or activities in a manner that suggest or implies 4-H sponsorship.

**Promotion:** Any 4-H announcements regarding a jackpot show must clearly state that 4-H is not sponsoring the event and is not responsible for any of the activities or outcomes associated with the show. 4-H may announce jackpot shows in 4-H newsletters if the article complies with all federal penalty mail regulations. 4-H newsletter articles should not contain references to entrance fees or monetary prizes. The following disclaimer should be included with the article, "This article is provided for informational purposes only. No endorsement of the named jackpot show is intended, nor is criticism implied if similar shows not mentioned."

## Horse Helmets

1. Effective July 1, 1994, **all** youth **and** adults participating in any 4-H equestrian activity, regardless of riding seat, **must** wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet that meets ASTM/SEI approval with secured chin harness properly fastened at all times when mounted on an equine or in a vehicle being pulled by one or more equines.
2. It is recommended that helmets be worn at all times when handling any equine (when grooming, clipping, or lunging).
3. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the minor rider, to see to it that the headgear worn complies with such approved standards and carries the proper seals and is properly fitted and in good condition. The University of California Cooperative Extension staff and agents are not responsible for checking headgear for compliance. The University of California makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about such headgear and cautions riders that serious injury may result despite wearing headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian sports.
4. At any time during a 4-H equestrian activity, the 4-H Activity Leaders (i.e. Horse show manager, clinic organizer, club leader) may check a participant's equestrian helmet for equestrian standards. Individuals found to be wearing an unapproved helmet will not be permitted to participate in any mounted or driving activity until a proper helmet is acquired.  
**There are no exceptions or waivers. Participants not in compliance are not covered by the University's insurance and are putting the entire program at risk.**

## Fundraising

4-H must take special care in how we raise funds because we are a public non-profit. The 4-H Name and Emblem are held in trust by the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture who protects their use. We need to be careful of the ways in which we use them, especially in connection with raising money.

Clubs or project groups doing any fundraising are reminded to fill out a fundraising proposal and send it to the 4-H office *at least 30 days* prior to the event or activity. We want to be sure your fundraising is a "legal" activity within the 4-H program. Raffles of any kind, for example, are prohibited. As a publicly funded program through the US Department of Agriculture and the State of California, games of chance are not permitted. Fundraising must support the educational goals of the 4-H. *If you intend to apply for any grant, your application must be completed through the UCCE office.*

Community Leaders should have a supply of Fundraising Proposal forms.

It is the responsibility of **ALL** members to participate in the fundraising activities of their club or project. Fundraising activities benefit the entire club and are a lot of fun if everyone helps!

### Can a 4-H Project Leader charge for fees or services?

Absolutely NOT! 4-H is a volunteer organization. Any circumstances, where an adult charges a fee for services, lessons, rental, or any related type of charge, even once, is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance and the youth is not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance.

## FAIR NEWS

### **Dixon May Fair Horse Show Registration Form**

All horses and riders must be pre-registered with the Dixon May Fair Office in order to show at the 2010 Dixon May Fair Jr. Horse Show on or before December 31, 2009. Please send completed forms to: Dixon May Fair, P.O. Box 459, Dixon, CA 95620. Postmarked no later than December 31, 2009. Registration forms postmarked or received after December 31, 2009, will not be accepted. Forms are available online at <http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu> Click on the HOT NEWS tab.

### **Dixon May Fair Market Beef Tagging**

Attention all Market Beef exhibitors. There is a mandatory ear tagging, on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the Dixon May Fair, grounds. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You will need to provide a Bill of Sale and a Yellow transportation slip. The Brand Inspector will be here to check your papers. Any animal that does not have the proper paperwork will not be tagged. The scales will be available for weighing. If you have any questions, please call the Fair office at 707-678-5529.

## RESOURCES

**4-H Presentations.** You may have heard some of your leaders or other 4-H members talking about presentations. That is because they are an important part of the 4-H program. Through the demonstration process, members learn to be comfortable doing public speaking. A presentation is a way of teaching or showing how to do something you have learned.

Solano County Presentation Day is Saturday, February 20, 2010. The event will be held in the Fairfield/Suisun area. On that day, all the members who have planned & practiced their presentations have an opportunity to present them.

Now is the time to start thinking about what you would like to do for a presentation. Your project leader or community leader can help you with ideas for your presentation. The UCCE office also has resource material available that explains how to plan your presentation. In addition, the following slides & videos are available for you to use if you call the UCCE office in advance to reserve them:

### **SLIDES**

*“What is a Demonstration?”*

*“Creating Effective Visual Aids For a 4-H Demonstration”*

### **VIDEOS**

*“Public Speaking & Presentations”*

*4-H Presentation Basics”*

*“Judges Training for Presentations”*

### **DVD**

*“Suisun Valley 4-H Club, 2009 Share the Fun Act”*

Presentations take lots of planning, practice & hard work, but they really are fun! Why not do one this year? Entry information will be in the January issue of Solano Notes.

## Curriculum Resources

4-H Supply Service

<http://4-hmall.org/california/>

UC ANR Catalog

<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/InOrder/Shop/Shop.asp>

National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System, Inc.

<http://www.n4hccs.org/>

### 4-H learning resources for the National Directory

View the new National Directory of 4-H Materials (<http://www.4-hdirectory.org>) in its initial launch. Material should be submitted to the state office for submission into the national site.

If you would like to preview any of the catalog materials before ordering you may do so by making an appointment to look through the reference library. Call Valerie Williams at 707- 784-1319 or email [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu)

- 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)*