



Mendocino County Roundup



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4-H Calendar of Events

July

- 03 4H Office Closed
- 10 Redwood Empire Fair Entry Deadline
- 13 Auction Committee, 7 p.m. Willits
- 14-18 4-H Summer Camp
- 15 Mendocino Co. Roundup Deadline
- 22 Japanese Exchange Hosting Program Begins (<http://ca4h.org>)
- 25 County Council Mtg., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Coast

August

- 6-9 Redwood Empire Fair, Ukiah
- 6-9 4-H State Leadership Conf., UC Merced
- 17 Mendocino Co. Roundup Deadline
- 27 WHY Conference Registrations due
- 31 End of 4-H Year

September

- 01 Beginning of 4-H Year
- 11-13 WHY Conference
- 18-20 Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show, Boonville
- 15 Mendocino County Roundup Deadline
- 30 Project Proficiencies Due, U4HO



Introducing the Mendocino County 4-H Blog!

The Mendocino County 4-H program has now entered the blogosphere! Drawing on the blogging resources of the University of California’s Agriculture and Natural Resources program, we have set up a blog to provide timely information for web-savvy county 4-H members, volunteers, and supporters on topics ranging from upcoming events and trainings to administrative matters such as record books and facility use agreements — topics we don’t necessarily have space for here in the newsletter. So far, the blog has covered “Tips for Leaders” and “Where to Get 4-H Duds.”



Blogs are a type of web site that offer a forum for timely communication. By signing up as a member of the blog community, anyone is able to post comments on the topics up for discussion. We hope the 4-H blog will be not only a valuable source of information, but an opportunity for feedback and idea sharing by our county’s 4-H stakeholders!

Congrats to 2009 Preston Scholarship Winners!

Please join the Mendocino County 4-H County Council and 4-H staff in offering hearty congratulations to this year's Russell Preston Memorial Scholarship recipients: Whitney Briggs, Lezlie Elmer, and Alicia Welling.

Look for their 4-H Stories in the next few months in the *Mendocino County Roundup*, as they will each share a narrative on their personal 4-H experiences and goals for the future. Here is a bit about the work these very deserving young women have done in 4-H, as well as their plans for continuing their educations.

Whitney Briggs has served as President of the Willits 4-H club, a teen leader of the Willits 4-H Poultry Project, a volunteer with the TRAIL program, and much more. She has been a 4-H member for 10 years. She plans to become a veterinarian and begins studying Biological Sciences at Mendocino College in the fall.



Whitney Briggs



Lezlie Elmer

Lezlie Elmer has been a member of the organizing committee for virtually every major 4-H event – 4-H Summer Camp, 4-H County Presentation Day, and 4-H Extravaganza – and a committee chairperson of several successful High 4-H club events. She is a youth delegate to the State Volunteer Leaders Council, a 4-H State Ambassador, and even served as a delegate to the 4-H National Congress in Washington, DC. She has been a 4-H member for 13 years. She will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall, where she enters with an undeclared major. Ultimately, she plans to be a teacher.



Alicia Welling

Alicia Welling has been a Rabbit Project Teen Leader, a Communication Project Teen Leader, a Willits 4-H President, and much more. She has been a 4-H member for six years. Like Lezlie, she will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo beginning in the fall, where she will train to be a civil engineer.

Thank you and kudos to all of the other applicants, whose excellent qualifications made the decisions by this year's judges especially difficult.

Jane Amundson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors who have participated in local 4-H or FFA programs, while demonstrating financial need and the ability to succeed in their future goals. All application materials for this \$250 scholarship must be postmarked by July 10, 2009. The recipient will receive an award during the Redwood Empire Fair in August. To receive an application form, call or visit the Ukiah 4-H office, or e-mail weparrish@ucdavis.edu.





"Club Scribe"

News from 4-H clubs in the county



Shamrock 4-H Club

Submitted by Adriaan Boer

The Ukiah Valley Shamrocks Club met on June 4th, our last regular club meeting for the 4-H year. Members in our various projects gave reports on their project meetings and their activities. At this meeting we handed in our rough drafts of our Personal Development Reports and Annual Project



Reports. We also had elections where we voted by secret ballot. The new officers are Madeline Cline, President; Rebecca Andrews, Secretary; Adriaan Boer, Treasurer; Megan Whetzel, Reporter; Frannie Lazaro and Kaithyn Bushby,

Historians; Marishka Gournou, Duncan Cline, and Jessica Harris, Sergeants of Arms; Morgan Martinez, Recreation Leader; and Meghan Andrews, 4-H Supply Officer.

We are planning to host the Ice Cream Social with the Ukiah Senior Center on June 22nd. And we still have 4-H camp and fair to attend this summer. We thank our project leaders and our parents for helping us in 4-H. We had a great year and look forward to another great year starting in September.

Mendocino Spartans 4-H Club

Submitted by Seamus Begley

On June 8th, the Mendocino Spartans had their annual end of the 4-H Year Beach Party. It was held at Big River Beach in Mendocino. It was fun. We went in the water, got cold and wet, built sand castles and ate food. At the end of the party, it was cold and most of us were ready for a hot shower.



A few of the Spartan club members assisted the Fort Bragg Club with their Petting Zoo on Sunday, June 7th, at the Big Fun Fair in Mendocino. That was fun, too.

Willits 4-H Club

Submitted by Colton Pinson

This past month, we had our club meeting early: on June 1st at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. This is our end-of-the-year club party where we hold our barbeque and hand out the much-needed fair paperwork.

We had a good turnout this year with an abundance of food. Brian Shuster barbequed hamburgers for us. They were awesome. Everyone in the club brought some good food.



We had a very short meeting going over the rules of the fair, how to fill out paperwork, and when it is due to the community leader. Officers for the new year were also announced. We still need a few more officers, so Brady Heiken extended the deadline for those and will continue to interview those interested.

I hope everyone has a great summer! See you at camp! And good luck to all at fair!

Redwood Valley 4-H Club

Submitted by Jessica Crowhurst

The 4-H year is coming to a close, but our club is still going strong. At our last meeting, we had a lengthy discussion and finally decided to have an extra meeting in July to nominate officers for next year. We also decided that 4-Hers running to be next year's officers will be interviewed. This was done last year in place of voting.

All market animals except poultry and meat pens have been weighed in. Hopefully everyone's market animal projects are under way and doing well. Because of the economy, it is especially important to encourage new buyers to attend the Redwood Empire Fair and auction. Remember to hand out brochures and bidders letter to friends and business owners who have never gone before.

Hope everyone is looking forward to the fairs and having a great summer!

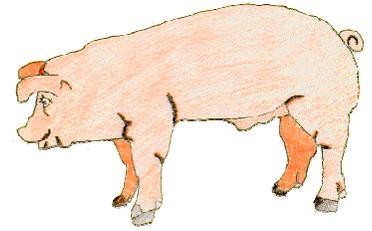
4-H Library Corner: Livestock Showmanship DVD

The 4-H library has multiple copies of an excellent DVD on showmanship for all of the major animal projects. Produced by Lake County 4-H member Jamie Buckner in 2007, the DVD has examples of showmanship for each class of animal typically shown at our local fairs. Animal projects will find them very useful in preparation for both the Redwood Empire and Boonville fairs.



We invite those interested to check out the DVD for up to two months' time, provided that you share the DVD with all of the animal projects in your club. There are enough

copies to allow each club to check out at least two. At the end of the fair season, all DVD copies should be returned to the 4-H library.



Either call the Ukiah 4-H office for more info, or drop by and check out a copy of this valuable tool for improving showmanship!

4-H in the News

Jessica Crowhurst "Has Eyes on the Prize": Redwood Valley 4-H's own Jessica Crowhurst was the subject of the feature story in the June 2nd *Ukiah Daily Journal*. The article details Crowhurst's amazing success at breeding, raising, and showing Boer goats and Dutch rabbits, as well as guinea pigs and Australian Shepherds. It notes that Crowhurst, having won numerous awards at fair competitions, is now aiming to win the Championship Wether ribbon from a market wether raised from her own breeding stock. (As it also notes, Crowhurst "acts as the reporter for her 4-H club, writing for their county newsletter!")



4-H Statewide Updates



- **Structure 4-H Projects with Inquiry-Based Learning:** This approach builds understanding through active exploration and questioning. The key to inquiry is that youth seek answers to questions rather than being given answers, which requires those who lead activities to facilitate learning and not simply disseminate knowledge. More info at <http://www.experientiallearning.ucdavis.edu/module2.shtml>
- **The 2009 California State 4-H Leader's Forum** will be November 6-8. This year's theme is "4-H Past, Present, and Future". Workshop proposals are due June 25, 2009. The registration packet is now available at <http://clubs.ca4h.org/nsection/SLF09/index.htm>.
- **"See the Bigger Picture" Photo Contest:** Submit images illustrating plants, animals, or anything else that captures biodiversity, and you could win an all-expenses-paid trip to National Geographic headquarters in Washington, D.C. For more info, see www.seethebiggerpicture.org.
- **Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair:** Once again, the California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the Fair (August 21 - September 7). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences, as well as the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a two-hour shift. A maximum of four youth and two adults per shift will be allowed. Sign up at <http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>.
- **2009 Cooking Camp:** A series of five-day camps are occurring in Sacramento, Pomona, and Bermuda. Reserve your space now. \$275 per full session; \$195 for three days. More info: info@jrchefcentral.com.



Mendocino County @ 4-H State Field Day

Submitted by Jessica Crowhurst



On Saturday, May 30, UC Davis was swarming with 4-Hers who had come to participate in State Field Day. Over 800 4-Hers participated, with over 400 presentations being given. The annual fashion show was held, the interview contest, a judging competition, and a horticulture competition. There was also a teddy bear drive for children's hospitals. Over 2000 teddy bears and stuffed animals were collected. There were a couple of presenters from Mendocino County who competed in various activities. Lezlie Elmer was a State Winner in the Fashion Revue. Chesney Johnson and I both placed in the top 20 percent for their age groups in the judging competition. It was a fun day filled with many activities, and our county was represented well. Following are outcomes from the presentation part of the program.

Name	Type	Division	Title	Medal
Seamus Begley	Illustrated Talk	Intermediate	You Can Start An Egg Business	Blue
Chesney Johnson	Demonstration	Intermediate	Scratch the Box	Blue
Molly Dorsey	Illustrated Talk	Junior	Writing Poems	Blue
Julia Ravella	Illustrated Talk	Junior	Writing Poems	Blue
Cooper Johnson	Interpretive Reading	Junior	Mulligan Martinson Marley McGraw	Gold
Jacob Crowhurst	Cultural Arts	Intermediate	Guitar Performance	Gold

Help Needed at Redwood Empire Fair

As per our annual tradition, 4-H will host a booth at the Redwood Empire Fair. As part of 4-H's nationwide Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) program, this year's booth will feature a fun-filled science curriculum. We have lots of fun hands-on activities/experiments planned, which will alternate every hour throughout the course of the fair.

We need volunteers — both adults and youth — to run the experiments/activities. Each activity will come with written information on how to conduct the experiment using all of the supplies provided. There are a few one-day passes available for those not otherwise participating in the fair. In exchange for the pass, we ask that you help in the booth for 2-3 hours: a fun way to help promote 4-H and also see the fair! Please contact Will or Linda at 463-4495 or weparrish@ucdavis.edu if you would like to help out.

Record Book Corner

The following recent 4-H events are broken down in possible participation categories. Record your participation in the appropriate category in your record book. Presentation Day will be highlighted next month.

Ag Day 3/19/09 C level Fort Bragg

Category #

- 2 Non-judged exhibit — Brought animals for student activities. Count each species once.
- 3 4-H Events Attended — Count if you attended with school class or were presenter or a guide
- 5 OR 6 Ran activities for students
- 6 Represented 4-H — Guide for groups of students

Livestock Expo 2/28/09 C level Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah

Category#

- 2 Labs (4) Count each one attended
- 2 Skill-a-thon/ Knowledge Contests (2) Early bird, Quality Assurance
- 2 Breakout sessions-Judging contest
- 2 Exhibit – count if you brought animals used in judging contests

4-H Events attended – count as one event. This includes Quality Assurance program

Leadership – Committee Chairperson or member - set-up, planning

Community Service – cleaned up after event for the Fair

4-H Communications Skills – gave a prepared talk at club or project meeting about Livestock Expo

4-H Honors/Recognition – Received Highest score on Skill-a-thon/Knowledge contest or Judging contest

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Web Sites

National 4-H Council
www.fourhcouncil.edu

California State 4-H <http://ca4h.org>
Record Book forms, officer manuals, Policy Handbook, opportunities for youth and leaders, etc. Click on **Resources** for links to forms and clip art, and the policy handbook.

Mendocino County web site:
<http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>
The *Roundup* is available on this web site. You can also be notified when a new *Roundup* is available electronically. Please contact the Ukiah 4-H office for this information.

Yahoo Groups for Community Club Leaders
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4h-ccl/>
Valuable site for discussing issues, sharing information and resources for curriculum, materials and project ideas.

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