



4-H Calendar of Events

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***Lots of important information
Read the whole issue !***

As you are filling out your enrollment forms don't forget to let us know if you want this newsletter via email or snail mail. Also we need to know if you are NOT getting it the way you want it.

Due to rising costs we have to increase the cost of laminating to \$1.25 per foot, effective immediately.

Library is YOUR resource center!

The library at the UC 4-H Office~Ukiah is a valuable resource for you to use. Everything can be checked out for two weeks at a time. We have recently received some new items, you might find useful.

- Exploring Swine~ Health and Husbandry
- Exploring Beef~ Health & Husbandry
- The Art of Knitting~ video, Amphibians & You
- Food, Culture and Reading.

National Curriculum Animal Series on; Dogs, Poultry, Horse, Rabbits, Sheep, and Vet Science. Each set has 3 levels and 1 helpers guide, except horse has 5 levels and 1 helpers guide. Come check them out for your project planning.

<u>September</u>	
1.....	Beginning of Mendocino County 4-H year
2.....	Labor Day Holiday office closed
5.....	Deadline for Ropes Course Sign up
5.....	Deadline for enrolling in 4-H for Boonville Fair
13-15.....	Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show
15.....	Dress Lead Contest at Boonville Fair
15.....	Deadline for Outreach & Inventory reports
15.....	Round up articles due to the office
18.....	Executive Board Meeting 5:30 PM
21.....	Ropes Course for Jr/ Teen leaders & club officers in Sebastopol
25.....	New Leader Orientation~ Ukiah 6:30-8:30
<u>October</u>	
4-6	WHY conference ~Camp Tehama
5.....	County Council meeting~ Laytonville
5.....	4-H leader Boot Camp~ Laytonville
10.....	County Record Book Judging~ Ukiah
12-13.....	Archery Training Ukiah Gun Club
15.....	Club Budgets Due to 4-H office
15.....	Round up articles due to the office
16.....	Columbus Day Holiday office closed
17.....	New Leader Orientation ~ Ukiah 6:30-8:30
19-20.....	Pumpkin Festival~ pumpkin smashing & petting zoo
26.....	Eel River Clean up~ Potter Valley
<u>November</u>	
2.....	Cloverbud Field Day 10am-noon Ukiah
2.....	Presentation Workshop 1-3PM Ukiah
8-10.....	State Leaders Forum ~ Sacramento
11.....	Veterans Holiday office closed
15.....	Round up articles due to the office
21.....	Leader Orientation Ukiah 6:30-8:30
28-29.....	Thanksgiving Holiday office closed

Leader's Corner

End of Year Reporting

Due Sept 15th

- ⇒ Program Planning guide page 1
- ⇒ Outreach methods Documentation form
- ⇒ Annual Inventory Report Form 6.2

Due Oct 15th

- ⇒ Club Budget 2013-2014

Plan to send a representative to the October 5th Leader training, county council meeting in Laytonville.

Beginning of the Year : 2013-2014

- Fees will remain the same for next year, \$35 for youth and \$15 for adults
- Community Leaders have all the reenrollment and new enrollment forms for Members and leaders
- Remember to open your club to new members by; placing an announcement at the schools and in the newspaper
- Send a list of all project with leaders names to the 4-H office ASAP so enrolling can begin
- September 5th is enrollment deadline for Boonville participants
- October 15th is the DEADLINE for all market animal member enrollments, no exceptions
- Except for Market animal projects clubs can accept enrollments throughout the year, depending on club space and project leader acceptance.

Record book judging needs to be done at club level in enough time to have the gold award books ready to be turned into county by Oct 5th and judged on Oct 10th. A team of AT LEAST two but three is better judging ALL the books in your club. Contact the 4-H office for award stickers for record books.

Club Centennial Challenges.

How is your club doing at getting in their 100 hours of community service? There is still time to get this completed.



Calling all Jr/Teen Leaders....

The 4H County Council, along with The I&R Committee, would like to invite all Jr/Teen Leaders (ages 10-17 for the 2013-2014 4H year) to an amazing teambuilding/ leadership activity. Join us at the Four Winds Teambuilding ropes course on September 21, 2013 in Sebastopol, Ca. This will be an incredible experience focused on building teamwork, leadership, and cooperation within your Jr/Teen Leader roles, as well as learning to build a community. If you are interested in attending, please sign up with your Community Leader ASAP. To hold your spot, sign up now!!
Call or email Gina Vaughan with questions.
707-621-1160 or gdlvaughan@gmail.com



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Leader Orientations

All new leaders and those with more than a one year break in service must complete the three step process BEFORE they can start meeting with members.

1. Enrollment forms must be completed
2. Livescan fingerprints must be done & cleared
3. Attend an orientation with staff.

Orientation Dates

September 25th (Wed) 6:30-8:30 Ukiah
October 17th (Thurs) 6:30-8:30 Ukiah
November 21st (Thursday) 6:30-8:30
Coast leaders call for dates

It is ESSENTIAL that you RSVP **3** days prior to the date of the meeting to 707-463-4495



My 4-H Story~ By Megan Whetzel, Preston Scholarship Recipient



As my senior year of high school and last year of 4-H are coming to an end, I realize just what an amazing chance I have to reflect back on how much 4-H has impacted my life. I have truly grown up in the program. For me, 4-H began simply as something new to try, but now it is so much more. I have been able to be a part of my own family's legacy in 4-H that started with my great-grandfather in the 1920's. I can proudly say that I am a fourth generation 4-H member. Since my very first year in 2006, I have taken numerous projects, attended county and statewide events, and have been able to raise chickens and now a sheep. I finally can understand how I have grown as a person by expanding my skills, learning new information, and using my head, heart, hands, and health to be the best that I can be.

My name is Megan Whetzel, I am in the Ukiah Shamrock 4-H Club, and this is my seventh year in 4-H. I am 18 years old and a senior at Ukiah High School. Through all these seven years I have taken projects like shooting sports, knitting, quilting, poultry, communications, swimming, and this year I am taking sheep. I am very excited to have the chance to take a market animal for the very first time. I was able to take my chickens to fair and participate in the showmanship competition. I have won Advanced Poultry Showmanship for the past three years and earned the spot to go on to Small Animal Round Robin at the Redwood Empire Fair. It has undeniably been a very memorable experience. My knowledge and skills have grown every time I completed Round Robin and exited the show ring. I have also grown as a leader through being a counselor at 4-H Summer Camp for two years. I learned how to work with a variety of kids of all different ages, make new friends, and participate in leadership skills when it came time to be in charge of all the kids in my cabin. Due to all my great experiences, I was a director of camp this past year and was director once again this summer. I thank my directorship for helping me lead a very large group of counselors, run an effective meeting that gets information across easily, and have fun with my peers at the same time.

4-H has also given me many opportunities to expand my skills in giving presentations and with my public speaking. Due to the many workshops I have attended and to the two years I was in the communications project, I feel confident in speaking in front of committees and large groups. My public speaking skills have helped me in school and the tips and practice I received from the communications project has helped me in job interviews and during my presentations at the county, regional, and state levels. As for the animal aspect, I have been involved in the poultry group for six years and in this time I have learned so much about how to care for and show chickens. I grew as a person because I was the oldest kid in the project for quite awhile and was looked up to by the younger kids as a role model. For the meetings where I was in charge of what was to be taught, I always led by modeling good behavior and by putting information into words that the members could understand. I became skilled at having patience in situations and to be encouraging if the kids were scared or had problems. (Continued page 4)

Eel River Clean Up mark your calendars

Come one Come all !!

All volunteers are welcome to the 22nd annual

Eel River Clean Up



On Saturday, October 26th arrive anytime between 9am and noon.

We will meet newar the Pioneer Bridge over the Eel River, 5 miles north of Potter Valley on the Eel River-Road for a day of community service and play. Bring sunscreen, gloves, trash bags, canteen and beach needs. The Mendocino County 4-H and PG&E will be once again sponsoring the **Best Cleanup Ever!**

We will be cleaning a 5 mile section of the river from Van Arsdale Reservoir up to the Lake County line. PG&E owns this stretch of the river as part of the Potter Valley Electric Project. PG&E will provide a Tri Tip BBQ lunch for all participants. Solid Waste of Willits will be donating the dumping fees. Your attendance is important, we hope you will come help! Together we can rid the river, roads and beaches of trash so that we can enjoy a clean, healthy watershed and recreation area. For more information call Beb Ware at 707-743-1525. See you there!

Archery leader certification coming to Ukiah!!!

4-H Archery Certification Training 2013

Ukiah Gun club, Mendocino County

Saturday, October 12th - 9am-5pm

Sunday, October 13th 9am-12pm

A 4-H Archery Certification Training for volunteers and junior/teen leaders will be offered Saturday, October 12th , 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 13th , 9 a.m.- 12 noon, at the Ukiah Gun Club 2300 Vichy Springs Road, Ukiah in Mendocino County. You must be an enrolled 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$20 per person to include a resource binder and lunch on Saturday.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf>, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form with a \$20 check payable to “Mendocino County 4-H Council” and mail to Linda Edgington, 890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, CA 95482 **Registration is due Friday October 4th and space is limited.** For more information contact Linda Edgington at 707-463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu



Megan Whetzel’s Preston Scholarship Story (Continued from page 3)

Now that I am a senior, it is hard to believe that 4-H will soon be over for me because it has been such a big part of my life. This year for the first time I am able to raise a sheep for fair and actually participate in the auction. I am excited but nervous for the challenges that are yet to come with this sheep and I look forward to fair when I can show how hard I have worked for the past few months. I thank 4-H for being such a great program that allowed me to participate in so many activities over the years. As a 4-Her I have been able to take fun projects and learn about something new, go to an amazing summer camp, and enter Presentation Day or the Extravaganza each and every year. 4-H is definitely a program I would recommend to others. Due to 4-H, I have learned about life and acquired skills that I know I will use in college and beyond.



Up and Coming Events and Activities

Pumpkinfest~ October 19 & 20th

There will be a parade if any club would like to enter.



Pumpkin Smashing ~ Fundraiser

County Council is looking for a committee willing to organize and run the pumpkin smashing booth at the Pumpkinfest on Sat & Sun. There is an outline and a detail description of how to plan and run this fun booth. This is a council fundraiser

Petting Zoo ~ community Service

Kathy & Laura Schuler have volunteered to chair this committee they will need help in all areas. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Kathy at calschuler3@gmail.com.



Yearly Events and Clubs that are Hosting

Cloverbud Field Day ~ Nov 2nd need a host club

Presentation Workshop ~Nov 2nd need a host club

Presentation Day ~ Laytonville Hosting date TBD
Spring is at County, then Regionals and State.

Extravaganza~ Mendocino Spartan Hosting TBD

Cloverbud Field Day is for 4-H members age 5-8 years old. This is where kids (and Parents) can learn about UC 4-H. In the past we've had stations for kids to go through to learn about UC 4-H and to have some fun! We have outlines from past field days and notes on how to improve. **Each Club** is asked to host a table during this event. The event is Sat. Nov 2nd 10-noon at the Ukiah 4-H office. There are fun take aways already planned. Who would like to chair this event with help from 4-H staff?

Presentation Workshop is organized to help members get ideas and learn what a presentation is (there are different formats to choose from) some of the topics covered in the past were; how to choose a topic, how to organize your presentation, which format works best for you, color combinations on poster boards and much much more. Experienced 4-Hers share their skills with members. If you want stars for your hat, a presentation at Presentation day is the first step. If your club would like to host or you would like to help please contact the 4-H office at 707-463-4495.

Record Book Judging at Club, County and State Level

Books must be turned into County by Oct 5th

Judging will be Oct 10th in Ukiah at 6:30PM

Clubs must provide judges for every 3 books (or fraction of 3) turned in for judging.

To have your record book judged at County level there are steps that you need to take.

1. Complete your record book, include all the necessary forms and turn it in on **time** to your club. If you aren't sure how to put your record book together go to 4h.ucanr.edu/files/165106.doc to find the Record Book Manual (judges refer to this during judging)
2. Cloverbuds do not compete.
3. Club holds a judging of all record books turned in (with at LEAST 3 judges). If your record book earns a gold seal you would qualify to send your record book to county for judging.
4. At club level the judges could give you suggestions on how to improve your book. Do what they suggest BEFORE turning in for County judging.
5. Golds earned at County judging (earns a pin for your hat) and members who turn 14 by Dec. 31st of the **PREVIOUS** year are eligible to send their record books on to State for judging.

New This Year !!!!!

A MUST TO GO TO STATE

State Record Book Competition

It's that time of year again! Youth who are planning to submit a 2013-14 Record Book to state competition must complete the Record Book Quick Start Course by **October 15, 2013** (The cover sheet says October 1st; we are granting a 15 day grace period this first year). All of the information needed to submit a Record Book to state competition, including the Quick Start Course, is found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/>

The course is completed online and takes about 25 minutes to view. After the course, members take a short quiz which will take about another 7 minutes to complete. The quiz is how we will verify that a member took the course—it is important that they don't skip that step!



CLUB SCRIBE



LONG VALLEY

Long Valley 4H had an amazing time at the redwood empire fair this year!!! All of our groups did amazing! Everyone in the swine group ended up getting gold ribbons. Garret ended up getting champion in all other breeds. Collin Spackman-Rowles took 2nd in novice showmanship. In advanced showmanship Gracie Silva took 4th, Garret Cambell 3rd, Tate Cambell 2nd, and Natya Cauckwell won 1st and went on to take 3rd in small animal round robin. This year Tate Cambell took home the livestock sportsmanship award. The trophy will spend another year in Long Valley. Emma Braught's doe was supreme champion, she also got supreme reserve with her younger doe and 2nd in meat goat showmanship. Mady Braught's steer was supreme reserve champion. Mady also received 2nd in the beef carcass contest. Hailey Whitcom got a 1st, a reserve champion with her dairy and 2nd in showmanship and in market she got 5th and 3rd in market class. Paige Whitcomb got participation ribbons with her goat. In our rabbit group, Collin Spackman-Rowles got a 1st and a 2nd. Chase got a 1st and best of breed opposite. Connor Basler got a 1st with his rabbit. And Braden Polson got a 1st and a 4th. Connor Basler also received a 1st place in photography. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone and if I did, my apologies.



Justin Jepson

Calling all Club Reporters!!!!

This is *your* spot for reporting what your club is doing each month. We need a report from **EACH** club, for EACH months' newsletter. To help Reporters know how much to write please keep the articles between 100-175 words. The 15th of each month is the time to send these articles into Linda Edgington the newsletter editor. The articles can be about your monthly club meetings or events that members have attended. It's always nice to share what your club is currently doing, other clubs and members can get ideas from your club!



To send in an article please email it to;

lgedgington@ucdavis.edu **or** fax it into the office at 707-463-4477. Would each club please send Linda the name of your club reporter? She will send a reminder to the reporter about their report. If your club does not have a reporter, ask the secretary or historian to send in an article each month. Make sure to have your club's information included!



Mendocino County Council is looking for a Teen/Adult reporter.

Mendocino County UC 4-H Council needs also needs a reporter. The Council Reporter would also submit articles for the newsletter once each month.

If you would like to volunteer to be the County Council Reporter please contact the UC 4-H office. Teens you could count this in your record book. Adults, you would have the satisfaction of knowing that your reporting will keep families informed of news from County Council meetings as well as up and coming events.

Step up now to help make our great program even better.

Please do not hesitate to contact Linda with questions.



**“Roundup”
MENDOCINO COUNTY 4-H
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Web Sites

National 4-H Council

www.4-h.org

California State 4-H Website:

<http://ca4h.org>

Record Book forms, officer manuals, Policy Handbook, opportunities for youth and leaders, etc. Click on **Resources** for links to electronic 4-H forms, policies, and opportunities.

Mendocino County Website:

<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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