



# Mendocino County

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## Adult Focus

A quick reference of important 4-H dates & information for busy 4-H leaders & parents!

### September

- 12-14 Mendocino Co. Fair/Apple Show
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More dates on page 7. Details about important dates can be found in this issue or call the 4-H office for information at 463-4495 or 961-2508.



## Going to the County Fair? Check out the Deadlines Below

- Still entries, Clothing & Textiles- Exhibits due September 3 & 4
- Baked Goods & Preserved- Exhibits due September 9
- Horticulture & Floral- Exhibits due September 11

For more information about entries & deadlines go to <http://mendocinocountyfair.com>

← Kelly and Erica Boesel took time out for a quick photo while setting up the booth at the Redwood Empire Fair.

Photo by Arlene Fuller



# The Eel River Clean Up Needs You!

## 17th Annual Eel River Cleanup

Sponsored by PG&E & Mendocino Co. 4-H

Come To The Biggest 4-H Community Service County Project of the year!

**Saturday - October 11, 2008**

**9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

→ Youth and adult  
volunteers are  
welcome! Bring a  
friend!



→ Bring sunscreen,  
gloves, trash bags,  
canteen & beach  
swimming supplies

→ Tri-Tip BBQ lunch for all participants

→ Meet under the bridge of the Eel River 5 miles north of Potter Valley on Eel River Rd.

**Spend a little time, having fun and helping to rid our  
beautiful river of trash and debris!**

**For information call: Beb Ware at 743-1525 or the 4-H Office at 463-4495**

## →→→ 4-H Shotgun Shooting Sports Training in Ukiah ←←←

 A shotgun trainer course will be held 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, **October 18 & 19**, at the Ukiah Gun Club, in Ukiah. Upon successful completion of this two day course, participants will be certified as 4-H leader trainers. This means they are eligible to serve as shooting sports project leaders **AND** may also instruct and certify other volunteers in the shooting sport discipline of shotgun.

The course fee is \$30 which includes shotgun shells, clay targets, meals, and class materials. Teen Leaders may attend, only if accompanied by adult volunteer. Limited camping space is available. Contact John Holder for arrangements.

The course will be limited to twenty (20) participants. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. You must be an appointed 4-H leader, or member to attend this training so plan ahead. Please send the 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 leader certification and registration information, contact Linda Edgington (707) 463-4495 or [lgedgington@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lgedgington@ucdavis.edu) or Arlene Fuller at 961-2508. If you have questions regarding the course or facility, contact the instructor, John Holder at (707) 485-8445 or [beahunt56@hotmail.com](mailto:beahunt56@hotmail.com).

# Officer Training: More Than Just the Basics!

By Arlene Fuller

Officer trainings are held at the beginning of the 4-H year to help all club officers become acquainted with their job in their respective clubs. Learning about the roles and responsibilities of an officer, in a supportive and hands on environment makes, the whole process exciting and fun.

The annual officer training, which is held in both Ukiah and on the Coast utilizes experienced leaders and youth to lead breakout and group sessions with lots of opportunities to participate.

The day starts out with fun games and activities that officers can take back and share with their clubs. The focus is to provide members with skills they can use to make meetings effective and efficient. Basic parliamentary procedure are covered and everyone goes

home knowing how to make and pass a motion. Short breakout sessions for the primary officers allow participants to become familiar with the basic skills and feel competent and prepared.



**You don't need to be elected as an officer to attend— all are welcome. You must RSVP if you plan to attend.**

**In Fort Bragg  
September 27, 9:30– 12:30 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, call 961-2508**

**In Ukiah  
October 4, 9:30-12:30 p.m. at the 4H Office, call 463-4495**

## Mendocino County Teams Receive State 4-H "Golden Clover Award"

The annual Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff, and groups within the 4-H YDP.

"Have Team Building Games ... Will Travel", was a grant created by Placer County Program Representative June Stewart. Her vision fostered others in the state to collaborate and create a workbook of teambuilding activities which will be distributed throughout the state.

Participants tested and researched activities then practiced games, songs and skits prior to attending a weekend retreat held in Shasta County in May. At the retreat they tested the activities and assembled prop boxes. The 4-H members came from the ranks of All Stars, Hi 4-Hers, Teen Leaders and accompanied by 4-H staff and volunteers from Humboldt, Mendocino, Nevada, Placer, and Siskiyou Counties. Linda Edgington, Trenton Phillips, and Tessa Behnke repre-

sented the inland group at the retreat and they all came back inspired and reported they had an incredible time. They were asked to also help present the kit at a workshop at the State Leadership Conference in August that was held in Davis.



**Trenton Phillips, Potter Valley 4H takes a break after demonstrating how to use the team building Lycra tube.**

The coast group represented by Arlene Fuller, Miles Everett, Carol Kwase, Holly Kirkman, Anthony Gay, Ben Peterson, Kody Ostler, and Amy Green was not able to attend the retreat. Instead they videotaped their selected games and activities. All the participants had been in the videography project and enjoyed the challenge of producing the DVDs that were sent to the retreat to be included in the kits.

The Team Building Kits are available at both 4-H officers. Come and see what's in the kit and get some good ideas for your meetings. Congratulations to everyone!



# Club Scribe

## Fort Bragg 4-H Club Submitted by Veronica Weaver

As the 2007-2008 4-H year comes to a close Fort Bragg 4-H goes out with a bang and turns around with just as much enthusiasm to kick off the New Year with our theme, "Looking Back and Moving Forward." We welcome our newcomers and the excitement of starting again fresh. There was a small turnout for the 4-H Beach event, but everyone who came had a great day with sand castle contests, swimming, and games.

We had quite a few members showing animals and different exhibits at the Redwood Empire Fair this year, and had a fair booth for our club. Congratulations to everyone for your hard work and effort. The Fort Bragg 4-H members had sheep, swine, beef, dairy goats, rabbits, poultry, and different still exhibits at the fair.

Congratulations to:

- Stacey and Myles for Leader and Advisor of the Year
- The 4-H Beef group for winning clean stall award
- Wyatt Anderson for winning Best of Show Collections, Decorated Cake, Lego's and Champion Bantam Duck
- Breanna Bernadini for Champion Hereford Market Hog
- Wesley Meacham for Champion Berkshire Market Hog
- Kelsey Price for Champion Spot Market Hog
- Richard Daniels for Reserve Champion Ram
- Mallory Weaver for Champion Jr. Dairy Goat, Reserve Champion Sr. Goat, Reserve Champion Supreme Dairy Goat, Champion Navajo Churro Ewe, and for participating in Large Animal Round Robin this year
- Dominique Weaver for Reserve Champion Navajo Churro Ram
- Tanisha Norvell for Best in Show Scrapbook

And a huge thanks to all of our leaders and parents, we couldn't do it without you!!!

At the fair our club was in charge of the Barnyard  
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Olympics which spanned over three days and included the cow patty toss, needle in a hay stack, water balloon toss, cracker eating contest, wheelbarrow races, and sack races. A few of our club members and some other members from different clubs got together and put on a dance Saturday night, which we hopefully can enjoy next year too.

Members are busy preparing for the new 4-H year and enrollment this week, finishing up with end of the year paper work and record books. Some members are also preparing to enter exhibits in the upcoming Boonville Fair, so good luck!

## Ukiah Valley Shamrock Club Submitted by Nadine Boer

We are just completing our second year – still growing, having fun and always learning. Our club, with the tremendous assistance from leaders Kelly Boesel and Rhonda Gournon, put together the Mendocino County 4-H information booth at the Redwood Empire Fair. The booth had many interested visitors, and we were able to answer many questions regarding 4-H. Linda Edgington suggested making "Dirt Babies", and they were a huge success! The club sends many thanks to Blue Ribbon Pets, Mendocino County Farm Supply, Poma TV, and Ag Unlimited for their donations of supplies for the booth.

We also gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the Fort Bragg, Mendocino Spartans, Long Valley, and Potter Valley 4-H clubs for taking shifts in the booth during the long 4 days and to Francine Hines who organized shift schedule prior to the opening.

Many thanks to Julie Fetherston for help in setting up, taking down and for always asking if she could assist us in any way.

The booth effort showed that many heads, hearts, and hands make light and rewarding work. We were surprised with a third place ribbon for the booth! We already have lots of ideas for next year's fair. Please come join us!

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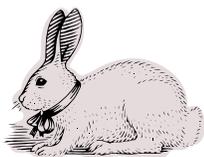
# Club Scribe

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## Round Valley 4-H Club Submitted by Julian Kenton-Braden

Last month at the Redwood Empire Fair, 4-H exhibitors showed and sold their animals. My brother, Jackson, got Best of Breed and Best of Show with his Himalayan Blue.

My friend, Noah Davila, got Champion for his goat. Grand Champion swine received \$25 a pound, and Champion steer \$7.50 a pound! Everybody had fun at the Redwood Empire Fair.



## Potter Valley 4-H Club Submitted by Chayton Johnson

August 6-10 the Redwood Empire Fair took place in Ukiah. Because of the fair, the Potter Valley 4-H group did not have a general meeting. Some of our members placed very well at the fair.

- Supreme Champion Market Hog raised by Kenzi Wattenburger, 1st place in showmanship.
- 4-H Champion Steer raised by Kayla Delbar.
- 4-H Reserve Champion Steer raised by Taylor Delbar.
- Wil Mathews got Supreme Champion Breeding Ewe.
- Chesney Johnson was awarded Champion and Reserve Champion Range Ewe.
- There were also citizenship awards given to members in our club. Lezlie Elmer was awarded the perpetual sportsmanship award. And the Randy Clark Award was given to Wil Mathews.
- There were also clean stall awards given to the Potter Valley Sheep Group and the Potter Valley Swine Group.



Out of all the animals at the fair 246 were market animals. All of the market ready animals were sold on August 9th, 2008 at the Junior Livestock Auction. A special thank you goes out to

all of the leaders and parents who helped in the kitchen.



## COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS 2008



County Wide Projects are open to all 4-H members and offer an opportunity to expand the scope of member skills. For more information please contact the Ukiah or Fort Bragg 4-H office. Enter the project on your enrollment form during your club enrollment.

- **Dog Behavior & Training:** Leader- Kelly Boesel. Learn to select, groom, show, & train your dog. Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Ukiah 4-H Office, 6-8 p.m. Open to 9 yr. olds and above.
  - **GPS/GIS:** Leader- Keri Rynearson- Learn to use a handheld GPS and work with GIS software. This project meets once a month in Ukiah plus geocache field trips. Dates and times TBA.
  - **Guide Dogs:** Leader- Nancy Steiner. Become a member of the dog training crew for the blind. Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, Ukiah 4-H office with a field trip each month, TBA.
  - **Junior Toastmasters** (Public Speaking & Leadership): Leader-Cathy Welling; Lots of fun activities involved in this project. Dates/times TBA.
  - **Communications:** Leader, Diane Johnson's. Starts in January to March. You'll learn public speaking and how to put together a presentation.
  - **TRAIL:** Leader-Ellen Bartholomew. Ongoing project helping handicap riders on horseback.
  - **Clover buds:** For 5-8 year olds held at Ukiah 4-H office; more info to follow.
  - **High School 4-H:** Just for high school age youth. General meeting once a month; plan fun activities to do as a group, plan workshops, service learning, fundraisers for trips, and elect officers. May take as a county-wide project or make this your home club depending on level of interest.
  - **Eel River Clean-up:** All ages welcomed; no limit of project members. October 11, 9 am-2 pm follow by BBQ. (More info on page 2).
  - **Robotics:** Learn to build and program a robot. Ages, 11 and up. Long-term projects will be an exciting ones for those interested in building autonomous robots from the ground up.
  - **Coast Water Festival/Community Service:** Leader Arlene Fuller, meets in Fort Bragg. Planning, training starts in March and ends with festival in June.
  - **Navajo Churro:** Leader- Tonya Roysum
  - **Reptiles-** needs leader
  - **Photography-** needs leader
- (Note some project unconfirmed at press time.)



## Breanna Weaver's 4-H Story

*Breanna is one of the 2008 Russell Preston Scholarship Recipients*

### A Decade of 4-H Fun

When I look back on the ten years I have spent in 4-H, filled with love, laughter, tears, and growth I wouldn't do it any other way. My name is Breanna Weaver, I am eighteen years old and for the past eleven years 4-H has been a huge part of me and my family's life.

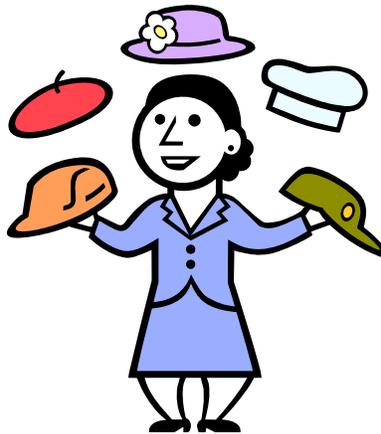
When my sister and I joined 4-H, back in 1997 we never knew how much of an impact it would have on us. More importantly, my parents had no idea that over the next eleven years their scheme to get us involved in our new community would entail sheep, horses, pigs, rabbits, goats, chickens, ducks, dogs, cats, and of course Leroy, my Giant Peking duck.

In 4-H everything was a stepping stone and there was a lot more than just animals to keep me busy. Over the years I've participated in earth day, helping kids to plant seeds, dug up ferns from our garden to help plant a feature garden at the fair, and became the director of the annual Mendocino Lake 4-H camp; probably the event nearest and dearest activity to my heart.

At camp every year youth take on huge leadership positions and run the camp for a week. While we think it's the campers who are growing the most, deep down I know it's really us who learn from the experience. Programs like this really demonstrate to me the heart and soul of the program.

As a teen I know it is truly unique when that type of trust and respect is given to you, and it is probably the greatest compliment I have ever received.

More than anything, 4-H is about hands on learning and the programs I have participated in demonstrate just that. Last year I exhibited in the Redwood Empire fair, where for the first time I showed my own stock, bred on my ranch, "BMW Pines." Standing in the ring when my goat was chosen as the Grand Champion Breeder and my market goat won first in his class was one of the highlights of my 4-H career. I did it myself, with my own sweat and hard work.



I'd like to think that 4-H was merely a catalyst for everything else I have done; it taught me the skills I needed for the future and now it is sending me on my way. 4-H has taught me how to juggle sports, Mock Trial, advanced placement classes, holding the office of club and student body president, and a social life with-

out completely losing my mind. Because no one ever juggled for me, or told me how to do it, I therefore learned how to do it myself. Yet more importantly it taught me how to let others do it for themselves. This year, after many years, and many offices I chose to sit back and watch the younger generation take on the club. It was a hard decision to make, yet I know that leadership does not require a title. It's something you exhibit everyday and I will continue to do so throughout my life.



As my high school days come to an end I look toward the future and what it holds for me. I have recently accepted an offer to attend college in Smithfield, Rhode Island at Bryant University. It is by far my largest endeavor, quite honestly I am scared to death. Yet 4-H has instilled in me a sense of adventure I know will help me to succeed.

I know this fall, as I sit in a classroom and study international business I will think of the fond memories I have made in this program.

I would like to thank all of the people, leaders, advisors, judges and kids who have touched my heart and been a part of my 4-H family. You all are truly amazing and I am eternally grateful.



# Calendar of Events



## September

### 01 Beginning of 4-H Year

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## November

7-9 4-H Leaders' Forum at the Asilomar

27-28 Thanksgiving- 4-H offices closed

**See Leader Orientation Dates below.**

**Key: U4HO- Ukiah 4-H Office,**

**F4HO Fort Bragg 4-H Office**

**Please submit event dates and articles to:**

**Arlene Fuller, [fuller4h@mcn.org](mailto:fuller4h@mcn.org) or FAX 961-2509**

## Don't Wait! Enter the "Dress Up and Lead" Event at Mendocino Co. Fair/Apple Show at the Mendocino County Fair!

The "Dress Up & Lead" contest will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 3:00 P.M. Sign up now and plan a costume for you and your animal. The event will take place in the Sheep Barn Arena at the fairgrounds.

There is no entry fee to participate. Prizes will be given for various categories.

Fill out the entry form and send it to Coast 4-H, P.O. Box 518, Little River, CA 95456, or email it to [fuller4h@mcn.org](mailto:fuller4h@mcn.org)

**✂ Cut, call or send**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Animal you will enter? \_\_\_\_\_



Scarecrows and dog dressed as a crow was a big favorite at a recent "Dress Lead" event.

## Important Reminders and Notes for 4-H Clubs

1. **New leaders** need to complete a 4-H Leader Orientation before leading a project as soon as possible after enrolling. Potential leaders should call the 4-H office to reserve a spot. Orientations are planned for the following dates:

### In Ukiah at the 4-H Office:

- September 30, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Additional dates TBA— please call the Ukiah 4-H office for updates.



### In Fort Bragg, at the 4-H Office:

- September 30, Tuesday, 6-8:00 pm,
- October 20, Monday, 6-8 pm
- November 5, Wednesday, 6-8 pm

2. **All club fundraising needs** to be pre-approved by the 4-H office. A form is available in 4-H Treasurer's Manual.
3. **Cross club forms** need to be filled out and sent to the Ukiah 4-H office.
4. **All project leaders** need to have medical release forms for all project members (and leaders) with an original parent/guardian signature at all meetings and field trips.
5. **Cloverbuds** (5, 6, 7 & 8 year olds) may not enroll in large animal or shooting sport projects— please check with the 4-H office for other project age limitations.
6. **Please** send E-mail and contact information for all adult club coordinators, and Club Reporters to the Ukiah 4-H or [fuller4h@mcn.org](mailto:fuller4h@mcn.org) or [fines@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fines@ucdavis.edu)



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**Web Sites**

**National 4-H Council**  
[www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)

**California State 4-H** <http://ca4h.org>

A multitude of 4-H resources for members, leaders and families

**Mendocino County web site:**  
<http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>

The Mendocino Roundup is available on this web site. Subscribe to the Roundup please contact 463-4495 for 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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