



## FEATURED NEWS

### Change of Address

Have you moved or changed your mailing or email address? Please let the 4-H Youth Development Program staff know as soon as possible, so you will continue to receive information throughout the 4-H year.

**2010-2011 Solano County 4-H Calendar of Events**, is posted at:  
[http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/4-H\\_Calendar\\_of\\_Events/](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/4-H_Calendar_of_Events/)

### 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/4-H\\_Program/Solano\\_Notes\\_Newsletter/](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Solano_Notes_Newsletter/) 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.

### State 4-H Calendar

The statewide 4-H calendar is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/News/Calendar/>  
The calendar contains national, state and multi-county events, deadlines, trainings & conferences.

### Carole Paterson, 4-H Youth Development Advisor/UCCE County Director Retiring

How do you really announce a retirement? "Thanks, it has been a great 35 years!" or "I am shocked at how fast I have come up to the end of my career!" Well whatever is finally said it is a fact that I am retiring at the end of June.

I started working as the 4-H Staff Assistant (Valerie's job) in 1976, employed by Solano County until 1981. That year, when one of the 4-H Youth Development Advisor positions became available in our office (there were two 4-H Advisors in most counties at that time), I applied for the position and served for 24 years in the job. In 2004 I was asked to also assume the role of County Director. I have seen many, many things change in the 4-H Youth Development Program during my tenure, but one thing has remained constant: the dedication of volunteers to support the growth and development of 4-H members and the young people who join the program and give so much in living the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better."

I wish all of you the best in your 4-H experiences; I know that my career experiences will provide a lifetime of great memories for me.

Best Regards,

*Carole Paterson*

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Solano County 4-H Senior Recognition Reception**, Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield. This 12<sup>th</sup> annual Reception is planned in honor of graduating seniors. Families and friends of graduating high school seniors are invited. Please RSVP by April 25<sup>th</sup> to Valerie Williams at (707) 784-1319 or email [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu). Don't miss this special opportunity to honor your club's senior 4-H members.

**Dixon May Fair 4-H Dog Show**, Saturday, April 30, 2011. Participant check-in begins at 8 AM; Dog Show begins at 9 AM. We will be holding the usual obedience, conformation and Canine Good Citizen classes and in addition to this we will also be offering some "FUN" classes to participate in with your dog (egg and spoon race, musical sit and a relay race). Participants can enter just the fun classes, just the dog show classes or both! For more information or to offer sponsorships please call Linda Talken-Burke at 707 592 5379 or email [lindataken@wildblue.net](mailto:lindataken@wildblue.net)  
Entry form is available at: [http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Events/Dog\\_Show/](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Events/Dog_Show/)

**Foods and Nutrition Field Day**, May 14, 2011, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. UCCE Office, 501 Texas St., Fairfield. \$5.00 per participant. Maximum of 25 participants. Registration deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>. Emerald Star Project by Julianna Payne, Sherwood Forest 4-H Club. Join me for an educational day of fun! For members 9 years old and above. Learn about: Nutrition, Meal Planning, Cooking, Gardening, Safety & Sanitation. For questions or more information contact Julianna Payne 707-557-6417 or email [julililly26@yahoo.com](mailto:julililly26@yahoo.com). Registration form at: [http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Events/Emerald\\_Star\\_Presentations/](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Events/Emerald_Star_Presentations/)

### **2011 State 4-H Fashion Revue**

Date: May 28, 2011 as part of the State 4-H Field Day

Location: Olson Hall, U.C. Davis

Theme: Fashion cents

Youth Chair: Karli Draxler (Kings County) [chat2kd@unwiredbb.com](mailto:chat2kd@unwiredbb.com)

**NEW!** SFR Manual California 4-H Fashion Revue Manual (2010)

This contains complete information for the 2011 state event including the new Rubric scorecards which will be used for the first time in 2011. Counties, project leaders, members and families are encouraged to download and read the manual. It is not required for this manual to be adopted by county or sectional competitions, but it is recommended that it be used as the state-wide standard for 4-H Fashion Revues. Consistency will help 4-H members understand the requirements of their categories and methods of evaluation which will be used at each level of competition. The manual is a living document and will continue to be updated as needed. Hopefully it will help guide members and leaders in 4-H projects and competitions.

For more information: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

### **4-H Presentations at 2011 State Field Day**

2011 State Field Day will be held on May 28, 2011 at UC Davis. Present a demonstration, participate in fashion revue, take the plant science test, participate in the film festival, or draw a logo for 2012! Presentation Day category descriptions and evaluation rubrics are available to download at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/>

Participants must earn a gold medal at a sectional competition to be eligible. Registration information will be in an upcoming newsletter.

**The next Leaders Council meeting** is Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 7:00 PM, in the UCCE Meeting Room, 501 Texas St., Fairfield.

## 4-H CAMP

### 4-H Camp

San Joaquin 4-H (the county hosting 4-H Summer Camp) has reopened registrations for chaperones and campers as some of their chaperones dropped out at the last minute. Sorry, they aren't accepting any more JCs applications. Registration will remain open until 225 people have signed up for camp (chaperones, JCs, and campers) or until May 31st, whichever comes first.

4-H Summer Camp will be held at beautiful Camp Silver Lake in the eastern Sierras. Camp dates are from Tuesday June 21st until Saturday June 25th. Cost is \$115 for chaperones and campers. All checks must be from your club made payable to "San Joaquin 4-H" - no personal checks accepted. The only optional item is round trip bus transportation (to and from Stockton) which is \$30. There will be no horseback riding this year as the stable has closed. Activities will include archery, hiking, GPS/Geocaching, swimming, canoeing/kayaking, arts & crafts, Wildstar pin program, campfire cooking, a confidence course, etc.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact Betty Azwell at [betty.raines@gmail.com](mailto:betty.raines@gmail.com) for more information. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old and a 4-H leader. If you aren't a 4-H leader, please contact Valerie Williams immediately at [707-784-1319](tel:707-784-1319) or [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu). You must complete leader & chaperone training & have your fingerprints cleared by May 20th, 2011, and attend the mandatory training meeting on Sunday June 5th from 1-4pm in Stockton to be a chaperone.

If you are interested in being a camper, please contact your 4-H club's community leader as camper registrations are done at the club level. Club leaders will be matching up chaperones from your club to campers with a ratio of 1 chaperone for every 4 same-sex campers. Campers must have finished at least the 3rd grade by June 30th, 2011 (if they are traditionally schooled) or be 9 years old by June 20th, 2011 (if they are home schooled).

## CONFERENCES

### 2011 State Leadership Conference, July 28<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>, UC Davis

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth (14 – 19 years old) from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas. Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff.

This year's theme is... **"Oh, The Places You'll Go!"** Cost is \$420.00. Information and online registration is now available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/> Registration deadline is June 17, 2011. Through gifts secured by the California 4-H Foundation, the State 4-H Office is able to provide financial assistance which will allow youth to attend the conference. Financial assistance will be allotted on an "as needed and available" basis and is not transferable. Delegates may request up to \$330 of financial aid. Applications for financial assistance are due by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery

A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in Red Bluff, CA

Saturday, May 21                      9 AM – 5 PM

Sunday, May 22                        8 AM – 3 PM

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. **NEW!** Attendees will also learn about & participate in the youth only tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The course will be held at the Tehama County Search & Rescue Building, Park Avenue & Baker Road, Red Bluff, and at the Ishi Archery Club Range, Hwy 36 East, Red Bluff. Cost for the course will be \$40 and includes morning refreshments, Saturday lunch and class materials. Dry camping is available at the range.

For more information, contact Leland George, State 4-H Archery Instructor, at 530-527-4200 or e-mail: [ljgeorge@clearwire.net](mailto:ljgeorge@clearwire.net). Please send "Training Request & Registration Form" and fees to Leland George, 21075 Hwy 36 West, Red Bluff, CA - 96080. Make checks payable to "Tehama County 4-H Council". Pre-registration is due Monday, May 16th. For the "Training Request & Registration Form" in Word or PDF format go the state 4-H shooting sports web page at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/> or contact your county 4-H office.

## POLICIES

### 4-H Program Year

The 2010 – 2011 Solano County 4-H Program year began July 1, 2010 and will end June 30, 2011.

**Fair Participation.** All 4-H members who plan to exhibit at **ANY** fair during 2011, must be enrolled in 4-H **AND** be enrolled in the project in which they wish to exhibit by 12/31/10.

### Guidelines for Authorized Use of Name and Emblem

The 4-H Name and Emblem are protected under federal statute (Title 18 USC 707). The statement "18 USC 707" must be printed adjacent to the clover whenever we use it outside of our 4-H family. This would include wearing of the logo, promotional brochures, posters, window displays, and the like. This statement can be placed to the right of the stem or along the bottom right leaf. For detailed guidelines see: <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/4-Hguidelines-v4-26-04.pdf> and [http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/Listing\\_of\\_all\\_Forms\\_&\\_Support\\_Documents/](http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/Listing_of_all_Forms_&_Support_Documents/)

### University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H California Youth Development Program Policy Handbook

This handbook is developed for University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources and its 4-H Youth Development Program staff. Its purpose is to set forth operating policies and procedures for the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP). The 4-H YDP operates within the guidelines, policies, and procedures of the University of California (UC), and the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), which encompasses both the Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension.

These policies are established to insure the educational and administrative integrity of all UCCE 4-H YDP activities, and are administered and interpreted by 4-H YDP staffing consultation with the county director and ANR administration. <http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Administration/Policies/>

### **Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, and Tobacco Policy Chapter 11, IX**

Volunteers shall not consume or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco\* while performing their 4-H duties

No volunteer or staff will allow alcohol, use of illegal drugs or tobacco\* at an 4-H Youth Development Program activities or events.

4-H Program activities are conducted under \*tobacco-free conditions.

The use of alcohol is prohibited at all 4-H functions. \*The tobacco policy includes smokeless tobacco. 4-H volunteers and members must adhere to this policy. If you have questions about this or any other 4-H policy please contact Valerie Williams, Solano County 4-H Program Rep. at 707-784-1319 or email [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu)

## **INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION**

### **National Volunteer Week, April 10 – April 16, 2011**

Many people contribute their time to numerous youth organizations. As we mark National Volunteer Week, the Solano County 4-H Youth Development Program would like to thank our volunteers who work with the youth in Solano County. We appreciate your taking time to care and for all the wonderful gifts that you share.

### **Presentation Education**

This was an Emerald Star Project by Tricia Kash out of the Vaca Valley 4-H Club. This was a power point presentation on how to go through the steps of developing a presentation for Presentation Day. This workshop was held on February 22nd at the UCCE Office in Fairfield and there were about 30 people who attended. In my PowerPoint, I went over the importance of presentations, how to choose your presentation, and the different categories that are available for the 4-Hers to enter in. I went into depth about the top four categories and exactly what the requirements are for those specific presentations. My power point and script was given to each club and two copies are at the 4-H office for members or leaders to check out and use for themselves or to teach others. I hope this can be beneficial for the members to use. Thanks to those who attended my workshop and supported my Emerald Star Project.

### **State 4-H Scholarships**

High school seniors and college students who were in 4-H during high school are eligible to apply. Applications are due postmarked by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Information and applications are available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>

### **Solano County 4-H All Star Ambassador**

All Star is the highest attainable county 4-H rank. Each year every county in California selects 4-H members, who applied and are deserving of this rank, to become All Star Ambassadors. Applications are due on or before Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the UCCE office. Candidates will be notified of interview date (to be held in June). Applications are available online at: [http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Scholarships\\_-\\_Awards/Awards/](http://cesolano.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Scholarships_-_Awards/Awards/)

## **Solano County Fair – Ag Day Thank You**

Dear Solano County 4-H:

Thank you for presenting an exhibit at our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Ag Day at the Solano County Fairgrounds. We had over 2,400 third graders representing 92 classes, over 500 chaperones, and over 125 volunteers and presenters. 4-H of Solano County provided over 120 additional members and adult volunteers. Everyone that participated helped to make this year's Youth Ag Day a huge success!

Ag Day is a high point of the school year for students that attend. We believe ag education, and this program in particular, are a valuable part of every student's learning experience. Their understanding of the importance of agriculture and the many facets of the ag industry, give students a lifelong appreciation and respect for the hard work involved in providing a safe, healthy and plentiful supply of food and fiber.

This program simply wouldn't be possible without the participation, dedication and generosity of our volunteers, presenters and sponsors. With school budgets being tighter than ever, many students would not have the opportunity to attend otherwise. Thanks to you, the Solano County Fair can continue to offer this program at no cost to the schools. Our goal is to never have to charge them for attending, or ever turn classes away.

We would like to invite you to attend the Solano County Fair, August 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. During the Fair you will see the quilt square projects completed by classes attending Ag Day, other projects done by students, as well as the corn crop planted during their visit. The corn planted during Ag Day will play a particularly visible role during this year's Fair, as the theme is "There's No Place Like Home!" Perhaps a scarecrow or two will be found hanging out with the students' corn!

Thank you again for presenting an exhibit at our Youth Ag Day 2011. We look forward to seeing you at the Fair! If you have any questions about future Ag Days, the Solano County Fair, or any of the activities that take place year-round at the Solano County Fairgrounds please contact Marcia Coffman at (707) 551-2002 or by e-mail to [mmcoffman@scfair.org](mailto:mmcoffman@scfair.org), or Kim Mini at (707) 551-2006 or by e-mail to [kmini@scfair.org](mailto:kmini@scfair.org).

Sincerely,

*Mike Paluszak*, General Manager

## **Record Book Survey Coming Soon!**

Members, Parents, and Project Leaders, check it out! Coming very soon to the Solano County 4-H website will be a short record book survey that the Leaders Council would like you complete. Record Books are a great way to chronicle the 4-H year, to reflect on what you've accomplished, and to set goals, but many members do not complete them. Leaders' Council wants to help. The more feedback we get, the better we will be able to understand what you need from Leaders Council to help you finish the record books.

## **North Bay Rose Society Show**

This year the North Bay Rose Society will add a new category to its annual Rose Show on May 1st: Young People's Roses. Young people from age 12 to 19 may enter as many roses as they choose. The roses will be judged by professional, certified rose judges statewide. They will look for the most beautiful—and perhaps most fragrant—rose in that category. At least three young people must be in the competition to win. The name of the rose must be provided (for example, 'Aloha', 'Purple Spash', 'Evelyn', 'Madame Berkeley', etc.) The class of the rose must be provided (for example, hybrid tea, floribunda, damask, moss, etc.) The society will provide vases at the site. The show will be held at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador Street, Vallejo. Members of the Rose Society will be on hand to help young people set up and display their roses. Entries must be ready for judging by 9:00 a.m. Set-up time is between 6:00 and 9:00 a.m., May 1<sup>st</sup>. For further information or advice, contact Darrell Schramm, President, North Bay Rose Society: 707-645-0338. If e-mailing, indicate that the subject is roses: [schrammd@usfca.edu](mailto:schrammd@usfca.edu).

## **You're Invited to Join 4-H in Answering the President's Challenge!**

As part of 4-H's involvement with the First Lady's Let's Move! campaign, 4-H National Headquarters has started a group to take the President's Challenge together—and you're invited to join us! The President's Challenge is for one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H youth are answering this call by achieving 100,000 awards by September 2011.

The Presidential Active Lifestyle Award recognizes individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six consecutive weeks, five days a week (minimum 60 minutes for youth, 30 minutes for adults). 4-H is making this goal a top priority. National 4-H Council and Kraft are offering incentives for 4-H counties to get the most youth in their county to achieve the award. Signing up for the 4-H group is simple. All you have to do is register. It's quick, and there's no cost to participate!

### **HOW TO JOIN**

1) Go to [www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/](http://www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/)

2) Fill out the registration form.

3) After registering, start logging your activities. As you log activities you'll be able to track your progress toward winning a President's Challenge Award or Medal.

## **Solano County 4-H Presentation Day Congratulations Participants!**

Solano County 4-H Presentation Day was held Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in Fairfield. 4-H members presented skills learned in their projects through the use of demonstrations, skits, public speaking, interpretive reading and educational displays. Each member was evaluated and awarded a red or blue seal on the basis of subject, organization, technique, delivery and effectiveness of their presentations. From the blue seal recipients, gold medals were awarded to the top presentations. Gold Medal recipients were eligible compete at North Central Section Presentation Day at UC Davis on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

This year 52 members competed, representing seven of the eleven clubs. The club receiving the award for the highest percentage of participants was the Vaca Valley 4-H Club.

### *Dixon Area 4-H Clubs:*

Roving Clovers 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:

Jess Bravos, Nika Gardner, Cooper Johnson, Teigen Johnson, Anna Moore, Jestine Pinon, Nikki Talken and Elizabeth Williams.

Roving Clovers 4-H Club, Gold Medal Recipients:

Jess Bravos, Nika Gardner, Cooper Johnson, Teigen Johnson, Nikki Talken and Elizabeth Williams.

Tremont 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:

Gabi Alcantara, Kyle Alcantara, Sage Alvarez, Suzie Ifft, Kristina Fink, Izabell Ramirez and Olivia Ramirez.

Tremont 4-H Club, Gold Medal Recipients:

Gabi Alcantara, Kyle Alcantara, Sage Alvarez, Suzie Ifft, Kristina Fink, Izabell Ramirez and Olivia Ramirez.

Wolfskill Club, Blue Seal Recipients:

Riley Currey

### *Vacaville Area 4-H Clubs:*

Elmira 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:

Caitlin Miller, Adele Phillips, Nicole Smith, Eamon Tiernan-Lang & Erin Tiernan-Lang.

Golden Hills 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:  
Savanah San Nicolas

Golden Hills 4-H Club, Gold Medal Recipients:  
Savanah San Nicolas

Vaca Valley 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:  
Charlyn Agbayani, Isabella Berkheimer, Hannah DeTomasi, Toni DeTomasi, Jessica Galdo, Marley Hardwick, Carly Kostka, Sara Meier, Sara McNeill, Halie Pringle and Corey Walker.

Vaca Valley 4-H Club, Gold Medal Recipients:  
Charlyn Agbayani, Isabella Berkheimer, Hannah DeTomasi, Toni DeTomasi, Marley Hardwick, Sara Meier and Halie Pringle.

*Fairfield/Suisun Area 4-H Clubs:*

Suisun Valley 4-H Club, Primary Member, Participation Recognition  
Robert Wright

Suisun Valley 4-H Club, Red Seal Recipients:  
Christin Estes

Suisun Valley 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:  
Aubree Ellison, Clay Ellison, Caitlin Estes, Juliet Gemmell, Meredith Gemmell, Tiffany Lum, Gabriel Masotti, Emma Vogliano and Jessica Ward.

Suisun Valley 4-H Club, Gold Seal Recipients:  
Aubree Ellison, Clay Ellison, Caitlin Estes, Meredith Gemmell, Tiffany Lum and Emma Vogliano.

Westwind 4-H Club, Red Seal Recipients:  
Rachel Confair

Westwind 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:  
Rachel Azwell and Elizabeth Elder.

*Rio Vista Area 4-H Club:*

Rio Vista 4-H Club, Red Seal Recipients:  
Ebony Brewer and Annette Josol

Rio Vista 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:  
Malia McWilliams

*Vallejo Area 4-H Club:*

Sherwood Forest 4-H Club, Blue Seal Recipients:  
Julianna Payne.

Sherwood Forest 4-H Club, Gold Medal Recipients:  
Julianna Payne.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the event, especially Danae Gemmel & Colleen Bohannon Co-Chairs and the Suisun Valley and Westwind 4-H Club members, leaders and parents.

Thank You! Many thanks to the youth and adult volunteers who share their time and talents.

**Publicity, Advocacy and Outreach:** Kathy Garvey

**Incentive & Recognition Committee Co-Chairs:** Kathy Brown & Jill Simmons



**County Audit Committee Chairs:** Roselle Ritchey & Andrea Kett  
**4-H Camp Coordinator:** Betty Azwell  
**Ag Day Coordinator:** Helen Ritchey  
**Ag Day Solano County Fair Liaison:** Kelly Fletcher  
**Fashion Revue Coordinator:** Sharon Payne  
**Direct Marketing Campaign Coordinator:** Kara Payne  
**Dixon May Fair Dog Show Coordinator:** Linda Talken  
**Presentation Day Co-Chairs:** Danae Gemmell & Colleen Bohannan  
**Ag Day Volunteers:** More than 120 adult and youth volunteers!

## CLUB NEWS

**Community Pride Project Report:** by Tommy Weisz, Jr. Leader, Suisun Valley 4-H  
The Community pride project has just gone to the Veterans home in Yountville on Sunday the April 10th. We took the elderly outside by pushing their wheelchairs. We did recreational activities to learn about them and their names. Some of the veterans said some very funny things. Then we played with a parachute to let them get some exercise. We gave them cards afterwards and they thanked us and we pushed their wheelchairs back to their rooms. With the extra cards we had we gave them to the other Veterans that didn't go outside. It was a very heart felt event.

**Swine Project Report:** by Tricia Kash, Vaca Valley 4-H  
This month at our swine meeting we reviewed the weights of everyone's pigs and decided whether or not we should raise, lower, or maintain the feed of each hog. We talked about the schedule of the fair and chose shifts. Next we discussed the theme of the fair and what our display would have relating to the theme. Our leader, Gary, reminded us to turn in our entry forms and the \$35 insurance fee. We talked about what we were going to do for the program at our community meeting, along with questions that the judges may ask us. This was a good meeting and I am looking forward to going to the fair!

**Leatherworking Project Report:** by Jessica Ward, Suisun Valley 4-H  
3/19/11: Today we started to make a group project to donate for our annual Tri-Tip auction. We thought of different designs to put on the purse. Also, each person decided what project they were going to enter in the Dixon May Fair. Almost everyone in the class is going to enter something in the fair.

**Beef Project Report:** by Lyle Glass, Vaca Valley 4-H  
At our last beef meeting we discussed our display for the Dixon May Fair. Everybody had really good ideas and I think our display is going to look really good. We also went over our list of items to bring to the fair. It listed all of our supplies needed for the week. We worked on a handout on clipping and blocking and I reviewed my Educational Display which was about clipping and blocking. Everyone had a lot of fun and learned a lot. On Tuesday, after the meeting, we got together with our steers and heifer and worked on showmanship in the round pen. Everyone had a great time.

**Community Pride Project Report:** by Jessica Ward, Suisun Valley 4-H  
4/5/11: Today we made spring cards for the veterans. It was really fun. We decorated the cards with different things like Easter eggs, flowers, birds, etc. We are going to take them to the veteran home this weekend. I hope the veterans really like the cards!

**Ag Day:** by Rachel Weisz, Suisun Valley 4-H  
This year Ag day was a hit! It was held on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Vallejo at the County Fair Grounds. There were many wonderful things as well as very unusual things. A couple of these fun activities

planned for the third graders were: making butter, looking at animals, making beanie babies, and just walking around on a field trip. These were cool for me as well even though I am in the sixth grade and they really involved all the people there (they weren't just showing the stuff off). Like for the butter making, you could shake it, make it, and then eat it. I enjoyed making beanie babies. We filled a small baggie with beads and a little water with 2 small bean seeds. We then put a string through it and then you wait for it to sprout. My journey to Ag day was terrific, I hope all of the people going in the future will learn and explore more and more on there voyage to Ag day.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Leaders Council Nominations.** Nominations are now being solicited for the 2011-2012 4-H Leaders Council officers and area representatives. Executive Committee meets the first Wednesday of September, October, January, February, April and June with Leaders Council meeting the second Wednesday of those months. If you are interested in chairing nominations or any council position please contact Valerie Williams at (707) 784-1319 or email [vawilliams@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vawilliams@ucdavis.edu)

## 4-H SAFETY

### 4-H Safety Manual

Many 4-H programs, projects, and events incorporate activities that inherently have various risks for injuries or disease exposures to both 4-H volunteers and members. Information given in the 4-H Safety Manual has been developed for use by 4-H volunteers and members and is intended to provide initial guidance for implementing practices and procedures to reduce the risk of sustaining injuries or illnesses while participating in 4 H sponsored programs, projects, and event. The 4-H Safety Manual is available online at <http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/files/40029.pdf>

### Clover Safe Notes

Clover Safe Notes are one page summaries of relevant safety information about specific topics. Clover Safe Notes incorporate a picture or drawing and information about topic-related injuries or illness to encourage discussion of precautions to prevent topic-related injuries or illness. The notes are intended to be used on the website or may be downloaded, printed, and handed out at 4-H activities and project meetings.

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.

## FAIR NEWS

### Dixon May Fair, Rabbit and Poultry Costume Contest

Tremont 4-H Club rabbit project is sponsoring a costume contest for the small animal barn. We welcome both rabbit and poultry participants to enter. It's a fun was for exhibitors to come together and get to know each other. The public enjoys being able to see the animals dressed up. We have ribbings for 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> place. First and second place winners will receive a trophy. The Tremont 4-H rabbit group will have registration papers for participants to fill out prior to the pictures. We ask that you bring your own costume for your animal and that no costume is to be used twice. All pictures will be taken on May 3<sup>rd</sup> after judging and showmanship are done. Pictures will be taken in the small animal barn. We would like to have 5 leaders from different clubs to volunteer to judge the contest. We ask that the leaders be from the large animal barn. If you would like to help with the judging contact Tremont's rabbit leader Audrey Ritchey or Chairperson Taralynne Ritchey at [x\\_raymom@yahoo.com](mailto:x_raymom@yahoo.com).

## Solano County Fair 2011

The Solano County Fair 2011 will be running from August 3rd through the 7th. This year in addition to the Junior Livestock Show, we will also be hosting an Open Sheep show and Open Llama show. For schedules and entry information, please see the Solano Fair Guidebook. Please note the Horse Show will be held pre-fair on June 12, 2011.

**Entry Guidebook:** Guide books are posted at several locations throughout the county, as well as on our web site at <http://www.scfair.org>, where you can view and download the book at your convenience. This year's entry deadline is July 6, 2011, unless otherwise stated in the guidebook. Horse Show entry deadline is June 1, 2011

**Still Life Exhibits:** A few new items to be aware of if you are interested in entering a non-livestock project at the fair. New categories have been added and expanded for still life entries including our decorated shoe competition to go with our fair theme: "There's No Place Like Home". Please note: There are no limits to the number of entries in most categories. Although you will be able to enter as many items as you wish, there may be limits to the number of premiums you are eligible to be paid, so please make sure to read carefully the area you are planning to enter.

**Livestock Exhibits:** This year the livestock area will be filled with animals with the addition of our Open Sheep Show and Open Llama Shows. Both of these shows will be at the fairgrounds at the same time as Junior Livestock. We anticipate animal areas and RV spaces will be less spacious this year, with our goal to "fill the barns", and really show the fairgoers a top quality livestock exhibit. We are also encouraging exhibitors to plan now for exciting displays to complement our fair theme "There's No Place Like Home".

**Market Exhibits:** All market animals must be ear tagged by Solano County Fair staff with official Solano County Fair ear tags. All ear tagging for 2011 will be done at central tagging locations (see dates and locations below).

<u>Official Ownership Deadline</u>	<u>Tagging Date / Location</u>
Steers - 120 days, April 5, 2011	January 9, 2011 (With Dixon Fair tagging) Additional dates available, please call prior to April 5 <sup>th</sup> for an appointment
Goats - 60 days, June 4, 2011	June 6, 2011 Solano Fairgrounds, Livestock Area (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Sheep - 60 days, June 4, 2011	June 6, 2011 Solano Fairgrounds, Livestock Area (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
Swine - 60 days, June 4, 2011	June 6, 2011 Solano Fairgrounds, Livestock Area (4:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
Rabbits- 30 consecutive days, July 4, 2011 (No tagging required)	
Poultry/Quail- 30 consecutive days, July 4, 2011 (No tagging required)	

**Please note:** All exhibitors will be required to submit a **copy** of your official bill of sale at the time of tagging. In addition, per California State Fair Rules, Independent junior exhibitors entering market animals must provide Fair Management with a picture of their animal, appropriate proof of ownership,

permanent tag, tattoo and/or hog ear notch information 120 days prior to the fair for beef (April 5, 2011) and 60 days (June 4, 2011) for sheep, swine and goats.

Questions, please call Kelly Fletcher (707) 678-1465 or e-mail [kfletcher@scfair.org](mailto:kfletcher@scfair.org).

## RESOURCES

### 4-H Supplies

Record Book covers are available at the UCCE Office for \$2.75. Binder inserts are available for \$1.50. 100% Attendance pins are \$2.25 each. Please pay by check or bring **exact** change. Some clubs place orders for 4-H ties, scarves and hats and make them available for sale to their members. If you wish to order on your own they are available from a company called Leslie Carman. Members may order directly at (310) 374-1019 or <http://www.4hsupplies.com/>. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

### Equipment & Audio Visual Reservations

Please remember that if you need to use any 4-H equipment or audio visual resources you **MUST** make a reservation with the 4-H staff, 707-784-1319, which will facilitate the use of equipment.

### Curriculum Resources

4-H Supply Service  
<http://www.4-hmall.org/>

### UC ANR Catalog

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

### National 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System, Inc.

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

### National Directory of 4-H Materials

<http://www.4-hdirectory.org/>

Material should be submitted to the state office for submission into the national site.

- To view the **4-H State news**, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/News/>
- To view the **4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology news**, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>
- To view the **National 4-H news**, go to <http://4-h.org/news/4hnews.php>
- To view the **4-H Center for Youth Development's** website, <http://cyd.ucdavis.edu/> to find the latest research findings and updates to ongoing study in the field of youth development.

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*OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00-5:00 (Closed 12:00-1:00)*