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Upcoming

4-H Activities



December

- 3,10,17 Hunters Safety Class-Fort Jones
- 6 Leader Orientation-6:30pm-4-H Office
- 9 Hi 4-H Bowling Christmas Party

January

- 9 Leaders Council Meeting-7pm 4-H Office
- 27 Primary Members Field Day

Personal Development Form (Hints)

Helpful suggestions of events and activities that should be added to your 4-H record book on a monthly basis.

event/skill/award
Parade (Committee)
Officers Training

Number on PDR
4
3

Volunteer Leader Orientation

The 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of California is committed to providing a safe environment for young people involved in Cooperative Extension activities. Through standardized procedures for the appointment of volunteers, appropriate screening, selection and placement is conducted for volunteers in the 4-H Youth Development Program. New leaders **MUST** complete an enrollment form, pay fees to a community club, be live scan fingerprinted through the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department, along with attending leader orientation. Only certified 4-H volunteer leaders, whose prints have cleared, are covered under the University of California liability insurance. Leader orientation will be **December 6th at 6:30pm** at the 4-H Office.

Citizenship Challenge

One of the main goals of 4-H is to help build good citizens. The California 4-H Logo recognizes that goal through the emphasis of Citizenship, Leadership and Life Skills. But what really is citizenship and what makes a quality citizen?

The 4-H definition is “Acting with informed concern for self and others.” The California Citizenship Service-Learning Advisory Council offers a challenge to every club in California to develop and carry out a service-learning project as part of their year plan.

The essence of what makes a good citizen is someone who is informed about their community and its needs and then works to address those needs. 4-H clubs and projects need to work on incorporating citizenship into everything they do. The emphasis needs to be not just on having our 4-Hers go out and do one-time projects, but rather having them learn about their communities and their needs and then developing a service that fits those needs. This is a process called service-learning. Service-learning is an experiential approach to citizenship. In this form of learning, 4-Hers work to identify needs in their community. In this process they learn about their community including the problems and those who are working to solve them. As an example, if your 4-H club has always collected money each spring for March of Dimes, ask yourself, “How much do our members know about the March of Dimes or the extent of the problem in their area?” Then think of ways to help learn about the services of that organization and other ways that 4-Hers might be able to serve the needs of people in their community.

The Citizenship Service Learning Advisory Council is challenging every club in California to develop and carryout a service-learning project as apart of their year plan. For more information about how to do this, please visit our website at:

<http://ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp>

Hippology Contest

Alyssa Schmidt is planning and organizing the 2nd annual Hippology Contest as her All Star project. Hippology refers to the study of Horses. The event is scheduled for **February 17, 2007** at the Siskiyou Golden Fair. All 4-H youth are eligible to compete. Curriculum that will be used includes the Horse Learning Laboratory Kit, CSS Animal Science Horse Series, and The Clinical Equine Anatomy and Common Disorders of the Horse Series. All materials are available to be checked out at the 4-H office. What to study: Parts of the Horse, Skeletal System, Teeth, Digestive Tract, Breeds, Color & Markings, Tack, Nutrition, Conformation, Diseases, Reproduction, Parasites, Eye's, Horse History and Horse Sense. If you have questions or need additional information please leave a message for Alyssa Schmidt at 1-888-658-7429.

Hunters Safety Class Offered

Ernie Genter will be offering a hunters safety class at the Fort Jones Community Center. The class is a three day series (December 3rd, 10th, 17th) from 1pm to 5pm. If you would like to register for the class please call Ernie Genter at 468-5202.

Ambassadors to Australia

California will participate again this year in the Midwest Ambassador to Australia Program. Students who are interested in traveling to Victoria, Australia and living on a ranch or farm should contact me directly. This exchange offers each teen an opportunity to participate in a working agricultural setting. The exchange runs from **June 20th -July 20th**.



Bring the World Home!

Can't find the time and money to travel? Enjoy the exposure to different cultures which traveling brings? Looking for a low-cost project or experience in which the whole family can participate and grow together? The California 4-H Japanese Exchange Month-Long Hosting Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchange student from Japan. Families often find they are drawn closer together and see their lives in a whole new perspective as they welcome a new son, daughter, brother, or sister in their circle.

The California 4-H Japanese Exchange Program is looking for all types of families to give delegates as broad a perspective as possible about life in the U.S. The only hosting requirement is that families hosting Japanese students must have a child of the same gender and similar age.

Being a 4-H International host family is easy, fun, rewarding, and educational. Just welcome the delegate into your home and treat him or her like one of the family. The delegate will want to join in everyday activities, help with chores and otherwise fit in as a brother, sister, son or daughter. No special activities need to be planned, although many families and visitors enjoy the opportunity to take occasional sightseeing trips during the visit to local attractions and landmarks. Host families appreciate the chance to develop friendships which reach around the world. They find that the delegate teaches them not only to understand other ways of life, but to understand and appreciate their own way of life, as well.

Hosting Month-Long Inbound Program Delegates

Japanese youth, ages 12 – 18, will visit California from July 22 to August 18, 2007. The students are members of the Labo youth development organization and are devoted to the study of foreign cultures and languages, and the benefits of international exchange.

Hosting Month-Long Inbound Program Chaperones

Adult chaperones will accompany the summer youth delegation. Adults can stay for two weeks with two different host families or with one family for the duration of the program. Host families for chaperones may be singles, retirees, or couples with grown or no children. Contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520 for more information.

California Focus Program

June 22-26, 2007

Youth Fee \$490.00 Adult Fee: \$575.00

California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capital city, Sacramento becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure. For more information please contact the County 4-H Office or go online to www.ca4h.org.



California State 4-H Updates/Info

The state 4-H program is seeking young adults who are interested in an **intern opportunity with the California 4-H Youth Development Program**.

Each summer the California Focus Program recruits and trains young adults for leadership roles at California Focus. Leaders, with at least one year of college or one year of work experience, join the leadership team to plan and carryout this 5-day conference in June. Information about this opportunity is available at:

<http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp>.

Applications are due on **Monday, January 15, 2007**.

For Youth: The 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest, sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., has announced the rules and essay topic, *Pollinator Conservation*, for this year's essay contest. There will be three cash prizes for the national winners: 1st - \$250; 2nd - \$100; and 3rd - \$50. Each state and national winner will receive an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. Completed California essays must be received on or before **February 16, 2007** by Dr. Eric Musser, Entomology Department, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. The winning state essay will be forwarded to the national competition. Results will be announced on May 1, 2007.



The 4-H State Ambassador team is recruiting **educational session proposals** for the **2007 4-H State Leadership Conference** being held August 2 - 5, 2007 at UC Davis. This year's theme "4-H Wants YOuth: Laughing, Learning, Living and Loving" conveys the multi-faceted aspect of 4-H programming. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/conference/slcl>. Workshop proposals are due **March 2, 2007** to the State 4-H Office.

The **2007 National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador** application form is now posted on the National website at: <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/>. Look under "About" ... "Teen Ambassadors". Applications are due **February 1, 2007**.

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association and Youth Service America to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2007, and culminates on YSA's National Youth Service Days, April 20-22, 2007. Twenty grants of \$500 each will be awarded to support student-led initiatives. Applicants aged 21 or younger can apply either as individuals or groups. Complete program information, examples of funded projects, and application guidelines are available at: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/>. Deadline: **November 24, 2006**

The **California 4-H Foundation** now has an eScrip group number, allowing 4-H to receive funding through the eScrip program. Supporters can register their shopping cards (Macy's, Discover, etc.) and credit or debit cards (if desired) to the group ID number below for the California 4-H Youth Development Program to receive a small percentage of the purchases made. It's easy and cost-free! Visit www.escrip.com to get started. The California 4-H group number is 500003938. Pass this information on to your groups!

Primary Member Field Day

Your "Passport to 4-H"! All Primary members (5-8 year olds) and their parents are invited to attend a primary member field day on Saturday, January 27th at the Armory in Yreka at 9:30am. Members will be able to participate in hands on projects and learn about the complex world of 4-H. Big Springs and Etna 4-H clubs will host this event.

PASSPORT





Siskiyou County 4-H Calendar of Events

February
17 Hippology Contest

March
9 Postal Shoot Entries Due
13 Leader's Council 7pm
10 County Presentation Day
31 Sectional Presentation Day

April
2 4-H Scholarship Deadline

20-21 Youth Arts Festival / Home Ec Day
TBA Archery Shoot

May
5 Fashion Revue
26 State Field Day
(State Presentation Day & Fashion Revue)

June
12 Leader's Council Mtg 7pm
15-17 4-H Camp
22-26 Cal Focus

July
7 Pre-Fair
1 State Competition Record Books Due

August
2-5 State Leadership Conference
5 4-H Horse Show (Fair Show)
8-12 Siskiyou Golden Fair

September
6-9 Tulelake Butte Valley Fair
20 County Competition Record Books

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