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December

10- Leaders Orientation 6pm 4-H Office

January

5- Home Ec. Leader Meeting-5:30 4-H Office

12- Leaders Council Meeting-7pm 4-H Office

30- "How to" for Presentations-Workshop

Personal Development Form (Hints)

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

<u>Event/Skill/Award</u>	<u>Number on PDR</u>
Parade	3
Parade Committee	4
Officers Training	4
Basketball, Choir, Band	8

Volunteer Leader Orientation

The 4-H Youth Development Program 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 enrollment, 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. The last Leader orientation for this 4-H year will be on **Thursday, December 10th at 6:00pm** at the 4-H Office.

Home Ec. Advisory Council Meeting

If you are a leader for the Foods and Nutrition, Food Preservation, Fashion Revue, Arts & Crafts, Photography or Clothing and Textiles projects we need your help. We have several county events coming up and your input and planning expertise is needed. Please plan to attend the Home Ec. Advisory Council meeting on January 5th at 5:30 pm at the 4-H Office.

Shasta 4-H Fundraiser Opportunity

The Shasta 4-H Club is providing a Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. The Wreaths are made up from Shasta Red Fir (Silver Tip) and are \$21.00 each. The wreaths are decorated with hand picked cones and red velvet bows. If you are interested in buying a wreath or doing a fundraiser for your club please contact Candice at 925-0393. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Yreka 4-H News submitted by James Shannon

Some of the Yreka 4-H members met at the Cooperative Extension office in Yreka in November to make Christmas cards to give to the military. James Shannon delivered the Christmas cards to the American Red Cross on November 30, 2009.



Presentation/Demonstration Workshops

In an effort to help members discover their public speaking and demonstration skills, a special workshop and training has been scheduled for **January 30th** at 10:00am. Members will be able to find new ideas for presentations and will have the opportunity to see different presentation types and styles. Etna 4-H club will be hosting the training. More information will be made available at a later date.



An Attitude of Gratitude

There are two special and powerful (and too often overlooked) words that can make everyone in 4-H an exceptional fundraiser - "Thank You." Saying thank you specifically to our extended 4-H family - our volunteers, our donors, our community partners, our children, parents and staff that support them - acknowledges the importance of our contributions and the impacts created through our commitment of time and money.

This season of giving provides us with a perfect opportunity to say thank you and be reminded of the impact we have all had in creating focused, articulate, confident and engaged young leaders. I encourage 4-H groups around the state to take an afternoon or evening during this giving season to come together and hold your own "4-H Thank-a-thon." Call each volunteer and each donor in your community with a brief message of gratitude for their role in making this program an important part of our community. It's even fine to leave a message.

Identify yourself and your role in 4-H. Explain that you are taking this season of giving as an opportunity to express gratitude to those who have supported 4-H with their time and money throughout the past year. Tell them that this support has made 4-H a reality in the lives of over 100,000 children in California. Then simply say thanks. If you can add why their contribution has been important to you personally, so much the better. Then hang up. Simple, satisfying and powerful!

In fundraising, there is definitely a time to ask for support. But, there are many more instances when saying thanks - and not asking for anything - is even more important. Oh yes, and THANK YOU for the impacts you create each and every day through your tireless dedication to 4-H!

For more information on conducting a "thank-a-thon" in your community, please contact The California 4-H Foundation at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.

California State 4-H Updates/Info



California will be sending 4-H members and leaders outbound on the **California International Exchange Program** during the summer of 2010. Are you ready for a one month experience in Australia, Costa Rica, or Japan? Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by **January 27, 2010**. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>.

The **2010 State 4-H Field Day** is planned for May 29, 2010. The event will include a variety of interests including presentation day, state fashion revue, a plant science contest and interview contest amongst many others. If you are interested in exhibiting at this annual event, click here <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf> for an application. Applications are due by **April 2, 2010**.

State Qualifying Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests
The **2010 Judging contests** will be held **April 17, 2010** at Fresno State University in conjunction with a state FFA judging contest. Applications are due by **February 19, 2010** to the State 4-H Office. The entry fee is \$25.00/team or \$5.00 per individual. The applications will be available on the state website after December 1, 2009 and by contacting the State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518. Check [here](#) for the rules governing state dairy and livestock judging contests.

The **4-H SET Activity Guide** is now available for download. Want to increase interest and enthusiasm for 4-H SET? Need an activity for a 4-H Club or Project meeting? The guide provides fast and fun science and engineering activities prepared to be SET-Ready. The activities allow youth to have hands-on experiences with a variety of science and engineering topics. Download the guide at <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/curriculum/index.asp?ID=30>

Hats Off to Kindness at the **State Fashion Revue!** Make a soft, fleece or knitted hat, bring it to the State Fashion Revue, model it, and donate it to cancer patients, young or old! This community service is open to all 4-H youth and adults. This is a great way to use your sewing skills for the benefit of your community. Think soft and fuzzy, not hard or scratchy. Bring your hats to Fashion Revue in May and let's show our cancer patients we care! For more details, check out the website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

The **California Exposition & State Fair** Board has announced new dates for the fair. The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from Wednesday, **July 14 to Sunday, August 1, 2010**. For more information, you may contact Erica Manuel of the California Exposition and State Fair at emanuel@calexpo.com.

Dates have been set for **2010 State 4-H Horse Events**. The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held **April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA**. The **Championship Horse Show** will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on **Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27**. More information will be available by December 1st on the web site at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

"What's in YOUR closet?" Planning has begun for **2010 State 4-H Fashion Revue**, to be held during the State 4-H Field Day, **May 29, 2010** at UC Davis! Needle Arts will not be offered this year, but Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Wearable Art and Recycled categories remain in addition to our new 2010 Challenge. The **Challenge pattern is Simplicity #4762, a vest that can be customized to fit your needs**. Is it a formal vest or a durable one for fishing or hunting? Need extra pockets? Leather trim? Vests

can be made for girls with a few simple adjustments and can coordinate with many different outfits. For information go to <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/> or contact samoore@ucdavis.edu.

On-line registration for the **2010 California Focus Program** is available now and is due on **January 15, 2010**. 4-H members and leaders come together to run their own state government in the fictitious state of Sierra Cascade. Delegates draft legislation, participate in a mock trial, and run for office. Then participants interact with their legislators, court officials, and those close to current issues. Financial assistance is available for this program for members who could not afford to attend without help and the **Young Civic Leader Scholarship** is available for teens with an outstanding leadership and community service record. Those applications are due by **Jan 7, 2010**. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.

Education Summits on Bio-Security in 4-H

In order to improve the understanding of 4-H adult volunteers, veterinarians, and administrators from fairs and exhibitions about existing bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects in California and issues related to traceability, three **Regional Education Outreach Summits** will be offered by 4-H and Veterinary Medicine Extension. Each Education Outreach Summit will include four major components: a) an overview of current data on bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects; b) updated information from USDA on the current status of NAIS and animal traceability; c) a listening session to provide stakeholders the opportunity to share their experiences and provide feedback on traceability issues to USDA; and d) a mini-training for 4-H teens and volunteers on the new 4-H Bio-Security curriculum. Date and location of the Education Outreach Summit is: **January 16, 2010 - UCCE Tehama County**. Times for all summits will be **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Martin Smith (mhsmith@ucdavis.edu) or Steven Worker (smworker@ucdavis.edu).

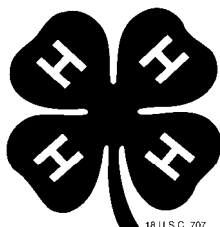
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