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Calendar 2003-2004

December

24-31 *4-H Office Closed*

January

1- *4-H Office Closed*

5- Hi-4-H Meeting, 4-H Office 6:30p.m.

10-Leaders Training Seminar

13-Leaders Council Meeting, 7pm 4-H Office

20-Swine Education Meeting

February

7- CSU, Chico Swine Day

7-8 4-H Horse Leadership Conference

13- Bee Essay Contest Deadline

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

Letter on PDR

Officers Training

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Swine Education Meeting

Can I raise a desirable hog and the champion hog? Are they the same? Is there something I can feed my pig to get more muscle? My hog turned purple and started shaking when I was washing him, what happened? Mine was panting and shaking when we unloaded. Want to know the answers to those questions? Did these things happen to your hog? Attend the Swine Education Meeting on Tuesday, **January 20th at 6:30** at the 4-H Office.



2004 4-H Essay Contest- Sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

This year's topic is "Swarming". For full listing of essay requirements and cash prize availability please contact the 4-H Office. California essays should be submitted by **February 13th, 2004**.

CSU, Chico Swine Day

The CSU, Chico Swine Team will be hosting a swine education day on **February 7**, at the CSU, Chico Farm. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. followed by hands-on workshops for those with novice and advanced skills.

Following lunch they will offer a project pig sale.



4-H Horse Leadership Conference

You are cordially invited to attend the annual two-day Educational Horse Conference and State Horse Business Meeting on **Feb. 7th & 8th** at UC, Davis. A full schedule of horse related workshops, in addition to a tour of the state of the art Veterinary Medicine Center at the University, have been planned. Tentative workshop topics: Horse Bowl & Hippology, USA Equestrian Rules presented by a USA Equestrian Steward, Trail Clinic, Showmanship Clinic, California 4-H Classic Workshop, Massage Therapy and an Endurance Veterinarian who will address Tying-Up and Colic. Full registration information is available at the 4-H Office or on the web at: www.cal4horse.com. For questions please contact Jazz Stables at (530) 754-5809.

Riverside Fire Relief Project

The efforts and commitment toward providing items for the fire relief program have been outstanding! Thank you to all the committees and individuals that offered your time and commitment in helping promote a county-wide community service project. The delivery was made to the Cedar Glen community of Riverside County in early December.

Colgate Youth for America Campaign

Colgate wants to recognize the best community service projects performed by youth across America. To enter the 31st Annual Youth for America campaign, describe your clubs community service work between March 1, 2003 and March 1, 2004. Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2004. Applications are available at the 4-H Office.

Sheep Project Members

The California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Breeders Association has implemented a Youth Started Flock Program. This new program is designed to assist young livestock people in starting a Registered Suffolk or Registered Hampshire Sheep Project. To qualify for this program a youth must be minimum of ten years old, a member of either 4-H or FFA, and have adequate facilities to care for a growing flock. The member would need a letter from their parents stating parental support for the project, one from their 4-H or FFA advisor pledging their support, and one from a member of the CS&HSBA in the area that would serve as a consultant. The participants would be required to join the association and enroll in the Voluntary Scrapie Program. The member would also be required to keep complete health records and photos, videos or other documentation to be presented at the annual membership meeting. For more information contact the Association Secretary, Denise Poncetta at 661-833-1161 or Bob Walters at 805-467-3035.

4-H Fundraising

All 4-H units, including clubs and projects, must submit a plan to the 4-H Office before doing any fundraising in the name of 4-H. Questions that you need to answer in the plan include: Does the fundraising effort support the educational goals of 4-H? Why are you raising the funds? How will you recognize those who support you? The 4-H Office has copies of fundraising forms that can be picked up for your use. 4-H staff is recording the information to avoid duplication and to assure fiscal responsibility.

California State 4-H Updates/Info

The **2004 State 4-H Presentation Day** will be held on May 29, 2003 at UC Davis. Registration deadline is May 24, 2003. Category descriptions and evaluation rubrics are available to download at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/>

2004-2005 4-H State Ambassador applications are now available. The 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the 4-H Youth Development program. Applications are due March 31, 2004 to the CA 4-H YD Office.

<http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>

For Youth: The Elks National Foundation is accepting applications for its **Most Valuable Student scholarship** contest. Any high school senior who is a U.S citizen is eligible. The deadline for application is January 9, 2004. More information is available at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

For Youth: The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America is accepting entries for the **2004 Girls Going Places College Scholarship Program**. The program will award fifteen girls three top prizes of \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$3,000 and twelve \$1,000 to be used toward their college education. Deadline for submission is February 27, 2004. More information is available at <http://www.glic.com/wc/ggp.html>

The State 4-H Youth Development Office is looking for college-age young adults to serve in a leadership role at **California Focus**. The district leader position provides 4-H'ers an opportunity to plan and deliver an educational program centered around California government and history. Applicants need to have graduated from high school one year ago, and have been working or are in college. For more information refer to the 4-H website at:

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

For Youth: High school students pursuing careers in agriculture are invited to apply for scholarships sponsored by Agriliance, an agronomy marketing joint venture, and Croplan Genetics, a seed company. Twenty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2004. More information is available at <http://www.agriliance.com/>

For Youth: Applications for Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship Programs are now being accepted. The goal of the program is to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors who may need a hand getting into and staying in college. Deadline for submission is February 1, 2004. More information is available at <http://www.rmhc.org/>

Leader Training Workshop

The 4-H Office will be providing a leaders training workshop on Saturday, **January 10th** from 10am to 3pm. The training will be for both new and experienced leaders. The workshop will include Experiential Learning and Project Standards, Teaching Project Proficiencies, Review of County Programs and Activities and How They Enhance Your Project, Effective uses of Jr. and Teen Leaders, How to's of Youth Presentations, and Record Book Tips: Local and State. New leaders that need orientation can attend this event to satisfy requirement.

Horse Program Issues

Each year Siskiyou 4-H Horse leaders help provide events to the youth involved in the project. We would like to thank them for their outstanding dedication to the project. To help them keep safety issues to a minimum the following rules and guidelines need to be followed.

1. Dogs should not be brought to horse competitions. Although your horses may be used to dogs not every horse at the event is.
2. Youth attending events should be under the supervision of an adult at all times and not exploring show grounds unattended.
3. Helmets are **required** by every youth or adult mounted on a horse at any time.
4. Riding double is not allowed at any horse show or clinic.
5. During horse shows, riders need to be aware of gate rules and courtesy. No rider will be allowed out of the arena until they have control of their horse. Riders have one minute to enter the arena after they have been called. Riders should keep all gate entrances and exits clear for other riders.



Horse Project Competitions

The 2004 program year will be the beginning of several new competitions for horse project members. Events to look forward to include **Hippology Contest** and **Ranch Horse classes**.

More information will be available about the Ranch Horse classes in upcoming 4-H Ways.

Hippology Contest to include:

- A. Examination Phase - 200 points - This phase of the contest will include:
 1. A written exam;
 2. Projected slides to be identified as to breed, color, color pattern, activity, proper appointments, etc.;
 3. Anatomy which may include external, skeletal, internal organs, parts of gastrointestinal tract, male and female reproductive organs, detailed anatomy of the foot and detailed lower limbs.
- B. Station Phase - 200 points - This phase will consist of a series of stations or tables where, at each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations which may be used include:
 1. Identification of :
 - a. Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) and parts of saddles.
 - b. Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes and parts of shoes.
 - c. Tools and equipment, and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment.
 - d. Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms or methods of preparation.
 - e. Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle charts, damage caused.
 - f. Ages of equines based on teeth.
 - g. Common weeds and poisonous plants identification.
 2. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health.
 3. Measurements such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc. may be required.