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Calendar 2004-2005

December

8-Volunteer Leader Orientation
24-31 4-H Office will be closed

January

8-9 CSU, Chico Livestock Workshops
11-Leaders Council Meeting-7pm

February

5-CSU, Chico Swine Day
11- Bee Essay Deadline
12-13 Horse Leaders Conference
23-27 Western Regional Leaders Forum

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</u>	<u>Letter on PDR</u>
Horse Show	U
Officers Training	U
Christmas Parade	I
Committee-Christmas Parade	J

Jr. Livestock Hands-On Workshops

CSU, Chico Ag students and Associated Feeds are conducting a "Junior Fitting and Showing Camp". Beef and Goat workshops will be available on **January 8th**. Swine and Sheep workshops will be held on **January 9th**. Workshops will include Quality Assurance, Fitting, Showmanship and Nutrition. All workshops have a limited enrollment (first come, first served). Youth can register for one specie per day, at \$50/specie. To register contact the ATRC Farm Office at 898-6343. RSVP by December 17th, 2004.

CSU, Chico Swine Day

CSU, Chico will be hosting a Swine Day on **February 5th, 2005** at the University Farm. Registration will begin at 8 am. Workshops will include showmanship, artificial insemination, selection and carcass quality. Lunch is provided at a \$5.00 charge. Project pig sale will be held at 1pm. For more information contact the Swine Unit at 898-6025.

Operation Christmas Jerky-by Jesse Fehlman
Wow! The Operation Christmas Jerky was a great success! On November 15th at the Montague 4-H monthly meeting, a huge effort of wrapping the individual packages of jerky in pretty Christmas paper, making Christmas cards for each package, packing them in boxes, labeling and making out customs forms, brought about our mailing to our troops in Fallujah, Iraq a little over 200lbs of jerky for Christmas. Congratulations to the joint effort that made it all happen!! Thank you to Gazelle, Fort Jones, Etna, TableRock, Strawberry Valley, Shasta and Grenada clubs for your donations to the project.

California State 4-H Updates/Info



The State 4-H Office announces a new exchange opportunity this year:

Ambassadors to Australia. This is an outbound exchange only that places 4-H members (ages 16-18), staff, or leaders on working farms in a Victoria province in Australia from June 16-July 14, 2005. Contact Pat English for more information at (530) 754-8520 or penglish@ucdavis.edu. Application deadline is **January 1st**, 2005.

Information for the **2005 4-H State Project Competition** is now available. The Project Competition recognizes 4-H members ages 14-19 for their leadership, citizenship, and growth in a specific project area. Record Books, due to sectional in mid-July, are judged at sectional and then at the state level. State Winners receive \$500 cash and Reserve Winners receive \$250 cash. More information and forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>

For Youth: The 2005 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest rules and guidelines are now available. The contest is conducted by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees, Inc. and provides monetary rewards for 4-H members. Essays are due **February 11th, 2005** and available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>

The **2005 4-H Horse Leadership Conference** is scheduled for **February 12th and 13th**, 2005 to be held at California State University, Fresno in the Livestock Pavilion. For more information please visit <http://www.cal4horse.com/> or contact Jazz Stables at 530-754-5809 or jstables@ucdavis.edu

2005-2006 4-H State Ambassador Applications are now available on-line. Ambassadors are selected to plan the State Leadership Conference, complete a service project, and represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Applications are due **March 31st**, 2005. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>

The 4-H Citizenship Program is searching for college-age young adults to serve in a leadership role as **District Leaders at California Focus**. This internship affords an opportunity for young adults to plan and deliver an educational program centered on California government and history. Applicants need to have graduated from high school by 2004 and have a minimum of one year of college study completed or full-time work experience. Application deadline is **January 18th**, 2005. For more information, visit: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/districtleaderinfo.asp>

Siskiyou Golden Fair-Update

The Siskiyou Golden Fair is remodeling the fair's RV park to accommodate the electrical needs of modern-day RVs. This project will, however, reduce the number of RV spots available for campers during the fair. Each space will be 16' wide, enough to accommodate any tip outs or awnings. Consequently, only one space per RV will be available due to the reduction in total camping sites. The fair will be taking reservations beginning February 2. The fee is still \$70 per site. Please call the fair office at 842-2767 for more details.

Strike It Rich in California at the Western Regional Leaders Forum

WRLF 2005: Exploring the 4 H's - Head, Heart, Hands, and Health

by Mignonne Pollard, Volunteer and Staff Development

Only once every 13 years, California's 4-H volunteer leaders host the Western Regional Leaders Forum – affectionately known as WRLF. Eureka! We've struck it rich in 2005! **This year's WRLF will be held in Sacramento, California, on February 23rd-27th, 2005.** The Early Bird registration price of \$265.00 is available if you register before or on December 3, 2004. The price is \$295.00 until January 12th, 2005. Registration and detailed information can be found online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/WRLF2005>

The Forum provides an opportunity for 4-H volunteer leaders and staff to share their expertise and love for the 4-H program: their ideas and resources, skills to sharpen mentoring and teaching skills, and activities to engage youth in all aspects of the 4-H program. Engage your head, heart, and hands while learning to keep the 4-H program healthy!

HEAD: Conference speakers David Henderson of National 4-H Council and Desmond Jolly, Ph.D. of the Small Farms Center will share experiences and humor while engaging our minds. Two days of workshops led by volunteers and staff will range from new skills in crafts to helping youth cope in troubling times.

HEART: Our hearts will be touched by Papa Joe, the Doctor of Common Sense. Papa Joe hails from Texas and tells tall tales to help us make it through the coming years. We will honor amazing volunteers from each state for their service to their club and communities. Make connections with fellow delegates to last throughout the years!

HANDS: A special feature planned for WRLF 2005 is a Community Action Day will explore the ideals of youth-adult partnerships and service-learning while raising public awareness of 4-H. Participate "hands-on" in a service-oriented activity such as preparing care packages for our troops or helping to restore an urban school site with other youth and adults. Conference delegates can also view 4-H service-learning projects from around the Golden State.

HEALTH: Improve your 4-H program health with pre-conference workshops focusing on the "Marketing of 4-H" led by National 4-H Council's David Henderson, and the "Elements of Positive Youth Development" shared by Stephen Russell of University of Arizona and

Mignonne Pollard of University of California. Carole MacNeil, California State Program Leader and National Director of the 4-H Youth in Governance Initiative, will also provide training on youth voice in decision-making.

Come to WRLF 2005 to discover Sacramento's historic Old Town or ride the Napa Valley Wine Train on one of the many day trips offered as part of the festivities! Join enthusiastic youth and adults for dynamic presentations, great prizes, and "golden" ideas to take back home and use in your club or program. **Strike It Rich in California – we'll see you soon!**

California 4-H Hosts Japanese Labo Students

For one month this summer, your family can take part in a special 4-H exchange, which gives Japanese students the opportunity to visit the U.S. and learn more about American life. The California 4-H Youth Development Program is currently looking for families that would like to host a Japanese student, ages 12 to 16, from **July 23rd to August 21st**. The Japanese teens are matched with a family that shares similar interests and has a child of the same gender and close in age.

You don't need a fancy home or a separate bedroom to host – just a desire to make room in your lives for a new family member. And you don't need to spend a lot of money or time traveling the U.S. – the students are not here as tourists. The costs are minimal and the Japanese youth come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

Please consider offering this priceless educational experience to your family. Teens that participate in exchange opportunities are better prepared for life in a global society. Through this first-hand experience they gain a deeper understanding of another culture and gain insight into the values and lifestyle of their own family and community.

If you're interested in getting involved or would like more information, contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

Citizenship Focus 2005

Are you interested in becoming the California Secretary of State or the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture? Or would you just like to be an active, involved member in your community? Are you interested in expanding your citizenship savvy? Come and learn more about California and see inside Washington, D.C.

At California Focus, you become a registered voter in the state of Sierra Cascade and take on all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship. Washington Focus allows you to travel and study in the Nation's Capitol, Washington, D.C. You learn how government works and enjoy the traditions and history of the Capitol.

Come get involved in this hands-on experience with government and community involvement. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit, are due in the California 4-H Youth Development Office on **January 10th, 2005** for Washington Focus and on **January 31st, 2005** for California Focus.

California Focus

4-H members must have completed the 8th grade.

Washington Focus #1

◆ "Road to Democracy"

10 day trip in mid to late June

Take advantage of this study travel trip to Gettysburg, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York.

◆ "Heritage Trail I"

7 day trip in mid to late June

For those who wish to travel during this week but prefer to limit their travel to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus #2

◆ "Global Journey"

12 day trip second week of July

For those who wish to take advantage of this study travel trip to Gettysburg, Washington, D.C., Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

◆ "Heritage Trail II"

7 day trip second week of July

For those who wish to travel during this week but prefer to limit their travel to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C.

(To travel on the Heritage Trail I or II trips, a 4-H leader from the county must accompany the delegation)

Washington Focus programs are open to all adult 4-H leaders and to all youth members who have completed their sophomore year in high school or will be 16 years of age by the time of travel.

4-H Record Book Questions

As a former 4-H member I can tell you that record keeping can be difficult. Record keeping is often left until the last minute and then we are left trying to remember what we did throughout the year. Perhaps its time to set a New Year's resolution and plan to work on your records monthly. Along with trying to complete the record book the added confusion of where items need to be recorded can be overwhelming. Each month your newsletter will contain county-wide events that will be listed in the Personal Development Form (Hints). If you have questions don't hesitate to call the 4-H Office or ask your Community Club or Project Leader.

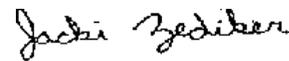
This month I was asked to clarify what can be counted in Item L (Prepared and Gave Talk) of your PDR. In order to count a talk here, it must be well prepared, of a constructive nature and should be two to three minutes long or longer. Count those talks given before your 4-H Club, County Council, school or other groups. It must be about 4-H or your project. Do not count short project reports that consist of "We met at Mr. Doe's house, learned to hammer nails and had a lot of fun."

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4-H WAY

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