January
12- Hi 4-H Meeting, 5pm 4-H Office
13- Leaders Council Mtg, 7pm 4-H Office
16- California Focus Registration Due
21- Leader Orientation, 6:30pm 4-H Office
31- Primary Member Field Day (New Date)

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. The last Leader orientation for this 4-H year will be Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office.

Home Ec. Advisory Council Meeting
If you are a leader for the Foods and Nutrition, Fashion Revue, Arts & Crafts, 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 27th at 6pm at the 4-H Office.

California Focus Program June 26-30, 2009
Youth Fee $495.00    Adult Fee: $590.00
What do Lion King and creating new laws have in common? CALIFORNIA FOCUS!! Both activities will be part of the 2009 California Focus Program from June 26-30 in Sacramento. 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. Come join 100 4-H members and leaders from all over California in learning, in a hands-on way, about California government and history. Applications are due January 16, 2009 to your county office so county staff can register you on-line. More information and the application are available at: http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/.

Holiday Parade
Thank you to all of the organizers of the Holiday Parade. The Siskiyou county float took first prize and the Grenada Horse group also took a first prize for their category. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for representing 4-H to the community.

Personal Development Form (Hints)
Helpful suggestions of events and activities that should be added to your 4-H record book on a monthly basis.

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Ranchers Choice Market Beef Contest
The Rancher’s Choice Market Beef Contest is a new event for the Siskiyou Golden Fair this year, organized by the Siskiyou county CattleWomen. The first contest was successfully held at the 2008 Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair, and it is now being offered at the 2009 Siskiyou Golden Fair. It is an educational contest that is designed to showcase locally raised ranch steers that are typical of today’s commercial cattle industry. The second purpose of this contest is to help the exhibitors learn more about the operations and economics of commercial beef production. Therefore, 60% of the contest score is based on the live animal class placing, 30% on completing a record book for the entire project and 10% on an essay about a timely beef industry topic. The live animal class will be judged by a panel of three commercial cattlemen, and the record book & essay portions will be judged by a committee of CattleWomen. Awards will include a $1000 savings bond to the Top Steer exhibitor and a $500 savings bond for the Reserve Steer exhibitor. All contest exhibitors will receive a participation gift and ribbon. Only steers born, raised and purchased from a commercial cattle herd in Siskiyou or Modoc counties are eligible for this contest. Complete rules and record book forms are available from the fair office. Interested exhibitors should get the information as soon as possible so they know all requirements and what records to keep. For more information, contact Siskiyou CattleWoman Melanie Fowle at 467-5104 or mfowle@sisqtel.net.

State Record Book Awards Announced
Congratulation to Rita Walsh, River Valley 4-H for completing a State Winning Record Book. She will receive $500 in award money. Zoey Walsh, River Valley 4-H received Medalist honors with her record book entry. Great job!

Grenada 4-H News- Reporter: Cassie Day
The Grenada 4-H had a busy holiday season. The craft group made wreaths to sell at the holiday craft show at the Yreka fairgrounds and donated some money to the clubs thanksgiving baskets.

The sewing group made different decorative ornaments. The cooking group baked many different items for the Halloween and Christmas seasons.

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Hi 4-H Happenings
Siskiyou County Hi 4-H is off and running. They have just completed a Christmas care package project with Siskiyou Domestic Violence and are working toward their spring Service Learning Project. Their spring project is being planned around working with several Siskiyou county afterschool programs to bring Science days to the schools. Their work will help strengthen the county S.E.T. plan to incorporate new youth into the 4-H program through hands on science. Thank you Chelsie Brown and Zoey Walsh for the great follow through in completing the Christmas care package project.

In early January the Hi 4-H group also planned and held their annual Murder Mystery Diner “Science Ala-Mad”. Although the unveiling of the mystery invention did not go as the scientists had planned the night led to lots of laughs and “who dunnit” guessing. Thank you Alyssa Schmidt and Rita Walsh for a great night.
The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/. There are sections that will change monthly, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu

Looking for an amazing 4-H opportunity? Longing to experience other cultures but can't find time or money to travel? Bring the world home by hosting a summer month-long international exchange student through the California 4-H Youth Development! International students arrive from Costa Rica, Finland and Japan in June and July 2009. Welcome a teenager from another country to be part of your family for 1 month and have the best summer of your life. Information is available at: http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/ or by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

The State 4-H Horse Classic, educational events for Spring 2009, and championship horse show in Summer 2009 are all currently being planned. The State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee is narrowing dates and confirming locations. Visit the web site regularly for updates http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/. The 2008 results are posted and winners from all years are also listed. The 2009 information will be posted in December.

The 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue committee needs your input and help! There are many opportunities for committee positions for both teens and adults. You don't even need to know how to sew! 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue is returning Saturday, May 30 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Divisions and classes will remain the same as previous years except the Challenge class which is an apron made from Simplicity pattern #9565. All counties are encouraged to hold qualifying events or publicize alternate methods for delegate selection. Complete details will be posted in December to the state 4-H website at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/. Please contact Sue Moore, 4-H staff liaison, at samoore@ucdavis to be part of the state committee.


Announcing the 2009 Challenge category for State Fashion Revue - Simplicity Apron pattern #9565. This pattern is unisex and is suitable for beginners to advanced. Start with this pattern and change it to suit your needs. Do you plan to wear it to barbecue, while painting or for animal grooming? Personalize your apron to fit, add trims or appliqués and experiment with fabrics and details. Make or purchase an outfit to coordinate with your apron. State Fashion Revue will be May 30, as part of State Field Day on the UC Davis campus. Contact your county office for entry information for county and state fashion revues. The committee has openings for teens and adults to promote and organize State 4-H Fashion Revue. No sewing experience is required to be on the committee! If you are interested, please contact Sue Moore at samoore@ucdavis.edu or Kylie Deal at dmtigers06@yahoo.com.
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