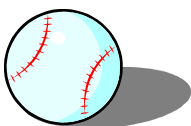




The newsletter of the University of California
Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program,
Santa Clara County

Mission: The University of California 4-H Youth and Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth and development

4-H Night at the San Jose Giants! Tuesday, July 20th



Come show your 4-H Spirit on Tuesday night, July 20th, at the San Jose Giants Baseball game! We will have an information table near the main entrance with flyers, pencils, and temporary tattoos. There will also be a 4H sponsored petting zoo. Come and wear your favorite 4-H apparel! Bring your family and friends! Game time is at 7:00 p.m. Gates open at 5:30. Free tickets are also available at State Farm Offices

The Home of the San Jose Giants (Municipal Stadium) is located at 588 East Alma Avenue, San Jose, 95112. It is on the corner of Alma and Senter Road. Parking is on Alma. If you would like to volunteer at the information booth please contact Theresa Johnson by email: go2johnson@sbcglobal.net or by phone: (408) 270-3620.

NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Homesteaders 4H has been asked to assist Our Lady of Peace Church on Great America Blvd with 2 events over the next 3 months, July 17th and August 21st. July 17th is a Carnival/Circus event, so there is talk of having some of the animals dressed up as circus animals, but again, if you don't have animals, you are more than welcome to come and help out.

August 21st, I know is after fair, but those that have breed animals not out for breeding and are still under the weight requirements, please consider helping out. We can use this opportunity to not only spread the word about 4H to the community, but show off all the hard work you have been doing over the past year!! Participating in these events may qualify for community service hours for High School. Please contact me (who?) at 408-409-3230 (cell) or me4happy@gmail.com

Calling All 4H Club Leadership Teams By Jenel Vincze, 4H Secretary

Its time for our annual Club Leader training and this time, I do mean training. We are going to go through the online enrollment process and tackle past issues, answer all your questions and get everyone on the same page. We will also be talking about Reports, Volunteer Orientations and new policies.

When: Saturday July 24, 2010, 8:30am-11:30

Where: Emma Prusch Farm Park Meeting Hall

Why: Because we like you :)

Please RSVP to me so I can have enough hand-outs and more importantly, enough coffee! And please tell me who is coming with you. I am really looking forward to making the 2010-2011 enrollment a smooth, pleasant experience for us all. Thank You! 408 282-3119 or cesanta-clara@ucdavis.edu

SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORD BOOK JUDGING

DATE: Thursday, August 12

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Berger Drive Auditorium

Every club who brings record books for judging is required to send volunteers to help judge. 4-H Youth ages 13 and up may help judge. If you have any questions please call or email Theresa Johnson 408-270-3620 or go2johnson@sbcglobal.net

Making Jam and Jelly For the County Fair

by Alysia Call

I was really excited about making jam at Jen's house on June 8th. I love making jam and I hadn't made my own this year yet. When we arrived, we started by learning about jam jars. I learned that you should not use jam jar lids more than once because the rubber gets worn and air and germs get in your jam which makes it get moldy. Then we started making strawberry jam. We scooped 7 cups of sugar into a bowl while the other team mashed strawberries. We mixed them together. Then we boiled them for a while and the other team poured their jam in jars. We made more jam for our group. Then we started making grape jelly. We mixed grape juice with sugar, then boiled it and poured it into jars. We left. I really enjoyed making jam and I think many other people would too.



Clovers

By Dustin Geringer

I have been in Clovers for two years now. I am going to be in Clovers for two more years, I like Clovers but the bad thing is we don't get to do a lot. We cannot go to camp yet and we can't really compete in anything. For Presentation day I read "There was an old Lady that Swallowed Some Snow." That was really funny.

My brother made me a shirt and pants. I got to model it at the wool contest. I won third place and received \$50. I also modeled at the Fashion Revue, it was a lot of fun. Today I made jam and jelly and did a lot of arts and crafts. I belong to the Archery project too and really like that. I like Clovers and can't wait til we get to do more things (maybe stay over at camp)!

State Fashion Revue

By Kyle
Geringer

California
State Fashion
Revue was
held in Davis
on May
29th. There



were Five 4-H members from Santa Clara County that participated. Those that attended were Kyle Geringer, State Winner in traditional, junior division; Cameron Walters, red ribbon in purchased, junior division; Gabrielle Stanton, State Winner in embellished, intermediate division and Cepideh Ramezany in design contest in senior division and Tara Flesner who received a red ribbon in purchased, senior division. I think we represented Santa Clara County very well!

The purpose of State Fashion Revue is to provide educational activities for youth who are learning and growing in citizenship, leadership, and life skills. To also inspire appreciation of clothing and textiles, provide opportunities to extend youth leadership and promote self esteem through individual expression. We had to give a 30 second speech about our outfit, answer a lot of questions, and model. There were about 125 contestants in all.

I think everyone did a fantastic job and should be very proud and excited of their accomplishments. Being able to go to State Fashion Revue is an honor all in itself and I hope I am able to go again next year. It was a lot of fun!!!



Rolling Hills Two Bits a Bite

By Maya Higa

On May 9, 2010, our 4H Club, Rolling Hills held a fundraiser at our ranch, McClellan Ranch, called Two Bits a Bite. We had people bring food, drinks, condiments and desserts and we had a big dinner. We charged 25 cents for each food item 'bite' and had our Club's Executive Board serve the food. We ran it like a regular meeting except with a dinner program. At the end, Jill Lafetra and Logan Stormo, our recreational directors, took everyone on a ranch tour. We also had Executive Board sign ups for next year's elections and project reports. We raised \$261 and the Executive Board decided to give the money to Second Harvest Food Bank. It was a lot of fun and for a good cause!



All Star Banquet

By Richard McWhirter

on behalf of the 09-10 All Star team

While there are still a few activities and events left in the 4H year, the 09-10 All Star's term has come to an end. I am happy to introduce Stas Banach, El Sereno 4H, Allie Fritz, El Sereno 4-H and Taylor-Leigh Walters, El Sereno 4-H as our 2010-2011 All Star Ambassadors! Together, and with their advisers Carol McWhirter and Vaughn Rodriguez, I am sure they will have a year as fun and insightful as we did.

To formalize the integration of the new team we held the All Star Banquet at Linda Teagle's house. Many previous All Stars and general members throughout the county attended, we introduced them to the new All Stars, gave a review of our year (in skit form as the Three Musketeers), and enjoyed a scrumptious dinner catered by our very own Susan Weaver.

We all had a great evening, and we're looking forward to a fantastic year from the new All Stars.

4H Memorial Day Parade

By Sebrienne Ferguson

I attended the Memorial Day Parade at the Madronia Cemetery on May 31st. This event taught me the true meaning of Memorial Day. The parade started at the Memorial Arch in downtown Saratoga. The arch is especially dedicated to the memory of the veterans. At the beginning of the event, different organizations including 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and more marched up Oak Street in time to the music. While marching, I held the El Sereno 4-H banner along with other 4Hers from our club. That was really cool! Then, we arrived at the cemetery where the ceremony was held.

Towards the end of the ceremony, the 4Hers and Girl Scouts respectfully placed laurel sprays, which we had made the day before, on each grave with an American flag on it. The Memorial Day Parade made me realize how lucky this nation was to have such courageous soldiers fighting for their country's freedom. I am sure this event was very meaningful for everyone who participated in this event. I am looking forward to attending the Memorial Day Parade next year!



STATE 4-H FIELD DAY

State Field Day is over for 2010 and the results are in. Santa Clara County is GOLD! A special thank you to those volunteers, members, and staff that allowed this event to happen. Winners from Santa Clara County:

Wendy Clark-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Andrew Clark-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Becca Gilbert-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Ayano Grzymala-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Sydney Kuster-Tabares-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Nicholas Kuster-Tabares-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Stephen Leitzell-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Julianna Lydon-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Andrew Sparacino-Cultural Arts, Senior—Gold
Idean Nakhjavani-Interpretive Reading, Intermediate-Gold
Benjamine Stanton-Interpretive Reading, Intermediate-Gold
Gabrielle Stanton-Interpretive Reading, Intermediate—Gold
Ginger Luebcke-Share the Fun, Junior—Gold
Sukoon Saxena-Share the Fun, Junior—Gold

Congratulations to you all!

Doing my Record book

By Tevy Clemmons

Doing my record book was tough but it always looks great at the end. I learned that it takes a lot of patience to get it done. I always try to do as many activities as I can so I will be able to get my next star. But it doesn't only matter how many activities you do. You also have to work on communications, leadership, citizenship, and lots more! Communications was probably the hardest one for me. I never liked talking in front of a crowd. I know that it's something that I will have to face if I ever want to become an All Star or Club President (which I do). Citizenship is one that I really liked because I like helping people and I think it's fun! Leadership was awesome too. It also had some communications in it too but I try to focus on the fun part.

I often think to myself, "Why am I doing this?" But I realize that it will help me and with my record book. My record book looks complete after I participated in more 4-H stuff. After I'm done with my record book I'm always very proud of it. I hope other new 4-Hers will do a record book.

Easier Record Books? You decide

Brian - Valley Vines 4-H

Maybe some of you have Record Book projects or Workshops in your 4-H clubs. Our club (www.napavalleyvines.com) has decided to start up a California Record Book Resource site.

First, we have re-created the PDF with fields so that they work correctly for every user. This includes a smaller font size, fixing the PDF specifications, adding missing fields, and many other tweaks. We've also included instructions on how to properly fill in the PDF Record Book. Saving was a big problem for many of the 4-H members in our county, and this issue has been fixed.

We are also offering Live Help for problems with the PDF forms, and questions about your Record Book. Finally, we have a Community Forum, which is available to any user throughout California. Soon, most of the Napa County will be using this site and forum, so we encourage you to sign up also. The site link is: www.recordbookresources.com. We're open to suggestions or improvements to the site that you might have. Feel free to contact us. Our goal is to help make your 4-H Record Book experience as easy as possible. Please tell anyone you know in 4-H about this website, as our goal is to get this site used as much as possible. If you're not from California, we're willing to give you information on how we re-created these records books and built website, so that you could do this for your state also. We hope to see you there.

Shooting Sports Volunteer Trainer Course

Shotgun Discipline

2300 Vichey Springs Rd Ukiah, CA 95482

Saturday and Sunday October 23-24, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified Trainers in the shooting sports discipline of Shotgun. They will be certified as Trainers and be eligible to serve as a Trainer for other shooting sports leaders in Shotgun. There is a \$30 fee for the course. To get more information or register for the class contact Linda Edgington at 707-463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu

Updates from the CA 4-H Office

- The **State 4-H Website** is undergoing a design and navigation revision, effective on **July 1, 2010!** This redesign will link branding with University of California and improve the functionality and usability of the website. On July 1, surf to www.ca4h.org to see the new look and navigation. Due to the redesign, please remember to check your links and bookmarks, as they will change. As part of this project, the State 4-H Office is no longer offering website hosting to 4-H clubs and groups. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu.
- Counties wishing to participate in this year's **Tools of the Trade I.Giving Kids a Lifetime Guarantee! and Civic Engagement training** will receive \$500 (only UCCE county staff are eligible to apply) to assist in replicating the training in their counties. The funding can be used for travel, supplies and training materials to replicate the training with 4-H volunteers and afterschool staff. Train-the-trainer trainings will be held in **San Diego (8-17-10)**. You can register for the trainings on line at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4670>. If you would like to host a state-wide training in your county, please call the state 4-H office 530-754-8518.
- For 4-H members: Have you completed your **My 4-H Story** from your **2009-2010 4-H Record Book**? If so, submit your My 4-H Story with an embedded photograph by **July 31** to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate. The State 4-H Office will use stories to craft member spotlights highlighting the work of 4-H members across the state -- and you could be one of those highlighted! For more information and to submit your story, please visit <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4879>
- 4-H members involved in sheep projects may be interested to plan ahead and attend the **2011 National ASI Convention**, planned for **January 19-22, 2011** in Reno, NV. You may visit the American Sheep Industry site, http://www.sheepusa.org/Future_Convention_Dates for more information. Please note: There is currently no CA funding available to assistance with attendance.
- The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.
- The **4-H booth at the California State Fair** provides the fair-going public an impression of the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members and leaders are invited to help staff the booth and share experiences and projects with the public. For each person that is scheduled for a two-hour shift, the State Fair provides a ticket for 1 day of admission and parking passes as needed. The parking passes are valid in the livestock parking lot Z behind the fairgrounds (gravel road with unpaved parking). For more information go to: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4887>.
- The **2010 4-H State Leadership Conference** will be held **July 29 - August 1, 2010 at UC Davis**. The conference - "Operation 4-H" - will provide over 500 high school aged youth and adult 4-H volunteers with an opportunity to engage in hands on learning experiences while developing citizenship and leadership skills. During the conference, participants can select a number of 4-H SET sessions focusing on animal science, engineering and technology, environmental education, and agriculture. Congratulations to Los Angeles for sending 27 delegates! Followed by San Benito County and El Dorado County with 20 a piece. Special mention should be given to San Mateo/San Francisco with 10 and Tulare with 13. Conference registration has closed as of June 14th. Please contact your county 4-H office if you have questions regarding your registration, <http://www.ca4h.org/conf!erence/slc/>.
- The **2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum**, with the theme of, "Upgrade! S.E.T. your system! Go!", will be held **November 5-7, 2010** at the **Asilomar Conference Center**. Portions of the forum will focus on sharing ideas about the various ways that 4-H educates its members in the Science, Engineering, and Technology initiative, facilitated by volunteers and staff. Workshop proposals are due **July 1** and forum registration is due **September 1**. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf>.
- The American Medical Association Foundation has sponsored the **Healthy Living Grant Program**. Grants with a maximum value of \$5,000 will be awarded to public health projects that focus on one of three areas: Nutrition/Physical Fitness; Alcohol, Substance Abuse, and Smoking Prevention, and Violence Prevention. Eligible projects will focus on serving at-risk youth between 2-21 years old. For more information, visit: www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/public-health/healthy-living-grants.shtml.

4-H Calendar

July 2010

7/10-4-H Summer Camp Staff Day

7/11-7/15-4H Summer Camp for
Campers at Camp Loma

7/13- Full County Council Meeting
Berger Drive Auditorium
7:15-9:00 p.m.

7/20-4H Night at SJ Giants

7/24-Club Leadership Training at
Emma Prusch Farm Park
8:30 am to 11:30 am

7/29-8/1- SLC-State Leadership
Conference, UC Davis

August 2010

8/2-8 SCC Youth Fair

8/10-Executive Council Meeting
Berger Drive Auditorium
7:15-9:00pm

8/12-County Record Book
Judging

**For more information on up-
coming 4-H events visit us at
[http://www.ca4h.org/4hinfo/
calendar](http://www.ca4h.org/4hinfo/calendar)**

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