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Happy New Year

Welcome to another great year, with the help of our wonderful volunteers! There are many engaging 4-H events and projects planned for the new year. So, read on and discover what's next up in your 4-H journey!

WELCOME!

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Hello from the 4-H Office

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From the 4-H office, we wish you all a Happy New Year!

There are many 4-H events to look forward to!

February 10-12; Bay Coast Youth Summit, 11-13
March 4, Favorite Foods Day, all ages
March 11, Presentation Day, all ages
March 24-26, Leadership Overnight, 12 & up
March 25, Regional Presentation Day, Jackson
April 1, Fashion Review, 5 and up
April 1, Regional Presentation Day, Contra Costa County
May 27, State 4-H Field Day, U.C. Davis, Wellman/Hart Hall
June 11 -15, 4-H Summer Camp, 9 & up
June 14, 4-H Clover Day, 5-8
Santa Clara County Fair, July 26th - August 6th

Read along for more information about how to register. Then, mark you calendars to come out and participate in these great 4-H events!

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Tik-Tock! <u>**4-H online enrollment**</u>

**If you have NOT completed your 4-H enrollment,
you are NOT eligible to participate
Not sure what you're missing in your enrollment?
Please refer to the infographic below or email zmahmood@ucanr.edu**

Santa Clara County How to Enrollment Guide:
New and Returning Youth and Volunteers

New Youth Members

- A laptop or desktop is recommended .
- Select a <u>local club</u> and connect with the community club leader(s) to learn more about the club and project offerings.
- Create a "Family" profile on <u>4-H Online</u> or join a "Family" that already exists if you are a younger sibling/family member.
- Sign-up for the project(s). You can add/update throughout the year.
- Pay annual 4-H <u>enrollment fee online</u> by credit card. Fill out the <u>fee waiver form</u>. [1]
- *Individual 4-H clubs, ranches and projects may collect an approved assessment for operating expenses. Fee waivers are available by request.*

Returning Youth Members

- Login to the "Family" profile on <u>4-H Online</u> using previous family profile email & password (do not create a new profile).
  - Teens who would like to receive 4-H emails directly are encouraged to add THEIR contact info on their individual profile in <u>4-H Online</u>.
  - Sign-up for project(s). You can add & update throughout the year. Update any information that has changed (remove projects and clubs you are not part of this year) and re-enroll.
- Pay annual <u>enrollment fee online</u> by credit card or indicate if you are seeking a fee waiver on the payment survey.
- *Pay club directly for any additional fees.*

New Adult Volunteers

- A laptop or desktop is recommended.
- Complete <u>4-H Volunteer Interest Survey</u>.
- Create an adult volunteer profile on <u>4-H Online</u> or join your "Family" that already exists if your family already has a profile.
- Complete eXtension training : <u>2022-2023 California New Volunteer Course</u> (<u>Spanish version</u>). Check your email from 4-H Online for Santa Clara County password.
- Complete fingerprint requirement by *<u>scheduling an appointment</u>* Complete "Applicant Information", print and take to your appt. Here is an *<u>example form.</u>*
- Pay the annual family <u>enrollment fee online</u> by credit card. If your children are enrolled, **do not** pay another family fee.

Returning Adult Volunteers

- A laptop or desktop is recommended
- Update the adult volunteer profile on <u>4-H Online</u> using previous family profile email & password (do not create a new profile). Re-enroll and remove projects & clubs you are not part of this year.
- Complete eXtension training <u>2022-2023 California Returning Volunteer Course</u> (20 mins). Check your email from 4-H Online for SCC password.
- Pay the annual family <u>enrollment fee online</u> by credit card. If your children are enrolled, **do not** pay another family fee.
- If you have not previously, please complete the <u>4-H Volunteer Interest Survey</u>.

You will receive an automated email after you enroll in 4-H Online stating that "enrollment has been submitted" and "is not yet complete." You will become "ACTIVE" once all enrollment steps are completed.

Pro Tips
- When completing your 4-H online screening ?'s, be sure to answer #4 with **CA (or other state)**. **DO NOT** enter your whole driver's license # or it will be returned to you.
- Contact information in 4-H Online is how the county 4-H office knows how to reach you. Please make sure this information is accurate.
- Only one family member can use the same email as the family profile email (the one used to log into 4-H Online) – update all of your member's email address.
- Volunteers should indicate if they are a project leader in 4-H Online. This is how the report is generated to communicate to project leaders & submitted to the Fair.
- Returning Volunteers are covered by UC insurance through Dec 31, 2022. After Jan 1, 2023, you are no longer protected by UC unless you re-enroll.

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1   For reduction or waiver of youth enrollment fees, please fill out the <u>fee Waiver Form</u>.
2   To view this infographic online, visit http://ucanr.edu/4HEG

**Information and instructions for enrollment
are on the <u>"How to Join" page of the 4-H website.</u>**

2022-2023 Annual Enrollment Fees
One Youth & family fee = $120.
Two Youth & family fee – $200.
Three Youth & family fee – $280.
Four Youth & family fee – $360.
Adult Volunteers, no fee
Youth <u>Enrollment Fee Waiver request</u> is available.

Members and volunteers should complete re-enrollment by December 15th. New members may join at any time. Approved enrollment is **required** for participation in 4-H projects.

Whats on the Menu?
Come check out
4-H Favorite Foods Day
March 4, 2023

Registration Deadline is Saturday, February 25 at 4:59 PM

For additional information, please contact
Colleen Alger, april.aaron@sbcglobal.net

HTTPS://UCANR.EDU/FFD23

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4-H Presentation Day

March 11, 2023

Santa Clara Fair Grounds

344 Tully Rd, San Jose, CA 95111

4-H Members may register to participate

https://ucanr.edu/pd23

For additional information, email Laura Tiscareno, letisca@gmail.com.
For information about the Countywide 4-H Presentation Day Project, contact Eric Weaver, Weaverproperty@aol.com

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CEREAL LON '23
Find What Fuels You To Lead

Join the 2022-2023
County 4-H Ambassadors for

4-H Leadership Overnight (LON) Conference

Friday, March 24 - March 26, 2023

Walden West Saratoga, CA

Open to all 4-H members ages 12-19 years old

**For registration, go to
https://ucanr.edu/23 lon**

INFO: HTTPS://UCANR.EDU/LONSCC

Questions?
SCC4HAMBASSADORTEAM@GMAIL.COM

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Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Quarterly Awards

In 2003, the US President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

For more information on how to apply for this honor, visit

https://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/Incentives_and_Recognition/

Volunteers Awarded will receive their certificate and pin at their February 4-H club meeting.

Nathan Tiscareno
Gold Award

Emilee Gonzales
Bronze Award

Noah Gonzales
Silver Award

Tejas Billa
Gold Award

Kai Wu
Bronze Award

Elsie Tiscareno
Silver Award

Dean Wu
Gold Award

Isaac Tiscareno
Bronze Award

Jessica Gonzales
Bronze Award

Anna Clayton
Gold Award

Laura Tiscareno
Bronze Award

Congratulations!

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Hey 4-H'ers!
Would you like to be part of the
4-H Sunset Pasture Lamb Project?
Sunset 4-H Ranch at Martial Cottle Park

Would you like to learn...

- **How to manage a pasture?**
- **How to raise a pasture lamb?**
- **The characteristics of a Targhee Lamb?**
- **How to work as a team to manage a flock of lambs?**
- **How to earn money with a four-month commitment?**

Youth, ages 9 to 18 & adult volunteers are invited to join the Pasture Lamb Project
Would you like to know more?
We'd like "ewe" to join us for this collaborative project
Please complete this short registration for more information

http://ucanr.edu/plamb

Speech bubbles: "Mapping GIS", "Agri-business", "No pen cleaning", "We eat the pasture! No Feed"

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Santa Clara County 4-H Youth Development Program, 1553 Berger Drive, Bldg. 1, San Jose, CA 95112, 408-282-3119

Find out more!! **https://ucanr.edu/fr23**

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County Ambassador NEWS!
Fun Drive

The 2022-2023 County Ambassadors are excited to announce that through our recent fundraising event we collected close to 8,000 pounds of donations estimated at $1,562! This contributed to the millions of pounds collected by Savers annually. The team held a Fundrive event on November 19th and December 3rd where we asked for donations of books, clothing, and other household goods. We then delivered these donations to the Savers thrift store in Almaden, San Jose. Not only have we helped our environment by preventing 8,000 pounds from entering our landfills, but we also raised funds which will be directed towards funding county-wide events such as Leadership Overnight for all 4-Her's.

Thank you! to everyone who helped make this outcome possible!

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No-interest livestock loans

Greetings from The Clover Foundation!

No-interest livestock loans for 4-H and FFA market animals are available from the Clover Foundation for youth residing in Santa Clara County.
Loan amounts of $400 are available for market sheep, swine, and goats. The number of loans granted may be limited by available funds, so do not delay in contacting the Foundation.

Friday, February 24, 2023 is the deadline to apply for a Clover Foundation Market Sheep/Swine/Goat loan for the 2023 Fair Season. The Foundation will be conducting interviews in mid-March for the awarding of these loans.
IMPORTANT: Applicants need to request an interview by sending an email to
MarketLoans@TheCloverFoundation.org
by Friday, February 24th. Applications are available at:
http://thecloverfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/LivestockLoanPackage2020.pdf
Download an application and fill out the top half before your interview (remember to have it with you). Also, note that applicants must have an adult present at the interview.
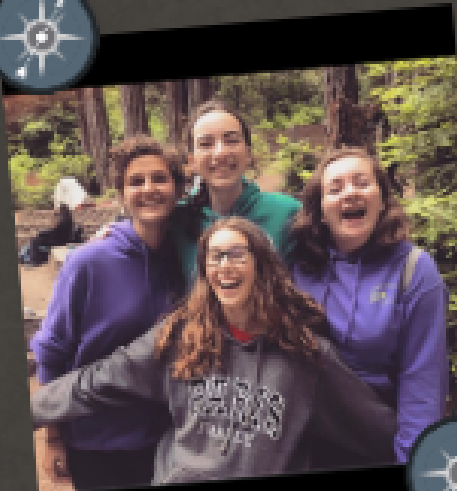The adult will be co-signing for the loan.

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Cattlemen's and Cattlewomen's Scholarship Files Here

Santa Clara County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Requirements:

- Submit by April 1, 2023
- Interviews held May 6, 2023
- Applicant is a High School Senior or College Student
- Some experience with Beef Cattle
- Future education & career goals benefit Beef Industry
- Santa Clara County Resident
- Your completed application package (w/ application, personal essay, transcripts and letter of recommendation) should be emailed to: Robin.schweiger@crl.com
- If you are awarded monies, it is expected that you will support the Cattlewomen & Cattlewomen at various promotional events including the SCC Fair & the Annual Cattlemen's Dinner

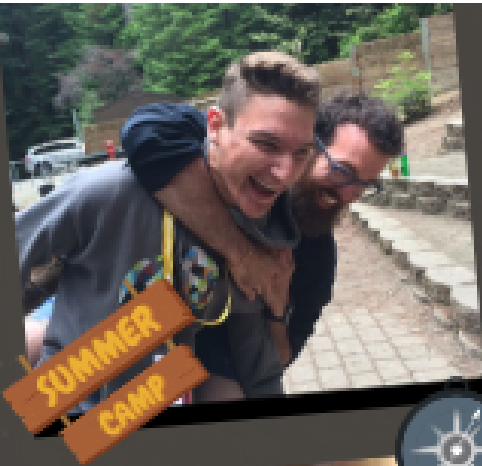**Questions?** Contact Robin Schweiger at 831-673-9916

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SAVE THE DATE FOR 4-H SUMMER CAMP!

4-H SUMMER CAMP 2023

CAMP DATES: JUNE 11 - JUNE 15
Camp Staff dates: June 10 - June 16

Watch for the Camp Staff applications coming soon!

Camper and Chaperone Applications will be released in April.

Overnight camp is held for Ages 9 - 18, in nearby Felton.

Cabin accommodations, meals, activities and t-shirts are included.

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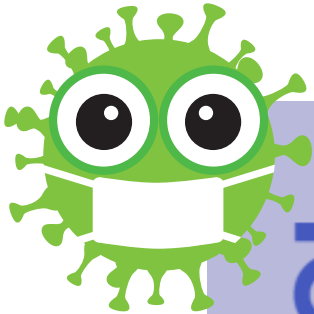Agriculture and Natural Resources

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE - DONATE TO 4-H CAMP

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, DONATE TO 4-H CAMP

What your donation helps with...
- reduced fees
- healthy meals
- camp supplies

By donating to **Santa Clara County 4-H Camp** you make it possible to offer camp to the youth of Santa Clara County!

Use your employers matching grant program to **double your donation!**

DONATE NOW

Designate **Santa Clara County** & add **4-H Camp** to the comment box.

CAMP
2023

Donate today !

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Coronavirus Update on 4-H Activities

Masks and social distancing are no longer required for local indoor and outdoor 4-H activities. Please see the Basic Safety Standards, from the CA 4-H office.
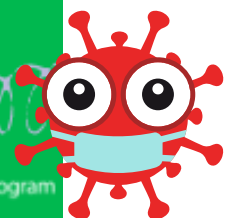
COVID-19 PROTOCOL

Before participating in any in-person 4-H projects or activities, please complete the two question health assessment below.

1) ARE YOU EXPERIENCING ANY OF THESE COMMON SYMPTOMS:

- Fever or chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Extreme Fatigue
- Dry Cough
- Vomiting or Diarrhea

2) Have you been exposed to anyone that has or is suspected of having the virus?

NOW, Did you answer yes to either of the two questions?

If you said yes, please do not put others at risk, return home until you are confirmed to be well.

WHO'S AT THE GREATEST RISK?

- Older people
- People with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems, diabetes, asthma.

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COUNTY FAIR 2023

We are excited to announce the dates for next year's Fair! The fair will be running for 10 days from July 26th through August 6th—closed on July 31st and August 1st. We will announce more information and opportunities very soon, so stay tuned!

For updates, visit the Fair website here.

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4-H BRANDING 101

4-H Emblem

The four-leaf clover is the official 4-H emblem.
The 4-H name and emblem is a federal mark with protections and standards that exceed that of trademarks and copyrights, like the Presidential Seal.

Using the 4-H Name

When using the term "4-H" it is to be written as the numeral *"4" separated from a capital "H" with a hyphen.*

Note:

- Most style manuals will specify not to start a sentence with a numeral; try not to start a sentence with "4-H".
- The elements of the 4-H name should not be separated at the end of sentences.
- The 4-H emblem may NOT be used in place of the word "4-H".
- The 4-H emblem may NOT be used to replace an individual letter within a word.

TIP:

You can also refer to 4-H youth as "4-H'ers". Always use an apostrophe after "4-H" when this is used.

Overall guidelines:

- The "18 U.S.C. 707" mark must be included with the clover image.
- The 4-H emblem cannot be used in place of words or letters in a word.
- Do not rotate or reverse direction of the clover.
- Do not cut off or cover the 4-H emblem.
- The background should be a solid color.
- The color of the clover must be PMS 347 Green, Black, or White. No other colors are allowed.
- Black clover: H's should be white.
- White clover: H's can be black or PMS 347 Green.
- EXCEPTION: H's can be transparent for one-color printing onto a solid background.

For more details, please see the **4-H Branding Guidelines**

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2023 Tech Interactive
"Survive the Storm" Tech Challenge

✩✩CHECK OUT THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY WITH THE TECH INTERACTIVE!

?THE TECH CHALLENGE IS A TEAM ENGINEERING DESIGN CHALLENGE FOR GRADES 4–12 IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS DESIGN, ENGINEER, BUILD AND DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS TO REAL–WORLD PROBLEM.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING A TEAM TOGETHER IN YOUR CLUB, CHECK OUT THE LINK ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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Tech Challenge
Continued

Go to thetech.org/techchallenge and check out these supporting events!

Supporting events

Info Clinics Team Workshops Adviser Trainings
Oct. 29
Nov. 5
Dec. 3
Jan. 21
Feb. 4
Feb. 11

Check the website for event details.

Test Trials
Feb. 25
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25
April 12
April 15
April 22
April 23

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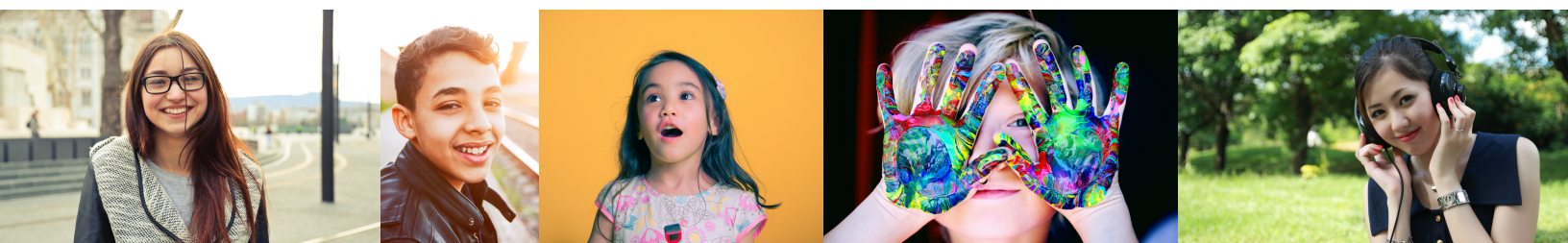Agriculture and Natural Resources | 4-H Youth Development Program | **Santa Clara County**

Welcome to the 2022-2023 4-H Program Year!

Below are some links to some of the many resources available to assist 4-H members, volunteers and families to "make the best better" in 4-H.

- **UC 4-H Guidebook for families:** This guide is for ALL families in 4-H in California.
- **4-H Clubs in Santa Clara County** : All clubs are meeting virtually at this time.
- **Online Learning Resource Page**: For 4-H families and community partners.
- **CA 4-H Grown at Home:** 4-H activities families can do from home, either online or offline.
- **CA 4-H Virtual Toolbox**: Guidance and Tips during the COVID-19 pandemic for current 4-H members, volunteers and families.
- **4-H Grows True Leaders:** In 4-H, you can practice leadership skills in a variety of roles. Learn more about Leadership in 4-H.
- **Project Sheets**: Thinking about planning a project/activity? Here you will find great resources. To apply to lead a project, please view the project proposal page.
- **4-H Record Books:** The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. Completing a 4-H Record Book is a process where you record project and club work using a standard format.
- **4-H Branding Toolkit**: When creating event flyers, t-shirts or posters, this is handy info.
- **Creating a 4-H Resume**: A resumé is an opportunity to show your strengths, skills, talents and creativity. A 4-H resume is a way to keep track of your accomplishments.
- **Shop 4-H:** The official source for 4-H pins, record book covers, club supplies, apparel, and educational curriculum. When you shop with our link, 5% of your total purchases support California 4-H programs!

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