UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCC 4-H Winter Ball

What: Semi-Formal Dance

When: Saturday, January 9th from 7-11:00pm

Clovers must depart at 9:00pm

Where: 1553 Berger Drive, San Jose 95112 in Building 2

Who: All SCC 4-H’ers are welcome!

Please bring snacks to share!

Please note: The 4-H Office will be closed Thursday December 24th through Friday January 1st. We will return Monday January 4th. We wish you all a restful and peaceful time with family and friends.
Fashion Revue 2016
By: Kyle Geringer

Are you ready for a Hoe Down? The theme this year for the State 4-H Fashion Revue is “Hoe Down, Sew Down” which will be held during the State 4-H Field Day on **Saturday, May 28th, 2016** at UC Davis. The Santa Clara County Fashion Revue date has not been determined yet, but we will follow the same guidelines as the State Fashion Revue.

There are five categories that you are able to enter; Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased ($40 limit), Upcycled, Western Wear Challenge, and Muslin Challenge. (the guidelines per categories are listed below). Please be sure to go to the State Website for a detailed list of guidelines ([http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/)). An email will be going out after the first of the year with the date for the Santa Clara Fashion Revue. If you have any questions, please contact us at srgerin225@sbcglobal.net

**Traditional** - features garments the participant has constructed, showcasing sewing skills and the ability to coordinate an outfit. The entry must be sewn by the member as part of the 4-H Clothing and Textiles project, and worn by the member (not constructed for someone else). The outfit must contain at least one constructed garment; participants are encouraged to construct additional garments to complete the outfit. (No change from 2015)

**Consumer Science Purchased** - **$40.00** limit for the entire outfit, includes shoes but not sales tax. Receipts from the current 4-H year are required for any item that is visible. Gifts, prior purchases, and items without receipts are not eligible for this category. Receipts from yard sales, etc. may be handwritten. There is no 4-H project requirement, which means that any 4-H member may enter this category. (No change from 2015)

**Upcycled** – take one or more existing garments and turn them into a new, different, and wearable garment. Add an accessory handmade made by the participant. Additional fabrics, trim and supplies may be used during the construction process. The upcycled garment must be sewn by the member as part of the 4-H Clothing & Textiles project. Additional upcycled and/or sewn garments are encouraged to complete the outfit. A “before” photograph showing the original garment(s) is required. This is not an alteration such as a large dress taken in to fit a smaller person that still retains the same lines. It is where the garment has been cut apart and remade into a new garment that looks different. The emphasis is on the transition of the garment. (Requirements changed from 2015)

**Western Wear Challenge** – construct a western-style shirt/blouse with short or long sleeves. Use of any pattern and any fabric is allowed. Include handmade or purchased garments and items to complete the outfit. The entry must be sewn by the 4-H member as part of the 4-H Clothing & Textiles project. (New for 2016)

**Muslin Challenge** – Create a wearable garment using at least 2 yards but not more than 3 yards of bleached or unbleached cotton muslin, 36-45” wide. Use of other fabric besides the muslin that shows is
allowed, not to exceed 1 yard. Use of other fabric that doesn't show, like lining or interfacing, is also allowed. Members are encouraged to decorate and embellish the muslin garment using dye, paint, embroidery, “bling,” applique, trims, findings, etc. to enhance the garment. Include handmade or purchased garments and items to complete the outfit. The muslin garment must be created by the member as part of the member’s 4-H project work but the Clothing & Textiles (Sewing) project is not required. Some ideas are: the member learns to dye fabric in the 4-H Crafts project, then makes a skirt or shorts out of dyed muslin; or the member is in an embroidery project and sews a top, then embroiders it as part of the project; or the member is in a quilting project and does a pieced border on a muslin vest as part of the quilt project. This category is not restricted to sewing project members, but the entry does need to reflect work undertaken in a 4-H project. (New for 2016)

For all categories:

- The outfit must be produced and modeled by the individual member during judging and the fashion show.
- All outfits must meet the 4-H Dress Guidelines, found at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf. For State Fashion Revue, all shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must be at least fingertip length due to the raised stage for the fashion show. County Fashion Revue coordinators will review all outfits based on these guidelines before SFR entry, with further review by the SFR Committee if needed.
- All outfits entered in SFR must be suitable for comfortably walking, sitting, and going up and down stairs because of the schedule and location of SFR and the fashion show.
- Other categories offered in other years will not be included at 2016 SFR. Only the 5 categories listed above are included for 2016 at the state event. All entries in the state event must conform to the SFR category rules.
- A member may only enter one outfit in State Fashion Revue.
- Counties may offer additional categories at the local level. Counties may also allow members to enter more than one category at the local level. If so, each entry must contain different garments, shoes and accessories. A garment worn in one entry may not also be worn in a different entry. For example, a western shirt entered in the western challenge may not also be entered in the Traditional category.
- A county may qualify one member in each age division (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) and each of the five categories to advance to State Fashion Revue. Participants should expect competition at SFR to be at a higher level than at the county events. SFR Rubric scorecards are currently being updated for the new categories.
- Additional rules may be added by the SFR committee as needed.
PAST 4-H EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Santa Clara County 4-H Alumni Helps Charter a collegiate 4-H Club at Loyola University, New Orleans
by: Mary Bartlett

Julianna Lydon, a recent and former El Sereno 4-H Club youth member and a student at Loyola University in New Orleans, was the one to get this going! She obviously loves 4-H! Our kids do keep on giving!

The announcement below was written by the Student Government Association from Loyola University:

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I would like to congratulate the Collegiate 4-H of Loyola University. As of Wednesday, October 7th, the Collegiate 4-H of Loyola University is now a chartered organization through SGA. Please be on the lookout as Heather Seaman will be reaching out to your organization to complete the finishing steps. Thank you for presenting to the Senate and again a big congrats!

4-H Mega Field Day/Harvest Festival
Dustin Geringer

On October 3rd El Sereno, Pleasant Acres, Coyote Crest, Homesteaders and the All Stars each had a booth at the first annual Harvest Festival at Martial Cottle County Park.

If you did not make it to this event, you really missed a great day. The park has so much to do for all ages. We had so many people come through our booth alone to ask about 4-H and get information about the new club (Sunset 4-H Club) that is going to be in that area. Each booth had activities to do. El Sereno had coloring books, chocolate straws and pencils to hand out along with flyers about our club and how to conserve water. There was also a petting zoo and some food trucks that day. It would be great to see more clubs there next year. It was a fun day and is just another way for us to show the County how great 4-H is.
North Central Section Skills Day
by: Emily Dougherty & Anna Dougherty

North Central Section (NCS) Skills Day occurred Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the San Joaquin Robert J. Cabral Agriculture Center in Stockton, CA. 4-Hers and adults from the entire NCS region came together for a day of energetic and entertaining learning. The day included 5 sessions of 30 minutes each for workshops held during the day. The workshops included: Hooked on Yarn, Team Building and Leadership, Cooking in the Bag, Motion Commotion – a workshop about physics concepts, an ORB Master Trainer Workshop, American Sign Language (ASL), Introduction to Simple Hand stitching, Fuse a Turkey, How to Clean and Prepare Bones (for display), Cupcake Glam, 4-H Tech Mobile: Programming Logic, How to Run a Fun and Effective 4-H Meeting, Emergency Preparedness, Cuddle Me Close Cover Up, and Ornament Making.

The last two workshops were 2 of the 3 community service opportunities the Skills Day offered. The nursing cover-ups were made for the North Bay Medical Center’s new Moms. This helps promote healthy children and also make the new parents aware of 4-H. The Christmas ornaments were for people from Napa and Lake County who lost their homes in the Valley fire. The third community service activity was a food drive for the Monument Crisis Center’s food pantry located in East Contra Costa County. Lunch of a yummy chicken rice bowl was provided on site with the registration fee. The day was well organized with name tag lanyards for participants that included their schedule for the day and a lunch ticket. This was a great event!

Make it With Wool Contest
by: Anna & Emily Dougherty

Four 4-H members from Santa Clara County competed in the California statewide edition of the National Make it With Wool contest. While not a 4-H event, most of the participants were either current or past 4-Hers. April Alger, Anna Dougherty and Emily Dougherty from Coyote Crest and Dustin Geringer from El Sereno participated. All the contestants sewed one or more garments made out of a minimum of 60% wool. They could make the garment for themselves or someone else. The judges at the contest evaluated the garments on construction prior to seeing the garment on the contestant. Then the participants modeled their garments for the judges and had a private 3 minute opportunity for presentation and questions from the judges.

At the end of the day there was a style show of all the participants in their garments. After that the awards were given out. April Alger was awarded 3rd place while Anna Dougherty received 4th place in the junior
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Emily Dougherty earned 2nd place in the pre-teen category. Dustin Geringer was awarded 1st place in the pre-teen category. Congratulations Dustin! Participants who receive first place in the junior, senior and adult classes receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Contest in Scottsdale, Arizona in January 2016. All the participants received goodie bags with sewing supplies and notions along with a 1 ½ or 2 ½ yard length (for first place finishes) of Pendleton wool. This event rotates to different locations every year. If you sew or know someone who sews, consider entering this event in the future. We really enjoyed it!

Coyote Crest Poultry Project Uses Technology to Listen to a Speaker
By April Alger, Teen Leader of the Advanced Poultry Project, Coyote Crest 4-H Club

At our last poultry meeting on December 3rd, we had the chance to video chat Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo, a U.C. Davis professor and Theodore Derksen, a master student studying poultry health under the mentorship of Dr. Gallardo. During this video chat, members learned about poultry nutrition, health and how to administer simple medications. Members of all ages and levels (including adults) were all able to learn something new, whether it be a new concept or something that added to current knowledge of poultry. As a Teen Leader, I learned many new skills. Some concepts I have learned include using technology to my advantage as a learning tool and new ways to use it, use different types of resources and how to invite a speaker. Using this technology, I was able to invite a speaker from faraway. This was my first speaker to have ever invited and I know I can improve on different skills for the next time I invite a speaker.

FROM THE STATE OFFICE

The Civilian Marksmanship Program offers scholarships to high school seniors who are active in shooting sports activities. Last year 173 $1,000 scholarships were awarded throughout the nation and a number of them went to 4-H members involved in shooting sports. To find out more information and the requirements, visit this link.

http://thecmp.org/students-apply-now-for-2016-2017-1000-cmp-scholarships/

John Borba
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### Clovers

**Homesteaders**
- Shella Begovic
- Alen Begovic
- Maura Reyes

**Rolling Hills**
- Kaya Feldman
- Mason Feldman

### Juniors

**Level I (Medalist)**
- Coyote Crest
  - Aaron Alger
- Rolling Hills
  - Nathan Chi
  - Adihithi Fernandez
  - Mateo McCullough
  - Katie Straub

**Level II (Blue)**
- San Martin
  - Sienna Stutzman

### Intermediate

**Level I (Medalist)**
- Coyote Crest
  - Gracie Dudek
  - Emily Friesen
  - Hayden Green
  - Santiago Piva
  - Kayla Wensmann
- El Sereno
  - Dustin Geringer
  - Taylor Wiley
- Homesteaders
  - Fiona Reyes
- Rolling Hills
  - Ryan Chi
  - Nikitha Fernandes
  - Alyssa McCullough
  - Caroline Spencer
- San Martin
  - Ksenia Medvedeva
  - Camille Widman

**Level II (Blue)**
- Homesteaders
  - Nathan Figone

### Senior

**Level I (Medalist)**
- Coyote Crest
  - April Alger
  - Paula Piva
- El Sereno
  - Kyle Geringer
- Homesteaders
  - Ilan Montes
- Rolling Hills
  - Ethan Chi
  - Eileen Hails
  - Leah Hails
- San Martin
  - Serena Myjer
  - Elizabeth Widman

**Level II (Blue)**
- Rolling Hills
  - T.J. Suit
- San Martin
  - Stuart Bettencourt
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