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# 4-H Family Affair Newsletter

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## Modifications to the 4-H Record Book

The 2006 Record Book Manual has been modified. There is now a 2008 Record Book Manual. More instructions have been added to help clarify the forms. The term "Sections" has been added for each 4-H Record Book component. Under Communication Skills, a presentation is required for a star rank. The state has recommended continuing with the 2006 forms for this 4-H program year, because the changes concerning a presentation requirement for star rank were not announced until many County Presentation Days had been held.

## Alameda County 4-H Book Drive C.A.L. Conference County Plan

Books are needed for the Brenkwitz Continuation High School in Hayward. This school has NO library and not many extra books. Help these kids! Bring your new and lightly used books for kids with many different reading levels (6<sup>th</sup> grade and higher) to your February or March Club Meetings. Topics of interest include novels, science fiction, adventure, graphic novels, biographies, nature books, classics, how-to books, joke books, and more. Check your own bookshelves for new and gently used books you no longer use or read. Ask friends, relatives and neighbors. Leaders may bring the books to the March Alameda County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting. For more information contact the C.A.L conference delegates: Katie Fraser, Sarah Cabral, Jessica Choi, Clay Ferguson and Kaycee Thomas.

## 4-II Star Information Night, February 28, 2008

Come find out the road to becoming an All Star. The current All Stars will host a dinner and Information night on Thursday, February 28, 2008. For more information go to [www.alamedacounty4h.org](http://www.alamedacounty4h.org) or contact the 4-H Resource Center at (510) 639-1370.

Leaders' Council, Last Tuesday of the month

Find out about opportunities for youth and adults in 4-H. Attend the Alameda County Leaders Council meeting. Every parent, youth and project leader is invited to attend the meeting held the last Tuesday of the month from August through April. Calendar of county, sectional and state events, along with informational updates is passed out and county policies are discussed. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Next Scheduled Meetings: February 26, 2008 at the Jockey Clubhouse, Alameda County Fairgrounds enter Gate 12 off Valley Avenue; March 25, Jockey Clubhouse, Alameda County Fairgrounds; April 29, 2008 call for location, (510) 639-1370 or (510) 567-6886.

The 63rd Annual Grand National Rodeo, Horse & Stock Show

April 4 through 12, 2008

The Stock Show will have the traditional market animals, but this year they will have opportunities for youth without an animal entry. You may enter an educational display, speech contest or judging contest. Please call or e-mail Vanessa Adams at 415-404-4142 or [vadams@cowpalace.com](mailto:vadams@cowpalace.com) for more information and registration deadlines. <http://www.grandnationalrodeo.com/welcome.htm>

Skit Night Friday, April 4, 2008

The date is set for showcasing the talented members of 4-H. Skit night will be held at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley on April 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. This is a fun event to attend. The theme this year is "History of the World, Part II. Each club presents a 10 minute skit to be judged. The youth have made the sets, put together costumes, written the skit and rehearsed for this night. Come out and applaud your clubs performance.

Small Animal Field Day, April 12, 2008

"Race to the Gate in 2008" is this years' theme for Small Animal Field Day. Come watch the small animal races. Check out the Information and displays about rabbits, small pets, poultry, covies and reptiles. Enter the photo, educational poster, and animal dress up contests. For more information contact your community club leader or the youth event chairs, Emily Busch (510) 733-5840 and Michael Busch (510) 538-8941. The adult advisor is Teresa Busch (925) 243-4885, email [Teresa.Busch@kp.org](mailto:Teresa.Busch@kp.org). The event will be at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in the Agriculture Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking is available across the street from the fairgrounds on Pleasanton Avenue or enter Gate 12 off of Valley Avenue and park in the parking lots outside of the Red Gate. There is no parking available on the Fairgrounds.

State Leadership Conference, July 31-Aug 3, 2008

The 4-H Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. This is the 95<sup>th</sup> State Leadership Conference. The theme is "Life is a Highway" and over 500 high school aged youth and adult 4-H volunteers will be participating in hands on learning experiences while developing citizenship and leadership skills. The days are for learning and the evenings are filled with activities including a pool party one evening and a dance the next. Alameda County Leaders' Council will pay ½ of the Registration fee. The State also provides Financial Aid. Information and registration materials will be available online at [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org) on April 1, 2008. Go to Statewide activities and Programs then to 4-H State Leadership Conference or phone the 4-H office at (510) 639-1370, (510) 567-6886.

Finland, June 14-July 13, 2008

Come travel with other 4-H youth from across the U.S. to Finland, Land of the Midnight Sun. This is for youth 15 and above by the date of travel. You will live with a Finnish host family during your stay and have the support of a chaperone from 4-H during the exchange. The cost is \$1,300 and roundtrip airfare from home state to Helsinki via Chicago. This includes Pre-trip conference call, orientation in Chicago & Helsinki, Medical Insurance, In-Finland expenses (transportation, lodging, meals, etc.), Field trip to Tallin, Estonia and more. For more information or application materials, please contact: Pat English, CA 4-H International Exchange Coordinator at (530) 754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu).

State 4-H Field Day, Saturday, May 31, 2008

This is a day to showcase many talents. It will be held at the U.C. Davis campus from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Wellman, Olson and Hart Halls. State 4-H Presentation Day (pre-registration required) is a public speaking competition for 4-H members. State 4-H Fashion Review (pre-registration required) is a clothing competition for 4-H members. The Judging Event (no pre-registration required) is set up to learn about making choices and decisions. A Plant Science/Horticulture Educational Event and Entomology Educational Activities are tentatively scheduled. There will be a Silent Auction to benefit the 4-H State Ambassador team and State 4-H Field Day. A service project will also be available for attendees. For more information go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/> or contact the 4-H office for more information (510) 639-1370 or (510)567-6886.

Statewide 4-H Funding Opportunities

Higher Education Scholarships, Due April 2008

Statewide scholarships are designed for graduating high school and collegiate-age 4-H members to help fund educational expenses such as tuition, books, room and board, and other educational expenses. Scholarships are available in categories, ranging from 4-H leadership to agricultural goals. For more information go to <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>

Financial Aid for the 4-H State Leadership Conference, Due May 2008

Financial assistance is offered to youth delegates to each year's 4-H State Leadership Conference. Financial aid is based on family size, income, extenuating circumstances, transportation costs, and those demonstrating an active intent to use skills learned at the conference in their communities. For more information go to <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/>

4-H Golden Clover Awards due May 31, 2008

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H Members, Volunteers, and Groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, volunteers, and groups may be nominated or self-nominated in any applicable category. Categories recognize 4-H work in multiple areas including innovative ideas, outreach, fundraising, leadership, and lifetime service. <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/>

## UCCE Oral History Project

The UCCE oral history project, announced by UC President Robert Dynes in October 2006, will provide a living record of the individual contributions of Cooperative Extension advisors, specialists and staff, and document examples of how the University's time-tested research, development and delivery continuum has benefited the state's agricultural, natural and human resources sectors. The Regional Oral History Office at UC Berkeley will oversee the project and produce the oral history. A fundraising campaign, initiated in honor of Vice President Reg Gomes' retirement, is now underway. The completed oral history will be available online through the UC Bancroft Library and the UC, Los Angeles Library. Printed copies and video footage will be at the Bancroft Library. The UCCE oral history will be of great benefit to researchers, students and instructors alike. The project completion date is 2012. The project budget is \$400,000 and will be raised entirely through private contributions. To make a gift to the UCCE Oral History Project make checks payable to The Regents of the University of California and mail to Office of ANR Development Services, UCCE Oral History Project, 1111 Franklin Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland, California, 94607.

## Alameda County Fair, June 20-July 6, 2008

The county fair will run from June 20 –July 6, 2008. The slogan and theme are "Out of the Gate in 2008"; Celebrating "150 years of Horse Racing." Information about the fair will be posted on the fair website in March. [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com) or phone the exhibit office (925) 426-7611

## Camping Conference, April 18-20, 2008

The State Wide camping task force will be hosting a camping conference April 18-20, 2008. The conference will be held at Jack L. Boyd School at Green Meadows Fish Camp in Mariposa County. The conference will feature a variety of workshops in staff training, behavior management, new program ideas, team building challenges, and guest speakers. There will also be special workshops available in CPR and Food Safety, as well as an Archery certification course. The cost of the conference is \$120.00 per person. All camp adults and youth staff are encouraged to attend this conference. Registration deadline is April 4, 2008. Additional information and registration forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org> or contacting the County 4-H office at (510) 639-1370 or [cvcrossett@aol.com](mailto:cvcrossett@aol.com)

## Alameda County 4-H Camp, July 27-Aug 2, 2008

All 4-H members in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to attend the 4-H Camp located in the mountains above Angwin, California. Spend the week in your tribe led by a 4-H Camp Counselor. The staff will be adapting some really fun activities to the 4-H Camp theme "Dinosaurs". They have planned a fun, interactive, and educational program. Camp emphasis is placed on nature, recreation and outdoor education in a camp setting. Get ready for hiking, swimming, learning and sharing. Get to know other 4-H members in the county. Information and online applications will be available the end of February online at [www.alamedacounty4h.org](http://www.alamedacounty4h.org) or Contact your community Club Leader.

## State Ambassador Program, Applications due March 31, 2008

Become a 2008-2009 State Ambassador! Youth ages 16-19 and adult advisors are now being sought to provide statewide leadership. Ambassadors act as 4-H representatives, conduct team projects, and plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference. Applications are due March 31, 2008, and are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/index.asp>

## NASA Engineering Design Challenge

Be a part of space exploration by growing seeds flown in space. Plant growth will be an important part of space exploration, with scientists anticipating the growth of plants on the moon in specialized plant growth chambers. Members are invited to participate in this innovative project. To register visit [www.nasa.gov/education/plantchallenge](http://www.nasa.gov/education/plantchallenge)

## Grant, Awards and Scholarship Opportunities

Hadden Scholarships-deadline February 28 <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/youthfdn/>

Do Something Grants-year round [www.dosomething.org/](http://www.dosomething.org/)

Making a Difference-Scholarship [www.making-a-difference.com](http://www.making-a-difference.com)

Mix it Up Grants Program for youth leadership-no deadline <http://www.mixitup.org>

Young Civic Leaders Program, Scholarship app. due, Feb 25, 2008

The California 4-H Youth Development Program, in conjunction with Hilton Hotels Corporation and The California 4-H Foundation, are pleased to make available again this year the Young Civic Leaders Award. Made possible by a gift from Hilton Hotels Corporation, the Young Civic Leaders Program awards ten (10) merit-based full scholarships to the 2008 California Focus, to teens (8<sup>th</sup> grade or above) who have shown outstanding leadership skills and a strong commitment to community service and service learning. Contact the 4-H office for requirements and application, (510) 639-1370 or (510) 567-6886.

## Alameda County Farm Bureau Scholarship Information, Due

April 1, 2008

The Alameda County Farm Bureau supports students in Alameda County who wish to further their education in agriculture or a related field. This application is open to any students eligible to attend college in the coming school year with plans to major in agriculture or a related field. Applicant must have a permanent address in Alameda County, but does not need to be a Farm Bureau member. For more information contact the Alameda County Farm Bureau, 638 Enos Way, Livermore, Ca 94551 (925) 449-1677 or the 4-H County Office.

## Bio-Security Survey for 4-H Market Animals

One aspect of bio-security that is extremely important is predicting the spread of disease through computer modeling. To do this accurately, researchers must develop a program that can calculate where, when and how a disease might spread using data on typical patterns of animal movement. Although such models exist for industry, there is much yet to learn about the potential of disease spread in the event of an unforeseen outbreak among animals from backyard flocks or herds. California 4-H has a robust Animal Science Program that we want to protect from disease. To help accomplish this, 4-H has worked with Veterinary Medicine Extension to design a survey for youth who raise market animals that can help provide researchers with the type of data necessary to help develop a new disease spread model. This survey is completely voluntary, but we are asking 4-H youth in California who raise market animals to go to <http://ca4h.org/wrp/survey/>, read the information provided and consider completing the survey to help with this important research. The results from this survey will strengthen 4-H Animal Science in California. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Martin Smith, Associate CE Specialist in Veterinary Medicine Extension, at [mhsmith@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mhsmith@ucdavis.edu).

#### Ag & Environmental Sciences Field Day, Feb 29-March 1, 2008

This field day is open to 4-H & FFA high school students. The participants will compete in 26 different agriculturally based judging contests, ranging from livestock judging to agriculture computer applications. For questions about registration or how to become involved, contact the Field Day Coordinator at [fieldday@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fieldday@ucdavis.edu) or (530) 752-4939. All registrations must be completed online by February 15, at <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/NewsEvents/Events/FieldDay>. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/caes/2008%20Field%20Day.pdf>.

#### Citizenship Challenge to all 4-H Clubs in California

The Citizenship Service-Learning Advisory Council has issued a Citizenship Challenge to all 4-H clubs in California. Take up the challenge and carryout a service-learning project as part of your club's year plan. Then let the Advisory Council know what you've done, so they can share your work on the web site. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/4-Hcitizenshipchallengeweb.doc>.

#### 4-H Project Leader Digest

Are you a new leader or an experienced leader who would like more information about leading a project? The new 4-H Project Leader Digest is available on the web at: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/21729.pdf>.

#### State Fashion Revue Committee

Are you interested in helping put on a state 4-H event? The State Fashion Revue Committee still has openings for teens and adults. Contact Kylie Deal, Teen Chair, at [registersfr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:registersfr@sbcglobal.net) or Sue Moore, 4-H Staff Liaison at [samoore@ucdavis.edu](mailto:samoore@ucdavis.edu) or 209 533-6990. State Fashion Revue will be held May 31, 2008 on the U.C. Davis campus as part of State Field Day. Look for event information to be posted soon at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

#### 2008 California Focus Program, application due February 25

4-H members (age 14 and above) and leaders can still register for the 2008 California Focus Program. This statewide citizenship conference runs from June 27-July 1, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp> or contact the county 4-H office or Pat English at 530 754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu). The Alameda County Leaders' Council will pay ½ the registration fee.

#### Presenters Needed for 2008 4-H State Leadership Conf., Due Feb. 29, 2008

Present a track, mini-track or workshop at the 2008 4-H State Leadership Conference. Educational sessions are being sought in citizenship, healthy living, and science, engineering and technology. Tracks (5 hours) or mini-tracks (2.5 hours, repeated) take place on Friday, August 1, 2008 while Workshops (1.25 hours) take place on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Proposals are due by February 29, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/index.asp>.

24<sup>th</sup> Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Entries due March 2, 2008  
Start preparing for the match sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council. Divisions include: Junior 9-10 years of age, Intermediate: 11-13 years of age, Advanced: 14-19 years of age, and Leader/Parent for parents and leaders. All entrants must be currently enrolled in the 4-H program. Entries must be postmarked by March 7, 2008. The rules are rather simple, and we will rely upon the guidance of leaders to avoid confusion and problems. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>.

You See Davis Days, April 17-19, 2008

The Collegiate 4-H at UC Davis invites high school 4-H members to their annual "You See Davis Days." The event will take place April 17-19, 2008 at UC Davis. Registration materials are available at <http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm>. Please contact Vanessa Renwick ([vmrenwick@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vmrenwick@ucdavis.edu) or 530-977-0108) with any questions. Space is limited, so get applications returned as soon as possible!

Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees, applications due May 12, 2008

The State 4-H Office is recruiting county 4-H staff, volunteers and members to serve on our Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees. Available committees include the Program, Policy, Incentives and Recognition, Citizenship/Service Learning, International Exchange, Camping, Animal Science Education, and Equine Education Advisory Committees. Applications are due postmarked May 31, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/council/advisory.asp>.

Shooting Sports, Archery, April 18, 19, 2008

A 4-H Shooting Sports workshop for the archery discipline will be held at the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School at Green Meadows on Friday, April 18, with evening check-in, Saturday, April 19, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. This course is being held in conjunction with the California Camping Conference. Upon successful completion of both days of training, the participant will be certified as an archery volunteer and can lead an archery project at the club level or at summer camp. The cost for the course is \$120.00 and includes meals, housing, and course materials. For more information and registration materials visit: [http://groups.ucanr.org/\\_4Hbaseca/files/45639.pdf](http://groups.ucanr.org/_4Hbaseca/files/45639.pdf)

Shooting Sports, Archery, May 3, 4, 2008

A Shooting Sports Volunteer Leader Course in the archery discipline will be held in Ukiah, CA on Saturday May 3, from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Upon successful completion of both days of the training, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of archery and eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties. There is a \$20.00 fee for the course and registration is due by April 25. For more information or to register for the class, contact Linda Edgington at [lgedgington@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lgedgington@ucdavis.edu) or 707 463-4495

Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program, due March 21, 2008  
In 2008, the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program will award a total of thirty-two scholarships –five at \$1,500 each, six at \$1,000.00, one at \$750.00, fourteen at \$500.00 each and five at \$250.00 each. The outstanding candidate receives an additional \$5,000 from the Ironstone Concourse Foundation. Application packets must be postmarked NO LATER THAN March 21, 2008. Additional information is available at [http://bigfun.org/fair/pdfw/competitions/scholarship\\_app.pdf](http://bigfun.org/fair/pdfw/competitions/scholarship_app.pdf).

#### Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program

The program recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6-18) who help make their communities a better place. Store-level winners will receive \$50.00 Kohl's Gift Card and the 190 regional winners will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship toward their post-secondary education. Ten national winners will receive \$5,000 scholarship and a donation of \$1,000 to a non Profit organization on the behalf. Nominate a deserving youth at [www.kohlskidswhocare.com](http://www.kohlskidswhocare.com).

#### INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ECO-HEROES!!!

Do you know a young environmentalist aged 8-16 who deserves to be recognized with a cash prize? A young person you know could be next year's Eco-Hero! Action For Nature is currently accepting applications for the 2008 Award! APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2008.

Guidelines and Applications available at

<http://www.actionfornature.org/eco-hero/index.html>

<<http://www.actionfornature.org/eco-hero/index.html>>

or by emailing [awards@actionfornature.org](mailto:awards@actionfornature.org)

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International Young Eco-Heroes receive a cash prize of up to \$500, a certificate, membership to Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Institute and an opportunity to attend the annual Bioneers environmental conference near San Francisco, Ca. Applicants must be at least 8 years old and no more than 16 years old as of Feb. 28, 2008. Projects must concern environmental advocacy, environmental health, research or protection of the natural world. Projects must be current in the last year. Ongoing efforts that include an outreach or educational component are more likely to be recognized. Check our website for more details! Based in San Francisco, CA, Action For Nature is an environmental, education and advocacy non-profit that encourages young people to take personal action to nurture and protect a healthy environment on which all life depends.

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