

Diggings April 2009

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April 20, 2009

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on May 5, 2009 at the GSA small conference Room at the UCCE/Amador County, 12200 B Airport Road in Martell.

State Leadership Conference

High school 4-H members, adult volunteers and staff can participate in 4-H SET tracks and workshops during the Conference. 4-H SET Sessions include topics in alternative energy, water quality, veterinary science, water conservation, 4-H volunteer development, forensic science, web design, and more! The Conference brings together high school youth, 4-H volunteers and staff from across California in four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. Youth delegates and adult chaperones gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff. Registration is \$375.00 and due June 12, 2009. More information is available at **August 6-9, 2009 at UC Merced** <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/>



California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

The **2009-2010 Teacher Resource Guide (TRG)**, compiled by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, is a tool for professionals and volunteers encouraging the agricultural literacy of California's youth. Resources that assist in teaching about agriculture are plentiful. The guide provides an all-encompassing look at the array of materials that readily support such an endeavor. <http://www.cfaitc.org/trg/>

Power of Wind

Completed the National 4-H Curriculum "Power of Wind" and now ready for a larger project. It's **EASY** to make your own power when you **build and install your own wind turbine!** Harnessing the wind can be a tricky business, but in the book "Homebrew Wind Power", the authors provide step-by-step, illustrated instructions for building a wind generator in a home workshop. Even if you don't plan on building your own turbine, this book is packed with valuable information for anyone considering wind energy. It covers the basic physics of how the energy in moving air is turned into electricity, and most importantly, gives a realistic idea of what wind energy can do for you--and what it can't. <http://otherpower.com/>

This newsletter is online along with Record Book forms, scholarship applications, registration forms and more! Visit <http://ceamador.ucdavis.edu/newsletters.htm> for information.

Please submit any articles about your club to lefossen@ucdavis.edu or mail them to UCCE/4-H Office, 12200 B Airport Rd, Jackson, CA 95642 by the middle of each month.

Calendar

4-H State Leadership Conference August 6-9th

National 4-H Camping March 16-20 2010

Power of Wind

Virtual Summer Technology Camp

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Virtual Summer Technology Camp

For summer 2009, **Fresh Brain** will be hosting a **Virtual Summer Technology Camp**. The camp will be offered FREE of charge to virtual "Campers". Campers may spend anywhere from a week to the whole summer participating. They can participate in one or many different "Learning Paths". Some examples of Learning Paths are creating video games, creating a facebook application, making videos, animation and music production. And they can do this on their own schedule. All that the Campers need is access to an Internet-connected computer.

<https://freshbrain.org/free-summer-virtual-technology-camp>

4-H Million Trees

Led by the Belmont (California) 4-H Club, the **4-H Million Trees (4HMT)** Project is a large-scale service-learning project with the goal to plant 1,000,000 trees across the United States by 2011 to beautify America, absorb atmospheric carbon dioxide, and combat global climate change. In 2008, National 4-H Headquarters signed a partnership agreement with Arbor Day Foundation in support of this project. Attached is a letter to 4-H clubs to tell them how they can get involved. More information is available at

http://www.ca4h.org/set/updates/4h_million_trees.doc

Check out 4-H online!

An innovative online community where youth and adults can connect interact and work together for positive change. Here you can design tools and gadgets, play games, share stories and learn new skills. So jump in, look around, and make it your own. You might just have some fun. <http://4-h.org/>

Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair

The California State Fair is fast approaching (August 17th - September 3rd) and once again The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of community service projects also make for good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone who may be interested in learning even more about your 4-H project.

Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Further, each shift must have an adult or older teen in the booth at all times. To sign-up, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>.

Clover Safe Newsletter

The publication, Clover Safe, will be brought to you each month by ANR's Division of Environmental Health and Safety. These one page documents offer tips and activities for health and safety concerns in different 4-H project areas. New subject areas range from horses and cattle to power saw and ATV operation. They are designed to be used at project leader meetings and can be downloaded at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/curriculum/>.

All Star Applications

The All Star applications are due to your Community Club Leaders May 22, 2009. They need to be turned in to the 4-H Office by 5 PM, May 29, 2009. See the attached flyer for the particulars.

Livestock News

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK PROJECT LEADERS!!

Please remember to check with your Community Club Leaders before signing livestock entry forms. 4-H members are required to attend 80% of your project/community club meetings to be eligible to show at the Amador County Fair. You will also need to have completed your fingerprinting and leader orientation, and be a registered 4-H leader to sign fair forms.

CONTACTED YOUR BUYERS YET?

The following article is printed annually in the 4-H Clover Country newsletter.

Yoo-hoo!!! Are you a 4-H member who plans on selling livestock at the Amador County Fair auction? If so, NOW is the time to approach prospective buyers for your animals. Here are some ideas you are ENCOURAGED to use to guarantee a successful sale for you.

1. Contact your buyer from last year either by note or phone call. Thank your buyer again for their support of your project and 4-H. Let them know that you will again be selling livestock and look forward to seeing them.

2. If this is the first year you are anticipating selling livestock at the Fair or your buyer from last year is no longer available your best option is to advertise. What I mean by this is that there are many "potential buyers" out there. They are just waiting to be approached by you. I have heard many comments about "how So & So never even came to our Fair until a 4-H'er in the community just asked them to come and buy." Many of those people are still buying every year!

3. You may feel uncomfortable approaching a person or business. If you have a friend who is also in your situation perhaps you can advertise the auction together. It is highly encouraged that you be wearing your 4-H uniform when approaching people. It shows you are a willing and dedicated individual to your potential buyer.

The time is now to start moving!!! Don't wait until the last minute to find a buyer or contact your last year's buyer. You may find yourself out of luck because someone secured the buyer before you. You will only have yourself to blame so hop to it and GOOD LUCK!!!

Western States Horse Expo

June 8-10, 2007

The Western States Horse Expo is known throughout the nation as the gold standard of equine expositions by exhibitors and horsemen alike. This is much more than a large trades show with dozens of world-class clinicians...there is something for everyone including an art show, horse sales, Kids Pavilion and more. For more information visit www.horseexpo.com.

4-H Livestock Disease Prevention Module Online!

The **4-H Livestock Disease Prevention Module** is one of two on-line modules brought to you by Washington State University Veterinary Medicine Extension. This training module teaches youth bio-security practices and how they can be used to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading diseases while raising 4-H livestock. It is a great way to learn disease prevention while providing you

with inspiration and teaching ideas so you can bring these concepts to youth in your county!
<http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>

25th Annual CAL-AM Spectacular Goat Show

DATE: Saturday, May 5th

LOCATION: Amador Fairgrounds, Plymouth, Ca

2 ADGA /AGS dual sanction Doe shows

Judges – Trinity Smith, Dan Laney

Contact – Christina Bozo-Baldenegro (209) 245-3353

goatjudg@aol.com this email is not a typo.

4-H Publications

An excellent resource for free, online livestock publications is at Texas Cooperative Extension's website:

[http://gillespie-](http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu/PubCat.cfm?COUNTY=Gillespie&CatID=1506)

[tx.tamu.edu/PubCat.cfm?COUNTY=Gillespie&CatID=1506](http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu/PubCat.cfm?COUNTY=Gillespie&CatID=1506).

Check it out!

Free 4H Curriculum

The **Youth Development through Veterinary Science**

Series is a 4-H Youth Development curriculum that introduces youth to many aspects of veterinary science.

Modules include: 1. Behaving like Animals, 2. Fur, Feathers, Skin and Scales, 3. The Eyes Have it, 4.

You've Got to Have Heart, 5. Dem Bones, Dem Bones, 6.

Food in, Waste Out, 7. Is your Bird Feeling Blue?, 8. Is

your Dog Feeling Down?, 9. Is Your Goat Feeling

Green?, 10. Is Your Horse Healthy? 11. Is Your Snake

Sick? Download a copy at

<http://ca4h.org/set/curriculum/index.asp?ID=17>

Pre Weigh-In Information is for Jr. Livestock

Pre-Weigh In is for ALL Livestock going into the Jr. Livestock Auction at fair time.

- Horses are included in the 120 day ownership/lease but DO NOT come to Pre-Weigh In, but must turn in paperwork if registering as an "Independent Exhibitor". See date above.
- Sun., May 31st - Small Animal Pre Weigh-In FAIRGROUNDS 7am–11am
- Independent Paper work due Friday, May 29th – Fair Office

- Small animals for Pre Weigh-In are sheep, swine, meat goats (60 day ownership prior to Fair)
- Swine are required at Pre Weigh-In to be eligible to sell at Auction.
- Rabbit and Poultry declarations are to be made on Sun., May 31st, at the FAIRGROUNDS 7am – 11am.
- YELLOW Presentation cards will be required to be eligible to sell at the 2009 Jr. Livestock Auction. See Livestock Notices for [details.](#)
- ALL Sheep & Goats must meet State requirements for Scrapies (have tags/tattoos) prior to Fair.
- Vet check is required on all animals upon arrival to fairgrounds on Tues., July 28th. A small fee (to be determined) will be required per entry for Vet cost.



Chelsea Anderson discussing swine requirements at the Ethics/Quality Assurance training held at Plymouth hardware on April 11th.

Questions call 245-6921 or email to havefun@amadorcountyfair.com

Upcoming Quality Assurance/Ethics Training

This year we want to get all 4-H exhibitors to the training. This will be the last training offered for the year. So mark the date on your calendars and spread the word!

At this year's Pre Weigh-In they will be handing out flyers for the Quality Assurance/Ethics Training scheduled for June 20th. It will be held at the Amador County fairgrounds.

There is no cost for this event.

The topics will include:

- Showmanship
- Feeding/housing
- Quality assurance
- Ethics training
- A veterinarian will be there
- And other guest speakers!

The members will receive a certificate of completion (which is mandatory for State Fair) and a syllabus to take home with them.

RSVP by June 12th @ (209) 257-1418 or amadorcounty4hleader@gmail.com



Carson White discussing the basics of raising meat rabbits. Janet White and Carson demonstrated what to look for when pairing up meat rabbit pens.

AMADOR COUNTY 4-H
ALL STAR INFORMATION

An All Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the County level. The goal of the All Star program is to recognize the achievements of active 4-H members and to offer additional resources and opportunities for leadership, career and life planning. To become an Amador County 4-H All Star, you must meet the requirements listed below and agreed to meet the responsibilities listed below.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Be currently enrolled in 4-H.
2. Be at least 13 years of age by January 1 of selection year.
3. Have completed three years of club work. (Current year can count as number three)
4. Have attained the Gold Star Rank.
5. Be eligible for enrollment in the coming year.
6. Have demonstrated leadership abilities, citizenship concern, and maturity of judgment.
7. Have made a significant contribution to the maintenance and expansion of the 4-H program.
8. Submit an All Star Application, Contract and your current 4-H Record Book to your Community Club Leader by May 22, 2009.
9. Submit two letters of recommendation with the above listed in #8 -- one from 4-H Volunteer and one from a person outside 4-H (teacher, clergy, long-time friend).
10. The Community Club Leader will review all the information submitted by the All Star candidate.
11. The Community Club Leader will submit the Candidate's packet to the 4-H Office by 5 PM, May 29, 2009

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Serve as Master of Ceremonies at all Amador County programs; Achievement Night, Favorite Foods Day, Presentation Day, 4-H Fair and Fashion Revue.
2. Be an active member of the Camp Committee, Hi 4-H and the All Star Team.
3. Attend State All Star and Leadership Conference in August following your selection.
4. Submit a completed record book for your All Star year.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Have a good record of leadership.
2. Have the ability to get along with others.
3. Be deserving of the recognition as shown through sincere effort.
4. Selection made as follows:
 - 50% Oral Interview
 - 50% Information Sheet, letters of recommendation and current record book.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 5/22/09, to your Community Club Leader

AMADOR COUNTY 4-H
ALL STAR APPLICATION AND CONTRACT

The All Star Candidate must submit this contract to their Community Leader by May 22, 2009 in order to be considered an All Star applicant.

I would like to submit the All Star Contract.

Name

I. I would like to be an All Star because

II. I understand that the following are my responsibilities as an Amador County All Star:

- a. Serve as Master of Ceremonies at all Amador County programs; Achievement Night, Favorite Foods Day, Presentation Day, 4-H Fair and Fashion Revue.
- b. Be an active member of the All Star Team.
- c. Attend State All Star and Leadership Conference in August following my selection.
- d. Keep and submit a record book during your All Star year for review.

My parents and I have read and understand the above Contract and I will abide by this Contract during my All Star year.

APPLICANT FOR ALL STAR

APPLICANT'S PARENT

Dated: