

July/August 2009

**4-H Council Meeting
September 28, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 4-H Office**

REMINDER

The Lake County Fair is quickly approaching. Are you ready?

Again this year, the 4-H Staff will be signing all animal science project Lake County Fair entry forms. Members planning to sell or show an animal at the Lake County Fair must complete all the following before their fair entry form will be signed:

- 80% of club meetings attended
- 100% of fair animal project meetings attended
- An up-to-date *Project Report Form* signed by your project leader
- Complete a 4-H Presentation (If you did not complete your presentation at County Presentation Day, you will need a *Presentation Verification Form*)

In addition, members planning to sell a market animal must:

- Complete two "Buyer's Invitations" or other methods (articles, radio spots, etc.) of marketing for each animal.

(Buyer's Invitations are available at the 4-H Office and online at <http://ucanr.org/4hforms/information>)

Just a reminder, when 4-H members are marketing their animal, they should call for an appointment and it is recommended they be in uniform. It is also a good idea to send a note to last year's buyers thanking them for their past support and inviting them to this year's auction. For additional information, check the *4-H Member and Parent Expectations* or contact the 4-H staff.

Lake County Fair 2009 Theme: "Fun In The Sun"

All Market Animals will be photographed on Wednesday, September 2nd. 4-H members must be present, in uniform, and ready for their photo at the assigned time.

Animal arrival time starts @ 7:00 am

A fee of \$8.00 for Market Animal photos will be added to each entry fee per market animal.

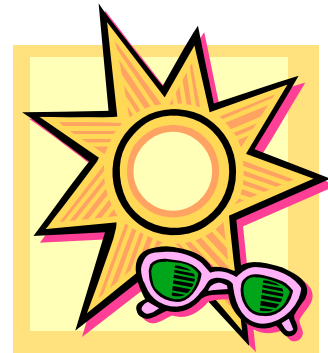
All Market Beef – Pre-weigh on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 from 6:00 - 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds

All Poultry and Turkeys – Health inspection – 7 am – 10 am, September 2, 2009

All Breeding Animals must be at the fairgrounds before 4:00 pm on September 2, 2009

Livestock Auction: 1:00 pm start time.

Animals may be removed after 9:00 pm Sunday, September 6th – However, no vehicles will be allowed on grounds until 11:00 pm.



Reminders and Tips for Members, Parents, and Leaders Participating in the Lake County Fair

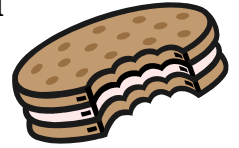
It is that time of the year and the Lake County Fair is just around the corner! I wanted to pass on a few tips and reminders regarding 4-H members participating in the Livestock show and sale. Fair can be a very stressful time, I hope these tips are useful and increase your fun at the Lake County Fair this year.

Members, parents, and leaders are encouraged to bring the spirit of cooperation with you as you arrive at the fair. Please keep in mind, while at the fair you are representing 4-H to the public. Please show the community you are cooperative, responsible; greet the public and share what you have learned about your project. To help reduce fair time stress, do as much as possible before you get to the fair.

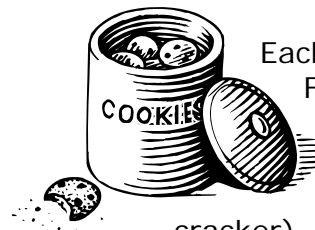
- Read the Exhibitor handbook, there have been many changes this year. Know the rules and requirements and ask questions before you arrive at fair.
- Know when your animals will be photographed, weighed, shown, and sold before you arrive at fair.
- Upon arrival, report to the Livestock Office.
- Allow yourself plenty of time.
- Ask for help if you are not sure what to do.
- Write your buyer's thank you note ahead of time, all you have to do at fair is add your buyer's name and address.
- Plan ahead when you will need a clean uniform and how you will clean it.

(If you need Whites, drop by the 4-H office)

Premium checks are like cookies – they will go stale after 60 days, so get them cashed promptly.



Livestock Auction Cookie Reminder



Each youth selling livestock at Fair is asked to provide **1 Dozen Cookies** or other appropriate snack item (e.g. peanut butter cracker). All items should be **individually wrapped/pre-packaged** and sealed (Health Code)- zip lock baggies are fine. Please deliver Friday, September 4th to the livestock office. Helpers are welcome on auction day for shifts between 1:00-5:00p.m. Please provide Cloverbud members with an adult or older youth partner. Contact Peggy Alexander with questions 263-1733.

Danny Wilds Award

This award was started in 1969 in memory of Danny Wilds, a member of the Big Valley 4-H Club during the years of 1959-1967.

All 4-H members exhibiting at the Lake County Fair are eligible for this award.

Judging is based on sportsmanship, attitude, cooperation, quality of exhibits, appearance of exhibits and exhibitor, overall participation in fair activities.

There is no limit on the number of times a member may receive this award. An anonymous committee at the Fair will select the recipient. The recipient receives a pin for their hat and their name engraved on a perpetual trophy.



Please keep in mind that your animals are on display for public viewing.

Keep all pens, stalls, and walkways clean, neat and picked up. When moving your animal, clean up the area where the animal traveled or waited. Remember to feed, water, and groom your animal daily, more if needed.

- All animals and pens should be ready by 8:00 a.m. for Clean Stall inspection.
- Keep the manure bin area and area outside the barns clean and neat.
- The member should do all work - if you need physical help, ask an older member.
- Adults may step in for safety reasons, demonstrations, and to advise the member.



The Awards Ceremony will be held Sunday, September 6, 2009 - 4:00 p.m., at the Livestock Pavilion.



- All members must be in full uniform for the Awards Ceremony.
- Members must pick up their own checks.
- Have an addressed, stamped, and **unsealed** thank-you note for each animal sold or your check will be held at the Fair Office.



Tips for Showmanship

SMILE – look eager and ready to show:

- Wear a clean, complete uniform
- Tie long hair back into braids or ponytails
- Wear a belt and boots or tennis shoes (No sandals)
- Secure your hat, but don't worry if it drops off in the ring
- Use a tie tack to hold down the end of your tie; use a ring for the collar
- No gum chewing

The basic rules of showmanship:

- Show from the minute you enter the ring until the judge dismisses the class
- Smile to reflect you are enjoying showing your animal
- Keep your animal between you and the judge
- Keep your animal set up at all times
- Don't crowd; give yourself and others room to show
- Watch the judge or animal not the audience
- Don't panic or get upset if your animal gets away. Just do your best
- Know the sex, breed and birth date of your animal
- The judge may ask questions, so know parts of your animal, where the breed came from, or any pertinent information about your animal

Please remember, the 4-H Office has numerous resources that may help

you brush up on your skills before the fair.... stop by and check them out!



Auction Information

The auction will be Saturday, September 5th. All members are asked to stay in uniform and help with refreshments, auction line up, and to cheer for the other members until the auction is completely over.



- Members must be in full uniform through the entire auction.
- Find out when your animal is slated to sell, if you miss your place in the auction line-up your animal will not sell.
- Return your animal to its pen, go pick up your buyer card from the auction table, and take your buyer card directly to your buyer.

Leaders and Parents

Please keep in mind you are setting an example for our youth while attending 4-H related activities during the fair. The following guidelines are designed to provide a positive and satisfying 4-H experience during events and activities at the Livestock Pavilion.

- Please do not consume or be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs
- Please do not use discriminatory or obscene language
- Participate in auction and show activities when needed
- Help provide a safe environment for all youth while at the fair

Animals will be released after 9:00 p.m. on Sunday September 6th:

- Vehicles will be allowed after 11:00 p.m. Educational display may be removed after 11:00 p.m.
- Obtain a signed release from the Livestock Superintendent before removing animals.

MOST OF ALL
HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR EXPERIENCE!



4-H Summer Camp Lost & Found



There were several items left behind at camp this year. We have taken pictures of the items and posted them on <http://ucanr.org/camplostfound>.

If you are missing any items, take a look and contact the 4-H Office at (707) 263-6838.

Kimberly Walker Receives All-Star Rank

Kimberly Walker of Wiloth 4-H Club received her All-Star Rank on June 22, 2009 at the Lake County 4-H Council Meeting. Kimberly's All-Star project was to start a new 4-H Club for handicapped kids within Lake County. She decided to work with Susie Wiloth of Wiloth Equine Center to start the new club. Kimberly's goal was to start small with about fifteen kids and introduce them to what 4-H has to offer. She worked closely with Susie to coordinate the leader certification of her current staff and she and Susie designed the new club over the summer and started the club last September. Kimberly is an active member of the club and helps Susie to work with the new 4-H members at the meetings. Kimberly also decided to be the spokesperson for the club within our community and 4-H to raise awareness about Susie and her effort at Wiloth Equine Center.

Kimberly wrote in her final All-Star report this statement "It feels kind of weird, knowing that my project is officially almost over. I say officially, because I know that regardless of whether the project is officially done or not, nothing is really going to change for me. I'm still going to look for and train volunteers so that they can eventually run it when I step down from my unofficial title of club leader. I'm still going to lead the 4-H club and write down everything that happens and take pictures and stick it all in one huge overwhelming book – because it's important that this 4-H club is here for many years to come, helping it's members to be accepted and to achieve anything that they set their sights on." She went on to write, "I like to be involved in stuff that I love doing – and I don't like to forget any of it. I have never finished any kind of project feeling that it was completely perfect. There is always room for improvement and life is never perfect, so that's what makes it great to have a 4-H club where our only vision is to give the members every opportunity to achieve their personal goals, while having fun, making friends and learning all along the way."

She completed her All-Star book with a quote from a song that she says she hears in her head almost every day:

*If you don't have to try
Then you won't have to fail
If you're afraid to fly
Then I guess you never will*

*You hide behind your walls
Of maybe nevers
Forgetting that there's something more
Than just knowing better*

*Your mistakes do not define you now
They tell you who you're not
You've got to live this life you're given
Like it's the only on you've got*

-3 Doors Down



Val Schweifler, 4-H Council President & Kimberly Walker

Kimberly has been in the Lake County 4-H Program for 7 years. The All Star Rank is the highest attainable honor in the Lake County 4-H Program. To apply for All Star rank, a 4-H member must be 15 years of age, demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship and community involvement, and have made a significant contribution to the 4-H Program. For more information on the All Star Program, contact the 4-H Office at (707) 263-6838.

*Reach for the Stars:
Lighting the Path to Leadership*



**WHY CONFERENCE
2009
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2009
CAMP TEHAMA**

**Registration deadline and payment
due by August 27, 2009**

Registration Forms available at the
4-H Office.

**4-H COUNTYWIDE
SEWING PROJECT**

with the Material Girls of Lake County, an



A Countywide Sewing Project will
offered this August.

The project meeting dates will be August 11th,
12th and 14th, and will be held at the UC
Cooperative Extension Office in the conference
room. The project will run from 10:00 a.m. to
2:00 p.m. each day. Please bring a bag lunch.

The project we will be making is a tote bag made
out of pet screen. An example is at the 4-H
extension office. The classes are geared for an
Advanced Beginner to Intermediate sewing
member.

For more information or to sign up for the
project, please contact the 4-H Office at
(707) 263-6838.

California State Fair Presents - ***Vet School***



Presented By:



Saturday, August 22, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 29, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 5, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Vet School, an International Award Winning Program, will be held at the 2009 California State Fair Livestock Nursery.

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital will be conducting hands-on activities and lessons to promote animal health and welfare.

This special opportunity will give students ages 10 -17 the chance to learn veterinary practices and procedures.

Applications available online at www.bigfun.org



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Lake/Mendocino 4-H Summer Camp 2009

Camp Theme was “Under the Sea”



Mendocino/Lake summer camp was a huge success, the theme this year was *Under the Sea*. A whopping 208 4-H members, volunteers and a few special guests enjoyed fun, friends, and new experiences at camp Masonite/Navarro. Campers participated in workshops such as challenge high ropes course, magic, leather craft, wood working, digital photography, and roping, to name just a few.

Thank you to Taco Bell of Ukiah and Clearlake for sponsoring our camp t-shirts. We love them! And thank you to Kimberly Walker for creating our t-shirt logo for *Under the Sea*.

Thank you to our chaperones Kelly Boesel, Kerry Braider, Eric Crawford, Julie Fetherston (Cloverbud Coordinator), Scott Fetherston, Alicia Guardado, Pat Haas, Betty Hamblin, Jeffry Harris, Pat Hautala, Andrew Hobart, Becky Koenig, Deanna Lawrawon, Robert and Susan Norcross, Marilee Roberts, Bonnie Seevers, Denice Solgat and Linda Thornquist-Stumpf. We could not have camp without you.

Thank you to our Camp Steering Committee Members: Eric and Shani Smith, Walt Christensen, John Irwin, Paul Johnson, Ron Roysum, Tonya Roysum, Jennifer Andrews, and Marie Behnke. If you are interested in becoming a part of the camp steering committee, contact the Lake County 4-H office.

Joanne Barber, camp nurse, thank you for taking such good care of our campers. And a round of applause for our extraordinary shooting sports team, John Holder (range master and shotgun), Matt Hilton (rifle), Randy Marler (rifle), and Jennifer Andrews (archery). And a special shout-out to Mike Whetzel for helping with shooting sports this year.

Thank you to our four youth directors for all that they do and the additional hours they put into organizing and planning summer camp: Erica Roysum, Tessa Behnke, Lezlie Elmer, and Hannah Foster. We could not do it with out you!

Thanks to our teen counselors:, Ryan Blyleven, Charlie Coburn, Rich Daniels, Kayla Delbar, Sara Fairbairn, Warren Foster, Rikki Hautala, Zachary Hedges, Cheyenne Higgins, Kylie Hill, Chayton Johnson, Kallie Jones, Lindee Jones, Bobby Loucks, Trenton Philips, Kelsey Price, Dylan Ricetti, Dustin Scott-Smith, Macaela Stenback, Kimberly Walker, Clayton Wanzer and Alicia Welling. You helped create a memory of a lifetime for our campers. You all did an awesome job and we look forward to working with you next year!!! Thank you to all 27 of the CITs (counselor in training); you were a huge help and will make great counselors!

Thank you to our kitchen team, for getting up early and staying up late, to cook all those scrumptious meals: Beth Keiffer (head cook), Marie Behnke (cook's assistant), Jan Kane and Chris Ingram. And thank you to Shanna and Michael Braught of Geigers Long Valley Market for donating all the goodies for our canteen.

Thank you to our special guest workshop presenters, Jake Smith, Kayla Hurt, Neal Elmer, Breanna Weaver, Leslie Weaver, Nadine Boer, Kathy Schuler, Julie Willis, and Dale Garner. Thank you, Alisha Roysum for heading up the Scuddy Duddy river walk.

We thank the following for sponsoring and donating to summer camp: UPS, Federal Premium Ammunition, Ukiah Gun Club, Rainbow Ag of Ukiah, WalMart of Ukiah and Clearlake, Eel River Fuels, Redwood Valley Vineyards, Kiwanis Club of Ukiah, Danny Wilds Family Scholarship, Lake County 4-H Council, Eric and Shani Smith - Camp Scholarships, Acme Rigging and Supply, Burgess Lumber-of Santa Rosa, Mike and Joanne Barber, Midway – USA, and Scott and Julie Fetherston.

The 2009 camp photos will soon be posted at <http://ucanr.org/campphotos>. A huge thanks to Andrew and Paul for all the great photos. Photos of the remaining lost and found are also posted on the Summer Camp website <http://ucanr.org/camplostfound>.

If you would like to send a thank note to any of the adult volunteers or youth staff who help make camp so special. Please send it to 883 Lakeport Blvd, Lakeport CA 95453, we will gladly forward it to them. Plans are already in process for summer camp 2010. Watch the 4-H newsletter for information. We will need youth CIT (grades 7-8) counselors and directors (grades 9-12), and chaperones from each club. If you are interested in becoming a workshop presenter, contact the Lake County 4-H office.

Eric Smith, Executive Director
Shani Smith, Workshop Director

IMPORTANT!!

2009 Enrollment Changes

This year there will be a new option for online **Re-enrollment** into the Lake County 4-H Program. Paper re-enrollment packets will still be available upon request from the 4-H Office. Details on how you will be able to re-enroll online will be in the September newsletter and posted on our website at <http://celake.ucdavis.edu>. **New Families** enrolling this year should still fill out the paper enrollment packets, which will be available from the Community Club Leaders.

If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H at (707) 263-6838.

ADGA National Dairy Goat Show

by: Kelsey Carstensen – Kelseyville 4-H Club

I just got back from participating at the ADGA National Dairy Goat Show which was held at Cal Expo this year. It was last held in California in 1998 and changes states each year. To the show I brought 6 dairy does and I am very happy with how my goats did at this show.



The judge selects the best 20 goats in the ring and places them and the rest are excused from the class. My goats placed 4th, 5th, 11th, 16th, 17th and one did not make the cut in their individual classes. I participated in Showmanship and received 3rd place. I also participated in the other youth activities which were The Fitting Team Competition, this is where your team clips a doe kid for show in 30 minutes. The Jr Judging where we judged 4 milking does and 4 Jr does to see how much we understand about what the judges are doing in the ring and to see if we could apply it ourselves. And last was The Management Test which you were given an hour to complete. My fitting team didn't finish in time due to clipper failure but it was fun. I won 1st place in the Jr Judging and Management competition and I won Premier Youth Nubian Exhibitor. Next year Nationals will be held in Kentucky so I am not sure I can make it but I am hoping that in 2011 they will be closer so I can go again.