

## November 2007

# November

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4	Achievement Program, <i>Kelseyville Lions Club</i>
10	State 4-H Equine Field Day
10	Farm, Home & 4-H Foundation Dinner
11	Veteran's Day Ceremony, <i>Little Theater Building Fairground - 11:00 a.m.</i>
12	Veteran's Day - UCCE Office Closed
22-23	UCCE Office Closed
26	4-H Fun Day Committee Meeting – <i>4-H Office 6:30 p.m.</i>
30	Last Day for New Enrollment

### December

24	UCCE Office Closed
25	UCCE Office Closed

### January

1	UCCE Office Closed
27	Project Leaders Workshop


  
**NO COUNCIL  
 MEETING UNTIL  
 FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

## Achievement Night

### Sunday November 4, 2007

### Kelseyville Lions Club

### Dinner 5:00 p.m.

### Awards Ceremony to Follow

This year's Achievement Night will be a potluck. If your last name begins with A-L please bring a side dish to share. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a main dish to share. Kelseyville 4-H will be hosting this event and will provide desserts for the dessert auction. The funds from the dessert auction will go back into the Achievement Night budget. Drinks will be provided by the Lake County 4-H Council.

Achievement Night is a great way to end the year and a great way to begin a new one. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office at 263-6838.

**SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!**

## Project Leader Workshop

Sunday, January 27, 2008

2 pm – 5pm

Location - TBA

This workshop is for new and experienced project leaders.

The workshop will cover:

- How To Organize
- What To Include
- Project Safety
- How to keep a project educational and fun
- Project resources
- How to utilize your Jr. and Teen leaders

RSVP for this workshop by January 15, 2008, contact the UCCE 4-H office at 263-6838.



# ADVISOR CORNER



## How do you spell Advisor?

Julie Fetherston

4-H/Youth Development and Human Resources Advisor  
Lake & Mendocino Counties

The current joke among new advisors is that if we only knew how to spell Advisor we might know what we should do first in our new jobs. We say this because the role of the 4H advisor has changed over the past 10 years. Some of you may remember when it was the advisors job to oversee the 4H club program. Then the University hired Program Representatives (we were lucky enough to get Julie Frazell!) to manage the club program and advisors' were expected to provide support when necessary. In addition, advisors new responsibilities included expanding UCCE youth development programs, to include more applied research, new educational programs and collaboration with other youth service organizations. Each advisor develops these programs based on the needs of their community and the evolving priorities of the University, as well as State and National 4-H.

Before I took the advisor position, I had the opportunity to conduct a needs assessment in Mendocino County. I grew up in Mendocino County and therefore, I had a good sense of the various communities throughout the county and their needs. Looking at the wide range of challenges facing Mendocino County youth, the programmatic priorities I have chosen are agricultural and environmental literacy, and healthy lifestyles. These are consistent with the UCCE and both national and statewide 4-H priorities. I hope that through a comprehensive and collaborative program of research, education, and outreach we can improve our communities understanding of agriculture, increase access to healthy local foods, and create sustainable solutions to hunger and obesity.

Statistically, Lake County has many of the same challenges as Mendocino County. Hunger, obesity, drug and child abuse, under-funded schools, geographical isolation, and transportation challenges. However, I know that the residents, resources and communities of Lake County are NOT the same and thus, the priorities and solutions may be different from Mendocino County. Here I am at a disadvantage. I do not have the same history and personal knowledge of Lake County that I do in Mendocino County. I need your help. Over the next 4-6 months, I will be conducting a needs assessment in Lake County. I encourage you to call or e-mail me and tell me about your kids, clubs, and communities. What are the challenges facing young people in your area and what do you think the solutions should be? Which of those solutions do you think fit into the 4H club program (new and existing projects) and which ones need a different approach?

I look forward to learning about the people and communities of Lake County, the differences between Upper Lake and Clearlake; Lakeport and Kelseyville. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the dynamic 4-H staff and community to build an even stronger program while defining my role. Perhaps this time next year, I will understand how Lake County spells 4-H Advisor.

## North Section 4-H Council Election \*\* candidates needed! \*\*

### What is North Section Council?

North Section Council (NSC) is comprised of 4-H volunteers representing 21 counties covering northern California. *Counties include: Butte, Glenn, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Sutter-Yuba, Placer, Nevada, Plumas-Sierra, Lassen, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta, Modoc, Siskiyou, Inyo-Mono.* NSC meets the 1st Saturday of the following months (4 times/year): March, May, October, and December. Welcome and Refreshments usually start at 9:30 am, with the business meeting starting at 10:00 am. Check <http://www.ca4h.org/council/sectional/index.asp> for current agendas, meeting locations, and educational presentation topics.

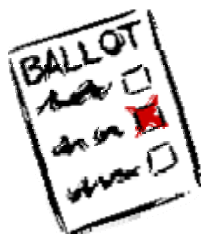
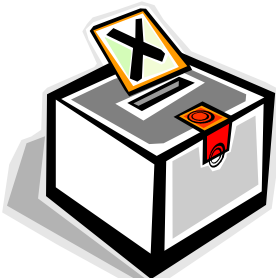
The NSC is responsible for planning and overseeing all sectional level events and activities and the awards and scholarship for these events. For example: Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, and WHY Conference. Current Officers; President, Molly Mead - Butte County; Treasurer, Barbara Nordin-Elmer - Mendocino County; and Secretary, Karen Samra - Lassen County.

### Nominations are needed for:

- 1) **Vice President** - 2 year term
- 2) **3 Youth & 2 Adults Representatives to State 4-H Council** (Advisory to Statewide 4-H Program): Meet twice a year. In the Fall at UC Davis and in the Spring at Ontario, CA. Reimbursement for travel is available through the NSC.

Elections will take place in December at the NSC meeting, California State University, Chico.

To recommend a nominee, contact Val Schweifler at [valsporty1@yahoo.com](mailto:valsporty1@yahoo.com), or the Lake County 4-H office at 707/263-6838.



## 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Rifle Discipline Lakeport, CA

**December 8 – 9, 2007 - Cost \$20**

A Rifle Trainer course will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 8 & 9, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Lakeport, CA. To receive certification you must attend both days. Upon successful completion of the course, the participants will be certified as Rifle Trainers and will be able to conduct rifle leader trainings as well as lead club projects. Cost for the course is \$20 and includes meals and class materials. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. You must be an appointed 4-H leader to attend. Teen Leaders are encouraged to attend, with an adult, at no cost. Though Teen Leaders cannot lead a project, they will benefit from the experience and training regarding the shooting sports project. Please send the Training Request Form, found at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp> and fees payable to "Lake County 4-H Council" to UCCE Lake County, 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453.

For more registration information, contact Julie Frazell at (707) 263-6838 ex. 119 or [jfrazell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfrazell@ucdavis.edu). If you have questions about the course, contact the instructor, Rick Walker at (707) 994-7531.

## The Judging Connection.com

Dedicated to Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Goats. This website has one of the largest educational article databases on the Internet. The website is focused on bring more education to the 4-H youth programs, judging, and people involved in these programs.

[www.thejudgingconnection.com](http://www.thejudgingconnection.com)

Looking for an Emerald Star or All Star project? How about coordinating a relief effort for the 4-H families in L.A. and San Diego Counties. UCCE 4-H offices will compile a list of items lost in the Southern California fires that 4-H families and clubs could use some help replacing. Coordination a fundraiser and collecting some items would be a great community service project.

## California 4-H Citizenship Focus Program

Registration information for the **California 4-H Citizenship Focus Program** is now in county 4-H offices. On-line registration is conducted by your county office beginning October 1, 2007, with Washington Focus registrations due **November 5, 2007** and California Focus registrations by **January 14, 2008**. Financial assistance, based on need, is available for both programs.

- California Focus - June 27 to July 1, 2008
- Washington Focus #1
  - Global Journey - June 29 - July 9, 2008
  - Heritage Trail I - June 29 - July 5, 2008
- Washington Focus #2
  - Road to Democracy - July 6 - 14, 2008
  - Heritage Trail II - July 6 - 12, 2008

Check with your county office to see when registration forms are due. For more information: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp> and click on Washington or California Focus.

## Remote Control Car Project Ages 10 and Up

I am a volunteer for the Scotts Valley 4-H and I am starting up a project for Remote Controlled Race cars. I just recently bought my first car and I thought it would be fun to get a project started. I myself am new at this so I think it would be great to learn together and have such a interactive project.

I would like to have the kids learn about the different classes of RC car, electric and Nitro, off-road and drifters to name a few. They will learn how to set up their cars for the track and hopefully we will be able to travel to other tracks in the area to race. Your Local hobby store is @ [www.lakeporthobbies.com](http://www.lakeporthobbies.com), they have a starter car that includes all that you need to start a car, controller, 2 batteries and the battery charger. General Startup Cost is about \$200.00 for this project.

If you are interested in this project please contact the UCCE 4-H Office at 263-6838

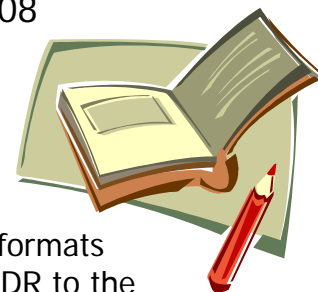
Thanks  
David Green  
Scotts Valley 4-H



Workshop - New Record Book Format  
Lake County Council has agreed to adopt the new statewide record book forms and the 4-H Record Book Manual.

The forms and Manual are available at <http://ucanr.org/4hforms/information>

New Record Book Workshop  
Saturday, February 2, 2008  
Time 9:00 am – 12 pm  
Location TBA



The workshop will cover:

- Comparison Chart between old and new formats
- Moving from the Old PDR to the New PDR
- Navigating Your Way Through the New PDR
- Expanded Instructions for the Personal Development Report

RSVP for this workshop by  
January 23, 2008

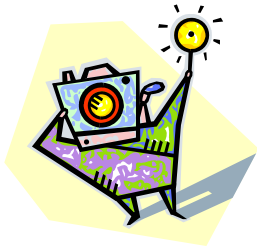
To Register please contact the  
UCCE 4-H office 263-6838

## Teen Camp Directors/Deans/Counselors:

All members 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above are eligible to apply for a 4-H summer camp teen staff position. Teen Directors, Deans and Counselors will assist in planning 4-H summer camp and teach campers new skills. Each member who completes the 14 hours of trainings will receive credit for a Leadership Development Project (8-J).

Applications will be available  
in December.





# CLUB NEWS



## BLUE HERON 4-H CLUB

### **Blue Heron October Report - by Jessica Solgat**

At our October 4-H meeting, we called the meeting to order first thing. Then, we chose people to lead pledges. Then we introduced our visitors from Scotts Valley 4-H club. We were excited to receive a check for helping with their booth at the fair. It was awesome. Then we read the minutes of our last meeting. For fun, we played musical chairs. Ethan Jones won! Next, some of our leaders went to help set up for marshmallow roasting. This was way cool because we had never roasted marshmallows in the bank parking lot before. I enjoy our new Blue Heron 4-H Club, come visit us soon!

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## BIG VALLEY 4-H CLUB

### **Submitted by: Becca Brookes & Maeve Rixen**

On September 29<sup>th</sup> the Big Valley 4-H Club held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Baked Potato Sale. Our booth was located at the Kelseyville Prebyterian Church. Many members of our 4-H Club were there. Dakota, Merin & Maeve Rixen, Kassidy Harms, Becca & Blair Brookes, Catie Nelson, Jeannie Johnson, Kara Gaylor, Maylie Reynolds, Stephanie Black, Kylie Hill, Ashley Taylor and Jared & Jonathan Smith. We sold potatoes with toppings such as bacon bits, salsa, butter, sour cream, cheese, and green onions. We made \$375.00. We would like to thank Lynn Brookes for buying our supplies. So next year at the Pear Festival stop by and have a baked potato and support the Big Valley 4-H Club.

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## UPPER LAKE 4-H CLUB

### **Submitted by: Gabe Villines**

I along with Nicole Sullivan, Tiffany Sullivan (Scotts Valley 4-H Members) and Scotts Valley Rabbit Leader Suzie Pinch and her husband attended the Glide Oregon Rabbit Show on October 14, 2007. The show was great fun, we saw a lot of rabbit's and learned a lot too. I would like to Thank Suzie and her husband for taking us all to the rabbit show.

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## OTHER REPORTS

### **OFFICERS TRAINING**

**Submitted by: Blair Brookes – Big Valley 4-H  
Kelsey Sills – Mt. Konocti 4-H**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> members from various Lake County 4-H Clubs attended an officers training meeting. This meeting was held at the 4-H Office in Lakeport and was directed by Julie Frazell. The clubs that were represented were: Big Valley, Cole Creek, Blue Heron, and Mt. Konocti. This meeting was to build skills for being a 4-H Officer. We began the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with an ice breaker activity. We split into groups and learned how to properly make a motion at a meeting and then learned flag etiquette. We had a snack and then learned how the other groups ran their meetings. We discussed the jobs of each officer. We ended with learning how to properly write a newspaper article. We had a lot of fun.

### **The Why Conference**

**By Stacy Solgat (11) and Justine Solgat (age 12)**

On September 7th-9th, the Blue Heron 4-H club had four members (Asia Jones, Adrianna Guardado, Justine Solgat, and Stacy Solgat) attend the Why Conference in Humboldt county. This is a camp about leadership, and clubs from all over Northern California were there. We met some new people and we were the best of buddies so when we did leave it was a sad goodbye, but we exchanged e-mails and phone numbers so that we could keep in touch. It was a great learning experience. We took a ropes course, learned about acting and fun skits, we had spirit competitions too. You should send all of your 4-H leaders to this adventure full fun camp. It is only \$40 per person and that covers all the expenses including food and showers. All in all, it's a fun camp.

## Southern California Fire Stories from Quang "Hogan" Tong, 4-H Program Representative San Diego County

Reports and stories have been coming in from all over the county now. Our Fair Grounds in Del Mar was what some horse folks called "controlled chaos" at best. Thousands of horses were sheltered there including llamas, alpacas, chickens, ducks, cats, dogs, a zebra, and a monkey.

The zebra was overwhelmed with attention and grew ill due to all the stress. Unfortunately the news crews and volunteers didn't realize their kindness was hurting the poor creature. The same can be said about the miniature horses. People kept coming by and feeding carrots to them or tossing them into their pen. Because they are so small the carrots caused them to choke. They had to assign a permanent pen keeper to keep all the kindness away.

Our East County Fair is housed at the Eastern County Rodeo Grounds and we learned that they needed experienced hands to help out with the animals there. We sent out word and now that emergency shelter is fully staffed with 4-H members caring for the animals.

Sadly 4-H families have lost homes. Two of our leaders who have been with us for 25 plus years a piece lost their homes. Word has come in two more families have lost their homes also. We are attempting to reach them but communication is still sporadic in the affected areas. We want them to know that we are here to help.

We are accepting donations directly.

Please make checks out to: San Diego County 4-H Leaders' Council

Send to: San Diego County Cooperative Extension  
5555 Overland Ave. Suite 4101, Bldg 4  
San Diego, CA 92123-1219

The Fire Recovery Fund will be used to help our 4-H families affected by the disaster. Hopefully, we can ease some of the stress by assisting with supplies for animals, replacing materials for projects, and replacing lost equipment for affected clubs.

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Another email came in that I wanted to share with all of you because I know all of you would appreciate it;

"Hogan, I had planned to get the record books out on Monday but we were evacuated from our home and I could not get them out yet. I packed them with me and I am thinking of shipping them tomorrow. What do you think of the Postal system right now? Do you think it is safe? Jennifer"

Ordered to evacuate...  
Kids - check  
Animals - check  
Important papers - check  
4-H record books - check

Even in all the Chaos of this disaster some things don't change. I hope the record book judges appreciate the dedication of one of our leaders.....

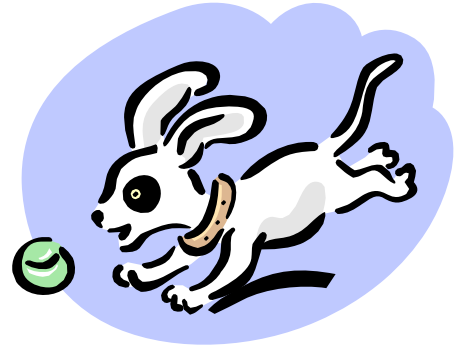
## EMERALD STAR PROJECT

Hi my name is Victoria Hayes I'm 12 years old and in Kelseyville 4-H. This is my fourth year in the 4-H program. This year I'm working on my Emerald Star Project. I plan to collect blankets, towels, and treats for the Lake County Animal Shelter. If you have extra blankets, towels, or treats in your house you could bring them to your next club meeting and I can come and pick them up, or take them to the 4-H Office. That would make so many cats and dogs happy in the shelter.

Just think of the impact we can have if every member gave one blanket or one towel or one bag of treats. WOW!!

PICK UP DAY WILL BE THE FOURTH MONDAY OF:

NOVEMBER  
JANUARY  
FEBRUARY  
MARCH  
APRIL  
MAY



Please drop me a note if you or your club has donated so thank you notes can be sent.

[KHayes@mchsi.com](mailto:KHayes@mchsi.com)

Victoria Hayes  
Contact Number - 995-2939

## Tootsie Roll Drive

*The Tootsie Roll Drive this year was held on October 21, 2007. Kelseyville 4-H was there from ten until two. It was a lot of fun! We had six members helping. The drive is to help the Knights of Columbus with their goal to provide a better life for people with mental disabilities.*



Pictured: Cole Hayes, Devon Bonge, Wyatt Gaskall, Morgan Hayes, Victoria Hayes, Sierra Bonge