

January 2011

2011 LAKE-MENDOCINO 4-H SUMMER CAMP DATES



JUNE 19-24th for Teen Staff

JUNE 20-24th for Chaperones and Campers

Camp will be held at Camp Masonite Navarro

Still Accepting Applications Teen Camp Counselors:

All members 9th grade or 14 years (by December 31st) and above are eligible to apply for a 4-H summer camp teen staff position. Counselors will assist in planning 4-H summer camp and teach campers new skills. All counselors must complete at least 14 hours of training, and they will receive credit for a Leadership Development Project. Camp will be June 19-24, 2011 for Teen Staff this year.



UPCOMING DEADLINES & MEETINGS

- First Counselor meeting will be Wednesday, January 19, 2011. Ukiah 4-H Office 6:30-8:00 pm

Applications are available online at <http://ucanr.org/summercampforms> or at the 4-H Office.

NEXT 4-H Council Meeting
January 24, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Lower Lake School
House Museum

Safe Food Handling Workshop

February 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 4-H Office

If you lead a food related project, help with bake sales, club potlucks or any 4-H events where food is served to the public, this workshop is for you. This fun and interactive workshop will cover Health Department requirement, permits, and tips to working with our local food inspectors. Everyone will learn tips, techniques and all the requirements for hosting 4-H related food event.

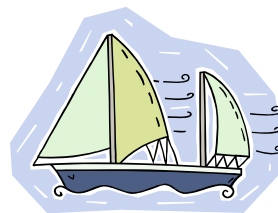


Each **club is required** to have a minimum of one adult, which has been through this course, at each 4-H food related event. This workshop is open to all 4-H parents, volunteers and teen leaders. To attend this workshop, please contact Nicole at 263-6838, RSVP by January 31st.

**What do smoothies,
 sailboats, and turnips have
 in common?**

**Check it out at the 4-H
 Fling & Expo, March 12th.**

Find more in the next edition
 of the 4-H 411.



UPCOMING

SRJC ANIMAL FIELD DAYS

- Saturday, January 29th at 9:00 am is our Livestock Judging Clinic
- Sunday, March 13th at 9:00 am is our Livestock Judging Contest
- Saturday, April 9th will be our Project Animal Sale and Educational Day


Tax Deductions for Leaders and Parents

Because 4-H is a nonprofit organization, there are certain contributions, if made to the 4-H Program that may be deductible on your federal income tax return:



- Fair market value of property and materials donated
- Cash contributions to 4-H
- Non-reimbursed out-of-pocket expenditures of meals, lodging, transportation, stationary, postage, telephone calls, and refreshments.

These expenses must be incurred while participating in a 4-H event or function or must be directly related to 4-H. Volunteers

 must keep accurate records which includes the date of donation and the amount of cost or fair market value of the goods donated. Keep all receipts and cancelled checks to support deductions.

What cannot be claimed:

The value of your volunteer services
The costs of transporting or paying expenses for your own children

Be sure to check with your tax consultant if you have any questions.

4-H Uniform Closet

Our 4-H uniform closet currently has a variety of FREE white pants & shirts for our members to select from.



If you are in need of whites, stop by the office. If you have whites that are too small or no longer in use, please bring them by the office to add to our supply. This is a great help to new and returning families in our 4-H program.

COUNTYWIDE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE PROJECT MEETING DATES & TIMES

2nd Monday of Every Month – 5:00 p.m.
Kelseyville Presbyterian Church
January - June

LEAVING MEMBERS AT MEETINGS

What should you, as an appointed 4-H leader, do when the meeting is over and the parent is not there to pick the member up and you must leave to go somewhere? Although it is tempting to leave a member, assuming the parent is on his or her way, it is wrong. When a member is left in your custody, that member is your responsibility. Because each circumstance will be different, the University has developed the following guidelines:

- Have **TWO** other adults, one being an appointed volunteer leader, one you know and trust, who is not in a hurry, wait with the child until the parent arrives.
- Have the child call home immediately after the meeting to see if a parent forgot about the time (this, surprisingly, happens often).
- Schedule the meeting to begin and end at a specific time. Remind parents when they drop a child off that you have another commitment immediately following the meeting and they must arrive on time to pick up their child.

What if there is not a second adult to stay with the member? Never take the child with you to your destination. Unfortunately, the only option is to contact the Sheriff's Office to pick the child up. This may be a frightening experience and no one looks forward to carrying through with this option. Although it is unpleasant, it is safer than leaving a member alone to wait.

Elements of a Strong 4-H Project

The number of years a member remains in 4-H is closely related to the amount of success and interest she/he experiences in their projects. Project leaders have considerable freedom in designing their programs. The following are a few suggestions to keep in mind when developing a strong 4-H project.

- ❖ At the beginning of your project, share project cost, requirements, and goals.
- ❖ Complete at least six or more hours of well planned and organized instruction.
- ❖ Provide all members hands-on learning and skill developing opportunities.
- ❖ Encourage members to set personal goals and take an active role in the project.
- ❖ Encourage members to give presentations and provide other opportunities for building leadership skills.
- ❖ As a group, make or do something fun together.
- ❖ Help members keep their project records up-to-date.
- ❖ Keep parents informed and ask for help with specific tasks.
- ❖ Incorporate interesting activities, such as guest speakers, judging events, field trips and community service projects.

A strong project helps members develop new skills, provides hands-on learning experiences, maintains interest, and includes a variety of fun activities. For additional information, resources, or ideas, contact the 4-H office.



MISSING BOOK 4-H LENDING LIBRARY

Bantam Standards of Perfection 55.1

If you have this book please return it to the 4-H Office as soon as possible.

WHY Conference 2011

By Linda Edgington

4-H YDP Representative Mendocino County

You've heard the name WHY, but do you know what it is? WHY conference is a Sectional Teen Conference; that Mendocino and Lake Counties are hosting in 2011. It is held in the fall, for 4-H members from Northern California that are in the 6-12 grades. It is a leadership conference with fun activities, informative workshops and lots of time to meet new people.

Teens from both Mendocino and Lake Counties will be involved planning and running the conference, with help from Leaders and Parents. The details are not quite worked out yet but we are planning to use our regular camp facility at Camp Masonite Navarro (only this time we'll be in the 4-sided cabins in the lower section of the camp). We are considering the last weekend in September. The conference starts Friday night and ends at noon on Sunday.

We'll be meeting very soon to get started with the planning; we'll need volunteers; youth and adults to work on committees to make this a memorable event. Teens this is your conference, start thinking about what you'd like to have as workshops, evening activities and a community service activity. If we ask very nicely maybe our WONDERFUL camp cooks will cook up their magic for us!

Some committees that you might want to help with are:

Registration, Workshops, Food, T-shirts, Evening activities, Community Service activity, Name tags, Decorations

If you would like have questions or would like to help please contact Linda at 707-463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu

Are you one of those people who would rather go skydiving than talk in front of people?



IF SO

Be a Participate in:

'THE INTERVIEW CONTEST' at "FLING" 2011



For those members who attend FAIR landing the perfect fair buyer could eventually land you the perfect job. The interview contest can sharpen your skills that make a huge difference in the way you approach your buyers for fair

Here are the model jobs you can apply for:

Jr. Div
Jr. Park Ranger
Bike Safety Demonstrator
Pet Feeder

Intermediate Div
Gardener
Hiking guide
Bakery Assist

Senior Div
Vet Technician
Sales Associate
Coffee bar Attendant

Go to 'email link' to get more info on how this will work, or check with your community club leader for more info coming to their boxes soon. All questions can be emailed to Joanna at lqcandle@yahoo.com Hello, my name is Joanna parker, and I am the vice president of the Anderson marsh 4-h club. This is my 7th year in 4-H and I am a freshman in high school. The 'Interview Contest', at the 2011 Spring Fling is my emerald star project.

Hi my name is Clara Carstensen and I am reporting on the 2010 ADGA (American Dairy Goat Assoc.) National Dairy Goat Convention which was held in Tucson Arizona this year. On the first day of the Convention we played ice breaker games to get to know each other, then had a linear appraisal seminar, made posters for the Poster Contest, had an AI seminar for breeding goats, then finished the day with a pizza party and scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt was really fun!!!! On the second day we went on a field trip to the Sonoran Desert Museum for a few hours, which was really fun, and we had lunch at the Museum to. When we got back to the convention we drew goats on squares for the quilt that my sister Kelsey was making to raffle for money for the next years Youth part of the convention. At the end of the day we had a Quiz Bowl test to see who would be on the two teams. There was also a Skill-a-thon that had two levels; I was on the Jr level.

And on the third day we did Poisonous plants and what they could do to the goats, a veterinary seminar, a showmanship seminar and storytelling. At the Youth Banquet that night we found out which team won the Posters Contest, it was the team Kelsey and I were on. They also announced the scholarship winner which was my sister Kelsey. Kelsey also won the Jr level of the Skill-a-thon. The Quiz Bowl was fun to watch and I learned a lot from it. And then they announced the new Youth Rep for 2011 and my sister pulled the ticket for the quilt raffle.

We wet to Arizona for a field trip and the Convention. On the way home we went to the Grand Canyon at nightfall. It is *really* big and pretty at that time of day. While we were there I saw a lot of desert and cactus but it was still fun!

Arizona is a fun to visit but it was so good to come home!



Getting ready for the scavenger hunt



Kelsey with the quilt getting ready to draw ticket

County Presentation Day
February 27, 2011
Upper Lake Middle School, Upper Lake

Location: Upper Lake Middle School

Check-in: 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Orientation: Judges & Area Chairs 1:00 p.m.

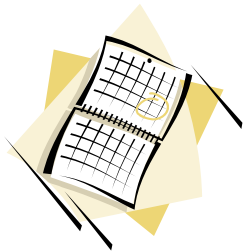
Presentations Begin: 1:30 p.m.

The day will conclude with an Awards Ceremony.

Registration forms are available online at <http://ucanr.org/4hforms/information>, and at the 4-H Office.

A copy of the 4-H Presentation Manual is also available online at <http://ucanr.org/4hforms/information>. For more information on Presentation Day, please contact the 4-H office.

Reminder: All members planning to show or sell an animal at the 2011 Lake County Fair must fulfill the presentation requirement.



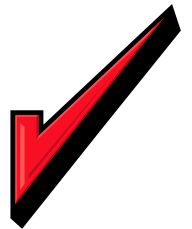
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SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

SATURDAY - APRIL 9, 2011

HOSTED BY HUMBOLDT COUNTY

MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT MONTHS 4-1-1!!!



8th Annual

NORTH COAST YOUTH SUMMIT



February 12, 2011

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

College of the Redwoods

All 7th—12th grade youth (and adults who work with these youth) are invited to attend this outstanding annual event held this year on the College of the Redwoods campus. There will be 40 dynamic workshops available on topics that will empower youth to a "Time for Action!," and keynote speakers who will motivate and challenge delegates to confidently be agents of change in their world.

Full details and registration forms are on our website: <http://ysummit.org>



4-H Calendar



January

- 19 First Camp Counselor meeting—6:30-8:00 p.m. Ukiah 4-H Office
24 4-H Council Meeting - Lower Lake School House Museum

February

- 5 Safe Food Handling Workshop, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - 4-H Office
12 North Coast Youth Summit, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.-College of the Redwoods
27 County Presentation Day, Upper Lake Middle School, Upper Lake

March

- 12 4-H Fling & Expo

April

- 9 Sectional Presentation Day, Humboldt County

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The 4-H 4-1-1

It contains dates, deadlines and other important information. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the 4-H Office at (707)263-6838.



Sincerely,

Julie Frazell

4-H Youth Development Program Representative



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