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NEXT 4-H Council Meeting
September 24, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Lower Lake High School Library

2012 Lake County Fair

Theme:

“Summer’s Biggest Blast”



All Market Animals will be photographed on Wednesday, August 29th. 4-H members must be present, in uniform, and ready for their photo at the assigned time.

All Market Beef – Pre-weigh on Thursday, August 9, 2012 from 6:00 - 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds

All Poultry and Turkeys – Health inspection - 7 am – 10 am, Wednesday, August 29, 2012

All Breeding Animals must be at the fairgrounds before 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Livestock Auction: 1:00 pm start time, September 1, 2012

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

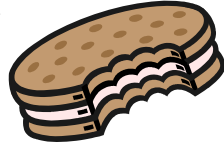
It is that time of the year and the Lake County Fair is just around the corner! I wanted to pass on a few tips and reminders regarding 4-H members participating in the Livestock show and sale. Fair can be a very stressful time, I hope these tips are useful and increase your fun at the Lake County Fair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

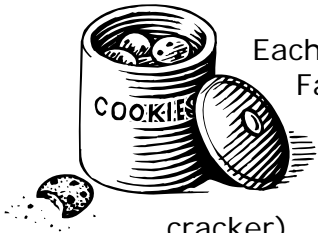
- Read the Exhibitor handbook, there have been many changes this year. Know the rules and requirements and ask questions before you arrive at fair.
- Know when your animals will be photographed, weighed, shown, and sold before you arrive at fair.
- Upon arrival, report to the Livestock Office.
- Allow 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 FAMILY 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 2nd to the livestock office. Helpers are welcome on auction day for shifts between 1:00-5:00p.m. Please provide Clover Bud 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.

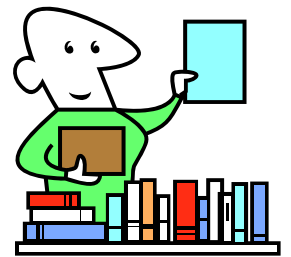


Keep all pens, stalls, and walkways clean, neat and picked up. When moving your animal, clean up the area where the animal traveled or waited. Remember to feed, water, and groom your animal daily, more if needed.

- 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.



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!



The Awards Ceremony will be held Sunday, September 2, 2012 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

Reminders!!!

- Community Leaders, Project Leaders and other 4-H volunteers **cannot sign** the Lake County Fair *Adults' Code of Conduct* on behalf of any 4-H member and any document that contains a hold harmless agreement. This includes all **fair entry forms**. Parents will sign the fair entry form and Adult's Code of Conduct on behalf of their child(ern) and family but not as an affiliation of the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Any document that contains **any** of the follow language may be considered a Hold Harmless Agreement: **I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmlessfrom any and all claims and losses occurring or resulting to any and all persons in connection with my participation.....from any and all claims and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured as a result of my participation.**

If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H office.

Auction Information

The auction will be Saturday, September 3rd. 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 2nd:

- 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 anima



ENROLLMENT DEADLINE REMINDER

The new 4-H year has begun as of July 1, 2012. You now are able to re-enroll for the program year 2012-2013. Online re-enrollment instructions are included in this newsletter. If you do not wish to re-enroll online paper packets are available online at <http://ucanr.org/enrollmentforms> and at the 4-H Office.

All members' enrollment forms and fees (**\$28 per youth and \$10 per adult**) must be complete and on file at the 4 H office by **September 15th**. Members completing enrollment after this date may not be eligible for animal projects related to the Lake County Fair without petitioning Lake County Executive Board for special permission.

Important Dates

July 1st - Beginning of 4-H Program Year, Member Stripes, Stars, Jr/Teen Leader patches available at 4-H office



August 15th - Enter Financial Reports online: inventory and annual financial report for all 4-H bank accounts. Due to the 4-H staff: Peer review, inventory, annual financial report, budget, volunteer and member recognition forms, proficiencies awards.

September 14th-Submit judge's names for county record book judging

September 15th - Last Day to enroll. All members' enrollment forms and fees must be complete and on file at the 4-H office.

New Volunteer Leader Appointment Process

All new volunteer leaders are required to complete an adult enrollment application, be fingerprinted for a background clearance, and attend a leader orientation. Adults **MAY NOT** hold meetings until all three steps of the appointment process have been completed. The 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of California is committed to providing a safe environment for young people involved in Cooperative Extension activities.

ATTENTION

THE SEPTEMBER 1ST COUNTYWIDE SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING IS CANCELLED AND WILL NOT BE RESCHEDULED.



2012 WHY Conference



Theme:

“We Help Youth Put the Pieces Together”

September 21-23, 2012

Diamond Arrow, Nevada City, CA

Registration Forms Available at the 4-H Office

COUNTY RECORD BOOK JUDGING

September 26, 2012

4-H Office - 6:00pm

If you are submitting your record book for county judging you must turn it in to the 4-H Office by **August 31st**. All clubs submitting record books for judging please submit your judge's names by September 17th.



If you would like to Judge County record books or know someone who would, please contact the 4-H Office at (707) 263-6838 or email Nicole at nmgentry@ucdavis.edu.

ALL STAR RANK EARNED

Asia Jones, age 16, and 6 year member of the Blue Heron 4-H Club has earned her All Star rank, the highest star rank in the 4-H organization. The award is available to youth who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, community service and participation in the 4-H organization on the club and country level. Jones also designed and hosted a multi-county livestock quiz bowl, observed local government in action, authored three published news stories about local 4-H events, visited several local 4-H chapters, and produced a powerpoint for the local clubs which explained the 4-H attire and star rank system. Asia's response, "Whoohoo, another star on my hat!"



4-H Council President Lisa Illg presents the star emblem to All Star Asia Jones

EMERALD STAR AWARD

Adrianna Guardado, a junior at Clear Lake High School and teen leader for the Blue Heron 4-H Club, has been awarded the 4-H Emerald Star, a special honor in recognition of her ability to plan, organize, present, and execute a project. Last March Adrianna raised \$600 for the local Meals on Wheels program with the support of local businesses who housed her coin collection jars, and generous donations by the Lakeport Kiwanis and the Scotts Valley 4-H Club.



Lake Co. 4-H Council President Lisa Illg presents Adrianna Guardado with the Emerald Star Award.

Are you - YouTube ready???

Written by: Cody Smith

Hi Cody Smith here and I would like to share with you, what I feel to be a very important topic facing the livestock industry. I was able to attend the 2011 NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota where I had the privilege of listening to Dr. Jodi Sterle, Associate Professor and Extension Swine Specialist at Texas A&M, speak about animal welfare and are you YouTube Ready???? I would like to share her very important message with you.

There is no other way to put it, the livestock industry is under attack from extreme groups such as PETA and HSUS. They are

putting doubt in the minds of the consumers on how our animals are raised and treated and they are using social media to achieve this.

A single photo or video portraying our industry in a negative way can impact our industry hugely. As most of us know, a lot of people have Internet access on their phone. You might think someone is texting, and really they may be taking a video. That video could be on YouTube or Facebook in 30 seconds and within 5 minutes you could have 10,000 hits We have all seen the downer cow video, the chicken farms and most recently the ani-

mal abuse on a swine farm in Wyoming all making the livestock industry look bad. 98 percent of Americans are not involved in food production and do not understand what it takes to produce what they eat. So we as producers must be ready to educate the general public.

Our ranches and fairs could be the only connection the general public has to Agriculture. How

we treat our animals in these places is extremely important. Fairs are very high profile and an excellent opportunity to educate the general public. Be prepared to answer what may seem to be silly questions but answer them truthfully and honestly. See it as an opportunity to tell Agriculture's story. Avoid using negative words such as slaughter, use harvest instead.

Carefully worded truthful answers will make a lasting impression and may often change a person's view of our industry. What we think is acceptable could be questionable for the people that are watching us. From a stand

point of moving our animals, picking the animal up from the ears and tail is not acceptable anymore. Since the show may be the only connection the general public may have with livestock, we the exhibitors must realize we are representing the entire livestock industry.

The opportunity to educate others doesn't only occur at the show itself. It may happen while talking to your friends at school, your neighbors, or even your grandparents or extended family members. Start thinking of your-

self as an advocate for the livestock industry.

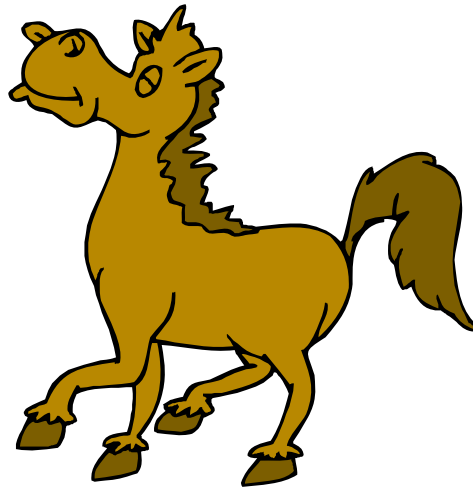
So remember, livestock exhibitions and shows are high profile. To many people it is their only connection to animal agriculture. With today's technology virtually everyone has a camera and or video camera on their phone. With a little preparation and forethought, you can be the best ambassador and representative that our industry could ask for!

So, as you load up the tack and hook up the trailer to head out to the next show, ask yourself: "Am I YouTube Ready?"



Lake County 4-H All Star Project

Equine Field Day



WANTED!! 4-H Horse Project Members!

Where? Cole Creek Equestrian Center in Kelseyville

When? **Sunday, October 14th from 2:00-6:00 pm **NEW DATE****

Why? Increase knowledge of horses and improve horsemanship skills.

What will be happening?

- equine experts will be set up to share their skills and expertise
- demonstrations - clinics

Prizes!

Food!

Music!

Fun!

Must Sign Up, Call Today!! (707) 489-7038 or (707) 489-6595 Jocelyn Bennett



4-H Calendar



August

- 8 Online Financial Reporting Training - 4-H Office—6:00 p.m.
- 15 Enter Financial Report Online
- 29 2012 Lake County Fair - Animals into fair
- 31 Last day to submit record books due to the 4-H Office for County Record Book Judging

September

- 14 Submit Judges names for County Record Book Judging
- 15 Last Day to enroll. All members' enrollment forms and fees must be complete and on file at the 4-H office.
- 21-23 WHY Conference - Diamond Arrow, Nevada City
- 24 4-H Council Meeting - Lower Lake High School Library - 6:30 p.m.
- 26 County Record Book Judging - 4-H Office - 6:00 p.m.

October

- 7 Achievement Night - Location & Time - TBA
- 14 Equine Field Day - Cole Creek Equestrian Center in Kelseyville 2-6 p.m.

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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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