The 4-H Connection

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Date	Event/Location/Time	Contact	Phone
FEBRUARY			
8	**DUE OR POSTMARKED:** Favorite Foods Day Entries, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
8	**DUE:** Dairy Science Skill-a-thon Entries for Favorite Foods Day participation to Cooperative Extension Office	Carla Sousa	559-684-3321
8	**DUE OR POSTMARKED**: Camp Junior Counselor Applications to Cooperative Extension Office	Carla Sousa	559-684-3321
12	**DUE**: Agenda items for Leader Council, by 5:00 P.M. Send to Janice Gish, 24313 Ave. 80, Terra Bella, CA 93270-9646	Janice Gish	559-535-0938
14	Dog Days Out – "Canine Good Citizen Testing", Sunset Park, 5743 W. Lisendra Dr., Visalia, 1:00 P.M.	Becky Terry	559-799-3883
16	Record Book Workshop, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office, Topic: Personal Development Form	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
16	Leader Council Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Janice Gish	559-535-0938
20	**CANCELLED** - Horse Pre-Achievement Day, 1:00 P.M., Porterville Fairgrounds	Jan Walker	559-310-5794
22	**DUE OR POSTMARKED:** 4-H Presentation Day Entries to Cooperative Extension Office	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
22	**DUE:** Dairy Science Skill-a-thon Entries for County Presentation Day participation to Cooperative Extension Office	Carla Sousa	559-684-3321
22	New Leader Orientation, *7:00 – 9:00 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
25	Camp Junior Counselor Interviews, UCCE Tulare Co. Office	Carla Sousa	559-684-3321
27	Favorite Foods Day, Tulare County Agricultural Building, 4437 S. Laspina St., Tulare, 9:30 A.M. Registration Begins	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
MARCH			
4	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
4	**DUE:** 2010 State 4-H Shooting Sports Match Entries to Cooperative Extension Office by 7:00 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
4	**DUE:** Dale Wimp T-Shirt Logo Contest Entry by 7:00 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
11	Horse Committee Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Jan Walker	559-310-5794
13	4-H County Presentation Day, Rockford School, 14983 Road 208, Porterville, 8:30 A.M. Registration Check-In	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
15	Record Book Workshop, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office, Topic: 14 & Up Summary Pages	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
15	Ag Advisory Board Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Jan Walker	559-310-5794
15	Indoor Advisory Board Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	James Searcy	559-782-0217
19	RSVP for Food Safety Training	Shari Connelly	559-684-3303
20	Woodlake 4-H Archery Match, Woodlake Antelope Archers Range, Woodlake, 9:00 A.M.	Michele or John Dow	559-564-2884 or 559-804-1769
22	**DUE OR POSTMARKED**: Fashion Revue Entry Forms to Cooperative Extension Office, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
23	Food Safety Training, *7:00 – 9:00 P.M.	Carla Sousa	559-684-3321

If you require a disability accommodation in order to participate in any of the 4-H YDP events, please contact Leah Spaulding at 559-684-3322, at least two weeks before the event.

4-H FAIR HOST AND HOSTESSES FOR INDOOR BUILDING

The following is needed:

Friday, April 30

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Two clubs
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Two clubs
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Two clubs

Saturday, May 1

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – One club
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. – Two clubs
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – One club
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Filled

Several clubs are needed to fill the above time slots for the Indoor Exhibit Building. See below for the other clubs that are hosting the building. A club needs to provide four 4-H members and one leader. The members may be dressed in the 4-H uniform or a club T-shirt. To sign up for one of the remaining slots, contact Shari, 559-684-3303, no later than March 12.

The clubs already scheduled to host are:

Saturday, May 1

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Tulare 4-H
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Pleasant View 4-H
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Springville 4-H & Elbow Creek 4-H

There is still a need for two 4-H Building Host Coordinators. This needs to be filled by a 4-H leader. One is needed for Friday, April 30, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M., and another is needed for Saturday, May 1, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Consult past newsletters for more information.

ORIENTATION MEETING FOR NEW PROSPECTIVE LEADERS

All new prospective leaders for the 2009-2010 year must attend an orientation which includes being fingerprinted**.** This orientation is for all new leaders, whether it is for a project, transportation or an activity. If an adult is returning after being away from 4-H for over a year (was not a 4-H leader during the 2008-2009 year), they must attend an orientation as a refresher and be fingerprinted again.

When: Monday, February 22, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Where: Tulare County Agricultural Building, 4437 S. Laspina St., Tulare

Please R.S.V.P. to Shari, 559-684-3303, two days before the date of the orientation. The orientation will be cancelled if there is no response as of that date.

Policy requires all prospective volunteers to be "card carrying" before leading a project meeting or acting in any volunteer capacity.

FAVORITE FOODS DAY

When: Saturday, February 27, 2010
Where: Tulare County Agricultural Building
4437 S. Laspina St., Tulare
Deadline: Entries due or postmarked by February 8, 2010

All members enrolled in either Foods & Nutrition, Food Preservation, Beginning 4-H, Cake Decorating, Vegetable Gardens & Crops Project and Indoor and Mini Garden Project are encouraged to participate in this event. Entry forms and guidelines are being sent to the leaders of these projects or they are available at the Cooperative Extension Office and online at: http://cetulare.ucdavis.edu . The parent, participant, and his/her leader must sign the entry form. Contact the Cooperative Extension Office for additional information at 559-684-3300.

COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

4-H Presentation Day is designed to give 4-H members experience in public speaking skills. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Rockford School, 14983 Road 208, Porterville.

Please note, only members in the 7th grade and above may enter Impromptu Speech and Problem Solving. 4-H'ers participating in one of these categories may also enter two other categories.

Presentation Day booklets have been sent to Community Club Leaders and will be available online for your use. Club entries are due February 22.

Schedule of the day:

8:30 A.M.	Donuts, coffee and hot chocolate for sale (Burton 4-H)
8:30 – 9:15 A.M.	Registration check-in for participants
9:00 A.M.	Judges' and M.C. Orientation
9:45 A.M.	Mandatory Parent and Participant Orientation
10:00 A.M.	Presentations Begin
11:00 A.M.	Lunch and Planned Activities – Virtual Shooting Gallery and 4-H Jeopardy
12:00 P.M.	Estimated time for Awards Assembly

Burton 4-H is hosting a food booth. Lunch meal pre-sales are encouraged. See entry form in booklet.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Project Pre-Achievement Day on Saturday, February 20 has been **cancelled.** All first Unit Horse Project members will be performing their Pre-Achievement skills at Horse Achievement Day on Sunday, April 18. The schedule is as follows:

Schedule of the Day

- **7:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. - Check In**
- **8:00 A.M. - Mandatory Exhibitors Meeting**
- **8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. - Pre-Achievement Skills**
- **9:30 A. M. - Morning Classes begin**

Please contact your Horse Project leader if you have any questions.

CREATE A DESIGN! ENTER THE STATE 4-H HORSE CLASSIC ARTWORK CONTEST!

All 4-H'ers are invited to enter the design contest for the artwork for the "State 4-H Horse Classic – Championship Horse Show" for t-shirt sales. The winning entry will receive a free t-shirt with their design. The event is held in Watsonville, CA at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. For design ideas, check out the neighboring landscape and tourist attractions. It can be comical or serious. Be creative!

Please submit your artwork on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper in black/white and color versions. It may be computer generated or hand drawn. Make it simple for a screen print with a maximum of 3 colors.

Please attach your name, address, city, telephone number, and age to the entry. For mailing, place in a secure cardboard envelope labeled "do not bend".

Deadline is March 31, 2010. Send entries to: Tammy Fletcher, State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee, 471-070 Eternal Springs Way, Susanville, CA 96130.

These are the previous years' designs for programs, t-shirts, awards, etc.

CALIFORNIA 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

WOODLAKE 4-H ARCHERY MATCH

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010
Time: 9:00 A.M.

Open to all current 4-H members. There will be 3 age groups and 4 shooting classes. Members will shoot 28 targets and 2 arrows per target, distances will vary depending on age. Awards will be given for 1st through 6th place.

The match will be held at the Woodlake Antelope Archers range, which is just north of the Woodlake Rodeo grounds.

There is a $10.00 entry fee to go towards awards expenses. Lunch will be available following the match for $5.00, which includes chili dogs, chips, drink and dessert.

For more information contact John or Michele Dow at 559-564-2884 or 559-804-1769, email dowgirl@msn.com

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4-H Members Name _____

Age: _____ Club _____

Parent's name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Archery Experience: _____

Due by March 12th. Please mail to: Woodlake 4-H Archery Match, 38724 Rd. 206, Woodlake, CA 93286. Checks payable to: Woodlake 4-H.

2010 TULEQUOIA 4-H CAMP – COME AND ENJOY WHAT EVERONE IS TALKING ABOUT

4-H Camp Tulequoia will be held July 11-16 at the YMCA camp grounds at Sequoia Lake. Here are 5 reasons why you should be planning to attend: #5, there's campfires each night with skits and singing; #4, the lake – location, location; #3, fishing, fishing, fishing; #2, enjoying free time activities of boating, crafts, swimming, volleyball, or hiking; and the #1 reason, you make new friends and it is so much fun!

The camper fees will be $225 and for adult counselors, $135. Adult counselors must be a card carrying 4-H leader and 25 years of age or older. 4-H campers must be a 4-H member, 9 years old or 4th grade by June 30, 2010 to those currently in the 8th grade. Registration forms will be out by March. Be checking the county website for application forms and also for pictures from the 2009 camp.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOPS PLANNED

The Incentives and Recognition Committee is scheduling four workshops. Each workshop will focus on one part of the record book. All leaders, parents and especially members are encouraged to participate. Bring record books and forms with you, ready to work on them. If you do your record book forms on your computer and have a laptop available, bring it too! All meetings will meet one hour before the Advisory and Leader Council meetings. The schedule is as follows:

February 16 – 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Topic - Personal Development Form

March 15 – 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Topic - 14 and Up Summary Pages

April 19 – 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Topic - My 4-H Story

May 17 – 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Topic – How to Organize Your Record Book.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Primary Members (Mini Members): A youth must be at least 5 years old or in Kindergarten as of December 31 of the 4-H program year (July 1 - June 30). A mini member signs up for the **"Mini Member Project"**, 9-A (no other projects), and pays the program and duplication fees. The club needs to have a Mini Member Project Leader in order to offer the project. This member does not participate in any competitive events. The only approved animal projects for primary members are dogs, rabbits, rats, cats, poultry, cavies, mice, embryology, entomology, marine science, pygmy goats, and therapeutic animal projects. The youth are allowed to participate in these projects through the "Mini Member Project" as long as curriculum is provided and activities are developed which do not involve ownership or care of an animal which, by its size and/or nature is unsuitable for a young handler. Primary activities occur mostly at the project and club level.

4-H Member: A youth must be 9 years old or in the 4th grade as of December 31 of the 4-H program year (July 1 - June 30). Youth are eligible for membership in 4-H through December 31st of the year in which she/he turns 19 years of age. If a Primary Member turns 9 years old after December 31 of the 4-H program year and desires to join 4-H as a regular member, they must wait until July 1st to join for the upcoming 4-H year as a regular member. This means that if the youth joined the current 4-H year as a primary member, they remain a primary member for the balance of the year.

For Home Schooled Children: The age criteria only will apply.

TULARE COUNTY FAIR - AGE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

4-H Exhibitors may exhibit at ages 9 – 19 years as of January 1, 2010.

4-H Club Members: Tulare County 4-H Club members only. New members are eligible to compete if they have a properly completed enrollment form on file in the UCCE-4-H office no less than 60 days, or in the case of Market Beef, 120 days prior to opening day of fair.

26th ANNUAL STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MATCH

Siskiyou County 4-H Leaders Council will host the 2010 State 4-H Shooting Sports Match.

All participants, members and leaders must be currently enrolled in the 4-H program.

Contact your shooting sports leaders for entry information. Entry forms and club checks are to be made payable to Tulare County 4-H Leader Council, and are due by Thursday, March 4th to the Cooperative Extension Office.

2010 DALE WIMP RIFLE MATCH T-SHIRT LOGO CONTEST

The Tulare County Shooting Sports Leader Committee would like to invite all Shooting Sports Members to participate in the 2010 Dale Wimp Rifle Match T-Shirt logo contest. This year the committee is asking that a logo and motto be designed for the front upper left portion of the shirt and the back. Requirements are as follows:

1. Must be submitted on a 5" x 7" card
2. Must use official 4-H logo
3. Deadline – Thursday, March 4, 2010 by 7:00 P.M.

The winner of the contest will receive a free 2010 match t-shirt and a free lunch on the day of match. Entries should be mailed or hand delivered to T-Shirt Contest, UCCE 4-H Office, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274. Examples of past year's motto's are: "Set Your Sights On Target", "Mark Your Target", "Target Your Talents" and "Aim True", "One Point at a Time – Aiming to Help", "Improving Lives – Goal In Your Sights".

The shooting sports leader committee reserves the right to judge entries for appropriateness in regards to the policies and procedures of the California 4-H Youth Development Program. For more information contact your club's Shooting Sports Leader or the Cooperative Extension Office. If appropriate, multiple entries may be used.

4-H FAIR CHANGES – INDOOR PROJECTS

The following are changes that you will see in the 4-H Fair Book for indoor building exhibits. These changes have been discussed at the Indoor Advisory Board meetings. Were you there to give your input?

Rules: Indoor exhibit entries that do not meet the stated rules will not be eligible for Champion awards.

Dairy Foods Science Skill-a-thon: Guidelines included along with 4-H fair entry form.

Beginning 4-H: Project is only for 1st year 4-H members in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Food Preservation: Number of items to enter is 5.

Indoor and Mini Gardens: The entry must have been planted by the individual. Suggested entries are potted plants that may have single or multiple plants in the container; dish gardens; hanging plants; terrariums; herb gardens.

Photography: 4-H member must designate on the entry tag if the camera is digital or film. There will no longer be a class for digital and a separate class for film.

There is no double matting of the prints, no frames, and no cut out mats.

Please refer to the 4-H Fair Book to view the complete description for this project.

Sugar Beets: All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.

Vegetable Gardens and Crops: All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor. No vegetable plants, such as tomato plants or potted vegetable gardens, will be judged. Please refer to the 4-H Fair Book to view the complete description for this project and for a description of the project exhibits.

2010 4-H FAIR INDOOR EXHIBITS

The following is still needed:

- ☐ **Host Coordinator**: Coordinate clubs hosting indoor building exhibits.
  - ☐ Friday, April 30, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
  - ☐ Saturday, May 1, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M

Department Chairs Needed are as follows:
Electricity & Electronics / Metal Working / Robotics /Small Engines / Woodworking – **Need one more chair**

Clothing & Textiles – **Need one chair**

4-H FAIR CHANGES and UPDATES LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Swine Project:
Exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H Swine Project and have ownership of the animal a minimum of 60 days prior to fair. Hogs will be classified as pure bred or cross bred. There will not be breed designated classes. Purebred hogs must present registration papers at scales at weigh in, to be entered in the purebred class. Weight classes will be determined after weigh-in.

***Top limit on Market Hogs is a maximum of 265 lbs. Hogs in the 266+ lb. range will not be allowed to be shown in market classes or sold at the 4-H Fair Auction. Participants whose hogs have fallen in the overweight category will be eligible to show in their respective showmanship class.**

Sheep Project:
Sheep Tail Docking - To qualify for exhibit, market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. The 4-H Fair will be checking lamb tail docking at the scales at weigh-in. Lambs that have unacceptable tail dockings will be given a warning for the 2010 4-H Fair, but note that lambs that have no dock will not be eligible to show or sale in future 4-H Fairs.

Dairy Project:
Exhibitors must provide proof of tuberculosis testing for all dairy breeding cattle over six (6) months of age with one of the following documents:

1. Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative TB test obtained within sixty (60) days prior to exhibition of all cattle to be sold, or
2. Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative TB test obtained within six months prior to exhibition of all cattle for exhibition only, or
3. Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative whole herd test for the animal's herd of origin (i.e., the herd where the animal has resided for a minimum 4-month period of time immediately prior to the exhibition) obtained within the twelve (12) months prior to the exhibition, or
4. A letter from CDFA verifying the completion date of a negative whole herd test for tuberculosis and specifying the official identification of exhibition animals from the herd.

Verification of TB testing documentation should be accomplished prior to unloading of exhibition animals on the fair premises.

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

WHEN: Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

WHERE: Cooperative Extension Office
4437-B S. Laspina Street, Tulare

Each club needs to have at least three 4-H leaders who have been trained in food safety. In order for your club to hold any events/fundraisers involving the cooking/baking of food, there must be a 4-H leader in attendance at that event who has attended a Food Safety Training meeting and assisting with the coordination of the activity. Otherwise, your club will not be able to have any food fund raisers if the leaders are not trained.

Please RSVP to Shari, 559-684-3303 by March 19, if you plan on attending.

TULARE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES!

The following scholarship applications are due or postmarked by May 10, 2010 to the Tulare County Cooperative Extension Office. Applications are available online:
http://cetulare.ucdavis.edu/4%2DH%5FProgram/Scholarship_Information.htm

The guidelines applications for these scholarships are as follows:

- Tartaglia 4-H Memorial Scholarship applicant must be either a graduating high school senior (or equivalent examination) or in his/her first year of college and currently enrolled in 4-H as a member. The applicant must be pursuing a degree in Agriculture or an agricultural related major. The scholarship is for $150.00.
- The HI-4-H Scholarship applicant must be either a graduating high school senior (or equivalent examination) or in his/her first year of college and currently enrolled in 4-H as a member and an active member of HI-4-H for 2 years inclusive. One $500 scholarship for one applicant may be awarded or up to five $100 scholarships.
- Tulare County Horse Scholarship applicant must be either a graduating high school senior (or equivalent examination) or in his/her first year of college and currently enrolled in 4-H as a member, active in the Horse project for three years inclusive, a Junior/Teen Leader for at least 2 years inclusive and a member of the county wide service project for at least one year. Amount to be up to $500.00 individually or 2 scholarships up to $250.00.
- The Tulare County 4-H Scholarship is available to Tulare County 4-H members. This is a Memorial Scholarship from donations made in honor of former members, leaders or 4-H supporters. Any club or individual can donate to this scholarship by contacting the Cooperative Extension Office.

Purpose: The Tulare County 4-H Scholarship is offered to encourage 4-H members to continue their education beyond the high school level.

Additional requirements are listed in the guidelines. Applications are now available online and at the Cooperative Extension Office.

2010 STATEWIDE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2010, and sent to the California State 4-H Office. All required information must be included with the application to be considered. The California State 4-H Office will notify recipients by June 1, 2010. Checks will be sent by August 1, 2010.

Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships, but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply. Submit only one application cover page, resume and essay, even if applying for multiple scholarships.

Visit the following website for more information and applications:
http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/

CRITERIA
All applicants are evaluated on leadership and citizenship experiences, how 4-H has shaped the candidate's future goals, and other stated criteria for each scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY
Candidates must be:
- Planning on enrolling or already enrolled in an institute of higher education. This includes high school seniors and those already enrolled in higher education.
- Between the ages of 16 and 25 as of April 30, 2010.
- Were enrolled in the California 4-H Youth Development Program at the time of their high school graduation.
- Full-time students as defined by the applicant's institution, at an accredited vocational school, college or university in the United States.

DIRECTIONS
Applications must contain the following to be considered:
- One Application Cover Page (with County Cooperative Extension 4-H Staff signature)
- One Resume (maximum 1 page)
- One Essay (maximum 1 page)
- Enrollment and GPA Verification for each candidate from an authorized school official on the cover page. School official may be contacted if the candidate is seriously considered for a scholarship. Candidates may include a copy of academic transcripts in place

of the school verification. Note: Past academic performance consideration is only given to those applying for a scholarship which indicates a required GPA level.

Contact: State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518, fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu

Dean Memorial Legacy Scholarship
Award: Three $1,000 scholarships are available.
Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing any field of scholastic endeavor at accredited colleges or universities in the United States. Applicants will be judged on demonstrated level of skill and knowledge in any project area.

Mabel W. Jacks Scholarship
Award: Five: $700 scholarships are available.
Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing any field of scholastic endeavor at accredited colleges or universities in the United States. Consideration will be given to those students pursuing higher education who, in the absence of a scholarship, might otherwise be unable to attend a college or university. Financial need is determined based on the essay.

American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) Agricultural Scholarship
Award: Two $1,000 scholarships to attend a four-year university in California. One $250 scholarship to attend a two-year community college in California.

Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing a degree in rural appraising, agricultural education, agricultural management or agricultural financial services. All applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

Samarin Family Vocational Education Scholarship
Award: One $1,000 scholarship is available.
Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in a vocational/trade school or Junior College vocational training program in the United States.

Frank Woods Memorial Scholarship
Award: One $1,000 scholarship is available.
Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing a degree in an agriculturally-based field of study at accredited colleges or universities in the United States. All Candidates must have a 2.8 GPA or higher.

David Steele Memorial Scholarship
Award: One $1,000 scholarship is available.
Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing a degree in a science or engineering-based field of study. All candidates must have a 3.5 GPA or higher.

LA-CO Industries Scholarship
LA-CO Markal®, a manufacturer of livestock marking products for the agriculture industry, regards 4-H as a very worthwhile organization for youth who want to learn more about the very important agriculture industry and the key role it plays in the world today. The company is proud to sponsor a $1,000 scholarship each year for continued education in an agricultural field of study.
Award: One $1,000 scholarship.

- Awards shall be given to students pursuing a degree in an agricultural large animal production field of study.
- All candidates must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher.
- Consideration will be given to those students pursuing higher education who, in the absence of a scholarship, might otherwise be unable to attend a college or university (financial need). Financial need is determined based on the essay.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Go to: http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/ for more information and links to the applications.

Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship
Deadline: May 15 to National 4-H Council
$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to California 4-H members.

South Central Sectional 4-H Council Scholarship
Deadline: April to UCCE Stanislaus County 4-H Office Six, $250.00 scholarships can be awarded to California 4-H members.
For 4-H members in Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Tuolumne counties.

West Coast Equine Foundation Dick Randall Memorial Scholarship
Deadline: June 30 to W.C.E.F.
Scholarships are awarded to individuals to assist them with their educational goals, with a preference toward those focusing on a future in the equine or agricultural industry.

California Farm Bureau Scholarships
Deadline: March 1 to CFB
The California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation was organized to give aid to students with a desire to pursue a career in the agricultural industry. The scholarships are awarded annually based upon academic achievement, career goals, extracurricular activities, determination, leadership skills, and a commitment to study agriculture.

Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship
Deadline: March 12, 2010 to the State Fair. Scholarship applications available online at: www.bigfun.org .
California college students and graduating high school students are eligible. This year, 24 scholarships will be awarded in the following areas: arts, general studies, agriculture, international studies, teaching credential

programs, fair management, business, sports management, history, viticulture, enology and culinary.

All applicants are also eligible for the Ironstone Concours d' Elegance $5,000 outstanding candidate scholarship.

The Friends of the Fair Scholarship Program was initiated in 1993 and is a collaborative effort of the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair and The California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council.

REACH FOR THE STARS

Tulare County All Star 2009-2010:
Now is the time to seriously consider applying to be Tulare County All Star. You should begin to prepare for All Star selection by reviewing your achievements in 4-H, school, and community activities. This is an honor and provides an expanded opportunity to serve the program as developers and extenders within 4-H.

You must be 15 years of age by December 31, 2009, be eligible for or have earned the Gold Star rank, and have been a member of 4-H for three years inclusive to apply. All applicants must also be currently enrolled in 4-H. Applications and guidelines are available at the Cooperative Extension Office. The All Star award is the highest county honor given in the 4-H program. Evidence of leadership skills, communication abilities, and citizenship are criteria used in the selection process. All Stars take a leadership role in countywide activities. Prepare now and good luck! **Applications are due or postmarked by April 12th, 2010**. Interview dates to be announced.

Ruby Star 4-H Leadership Project:
Ruby Star is for older members who have achieved the rank of Emerald Star and/or All Star and wish to complete a leadership plan on a county level or above.

High school and older aged members are encouraged to work in a more independent environment. At this level, there must be overall guidelines, general direction, and assistance, but highly independent and individualized plans and programs. The plan of proposed leadership should be offered on a county, sub-sectional, sectional or state level. Ruby Star projects should generally be on a level above and beyond the type of leadership plans used for Emerald Star projects.

Applicant Requirements:
Ruby Star applications will be accepted two times during the year at the same time as the Emerald Star, September and April. Applications for June-October 2008 project are due April 12. Applications can be found on the Tulare County 4-H Web site or at the Cooperative Extension Office.

EMERALD STAR PROGRAM

April 12 is the date Emerald Star applications are due for June-October activities. The Emerald Star program is for any 4-H member in the 8th grade and above, who hold the Gold Star rank and nothing higher. An Emerald Star applicant must present a plan of proposed leadership to be completed during the following six-month period. They must complete this plan, submit a self-evaluation on the plan (after completion), and show good leadership qualities and overall 4-H work throughout the year. Further details and guidelines are available at the Tulare County 4-H website and the Cooperative Extension Office.

POULTRY NEWS

Humboldt Poultry Fanciers' Association Show
When: February 13-14, 2010
Where: Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka, CA
Premium book online at: www.humboldtpoultry.org
Entries to: Agnes Wilson, P.O. Box 70, Malin, OR 97632

Showmanship and Avian Bowl judged by Dr. Francine Bradley. Youth Show information call Mrs. Lisa Jensen 707-733-1910.

Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers' Show
When: February 20, 2010
Where: Fresno County Fairgrounds

Showmanship and Avian Bowl judged by Dr. Francine Bradley. Information: Yvette Stephens 559-297-7306.

Avian Bowl Qualifier
When: Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.
Where: Ventura County Fairgrounds/Seaside Park (follow signs to correct building), Ventura, CA

STANISLAUS CO. YOUTH POULTRY SHOW

When: Saturday, March 20, doors open at 7:00 A.M.
Where: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA

Stanislaus County 4-H Poultry leaders are hosting a youth poultry show open to youth ages 5-18. Modesto JC Poultry department will host youth activities such as Poultry Judging, Poster Contest, Poultry Obstacle Course, Knowledge Quiz, Photo Contest and Showmanship.

Entries postmarked by March 5. Mail to: Anthony Rose, 6219 Griffin Rd., Turlock, CA 95382. Questions, call: 209-988-7762. Flyer, schedule and entry forms: http://groups.ucanr.org/Stanislaus4H/Livestock_Program/

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS – ARCHERY WORKSHOP

A training course for the 4-H archery discipline will be offered as a workshop at the 2010 California Camping Conference. The conference will take place at the Nevada 4-H Camp in Stateline, Nevada (Lake Tahoe). Cost for the conference includes $120 and includes meals, lodging, and course materials. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs.

Registrations are due by April 8, 2010. To download a copy of the registration form, visit the Camping Website at: http://groups.ucanr.org/%5F4hbaseca/ and click on the bar that reads "2010 Camp Conference Registration Form".

For more information contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or email: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

RABBITS – FROM THE ANIMAL'S POINT OF VIEW SERIES AVAILABLE

Available from UC ANR Catalog at: http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu, keyword "Rabbit".

1. What Does It Mean To Be A Rabbit?
2. Rabbit Housing
3. Rabbit Nutrition
4. Rabbit Disease
5. Rabbit Care & Responsibility

IS YOUR 4-H PROJECT INFORMATION AND PERSONAL INFORMATION CORRECT?

With the upcoming 4-H events and activities approaching, you want to be sure you are enrolled in your current 4-H projects and your personal information is correct, such as: home address, phone number, and email.

If you have any questions about your 4-H enrollment, please call Shari, 4-H Secretary, 559-684-3303.

ATTENTION CLUB REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERESTED LEADERS AND YOUTH!

Important information and meeting dates for February:

- February 8, **DUE OR POSTMARKED**, Favorite Foods Day Entries to Cooperative Extension Office
- February 8, DUE: Dairy Science Skill-thon Entries for Favorite Foods Day participation to Cooperative Extension Office
- February 8, **DUE OR POSTMARKED**, Camp Junior Counselor Applications to Cooperative Extension Office
- February 14, Dog Day Out – "Canine Good Citizen Testing", Sunset Park, 5743 W. Lisendra Dr., Visalia, 1:00 P.M.
- February 22, **DUE OR POSTMARKED**, 4-H Presentation Day Entries to Cooperative Extension Office
- February 22, **DUE**: Dairy Science Skill-a-thon Entries for County Presentation Day participation to Cooperative Extension Office
- February 25, Camp Junior Counselor Interviews
- February 27, Favorite Foods Day, Tulare County Agricultural Building, 4437 S. Laspina St., Tulare

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