



November 2009

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## FEATURED NEWS

### ***Knowledge Field Day January 9, 2010, by Jan Johansen***

It's time to put Knowledge Field Day 2010 on your calendar. The event will be held on **January 9, 2010** at Norton Hall from 9:00am to 12:00pm. You have probably heard of the Knowledge Field Day event. If not, here is a description. The Knowledge Merit Award program recognizes a 4-H members' understanding in a project area. When a member demonstrates proficiency in the project, he/she receives an award. These awards correspond to the beginning=certificate, novice=bronze metal, junior=silver metal, and advanced=gold metal knowledge levels. These proficiency awards create an incentive for 4-H members to increase their project knowledge. The Knowledge Merit Award Program encourages learning and rewards members for showing project understanding.

Members are given a variety of means for expressing their knowledge. Proficiency is demonstrated by an oral interview, written answers to a project information quiz, a short response to questions about their project or other appropriate hands-on methods. 4-H members show their project understanding during the Knowledge Field Day and at Spring Show. During the field day a project administrator evaluates the 4-H member in a project area in accordance with established criteria. Each project area has defined evaluation criteria. Awards are distributed at community 4-H meetings after the Knowledge Field Day. The following projects have evaluations. If you wish to add a new project or review the current evaluations, please contact Jan Johansen at [janjohansen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janjohansen@sbcglobal.net) or 530-756-6970 or Avery Campbell, youth leader at [kflory@att.net](mailto:kflory@att.net) or 662-0117.

Projects include: Aerospace & Rocketry, Archery, Astronomy, Baking, Beef, Breads, Camping and Outdoor Adventure, Cavies, Clothing, Cooking, Dog Care, Entomology, Fiber, Fisheries, Food Preservation, Goats, Goats (Meat), Horse, Leathercraft, Knitting, Music, Pets & Small Animals, Photography, Plant Science, Poultry, Rabbits, Service Dogs, Sheep, Sports, Swine, Woodworking

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

### ***CA Ethics Training, by Kayla Marks***

Attention All Species: Come join us on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 9:30 am at Norton Hall for California State Fair Quality Assurance and Ethics Training. You will receive a State certificate of completion. There will be a presentation along with a demonstration on drug residue.

### ***Sheep Education Class, by Kayla Marks***

Jim Yeager will be holding a sheep education class after the ethics training December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Sheep Knowledge Merit test will be given at this time and NOT at Sheep Skills Day. A pizza lunch will be served. Space is limited so please call and reserve your seat : Andy Timko 530-669-1564 or Email Kayla Marks at [rockinklamb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockinklamb@sbcglobal.net)

### ***Leader Orientation Dates***

Yolo County Leaders may attend any of the meetings listed below. All Attendees must RSVP to the County holding the meeting to attend. Fingerprinting forms may be found at [http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/FORMS.htm](http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/FORMS.htm)

#### ***Yolo County***

RSVP to: 530-666-8703

Location: Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:30pm

#### ***Sacramento County***

RSVP to: 916-875-6811

Location: Cooperative Extension Office, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7:00-9:15pm

#### ***San Joaquin***

RSVP to: 209-953-6106

Location: Cooperative Extension Office, 2101 E. Earhart Ave, Suite 200 Stockton

Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:00-8:30pm

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### **Miles for Meals Walkathon by Julie Mast**

The 21st Annual Miles for Meals Walkathon is set for Saturday, November 7, from 8-10am at the County Fair Mall in Woodland. It is the only indoor walkathon in our area which makes it fun no matter what the weather is! It is a wonderful family event where people of all ages walk together to help raise funds to feed the elderly people in our area. My kids have been walking in it since they were very young and always enjoy it. Bring your kids! There are many door prizes they can win as well as music from a DJ, a clown, balloons, and snacks! Each year this event raises around \$10,000. Walkers who raise \$25 will get a unique t-shirt and walkers who raise \$200 will get a sweatshirt as well. The child and adult who raise the most money will be awarded a bike donated by Foy's Bike Shop. I hope you can join us! Please see the flyer at [here](#) for more information. Thanks for your time and hope to see you there!

### **Leader's Council Meeting**

Next Leaders' Council meeting is Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 7:00pm in Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland, CA 95695.

### **Countywide Projects Schedule: - (Please notify your club prior to calling to join the project).**

**Archery, Dennis Orthmeyer, 530-666-2860**, for ages 9-19 - First meeting Dec 19<sup>th</sup> from 10-12:00pm at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland.

**Avian Science, Jan Johansen, 530-756-6970** - Next meetings Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30pm at 505 Cleveland St, Davis.

**Draft Horse, Debbie Martin, 530-757-2643** - Next meeting Nov 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10:00am, please call for location.

**Goats, Janet Berry, 530-666-0448** - Next meeting Nov 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 1:30pm at 7134 County Road 99W, Zamora.

**Hiking, Ken True, 530-753-4281** - Next meeting Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am 1204 Rosario St, Davis.

**Pets & Small Animals, Nancy Cannan, 530-666-1776** - Next meeting Nov 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-1:00pm at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland.

**Poultry Judging, Jan Johansen, 530-756-6970** - Next meetings Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm at 505 Cleveland St, Davis.

**Rabbits, Nancy Cannan, 530-666-1776** - Next meeting Nov 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-11:00am at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland.

**Vet Science, Nancy Cannan, 530-666-1776** - Next meetings Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5:00pm at Norton Hall, 70 Cottonwood St, Woodland.

### **4-H/FFA Aggie Football Day**

UC Davis Presents: FFA & 4-H Day with Aggie Football, Nov 7, 2009, 1:00pm, Aggie Stadium, Davis, CA,

### **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop**

Rifle Discipline, Tulare, CA

**Saturday, January 9, 2010 – 8:00am–6:00pm & Sunday, January 10, 2010 – 8:00am–4:00pm**

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information by contacting: John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu). For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: [http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin\\_field.htm](http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm)

### **Care Packages for the Troops**

The Military Support Family Group is sending packages for the holiday to the troops deployed overseas. Items are needed for the packages that are being sent Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in donating please see the flyer [here](#).

### **Fashion Revue**

There will be a Yolo County Fashion Revue this year. The date is still to be determined. Please contact Rachel Hazeltine if you are interested in helping out with this event at 530-795-5328.

### **Free Shoes from Payless**

Payless Shoes has a grass roots program where any qualified (4-H Clubs) 501(c)(3) charity which helps kids in need can sign up for free shoe coupons. They would like the coupons to go directly to the kids via the charity so they can go to the store to pick out the shoes themselves during the month of December. The charity sign up time is limited so clubs will need to get the word out quickly. For many of the children it may be their only new pair of shoes for the year. The pride, joy and self esteem a new pair of shoes can bring to a young child in need is powerful. So Clubs go to [www.paylessgives.com](http://www.paylessgives.com) and find out how your Club can sign up for this unique program. The program is designed to be a community effort which gets to those who need one of life's basic needs. Yet this need has powerful and lasting effect of building self esteem for our youth.

### **Regional Education Outreach Summits on Bio-Security in 4-H**

In order to improve the understanding of 4-H adult volunteers, veterinarians, and administrators from fairs and exhibitions about existing bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects in California and issues related to traceability, three Regional Education Outreach Summits will be offered by 4-H and Veterinary Medicine Extension. Each Education Outreach Summit will include four major components: a) an overview of current data on bio-security risks associated with 4-H Animal Science projects, including risks at exhibits and fairs, shows, and exhibitions; b) updated information from USDA on the current status of NAIS and animal traceability; c) a listening session to provide stakeholders the opportunity to share their experiences and provide feedback on traceability issues to USDA; and d) a mini-training for 4-H teens and volunteers on the new 4-H Bio-Security curriculum. The first of three summits will be held at UC-Davis on December 12, 2009. Subsequent Education Outreach Summits are: January 16, 2010 – UCCE Tehama County; and February 27, 2010 – UCCE Kern County. Times for all summits will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited, so advance registration is necessary. For more information and to register for one of these events, contact Martin Smith ([mhsmith@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mhsmith@ucdavis.edu)) or Steven Worker ([smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu)).

## RESOURCES

### **Lesson Plans, Activity Guides and Curriculum Available**

Please stop by and checkout the Yolo County 4-H Office Resource Library. Items may be reviewed or checked out. We are always looking for more materials, so if you have any ideas let us know. Our inventory list is also online at [http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Resource\\_Library.htm](http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Resource_Library.htm)

### **Learning Laboratory Kit available**

We have the following interactive learning kits available for loan: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, and Plant ID.

### **Flu Safety**

It is that time of year again! Check out 4-H's flu safety notes at [http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/4-H\\_Flu\\_Safety.htm](http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/4-H_Flu_Safety.htm)





### **Character Building Curriculum**

We have a new curriculum on building positive character in children ages 5-12. Topics include Honestly, Loyalty, Integrity, Courage, Perseverance, and other important life skills. If you are interested in leading a project on this topic, come take a look at the curriculum.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **Open Positions**

Leaders' Council is actively seeking the following positions:

-  Rocketry Spring Show Chair
-  Horse Spring Show Chair
-  Livestock Assistant for Spring Show
-  Leader's Council Scholarship Committee Chair

Please contact the 4-H Office for more information if you are interested.

## POLICIES

### **Clubs may not donate to other Non-Profits**

Policy states we cannot make donations to other organizations with existing funds (18 USC 707).

Because donations are made directly to 4-H with the intent that they will be used to further our goals of experiential education, we cannot then give these monies to another non-profit organization. If your club wishes to financially help another agency, they may hold a fund-raising event specifically stating where the monies will go, with checks made out directly to the receiving organization. Club account balances cannot be used, even with club approval.

### **Club Budgets**

Attention Clubs: Please make sure your club budgets are reviewed at two club meetings prior to turning them in to the 4-H office.

### **Copies of Cleared Checks**

Please work with Karisa to be sure the office is receiving copies of your clubs cleared checks. This will help to simplify and clarify your clubs annual expenditures.

### **Voting Age at Leaders' Council Changed**

Leaders' Council voted on 9/23/09 to lower the voting age for Leaders' Council from 14 to 12 years old (or in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade). Please notify your club of this change and be sure to have your club represented at each council meeting to keep your voting privileges.

### **Enrollment Due by December 1st**

Leader's Council voted to change the enrollment deadline for Spring Show to December 1<sup>st</sup>. New members are welcome at any time. This is for eligibility to participate in the Spring Show.

### **Club Bylaws & Constitution**

Clubs should be reviewing their club Bylaws & Constitution yearly and handing copies out to all members at the beginning of the year. Generic Bylaws & Constitutions may be found on the state 4-H website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/forms/>. Clubs please make sure the 4-H Office has a current copy of your Bylaws and Constitution.

To view 4-H Club news, go to [http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Club\\_News.htm](http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Club_News.htm)

To view Yolo 4-H in the local news

To view the 4-H State news, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/>

To view the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology news, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/updates/index.asp>

To view the National 4-H news, go to <http://4-h.org/news/4hnews.php>

4-H Club meetings, dates, times, and locations are available at: [http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Local\\_Clubs.htm](http://ceyolo.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Local_Clubs.htm)

Articles for the newsletter are due to Karisa, [kdhuie@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kdhuie@ucdavis.edu), on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month by 5:00pm.



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