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ART EXTRAVAGANZA / CRAFTS DAY / TEXTILE DAY

was held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Hayfork Fairgrounds. A huge thank you goes to Grass Valley Creek, Southern Trinity, and Trinity River 4-H Clubs for hosting the events. There were some beautiful textile entries and amazing art entries. Please look inside this issue of the Cloverleaf to see photos and the awards posted. Everyone had a great time at the tie dye activity led by Southern Trinity. I can't wait to see some of those green shirts worn!

Grass Valley Creek organized a fairground clean-up immediately following the events. Thank you GVC for helping our fair, and showing your community pride!

SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY RESULTS!

- ⇒ Belinda Brookins — Blue Medal
- ⇒ Snuggie McQuade — Blue Medal
- ⇒ Abriana Coulter — Blue Medal
- ⇒ Korson Coulter — Blue Medal

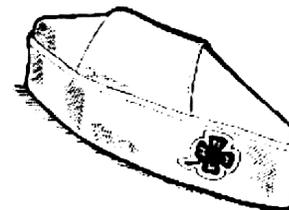
Congratulations kids! You did an outstanding job representing Trinity County, we are proud of you!



THE NEXT 4-H COUNCIL MEETING will be Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Young Family Ranch House in Weaverville. Note the time change from our usual 6:00 pm. The annual 4-H Council Budget meeting will take place the same night and place from 5:15 – 6:30 pm. If you are interested in being part of the budget committee, please arrive promptly at 5:15 pm. Thank you.

A NEW PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE AND REVISED OFFICER MANUAL ARE COMING SOON

The State 4-H Office is working towards the completion of an updated 4-H Program Planning Guide, and a revised 4-H Club Officer Manual. They are scheduled to be released for the upcoming 4-H Program year. We will post them on our website as soon as they are available. Please utilize these documents in your club planning for 2013-2014.



GOOD-BYE TRINITY COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES

Dear Trinity County 4-H Families, Members, and Leaders:

As many of you already know, this is my last month as your 4-H Program Representative. The time has flown by in the seventeen years that I have been involved with 4-H in Trinity County. It has been wonderful to watch the members grow up and return to 4-H as Leaders with children of their own! We are very fortunate to live in this unique area where 4-H is strongly supported in the community. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with all of you over the years in keeping the program alive and well. I want to thank you for the wonderful times together as we watched our children grow, and helped them on their way to achieve their goals. I have truly enjoyed the time spent with each and every one of you. Trinity 4-H is lucky to have such a great group of people in the program. I will always remember you and the great times we have shared. You are all so special to me and I will miss you.

Thank you –Audra Lane



If your club members or your family needs to order hats, scarves, ties, or Record Book Covers; please go online and order these directly from 'Leslie Carman' at www.4hsupplies.com The 4-H Office no longer stocks these items. We do have a nice supply of 'whites' – both pants and shirts that members are welcome to take home and use. Please contact the 4-H office to make arrangements.

EMAIL CONTACT INFORMATION

The 4-H Office uses email to contact all our leaders and families with important information. This includes the web link of our monthly newsletter - the "**Cloverleaf**". Please contact our office when you update or change your email address so we can make sure we are still reaching you with 4-H news and information. **Please check the email address you provided us for 4-H "business" on a regular basis – daily would be great! Thank you.**

4-H DRESS "CODE"

When representing 4-H at an event or at Fair, if you choose to wear the 4-H "Uniform", please remember to wear your 4-H apparel with pride. This includes keeping your shirt tucked in, wearing a belt, and wearing a white shirt having a collar, sleeves, and which buttons down the front. T-shirts are not appropriate to wear as part of your "whites". You do want to look neat and well turned out when representing 4-H. Please contact the 4-H office or your club leader if you still have questions. Also, please see the "Trinity County 4-H Council Policies", included in this issue of the Cloverleaf. It gives all the details on the 4-H Dress Code. **Thank you.**

OWNERSHIP/HATCH/LITTER DATES, AND MINIMUM WEIGHTS FOR THE 2013 FAIR ARE:

Steer: Ownership Date: April 9, 2013 Minimum Weight: 1100 lbs.

Swine: Ownership Date: June 8, 2013 Minimum Weight: 210 lbs.

Lambs: Ownership Date: June 8, 2013 Minimum Weight: 110 lbs.

Poultry Meat Pen: Hatch Date: June 12, 2013 (or later)

Turkey Meat Pen: Hatch Date: March 21, 2013 (or later) Minimum Weight: 14 lbs.

Rabbit Meat Pen: Litter Date: May 29, 2013 (or later) Weight must be 3-5 lbs. each rabbit.

TRINITY COUNTY FAIR will be here before we know it! There will be a few changes in the scheduling of livestock events this year. Please consult the Fair Premium Book and make a note of any changes in time or date for your event. Make sure you get your entry forms in on time and with all the required signatures. The Fair Office is not allowed to accept late entry forms, so mark the entry deadlines on your calendar.



4-H OFFICE ADDRESS

Please send any postal mail for 4-H to the office in Hayfork:
Trinity County 4-H Office
P.O. Box 490
Hayfork, CA 96041

NOT to the Young Family Ranch address in Weaverville. Thank you!

On Growing Our Clubs

by Marianne Bird, 4-H Youth Development Advisor

Sacramento County

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"I'm shriinkiiiiing...!" said the Wicked Witch of the West.

Sometimes I hear concern (and mumblings) from volunteers that 4-H isn't what it used to be; that our program is smaller. The answer to the problem, they theorize, is lack of knowledge about our program – be it awareness in the community that we still exist, or an outdated stereotype of who we are (cows and cooking). If only we had more publicity, people would know the great program 4-H is and would want to join. Get some good recruitment materials and some airtime on the TV, and we'd be set.

Actually, the key to building 4-H membership is not tied to radio announcements or flyer distribution. The answer to drawing more youth and adults lies in our programs: what people experience, how they feel about it, and to whom they communicate.

We have almost 100 youth members and 30 adult volunteers in 6 active clubs spread throughout the county. You are the face of 4-H in your community. How you invite people to join, the quality of their experience, and what image you present to the community tie directly to membership growth and public awareness. Youth who feel connected and enjoy their 4-H experience tell their friends. Parents who see a well-run program and growth in their children recommend it to other parents. When a 4-H club presents to the city council or volunteers at a community event, our presence speaks to who we are and what we do. Every meeting, every project, every public appearance, every person who calls to join, every member...counts.

It's not that publicity and outreach isn't necessary or important—it surely is, and we'll be putting plans in place to address this hole—but I am convinced that the recipe for attracting members is found in strong clubs. Some ideas that you might consider:

- Assure that project meetings are well planned and engaging. If you need help in knowing what makes a strong meeting or how to do this, let us know!

- If you don't have one, develop an outreach team in your club. Their job could include sending news articles to the press, connecting with community events, and finding ways to invite others to join.

- Develop a system to handle inquiries. When parents or youth make contact about joining, how do you follow up? If members leave your club, ask why.

The responsibility for a robust 4-H organization lies not with a publicity committee or public relations effort, but with each of us who call ourselves part of the 4-H community. We are the image. We are the program.

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TRINITY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL POLICIES

Requirements for member to sell a market animal at the Trinity County Fair:

- a. Member must be fully enrolled as a 4-H member and be enrolled in an animal project by December 1st of the current 4-H year.
- b. Returning member must have completed a Record Book from the previous 4-H year.
(12/05)
- c. 4-H member must participate in a showmanship class at the Trinity County Fair with the species of market animal(s) he or she is selling. (10-07)

2. Year Pins awarded to members at completion of 4-H year will be the State 4-H Office provided year-pins. (10/06)

3. Requirements to apply for the position of All Star shall be:

- a. Member must be at least 14 years old by Jan 1st.
- b. Member must be in grades 9-12 by Jan 1st.
- c. Member must hold the rank of Bronze star. (4-8-13)
- d. Member must have served as a Junior or Teen Leader.
- e. Must have been a 4-H member for at least 3 years. (12/06)

4. Trinity County 4-H Dress Code: There is no "official" 4-H uniform that can be required for any 4-H event. However, if a member wishes to wear the traditional 4-H uniform, the **entire** uniform must be worn.

This uniform consists of the following:

1. 4-H felt cap
2. 4-H scarf or 4-H tie (the tie may be worn by either boys or girls). (4/07)
3. White button-up shirt with collar, long or short sleeved, tucked into pants.
4. Long pants, must have belt loops.
White pants are to be worn for non-animal showmanship activities.
Black pants may be worn for animal showmanship activities.
5. Shoes must have a closed toe, and either secured by laces, or be pull-on boots.
6. Belt is required.
7. Purchased commercial "**showmanship**" jacket is not permitted to be worn by a 4-H member during any 4-H showing, judging, or in the auction ring. (12-06)

5. 4-H members coming to Trinity County from another state may be awarded California 4-H year year pins and service stripes equivalent to their years of participation in that state, **provided full documentation** of the member's past years of participation is completed in the form of a California 4-H Record Book and submitted to the Trinity County 4-H Office for review and approval. (2/07)

Revised 4-12-13

STATE UPDATES

Annie's Grants for Gardens

Deadline: May 31

Annie's offers grants to school gardens that connect children directly to real food. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies. Get \$500 to start a brand-new school garden program. Use these funds for anything from classroom seeds in a cup to garden beds. There's no need to have an existing garden! Or, apply for \$1,500 to deepen your school garden program. You must have an existing school garden to choose this entry type. More info: <http://bit.ly/Y1GM4i>

Win a FREE Dutch Oven & Curriculum! – For all 4-H Camp Programs. Have your adult camp director, youth camp director, and one other camp adult fill out the 13 short camp surveys at the link below (under Assessment Areas) **before August 31, 2013**. Once 3 complete surveys of all the assessment areas are entered, your county will be on the list to receive a Dutch Oven with Curriculum, compliments of the State 4-H Camping Advisory Committee. Ovens will be awarded at the State 4-H Camping Conference in the spring of 2014. If you have any questions contact John Borba, jaborba@ucdavis.edu. Access the survey here: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Camps/CampToolkit/>

Healthy Living Officers in Shasta County!

Congratulations to the following 4-H Clubs in Shasta county: Whitmore, Trailblazers, and Cow Creek! Each of these clubs has decided to elect a Healthy Living Officer! Starting in the 2013-2014 program year California 4-H will be adding a Healthy Living officer position to the 4-H Officer Manual. The Healthy Living officer will serve as the club's ambassador for health! By choosing to elect a Healthy Living officer your club is taking an active role in promoting healthy lifestyles. The Healthy Living officer will be the leadership for all health activities including: Provide ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and healthy eating into each club meeting, write Healthy Living articles for the club newsletter, and adopt and promote a club Wellness Plan. Please help ensure that the health "H" of 4-H is at the forefront of all our meetings, consider electing a Healthy Living officer!

The Choose Health Officer Guide developed by Cornell University Extension can be found at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Clubs/Officers/>

*To receive your Healthy Living Officer pin please email the name of your Officer and club to Anne Iaccopucci at amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu

From the Cornell Lab of Ornithology - BirdSleuth K-12 and Nature Detectives

<http://www.birdsleuth.org/afterschool-investigators-nature-detectives>

BirdSleuth is an inquiry-based science curriculum that engages kids in scientific study and real data collection through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's exciting citizen science projects. Afterschool Investigators: Nature Detectives kit offers fun and easy indoor and outdoor science activities developed with the unique, informal nature of afterschool, out-of-school time, and club programs in mind. California 4-H is one of two states in a pilot project to use Nature Detectives for citizen science, and as such comes with unique access to support from the Lab of Ornithology in exchange for feedback on the curriculum and its potentials. If interested, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.

Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team

Applications due May 31, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/>

Do you have an interest and experience in technology? Think about joining the 4-H Technology Leadership Team! 4-H members age 16 and older and 4-H volunteers may apply. Candidates must have some type of technology experience where he/she could lead an hour workshop. Technologies could include photography, video, website design, social media, hardware, GPS/GIS, computer support, graphic design, 3D imaging, smartphones, programming, bio-tech, engineering, technology & society.



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The Cloverleaf is also available online at the **Trinity County 4-H website: <http://cetrinity.ucdavis.edu>.**

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