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University of California Cooperative Extension Napa County  
4-H Youth Development Program



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear 4-H Families,

The 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) is just one of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) programs offered in Napa County. The UCCE Staff includes Monica Cooper, County Director and Viticulture Farm Advisor; John Roncoroni, Weed Science Farm Advisor; Yvonne Rasmussen, Master Gardener Coordinator; Priscilla Rodrigues, Office Manager; Cherie Hansen, Office Assistant; and Jim O'Neill, 4-H Youth Development Program Representative.

In addition, the Napa County 4-H Council is comprised of 4-H Volunteer Adult Leaders. The current council officers are President, Charlie Jones (Vintage 4-H Club); Vice President, Gladys Protz (Valley Vines 4-H Club); Treasurer, Margaret Morgan (Monticello 4-H Club); Secretary, Colette Crowther (Countywide Resource Leader); and Member-at-Large, Sherry Paukert (Countywide Resource Leader). The council maintains the budget, educational programs, fundraising, scholarships, countywide projects, and recognition programs.

If you have questions or need information about the 4-H Youth Development Program, contact the UCCE/4-H Office at 253-4221.

The UCCE/4-H Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2009.

Sincerely,

James A. O'Neill, Representative  
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# Announcements

## Napa County 4-H Council Meeting

The Napa County 4-H Council Meeting (Executive Session) is held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room.



## New Leader Orientation

All new Adult Leaders must attend one of the following New Leader Orientations before they can be an "official" Project Leader. If the Adult Leader has not attended one of the orientations or taken their fingerprints by Monday, March 1, 2010, they will be dropped from the 4-H Youth Development Program. In addition, camp counselors have until Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The orientations will be held at the UCCE/4-H Office Meeting Room, 1710 Soscol Avenue, Suite 4, Napa, California (enter on the east side of building).

- Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

## Countywide Project Policy

The Napa County 4-H Council requires members to be enrolled and active in a 4-H club within Napa County before enrolling in a Countywide Project. Countywide Projects are open to all members on a first come basis.

## National 4-H Week

This year National 4-H Week is from Sunday, October 4, 2009 through Saturday, October 10, 2009. This is the perfect time to have some fun and be creative inviting new members to join your club. Let's show Napa County how the 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) is open to all. There will be cash and ribbons to the winning clubs. Download the flyer from the 4-H YDP Main Menu Page and RSVP by Friday, September 25, 2009, by 5:00 p.m.

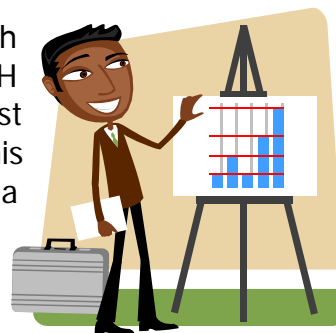
## Countywide Teen Leadership Project



The Countywide Teen Leadership Project invites all high school age 4-H members to participate in this hands-on project. The project will meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room (enter on the east side of building). The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, with a pizza and salad dinner. Please RSVP to Colette Crowther by phone 258-2560 or email [mamzel707@gmail.com](mailto:mamzel707@gmail.com). The project will explore leadership topics including, types of leaders, what is a good way to handle difficult team members, how to improve clubs meetings, how to inspire other club members, how to improve your own presentation techniques, and much more.

## Countywide Presentation Project

The Countywide Presentation Project will meet each month (fourth Monday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. in the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room (enter on the east side of building). The first meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009. This project is for 4-H members who have never given a presentation or would like to try a different format. The project will discuss techniques you can use to present with confidence, learn about different formats for presenting, helpful hints, and learn about the rubrics used in judging. By



starting in September, you will have five months to choose your topic, create your presentation, and practice it before Presentation Day. In addition, you will be given an opportunity to present and get helpful criticism for improvement. Please RSVP to Colette Crowther by phone 258-2560 or email [mamzel707@gmail.com](mailto:mamzel707@gmail.com).

## Napa County 4-H Club Sponsoring Committee

The Napa County 4-H Club Sponsoring Committee is the "Fundraising Arm" of the Napa County 4-H Council in support of the Napa County Youth Development Program. The committee is dedicated in helping the 4-H members in Napa County since 1964. The following individuals make up the executive committee: Myrna Abramowicz, Chair; Ed Shenk, Vice Chair; Bobbi Lindwall, Treasurer; and Sherry Paukert, Secretary. The members are Tony Baldini, Vince Goetz, Don Huffman, Jack Hussey, Charlie Jones, Marciel Klenk, Eric Lehman, Marjorie Miller, Nancy Pridmore, Jim Roberts, Ray Sercu, Gary Van Brocklin, and Brad Wagenknecht. There are two Ex-Officio Members, Monica Cooper, UCCE Napa County Director, and Jim O'Neill, 4-H Youth Development Program Representative.

## 4-H Club Open House

The 4-H Club Open House scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. has been cancelled.

## Animal News

### Countywide Poultry Project



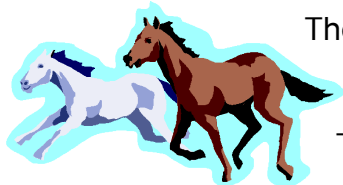
The Countywide Poultry Project will meet each month at 7:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Please contact Sherry Paukert at 226-2100, if you have any questions.

### Countywide Goat Project

The Countywide Goat Project will meet each month at 7:00 p.m. in the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009. Please contact Denise Aragon at 280-1114, if you have any questions.



### Countywide Horse Project



The Countywide Horse Project will meet each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Valley Oaks Horse Ranch. The meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2009. Please contact Lori Timm at 252-2527, if you have any questions.

### State 4-H Equine Field Day

This year the State 4-H Equine Field Day will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at UC Davis. Early registration will be due on Friday, October 16, 2009. For more information contact Jeanne George, 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor, Tehama and Glenn Counties, 530-527-3101 or [jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu).

## 4-H Camp News

### 4-H Camp Dates

- Monday, September 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Six County Camp Board Meeting.
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Staffers and Counselors pick-up applications.
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., Top Staff pick-up applications.
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 8:00 p.m., Camp 2010 Q & A Meeting.



## Late News

### C.A.L. Conference

The "Create A Leader" Conference is a leadership conference for 4-Hers in 6th grade and up. This year's theme is "Find Your Inner Treasure!!" The conference is held at Walker Creek Ranch (Marin County), on Friday, January 22, 2010 to Sunday, January 24, 2010. Please contact either Molly Carlson at 707-399-9544 or Taylor Leigh at 408-866-6007 with any questions or concerns. Applications must be in by Saturday, November 7, 2009.

### Napa County Farm Bureau

The Napa County Farm Bureau announces its 3rd Annual Barn Dance and BBQ on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Chardonnay Hall, Napa Valley Exposition, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information go to [info@napafarmbureau.org](mailto:info@napafarmbureau.org) or call 224-5403.

## **Electric Fencing Clinic**

There will a clinic on Electric Fencing presented by Gallagher USA and is co-sponsored by the Napa County Farm Bureau's Livestock Commodity Group, Napa County USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and UC Cooperative Extension on Saturday, September 12, 2009, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Fisher Ranch. Refreshments and lunch will follow clinic. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 10, 2009 to [info@napafarmbureau.org](mailto:info@napafarmbureau.org) or call 224-5403.

## **Family & Consumer Sciences Field Day**

The North Central Section Leaders Council presents its First Annual Family & Consumer Sciences Field Day on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at UC Davis. The day-long event features educational workshops for 4-H members 9 and older with sessions running concurrently all day. The members will be able to participate in six educational sessions including: What's for Dinner, Martha meets Miss Manners, Play with your Food, Smoothie Throw-down, Got Jerky?, Strut like Tyra, Creative Costuming, Beadazzeling, Project Runway, Fashion Frosting, Sewing 101, Upcycling, What not to Wear, BOGO, Fashion Cat, and Chairman of the Board. Pre-registration is required and will be online in the Fall. Cost is \$10.00 for the first 4-H member and \$5.00 for each additional member.

## **4-H Country Store**

The 4-H Country Store had another fantastic year at the Napa Town and Country Fair! Altogether, forty-two youth from six different 4-H clubs (4-Leaf Clovers, American Canyon, Valley Vines, Browns Valley, Las Amigas, and Monticello) worked at the store and sold their home-made crafts and goodies. The youth earned a grand total of \$2,704.88, up from last year. This year there was a tie for the Individual Country Store Award. The winners were Margaret Wigger from Las Amigas 4-H Club and Payton Yeo from American Canyon 4-H Club. In addition, there were two club awards thanks to the generosity of Grace Methven. 4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club won the Club Award for the greatest number of members participating in the Country Store, and Browns Valley 4-H Club won the other Club Award for the greatest percentage of members participating. Congratulations to all the winners!