

University of California Cooperative Extension

Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program



The 4-H Green Sheets

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Child Safety Policies

The University of California encourages 4-H Volunteers to utilize the following practices. They serve a dual purpose of protecting youth members as well as providing volunteers protection from unfounded allegations of abuse. The following policies take effect July 1, 2006.

Leadership: A Minimum of Two Adults

Two appointed adult volunteers, or one appointed adult volunteer and another adult or 4-H YDP staff member (one of which must be at least 21 years of age), are required for all programs, events, activities. The adult in charge of the event must be an appointed 4-H Volunteer as established by the County Director.

In general, no one-on-one interactions should occur in private. This includes between youth and adults or among youth. If personal discussions are needed, the discussions should be conducted in an area that is in view of other adults and youth. When transporting youth, if two adults cannot be present in the vehicle, the alternative minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members. An adult should not be alone with a youth (other than his/her own child) without the advance written permission of the youth's parents.

Supervision of Youth

The 4-H member is the responsibility of the 4-H volunteer or staff member in charge of the meeting or event until a parent/guardian or responsible adult designated by the parent/guardian arrives. The 4-H member must not be left unsupervised, transported without specific parental permission (except by law enforcement officials) or released to anyone not specifically authorized by the parent or legal guardian. If parents are late or do not arrive within half an hour of the scheduled ending time, and cannot be contacted, it will be necessary for the leader or staff person in charge to contact local law enforcement officials.

Sleeping Facilities

There should be separate sleeping facilities for each gender. Only adults of the same gender as the youth may supervise youth in the sleeping and restroom areas of an event. No single youth is permitted to sleep in the room of an adult other than his/her own parent or guardian.

Restrooms

It is strongly suggested that separate shower and bathroom facilities be provided for mixed-gender groups. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted.

Respect for an Individual's Privacy

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.

Youth Leader Training and Supervision

Youth leaders (Junior/Teen Leaders, All Stars, Camp Staff, and other youth in leadership positions) will be trained as to what constitutes appropriate interaction during 4-H events and activities. Staff and/or appointed adult volunteers must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior and teen leaders.

Constructive Discipline

Corporal punishment is never permitted in the 4-H Youth Development Program. Positive techniques of guidance, including redirection, positive reinforcement, and encouragement rather than competition, comparison, and criticism must be used. Staff, adult volunteers, and junior/teen leaders will maintain age-appropriate behavior expectations and set-up guidelines and environments that minimize the need for discipline.

Mission Statement for the California 4-H Youth Development Program

"The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development."



Santa Cruz County 4-H Awards Event

The All Stars are planning a memorable Awards Event on Saturday, June 3rd from 2:00-4:00 PM. The event will be held at Mar Vista Elementary School, 6860 Soquel Drive in Aptos. Please plan to attend to honor those who have won awards.

Santa Cruz County 4-H Summer Camp

Summer Camp will be held Friday, July 28th through Monday, July 31st at Camp Loma. Registration will be accepted until June 15th, although there is a late fee of \$10.00. Registration forms are available at randyt.com or on the Santa Cruz County 4-H website.

Camp Counselor Meeting

There will be a camp counselor meeting, Tuesday, June 20th at Seacliff Beach beginning at 6PM. There will be a potluck so be sure to bring a tasty dish. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Turnquist at 688-4750.



Camp Decoration Meeting

Come help get ready for camp by making camp decorations. The meeting will take place Thursday, June 22nd at Sherri Bonnema's house, 620 Eureka Canyon Road in Corralitos, beginning at 4PM. Please contact Sherri at 722-9241 if you have any questions.

Countywide Horse Project



The next meeting will be Thursday, June 29th in the UCCE Auditorium from 6:30-8:30PM. The focus of the meeting will be horse mastership which is a fun and educational way of learning about horses and testing your knowledge without the necessity of having a horse. You'll learn about the different breeds, grooming, tack, and more. Please contact Sherry Bernard for more information, 728-8705.

California State 4-H Horse Classic

Information and forms for the 2006 California State 4-H Horse Classic, to be held July 19-23 in Rancho Murieta, have been updated and are posted at <http://www.cal4horse.com>. The deadline for entries is June 15, 2006.

Santa Cruz County Fair

The Santa Cruz County Fair will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2006 through Sunday, September 17, 2006, at 2601 E. Lake St., Watsonville, CA, 95076. This year's theme is "A Fair to Remember". **All entry forms are due to the fair office by 5PM on Saturday, August 5, 2006.** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure their entry form is received by the fair office.

Feature Booths - All Clubs need to be represented.

Work Days (9am-5pm)	August 26-27 and September 2, 3 and 9
Booth Judging (10am)	September 10
Booth Clean-up Day(12-7pm)	September 18

A "How to Build a Booth" meeting will be held Sunday, August 13th at 4PM in the Harvest Building at the Fairgrounds. For information concerning booths, or other aspects of the Harvest Building exhibits, contact Joan Favero at 438-1410.

San Benito County Fair

The mandatory pre-fair tag-in will be **Tuesday, August 1, 2006 from 3:00-7:00 PM for goats, sheep and swine.** It will be held at the fairgrounds. Both the exhibitor and parent must be present the day of tagging. In the event they cannot be present, a leader and designated representative may fill in providing this change is approved by Fair Management in writing two weeks prior to the tagging date. For questions, please contact Kelley Ferreira at 628-3421.

San Mateo County Fair

ARBA Rabbit and Cavy Show

The American Rabbit Breeders Association sanctioned Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show will be held at the San Mateo County Fair August 13, 2006. Entry is open to all youth. In addition to purebred rabbit and cavy judging, pet classes, showmanship and a dress-up contest are also being offered. The entry deadline is July 10, 2006. To obtain entry forms, visit sanmateocountyfair.com or call the San Mateo County Expo Center at 650-574-3247.



ATTENTION ALL COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS

Council Meeting Date Change

The Santa Cruz County 4-H Council meeting for June will be on held **Wednesday, June 14th**. The meeting will be at the regular time, 7:30-9pm. The 2006-2007 4-H Program Year budget will be discussed and voted on. All 4-H members and volunteers are welcome to attend.

Annual Enrollment and Club Leader Meeting

The meeting will take place **Thursday, August 3rd from 7:00-9:00 PM in the UCCE Auditorium**. The enrollment process, planning for the upcoming year, 4-H promotion and more will be discussed.

Club Officer Book Reminder

A reminder to Club Secretaries and Treasurers, your books are due to the 4-H Office on **Monday, July 31, 2006**. Not sure what forms to use or how to put your book together? Contact Heather at the 4-H Office, 763-8015 for assistance.

New Leader Orientations

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer leader must complete the certification process. This includes filling out an adult leader application, attending an orientation and completing the livescan fingerprint process. Please contact Heather at the 4-H Office, 763-8015, to set up an appointment for an orientation.

OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Driving Survey for Older 4-H Members

Here is a chance for older 4-H members, 15 years or older, to participate in a research study that is being conducted by UC Cooperative Extension and UC Davis. The research group, which involves 4-H Youth Development Advisors, is trying to find out how youth driving impacts 4-H and how drivers' education could be improved. The survey, 5 questions, is voluntary and anonymous and all answers will be confidential. To participate, log in to complete the survey at:

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=1288>

The deadline to go on-line to complete the survey is July 31, 2006.



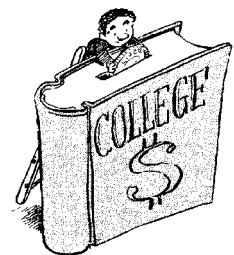
WEST COAST EQUINE FOUNDATION DICK RANDALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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.

Applications are due June 30, 2006. For eligibility and application requirements contact:

WEST COAST EQUINE FOUNDATION
7200 Lone Pine Dr.,
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683
(916) 985-7334

http://www.murietaequinecomplex.com/scholarship_application.htm





County Representative Needed

Santa Cruz County 4-H needs a representative to attend the South Central Sectional 4-H Leader's Council. The meetings are held 4 times a year in Madera. After attending the meetings the representative reports back to the Santa Cruz County 4-H Leaders Council.

Opportunities for the representative include:

- Learning what's going on at Sectional and State level
- Participating in discussions and decisions about what 4-H is and does
- Learning new skills
- Getting re-energized about 4-H!

Those who are interested please contact Heather at the 4-H Office.

2006 Golden Clover Awards

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Groups may be nominated or self-nominated in any applicable categories. Individuals and groups may only win once in a category every three years.

Applications are due **June 30, 2006**. For more information, please visit <http://ca4h.org/4hresources/ir/goldenclover>.

2006 Sporting, Camping and Outdoor Adventure Awards

The 2006 Sporting, Camping and Outdoor Adventure Awards, in memory of Jack and Robert Clay, are now available! Awards recognize one youth and one adult with a monetary award. Forms are available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>. Deadline for applications is **June 30, 2006**.

Leader Opportunities

The 2006 California 4-H State Leaders' Forum will be held November 17-19 at Asilomar. The theme is *Soaring to Success: 4-H Leadership 101*. Registration forms will be available soon. Workshop applications are available at <http://www.ss4h.org/SLF2006/index.htm>. The deadline for proposals is July 1, 2006.

Council Positions Open



The Santa Cruz County 4-H Council is seeking adult volunteers who would be interested in serving on the Council for the 2006-07 Program Year. The Vice President and Secretary positions will be open.

The duties of the VP office include:

- preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
- to succeed to the office of President if that office should become vacant between elections.
- may serve as Chairman of the Program Committee and other committees if so named by the President.

The duties of the Secretary office include:

- Record the full and complete minutes of all meetings of the Council, and assist with any and all correspondence as directed by the President. Motions made during the meeting and the result thereof should be accurately documented and recorded.
- Provide a set of all Council minutes to the County University of California Cooperative Extension Office the week following each Council meeting.
- Keep a record of those present at the Council meeting (units and other individuals).

The Council is also seeking an adult volunteer who would shadow the current Council Treasurer for the 2006-07 Program Year and then take on the position for the 2007-08 Program Year. Duties of the Treasurer include:

- Keep accurate financial records, copies of invoices, bills, etc., relating to the funds and property of the 4-H Council, accounting fully for all receipts and expenditures.
- Receive, record and deposit all funds in a regulated bank or similar financial institution to the account established for the Council.
- Pay bills and make other authorized expenditures provided for in the budget or otherwise approved by the Council.
- Comply with all University of California financial policies and procedures as outlined in the 4-H Handbook.
- Prepare all financial records for an annual audit or peer review in accordance with University of California procedures.
- Prepare and file all reports required by federal, state and local governmental agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, California State Franchise Tax Board, State Attorney General, and the State Board of Equalization, where and when applicable.

For anyone interested in either of these positions, please contact Council President, Dorothy Chittenden-Williams, at 439-8602.



The Six Pillars of Character: CARING

The Six Pillars of Character are ethical values to guide our choices. The standards of conduct that arise from those values constitute the ground rules of ethics, and therefore of ethical decision making.

1. Trustworthiness

- *Honesty*
- *Integrity*
- *Reliability (Promise-keeping)*
- *Loyalty*

3. Responsibility

- *Accountability*
- *Pursuit of Excellence*
- *Self-Restraint*

5. Caring

2. Respect

- *Civility, Courtesy and Decency*
- *Dignity and Autonomy*
- *Tolerance and Acceptance*

4. Fairness

- *Process*
- *Impartiality*
- *Equity*

6. Citizenship

Caring: *Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need • Life is full of choices.*

Caring is the heart of ethics and ethical decision-making. It is scarcely possible to be truly ethical and yet unconcerned with the welfare of others. This is because ethics is ultimately about good relations with other people. A person who really cares feels an emotional response to both the pain and pleasure of others. The highest form of caring is the honest expression of kindness or unselfishness.

Caring in 4-H: Being a caring 4-H member means we are considerate, kind, loving, helpful, compassionate and as generous as our duties and responsibilities permit. It means we think about how our decisions, words, and actions affect others. Caring relates to the four H's in the following ways:

- *Head* - thinking about ways to let others know we care
- *Heart* - communicating caring respect to others
- *Hands* - providing acts of kindness and service to others
- *Health* - showing we care about ourselves and others by making healthy lifestyle choices

For additional information see: Caring: Activities for 4-H Clubs from the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service and visit the Character Counts website at:

<http://www.charactercounts.org/defsix/htm>

Youth Development Advisor

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is the newsletter of the Santa Cruz 4-H County Council and the UC Cooperative Extension Office.

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3rd Thursday of each month**

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4-H CALENDAR

June

3	Awards Night	Mar Vista Elementary in Aptos	2:00 PM
14	County Council Meeting - *DATE CHANGE*	UCCE Auditorium	7:30 PM
15	Newsletter articles due	4-H Office	

July

4	<i>Holiday - Office Closed</i>		
20	County Council Meeting	UCCE Auditorium	7:30 PM
20	Newsletter articles due	4-H Office	
20	Senior Record Books due	4-H Office	
28-31	Summer Camp	Camp Loma	
31	End of Year Reports Due	4-H Office	

August

3	Annual Club Leader Meeting	4-H Office	7:00 PM
5	All Santa Cruz County Fair entries due	Fair Office	
10-13	State Leadership Conference	UC San Diego	
17	County Council Meeting	UCCE Auditorium	7:30 PM
17	Newsletter articles due	4-H Office	
26-27	Feature Booth Workdays	Santa Cruz Co. Fairgrounds	9 AM-5 PM

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