



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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“4-H Does All That?”

4-H Does All That and More!!!!

By Sandy Sathrum

It is **enrollment time** and I have had many phone calls asking about 4-H over the summer. They have seen 4-Hers out and about in the community and want to know more.

Some people call because they saw you at the fairs. Hopefully others will be calling in response to our lawn signs (see page 2). But most people join because YOU invite them. So give them a call and bring them to your first meeting. They are amazed to learn all of the different areas available to them in 4-H.

Look for ways to **WELCOME** new members and leaders into your 4-H circle. Share with them the *“Humboldt County 4-H Handbook for Members and Families”* (on our website and at the 4-H Office). *Be the person to dispel the “First Year Fog”.* *Make your meeting FUN and rewarding* (see *“Successful Meetings”* on page 3).

We are part of an outstanding program for **empowering youth for a lifetime of success!** Let’s share the wealth with others. (See the article: *Involvement Makes a Difference* on page 4).

As you make plans for this coming year...**DREAM BIG DREAMS.** Involve others and enjoy your accomplishments! As we work together this year I am **THANKFUL** for each of you and your contributions to making 4-H the **BEST EVER!** Take time to **read the GRAM** each month. Many more opportunities await you. Call the 4-H Office with your questions or suggestions.

Together we can fulfill the 4-H Motto: *“to make the best better”!*



Awards Night
2009



University of California
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Humboldt County 4-H
Agriculture Center Building,
5630 South Broadway
Eureka, CA 95503-6999



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More Changes in the 4-H Office

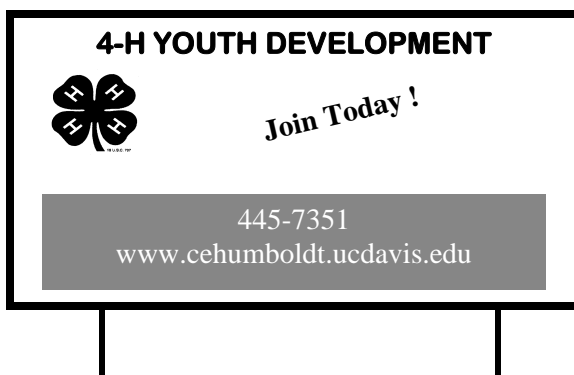
Last month I wrote asking for volunteer help for the 4-H Office and I am happy to report that a woman named Teresa is going to come a ½ day each week to assist with office and clerical work. This will be a great help since Jane Harris, our 4-H VISTA, completed her year and left our office on August 21st. As you know, Jane was available to 4-H for 40 hours a week and her work was of great benefit to our program. I am personally going to miss her as well.

Another change happened in August as Alan Bower our Livestock Advisor and County Director took a job as District Conservationist with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. While he is supportive of our programs and mission, he is no longer with Cooperative Extension. The UCCE Regional Director has appointed Yana Valachovic, UCCE Forest Advisor as County Director and Sandy Sathrum, 4-H Youth Development Program Representative as Assistant County Director and UCCE County Department Head. We will be sharing administrative duties in addition to our current programmatic assignments.

What does all this mean? LOTS of change! So please be patient during our time of adjusting to all these changes. We will do our best to serve and support the 4-H Program in Humboldt County.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS?

Each 4-H Club and group has received lawn signs to alert their communities that it is now time to “*Sign UP for 4-H!*” Find places in your community to place the signs where they will be seen. Signs will remain up until November 1st. If you need more signs they are available at the 4-H Office. If you have not seen the signs in your community, contact your club leader or the 4-H Office immediately. Let’s get the word out!



COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

MEETING

September 28th, 2009 – 6:30 PM

At the Ag Center

Every adult leader and junior and teen leader are invited to participate in the County 4-H Leaders Council. ALL Clubs are REQUIRED to send at least one representative to EVERY COUNCIL meeting! This position can be a consistent person or rotated in the club. Any parent or member may attend as a guest. The council meets five Mondays a year – 2009: September 28th, November 30th, 2010: January 25th, March 22nd and May 24th on the 4th 6:30 PM. Mark your calendar for the coming year. Your club representative is your voice on the council.

Topics of general interest, council business and major decisions in county policy, reports on events held, special presentations and disbursement of funds are included in these meetings. The September meeting will include reports of the many exciting summer events and activities, installation of the new officers, introduction to the 2009 4-H Science experiment, financial updates and a report on the State Leadership Conference by the youth who attended.

Council meetings keep you aware of the great opportunities available to you and your 4-H leaders and members. Put the date on your calendar and make plans to attend the September 28th meeting.



4-H ENROLLMENT for 2009-2010

It is very important that you update the re-enrollment forms annually and return the forms (application, medical, waiver & for adults the confidential form) and your enrollment fee to your club leader as **SOON** as possible. If you add projects during the year, inform both your club leader and the 4-H Office. All enrollments that are not filled out at the club **by November 1st** will be returned to the 4-H Office.

Fees for the 2009-2010 year remain at \$17.00 for members and \$6.00 for leaders.

Mandatory New Leader Orientation

Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 10:00 AM, Ag Center
Monday, October 19th, 2009 6:00 PM, Ag Center

Mandatory for All first year leaders!
Any leader or parent is welcome to attend.

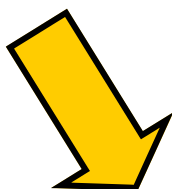
Updates and information that is helpful
to all leaders

Choose **one** of the dates above

Call the 4-H Office to reserve your space!
445-7351

New Curriculum

The 4-H Office has recently acquired a new National 4-H Curriculum entitled "The Power of the Wind". There is youth guide and a facilitator's guide. Come check them out!



WELCOME to Hoopa 4-H!!!

A big WELCOME to our newest club – Hoopa 4-H. Many of the members and leaders have been involved in Trinity County 4-H even though they live in Humboldt County. Under the leadership of Heidi Jarnaghan as Club Leader, Hoopa 4-H will now be part of the Humboldt County 4-H Program. We are happy to have you join us! WELCOME!

Crescent City Rabbit Show

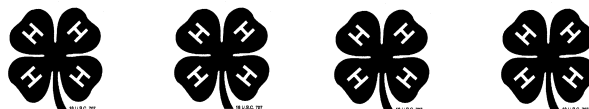
Sept. 5 & 6, 2009
Del Norte Fairgrounds
Email entries due by Sept. 1st!

Contact Leslie Tucker
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Napa, CA 94559
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Successful Meetings

When you hear the word "meeting" what comes to your mind? Do you say "YEAH!" or "Oh no!"? 4-H meetings should be **engaging places** where business is accomplished AND fun and learning take place. The best meetings engage everyone present and help them feel connected to the group. People leave feeling that their **time was well spent**. How can this be accomplished? You need planning and preparation to make a successful meeting.

There are many helpful suggestions in the *4-H "Officer's Manual"* for planning club meetings. Every officer is needed at **executive meetings** to help guide the selection of activities to include on the agenda. During the year provide time for programs, guest speakers and service projects as well as opportunities for sharing about project work & displays, presentations, committees, record books, and judging events. Celebrate **special occasions** and have themes for meetings. Include the entire family for dinner AND always have time for songs, recreation and refreshments. Give out awards and door prizes. Make sure your meetings are **FUN and rewarding** and your 4-H families will look forward to sharing time together.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make a Difference Day is the nation's largest day of doing good deeds. Americans are asked to devote the fourth Saturday of October (**October 24th**) to helping others.

It is a day where organizations (such as 4-H) join together to clean up their communities, mentor children, repair parks or community facilities, help the elderly and touch many lives. This would be a good time for any of our local 4-H Clubs to do a community service project or collaborate with others who will be doing projects. Imagine the impact! More information is available at: <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday>

4-H Involvement Makes a Difference!

Data collected in a national study of 4-H and non-4-H youth provides strong evidence that when the strengths of youth are aligned with healthy positive youth development practices, you thrive (Lerner, 2007, 2008, and 2009).

Youth who participated in 4-H at least twice per month:

- Showed greater confidence
- Reported higher grades
- Were 1.6 times more likely to plan to go to college
- Scored higher on civic identity and engagement measures
- Had a greater ability to express opinions on community issues
- More likely to help neighbors and bond with adults and teachers

Serving as a 4-H Officer Pays Dividends:

- Annually, over 5,900 California 4-H youth participate in elected leadership roles, serving as club and council officers and providing project expertise and guidance to younger youth. Research shows that this early involvement in civic leadership is a proven potential for earning higher income in later life. 4-H youth who participate in these leadership activities have also been shown to participate at a greater level in other school and community leadership roles.



Hydesville 4-H News!

By: Dalton Williams

Wow this summer has gone by too fast. Now, it's time for the Ferndale Fair, yea! This was a slow month again but I have the Postal Shoot Scores for this year and last year.

Last Year 2008

Daniel Hein- junior div., Silver
Dalton Williams- intermediate div., Bronze

This year 2009

Dalton Williams- intermediate div., Silver

**4-H sign-ups are in September this year
instead of October.**

4-H BABY WEEK

Each Club is being asked to make or purchase a baby gift that can be presented to the first baby born during National 4-H Week in Humboldt County.

You may drop off the gift to the 4-H office on or before September 28th or bring it to the County Council meeting that night. A basket filled with gifts can then be



Local Scholarship Recipient!

Congratulations to **Arielle Rosser** from the Cutten 4-H Club on being awarded a Mabel W. Jacks State 4-H Scholarship. She is receiving \$1,000 toward her pursuit of choice in higher education. Make your plans now to apply for State 4-H Scholarships.



CELEBRATE 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 4-10, 2009

SHARE 4-H WITH 4-H WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT

Each year the first week in October is designated as 4-H Week. It provides 4-H members the opportunity to tell the rest of the community about what 4-H offers. This year you can participate in 4-H week either as an individual, as part of your project, or as a club in many ways, including the following:



Present about 4-H to your class or school



Wear your 4-H uniform to your place of worship



Ask your City Council to issue a proclamation



Organize a companion animal visit to a nursing home or provide another community service



Create a window display in a local business or share posters about your 4-H work

For more information see 101 Ways to Celebrate National 4-H Week at <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/promo/101ways.htm>

COUNTRY AUCTION REMINDER!!

Now is the time to request donations for our country auction to be held Oct 4th, 2008 in conjunction with the Lamb BBQ. They are due to the 4-H Office by **September 28th**.

Every club is being asked to provide a theme basket worth between \$50-\$100 as well as three auction items (minimum). Items can be brought to the 4-H Office. Call Jenni Phillips (832-2671) or JJ Mullen (443-1424), with any questions and let them know what your club is providing. The county 4-H events are dependent on the success of this fundraiser.

Thank you for your help!

ATTEND THE LAMB, (PORK & GOAT) BBQ!

October 4th, 2009 from 12:00 noon-2:00 PM
At Rohner Park in Fortuna

This is our ONE BIG fundraiser for the County Council and the scholarship fund for the year! Treat yourself and your friends and family members to an outstanding lunch!

Tickets are available from your club leader or at the BBQ. Top ticket seller earns a \$50 savings bond. If there is a surplus of lamb, pork or goat meat, it will be sold at the BBQ.

Put up posters in your community and share the news!

The Country Auction will be held in conjunction with the BBQ at Rohner Park. This is a great place to find gifts for family and friends and even yourself! You can even do early Christmas shopping!



PROJECT DISPLAYS AT THE LAMB BBQ & COUNTRY AUCTION

Here's an opportunity to exhibit your project work! You can count it in your record book under section 2: 4-H Project Skill Activities. Many of you have made displays for Presentation Day, the fair or other project work and here's your opportunity to share your knowledge with the community! If you have an informational display, a photo display (from 4-H Camp or another event), or a display about your club, please contact the 4-H Office so table space can be reserved and make plans to set it up on **October 4th**.

If you would like to make a display about your project or event, the 4-H Office has tri-fold backboards that you can use. Let's make the most of this opportunity to share the highlights of 4-H with our community.

Reminder: DONATE TO 4-H Through the "Cooperative Community Fund"

If you shop at the North Coast Coop you can designate Humboldt County 4-H as your organization choice in their 1% Register Donor Program in the Cooperative Community Fund. Just give them our name or assigned number "80031" to donate to the 4-H program. Spread the word among your friends, co-workers and family members so they too can designate 4-H as the recipient of 1% of their cash register receipts. Be sure to THANK the Co-op for choosing 4-H to be on their list of organizations.

Halloween Harvest Festival – Redwood Acres

Oct. 16th (10 am-5 pm) & 17th (10 am-4 pm)

Applications for booth space due September 25th, 2009

If your 4-H group would be interested in participating in the Harvest Festival at Redwood Acres with a food booth or hands-on educational activity, the 2009 National SET experiment, a pumpkin patch or pumpkin painting,

Contact Alice Krause, 443-8261. Late applications will only be accepted if space is available

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2009 AWARDS RECIPIENTS!

Awards night was a great success with families and friends joining together to celebrate the many achievements of this past year. (See photos in this GRAM). A special word of THANKS goes to our All Stars for setting up, providing a great slide show, emceeing, and cleaning up this event. THANKS also go to our Incentives and Recognition Committee for helping with the dinner. We have a lot of great cooks in 4-H and the meal was delicious!

Youth awards were presented on July 29th in the following categories:

Postal Shoot

Project Proficiencies in Swine: Daniel Black, Ryan Black, Megan Kramer, Carli Roberts, Max Toste, Bailey Fales, Shelby Beck and Chance Roberts.

Swimming: Marissa Cunningham, Mallory Cunningham

Horse: Morgan Johnson, Brooke Vogt, Lucas Vogt, Suzannah McFarland, and Elsa Taylor.

County Event Chairpersons: Morgan Johnson, Alayna Renner, Heather Morris, Diana Casteel, Abigail Price, Brandi Church, Alexandra Brater, Kristina Eide, Michaelyn Howard Mullin, Savannah McCauley, Julie Grant, Natalie Grant and Mallory Cunningham.

Super Presenters – Elizabeth Marshall, Morgan Tuel, Kacy Tuel, Savannah McCauley, and Rebekka Nielson.

Record Book – County Winners: Savannah McCauley, Diana Casteel, Morgan Tuel, Kacy Tuel, and Morgan Johnson.

Gold Seal Awards: Arielle Rosser, Rosie Buzzard, Elizabeth Allen, Michaelyn Howard Mullin, Carson Schultz and Carli Roberts.

Blue Seal Awards: Zoe Petta, Sophia Allen, Chance Roberts, Shelby Doebel, Kaylee Doebel.

Green Seal Awards: Marissa Cunningham, Mallory Cunningham, and Casey Allen.

Best 4-H Story: Rosie Buzzard

State Record Book Merit: Diana Casteel

State 4-H Judging Contest: Kacy Tuel



Leader Awards were presented to:

- Club Leaders
- Club Volunteer of the Year
- Leader Milestones (in 5 year increments)

Club Awards were presented:

- Gold Seal Club** Goal Recognition went to Cutten 4-H and Ferndale 4-H
- Top Club Award** went to Ferndale 4-H Club
- The New All Star Team was installed.

Special Recognitions were made to:

- Friend of 4-H Award for 2009:** Don Brown, State Farm Insurance and Humboldt Creamery
- Alumni of the Year:** Larry Ford
- County Volunteer Leader of the Year:** Terry Cook and Tammy Chrisler

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

Start planning now to be an award recipient next year!



Pastels on the Plaza

If you are interested in adding “4-H” to the 22nd Annual “Pastels on the Plaza” artwork on October 3rd, please contact Kathy Montagne, 825-1302 or Gwenda Ashburn, 825-1313 to reserve an art square! More info at: <http://www.ncsheadstart.org/pastels.htm>



This photo is from our archives

North Section Leaders Council

October 3, 2009

Contact Sandy Lester, sandybear74@hotmail.com for more information.

“Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat”

Hey kids, while you are out getting candy this Halloween you could also be collecting food for other children, families, and individuals in this County who will go hungry. Many are struggling to get a nutritious meal let alone the extra treat of candy! YOU CAN HELP by “Trick or Treating so others can eat”! Last year Ventura county 4-H planned a county-wide service project to collect food instead of candy on Halloween night. You as an individual, or your 4-H Club or project group, could plan to use the Halloween holiday to provide food for others.

There are many ways to participate including hosting a food drive or partnering with a local grocery store. The most common form of collection however is through door-to-door neighborhood donations.

Contact Food for People, 707-445-3166, or a food pantry in your local community to find out what is most needed. They can give you a list of pantry items to collect. Just think... you can make a difference in another life while having Halloween fun. www.foodforpeople.org

Fall Pet Festival – “A Howl-istic Good Time!”

Bring Your Pets and join us at the Farm Store for the Fall Pet Fair September 12 from 10am-4pm.

4-H will BBQ up some great grub. There will be animals for adoption, an auction and a raffle; horse handling and dog training demonstrations to watch, a balloon artist and jump castles, and lots of fun for all including music by the Compost Mountain Boys.

Enter the Pet Look-a-Like Contest and win a \$150 gift card.

For all Volunteer Leaders State 4-H Leaders Forum – November 6-8, 2009

Connect with 4-H leaders across the State at the State 4-H Leaders Forum! “4-H Past, Present, Future” is the Theme of the 2009 Forum held at Asilomar **November 6-8**, and hosted by the North Section. Some of the best, **most practical learning** for 4-H leaders happens there. You’ll come home loaded with ideas and activities and the enthusiasm to implement them.

Your County 4-H Program becomes stronger because you went. You will return with a deeper understanding of the 4-H mission, a stronger sense of what has to happen to accomplish it, and an expanded capacity to make it happen.

While you’re walking barefoot on the beach and gazing at the surf, you’ll realize that you’re multi-tasking in practical ways with the best of them, and that includes bathing your senses, rekindling your spirit, refreshing your mind, rejuvenating your body, and soothing your soul.

Registration is in 2 parts this year: mail your registration form with fee to Richard Meade and send in your housing reservation directly to Asilomar. Both are due by September 6th. Full information is available on this website:

<http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/>

Our county 4-H Council will help support this training. Make plans NOW to attend!

State 4-H Updates – September 2009

- An updated online and searchable **4-H Handbook** was released on July 1, 2009. You can find it on the California 4-H Website. This policy manual has search features to help you locate the topic quickly and easily.
- "What's in YOUR closet?" Planning has begun for **2010 State 4-H Fashion Revue**, to be held during the State 4-H Field Day at UC Davis! We'll have new, exciting activities, so join us by serving on the State Fashion Revue Committee. Needle Arts will not be offered this year, but Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Wearable Art and Recycled categories remain in addition to our new 2010 Challenge. The **Challenge pattern is Simplicity #4762, a vest that can be customized to fit your needs**. Is it a formal vest or a durable one for fishing or hunting? Need extra pockets? Leather trim? Vests can be made for girls with a few simple adjustments and can coordinate with many different outfits. Use your imagination to create a masterpiece for State Fashion Revue. For information go to <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/> or contact samoore@ucdavis.edu.
- Do you have experience and interest in computers, the Internet, digital photography, GPS/GIS, or other tech area? Join the **2009 California 4-H Computer Corps!** The 4-H Computer Corps increases the use and awareness of computer technology in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, age 15-19, 4-H volunteers and staff may apply by **September 30, 2009**. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/wrp/compcorps/>.
- **4-H Train-the-Trainer Babysitting Course** The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Training course on the 4-H Babysitting Curriculum at the 4-H State Office. **September 25, 10:30am-3:30pm** The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenaged youth to learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military afterschool sites. The training is open to all 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel. You will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. For more information, contact Sylena Wise smwise@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-8585.
- The Afterschool Alliance is extending an invitation to everyone interested in supporting the positive work and impact of afterschool programs for our youth. This is the **10th annual Lights On Afterschool event**, planned for **October 22, 2009**. When registering you will receive posters, events tips and helpful information to make this day a success for your afterschool program. You may visit: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaHostEvent.cfm> to register today.

- **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery** A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in **Modesto, CA** on Saturday, **November 7, 8 AM - 4 PM** and Sunday, **November 8, 8 AM - 2 PM**. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. The course will be held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall Room E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto. The cost will be \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and class materials. For more information, contact Dan Burner 209-874-2732 (evenings) or dan_burner@yahoo.com. Fees are due by **October 23, 2009** and can be submitted to Dan Burner, P.O. Box 829, Waterford, CA 95386.

- The **2010 National 4-H Conference** will be held **March 20-27, 2010** at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, volunteers and staff may apply to join the California delegation by **September 30, 2009**. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/index.asp>. The **State 4-H Record Book Judging applications** are due to the State 4-H Office by **September 30, 2009**. You may visit, <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/> for more information.

FUNDING:

- Is your club planning on including a service project in your yearly plan? Does your project need additional resources? The California State 4-H Program offers funds to members and volunteer leaders on a competitive basis through the **California 4-H Service-Learning RFP**. Groups can request up to \$5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application and information is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. Examples of past projects are also listed. The application is due **September 15, 2009**.
- The **Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund** offers resources in support of club work to 4-H members and their volunteer leaders. Funding is intended for activities that meet the following criteria: 1) enable youth to develop citizenship, leadership, or life skills; 2) support the development of new and innovative 4-H projects benefiting 4-H members; 3) increase public awareness of the 4-H Youth Development Program; 4) expand the reach of the 4-H Youth Development Program (new youth, new audiences); 5) provide continuing benefits to the applicant's local 4-H Club or project. Information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/> and applications are due **September 15, 2009**.

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4-H is a **community** of
 **young people**
across America who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Sept. 5-6	Crescent City Rabbit Show		Del Norte Fairgrounds
Sept. 11-13	WHY Conference—Reach for the Stars!		Camp Tehema
Sept. 12	Fall Pet Festival	10:00am-4:00pm	Farm Store
Sept. 21	Council Officers Meeting	6:00pm	Ag Center
Sept. 28	Baby Week Gift & Auction Items due		4-H Office
Sept. 28	Council Committees meeting	5:30pm	Ag Center
Sept. 28	County Leaders Council meeting	6:30pm	Ag Center
Sept. 15	Service Learning RFP & Legacy Fund applications due		4-H Office
Oct. 3	Pastels on the Plaza		Arcata
Oct. 3	New Leader Orientation	10:00am	Ag Center
Oct. 4	Lamb BBQ & Country Auction	noon	Rohner Park, Fortuna
Oct. 19	New Leader Orientation	6:00pm	Ag Center
Oct. 24	Make a Difference Day		
Oct. 31	Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat		Food for People, Eureka
Nov. 1	ALL RE-ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE	5:00pm	4-H Office
Nov. 6-8	State Leaders Forum		Asilomar, Monterey
Nov. 7-8	Archery Certification		Modesto
	ALSO SEE DEADLINES IN STATE 4-H UPDATES ARTICLE		