Dear 4-Families,

Enjoy time with your families and friends during this Holiday season.

If you have questions or need information about the 4-H Youth Development Program, contact Jim O’Neill at the UCCE Office at 707-253-4146 or email (see below).

P.S. The UCCE/4-H Office will be closed on Friday, December 22, 2017, Monday, December 25, 2017 (Winter Holidays), and Monday, January 1, 2018 (New Year’s Day).

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Announcements

Napa County 4-H Council Meeting

The Napa County 4-H Council Meeting (Club and Countywide Project Reports) will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at UCCE/4-H Meeting Room.

Expansion & Review (E&R) Committee

The Napa County 4-H Council will hold their quarterly Expansion & Review (E&R) Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. It is the function of the committee to help expand the 4-H Youth Development Program opportunities for youth, adults, and families. If you are interested in belong to the committee call or email Jim O’Neill. The committee is looking for senior youth 4-h members (Ages 14 through 19).

Countywide Leadership & All Star Project Meeting

The Countywide Leadership/All Star Project invites all 4-H members (Ages 11 through 19) to participate in this hands-on training. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. Please contact Jody Brady 707-255-2552 for additional information.

Countywide Dance Project Meetings

The Countywide Dance Project invites all 4-H members to participate in this project. The meetings are held on Saturdays at the Academy of Danse. Please contact Emily Blackseth at emilyblackseth@me.com or 510-499-8700 for specific dates and times.

Countywide Robotics Project Meetings

The Countywide Robotics Project Meetings will be on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room starting at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Maria Thomason at 707-255-2907 or NapaThomasons@gmail.com for additional information.

Favorite Foods Day

Favorite Foods Day (FFD) will be held on Saturday, January 27 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. The registration form is available on the Napa County UCCE Website: http://cenapa.ucanr.edu and is due at the UCCE/4-H Office by Friday, January 12, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. Additional materials on FFD will be mailed after the registration is received at the office.
County Presentation Day

County Presentation Day will be held on Saturday, February 24 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. The registration form is available on the Napa County UCCE Website: [http://cenapa.ucanr.edu](http://cenapa.ucanr.edu) and is due at the UCCE/4-H Office by Friday, February 9, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

2017/2018 Countywide Projects

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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(s). The projects are open to all members on a first come basis.

4-H Shooting Sports Training

The State 4-H Office has announced the following Shooting Sports Leader Training hosted by Merced County 4-H Council. To register for the course please complete the “California 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form,” available at: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf). All training will be held in Winton (Merced County). For additional information contact John Borba at jaborba@ucanr.edu.

- **Rifle** – TBA
- **Archery** – December 9 & 10, 2017
- **Pistol** – December 9 & 10, 2017
- **Shotgun** – TBA
- **Muzzle Loading** – January 13 & 14, 2018
- **Western Heritage** – January 6 & 7, 2018
The State 4-H Office has announced the following Shooting Sports Leader Training hosted by San Diego County 4-H Council. To register for the course please complete the “California 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration From,” available at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf. All training will be held in Fallbrook (San Diego County). For additional information contact John Borba at jaborba@ucanr.edu.

- **Rifle** – December 16 & 17, 2017

The State 4-H Office has announced the following Shooting Sports Leader Training hosted by Kern County 4-H Council. To register for the course please complete the “California 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration From,” available at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf. All training will be held in Bakersfield (Kern County). For additional information contact John Borba at jaborba@ucanr.edu.

- **Rifle** – March 10 & 11, 2018

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**Animal News**

**Countywide Rabbit Project Meeting**

The Countywide Rabbit Project Meetings will meet each month at 1:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. The next meeting is on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Please contact Jenae’ Newnom at 707-320-3486 for additional information.

**Countywide Goat Project Meeting**

The Countywide Goat Project will meet the third Monday of each month (except November, December, July, and August) at 6:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. The next meeting is on Monday, January 15, 2018. Please contact Darlene Young at 707-318-6218 for additional information.

**Countywide Poultry Project Meeting**

The Countywide Poultry Project will meet the third Tuesday of each month (except September, December, July, and August) at 7:00 p.m. at the Vintage High School Farm’s Classroom. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Please contact Sherry Paukert at 707-280-1402 for additional information.

**2018 Alameda County Swine Field Day**

The Alameda County 4-H Swine Leaders would like to invite 4-H members to attend their Swine Field Day on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Sunol Glen School starting at 8:30 a.m. For additional information contact Cheryl Fraser at cyfraser@ucanr.edu or 510-670-5639.
4-H Camp News

2018 Summer Camp Leadership Team Meetings

- Six County Camp Board Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Week II – No Meeting in December
- Week I – Wednesday, December 13, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

2018 Summer Camp Dates

- Week I – Sunday, June 10 to Friday, June 15, 2018
- Week II – Sunday July 22 to Friday, July 27, 2018

2018 4-H Camping Conference

The 2018 4-H Camping Conference will be held April 6-8, 2018 at Redwood Glen Camp in Loma Mar, CA. The conference is a biannual event which provides 4-H teen leaders, volunteers, and staff the opportunity to improve their camping programs and meet others who are just as passionate about camp as you are. The conference is filled with enlightening workshops, engaging activities, and new programming ideas. The online registration is now open at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CampingConference_128/.

Bay Coast Area News

2018 Bay Coast Youth Summit

The California 4-H Management Board is proud to announce the 2018 Bay Coast Area Youth Summit (replacing the Creating a Leader “C.A.L.” Conference). The youth summit is a three day weekend leadership experience that is hosted in multiple locations throughout the state. The youth summit is geared for Intermediate 4-H Members ages 11-13 and Senior Leadership option ages 14-19. The 2018 Bay Coast Youth Summit is January 19-21 2018 at the YMCA Camp Jones Gulch, San Mateo County. The cost is $100.00 with online registration at: https://ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21679. For additional information and registration process contact Bay Coast Area Director, Trent Baldwin at Tbaldwin4h@gmail.com.

Bay Coast Area Committee Opening

The Bay Coast Area is looking for an Adult Volunteer Leader from Napa County to serve on the committee. If this is something you would like to do contact Trent Baldwin, Bay Coast Area Director at Tbaldwin4h@gmail.com.
Service Learning Projects for the Winter Season

Winter returns on December 21, marked by the solstice. During this time of year, 4-H Clubs often conduct service to benefit others in our communities. This year shows greater than normal needs in our communities due to the wildfires. We hope your 4-H Club will support their membership and the community by conducting service learning projects.

Service learning combines community service and education with the intent that the activity changes both the recipient(s) and the youth providing a service. Service learning involves active learning - drawing lessons from the experience of performing community service work. By engaging in service learning, youth learn interpersonal skills, leadership skills, planning and organizational skills, and often experience a positive change in how they view themselves, their community, and the world.

Here are three basic components to effective service-learning:
1. Youth set objectives for skills to be learned and community needs to address.
2. With guidance from adults, youth plan a project so that learning takes place at the same time community work gets done.
3. Youth and adults perform the service.
4. Youth reflect on the experience and draw lessons through discussion with others.

Service learning is more than just community service and more than just educational – it is both high service and high learning! Find more at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Citizenship/service_learning/.

Examples of service learning activities to help with wildfire recovery:
- Have members talk to those in need, or agencies who coordinate supplies, and identify materials needed during winter. While 4-H Clubs may not provide cash/check contributions directly, Clubs may purchase materials to donate to others, when it is part of a service learning project.
- Ask senior/elderly homes about their needs and organize visits and activities.
- Have youth learn about livestock needs and help locals rebuild livestock pens/fencing.

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Contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu or find more tips at http://ucanr.edu/4hadvisor