Happy Thanksgiving

Dear 4-Families,

As we prepare to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, I want to thank all the Community Club Leaders, Volunteer Enrollment Coordinators, Project Leaders, and Countywide Project Leaders for their efforts in organizing this year clubs and countywide projects throughout Napa County.

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 November 10, 2017 (Veterans Day), Thursday, November 23, 2017 (Thanksgiving), and Friday, November 24, 2017 (Day-After Thanksgiving).

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Announcements

Napa County 4-H Council Meeting

The Napa County 4-H Council Meeting (Officers) will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. In addition, the Napa County 4-H Council Meeting (Club and Countywide Project Reports) will start at 7:00 p.m. This is a make-up meeting since the October meeting was cancelled because of the Napa Valley Fires.

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, November 1 and Thursday, November 16, 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.

National 4-H Week

This Napa County 4-H Council presented the following awards to eight clubs who participated in the National 4-H Week. Congratulations!

- Monticello 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
- Napa Ranch 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
- Pope Valley 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
- Berryessa 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
- 4-Leaf Clovers 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
- Las Posadas 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
- North Napa 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
- Hunt Hollow 4-H Club – 1st Place Ribbon and $100.00 Check
## 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

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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** – November 18 & 19, 2017
- **Archery** – December 9 & 10, 2017
- **Pistol** – December 9 & 10, 2017
- **Shotgun** – November 18 & 19, 2017
- **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 Form,” available at: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf](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
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, November 12, 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 Canine Guardians Assistance Dogs Project Meeting

Call Rochelle Heskett at 707-363-0773 or rochelleheskett@att.net 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, November 21, 2017. Please contact Sherry Paukert at 707-280-1402 for additional information.

4-H Camp News

2018 Summer Camp Leadership Team Meetings

- Six County Camp Board Meeting – Monday, November 13, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Week II – Thursday, November 16, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Week I – Wednesday, November 29, 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 in the Santa Cruz Mountains. 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. Additional information will follow!

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.
Stories of 4-H families helping others in the wildfire crisis...

The UC Cooperative Extension 4-H staff wishes to express our deepest condolences to those who have suffered a personal loss and who have been impacted by the fire siege. We found these stories inspiring us and wanted to share them with the 4-H community.

**Helping Napa’s Evacuated Livestock by Stacey Kaiser**

We live in Napa and both my kids have been in 4-H for 8 years. When the wildfires started, my husband and son jumped into action helping friends and family evacuate themselves and animals. My daughter, in an effort to find comfort herself, decided to head out to one of our local high schools farm to help care for the evacuated animals. They have taken in countless horses, sheep, goats, dogs, pigs along with many others and helped cared for them 24/7. The teacher out there, Emmalee Casillas, who is also the Napa FFA chapter leader, welcomed all kids with livestock experience the chance to help. She and MANY other 4-H and FFA kids has been out there for days cleaning, feeding, building temporary pens, unloading donated feed/hay and learning life lessons she could NEVER learn doing anything else. She feels connected to her community and is definitely giving her hands to larger service. Just thought I would share how a bunch of kids and one amazing teacher are helping our little town. #napastrong

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors by Chris Mitchell**

We thank Rosie and Jake Wheeler, and Josie Wheeler who gave us all a place to gather for information, support, food and safety. The little nob out in the middle of their hay field known to the valley as "Cracken Rock" became our neighborhood headquarters. From what started as two hay bales where we made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for our firefighting family members last Tuesday slowly became a full camp with a generator, picnic tables, pop up shade tents, travel trailer and an outhouse where the whole valley gathered on Saturday night for a "Whew!" party. Rosie and her family embody the spirit of community and John and I are grateful to them!
Feeding the Firsts (Responders) by Emily Blackseth

My family was spared our houses, but the trauma of evacuations, heightened level of uncertainty and knowing that others were not as lucky will linger a little long I think, with that said we are very blessed to still be here, have a home and be able to reach out and bridge the gap for the rest of our community. Cindy Bell learned of an event, Feed the Firsts, and she called me to see how North Napa 4-H Club could be of service. We held an emergency meeting Saturday and the members who could attend, voted to purchase $200 of pizza with Club funds, to provide at the event for fire fighter crews. We volunteered at the event and hope to continue to volunteer with this effort as well as any others that you or other 4-H staff may call us to.