Dear 4-Families,

The 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) celebrates “National 4-H Week” this month. After more than a century of service, the 4-H YDP spans the nation from farms to urban environments. The 4-H YDP brings together youth and adults to build a nation of strong communities. This month clubs will showcase their activities and projects in storefront windows and displays throughout Napa County (see article on page 3).

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).

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Announcements

Napa County 4-H Council Meeting

The Napa County 4-H Council Board Meeting (Executive Session) will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 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, October 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at 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, October 24, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room. Since this will be Jody Brady last year as the project leader, I will need someone to shadow her this year to take over next year. Let me know if you like to get involved.

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 start in the fall 2017. There will be two meetings a month. The meetings will be on Thursdays, October 5 and 19, 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 year National 4-H Week is Sunday, October 1 to Saturday, October 7, 2017. The following clubs have National 4-H Week Displays at:

- Monticello 4-H Club – Napa City/County Library, Napa
- Rutherford 4-H Club – Steve’s Hardware, St. Helena
- Napa Ranch 4-H Club – Advanced Auto Body, Napa
- Pope Valley 4-H Club – Pope Valley General Store, Pope Valley
- Berryessa 4-H Club – St. Helena Veterinarian Hospital, St. Helena
- 4-Leaf Clovers 4-H Club – Family Drugs, Napa
- Las Posadas 4-H Club – Umpqua Bank (Browns Valley), Napa
- North Napa 4-H Club – Napa Chamber of Commerce, Napa
- Hunt Hollow 4-H Club – Hop Creek Pub (Browns Valley), Napa

P.S. See the National 4-H Week Proclamation signed by the Napa County Board of Supervisors on the last page of the newsletter. The proclamation was accepted by Isabella Yarnall, Napa County 4-H All Star, and three additional 4-H Members; Shelby Thomason, Camille Thomason, and Sandra Alric.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

The Tractor Supply Company will be holding their fall campaign from Wednesday, October 4 to Sunday, 15, 2017. Contact Daniel Havlin, Store Manager, in American Canyon at 707-558-0588 to schedule a time that your club members can be at the store to promote the 4-H Youth Development Program in Napa County.

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. 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 – October 15 & 16, 2017 and January 13 & 14, 2018
- Western Heritage – October 7 & 8, 2017 and 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. 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, October 15, 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, October 16, 2017. 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, October 17, 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 – Sunday, October 8, 2017 starting @ 9:00 p.m. at Las Posadas 4-H Camp.
- Week I – Thursday, October 25, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Week II – Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 7:00 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!
Citizenship Washington Focus and Leadership Washington Focus 2018

The registration for Citizenship Washington Focus and Leadership Washington Focus 2018 is now open! See the following website for additional information and registration:

CWF:  http://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#register-for-cwf.

LWF:  http://4-h.org/parents/leadership-washington-focus/#register-for-lwf.

Bay/Coast Area

Payton Yeo, Valley Ranchers 4-H Club serves as a youth member or the Bay/Coast Area.

State Management Board

Shelby Thomason, Monticello 4-H Club, serves as a youth member on the State Management Board.

Napa County 4-H All Stars (2016-2017 and 2017-2018)

Results from the 2016-2017 4-H Youth Outcome Survey

The ultimate goal for 4-H is to support youth in reaching their fullest potential. To accomplish this, we help them develop their competence, confidence, character, caring, connections, and contribution. We know anecdotally that 4-H Community Clubs help youth develop these skills – and more! – but we don’t always collect rigorous evaluation data to provide clear evidence.

Last program year, 2016-2017, we set out to assess 4-H members positive youth development (competence, character, connection, caring, confidence, and contribution), teamwork skills (leadership, communication, interpersonal skills, and appreciation for diversity). We also sought to explore 4-H members’ perceptions of their 4-H experience (physical safety, engagement, etc.).

The standard California 4-H youth surveys were administered in the Online Record Book and by invitation in hardcopy. We received 141 responses (Sonoma=31, Napa=115, and Marin=30). The average age was 13 years old, with 63% female.

Summary of Findings:
The results showed that 4-H members report high levels (above 80% overall) on indicators of positive youth development and teamwork. This is great news and also means we can continue to improve in the coming years!

- **Positive Youth Development**: The highest indicators were character (88% average), with caring and confidence tied for second (85%), followed by contribution (83%), connection (82%) and competence (80%). Individual county averages varied.
- **Teamwork**: The highest factor was appreciation for diversity (85%), followed by interpersonal skills (81%), and leading a team and communication tied for third (80%). The North Bay counties consistently had higher scores compared to statewide averages. The largest gap was teamwork: interpersonal (9-point gap) followed by confidence (7-point gap).

Regarding program experience, 4-H members reported factors with the highest averages being relationship building (86%), extended learning (86%), emotional safety (85%), and appreciation for diversity (85%). The lowest factors – and areas for concern – were skill building (75%) and physical safety (77%).

These findings will help the 4-H office, 4-H Club Leaders, and 4-H Council Executive Boards prioritize program improvements during the coming 4-H program year. For the full report, please visit: [http://cemarin.ucanr.edu/files/269250.pdf](http://cemarin.ucanr.edu/files/269250.pdf)
WHEREAS, 4-H Youth Development Program is the youth outreach program of the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Cooperative Extension Service, and the US Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food & Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, 4-H engages more than 600 youth in Napa County in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development through youth-adult partnerships and youth-centered educational programs where youth demonstrate the four Hs of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health through local 4-H clubs and camps; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 adult volunteers contribute countless hours and effort each year educating our Napa County youth; and

WHEREAS, 4-H youth build skills that help them thrive as competent, confident, caring leaders of character who are connected to others and contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is deserving of public recognition for its distinguished record of helping young people become healthy, happy and thriving citizens who make a positive difference in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Belia Ramos, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1st through 7th of 2017 to be National 4-H Week in Napa County and encourage all to celebrate and explore the 4-H Youth Development Program in Napa County.

Belia Ramos, Chair
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS