Dear 4-Families,

The Napa Town & Country Fair is over and that means the kids are back to school and the start of another program year. The Community Club Leaders (CCL) attended their yearly meeting to get the latest information on starting another year. Remember that all members and leaders are required to enroll online this year (see separate articles in this newsletter).

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 Monday, September 4, 2017 (Labor Day Holiday).

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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, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at UCCE/4-H Meeting Room following.

Napa County 4-H Club Sponsoring Committee

This year the Napa County 4-H Club Sponsoring Committee (the fundraising branch of the Napa County 4-H Council) held its annual auction on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the Preview Gala at the Napa Town & Country Fair. I would like to acknowledge the clubs and countywide projects that supported the auction this year by providing baskets and gift certificates. The next luncheon/meeting for the committee members is on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 starting at 11:30 a.m.

Countywide Leadership & All Star Project Meeting

The Countywide Leadership/All Star Project Meetings will start back up in the fall 2017. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 2017. 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 Dance. 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. This year there will be two meetings a month. The meetings will be on Thursday, September 7 and 21, 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. In order to participate in the National 4-H Week Displays Contest clubs must have their entry forms into the UCCE/4-H Office by Friday, September 22, 2017 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, 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** – September 9 & 10, 2017 and December 9 & 10, 2017
- **Pistol** – September 16 & 17, 2017 and 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

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, September 17, 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, September 18, 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

The 2018 Summer Camp Leadership Team (Chaperones, Counselors, Top Staff, Staffers, and Tribe Leaders) Applications will be available at the camp meetings in September held in the UCCE/4-H Meeting Room.

- Week I – Thursday, September 14, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Week II – Thursday, September 28, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

P.S. The Six County Camp Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017 starting at 6:00 p.m.
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](http://4-h.org/parents/citizenship-washington-focus/#register-for-cwf).

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

**Bay/Coast Area News**

The Bay Coast Area Director has announced the Citizenship Weekend 2017 will take place at Walden West Science Center, 15555 Sanborn Road, Saratoga, CA from Friday, September 22 to Sunday, September 24, 2017. Contact Barbara Butko at barb.butko@gmail.com for registration and additional information.

In additional to the Citizenship Weekend there will be “The 4-H Games” on Saturday, September 30, 2017 and “ABC Share” both from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Monterey Fairgrounds. Contact Trent Baldwin at tbaldwin4h@gmail.com for registration and additional information.

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

**State Management Board News**

The State Management Board is organizing new conferences, transitioning from prior sectional conferences (WHY, TIC, CAL, and LCORT) for youth 11-13 years of age. The Bay/Coast Area “Conference Staff” are excited to plan a new dynamic conference for winter 2018!

P.S. Shelby Thomason, Monticello 4-H Club, serves as a youth member on the State Management Board.
Date: July 17, 2017

To: All Napa 4-H Adult Volunteers Leaders active in 2016-2017

Re: Changes to the 2017-2018 4-H Volunteer Re-Application Process

Thank you for your service to 4-H as a volunteer leader! The Napa County 4-H program has a deep and rich history of supporting youth in reaching their fullest potential, thanks to the dedication, time, and effort of adult 4-H volunteers. The caliber of our Napa 4-H Clubs is a reflection of YOU, 4-H volunteers, without whom the program would not succeed. We, the UCCE Napa 4-H Office staff – Jim O'Neill and Steven Worker – remain committed to, and deeply value, 4-H adult volunteers who have dedicated so much to the organization. We know you care about 4-H and give your valuable time to help youth develop the skills to become productive, responsible young adults.

The State 4-H Office has implemented a new training requirement for returning 4-H adult volunteers in this program year 2017-2018. Before being approved in the 4hOnline enrollment system, returning volunteers will need to complete two courses in https://campus.extension.org: Toward an Interculturally Connected 4-H (60 min) and Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers (15 min). Instructions for creating an account and completing these are included on the website below. I realize this new requirement may place a burden on your already busy lives. I sympathize with the inconvenience – know that it was out-of-our hands – and hope for your patience and understanding. Please know, I value the time you donate to the 4-H program and hope this new requirement will not prevent you from re-applying to serve the 4-H program again. We need you!

Napa County is also moving to online enrollment. So you, and parents of 4-H members, will log in and enter your information yourselves. Paper forms will no longer be used for enrollment. Everything is collected electronically (except payment). Enrollment instructions for youth and adults are online at: Youth Member Enrollment Process, Adult Volunteer Initial Appointment Process, and Adult Volunteer Re-Appointment Process. A few returning 4-H volunteers will need to be re-fingerprinted and they have been notified by letter (please contact Jim O'Neill at jim.oneill@countyofnapa.org if you have questions about being re-fingerprinted).
Need technical support?

- For support with 4hOnline: Please contact your 4-H Club’s Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator (VEC). VECs may contact Jim O’Neill at jim.oneill@countyofnapa.org or (707) 253-4146.
  - 4-Leaf Clovers: Debbie Gioresetto or Jennifer Jensen
  - American Canyon: Pam Phillips
  - Berryessa: Robin Martin
  - Calistoga/Bennet: Michele Sempronio
  - Capell Valley: TBA
  - Hunt Hollow: Sarah Grant
  - Las Amigas: Melissa Mathison
  - Las Posadas: Shannon Eckerman or Sarah Macy
  - Monticello: Maria Thomason
  - Napa Ranch: Lacey McDaniel
  - North Napa: Cindy Bell
  - Pope Valley: Pam Davis
  - Rutherford: Shari Gardner
  - Valley Ranchers: Jennifer Wade-Yeo
  - Vintage: Charlie Jones

[note: Clubs marked with TBA still need to designate an adult to act as the Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator.]

- For support with eXtension.org (the new online training): Please bear with us if/when you experience technical issues with extension.org. Please contact the State 4-H Office at idevelopsupport@ucdavis.edu or the UCCE Napa 4-H Office, Jim O’Neill at jim.oneill@countyofnapa.org.

In closing, remember to enroll early! 4-H does not allow adults to hold Club or project meetings until they are approved in 4hOnline. Thank you and know I acknowledge the time and effort you all have contributed to the 4-H program. We are looking forward to another great year!

Steven Worker
4-H Youth Development Advisor serving Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties
University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Cooperative Extension
Results from the 4-H Environment Survey 2017

An organization – like 4-H – is shaped by the people who contribute their time and energy to its work. These individuals interact together, affecting the experiences of its members. Individuals, as well as the organization’s mission, influences the experiences individuals have in the organization, both positive and negative.

We set out to assess 4-H volunteers, members, and parent’s perceptions of the 4-H organizational climate and program quality during the 2016-17 program year in the North Bay (Marin, Sonoma, and Napa). Through a Qualtrics survey sent to every email address in the 4hOnline enrollment system (1,952 total emails), we received 181 survey responses (82 Sonoma, 20 Marin, 49 Napa, and 30 no county entered) from 13 members, 64 parents, and 78 leaders (26 no data).

Summary of Findings:
- **Mission and Brand**: 89% agreed that 4-H’s image is that of a high quality youth program; while 72% agreed 4-H is innovative in developing new ways to serve youth.
- **Leadership**: 70% agreed the 4-H office staff are approachable; 56% agreed the County 4-H council executive board members are approachable; more concerning was variance in responses to ‘conflict is managed well in 4-H’ (21% disagreed, 35% neutral, 45% agreed).
- **Communication**: 63% agreed they feel informed about changes that affect them in 4-H.
- **Satisfaction, Belonging, and Pride**: 94% agreed they are committed to the 4-H program; 93% are proud to be part of 4-H; but only 77% feel appreciated in the 4-H program.
- **Training**: 62% get the training they need to do their 4-H volunteer position well
- **Respect**: 82% feel valued by their 4-H peers; 64% feel free to express their opinions without worrying about negative responses (21% disagreed); 19% reported experiencing exclusionary, intimidating, offensive, or hostile behavior in 4-H (with reports that this behavior occurred at 4-H Club meetings, Council meetings, and at the 4-H Office).
- **Program Quality**
  - 4-H Meetings: 89% agreed mental and emotional safety is promoted; 95% agreed youth have opportunities to develop a sense of belonging.
  - 4-H Projects: 89% agreed project leaders support youth in building skills.
  - Youth Leadership: 94% agreed youth have opportunities to collaborate and work cooperatively with others.

These findings will help the 4-H office and Council Executive Boards prioritize program improvements during the coming 4-H program year. For the full report, please visit: [http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/files/267669.pdf](http://cesonoma.ucanr.edu/files/267669.pdf)

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Contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu or find more tips at [http://ucanr.edu/4hadvisor](http://ucanr.edu/4hadvisor)
Every 4-h’er has a story, and every story is worth telling! The 4-H Youth in Action Awards Program is a premier opportunity for your students to share their stories of how 4-h has changed their lives and how they have, in turn impacted others.

Through this program, four confident leaders will each receive:

- $5,000.00 scholarship
- An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- The chance to tell their stories on a national level

Pillar winners will have the chance to interact with National 4-H Council CEO Jennifer Sirangelo as well as celebrities and other prominent 4-h alumni. Through a formal selection process, one winner will be chosen in each pillar area: Agriculture, Citizenship, Healthy Living, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). One of these pillar winners will also be selected as the 2018 4-H Youth in Action National Award Winner.

The 4-H Youth in Action Awards are presented at National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards. The 9th annual Legacy Awards will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in Washington, D.C. This Special evening of celebration honors the accomplishments of both 4-H youth and the adults who make life-changing experiences possible for millions of 4-H young people.

To learn more about the qualifications and application process, please visit: [www.4-H.org/youthinaction](http://www.4-H.org/youthinaction) or email any questions to YouthinAction@4-H.org.