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# NAPA COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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## June 2017

Dear 4-H Families,

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).

**CONGRATULATIONS to all the Napa County 4-H YDP graduates!**



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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, July 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at UCCE/4-H Meeting Room following. **No meeting in June.**

### Napa County 4-H Council Election Results

The “Official Ballots” for the Napa County 4-H Council Officers positions (Vice President and Secretary) were counted at the last council meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Jody Brady was re-elected as Vice President and Shannon Eckerman was re-elected as Secretary. **Congratulations!**

### Napa County 4-H All Stars

The Napa County 4-H Council announced the new Napa County 4-H All Star at the Recognition Night held on Tuesday, May 9, 2016. The two new All Stars are Isabella Yarnall (4-Leaf Clovers 4-H club) and Jack Simpkins (Napa Ranch 4-H Club). **Congratulations!**

### Countywide Leadership/All Star Project Meeting

There are no meetings until the fall 2017.

### 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](mailto:emilyblackseth@me.com) or 510-499-8700 for specific dates and times.



P.S. The Countywide Dance will perform at the California State Fair on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the PG&E Center at the Expo Fairgrounds, Sacramento. **Congratulations!**

### Countywide Robotics Project Meetings



The Countywide Robotics Project invites all 4-H members to participate in this project. The next meeting is Thursday, June 15, 2017 at UCCE/4-H Meeting Room starting at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Maria Thomason at 707-255-2907 or [napathomasons@gmail.com](mailto:napathomasons@gmail.com) for additional information.

## 2016/2017 Countywide Projects

Name of Project	Leader(s) Name	Telephone #
• Camp (Week I)	Tammy Hill	707-815-4002
• Camp (Week II)	Kerri Abreu	707-942-6720
• Poultry	Sherry Paukert	707-280-1402
• Goats	Darlene Young	707-318-6218
• Rabbits	Jenae' Newnom	707-320-3486
• Canine Guardians Assistance Dogs –	Rochelle Heskett	707-363-0773
• Dance	Emily Blackseth	707-255-5576 or 510-499-8700
• Leadership/All-Star	Lori Hardin or	707-253-7714
(Ages 11-19)	Jody Brady	707-255-2552
• Robotics	Maria Thomason	707-255-2907

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.

### High School Scholarships

The following Napa County 4-H Members received Napa County 4-H Council Scholarships and three scholarships funded by former 4-H Families. **Congratulations!**

• Celeste Yoakum	Polly Wagenknecht Memorial Scholarship*
	Peter Gerlach Memorial Scholarship**
	Paulette Cormack Memorial Scholarship***
• Zane Yoakum	John Wagenknecht Memorial Scholarship*
	Paulette Cormack Memorial Scholarship***
• Janae Lewis	Ed Weber Memorial Scholarship*
	Randy Lauristen Memorial Scholarship****
• Brian Burguin	Grave Methven Memorial Scholarship*
• Luke Lipanovich	Napa County 4-H Council Scholarship*
• Jacob Bell	Napa County 4-H Council Scholarship*
• Zachary Blackwood	Napa County 4-H Council Scholarship*
• Anthony Politz	Napa County 4-H Club Sponsoring Committee Scholarship*
• Cameron Vaziri	Napa County 4-H Club Sponsoring Committee Scholarship*

\*Funded by the Napa County 4-H Council

\*\*Funded by the Gerlach Family

\*\*\*Funded by the Cormack Family

\*\*\*\*Funded by the Lauristen Family

## 4-H Shooting Sports Training

### 4-H Shooting Sports Training

The State 4-H Office has announced the following Shooting Sports Leader Training hosted by Kern 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>, Adult or Youth Medical Release Form. For additional information contact John Borba at [jaborba@ucanr.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucanr.edu).

- **Rifle** – TBA
- **Archery** – TBA
- **Pistol** – TBA
- **Shotgun** – TBA
- **Muzzle Loading** – TBA

## 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, June 11, 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, June 19, 2017. Please contact Darlene Young at 707-318-6218 for additional information.



### Countywide Canine Guardians Assistance Dogs Project Meeting



The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Call Rochelle Heskett at 707-363-0773 or [rochelleheskett@att.net](mailto: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, June 20, 2017. Please contact Sherry Paukert at 707-280-1402 for additional information.



## Mandatory NT&CF Work Day

The JLAC has announced a Mandatory NT&CF Work Day for Saturday, July 29, 2017 starting at 9:00 a.m. Grab your broom, rake, shovel, dustpan, wheelbarrow, gloves, etc. and help make the barn area, pens, and cages sparkle in time for the fair. There will be a “Check-in and Check-out.” In addition, there will be the “Trailer Spot Job Sign-up List” available on this day so you can pick your shift to meet the trailer spot requirements.

## 4-H Camp News

### 2017 Summer Camp Dates

- Camp Week I Workday/Training Day – Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 9:00 p.m.
- Camp Week I @ Las Posadas 4-H Camp – Sunday, June 11 to Friday, June 16, 2017
- Camp Week II Planning Meeting – Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Camp Week I Wrap-up Meeting – Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m.
- Camp Week II Top Staff Meeting – Wednesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m.
- Camp Week II New Camper Orientation – Wednesday, June 28 at 6:45 p.m.
- Camp Week II @ Las Posadas 4-H Camp – Sunday, July 16 to Friday, July 21, 2017



### Camp Sweatshirts

Camp Sweatshirts (hoodie or crew) are available from Specialtees, Etc. for both weeks of camp. All sweatshirts will be delivered to camp and will be available when you arrive. Call 707-255-0261 or email your order to [specialteesetc@aol.com](mailto:specialteesetc@aol.com). Both hoodie and crew come in black, white, or ash color. For an additional \$2.00 you can have your name on the sleeve. The sizes are small, medium, large, x-large, xx-large, and above. The cost varies from \$24.00 to \$30.00 depending on size, color, or with name.

**Steven Worker, 4-H YDP Advisor**  
**Napa, Marin, and Sonoma Counties**

**June 2017**

**From the 4-H Youth Development Advisor, Steven Worker**



**Play, Learn, and Serve in the Great Outdoors**

*Time spent in the natural world can help build our physical, emotional, and family fitness. ~ Louv, 2011*

Summer is almost here so it's time to take advantage of our local beautiful natural environment by getting outdoors! The natural environment holds remarkable potential for improving physical, psychological, and spiritual health, as well as strengthening bonds between people. However, research has shown that children are spending less time outdoors compared to twenty years ago. Let's plan to help our youth explore the great outdoors this summer!

***4-H summer camp***

Youth will be attending week long camps at Las Posadas this summer. Camps can spark curiosity, reconnect youth with nature, and emphasize holistic development of life skills. Last summer, parents of 4-H campers overwhelmingly reported two benefits for 4-H summer camp: unplugging from technology & becoming more confident.

***Plan 4-H picnics, hikes, and exploration***

Even if 4-H youth in your Club are not attending summer camp, plan a 4-H Club picnic, hike, or family exploration day at a local, state, or national park or forest. Find a map of local parks/forests at <https://goo.gl/BfCrpS>

***National Get Outdoors Day – June 10, 2017***

Plan to get outdoors on June 10! Parks and forests may offer fun activities for visitors to use a fishing pole, go geocaching, help pitch a tent and more.

<http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/>

***Get outdoors at home***

Even getting outside at home is beneficial. Unstructured play time is important for child development and well-being. Parents can supplement with simple activities; for example, find paint chips from the hardware store and invite your children find things in the backyard that match those colors. Or host a sensory scavenger hunt in the park (something spiky, something quiet, something fruity, and something tall).

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