

September San Mateo/SF County 4-H Highlights Newsletter

Announcements:

Record Books Due for County Judging – September 11, 2014

Earn credit for your work in 4-H by creating a record book! Become eligible for scholarships, star recognition, and state level competition! See [Forms page](#) for cover sheets and leader evaluation forms. No late record books will be accepted. Contact Valerie Pimentel (ropeforfun@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions.

It's not to late to register for the Cooperative Extension Centennial Insect Blitz event! – September 13, 2014 – Elkus Ranch

Fun and family friendly! Join us in celebrating our centennial year! On September 13th, UC scientists and local naturalists will gather to conduct a 24-hour survey to see how many insect species can be counted at Elkus Ranch Environmental Education Center in Half Moon Bay, CA. We invite the public to join and partner with us in this race against time to see how many species we can count. Come observe and interact with scientists and participate in other fun activities including: bug crafts, entomophagy (eating insects), insect collection & curation, and more!

[View Full Event Information and Register Here](#)

Calling all 4-H Volunteers! Please RSVP for the Volunteer Professional Development Day – September 27, 2014 – Elkus Ranch

4-H adult volunteers are asked to join us for the required volunteer professional development day and 4-H annual meeting. Meet with other volunteers to collaborate about youth development best practices, child safety, managing conflicts, and connect with valuable resources.

Morning Session - 9:00am-1:00pm – All 4-H Volunteers (includes working lunch)

Afternoon Session - 1:15pm-3:15pm – Project and Community Leader workshops

[Please RSVP by September 15, 2014](#). Light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Childcare and live scan finger printing will be available if necessary.

Representative needed! North Central Section Meeting – September 20, 2014 at 10:00am

North Central Section is the regional level of 4-H participation that all San Mateo/SF 4-H members are invited to get involved with! They offer leadership conferences, special skill development events, and citizenship opportunities. For example, after our local Presentation Day Event, gold medalists may compete at the sectional level Presentation Day, another chance to develop your public speaking skills.

San Mateo/SF needs a representative to attend the North Central Leaders Council meeting on September 20 (10:00am). The meeting will be held at the Solano County UCCE office (501 Texas Street, First Floor, Fairfield, CA 94533-4498).

As a special incentive, County Council is offering to provide the volunteer with a gas card to cover the cost of attending the meeting! This will help our counties stream line communication with the North Central Section and help us to become more involved with the opportunities available at the sectional level. Please email Jessica (jguild@ucanr.edu) if you are willing to be our rep for this meeting!

North Central Section Citizenship Weekend – September 27-28, 2014 – [Full Event Info](#)

Meet other 4-Hers from around California and work on your citizenship skills! This weekend of fun will feature mock trial activities, team building and networking, service learning projects, and much more! Email (ca4h-NCSection@yahoogroups.com) for info on registration.

North Central Section Skills Day – November 8, 2014 – [Full Event Info](#)

Skills Day is a one day event, providing North Central Section 4-H members (Alameda, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Mateo/San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Yolo counties) with the opportunity to participate in a day of workshops intended to help them develop and strengthen their life skills in a variety of subject areas ranging from consumer science to public speaking. Workshops are an average of 30 minutes with the additional option of double workshop sessions in circumstances where participants require more time.

New! County-Wide Biz World project

The BizWorld project will teach children the basics of entrepreneurship, business, and finance in a hands-on manner. This project gives children the opportunity to learn first hand how to start and operate their own business. Working in teams of six, students start, fund, and run their own company in the friendship bracelet industry. Contact Joan Chipser (joanchipser@sbcglobal.net) for more information on how to register for this countywide project.

[September State Office Updates](#)

[Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:](#)

- **September 11, 2014** – Record books due to county office for county judging. See [Forms page](#) for leader evaluation forms.
- **September 13, 2014** – UCCE Centennial Celebration at Elkus Ranch
- **September 20, 2014** – North Central Section Council Meeting at Solano County UCCE office
- **September 22, 2014** – County Council meeting at San Bruno Farm (7:00pm)
- **September 27, 2014** – County Volunteer Professional Development Day at Elkus Ranch
- **September 27-28, 2014** – [North Central Section Citizenship Weekend](#)
- **September 29, 2014** – Membership Task Force Meeting – 7pm Pacifica Sharp Library
- **October 1, 2014** – Members wishing to participate in State Record Book judging must complete the [Quick Start Record Book Course](#) by this date

- **October 24, 2014** - Record Books due to county office for state judging. No late record books will be accepted.
- **November 8, 2014** – [North Central Section Skills Day](#)
- **November 15, 2014** - Enrollment Saturday, County office 9:00am-12:00pm
- **November 24, 2014** – Awards Ceremony at Fox School 6:00-7:00pm
- **November 24, 2014** – County Council meeting at Fox School 7:00-8:30pm

Please see the [county calendar](#) and subscribe to the [county blog](#) for more upcoming county and state events, including Shooting Sports workshop dates.