

February 2015 San Mateo/SF County 4-H Highlights Newsletter

Announcements:

March 23 County Council Meeting is in Half Moon Bay! IDES Hall 735 Main Street

Save the Date - 4-H Camp Wild Wild West July 12-17 - Registration coming soon

2015 Presentation Day Report – [Full Article](#)

On Saturday, February 7th, 52 4-Hers from all over the county convened at the College of San Mateo for this year's Presentation Day! Eight members are eligible to represent San Mateo County at Sectional Competition, on Saturday, March 28th, at UC Davis.

Anyone is also free to enter the open Interview Contest.

Our county needs to provide judges, room hosts, and couriers for the event or else our Gold Medalists can't go. If you can help in some way, [please register here](#).

Got comments or suggestions for next year's event? Please help us improve by completing our [Presentation Day evaluation survey](#).

Membership Task Force Report - Final Conclusions

Please review the [Membership Task Force report](#). Good suggestions have been reached for focusing outreach efforts and member retention.

Now Recruiting – 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors for Elementary School Garden Program

4-H in Action announces the 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador program – Year Two! Earn up to 40 hours of community service! Teens attend an over night training at Elkus Ranch March 14-15, then over nine weeks (2-3 hours per week), they deliver a hands on, garden based nutrition and physical education program to local elementary school children. Applications due February 27, 2015.

How to apply:

- 1 Download [Program Information](#).
- 2 Fill out [paper application](#) or [online application](#).
- 3 Submit application and letter of recommendation - **Due February 27, 2015**

Life Skills Festival and Field Day – April 18, 2015 - Registration Coming Soon!

Three of our county events are becoming one! Favorite Foods Day, Fashion Revue, and The Arts and Crafts Expo will all take place on April 18, 2015 at Messiah Luthern Church (1835 Valota Road, Redwood City). Join us for friendly competition, food, and fun for the

whole family! Registration will be live the first week of March through April 1st. Not in a 4-H food or craft project? That's ok! There are options to enter the competitions. More info coming soon.

How to Register – Check the [County Events page](#) for details (coming soon)

Needed – 4-H Camp Advisor – Urgent

4-H camp is an exciting week-long adventure in the Santa Cruz Mountains! We are currently recruiting an advisor to lead our youth team. The advisor is in charge of the monthly leadership meetings, which includes training the youth team. The advisor is also responsible for the organization and on site management of the week long overnight camp. We are seeking a person who is organized, passionate about youth development, and experienced with management of youth development programs. Experience can be as a volunteer or professional. Training materials and support are provided to this role by the county office. Please email jguild@ucanr.edu if you are interested.

SLC Registration Now Live! Due April 30, 2015

Conference Dates: July 23-26, 2015

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas. [Registration Information](#)

Silicon Valley Gives – May 5, 2015

4-H is participating in the 2015 Silicon Valley Gives Initiative. Mark your calendars and get ready to donate on May 5th! [Read about the event and sign up for reminders.](#)

Project Announcements

Mandatory Livestock Exhibitor Meeting – All exhibitors – March 9 and 10, 7pm, Event Pavilion, San Mateo Event Center: This is a required meeting for all current (new and experienced exhibitors) exhibitors and project leaders. All that participate in a livestock project must attend. Parents should attend with kids and leaders. Horse show and dog show exhibitors are exempt.

Pen Pride Project – Two hogs are on the San Carlos Farm and would love to meet you! Pen Pride Project meets the first Sunday of the month at 4:30pm. Please email Jeanine Musch (jeanine.musch@gmail.com) if you're interested in the project!

County Sewing Project – Linda Litz has over 40 years of experience running 4-H sewing projects and has openings in her Belmont sewing project. Please contact Linda directly if

you would like to join (normflanc1@comcast.net).

County Adult Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways to get involved at the county level! If you are interested in any of the below opportunities, please email Jessica at (jguild@ucanr.edu) to see how you can get involved.

Science, Engineering, and Technology Volunteer Program Coordinator - Do you love science, teaching, and doing fun projects with youth? You're our person! We need a passionate individual to lead our county-wide S.E.T. initiatives. Trainings are readily available and there will be lots of support from the county and state offices for you.

Thrive Leadership Master Trainers – Have you heard of Thrive? Do you love it? Even if you haven't, if you love teaching young people skills in leadership development, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. Thrive is a cutting edge research-based positive youth development program focused on mentoring youth through practical leadership and life skill development. Help young people gain the skills they need to be competent, caring, involved citizens.

Quarterly Newsletter Coordinator – Do you miss reading articles and viewing photos from all the 4-H happenings around the county? Do you have graphic design and organizational skills? Awesome! We want you! Our goal is to create a quarterly newsletter packed with photos and reports about all that our 4-H members have been up to in the past season.

One-time event resource volunteers – Want to help but you don't have much time? That's ok! We always need support at our county events. Let us know and we will plug you in to coordinate food, registration tables, or even balloon buyer! Many hands make light work, as my grandma used to say :)

[February State Office Updates](#)

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- March 9 and 10, 2015 - Mandatory All Exhibitor Fair Meeting
- March 23, 2015 - County Council Meeting in HALF MOON BAY
- March 28, 2015 - NC Sectional Presentation Day
- April 18, 2015 - Life Skills Festival and Field Day (Previously separate events - Fashion Revue, Favorite Foods Day, Arts and Crafts Expo)
- April 26, 2015 - County Animal Challenge
- May 18, 2015 - County Council meeting at Fox School 7:00-8:30pm
- May 30, 2015 - State Field Day
- July 12-17, 2015 - 4-H Camp
- July 23-26, 2015 - State Leadership Conference

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