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Ready for anything.

SHASTA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Tips 'n Topics

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SHASTA COUNTY

2025–2026 4-H PROGRAM YEAR / VOLUME 26, ISSUE 5 - NOVEMBER 2025



Veterans Day honors all members of the armed forces who have served our country. It is observed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

It started in 1918 to commemorate the day when the fighting stopped for World War I. It was originally called Armistice Day. In 1954, after the Korean War, it became Veteran's Day, to honor veterans who served in all wars.

The red poppy is the symbol of Veterans Day, honoring those who served & sacrificed. Its symbolism comes from the poem "[In Flanders Field](#)", by John McCrae.



On November 11th a local event is held at the Northern California Veteran's Cemetery in Igo

Help Needed:

No RSVP needed, just show up for the following events:

Wed, Nov 5 @ 3:30 - flag placement

(bring gloves & screwdriver - in case the ground is hard)

Wed, Nov 12 @ 3:30 - flag removal

(bring gloves)

Tues, Nov 11 @ 10:30 - help distribute event programs

Please contact Erin to coordinate

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Coming Next Month

What happens at countywide events?

- ♦ Where are they?
- ♦ Who are they for?
- ♦ What to expect?
- ♦ What to bring?



Member Resources

[Shasta County 4-H Website](#)

4-H [Enrollment](#) is Year-Round

Interested in [Volunteering](#) ?

California 4-H [Member Resources](#)

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Local 4-H

If you are showing/selling at Fair in 2026,
the deadline to register online + pay your
enrollment fee to your Club is
Sunday, November 30.

The 3 days prior to Nov 30 are the
Thanksgiving holiday, so there will no one in
the office for support. (should you need it)

Q: You've submitted the enrollment, but wonder why your status in ZSuite still shows 'Pending Approval'.

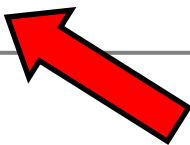
A: Once you've paid the enrollment fee to the club, your Club Leader Approves the registration. It then goes into 'Pending Admin Approval', which lets County Admin know to provide the final Approval. Then your profile will be listed as 'Active'.

Calendar

November



- 5 Inter-Mountain Steer Carcass Meeting
- 11 Veteran's Day - Office closed
- 16 Inter-Mountain Livestock Judging Day (CQ)
YQCA Instructor Led Training (SQ)
- 16 Cloverbud Meeting
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office closed
- 30 4-H Enrollment Completion **Deadline** (CQ)
For all 2026 Fair Exhibitors
- 30 **Returning Volunteer Enrollment
& Training Deadline**



December



- 1 2025-26 Club Documents **DUE**
- 19 Valley Favorite Foods Registration
OPENS

January



- 1 Happy 2026 !!
- 23 Presentation Day Registration **OPENS**
- 24 **Save the Date** for a County Ambassador
hosted event!
- 25 Valley Favorite Foods Registration **DEADLINE**
- 30 Fashion Revue Registration **OPENS**
IM Home Ec & Ags Stills Registration **OPENS**

DATE CHANGES

Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills

Drop off: Friday, March 27, 5-6 pm

Fashion Revue

Saturday, March 28 @ 2:00 pm

Livestock Judging Events

INTER-MOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK JUDGING DAY

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025
Start: 9:00 am
Location: Inter-Mountain Fair & Event Center
Host: Evergreen 4-H Club



[Registration](#)

*Deadline to register is Thursday,
November 13*

WHY SHOULD I GO TO THIS EVENT?

IF YOU'RE TAKING AN ANIMAL TO SHOW/SELL AT FAIR, THIS EVENT WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE JUDGES WILL BE LOOKING FOR.

YOU WILL BE OUTDOORS & WALKING THROUGH BARNs. WEAR LONG PANTS, CLOSED TOE SHOES / BOOTS AND DRESS WARMLY.

[Y.Q.C.A.](#) training will be provided by Shasta County 4-H staff after livestock judging.*

* A YQCA certificate is **required** by the State for **ALL** youth bringing an animal to fair in 2026 for showing or selling.

YQCA
YOUTH FOR THE
QUALITY CARE
OF ANIMALS
yqcaprogram.org

YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars:

-  Food Safety
-  Animal Well-being
-  Character Development



Valley Livestock Judging Results

Judging Process

Every member attending Livestock Judging is given a form which they use to judge the various species. At the end, they select 1 of the species to give an Oral Reasons presentation on why they gave the animal that particular score. The Judge scores the member on their presentation.

The **Overall** scores are based on the member's total scores for all species + their oral reasons presentation score. The person in 1st place for each age division receives a Judging pin.

The **Species** score is based on who had the highest total species score for their Oral Reasons presentation. The person in 1st place receives a pin for that species presentation. See example below:

Billy is a Junior who gave his presentation on Beef. Of all the Juniors who gave oral reasons on Beef, Billy had the highest species score - 43. Suzy received a species score of 50 on Beef, but gave her presentation on Swine. This means that she's only in the running for the Swine species medal.

If no one gave an Oral Reasons presentation on a specific species, then no medal is given for that species.



JUNIOR DIVISION

BREEDING CATTLE

None

MARKET BEEF

1st	Paisley Randolph	Palo Cedro
2nd	Vaughn Covert	Happy Valley
3rd	Renee Presidio	Golden Acres

BREEDING GOAT

1st	Guadalupe Murillo-Romo	Golden Acres
2nd	Ayla Verhougstraete	Palo Cedro
3rd	Hendrick Breedveld	Twin Palms

BREEDING SHEEP

1st	Andrew Seaton	Swede Creek
2nd	Lane Wooten	Foothill
3rd	Rex Spitz	Happy Valley

SWINE

None

OVERALL

JUNIOR

1st	Ava German	Westside
2nd	Gracelyn Hufft	Palo Cedro
2nd	Selah-Rose Thompson	Palo Cedro
3rd	Guadalupe Murillo-Romo	Golden Acres

INTERMEDIATE

1st	Casen Scholfield	Swede Creek
2nd	Chandler Bond	Swede Creek
3rd	Ruby Griffiths	Swede Creek

SENIOR

1st	Ellie Snider	Happy Valley
2nd	Mica'ela Thompson	Palo Cedro
3rd	Marley Clark	Swede Creek

Valley Livestock Judging Results



REMINDER:

[If you attended the In-Person YQCA Training, you must complete the pre-test AND the post-test to receive your certificate.](#)

PRIMARY STARS

Harley Babcock	Westside
Micky Benedet	Twin Palms
Zoe Marich	Golden Acres
Bear German	Westside
Emma Scott	Swede Creek
Wyatt Wickham-Ely	Happy Valley

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

BREEDING CATTLE

1st	Cole Matthews	Palo Cedro
2nd & 3rd	None	

MARKET BEEF

1st	Ruby Griffiths	Swede Creek
2nd	Everett Perea	Palo Cedro
3rd	None	

BREEDING GOAT

1st	Maci Murphy	Happy Valley
1st	Zoe Wickham	Happy Valley
2nd	Makenzie Crown	Black Butte
3rd	Wyatt Drake	Palo Cedro

BREEDING SHEEP

1st	Noah Morgan	Happy Valley
2nd	Irelynn Hudec	Golden Acres
3rd	Rozlynn Hebert	Golden Acres

SWINE

1st	Anaya Bonner	Sweed Creek
2nd	Carter Hart	Golden Acres
3rd	Abigail Babcock	Westside

SENIOR DIVISION

BREEDING CATTLE

1st	Ally Trisdale	Westside
2nd	Cooper Stricklin	Westside
3rd	Madilyne Campbell	Golden Acres

MARKET BEEF

1st	Lucas Dupont	Golden Acres
2nd	Madison Dupont	Golden Acres
3rd	Jennell Collister	Palo Cedro

BREEDING GOAT

1st	Athena Trapp	Palo Cedro
2nd	Abby Morgan	Happy Valley
3rd	Joaquin Murillo	Golden Acres

BREEDING SHEEP

1st	Cade Hebert	Golden Acres
2nd	Marianna Hiser	Hat Creek
3rd	Ellie Snider	Happy Valley

SWINE

1st	Mica'ela Thompson	Palo Cedro
2nd	Lydia Hufft	Palo Cedro
3rd	Presley Ironside	Happy Valley

Countywide Projects

Countywide Projects are available for **ALL** members from any Club to participate.

Below is some information about the various Countywide Projects:

Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds is for members ages 5-8. The Cloverbuds meet most months on the 3rd Sunday, 12:00-1:30 at the 4-H office, where they explore various topics. At October's Cloverbud meeting, members had fun with the theme "An Apple a Day". They discovered how apple oxidation works through a fun science experiment, sampled different apple varieties in a taste test, and ended the meeting by making fresh apple cider together. Please contact [Erin](#) with any questions.



Garden Project

Want to know more about what you eat? How to grow beauty? Join the Garden Project to help you "make the world a better and more beautiful place" (Junior Master Gardeners). You will do this by completing activities such as making nut butters, figuring out delicious tree syrups, and making twig lanterns. You may also do service projects, connect with Shasta County Master Gardeners, and play great games. The Garden Project meets most months on the 3rd Sundays, 12:00-1:30, at the 4-H office. Families may participate in a session of interest; please contact [Heidi](#) with any questions.



Market Goat

Project meetings are held monthly, from October till June. Members learn about housing, feeding, common illnesses and basic care for the meat goat. They learn how to choose an animal for the fair and the requirements for their participation. Once a member has their goat they will learn how to train, show, and prepare the fair. Please contact [Bev or Donna](#) with any questions.

Nigerian Dwarf & Dairy Goats

Dairy: Members will learn about the different breeds of dairy goats, and how to care for them; the pens they need, housing & feeders, what to feed, medical care, & vaccinations. Another big part of this project is learning how to prepare a goat for show, & how to show the goat. In the spring the members bring their goats to the meetings to practice showmanship. Members are encouraged to research a topic & share what they've learned with the other members in the group. The projects meets once a month for about 1 hour. Members are not required to own a goat to be in this project, they can simply want to learn more about goats.

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Local 4-H

Nigerian Dwarf & Dairy Goats (continued)

Nigerian Dwarf: this project is for 4-H members ages 5-8 years old. The project meet once a month for about 1 hour. A parent or guardian is required to attend meetings with the member for this project. Members will learn about: pens, shelters, what to feed at different stages of the goat's life, along with overall physical care (including medical care). They will learn how to prepare their goat for show, and how to show their goat - in the spring members will bring their goats to the meetings in order to practice showmanship. Please contact [Bev](#) with any questions.

Rabbits

Members learn about basic rabbit care, rabbit breeds and how to show rabbits. The project helps members prepare for Fair and attend 1 - 2 rabbit shows a year. Some members enjoy doing the breeding project where they sell the offspring at shows. The project also teaches how to select rabbits for the rabbit meat pens. The meat pen project is



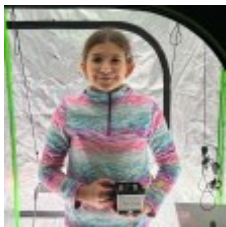
where members buy three bunnies from a breeder and must own them 30 days before Fair. At Fair these bunnies are auctioned off. Show rabbit will go to the beauty contest where they will be judged on conformation and how closely they match the Standard. Show rabbits will stay with the member as a pet. Extra rabbits are available so members can borrow a rabbit during a meeting to see if this is something they would enjoy.

Please contact [Julie](#) with any questions



Plant the Moon Challenge

New this year, and currently closed to enrollment is the Plant the Moon Challenge. Twin Palms 4-H members Nichole



and Porter are taking part in the Plant the Moon Challenge, a NASA-connected experiment to learn how vegetable crops might grow in lunar soil. Using a special lunar soil simulant, Nichole is testing carrot growth while Porter is experimenting with radishes. They designed their own experiment to explore which growing conditions work best.



Science

Science Literacy is the perfect project for young science learners ages 6-12. The project explores different fields of science at every meeting. The meetings target a lesson from a unique trade of science; physics, biology, chemistry, environmental science, etc. please contact [Diana](#) with any questions

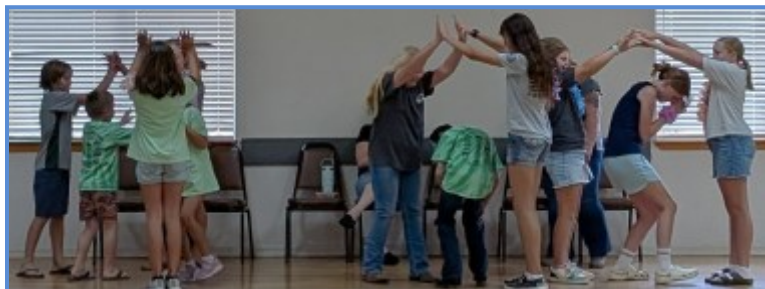


Learning about trajectory by shooting pumpkins out of a cannon!

Valley Achievement Event Pictures



Ice cream sundaes are the best !



Be a light house

Now run to the other side of the room!

Who has brown eyes?
Now change seats.



Our Ambassador Team

At the beginning of the event



At the end



Local 4-H

Twin Palms Arts & Craft Project



We love to showcase projects, events, anything club related.

Please send us your blurbs / pictures / etc.

Inter-Mountain Fair



Shasta County 4-H Leadership

TOWN HALL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Shasta County Town Hall meetings are where county events are planned, finances are discussed, information from the state & local level is shared, and everyone is kept up-to-date.

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

Valley (held at 4-H office)

Jan 15

Apr 16

April 23, Gepetto's in Burney

May 21

Feb 19: Valley Field Day Planning

Mar 19: 2026-27 Budget & Event Planning



	JUL	OCT	APR
BURNEY	X	X	
EVERGREEN	X	X	
HAT CREEK	X	X	
PINE GROVE	X	X	

Minimum Requirements for Club to be in Good Standing

TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE 2025-2026 4-H YEAR:

1. Complete the club reporting & turn in by the deadline.
2. Participate in the County Club Officer training.
3. Host or co-host one of the countywide events.
4. At least 2 adult volunteers.
5. At least 5 members from 3 different families.

	SEP	OCT	JAN	APR	MAY
BLACK BUTTE					
COTTONWOOD					
COW CREEK					
FOOTHILL					
GOLDEN ACRES	X	X			
HAPPY VALLEY	X	X			
HERITAGE					
LONE TREE					
PALO CEDRO	X	X			
SWEDE CREEK	X				
TWIN PALMS		X			
WEST VALLEY					
WESTSIDE	X				



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



11/1	Trace C.
11/2	Casen S.
11/2	Samuel S.
11/3	Quinn K.
11/3	Cooper S.
11/4	Elliana D.
11/4	Gracelyn H.
11/4	Glorianna J.
11/4	Carla T.
11/6	Ayla V.
11/8	William M.
11/8	Jaxson N.
11/9	Travis O.

11/10	Bev E.
11/10	Eduardo M.
11/11	Tyler B.
11/11	Jase H.
11/12	Wyatt M.
11/12	Jenna W.
11/13	Jhett G.
11/13	Margaret T.
11/14	Bailey H.
11/15	Michelle W.
11/17	Robert M.
11/18	Reed O.

11/19	Addison B.
11/19	Katie B.
11/19	Kaylene D.
11/19	Kenzie R.
11/19	Nikolas R.
11/20	Wyatt H.
11/21	Lillian T.
11/22	Ellie M.
11/23	Ty H.
11/23	Marcus S.
11/23	Kallie S.
11/27	Ryan P.
11/28	Mason J.
11/28	Nicole T.
11/29	Winnie G.
11/29	Landon H.



Fun Holidays in November:

11/2 Deviled Eggs Day
11/11 World Origami Day
11/17 Take a Hike Day
11/27 Turtle Adoption Day

