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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

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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

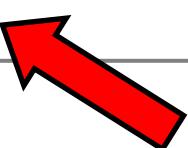


- 1 2025-26 Club Documents **DUE**
19 Valley Favorite Foods Registration **OPENS**

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.



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 |

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

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 | Swede 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 fo 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 meets 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 !



Now run to the other side of the room!

Be a light house



Who has brown eyes?

Now change seats.



Our Ambassador Team

At the beginning of the event



At the end



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 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| BURNNEY | 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 | | | |
| SWEDDE 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. |

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|-------|------------|
| 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

