



Tips 'n Topics

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

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Giving Tuesday 2025 Results

Thank you to everyone who helped to promote this event for our County. Between donations and Community Foundation add-ons, we made close to \$1,000. This is more than we made in the previous 2 years combined - enough to cover enrollment fees for 10 members !



Valley Beef Members

Steer tagging
date is

Sunday, February 15

You were sent a letter in January with additional [information](#).

Presentation Day [Registration](#) is OPEN /

Closes on Sunday, February 22

Pre-requisite for Regional Presentation Day



Regional is a pre-requisite for State Field Day Presentations

Fashion Revue [Registration](#) is OPEN /

Closes on Sunday, March 8

Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills [Registration](#) is OPEN /

Closes on Sunday, March 8

[State Field Day](#) is on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Hold the date, registration is not yet Open.



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



Community Service Opportunity

Shasta County Pollination Garden

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Additional information in future newsletters.



Calendar

February

- 7 Favorite Foods Event
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday - Office Closed
- 16 President's Day - Office Closed
- 18 **Valley Field Day Planning - ALL Valley Clubs**
- 18-20 Stills Day Camp Event
- 22 Presentation Day [Registration](#) **DEADLINE**

March

- 6 Valley Field Day Registration* **OPENS**
- 7 County Presentation Day **Event**
- 8 IM Home Ec & Ag Stills Registration **DEADLINE**
- 8 Fashion Revue Registration **DEADLINE**
- 13 Council Scholarship [Application](#) **DEADLINE**
- 28 Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills **Event**
- 29 Fashion Review **Event**

April

- 1 April Fools Day
- 9 Council Scholarship Interviews
- 11 Pollination Garden
- 12 Valley Field Day Registration **DEADLINE**



May

- 1 County Ambassador [Application](#) **DEADLINE**
- 1 Valley Field Day Ag Stills Drop-Off
- 2 Valley Field Day Livestock
- 8 [4-H Livestock Contract](#) for SDF **DEADLINE**
- 22 [Shasta District Fair](#) Entries **DEADLINE**
- 25 Memorial Day - Office Closed

June

- 17 - 21 Shasta District Fair
- 30 4-H Program Year Ends

Local 4-H



Shasta County 4-H Ambassador is going to the National 4-H Conference !

Each Spring the National 4-H Conference brings hundred of 4-H'ers to Washington D.C. These members have the opportunity to network with 4-H'ers from around the world. The working conference allows youth & adults to assist with the development of recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. California selects only 6 delegates to attend each year, and Marianna from Hat Creek 4-H is one of them!

In preparation for, during & after the National 4-H Conference, youth members learn, practice, and apply new skills and use their voices, talent, and ideas to make a difference. The delegates meet with Congress and the Senate to make legislators aware of the tremendous impact of the 4-H program.

During her 12 years in 4-H, Marianna has been a club officer, has served multiple years serving as junior & teen project leaders, and is now in her 2nd year as a County Ambassador. Marianna will graduate from high school in June, 2027 **and** will graduate in May, 2027 with a double Associate of Arts in Humanities and Social Sciences - along with an Associates for Transfer in Psychology.

Way to go Marianna!

Wow!



Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills Day 2026

Date: **Saturday**, March 28 & **Sunday**, March 29, 2026

Location: Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds, McArthur

Host: Hat Creek 4-H

Mandatory Online [Registration](#) closes: Sunday, March 8, 2026

Still exhibits provide 4-H members with the opportunity to display the results of their project work indicating achievement and growth - *this is not an event for school projects.*

SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28, 2026

5 - 6 pm Drop Off & Check in Home Ec. & Ag Stills Exhibits

Sunday, March 29, 2026

1 - 4 pm Pick up Items



All exhibits will be released after the Awards Ceremony – it is the member's responsibility to pick up their items.

Who Can Enter?: All 4-H members may exhibit and participate at the 4-H Home Ec & Ag Stills Field Day.
Ages are as of December 31, 2025

Primary*	ages 5-8
Junior	ages 9-10
Intermediate	ages 11-13
Senior	ages 14+

* May show in any division. However, they will not be judged and will receive participation ribbons only.

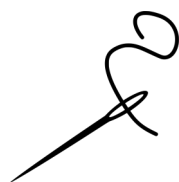
Categories can be found in the [Premium Book](#).



Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills Day 2026

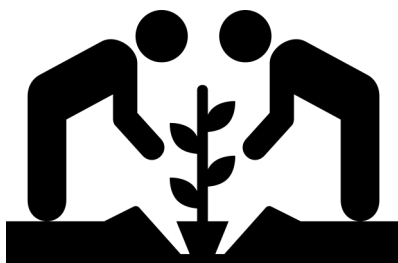
General Guidelines

1. All exhibits must have been made by the 4-H member during the current 4-H year and under the supervision of a certified 4-H leader. To participate in this event, member must be enrolled in the project to exhibit items.
2. The 4-H member is responsible for meeting check-in times. Late exhibits will not be judged.
3. The judges' decisions are final. All judges are volunteers and offer their expertise in evaluating 4-H project work. Respect should be given to those recruited as judges.
4. A successful 4-H Still Exhibits Fair takes the involvement of every 4-H member, leader and parent with lots of help from our 4-H friends! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact the office at (530) 224-4900.



AWARDS: Danish system of judging (blue, red and white ribbons) will be used. Medals awarded to top scoring entry in each category, for each division. Primary participants will receive one participation pin. Entries will not be released until awards ceremony is completed.

PLEASE NOTE: **NO** members, adult leaders or parents will be allowed in the competition area until all judging is completed. Leaders and parents are to help fill out any required paperwork in advance of dropping items off. Allow enough time if you have entries in more than one category.



Local 4-H

Burney 4-H member selected to participate in National FCS Fashion Revue

The 4-H Family and Consumer Science (FCS) National Conference provides 4-H members with the opportunity to compete on a national stage against their peers from across the U.S. The 4-H FCS National Conference is where Senior winners in the Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, and Uniquely Upcycled categories from each State compete in a National Fashion Revue competition. Held in January, California can send a maximum of six youth. Nicole from Burney 4-H qualified and was selected to participate in Fashion Revue Nationals in January, 2026 !

Entrants worked together on a "Quilt of Valor" service project while at the event in Texas. Four of the girls in the CA group - including Nicole - competed in a "Consumer Decision Making" competition. This is similar to livestock judging, but using products and consumer scenarios. California 4-H has never competed before because this isn't offered in our State categories. Four CA members volunteered to be guinea pigs. There was 104 pages of information to review! They took the position that they probably wouldn't place, but would learn a lot. There were 14 teams and CA took 5th in 2 of the categories :)

Nicole did not Place in the Consumer Purchase category at Nationals, but we are so proud of her efforts. Nicole started out a few years ago as a kid who did not like crowds or public speaking. Thanks to involvement in 4-H she has become a confident young lady. Her goal this year is to win in a different category and go back to Nationals!



Fashion Revue 2026

DATE: **Sunday, March 29, 2026**
TIME: **2:00 pm check in**
LOCATION: **Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds, Ingram Hall**
HOST: **Burney 4-H**



Registration OPENS: **Saturday, January 31, 2026**
CLOSES: **Sunday, March 8, 2026**

State Recognized Categories

1. Consumer Science Purchased, \$50 Limit
2. Costume Challenge
3. Needlework
4. Pantone Color of the Year
5. Softie Challenge
6. Traditional
7. Traditional - Make it with Wool
8. Uniquely Upcycled

Detailed information on each category can be found in the [2026 State Fashion Revue Categories Brochure](#).

[State Fashion Revue website](#)

(lots of helpful information)

Who Can Enter the 2026 State Fashion Revue?

Any Junior, Intermediate or Senior 4-H Member.

Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased & Uniquely Upcycled must have received County Winner at a County 4-H Fashion Revue or other qualifying event. Only one County Winner from each age division in these three categories may enter in the same State Fashion Revue category.

The other categories do not need to qualify at a County 4-H or other qualifying event to enter.

Members may enter up to two categories at State Fashion Revue.

Helpful Links

Clue Yourself into Modeling

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/1641.pdf>

Sewing Skills Progress Chart

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/50349.pdf>

The Total Look

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/50351.pdf>

The Total Look Leaders Guide

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/50350.pdf>

Interfacings

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/61587.pdf>

Ready-made Garment Analysis

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/61589.pdf>

Fashion Modeling

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/uc4-h/files/61592.pdf>

Shop 4-H Clothing Curriculum

[STEAM Clothing 1: FUNdamentals – Shop 4-H](#)

staple or glue
a swatch of your fabric here

Description Form & Commentary

(Bring completed form to Fashion Revue event)

AGE (as of Dec. 31, 2025): _____

Number of years in Project:

Intermediate (ages 11 - 13) _____

Senior (ages 14 & up) _____

Indicate below the category you wish to be judged for the Best Modeling Competition (limit one).

Costume Challenge Needlework

Pantone Color of the Year _____ Softie Challenge _____ Traditional _____ Trad (Make it with Wool) _____

COMMENTARY- Commentaries will be given to judges prior to evaluation.

NOTE – STATE FASHION REVUE REQUIRES COMMENTARY TO BE 60 WORDS OR LESS.

Describe what you are modeling—pattern used, fabric, and color. List any special design or fabric features. Describe detailing that was challenging to do, or any special feature of construction to which you would like to call attention. Describe all accessories and explain why you chose them. Make this as complete as possible; this is the information the commentator will read while you model. Use your name; she, her, not I or my. You may include your club, how many years in project etc.

[illegible]

If more space is needed, attach separate pages.

Please Note: Type or print clearly in ink (computer-generated attachment is acceptable). Attach a 3" x 3" swatch of the fabric(s) you used to the upper Left-hand corner of this Entry Description Form.

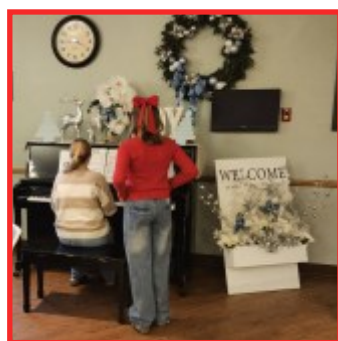
Signature of Project Leader

Local 4-H

Northern California Veterans Cemetery Holiday Wreaths for Heroes

Cow Creek 4-H

The Veteran's Cemetery in Igo has been placing holiday wreaths on graves for over ten years. Members with Cow Creek 4-H decided to participate in this annual event. We helped to lay out wreaths on December 13th - at which we read out the names of the veterans and thank them for their service. On the Wednesday January 7th we returned to help pick up the wreaths. We enjoyed honoring our veterans and found that Jonathan Paradis was a great help with instructions.



Golden Acres

In December members of the Golden Acres 4-H Club went caroling at Copper Ridge skilled nursing facility in Redding.



Operation Organized Chaos . . . with food

On Saturday, January 24, the Shasta County Ambassador Team provided members with an opportunity to improve their skills in leadership and communication. In addition, they played games, snacked on pizza & worked on their LDR's for the annual Record Books.



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

Meetings held at 4-H office, unless noted otherwise.

Jan 14

Apr 15

April 22, Gepetto's in Burney

May 20

Feb 18: Valley Field Day Planning

Mar 18: 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			X		
FOOTHILL			X		
GOLDEN ACRES	X	X	X		
HAPPY VALLEY	X	X	X		
HERITAGE					
LONE TREE					
PALO CEDRO	X	X	X		
SWEDE CREEK	X		X		
TWIN PALMS		X	X		
WEST VALLEY					
WESTSIDE	X		X		

Thankful for 4-H

Grateful for 4-H

Lilly H. - Twin Palms 4-H

I really enjoy being in the Twin Palms 4-H club. I am thankful for the adult program leaders and volunteers who make all of the fun 4-H activities possible. I am thankful for my science, arts and crafts, and dairy goat leaders. I am also grateful for all of the leadership skills that I am learning in 4-H. I think they will help me someday in my future career.



Hanging with her brother & their 4-H goats & alpacas.



With dwarf goat 'Petunia'

Learning about trajectory with the Science Project by pumpkin chuckin' !



Due to changes made with the enrollment process this year, we're no longer able to pull accurate birth date information.

The Birthdays that were previously posted on this page are being replaced by Thankful for 4-H.

Please send us your story and, hopefully, a picture.



- Feb 1 Robinson Crusoe Day**
- Feb 7 Wave all your fingers at your neighbors Day**
- Feb 15 World Hippo Day**
- Feb 23 Curling is Cool Day**

