



COLUSA COUNTY 4-H JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events:

January

1st - UCCE Office Closed - Holiday

12th - Arbuckle 4-H Meeting, 6:30 Primary meeting, 7:00, Regular members, Arbuckle Elementary School Multipurpose Room

12th - Colusa Community 4-H Meeting, 6:15 Primary, 7:00 Regular Members, Etchepare Hall at Colusa County Fairgrounds

12th - Princeton 4-H Meeting, 6:00, Princeton Elementary School Cafeteria

20th - Presentation Day entries due by 5 p.m. online

31st - Countywide Presentation Day, 9 a.m. registration starts, Princeton High School

February

2nd - Colusa Community 4-H Meeting, 6:15 Primary, 7:00 Regular Members, Colusa Industrial Properties Conference Room, 100 Sunrise Blvd., Colusa

4th - Maxwell 4-H Meeting, 6:00, Maxwell Elementary School Multipurpose Room

3rd - 5th - Colusa County Farm Show Pie Sale Booth

8th - Steer Tagging - Colusa Fairgrounds

9th - Arbuckle 4-H Meeting, 6:30 Primary meeting, 7:00, Regular members,

Looking Ahead:

Countywide Stills Exhibits Day, March 21, 2026



Spotlight on Our Club Officers



Dawson Harris

Dawson Harris is the Sergeant At Arms for Arbuckle 4-H this year. His favorite part of being involved in 4-H for four years is Showmanship and has learned how to take care of a lamb. His favorite experience was getting to the Senior class in Showmanship as a Novice! In addition to 4-H, Dawson is involved in a variety of sports, and he's really good at it! As for being a character from a book, he would like to be Harry Potter or Percy Jackson.

Janelly Orozco holds the Attendance Secretary Officer position this year for Arbuckle 4-H. Her favorite part of her three years in 4-H is learning how to raise an animal and all the responsibilities that come with it. Her best experience is learning how to show an animal at the fair. She is really good at Cheerleading as well, and has been an Arbuckle Jr. Bears Cheerleader for five years. Being more involved in her club would make her club even better. She would like to be Niki Maxwell.



Janelly Orozco



Max Vann

Max Vann is the Reporter for Arbuckle 4-H. In his eight years as a member, he likes the sense of community in 4-H locally and across the state. Leadership has been a focus of his, serving as Jr. Leader for the Swine project. He likes learning to teach lessons and lead activities as a Jr. Leader. His favorite 4-H experience is a tie between 4-H Camp and the State Leadership Conference at UC Davis. He is going to branch out this year and raise a Market Goat for the fair. He'd like us to know that this is his second year as an officer, and he is learning the piano in his spare time. He is also good at Math and Reading. To make his club even better, he wants to encourage other members to attend the 4-H State Leadership Conference at UC Davis. In choosing a character, he would choose Murtagh or Eragon from the Inheritance Cycle.



Teen Camp Counselor Opportunity



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Glenn County 4-H Camp

Camp Staff Informational Meeting

UCCE Office, Orland
Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming a Camp Youth Director, Teen Camp Counselor, or an Adult Volunteer, this meeting is for you! Join us to learn more about future dates and 4-H Overnight Camp 2026.

Glenn County 4-H Camp Counselor and Youth Director Application will be available soon!



University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) is an equal opportunity provider.

Please contact Christine Kampmann, Glenn County 4-H CES with any questions.
Email: ckampmann@ucanr.edu



Colusa County 4-H Presentation Day



Colusa County 4-H Presentation Day will be Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Princeton High School, with registration starting at 9 a.m.

This event is open to all 4-H'ers allowing youth to exhibit their communication and public speaking skills. Members plan and create a presentation with assistance from the [California 4-H Presentation Manual](#).

As a reminder, to exhibit either an animal or still exhibit at the Colusa County Fair, members must complete one presentation related to their project. County Presentation Day counts for this requirement.

Check out this [planning worksheet](#).

Click on the link [register here!](#) Registration closes Jan. 20th

We are also in need of evaluators and room coordinators. [Sign up here!](#)

Farm Show Pie Sale Booth



We Need You!

**COLUSA FARM SHOW
4-H PIE SALE
FUNDRAISER**
Contact the 4-H Office
to Volunteer
530-458-0570

Youth and Adult Volunteer

Helpers needed:

Tuesday, February 3rd

Wednesday, February 4th

Thursday, February 5th

Anytime between 9am and
4pm

Helpers will:

Take money

tally sold pies

Help hand out pie



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4-H Still Exhibits Day

Round up your best projects made so far in 4-H and enter them in the Colusa County 4-H Still Exhibits Day, **Saturday, March 21st** at Maxwell Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

This event is open to all 4-H'ers and allows youth to exhibit a variety of entries such as: Arts and Crafts, Woodworking, Table Settings, and Baked Goods. Youth are evaluated on their craft exhibit, as well as a spoken presentation of the items. Pre-registration is required.

Registration is now open, click the link below to register.

[Stills Day Registration Link](#)

Please let us know if any leaders or parents would be willing to teach a craft project at Still Exhibits Day while the results are being tallied. We have supplies if you need them! If this is something you could help us with, please call the office at 458-0570.



Colusa County Fair News!

Neon Dreams and Carnival
Screams will be rolling into
Colusa County
June 11 to 14, 2026!

It's never too early to start planning! We are looking for volunteers who may want to take the task of decorating the stills area in the Main Exhibit Building. We will have a planning meeting in April, to talk about ideas and get something in place! If interested please contact the 4-H Office, 530-458-0570.



LIVESTOCK LOAN INFORMATION

MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

ED & JOSIE MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN Ed and Josie Mattingly were 4-H leaders in Butte County for many years while 7 of their 9 children were in the Biggs 4-H Club. Both have since passed away, and their family and friends would like to memorialize them by helping 4-H'ers in livestock projects. In this spirit the family would like to memorialize them by helping 4-H'ers who would have difficulty financing a livestock project without a loan. For further information, please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570 OR by [clicking here](#)

JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherer of Arbuckle established the Joel Sherer Memorial Fund in 1965 to memorialize their son Joe, who was "an energetic 4-H'er during his lifetime", and to assist 4-H members in establishing a degree of independence by allowing them the opportunity to finance their livestock projects. For further information, please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570 OR BY [clicking here](#)

COLUSA-GLENN FARM CREDIT YOUTH LOAN

The Colusa-Glenn Farm Credit Youth Lending Program provides interest free funds to youth from Colusa and Glenn Counties who participate in livestock projects in qualifying 4-H, FFA,

Independent, or Grange chapters. This opportunity allows the youth to learn about the importance of accurate records, budgeting, and honoring obligation to repay. [Click here for more information](#)



[Click here to learn more](#)



News from California State 4-H

[Visit the Site Here!](#)



California is the largest agricultural producer in the country, yet one in seven families in California face hunger.*

* <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/california>

“It’s the empathy for me.”



FOOD ACTION ACADEMY: Get Creative

Learn. Get Creative. Take action.

Connect with youth across California to learn about the factors that affect people's access to food. Gain practical skills to create a plan for positive change.

WHO California youth ages 11 - 18

WHERE Online via Zoom

WHEN Tuesdays from 6 - 7:15 p.m.

January 20, 28

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3

**SIGN UP BY
JAN 13, 2026**

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Learn more

Information Session

Jan 6, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Info Session

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Questions? Contact: Ally Lemmer,
Healthy Living Academic Coordinator
alemmer@ucanr.edu



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[REGISTER HERE](#)



Adult Volunteer Steps for Enrollment

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a 4-H adult volunteer?

Here are the requirements:

- Complete the [interest survey](#)

- Receive welcome email from the 4-H Office
- Enroll in [ZSuite](#)
- Complete Livescan background check
- Complete the 25-26 New Volunteer course in [Campus](#)
- Attend new volunteer in-person workshop, first one September 16
- Pay \$30 enrollment fee to your club leader

Returning volunteers please complete the following requirements:

- Enroll in [ZSuite](#)
- Complete the 25-26 Returning Volunteer course in [Campus](#)
- Keycode: Colusa
- Pay \$30 enrollment fee to your club leader

If you have a break of a year or more in service, you need to follow the steps of a new volunteer.

Any questions about any part of the process, please call the office at 458-0570.



Find Your Spark, Reach Your Goals: Exploring 4-H Achievements



Ways to Earn Your Spark Achievements

A Spark Achievement reflects a member's experiences in 4-H with the purpose to try new things. Through this dip-your-toe-in strategy, members can discover something in 4-H that brings them joy and motivation—a Spark.

Spark Achievement pins show member experiences and accomplishments in 4-H.

Any member who does not currently hold a bronze star rank must use the Spark Achievement program.

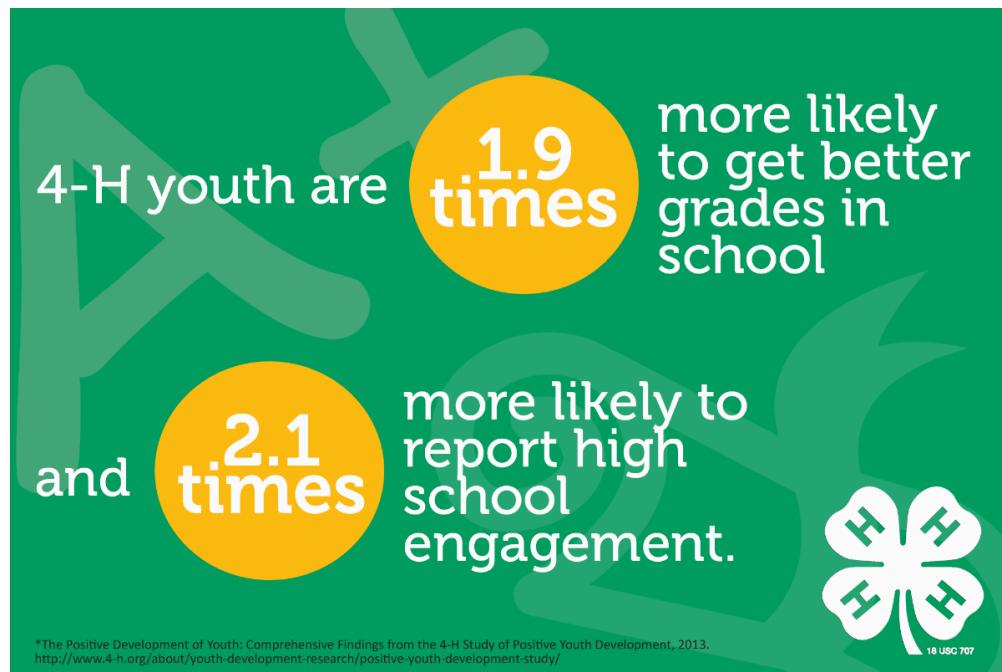
Click the link below to learn more.

CA 4-H Achievement Program Overview

Attention 4-H Club Members:

If you attend a 4-H event, you are welcome to submit an article to let us know about it! Send us a picture, and tell us the who, what, where, and why, plus something that you learned! It will count in your record book!

Email article to jpperry@ucanr.edu or mzoller@ucanr.edu



We have a new Facebook page!
Check us out!

[Colusa County 4-H, California 4-H](#)

Colusa County 4-H Club Meetings

Arbuckle 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.,
Arbuckle Elementary School

Maxwell 4-H Club

1st Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.,
Maxwell Elementary School Multipurpose
Rm - No January Mtg.

Colusa 4-H Club

Varying Mondays, 7:00 p.m. - Etchepare Hall,
Fairgrounds, No May Mtg.

Princeton 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Princeton Elementary School

Stonyford 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Community Pavilion - No December Mtg.

**Anyone interested in helping us
revive the Williams 4-H Club, please
contact us!**

[For More Information](#)
[Click here to e-mail the 4-H Office.](#)

Be sure to check out our website! [Colusa County 4-H Website](#)

4-H PLEDGE



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

my **HEART** to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS** to larger service,

and my **HEALTH** to better living,

for my club, my community, my country,

and my world.

Prometo usar mi **MONTE** para pensar con más claridad,

mi **CORAZÓN** para ser más leal,

mis **MANOS** para ser más servicial,

mi **SOLUD** para cuidarme más,

por mi club, mi comunidad, mi país

y mi mundo.

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