

Tips 'n Topics

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

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Valley Field Day Registration Opens March 6

A lot of preparation takes place in our office before a County event – including the set-up the day of.

Please let us know if you are aware that you cannot attend an event you signed up for.

Interested in being a Judge for Presentation Day ?

We're in need of family, friends, etc. who would like to help with this event on March 7th.

[Register Here](#)



Regional Presentation Day

If you receive a Gold or Blue award at County Presentation Day, you are encouraged to present at Regional Presentation Day.

[Siskiyou County](#) is offering Regional Presentation on March 28

[Tehama County](#) is offering Regional Presentation on April 11.



Are you showing/selling an animal at Fair?

Remember to complete your [YOQA](#) training **and** print out your certificate.

You **will** need this in order to register for Fair.



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

Shasta County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Due Sunday, March 1, 2026

Shasta County 4-H Scholarship

Due Friday, March 13, 2026

Luz Martinez Scholarship

Due Friday, March 13, 2026

Vestra Resources Scholarship

Postmarked by Tuesday, March 31, 2026



Calendar

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**
- 27 Inter-Mountain Home Ec & Ag Stills **Event**
- 28 Fashion Review **Event**

April

- 1 April Fools Day
- 9 Council Scholarship Interviews
- 11 Pollination Garden [Registration](#)
Regional Presentation Day [Registration](#)
- 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



Event Registrations

County Event Registrations **Closing** Sunday, March 8

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

Fashion Revue [Registration](#)



State Field Day is on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Hold the date, registration is not yet Open.

Community Service Opportunity

Shasta County Pollination Garden

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00 - 11:00 am

[Registration](#)



Event Summary:

- For safety reasons, we have a cap of 75 participants.
- Bring your own garden tools, gloves and hammers.
- Add more seeds to the WM pollination garden
- Assemble and paint wildlife houses that will be placed around the landfill
- Learn about Landfill Management
- Compost activity
- Pollination activity
- Garden to go
- WM truck displays



POLLINATION GARDEN AT ANDERSON LANDFILL

April 11, 2026

18703 Cambridge Rd

Anderson, CA

9 am - 11 am



Celebrate Earth Day with 4-H and learn about pollination, composting, and the Anderson Landfill. Participate in gardening activities, build an owl box, and even touch a WM truck! [Click here to sign up](#), or scan the mobile QR code.



Local 4-H

Happy Valley 4H Spreads the Love

By: Harper, Happy Valley 4-H Junior

According to the Cupid Project, “1.2 million seniors in nursing homes face chronic loneliness. Chronic loneliness is linked to serious health issues. Most have lost their spouse and get no visitors.”

Happy Valley 4H members care about our Seniors and our Veterans, so we decided to get creative and spread the love. At the February Community Meeting, 4-H Junior members Harper and Hadley set up a Valentine making table.

Members then created 60 unique Valentine cards. On Valentines Day, members: Junior & Intermediate members, Beau, Katelynn, Hadley, and Harper delivered the Valentines to the Veterans Home of California in Redding.



Valley Field Day 2026

Why Go To Field Day?

Field Day

which includes both Livestock Judging & Stills entries

prepares members for the Fair in June

At Field Day, Livestock members bring their animal to the fairgrounds (**except** for swine) and practice showmanship – with a qualified judge asking questions & giving pointers that could be helpful at Fair. This helps the animal become familiar with the barns **and** helps the member gain valuable skills in front of a judge. Animals must be clean and presentable, but do not need to be fitted.

All 4-H'rs enrolled in livestock projects are *encouraged* to participate. This is a chance to evaluate the progress of your showmanship abilities before the fair. After all, every animal is different.

Members planning on entering a Stills exhibit at fair get an opportunity to present their work and receive an evaluation which helps them to solidify how their exhibit will look.

Why practice matters

Even if you've done something before, practice sharpens your skills, refines existing skills and you may even acquire some new ones along the way.

Practice enables growth and development.

Practice helps focus.

Practice develops discipline.

Valley Field Day 2026

Valley Field Day consists of two separate elements:

- Large & Small Animal Showmanship
- Home Ec & Ag Stills



The Categories are modeled on the Shasta District Fair Premium Books.

If you have questions regarding how to present for Field Day, please refer to the appropriate information located on the [Shasta District Fair website](#).

Date: Friday, May 1 & Saturday, May 2, 2026

[Large & Small Animal Registration](#)

Location: Shasta District Fairgrounds

[Home Ec & Ag Stills Registration](#)

Registration Closes: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Late registration will not be accepted.

Parking:

Gate 4 will be opened at 7:00 a.m..

Once your project has been delivered to Ferreira Hall or the Livestock Barns, the vehicle **must** be moved to the parking lots. Lot 2 is the closest and easiest for the livestock exhibitors. Lot 1 will be available for anyone.

We ask that all exhibitors have their vehicles off the grounds by 8:00 a.m.

**PER SDF RULES, THE GATES WILL BE LOCKED AT 8:30 AM
AND RE-OPENED AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.**

Hosts: Beef - Golden Acres
Rabbits - Countywide Rabbits
Goat, Meat - Golden Acres
Goat, Dairy & Nigerian Dwarf - Happy Valley
Poultry - Palo Cedro
Sheep - Foothill
Swine - West Valley
Large/Small Animal Round Robin - Swede Creek
Large/Small Animal Barns - Cow Creek
Home Ec & Ag Stills - Office / Golden Acres
Concessions - Palo Cedro
Livestock Quizzes - Westside

Who Can Enter?:

All 4-H members may exhibit and participate.

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

* May show in any division, except for large animals, however they will not be judged.



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Valley Field Day 2026 - Large & Small Animals

LOCATION Shasta District Fairgrounds, Barns

SCHEDULE Saturday, May 2, 2026

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

7:30 - 8:00 Check in, weigh in / Take animals to their respective areas.

8:30 Gates locked

8:30 - 9:00 Expo quizzes for each species

9:00 - 9:30 Educational Sessions

9:30 Market (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats) Showmanship classes.

9:30 Small Animal: Primary followed by Showmanship classes

Dairy Goat: Primary, Senior, Junior, Intermediate

Round Robin, followed by awards.

Animals will **not** be released until the conclusion of the event.

Participants **must** sign out with the person in charge of their species barn area before leaving.

For Safety Reasons & per SDF rules

NO VEHICLES/TRAILERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS

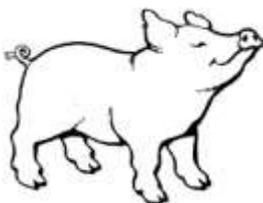
UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE EVENT.

We are modeling the categories on the Shasta District Fair Premium Books. If you have questions regarding your entry for Field Day, please refer to the appropriate book located on the [SDF website](#).

- Participants must provide an animal for showmanship (with the exception of swine - see below).
- Animals can be a backup animal, shared with a sibling, or borrowed.
- Conformation will not be judged, so participants only need to bring one animal.
- Animals must be clean and presentable, but do not need to be fitted.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All 4-H'rs enrolled in livestock projects are encouraged to participate. This is a chance to evaluate the progress of your showmanship abilities before the fair. It also meets your [4-H fair contract](#) requirement to show at the Shasta District Fair.



NOTE

Swine members will **NOT** be bringing their animal.

They will instead be using beach balls provided by the 4-H office.

Swine members **ARE** required to bring their whip.



Please plan for a full day.



Valley Field Day 2026 - Large & Small Animals

DRESS

You must dress neatly and wear clothing that allows you to safely show and tend to your animal. No open-toed shoes and no shorts.

Youth dressed in inappropriate attire will be dismissed by the judges. The 4-H uniform is not required.



RULES

- No bedding is allowed.
- Every exhibitor must furnish their own feed, feeder and container for water.
- Participants must clean pen area and check-out with the club person in charge of the barn before leaving the grounds.

You will not receive credit for the event if you do not clean up your pen and sign out with the leader in charge. Everyone must bring their own clean up tools (ie. rake, shovel, etc.).

- Washing of animals at the fairgrounds is prohibited. Please wash your animal at home before coming to field day, if the weather allows.
- **You must remain on the grounds until the conclusion of the event.**
- **All vehicles must exit the grounds after unloading and park in the parking areas.**
- **Do not park along the fence as vehicles will be cited.**

GATES WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE EVENT, PER SDF RULES.

PLEASE DO NOT WALK ANIMALS OFF GROUNDS BEFORE ROUND ROBIN AND AWARDS CEREMONY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.



Please plan for a full day.

Valley Field Day 2026 - Home Ec & Ag Stills

LOCATION Shasta District Fairgrounds, Ferreira Hall ([see map](#))

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 1, 2026

3 - 6 pm Drop Off & Check in *No late entries will be accepted*

Saturday, May 2, 2026

10:00 - 1:00 Viewing

10:00 - 1:00 Craft Activity

1:00 - 1:30 Items to be picked up – it is the member's responsibility to pick up their items.

Items will not be released prior to 1:00 pm



We are modeling the categories on the Shasta District Fair Premium Books. If you have questions regarding your exhibit for Field Day, please refer to the appropriate book located on the [SDF website](#).

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*.

ALL entries shall be labeled with member's name, phone number, Club name and category/class.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. All exhibits must have been made by the 4-H member during the current 4-H year.
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.
5. Members may enter a maximum of three (3) entries per Category.



AWARDS The Danish system of judging (blue, red and white ribbons) will be used. Best entry in each category within each age division will receive a medal. Best of Show will be chosen from the three medal winners in each category (all age divisions combined). Each primary member will receive a gold star pin for the event, and a participation ribbon for each item entered.

Favorite Foods Day 2026

Valley Favorite Foods Day

by: Travis, Westside 4-H Senior

The theme this year for Favorite Foods Day was *Feast from the Forest*.

Five of our members from Westside attended Favorite Foods Day and lots of other clubs were there too.

There was a good turnout of people and excellent food.

I won a gold medal for main dish; I made venison and pork stroganoff.

Twin Palms won the Spirit Award and I believe a good time was had by all.



Primary Members

Aiden, Golden Acres
Anne, Palo Cedro
Conrad, Twin Palms
Destinee, Golden Acres
Heidi, Palo Cedro
Micky, Twin Palms

Junior

Elijah, Black Butte - Perfect Score
Hendrik, Twin Palms - Perfect Score
Jase, Palo Cedro - Perfect Score
Titus, Black Butte - Perfect Score
Porter, Twin Palms - Perfect Score
Cora, Golden Acres
Guadalupe, Golden Acres
Landon, Foothill
Mackenzie, Golden Acres
Penelope, Westside

Food Safety Quiz

Senior

Joaquin, Golden Acres - Perfect Score
Airyonna, Golden Acres
Brady, Golden Acres
Maggie, Lone Tree
Travis, Westside

Intermediate

Cade, Foothill
Grace, Palo Cedro
Harli, Foothill
Lilly, Twin Palms
Madison, Westside
Nichole, Twin Palms
Paisley, Foothill
Samantha, Westside
Wynter, Black Butte



Favorite Foods Day Results 2026

Primary Members

Micky	Twin Palms
Conrad	Twin Palms
Anne	Palo Cedro
Heidi	Palo Cedro
Aiden	Golden Acres
Destinee	Golden Acres



Appetizer

Guadalupe	Golden Acres	Junior	Medal
Riley	Golden Acres	Senior	White
Joaquin	Golden Acres	Senior	Red

Bread

Guadalupe	Golden Acres	Junior	Medal
Samantha	Westside	Intermediate	Medal
Airyonna	Golden Acres	Senior	White
Riley	Golden Acres	Senior	White



Salad

Nichole	Twin Palms	Intermediate	Medal
Riley	Golden Acres	Senior	White

Card Table

Hendrik	Twin Palms	Junior	Medal
Lilly	Twin Palms	Intermediate	Medal

Cookbook

Joaquin	Golden Acres	Senior	Medal
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Decorated Cake

Mackenzie	Golden Acres	Junior	Red
Cora	Golden Acres	Junior	Medal
Airyonna	Golden Acres	Senior	Red



Food Preservation

Maggie	Lone Tree	Senior	Medal
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Favorite Foods Day Results 2026



Dessert

Hendrik	Twin Palms	Junior	Medal
Cora	Golden Acres	Junior	Blue
Jase	Palo Cedro	Junior	Blue
Guadalupe	Golden Acres	Junior	Blue
Porter	Twin Palms	Junior	Blue
Lilly	Twin Palms	Intermediate	Medal
Airyonna	Golden Acres	Senior	White
Riley	Golden Acres	Senior	White
Joaquin	Golden Acres	Senior	Medal

Main Dish

Guadalupe	Golden Acres	Junior	Red
Penelope	Westside	Junior	Medal
Jaxon	Westside	Intermediate	Medal
Madison	Westside	Intermediate	Red
Joaquin	Golden Acres	Senior	Blue
Travis	Westside	Senior	Medal



Market Animal

Porter	Black Butte	Junior	Medal
Elijah	Black Butte	Junior	Blue
TJ	Black Butte	Junior	Red
Landon	Foothill	Junior	Blue
Harli	Palo Cedro	Intermediate	White
Tucker	Heritage	Intermediate	Blue
AnaBelle	Black Butte	Intermediate	Blue
Grace	Palo Cedro	Intermediate	White
Wynter	Black Buttr	Intermediate	Blue
Paisley	Foothill	Intermediate	Medal
Airyonna	Golden Acres	Senior	Red
Brady	Golden Acres	Senior	Red



Fish Camp Scholarships



FishCamp™ is a 5-day, 4 night summer fly fishing adventure in Northern California.

There are several [scholarships](#) available for this summer's Fish Camp, which is held at Antelope Creek Ranch near the foot of Mt. Shasta.

The Fly Shop, with over a decade of experience initiating hundreds of young Fish Campers to the wonders of fly fishing, have put together a great weekly itinerary, with plenty of fishing time every day, workshops on a variety of different aspects of fly fishing, fly tying in the evenings after dinner, and stories and s'mores around The campfire each night.



The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Club offers [two scholarships](#), for the June 22-26, 2026 session, for anyone 10-15 years old with an interest in fly fishing.

The scholarship covers accommodations, meals and use of the finest fly fishing equipment.

Applications are due by **Tuesday, April 6, 2026.**

Local 4-H

The 4-H Office has the following items available for purchase:



- \$33.00 Hats
- \$22.00 Ties
- \$24.00 Collars
- \$ 4.50 Record Book Covers



Price includes tax & shipping.

We accept cash or check.

You can also order directly from the supplier:

Home | Leslie Carman 4H Supplies, Inc.



Gently Used Whites
will be available to try
on in the 4-H Office
beginning
April 15, 2026



Whites are **not** required at 4-H events, however the Shasta District Fair does require that members wear them when showing/selling animals.



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.

Apr 15

April 22, Gepetto's in Burney

May 20

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

Esmeralda & Natalia - Pine Grove 4-H

We are sisters and grateful for being members of Pine Grove 4-H. We have learned so much by planting mini-gardens, crocheting, raising lambs, and taking pictures. 4-H is a lot of work! In our club we learn to give presentations, work together on fundraisers to pay club bills, help out the community, maintain & watering the flower beds on both side of McArthur Square. We learn record keeping by filling out our 4-H books each year. We exhibit and compete with our projects. One of our fundraisers is to sell recycled feed bags for \$5 each. The bags are sewn by our club leaders out of feedbags she was given. Another fundraiser is to run a rest stop for the Fall River Century Bike Ride. We get up around 6 a.m. the morning of the ride to Dana and set up our station. We hand out water and snacks to riders from all over the world. Two nights before the ride we meet at IM Fair kitchen to bake cookies for the riders. I didn't raise a lamb my first year as I was too scared of the responsibility of feeling/training a sheep, and showing in front of all those people! So - I worked with my sister on a team demo—where we had to speak in front of an audience, and modeled in Fashion Revue, and improved my speaking skills. I am now the club teen leader for sheep. I was nervous the entire time I fed /trained my lamb. Two weeks before the fair, he couldn't walk. We doctored him with Vitamin B, couldn't practice showmanship, made weight! Showed very slowly. I sold him for \$16.00/pound. We didn't think, when we joined 5 years ago, that we would work so hard and learn so much! We are grateful for all our 4-H experiences.



Dressed in Pine Grove aprons worn at fundraisers, holding some of the recycled feed bags that are sold & standing in front of a new Item: recycled feed bags pig blanket.



Creating Valentines for Mayer's Memorial Convalescent Hospital



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- Mar 4 National Hug a G.I. Day
 - Mar 19 National Poultry Day
 - Mar 20 National Alien Abduction Day
 - Mar 31 Bunsen Burner Day

