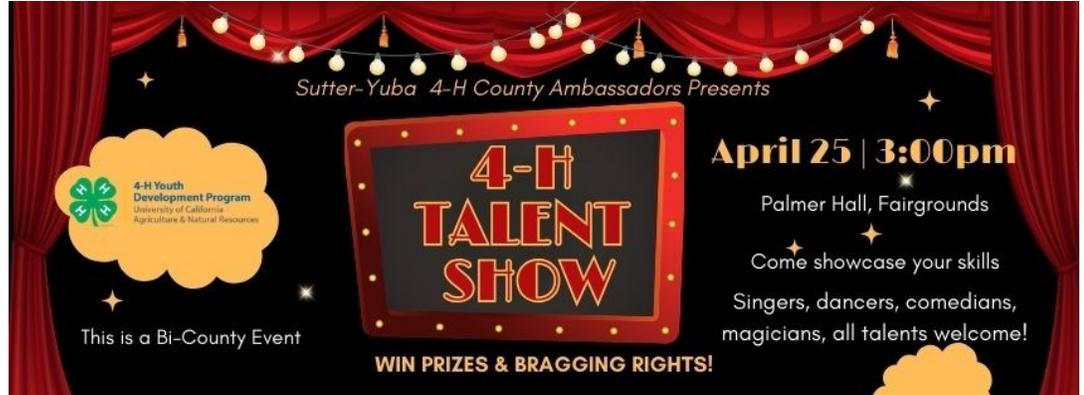




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Get Ready to Shine at the 4-H Talent Show!



Do you love to sing, dance, make people laugh, or show off a unique skill? Now is your chance to take the stage and shine! The **Sutter-Yuba 4-H County Ambassadors** are excited to invite 4-H members to participate in the **2026 Bi-County 4-H Talent Show**, a fun-filled event bringing together youth from both counties for an afternoon of creativity, confidence, and community.

The Talent Show will take place on **April 25 at 3:00 PM** and is open to *all talents*—singers, dancers, comedians, magicians, musicians, and everything in between. Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying something new, this is a supportive and exciting opportunity to share your skills, cheer on fellow members, and build unforgettable memories.

Participants will compete for **prizes and bragging rights**, and the audience can expect an entertaining showcase of the incredible talents within our bi-county 4-H program. The registration fee is just **\$5**, and the deadline to sign up is **March 27**, so don't wait!

Join us at the **Palmer Hall, Fairgrounds, Yuba City**, and be part of an event that celebrates confidence, creativity, and connection across Sutter and Yuba counties. We can't wait to see you on stage! ✨



[Register now.](#)

4-H Awards Banquet & Mexican Potluck – May 5



Join us for an evening of celebration at the upcoming **4-H Awards Banquet & Mexican Potluck** on **Monday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Sutter County Veterans Hall (1425 Veterans Memorial Cir., Yuba City)**.

This special event recognizes the achievements of our 4-H members for a fun, festive night. Families are invited to **bring a Mexican dish to share** and enjoy a taco bar, games, and door prizes.

We will have the fun awards like **Best Dressed** and the **Most Pins on a Hat Contest**, along with year pins, 5 presentations, 2nd year outstanding member **awards**, and more to celebrate our members' accomplishments.

Please **RSVP in advance** and come ready to celebrate another great year in 4-H!

RSVP HERE

Do you want to be a **4-H County Ambassador?**
APPLY TODAY

UC ANR 4-H County Ambassador Program Application

County 4-H Ambassador Program
Sutter-Yuba Application





COUNTY UPDATES

**Town Hall Meeting Dates:
2025-2026**

May 7, 2026

Join Us for 4-H Town Hall (*formally Council*) Meetings!

Want to help shape the future of our 4-H program? Come to our Town Hall meetings! We meet five times a year at **6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office**. Leaders and youth members are all voting members, so your ideas and voices make a real difference. Every club should have someone there to represent them—let's work together to make 4-H even better! **This is a Bi-County event!**

Agendas and minutes

Have a question or an idea for the agenda? Email Rene at rjmccrory@ucanr.edu—we'd love to hear from you!



Bok Kai Parade—March 21st | 11:00am Year of the Horse

All clubs are welcome to participate! Please contact Rene at rjmccrory@ucanr.edu or 530-822-7515 at the 4-H Office for more information or if you would like to have a vehicle and/or walkers in the parade. Clubs can bring their club banner. Members should plan to wear their 4-H uniform or club t-shirts. Details have been emailed to all 4-H families. Contact Rene at the 4-H office for more information. **THIS IS A BI COUNTY EVENT.**



REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY | March 28th FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YUBA CITY

If you received a **blue** or **gold** award at County Presentation Day, you are qualified to present at Regional Presentation Day. We are lucky to host one here in Yuba City. We will also need volunteers. **This is a bi-county event.** Register [HERE](#).

Try Polo Day—April 4th Registration Deadline: March 28th

9:00am—3:00pm | Lunch Provided
Location: 373 Shannon Rd, Yuba City

Franklin 4-H Horse Project Group and Sutter Buttes Polo Club are hosting a Try Polo Day. All interested 4-H members (age 9 and over) are welcome, regardless of club or county affiliation. Please feel free to share with your 4-H friends.

- Event will host a hands-on introduction to the sport of polo featuring both mounted and dismounted activities.
- Participants will learn about polo ponies, equipment, and gameplay in a fun, supportive environment
- Polo ponies and tack are provided.
- Previous riding experience is encouraged but not required.



For more information & registration contact **Melinda Newton** newtonfamily4h@gmail.com or (530) 788-4806 (text). Registration for try polo day: <https://forms.gle/aq9kunseQmZgQfST8>



COUNTY UPDATES



2026 County Fashion Revue—May 2nd
Location: TBD
Theme: Blooming with Style

Online General Entry & payment due
April 14th (online ONLY)

REGISTER NOW

Start planning your projects:

- Traditional
- Consumer Science Purchased, \$50.00 Limit
- Uniquely Upcycled

- Pantone Color of the Year 2025 Challenge
- Costume Challenge
- Softie Challenge
- Needlework

4-H Fashion Revue 26 Category Packet

Category Rules

THIS IS A BI-COUNTY EVENT

Age Divisions (Age as of 12/31/2025)

- Primary, age 5-8 (*does not qualify for state competition*)
- Junior, age 9-10
- Intermediate, age 11–13
- Senior, age 14-18

IMPORTANT—depending on the number of entries we receive, there will be an opportunity to volunteer to read the commentaries and get county level presentation credit.



Any questions, contact Rene at the 4-H Office
rjmccrory@ucanr.edu or 530-822-7515.

Support 4-H at the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign – Volunteers Needed!

The 2026 **4-H Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign** is coming up **April 17 through May 3, 2026**, and we invite our 4-H members and families to help make it a success by volunteering at our local **Tractor Supply Company** store.

During the Paper Clover campaign, Tractor Supply customers can purchase a paper clover at checkout to support **4-H**. Funds raised go directly toward **4-H camp opportunities, scholarships, and leadership development programs**, helping ensure more youth can participate in meaningful 4-H experiences.

One of the best ways to support the campaign is by volunteering for a shift at the store. 4-H members can greet customers, share what 4-H means to them, and encourage the community to support local youth programs. It's also a great opportunity for members to practice communication skills while representing 4-H in the community.

We encourage clubs and members to sign up for a time during the campaign. Even a short shift can make a big difference in helping raise funds for camp and youth leadership programs.

Sign up now to volunteer during the campaign from April 17 – May 3.

Together, we can help grow opportunities for 4-H youth in our community. For questions or more information, please contact Rene at the 4-H Office rjmccrory@ucanr.edu or 530-822-7515. *Thank you for helping support 4-H and making the Paper Clover Campaign a success!*





COUNTY UPDATES

Growing Big in Our Own Backyard: A Local Giant Pumpkin Story



The latest **Yuba River Endowment newsletter** featured a fun and inspiring story that proves you don't have to travel far to grow something extraordinary. In their article, "Growing Big in Our Own Backyard," they highlighted the National Pumpkin Weigh-Off and the role local youth are playing in this larger-than-life agricultural tradition.

Giant pumpkin growing might sound like something that only happens in faraway farm fields or at big state fairs, but this story reminds us that incredible things can happen right here at home. Young growers are learning how to nurture a single plant into a pumpkin that can weigh hundreds — even thousands — of pounds. Along the way, they gain hands-on experience with soil health, irrigation, patience, and problem-solving, all while having a lot of fun.

What makes this especially meaningful is the connection between agriculture, community, and youth development. These young growers aren't just producing massive pumpkins; they're building confidence, learning responsibility, and discovering how dedication can lead to amazing results. It's a powerful example of how local programs and community support can help youth grow — right alongside their crops.

If reading about these giant pumpkins sparks your curiosity, you can try growing one yourself. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or brand new to pumpkin growing, resources and tips are available for anyone who wants to give it a shot. To learn more about growing a giant pumpkin and how to get involved in weigh-off events, visit pumpkinweighoff.com.

Who knows? The next record-breaking pumpkin might come from our own backyard.

Attention 4-H Seniors! Apply Now for the 2026 Senior Award

Sutter-Yuba 4-H is now accepting applications for the **Senior Award Scholarships!**

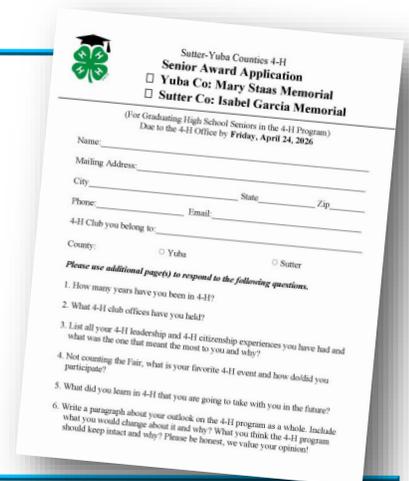
Who Can Apply:

- ✓ Graduating high school seniors in the 4-H program

Deadline:

- Friday, April 24, 2026
- Submit to the 4-H Office (142A Garden Hwy, Yuba City)

Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized for your hard work and dedication to 4-H while earning support for your future! [Apply today!](#)



Financial Policy Reminder

Please remember that all 4-H club funds must be handled according to state 4-H financial policies.

1. All expenses must be paid by **check**
2. **Two signatures** are required on all checks
3. The **memo line must be completed** for every check
4. **Copies of checks** must appear on bank statements
5. Expenses must be **included in the approved club budget**
6. Any expense **not in the budget must be voted on and approved by the club** before payment
7. **Debit cards, ATM cards, credit cards, and online banking** are not allowed

Reminder: Chartered 4-H groups are **not permitted to conduct online banking of any kind**. This policy ensures **financial accountability**, helps **safeguard youth-related funds**, and maintains compliance with **Statewide 4-H procedures**.



COUNTY UPDATES

4-H Record Books

Would you like to get more pins on your hat? Completing a Record Book is your opportunity.

4-H Record books is a standard record of your activities in 4-H projects, activities, events, skills development and learning experience. The 4-H record Book helps you improve your skills in record keeping, goal management and reflection on your achievements and growth in 4-H You can submit your record book for evaluation at the club, county, and state levels.



Spark Achievements—Leadership activities, Civic Engagement, Project Learning, Healthy Living and Communication Activities

[2025-2026 Record Book Manual New Achievement Program \(PDF\)](#) - this manual outlines all parts of the Record Book and how to organize it.

Record Books are optional but a great way to maximize your growth and learning in 4-H.

More **Record Book** resources can be found on the [State 4-H website](#).



Be sure to listen to our 4-H County Ambassador updates.

Do you want to be a County Ambassador?

[APPLY TODAY](#)





STATE UPDATES



Shooting Sports Instructor Meeting ALL Shooting Sports Instructors—Registration Now Open!

April 11-12, 2026

5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA
9 AM - 5 PM Saturday - 9 AM - 1 PM Sunday

Please plan on attending this meeting! To remain in compliance with National 4-H Shooting Sports minimum standards which we have adopted in California, 4-H Shooting Sports instructors must be recertified every 5 years. Attending this meeting will give you an additional year, extending your current certification.

Registration Link - There will be a \$40 registration fee charged to cover range fees, supplies, snacks, drinks, and lunch on both days. We suggest checking with your club and county to help with covering the cost of your travel, lodging and incidentals that you incur.

Meeting Topics

- Fundraising and fund development to support your projects
- UC and 4-H Risk Management updates
- Integrating STEM activities in your shooting sports projects
- 4-H Shooting Sports policies, minimum standards, and training

Stop the Bleed certification

Discussing the hard stuff: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Range time and breakout sessions with instructors by discipline



4-H Leadership Overnight Conference (LON)

Friday, March 27, 5pm—Sunday, March 29, 12:30pm

Walden West, Saratoga, CA

Join us at Walden West in Saratoga for a weekend-long adventure that's truly out of this world!
Our speakers will share professional development skills to fuel your growth and help you

4-H Leadership Overnight Conference—"Take off" as a leader
Open to CA 4-H Members, age 11 - 18
Friday, March 27- Sunday, March 29, 2026

Stay overnight in cabins, attend meals with other 4-Hers, and participate in the traditional duct tape dinner and the dance

Visit the LON website <<https://sites.google.com/ucdavis.edu/lon-2025/lon-2026-schedule>> for more details and the schedule.

Register Here! <<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=48741>>

4-H LEADERSHIP OVERNIGHT

Launching the Leaders of Tomorrow!

March 27-29, 2026
Walden West, Saratoga CA

Join us at Walden West for a weekend-long adventure that's truly **out of this world!**

Our speakers will share professional development skills to fuel your growth and help you "take off" as a leader.

Stay overnight in cabins, attend meals with other 4-Hers and participate in the traditional duck tape dinner and the dance

Staff positions are also open!

Questions? Ask Scc4hambassadorsteam@gmail.com

4-H Youth Development Program
University of California
Agriculture & Natural Resources

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





STATE UPDATE



2026 CALIFORNIA 4-H STATE HYBRID ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

Details, with updated links, for the 5th Annual California State 4-H Hybrid Archery Tournament below.

Important Dates

Hybrid Archery Tournament Registration Deadline: **April 1, 2026**
Hybrid Archery Tournament Mail Targets Due Date - **May 26, 2026**
Hybrid Archery Tournament in-person Event Date: **May 24, 2026**



2026 Hybrid Tournament Information

- [Cover Letter](#)
- [Match Rules](#)
- [Match Registration](#)

Or visit our [California 4-H Shooting Sports Resource](#) page.

Registration is due on or before April 1st, 2026. Entry fees may be paid ONLY by check from the local 4-H council. Make checks payable to Merced County 4-H, and send to: Merced County 4-H, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, Ca 95341 with your club's entry form.

For questions regarding the match, please contact Crystal Cortez crdcortez@ucanr.edu – UCCE Merced County (209) 385-7418 or Dave Givens, 209-614-1718, dave@hammerstryke.com

2026 National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute Applications Now Available!



Event Dates: July 28 – August 1, 2026
Location: Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia

Nate Caeton – nwcaeton@ucanr.com
CC: Russell Hill – rdhill@ucanr.edu

Application Deadline
Completed application packets must be submitted by **Friday, April 10, 2026.**

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program provides selected youth with leadership and communication training to serve as ambassadors for 4-H Shooting Sports.

Submission Instructions
All application packets must be emailed to the California 4-H Shooting Sports Co-Coordinators:

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION PACKET

SUTTER-YUBA 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

4-H Club	Meeting Location	Day & Time	Club Contact
Barry	Online Via Zoom	3rd Thurs 6:00 pm	Linsey Lowery lazylivestock@hotmail.com
Browns Valley	Foothill Lions Club	1st Mon 7:00 pm	Jessica Wiggins jesswiggins24@gmail.com
District 10	Truth Tabernacle	1st Sun 3:30 pm	Tamera Wilson mrwilson1218@yahoo.com
Feather River	Online Via Zoom	3rd Tues 7:30 pm	Kim Eagan kimberleyeagan@yahoo.com
Franklin	Franklin Elementary School	1st Wed 7:00 pm	Jill LeVake jill.levake@corteva.com
Hallwood	Church of the Nazarene, Hallwood	1st Sun 5:00pm	Renick House renickh@hotmail.com
Hi 4-H	YCCPCS	Last Thurs 12:00pm	Renick House renickh@hotmail.com
Live Oak	Boy Scout Hall	1st Wed 6:30 pm	Janet Jewell janiejewell1559@gmail.com
Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Grove School	2nd Wed 6:30 pm	Kristen Chiaratti kchiaratti11@gmail.com
Plumas	Lindhurst High School	3rd Thurs 6:00 pm	Angie High angelahigh@ymail.com
Sutter Buttes	Sutter Youth Organization	2nd Tues 6:30 pm	Candice Fresquez candiceyoung@gmail.com
Wheatland	Southern Baptist Church	2nd Mon 7:00pm	Robin Burrow brburrow1@gmail.com





I pledge my...

HEAD to clearer thinking,

HEART to greater loyalty,

HANDS to larger service,

HEALTH to better living,

for my club,
my community,
my country,
and my world.

