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NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN LASSEN COUNTY

## Calendar of events...

**APRIL 2026**

### APRIL

- 1 Lassen County Ambassador Applications Available in the 4-H Office.
- 5 Easter
- 11 Washoe Small Animal and Still Exhibits
- 14 Scholarship Applications Due at the 4-H Office. Interviews 5:30 pm
- 17-5/3 Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clovers
- 21 YQCA Training, 6 pm, Jensen Hall . You must preregister online.
- 23 VMO Quarterly Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm, 4-H Office
- 25 Tractor Supply Demo Day Fundraising Opportunity.
- 26 Lassen County 4-H Horticulture Day, Jensen Hall, 1-3. Please preregister.
- 30 2026-27 Lassen County 4-H Ambassador Applications due

### MAY

- 2 Children's Fair. Outreach Opportunity.
- 5 Lassen County Ambassador Interviews
- 9 Mandatory goat, sheep, and swine tagging and pre-weigh in, LC Fairgrounds, 8-11 am
- 10 Mother's Day
- 16 Large Animal Skills Day
- 17 Cloverbud Camp Smart Adventure Day, 3:00 pm
- 23 4-H State Field Day, UC Davis
- 25 UCCE Office Closed-Memorial Day holiday
- 28 Lassen County 4-H Leadership Team meeting, 6 pm, 4-H Office
- 30 Countywide Community Service-"Rake the Lake" at Camp Ronald McDonald

### JUNE

- 19 UCCE Office Closed—Juneteenth holiday
- 25 Lassen County 4-H Leadership Team meeting, 6 pm, 4-H Office

### JULY

- 7 Junior Livestock Promotion Day—9:30 am, Memorial Park, in full white uniform
- 14 Fair BBQ Fundraiser
- 15-19 Lassen County Fair



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### National & State 4-H News:

[National 4-H Council](#)

### State News:

[University of California 4-H Youth Development](#)

Join 4-H: [Join 4-H - UCCE Lassen County](#)

4-H Project Sheets: [CA 4-H Resource Center - Projects](#)

4-H Volunteer Leader and Member Resources:

[CA 4-H Resource Center](#)

### '25-26 4-H Community Club Leaders:

#### Doyle/South County

Moriah Allen (775) 636-1700, Amy Idzinski (530) 260-1233

#### Dyer Mountain

Cassie Lemaster (530) 258-6987

#### Johnstonville 4-H

Cody Waltman (530) 310-1366

#### Lake 4-H

Nancy Hemphill (530) 640-1096  
Mandie Jaso (707) 845-2610,

#### Milford 4-H

Chris Hallmark (530) 310-2661,  
Lacy Music (530) 351-8908

#### Richmond 4-H

Jessica Jones (530) 249-5969  
Linda Von Helf (760) 221-4471  
Timothy Knittel (707) 396-0692

#### Standish 4-H

Virginia Bartholomew (530) 310-1993,  
Cindy Weimer (530) 254-6802

#### Thompson Peak 4-H

Jason Meadows (530) 310-4169



The Roundup Newsletter is published by the Lassen County 4-H Youth Program, University of California, Cooperative Extension, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Roundup is a monthly newsletter for 4-H members, leaders, parents, and friends of 4-H in Lassen County.



Please submit Articles and/or photos by the 3rd Thursday of each month to:

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*4-H Community Education Specialist*

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**4-H Youth Program Office**

**707 Nevada Street**

**Susanville, CA 96130**

**Tuesday & Thursday 9-12 & 1-5**

**or by appointment**

**Cooperative Extension Office**

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**Susanville, CA 96130**

**Monday—Friday 7-12 & 12:30-3:30**

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# YQCA Training

**In-Person YQCA training for ALL Youth Livestock Exhibitors– age 9 to 19 exhibiting at the Lassen County Fair.**

**YQCA must be complete by anyone between the ages of 9-19 for both market and breeding exhibitors. The only ones who are excluded are those showing just in the dog or cavy division! You can do the web-based training on your own for \$12 or participate in the Instructor-Led Course for \$3 on the following date:**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 \* 6:00 TO 7:00 PM \* JENSEN HALL**

Completing this course will earn you the YQCA certificate which is required to show livestock at the Lassen County Fair. Turn your certificate in with your fair entry.

Register for the course at YQCA (before April 21st). Go to weblink: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

- Important!!! Watch the Help Video: Instructor-Led Training to learn how to participate on the 21st.
- Sign in to your YQCA account OR create a new account if you don't have one. If you do not sign the data sharing consent YQCA will not be able to verify the certification.
- Purchasing an Instructor-Led Training: Once you are logged into your YQCA account,
- Go to the Home Page and select a Course. Scroll through the list of courses and select the one for **Lassen County at Jensen Hall on April 21, 2026.**
- Select the user to take the course. Select the participant, state and training.
- Enter a coupon code or credit/debit card details. The instructor-led courses cost \$3. Follow the instructions to pay on-line.
- To view "purchase trainings" use the drop down menu to "enrolled trainings".
- Prior to the training, return to the "enrolled trainings" page to complete the course pre-test. You must take the pre-test before the instructor will mark you as having attended the course. Please complete this before April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Attend the training
- Following the training, log back into "Post Course survey" and access your certificate.
- Access your certificate by using the drop down menu under "Course Certificates".
- Select the + sign see drop down Completed courses.
- Select blue button to download the certificate. On a Mac computer the downloaded PDF will be available in your browser downloads at the bottom of the window in a downloads folder. On a PC, the downloaded PDF will be available in the upper righthand corner of the screen in a downloads folder. On a smart phone, the downloaded PDF will be in "My Files - downloads. On an iphone, you will have the option to save your downloaded PDF to Photos, Files, or other applications you have on your phone. Rename and/or move the file to a location that is easily accessible for future use.

**To Print your PDF, select the printer icon and send to your local printer. That's IT!**



Join us for

# Horticulture Day

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**1-3pm at Jensen Hall**



**Please use the scan code to register by  
Sunday, April 19th.**

**Learn about gardening  
and plant health**

**Stay tuned for Video  
contest opportunity with  
\$50 gift cards!**

**Fun ID Contest!**



**4-H Youth  
Development Program**  
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**University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) is an equal  
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[Click here to register for Horticulture Day:](#)



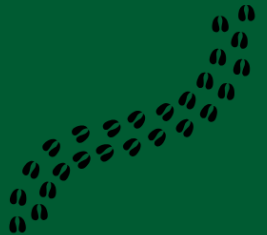
# CLOVERBUD CAMP SMART ADVENTURE DAY



**5-8 YEARS OLD**



# MAY 17 STARTS AT 3:00PM LASSEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



**LAST DAY TO REGISTER: MAY 4**



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Worcester County 4H CAM

# PAPER CLOVER

## APRIL 17 THRU MAY 3, 2026

Funds support 4-H camp, scholarships & leadership activities.



# Small Animal Skills Day

By Molly Dickson

"Small Animal Skills Day was both fun and educational. Everyone got to learn about things like chicken anatomy, egg structure, rabbit tattooing, the different uses for rabbit breeds, how to check caviae for health, why biosecurity and hand washing matters, and how to spot different dog show patterns. After visiting each station, members put their new Knowledge to the test by solving clues and unlocking a box to win a prize.

At the end of the day, we played Chicken Poop Bingo and gave out ten \$10 Tractor Supply gift cards as prizes. We were also happy to collect lots of donations for the local animal shelter, helping make a difference in our community.

We want to give a special thank you to our youth helpers: Greyson, Abbie, John, Megan, Anastasia, Russell, Alex, Jace, Sarah, Cassidy, Liam, and Molly. We also really appreciate our adult volunteers: Jessica Jones, Cera Capron, Linda Von Helf, Julie Mallery, Marianne Miller, Tim Kittle, and Sandy Hutchens. Thank you all for your time and support in making this event happen."



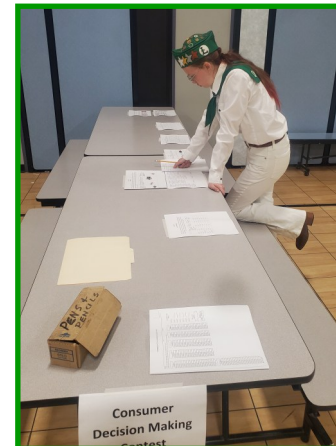
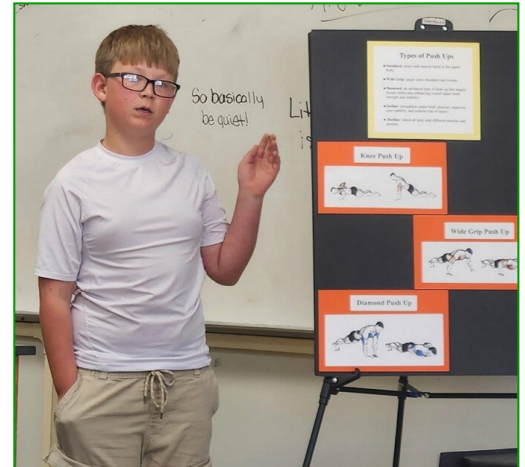
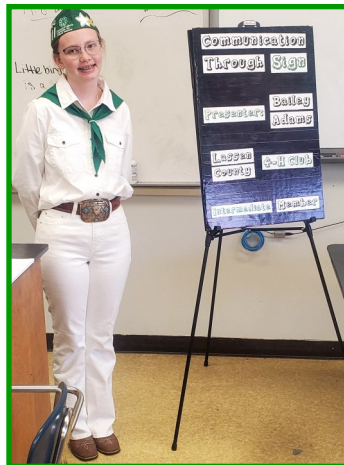
# Congratulations Lassen County 4-H Members!!

## Regional Presentation Day 2026

Bailey Adams (gold) and Ethan Baille (blue) represented Lassen County at Regional Presentation Day held in Fort Jones on March 28, 2026. Both members qualified to move on with their presentations to State Presentation Day.

Bailey also competed in the Regional Job Interview and received a Gold and a \$50.00 gift card for winning the Intermediate division and qualified for the State Job Interview Contest.

*Proud of you!*



## State Field Day

**May 23, 2026\* UC Davis Campus**

\*alternative virtual dates for Presentation and Interview contests available

### **Sprout into the 4-H'er you were meant to be**

- Participate in State level contests .....
- Connect with 4-H'ers from across the state
- Learn new things at the interactive booths
- Get inspired by other contest participants.

*Congratulations!*

## 2026-27 UC 4-H State Ambassador



Molly Dickson

*Lassen County is proud of you!*

Congratulations to Molly Dickson for being selected to represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program as a 2026-27 University of California 4-H State Ambassador. Your years of hard work and leadership will be put to good use as you further your 4-H involvement during your 12-month term.



### What is a County Ambassador?

A County Ambassador is the representative and champion of the county 4-H program. While no two County Ambassador programs are identical, they follow the same guidelines, provide similar opportunities, and have the same learning goals.

All County Ambassadors are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the California 4-H State Leadership Conference (at the beginning of their term), serve on statewide committees, and participate in other activities or events beyond the county level. These experiences help expand leadership skills and are beneficial for those wishing to become State Ambassadors.

County Ambassadors act as visible 4-H members - role models for their fellow 4-H members, their county, their state, and their world.

### Lassen County wants You!

Step up and apply to be part of the 2026-26 Lassen County Ambassador Team!

Applicants must be 14 years of age or older by December 31st of the program year you are applying for and must meet the requirements outlined in the application.

Applications are now available in the 4-H office  
or click here for a [2026-27 Lassen County Ambassador application](#)

Completed applications are due to the 4-H office by April 30, 2026.

# Community Service



Thank you to all the 4-H members for bringing dog food, cat food, dog beds, toys or anything else for dogs or cats. Your items provided a wonderful donation to the animal shelter!

## Community Service Opportunity

Katie Cuypers started a recycling program in November of last year, and has already recycled hundreds of pounds of pet, treat, feed, and cat litter bags. She is inviting the 4H clubs to join in and recycle your feed bags—it's a great way for members to learn the value of recycling and see how much plastic we can keep out of the landfill. Prepping the bags can take some time, so she is willing to provide volunteer letters to 4H members for their efforts. You can keep a monthly time log of hours spent preparing your bags and email them to me at [katie@katiecuypersinteriors.com](mailto:katie@katiecuypersinteriors.com). I'll track each member's time and plan to give certificates in August to encourage ongoing participation. If anyone has questions about the program, they can email or call me at 530-715-5324. The 4-H office has a program flyer and a "how-to" PDF for members.

### What we accept:

Plastic pet, treat, litter bags  
Plastic feed bags

### What we don't accept:

Plastic bags lined with paper      Wet bags  
Paper feed bags                      Plastic shopping bags  
Dirty bags (bags with animal feces/urine, mud)

### How to prepare your bags for recycling:

Remove any strings holding the bag together. You can remove the string or cut the bottom of the bag to remove it. Please try to cut as close to the string as possible to reduce the amount of plastic being thrown out. Some of the feed bags have bottom strings that are 6 inches from the bottom. You can cut the bag to remove the string portion and cut the remaining plastic to include in the recycling. Shake out the bag to remove any remaining food. If the outside of the bag is dirty, wash or sweep it off. Drop your bags off at one of the 4 locations to be recycled.

Thompson Peak Vet, Janesville  
Sit Spot Canine Center, Johnstonville  
Roberts Ranch, Johnstonville  
Milwood Florist, Susanville

## Lassen County Fair 2026

“CELEBRATING AMERICA - 250 Years of Red, White and YOU”

**Premium Book and Details Coming Soon!**

### 4-H Policy Reminder: Animal ownership & supervision requirements

For 4-H members who are enrolled or plan to enroll in a 4-H animal project and who wish to show or exhibit their animal project(s) at a fair, exposition, sponsored shows, e.g., 4-H shows or other sponsored shows, now is a good time to review the timeframes of animal ownership and supervision members will need to meet for eligibility. Each category is outlined below. Sharing these timeframes with members will help ensure that youth in animals projects will be prepared for the 4-H year and fair season each year. See Ch. 7 of the policy handbook, IV. Fairs, Expositions, and Other Sponsored Shows for more information.

**Poultry** – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

**Rabbits** – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

**Feeder and breeding animals** – must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 consecutive days.

**Market sheep, swine, veal and goats** – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 consecutive days.

**Market beef** – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

**Horses** – must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days. Male foals may be shown by 4-H members, but yearling and older stallions are ineligible as 4-H projects. The age of the horse shall be computed on the basis of a calendar year starting on January 1 of the year foaled; it is a weanling during the calendar year in which foaled, and a yearling during the first calendar year following its foaling date, regardless of year foaled.

### 2026 Mandatory Tagging Date

Saturday, May 9, 2026 - Market Goats, Lambs, and Swine, 8-11 am Lassen County Fairgrounds

## The Lassen County Fair Premium Book is ON-LINE!

2026 Bred and Fed Forms are available in the 4-H Office and at the Fair Office.

## Large Animal Livestock Judging Contest!

**Saturday, July 18th, 12 pm**

**At the Livestock Pavilion**

# Project News



Milford 4-H Cooking members learned how to fry eggs (Sunny side up, over easy and over hard), make cheese omelets and French toast!



Countywide Dog Project getting tuned up for the Fair!



Lassen County 4-H Lassen County 4-H Program Leadership Team

Agenda

March 26, 2026

6:00 PM \* CE 4-H Office

Call meeting to Order **6:06 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance : **Music**

Roll Call & Introduction of Guests – **Lake, Milford, Richmond, Standish and Thompson Peak present. No guests.**

Approval of Agenda made motion – **J. Ammon, 2<sup>nd</sup> – B. Adams Motion passed**

Approve Minutes: February 26, 2026 – **in Roundup**

**Finance Manager Report** L. Medvin - \$86,515.19 ending balance/report available upon request

**4-H Staff Report S. Hutchens**

- Mid-Year Treasurer Review – Johnstonville, Milford, Standish -please make appointments **Milford was in attendance will make arrangements**
- Bank signatories paperwork needed: Johnstonville, Milford, & Standish
- Decal Fundraiser – All monies and unsold stickers due – **L. Medvin collected. Please contact members who have not turned in money/forms ASAP**
- Project Pins, etc. – **There are requirements for pins. Some projects use as proficiency awards. To earn a pin, members MUST complete 6 hours and turn in an APR.**
- Tractor Supply Spring Paper Clover Days: April 17-May 3 4/25/26 – **DEMO Day (TSC will have course set up to drive equipment around parking lot). They are encouraging 4-H projects attend to promote/fundraise. 2 incentives: \$50 TSC gift card to participating project (if more than one project participates, money is split between projects) and state competition (highest fundraising state – TSC will double the amount raised for that state's 4-H programs). Contact TSC or Sandy if you would like to participate on Demo Day or any other clover day.**
- Accessibility Laws – **4-H must be compliant with accessibility laws for vision, hearing, reading levels... Anything published or shared on the internet must be compliant for people with disabilities. S. Hutchens and U. Grace are being trained for the new programs.**

**Ambassador Report:** J. Ammon and/or A. Hemphill

Cloverbud Camp Smart Adventure Day update – **May 17, 2026 3:00 p.m. at Jensen Hall. 5-8-year-olds. The ambassadors will try to attend club meetings to promote the event but encourage leaders to share the information so the event is successful.**

**Club reports:** Dyer Mtn, Johnstonville, Lake, Milford, Richmond, South County, Standish, Thompson Peak – reports by Lake, Milford, Richmond, Standish, and T. Peak.

**Correspondence:** **1 thank you letter from Blue Star Moms and 1 thank you from soldier. Blue Star Moms would like our help again at the Wreath's Across American event on 12/19/26.**

**Committee Reports:**

- AOC
  - ◇ County Ambassador Applications:  
Applications available April 1, due April 30, Interview May 5, Register & Attend State Conference, Serve July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 There **will be an informational meeting in April if needed.**
  - ◇ Fair
    - ◆ Premium Book – **Copy available to view in 4-H Office. Will be available online soon.**
    - ◆ Clean Up Day- Large Animals – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – **Discussion held to see if these two events can be held on the same day. Milford will bring up discussion at their club meeting.**
    - ◆ **Auction Item - tabled**
    - ◆ RVs/Camping – **set up Monday, not Sunday. Dry camping location moved. Please attend Fair Board meeting with concerns/complaints/suggestions.**
    - ◆ YQCA Training – **April 21. Must register to attend. Online option is still available.**
    - ◆ Livestock Judging Contest – **B. Wolf has arranged a 4-H & FFA judging contest for Saturday afternoon of the fair.**
  - ◇ Community Service – Ronald McDonald – Rake the Lake, Saturday, May 30, 2026 – **sign up to help. Supplies for clean up will be provided. Possible door prizes available for attendees.**
  - ◇ Promotion Committee Sign Up

- ◆ Open House/Children's Fair – **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – great outreach opportunity. Bike project will be donating bikes. Other projects??**
  - ◆ Social Media
  - ◇ JLA Raffle tickets – **JLA had 4 lambs left over from fair. The lambs are cut and wrapped. Please help sell the raffle tickets - \$10 each.**
- Small Animal Skills Day – **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**
- Horticulture Day- **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> not 24<sup>th</sup>**
- Large Animal Skills Day – **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**
- Dog Show
- Incentives and Recognition
  - ◇ Honor Stoles for Seniors – handed out
  - ◇ Scholarship
  - ◇ Interview Committee – confirm Laura M., Julie M., and Kimberlee A. **confirmed**  
Applications due Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 pm with Interviews to follow
  - ◇ Subcommittee – Fair Awards  
Mandie Jaso, Laura Medvin, Samantha Medvin, and Molly Dickson-next meeting date?
  - ◇ Subcommittee: Top 12 Report-Committee: Moriah Allen, Kimberlee Adams, youth?  
Participation Incentive- add club meetings  
Reward trip occurs Saturday, August 29, 2026  
Club Vice Presidents will collect points at club meeting, keep track of their club's standing, and email committee chair by the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.  
**New forms handed out. Please encourage your members to participate and turn in the forms.**
- Fundraising Committee
  - ◇ BBQ-Nancy Hemphill and Mandie Jaso – **They do not need one representative from every club on committee but every club will have a representative to manage their members on the sign-up sheet to help at the BBQ.**
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Announcements:

**MARCH**

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30 Ronald McDonald Community Service – Rake the Lake

Next Leadership Team/VMO meeting date: April 23, 2026

4-H Pledge & Adjournment **7:05 p.m.**