### What is the real purpose of 4-H livestock projects?

The primary purpose of the youth livestock program is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. A secondary purpose is to teach young people how to feed, fit, and show their animals. In the process of feeding and caring for an animal, young people have the opportunity to develop many positive character traits.

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<td>Includes honesty, promise keeping &amp; loyalty</td>
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<td>Includes the pursuit of excellence, accountability, &amp; perseverance</td>
<td>Involves consistently applying rules and standards appropriate for different age groups and ability levels</td>
<td>Includes the well-being of people and things in a young person’s world. It denotes action and not just feeling</td>
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<td>• feeds and waters the animals daily (promise keeping)</td>
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<td>• adheres to possession deadlines (honesty)</td>
<td>• cares for animals properly</td>
<td>• goes beyond providing the daily needs of the animal in giving additional time and attention to produce a winner</td>
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<td>• adheres to withdrawal time on drugs and dewormers</td>
<td>• listens to and follows advice of advisors</td>
<td>• adheres to deadlines for entry form and for arrival for livestock shows</td>
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<td>• uses only approved drugs</td>
<td>• recognizes that animal project is dependent on 4-H’er and provides daily feed and water</td>
<td>• never gives up in the show ring (perseverance)</td>
<td>• follows recommended procedure in the show ring</td>
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The opportunities for exercising character listed are not intended to be complete but to express the idea that the 4-H livestock projects offer numerous ways for young people to build character. It is the responsibility of adults to ensure that all exercises that children are practicing are building positive character traits. The list is offered to help children, parents and advisors to see that if an adult does any part of the work necessary for a successful project, the child does not have that opportunity. While recognizing that a young child must have some help to halter break a calf or to shear a lamb, the idea is for parents and advisors to insist that the child does all he or she is capable of doing.

It should be pointed out that the tasks of daily feeding and watering contribute to the strengthening of at least four of the six core values. It is important also to recognize that the size of the animal does not have any effect on the value of the project for the young people to develop character. Therefore, a child may learn the same things and have the same opportunity to exercise character with a rabbit as with a steer project.

From: Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service
Esparto Capay Valley

The Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction, again, was a great success! Our compliments to our head chef, Jim Berg, and a big thank you to everyone else who made it possible. Because so many people came out to support our club, we were able to raise over $2,000 after expenses for our buyers fund. Thank you again!

Everyone is anticipating the arrival of Spring Show. The project groups are meeting and preparing for April 29th. A lot of work has already been put into our animals. We hope to see a big turn out for club members.

Our next meeting is May 9th at the Countryside Community Church at 6:30 pm. See you there!

Lopez Lopers Club News

There will be a Play Day at Sabrina Hernandez’s on May 14. It is open to any rider and adults are welcome. More information about time and cost will come soon.

We need award ideas for the Play Day, Team Challenge, and Spring Show. Bring ideas with you to the next meeting.

Next and probably last riding test date will be May 7 at Van Brocklin Ranch, 34629 County Road 22, Woodland. It will start around 3 pm after the SCHA show. You can call Brenda Duncan before you head out at 908-0268.

Our next riding meeting will be April 23 at Susie Lopez’s house. Walk/jog will start at 11 am. Be sure to be there early enough to ride at 11 am. Lopers will follow around 1 pm.

You can still participate in community hours at Team Challenge. This entails working at the show, not just riding. Kasey Dufour volunteered to chair the booth for Spring Show. If you have any entries please refer to your Spring Show manual you received at our meeting.

Dates to remember:
- May 22: Horse Show – Nelson Ranch
- June 1: Spring Show entries due
- June 4: Team Challenge
- June 10: Clean up at Fairgrounds
- June 18-19: Spring Show Horse Show

PROJECT NEWS

Swine event!

CSU, Chico College of Agriculture will be holding its annual summer swine event on June 4th. Please come and support the CSU, Chico Swine unit! Registration starts at 8a. For more information and questions, use the following contact information: dsinnottsuchico.edu or 530-898-6025

Summer Opportunities!

21st Annual California Range and Natural Resources Camp
June 19-24, 2005 at the Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay, CA

Sessions and activities will include: Riparian Watershed Management, Wildlife Management, Field Projects, Forestry, Recreation, Rangeland-Urban Interface. Students ages 15-18 are eligible to attend. More details can be obtained at the 4-H Office, or call/e-mail Mike Stroud at 760-731-7790 mstroud@cnlm.org.

Applications are due May 31st. Website: www.ca4rm.org

COSMOS, the high school student opportunity for students interested in math or science, is coming back this summer.

For more information, go to www.ucop.edu/cosmos

4-H Resident Summer Camp!

It’s that time again…and time for applications if you are interested in going to Camp. There are stars to be slept under, hikes to be taken, and lots and lots of nature! Also joining in the fun will be a lot of activities including skits, hikes, and sports. A bus will take the youth to and from 4-H Camp.

Fees include insurance.
April 1-May 20, 2005: Camp applications are available.
Camp Fee is $153.00
May 27-17, 2005: Camp Fees now $168.00
June 24-July 1, 2005: Camp Fees now $183.00
July 5, 2005: No refunds after this date. Last day to register for camp!!!

Camp Chaperones Needed!

We still need both male and female chaperones for the 4-H resident Camp. All chaperones must be at least 25 years of age and a Certified 4-H Volunteer prior to attending camp.

State Presentation Day Activities Fest Volunteers Needed

May 28, 2005 is State Presentation Day and this year’s SPD is going to be bigger and better than ever! Collegiate 4-H at UC Davis is hosting an Activites Fest throughout the day. The club will be leading tours of UC Davis and bringing people to visit the Davis Farmers Market. In addition, the club hopes to have various small table activities, recreational activities and educational workshops. If any 4-Hers, County All Stars, leaders, or clubs are interested in helping present, lead, or help with any of these, please contact Jessica Falkenthal at Jess@4husa.org before May 16th.
Events & Opportunities

- The State 4-H Office announces a new exchange opportunity this year: **Ambassadors to Australia** from June 20-July 20, 2005. Contact Pat English for more information at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

- **Youth for Justice**, a National Law-Related Education Program, is providing funding to support participation of 150 individuals and "teams" from various settings to be trained to teach youth about civics and law-related education. For more information, contact Scott.Peterson2@usdoj.gov or log on at: http://www.youthforjustice.org/news.html

- **National 4-H Supply Service** wants to know how you think 4-H benefits America -- your story could be in the 2007 National Certificate towards your next 4-H Source Book purchase! The 2007 calendar theme is "How 4-H Benefits America". 4-H members, volunteers, parents, staff and partners will furnish the stories to be featured. These personal testaments must tell the "what, when, where, why, and how" so the general public can understand how 4-H benefits America. Please limit your entry to 125 words due to the calendar's space restrictions. E-mail, fax or mail your stories to: Maria Cascioli, National 4-H Supply Service, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Phone: (301) 961-2948, Fax: (301) 961-2937, E-mail: mcascioli@fourhcouncil.edu. Submission deadline is April 30, 2005.

- **The Woodland Chamber of Commerce** will be awarding up to $2,000 in scholarships for those interested in agriculture and related topics. For specific requirements, contact the 4-H office or Larry Michel at lmichel@yccd.edu.

- The **American Honda Foundation** is offering funding for youth and scientific education programs. The Foundation makes grants to K-12 and higher education institutions, vocational or trade schools, and a variety of other programs focused on youth or science education. Nonprofit organizations with projects that are national in scope are eligible to apply. Visit the website and click "philanthropy" at: http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf. The next application deadline is **May 1, 2005**.

- **Camp Purple** will be held at Camp Condor on June 19-24, 2005, in Frasier Park as a part of the 4-H program, **Operation Military Kids**. This camp will be convened for military youth 9 years old and up who have a deployed parent or household member during the period June 2004-September 2006. The camp is free, but only the first 100 youth can be accepted. Registration deadline is **May 1, 2005**. Please contact Program Director Chanda Gonzales at (951) 827-5241 or chanda.gonzales@ucr.edu for more information.

- The **State 4-H Horticulture Contest** will be held **May 28, 2005** in conjunction with State 4-H Presentation Day. Open to all 4-H members, the top scoring 3-4 eligible senior members will comprise the California team for the National 4-H Horticulture Contest, held on October 7-10, 2005 in Cleveland, Ohio. If you are interested in the national contest, please indicate on your presentation day entry form. For additional information or to assist with this event, contact Michael Rethwisch at (760) 921-7884 or mrethwisch@ucdavis.edu. Read the complete article at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/horticulture/

- The State 4-H Office is looking for **host families** who have boys ages 12-14 for the **2005 Japanese Exchange Summer Hosting Program**. Join in this amazing educational opportunity for all members of your family! Placements are being made now for the summer program and must be completed by **May 31, 2005**. Contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu for more information or on the web at: http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp

- Are you ready for a leadership experience? Apply for the **4-H Travel Guide Program**. Work with a group of adults, college students, and high school students to design and carry out an orientation and arrival program for a group of 30 Japanese students (ages 12-15) who are participating in the 4-H Japanese Exchange Program. Information and an application are online at: http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp. Deadline for application is **May 31, 2005**.

- High school 4-H members are being sought to serve on a **Youth Task Force** at the 2005 California State Fair being held on August 12-September 5. Task Force applications are **due June 1, 2005** and available at: http://ca4h.org/4hresource/calexpo/index.asp

- Register for the **2005 State 4-H Leadership Conference** being held August 4-7, 2005 at UC Davis! Meet fellow high-school 4-H members from across the state in this four-day leadership conference. The conference will feature two energetic keynote speakers, educational youth-in-governance tracks and workshops, and 4-H "hot topic" discussion groups. During the evenings, enjoy a carnival, pool party and dance. Registration costs $330 and is due to your county 4-H office by **June 24, 2005**. For more information, visit the conference website at http://slc.ca4h.org/

- **4-HUSA.ORG Digital Camera Giveaway** promotion. It's a snap! Register at 4HUSA.ORG (it's free!), upload your favorite photos of 4-H related activities into the photo gallery album with the 4-H Photo Promo icon, and youth members may win a Kodak digital camera in our random photo promotion. Upload as many photos as you wish. Showcase your snapshots at http://www.4husa.org
• With funding provided by Deft, Inc., the 2005 National 4-H Council Youth in Action/Community Tree Planting Grant Program offers a limited number of youth grants in the amount of $500 to $1,750 to 4-H or Extension groups in local communities, counties, and at the state level. This program provides opportunities for young people and adults to take action with ongoing community tree planting and/or reforestation projects or to stimulate new and creative youth-led projects. The application can be found at: http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/pGrntTreePlanting.aspx then click on "2005 Tree Planting RFP" at the bottom of the page. Deadline is May 6, 2005.

• The USDA’s National Research Initiative (NRI) sponsors an $8 million competitive grant program in Human Obesity and Nutrition, with several funded projects that have a youth development focus. The goal of this program is to fund innovative projects that address critical factors related to obesity prevention so that resulting knowledge can be applied to the development and evaluation of effective interventions. To access the RFA and view abstracts of funded projects, visit www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/humannutritionobesitynri.html. Application deadline is June 15, 2005.

• Two students from every high school in the country are eligible to receive $1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarships in recognition of their outstanding service to the community, through the Learn and Serve America program. In addition to scholarship money, students receive a letter of recognition from President Bush and a President's Volunteer Service Award silver pin. Students who complete at least 100 hours of community service, either through a school or through service at a nonprofit or faith-based organization, are eligible to receive the scholarship. Deadline for application is July 1, 2005.

State Fair News

Competition Handbooks
All entry requirements and competition handbooks are only available on our website. You will be able to enter your animals on-line or print forms and mail to our office. Handbooks will not be printed or mailed.

DNA Requirements
In continuing with our DNA collection requirements for 2005, we are excited to announce the first DNA collection process for all species (Market Beef, Market Sheep, Market Swine, and Market Meat Goats) will be completed by the exhibitor. Upon completing the ON-LINE DNA registration process, you will receive a collection kit to be used for the hair sample collection process. Deadlines for requesting kit and returning collection:

Market Steers: Request kit by April 13, 2005; Return by 4:00pm on April 20, 2005

Market Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats: Request kit by June 12, 2005; Return by 4:00pm on June 17, 2005.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Training Policy for 2005
As a requirement for entry, all Market Animal exhibitors are required to participate in a State Certified Quality Assurance and Ethics Training Program prior to the opening of the 2005 California State Fair. If you participated in the 2004 Tier III training, you have met the requirements through 2008. Visit website above for training dates. You may call the Entry Office, 263-3149.

State Fair Task Force
4-H Presentations
Due: June 1, 2005

Knowledge Merit at Spring Show
Don’t forget that Knowledge Merit evaluations will be given at Spring Show. Two sessions will be held at Exposition Hall in Knowledge Merit Booth. Note time change from “Creative Arts & Sciences Spring Show Book”.

• Friday, April 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.
• Sunday, May 1 after the Awards Ceremony from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

See you there.

ALL STAR NEWS!!!!
All Star Selection is right around the corner. We need 1 judge from each club for selections. Selections will be Sunday, May 22nd starting at 1pm. Please let us know who will be representing your club for this wonderful experience. If you have any questions, please call Katie at (530) 666-7628, Kim at (530) 867-3081 or Carrie at (530) 668-0707.

HI 4H EVENTS!!!!
For our April event, we went and saw “Fever Pitch”. It was a very funny show!! Our next event will be in June. More info to come. If anyone would like to do something specific, please feel free to call Katie at (530) 666-7628 or Kim at (530) 867-3081 if you have any questions. Or email us at Katie.wicks@sbcglobal.net or kimascott@hotmail.com
The how to on THANK YOU!

*Thank you notes should be DONE within 2 WEEKS after Spring Show!!*

**HOW DO I GET MY LIVESTOCK CHECK AFTER SPRING SHOW?**

1. Write all of your Buyers a Thank You note and bring them to the 4-H office to be checked off.  
   (Any Champion winners must have additional Thank You notes completed and checked off also)

2. Complete your Animal Project Report Form. The form must have all signatures in order to be complete (member, parent, and leaders signatures). The 4-H Office must check off the form.

3. Any club members that were issued a gate key/s to the Yolo County Fair Grounds must have the key/s returned to the 4-H Office and checked off.

**Why do I have to write a Thank You note?**

Thank you notes are very important. They let your buyer or sponsor know that you appreciate their support. They also can encourage the buyer or sponsor to support a project next year.

**Why do I have to send a written Thank you note through the 4-H office?**

To keep the 4-H program strong with support from our sponsors it is important that the 4-H office keep track of who has been thanked. Each year we lose sponsors because they do not receive Thank You notes.

**Step by step instructions:**

**STEP 1**
Write a Thank you note to the buyer of your animal and to any other people who donated anything to your 4-H project (i.e. Yolo County Farm Bureau, Yolo County Fair Grounds).  
When signing your name, please add your address information for the buyer. If you are the recipient of any Champion awards, you must also write Thank You notes to the sponsors of the award.

**STEP 2**
Get an envelope. Address the envelope to the appropriate buyer or sponsor. Put a STAMP on the top right corner of the envelope. Please do not put your return address on the envelope. The 4-H office will be the return address on all Thank You notes.

**STEP 3**
Take your Thank You notes to the 4-H office. DO NOT SLIP IN DOOR SLOT or mail them to the 4-H office. **They must be hand delivered to the 4-H office and checked off.** The 4-H office will mail the Thank you notes for you.

**STEP 4**
Pick up your check from the 4-H office. Checks are not mailed. Only the child or parent may pick up the check from the 4-H office. The only exception is for a Community Club Leader with written permission from the parent.

*Checks will only be ready after all buyers and sponsor donations have been received. This is usually 2 months after Spring Show. Community Club Leaders will be notified when checks are ready for pick up.*

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🌟 A lot of members give gift baskets to their buyer, and that is a wonderful thing to do. However, even if you hand deliver these baskets with a Thank You note attached, another written Thank You note will have to be written and sent through the 4-H office.

🌟 Even if a family member bought your animal (for example: your mother) you will still have to send a written Thank you note through the 4-H office.
Club Meeting Dates

All meetings are open to the public! Please come and join the fun!

If there are any questions, please contact the 4-H office at 530-666-8703.

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