



To Make the Best Better

## The 4-H Way

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Siskiyou County 4-H

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### Upcoming Events

#### AUGUST

- 1 Register for 24-25 4-H
- 1 Get your Buyers Letters out!
- 7-11 Siskiyou Golden Fair
- 16 **Tulelake Fair Entries Close**

#### SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Club Treasurer Books Due**
- 5-8 Tulelake Butte-Valley Fair
- 14 Siskiyou Leaders Council Meeting
- 15 County Record Books Due Before 5pm
- 30 **LAST DAY!**  
To Turn in your Buyers Thank you Letters to the SGF Office

### 2024-2025

## Registration is OPEN

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR 4-H](#)

Do not delay! Register for the 2024-2025 4-H program year now.

All Volunteer fees are covered by your Siskiyou County Leaders Council.

[Payment Portal Link](#)

[Returning Volunteer Training Link](#)

[New Volunteer Training Link](#)

[New Volunteer Survey](#)

### Buyers Letters & Auction Invitations

Make sure you are getting out and talking to your community. Let them know that you have been working hard to bring an exceptional animal to market. There are a lot of online resources to assist in creating buyers letters. Please see an example letter in the newsletter.

### OFFICER BOOKS & RECORD BOOKS

DUE

SEPTEMBER 15th

### Hey 4-H Members & Club Officers!

Don't forget to turn in your books!

Record Books—Historian

Secretary— Reporter

All of these books should be turned into the Yreka Office no later than September 15.

Club Member Record Books are also due to the Yreka Office on September 15th.

Don't forget to use the **NEW RECORD BOOK FORMS**, if you did not earn at least a Bronze Star last year. If your Record Book is not in the proper format, it will not be judged.

## JLAC Meeting Notes

Hello everyone the fair is just around the corner so I'm sending everyone a recap of the Jr. Auction Meeting last week with some of the new rules and our auction duties as well as an auction flyer. If you have any questions reach out to me or your project leaders for clarification. All the new rules and order of things will be posted on the livestock office. There is also supposed to be a JLAC Facebook page with all the info on it. This is the biggest fair yet as far as livestock. Space will be tight. There are 389 lots entered eligible to sell. 73 steers, 125 pigs, 26 turkeys, and the sheep and goat barn is full. Pens will be shared and beef kids all tack & feed will need to be outside the barn.

1) Everyone selling at the auction needs to be a runner at either the Saturday night or Sunday auction. This means that you go to the back where you leave the arena after selling and near the auctioneer. You will be handed a clipboard and you take a fellow 4-H, FFA or independent to their buyer to get paperwork filled out. When you are done you need to check in with Mrs. Freitas or Mrs. Clayton. They have a sheet they will check you off on. If you do not run you will be fined \$250.

2) Swine exhibitors you need your prop 12 certificate from your breeder when you cross the scales. Cattle exhibitors need a bill of sale and a yellow slip releasing your animal to JLAC.

3) Buyers letters. These aren't required but they are a good way to invite people to support the auction. You can write up a letter about yourself and your project with pictures if you like. Hand delivered is best but these can also be mailed to potential buyers.

4) There will be a professional photographer on site to take pictures of you and your animal for your buyers poster. It is mandatory that you get your photo taken. The following times are when you need to get your photo taken. POULTRY & TURKEYS Wednesday after your market class. VOCATIONAL ED Wednesday at 1:00, GOATS -Wednesday after showmanship before your market class. SHEEP- Thursday from 9:00-10:00 then she will move to the swine barn. If you miss the 9 to 10 window you will need to go to the swine barn to get your photo taken. SWINE- Thursday 10:00 on. MARKET BEEF & HEIFERS - Friday after your market class. DAIRY- Friday. RABBITS - Friday

5) Declare sale. After you come out of your market class and get your picture taken then you need to go to the livestock office and declare sale. This just means tell them the tag number of the animal you are selling.

6) CHANGES: A) shavings purchased from the livestock office will be \$8/bale. No tabs this year. cash or check only.

B) Aisles must be clear at all times. No equipment in the cement alleys. Red tag if you do this.

C) No pop up tents that are closed in. If you have a pop up you are fitting under that is fine but they must be secured with stakes not 5 gallon buckets of water. Violation red tag & jeopardy of not selling.

D) Only fitting products specifically used for livestock species will be allowed.

E) BEEF, DAIRY, Bred Heifers, no feeding of hay at outside tie outs allowed. You can feed grain outside then clean up after yourself and feed hay in the barn.

F) No blocking chutes inside the barn.

G) Swine will be tattooed on their way out of the sale ring as they return to their pens.


H) If you are serving or cleaning up at the buyers dinner or breakfast please don't use the time to market your projects. This should be done before fair our through buyers invitational letters.

7) You are responsible to keep the aisles and your animals pens clean from Tuesday night to Sunday night. You are in the public and don't be shy if someone asks a question share what you know. Even if a negative agriculture comment is made try to turn it into a positive situation. If you feel uncomfortable at any time. Please remove yourself from the situation and get a trusted adult or your project leader to handle the situation. STAY SAFE and have fun.



(Thank you Caroline Luiz for the meeting notes)

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Siskiyou County CES



**SISKIYOU GOLDEN FAIR**  
**2024 10TH DISTRICT**  
**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION**



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## **SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 2024**

**BUYERS DINNER @ 5:00 PM**

**OPENING CEREMONY/PARADE OF CHAMPIONS @ 6:00 PM**

**AUCTION START @ 6:30 PM**

**SALE ORDER: STEERS, RABBIT PENS, POULTRY PENS,  
SHEEP, GOATS AND TURKEYS**

GET MORE INFORMATION OR BUYERS PACKETS ON THE WEBSITE  
[HTTPS://WWW.SISQFAIR.COM/P/ABOUT/10TH-DISTRICT-JLAC](https://www.sisqfair.com/p/about/10th-district-jlac)

## **SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024**



**BUYERS BREAKFAST @ 8:00 AM**

**OPENING CEREMONY/PARADE OF CHAMPIONS @ 9:30 AM**

**AUCTION START @ 10:00 AM**

**SALE ORDER: REGISTERED & COMMERCIAL BEEF  
REPLACEMENT HEIFERS, BRED DAIRY HEIFERS,  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, AND SWINE**



ONLINE BIDDING LINK: [HTTPS://SISQFAIR.EQUIPMENTFACTS.COM/](https://sisqfair.equipmentfacts.com/)



# ANATOMY OF A GOOD BUYERS LETTER

## Why write buyers letters?

- To share about the Show and Sale with your community.
- To invite local businesses and people to the Show and Sale.
- To increase awareness and participation in the Show and Sale.
- To get more people to attend your Show and Sale.
- To help your Show and Sale be successful for EVERYONE!

Correct name and address



Mr. John Smith  
123 Some Street  
Anywhere, VA 12345

Respectful, personalized greeting

Dear Mr. Smith,

Introduction and invitation to attend

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a Junior at County High School as well as a member of my local 4-H Club and FFA Chapter. I am writing to invite you ...

Background on you and your animal, what you do to take care of it, what you plan on doing with the money.

I have been involved in 4-H since I was 9 and FFA since I was 13. I started showing lambs... My favorite part of taking care of my animal is... I am excited to show him at the Show and Sale. While I will be sad to see him go, the money I receive from selling my steer will go towards...

Include an interesting, personal, memorable story!

Details of the Show and Sale, thank them for support, let them know you will follow up.

I hope you can attend this year's Show and Sale. The shows are scheduled for ... and the sale will be held... I would also like to visit with you about the Show and Sale. I will call you to set up a time that suits your schedule. Thank you in advance for your support of this program, and I look forward to visiting with you.

Hand sign the letter!

Best Regard,  
Bob Johnson



## Other things to remember:

- It's okay to type the letter, especially if your handwriting is not neat, but you must hand sign!
- Be sure to check for spelling and grammar errors!
- Include pictures and information about the Show and Sale-brochures, schedules, etc.
- Personally visit your buyers, DRESS NICELY and bring something to give them (picture of you and your steer, buyers brochures, etc.)
- Write, visit and invite as many buyers as possible - the more buyers who attend, the better the auction will be!

# **NEW!! 4-H ACHIEVEMENT RECORD BOOKS and FORMS**

## **Record Book Achievement Program**

Each county must align with these versions and eliminate all supplemental forms and/or other requirements.

[2023-24 Record Book Manual New Achievement Program \(PDF\)](#) - This manual is for all members, parents, volunteers, and staff. It outlines all parts of the Record Book and how to organize it. The Record Book Manual and Record Book Forms are separate documents. This manual applies to:

- Members who complete the Record Book and the Achievement Program.
- Members who only complete the Record Book.
- Use this format if you have not achieved the Bronze Star Rank at the end of LAST Year.

## **Record Book with Star Rank Program**

Each county must align with these versions and eliminate all supplemental forms and/or other requirements.

[Record Book Manual Star Ranks \(PDF\)](#) - This manual is for Intermediate and Senior 4-H members who have previously earned at least a Bronze Star in the Star Rank Program. It outlines all the parts of the Record Book and includes instructions for completing each form. All other members must use the Record Book Manual New Achievements Program. The Record Book Manual and Record Book Forms are separate documents.

If you have earned a **Bronze Star or higher as of last year**, you may continue or switch to the **Achievement Program** record book.

If you would like some help with the new Record Book Format, or just have questions? Feel free call or set up a meeting.

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