

[View this email in your browser](#)



May 2024



Mendocino County UCCE Website

Historically, Mendocino County has functioned with an Executive Committee that held County Council meetings, inviting both youth and adult representatives to attend and discuss program planning decisions.

As noted in the last few years, it has been a struggle to fill in these governance positions with volunteers, and the program has felt the impact of this. Due to this continuous issue, the Statewide 4-H office has made the decision to no longer accept Executive Committee type volunteer management structures across the state, including ours.

Therefore we are moving into what will now be called Mendocino County 4-H Program Leadership Unit Operating Procedures. How this differs from the previous council structure is that there are no longer any governance positions, but instead, an Administrative Oversight, Expansion and Review and Incentives and Recognition Committees.

In the Administrative Oversight committee, this is composed by both adult volunteers, one being the Finance Manager, senior 4-H youth members and the 4-H personnel.

to plan and implement outreach programs and provide diversity training annually in partnership with 4-H staff.

The Incentives and Recognition Committee will organize and review the functions of 4-H awards.

The following are where our current committees stand:

Administrative Oversight

Barbara Nordin-Elmer - Financial Advisor (Potter Valley)

Jessica Farfan- 4-H Personnel

Natalie Campbell (Long Valley)

Andrea Firks (Long Valley)

Kaden Comstock (Redwood Valley Youth)

Incentives & Recognition

Andrea Firks (Long Valley)

Gina Weaver (Ukiah)

Expansion & Review Committee

Jessica Farfan- 4-H Personnel

Stephany Brundage (Ukiah)

The frequency of these program planning meetings is still being discussed and are underway as we are still in the process of sourcing more volunteers and YOUTH (senior members) to fill these committees are underway. We are looking to have our set committees for the upcoming program year starting July 1st.

There will also be ADHOC committees for 4-H events, such as Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, Extravaganza, Record Book Judging, and more.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jessica for more information to join and connect with these committees by replying to this email or calling 707-510-9096 by June 3rd, 2024.

2024 CALIFORNIA 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

Registration Deadline: June 9th, 2024

Dates: July 6th-10th, 2024

Location: Brookside Show Park [11120 Bradley Ranch Rd., Elk Grove, CA 95624]



STATE FIELD DAY 2024

Important Update:

State Field Day 2024 is moving from the School of Veterinary Medicine to Gladys Valley Hall. If you have any questions, please contact that coordinator at 4HSFD@ucanr.edu

[Tentative Schedule of Events](#)

[Sign up to be an Evaluator!](#)



30th, 2024.

YQCA



Certification Requirements for Shooting Sports at 4-H Events

The California 4-H Shooting Sports Program currently operates under the National [Minimum Standards](#) developed by the [National Shooting Sports Committee](#), under the authority of the 4-H Program Leaders Working Group, in addition to California 4-H and UC Policies. The California 4-H program has adopted these standards as foundational requirements and uses them to inform our policies detailed in the [California 4-H Shooting Sports Policies and Procedures](#).

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is the only 4-H project, nationwide, that uses an established set of standards for administration, training/certification, curriculum development, and delivery to youth participants. Under the requirements identified in the Minimum Standards, any event, project, or activity that engages in a shooting sports discipline (archery, rifle, pistol, muzzleloading/black powder, shotgun, western heritage, or hunting) must have a 4-H volunteer or staff member present, who is certified in the respective discipline(s). Certification requires that the actively registered 4-H volunteer or staff member has been trained by a certified 4-H discipline trainer, approved at the county level, and received their certification letter from the California 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator(s). This requirement extends to all events, e.g. day and overnight camps, project meetings, field days, recruitment events, competitions, etc.; there are no exceptions to this requirement. Through strict adherence to the Minimum Standards, we ensure that our youth are participating in a safe and high-quality program; thus, we protect the name, image, and reputation of 4-H and the University of California.

We would also like to remind some of you and inform the newer staff that there is a required [Risk Management Plan](#) that each shooting sports activity must have in place prior to delivery. This requirement and the template are covered in all certification workshops and those who have been certified are aware they should have one. This

approved annually.

Should you have any questions regarding this or any other 4-H Shooting Sports topics, please contact Russell Hill rdhill@ucanr.edu or Nathaniel Caeton nwcaeton@ucanr.edu, California 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinators.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEVEL 1/1.5 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Shotgun Discipline

Saturday, June 1, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 2, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

When: Saturday, June 1, 2024, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday, June 2, 2024, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM or 5:00 PM.

End time on Sunday Depends on certification being sought. Project Leaders (Level 1) will finish at 2:00 PM. Those wanting to become Local Trainers (Level 1.5) will finish at 5:00 PM.

Where: Alturas Rifle and Pistol Club, 17789 County Road 54 (Centerville Road), Alturas, CA, 96101

Who: Adult volunteers seeking to be certified as a Project Leader (Level 1) or Local Trainer (Level 1.5) in the shotgun discipline.

Contact: Nate Caeton, California 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator (nwcaeton@ucanr.edu) or Michael Mitchel, 4-H Shooting Sports Level 2 Shotgun Instructor (michael@eaceng.com)

Fees and Payment:

There is a no fee for the class.

Additional Notes:

This workshop has a maximum of 12 participants.

- Light morning refreshments, water, and snacks will be provided.
- Lunch is not provided. Please bring a sack lunch or plan to get lunch in town.

will receive approximately 14 hours of training. Local Trainers (Level 1.5) will receive approximately 16 hours of training.

- Restrooms, running, water, and electricity are on site.
- Temperatures can vary at this location and often run cooler. Please dress accordingly and in layers.
- Shotguns and ammunition will be provided.
- Lodging is available nearby at the [Niles Hotel](#) (historic hotel with themed rooms, no TV, bar and coffee shop downstairs) and the [Trailside Inn](#) (typical Best Western, budget hotel). It is recommended that you book ASAP.
- Participants must attend both days in order to receive credit.
- Certification is not complete and participants are not authorized to lead shooting sports projects or activities in their discipline until they have submitted an application for certification to the California State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and received a certification letter from the California State 4-H Office.
- Attendance at a shooting sports workshop does not guarantee certification. The California 4-H Shooting Sports Program reserves the right to deny certification based on safety violations and/or an attitude or disposition that does not align with the mission, goals, approach, or methods of the program.

Please Bring the Following:

- Safety glasses
 - Ear protection
 - Optional Items
 - Camp chair
 - Shotgun and Ammunition ****NO RELOADS****
- Please E-mail the Following Completed Forms:
- [Adult Volunteer Health History and Medical Release](#)
 - [UC Waiver of Liability](#)
 - [Application for Certification](#)
 - [Training Request and Registration Form](#)

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEVEL 1.5 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP:

Rifle Discipline

Saturday, June 22, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bakersfield, CA

A Level 1.5 Instructor Training Workshop will be held in Kern County for those interested in becoming certified for the rifle discipline. Upon successful completion of the workshop, 4-H Adult Volunteers will be certified as a Level 1.5 Rifle Instructor, which allows them to lead a project or serve as a trainer to certify other project leaders in their county. Teen Leaders (high school age 4-H members) are eligible to participate provided there is an adult leader in their home county they will be assisting. Upon successful completion of the workshop, Teen Leaders will be certified as a Level 1 Rifle Instructor with a Teen Leader designation. Teen Leaders are not eligible to lead shooting sports projects or activities lead on their own.

There is no fee for the course and all materials are included. Air rifles will be provided for use in the course. There is no need to bring your own rifle. Participants must attend both days to receive credit for this course. Registration for the workshop must be completed online by Wednesday, June 19th at the following survey link:

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=42843>

Please Bring the Following Items:

- Safety glasses
- Lunch for Saturday & Sunday (Fast food is available within two miles of the facility.)
- Comfortable clothing

For further information about the workshop contact John Borba at (661) 805-0536 or jbinnv@yahoo.com.

Click [here](#) for the training outline.

FALL 2024 NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEVEL 2 TRAINING WORKSHOP

Save the Date!

Level 1 Shooting Sports Instructors are encouraged to "Save the Date" for the Fall 2024 Level 2 Shooting Sports Training Workshop. Level 2 workshops are hosted twice a year. This year's Fall workshop will be hosted by North Carolina 4-H Shooting Sports and will



Range Camp 2024

WHO: Campers must be at least 15 years old and have completed 9th grade.

WHEN: Sunday, June 16th through Friday June 21st.

WHERE: UC Elkus Ranch, Half Moon Bay, CA

APPLICATIONS can be found [HERE](#)

COSTS: \$750 BUT- [SCHOLARSHIPS](#) are available for any camper who might want it, please reach out for more information.

Any questions, please email us at rangecamp@ucanr.edu

What is Range Camp?

Range Camp is a week long program that [consists of](#) lectures, hands on activities, a ranch tour, BBQ at the beach, group projects, a plant identification test, and a final exam. At the end of camp the three Top Campers are invited to represent CalPac SRM at the annual Society for Range Management's [High School Youth Forum](#).

During camp campers should expect to participate in hands on projects each day associated with lectures that often include digging a soils pit to examine and compare soils, hiking local trails to learn plant families and names, completing an inventory of a local stream to determine creek health, learning wildlife survey techniques, etc. We keep you busy and going all day long in the field as much as possible. There is a lot to learn

GREAT AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP DAY

2024

This private event is a wonderful opportunity for students to strengthen their passion to lead. Students will be among other student council members, FBLA, 4H, FFA, girl scout and boy scout leaders! Our speakers use their engaging charisma to impact and inspire students with their message. Your students will walk away from this experience with a positive and exciting outlook on life and the world around them! Our goal is to fill the gaps in experiences they may have missed the last few years. Experiences are more important now more than ever! We hope to work alongside your students on this fun-filled day and help them build lifelong friendships.

Registrations are open and on a first come first serve basis.

When & Where:

November 8th 2024

Location: California's Great America in Santa Clara, CA

Time: 9 AM – 4PM

Payment: Credit Card, Check or ACH Accepted.

What's Included: (\$99 per person):

- Nationally Recognized Speaker – Juan Bendana, He will engage with your students to inspire, motivate them, while developing practical strategies to build student Leadership skills.
- Session 2: Interactive Leadership Forum
- School Group Photos with Theme Park Characters!
- Lunch Buffet! (Included in admission)
- Unlimited Beverage Service throughout your stay.
- Exclusive access to thrill Rides and theme park attractions!
- Raffles and Prizes!
- 1 Complimentary admission for every 15 paid!
- Professional Development Hours (CEUs) for Teachers
- Optional Academic Credit Opportunity for Students

Earn Credit:

All divisions of Worldstrides are accredited by educational bodies across the country. We have a dedicated Curriculum and Academics team who offer students and youth travelers the option of High School or College Preparatory credit, and we offer teachers FREE Professional Development units as well!

Ready to Register?:

To register for this event, please see the attached flyer or you can fill out a form [here!](#)

Attached is the registration form. You are welcome to fill out and send back to: Savannah.leneker@worldstrides.com.

For questions, please feel free to call my cell directly! 951.966.8877

CALIFORNIA 4-H HORSE CLASSIC & EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

July 6-10, 2024

Brookside Show Park, Elk Grove, CA

Registration is open now until June 9th. Before you register, please review our Horse Event site for all the information you'll need to plan for this event! Brookside has been a great partner for us. You can rent stalls and campsite, eat at the onsite cafe, and cool off in their swimming pool.

[Go to Horse Event site.](#)

Educational Contests

July 6 & 7

Open to ALL 4-H youth - you don't have to be enrolled in a 4-H horse project to enter. Contests include Public Speaking, Horse Presentations, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, and Hippology. All contests are state qualifiers for the National 4-H Horse Classic! Top placing individuals or teams in the Senior Division (aged 14-18 years old) can qualify to represent California 4-H at a national 4-H contest. Check out the [CA 4-H Horse Classic Educational Contest Guide](#) for more information.

Horse Classic Show

Show divisions include English Flat, English Over Fences, Miniature Horse, Western, Ranch Horse, Modified Western/English Dressage, and Gymkhana. [See the class list.](#) The [Horse Classic Show Premium](#) includes all the rules and information for participating in this event.

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2024

"The Road To Resilience"

UC Davis Campus

July 25-28, 2024 Senior members 14-19

July 26-28, 2024 Intermediate members 11-13

We're thrilled to share some exciting updates about the upcoming California 4-H State Leadership Conference, the ultimate gathering for young leaders across the state! Set against the vibrant backdrop of UC Davis's campus, this premier event promises an immersive experience filled with invaluable learning opportunities, inspiring connections, and unforgettable memories.

A Glance into Campus Life

Participants will get a firsthand look at life on the renowned UC Davis campus, soaking in its dynamic atmosphere and vibrant community spirit.

Educational Workshops and Tours

From engaging workshops to enriching tours, both on and off-campus, attendees will delve into a diverse range of educational experiences designed to ignite their passion for leadership and personal growth.

Networking and Mentorship

4-H youth will have the chance to connect with peers from across the state, fostering new friendships and collaborations. Additionally, they'll receive mentorship from recent 4-H alumni, gaining valuable insights and guidance as they navigate their leadership journey.

Program Assistants Needed

We're still on the lookout for Program Assistants, recent 4-H alumni aged 18 and above, to lead groups of senior participants. If you're interested in this exciting opportunity, we'd love to have you on board!

Calling All Chaperones

experience for all participants.

Call for Workshop Proposals

Do you have a workshop idea that embodies this year's theme of resilience? We want to hear from you! SLC still needs a few more workshops with topics in Civic Engagement, STEM and Healthy Living. Submit your proposal for a chance to contribute to the educational platform and inspire our youth to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Interested in supporting this transformative event? Explore sponsorship opportunities and join us in empowering the next generation of leaders. Your contribution makes a meaningful difference in the lives of 4-H youth statewide.

For more information and to get involved, visit the following links:

[Program Assistants Application](#)

[Workshop Proposal Submission](#)

[Sponsorship Information](#)

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare for an unforgettable California 4-H State Leadership Conference. Together, let's empower our youth to embrace resilience and thrive!

HOPLAND 4-H

Agriculture and Natural Resources



Volunteers NEEDED

HOPLAND 4-H CLUB

The Hopland 4-H Club has officially re-opened!

We need help with finding leaders for these projects & more!

- Sheep
- Goats
- Robotics
- Sports
- Junior "Scrubs"
- Fly Tie Fishing

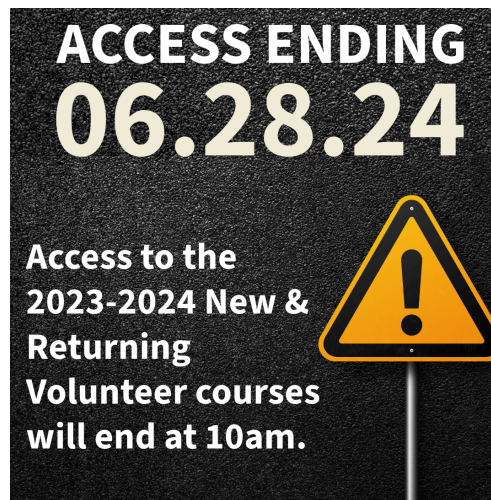
Follow us on Facebook or visit our site!



✉ ALISHAHOPLAND4-H@GMAIL.COM

RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Extension Training



We would like to inform you that access to the current 4-H year (2023-24) New & Returning Volunteer courses in the eXtension Learning Management System will end promptly at 10 a.m. on June 28, 2024.

If you have not completed your required training for the current program year, we kindly encourage you to finalize your coursework at your earliest convenience.

Volunteer Courses for new 4-H year

We're excited to announce that updated Volunteer courses for the 2024-25 program year will be available starting July 1, 2024, at 8 a.m.

Plan ahead: Online Workshop Series for 4-H Project Leaders



Fall 2024 Online Workshop Series for 4-H Project Leaders

Learn about your role, responsibilities, lesson planning, making learning engaging, working with youth of all ages, and effective hands-on learning.

**The complete series is 8 hours (4 sessions, 2 hours each)
Wednesdays in September | 6:30-8:30pm**



Register at <https://bit.ly/4HPL5>
Complete the series to earn a 4-H name badge.



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Start preparing for the new 4-H year! This fall, we are hosting another series of workshops for 4-H Project Leaders. We encourage new volunteers serving as Project Leaders to participate.

Learn how to plan and facilitate 4-H learning experiences (projects) with young people in community 4-H club projects, after-school club programs, day camps, special interest (SPIN) clubs, teens-as-teachers programs, and other educational experiences.

In this four-part series, learn about:

- Your role and responsibilities as a project leader
- Lesson planning
- Making learning engaging
- Working with youth
- Effective hands-on learning

Virtual sessions cover content from The UC 4-H Volunteer Educators' Guide: For Volunteers Facilitating 4-H Educational Experiences (published in 2023).

Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Session 1: Best practices in youth development: Focusing on youth sparks, sense of belonging, and positive relationships with adults. (The 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development)

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Session 2: Learning in 4-H: Facilitating hands-on experiential education and planning your project.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Session 3: Working With All Ages (from 5 to 18) and Abilities (The Ages and Stages of Youth Development)

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Session 4: Creating effective youth-adult partnerships & Working with youth leaders (Junior and Teen Leaders)

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4HPL5>

UC 4-H Volunteer Educators' Guide: For Those Facilitating 4-H
Educational Experiences



Our mailing address is:
UCCE Mendocino County
890 North Bush St., Ukiah, CA 95482
Phone: 707-463-4495

