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Mendocino County 4-H Newsletter November 2024

National 4-H Week at the Board of Supervisors



We celebrated National 4-H Week from October 7th to 12th by joining the Board of Supervisors during their October 8th meeting. Joined by **Kaden Comstock** (Redwood Valley-Calpella 4-H), **Amaru Gillmore** (Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H) and **Kenzie Osburn** (Potter Valley 4-H), together we highlighted the significant impact of the 4-H program on members after their participation and into adulthood. These three 4-H teens also shared with the Board of Supervisors their individual experiences and goals for this year.

Returning Volunteers

December 31st marks the end of the 6-month overlap of service. This is the grace period that allows Adult Volunteers enrolled in the previous year to

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Please make sure you complete all Volunteer appointment requirements so your re-enrollment may be approved and made Active in ZSuite by **December 15th**.

Returning volunteers that do not have an approved and Active enrollment as of January 1st may not actively serve as a 4-H Adult Volunteer until they have completed all requirements, and their re-enrollment is approved.

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PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

For all 4-H Treasurer Officers and Advisors



Review your Club's Financials for 2024-25 to stay on Track

Learn the latest policy requirements for Financial Reporting



Dinner will be provided!

Jan 15
At 6pm

UCCE UKIAH OFFICE- LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
890 N. BUSH ST., UKIAH, CA 95482

Contact Me to Attend : jfarfan@ucanr.edu | 707-510-9096

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Email Jessica to Attend

MENDOCINO COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

PRESENTATION DAY 2025

**WE NEED ADHOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS
TO PLAN 4-H PRESENTATION DAY!**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A 4-H
VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE,
PARENTS AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE BELOW:



[Presentation Day Committee Sign Up!](#)

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**4-H SOCCER FOR SUCCESS
MENDOCINO COUNTY**

**WE NEED 4-H
TEEN & ADULT
SOCCER
COACHES!**

Great Leadership opportunity for youth who have a spark for the sport of soccer and healthy living!

No experience needed, training will be provided.

Contact: Jessica Farfan 707-510-9096/ jfarfan@ucanr.edu



**SPRING 2025
6 WEEK CYCLE
AGE GROUPS: 6-8 YRS &
9-12 YRS
TBD: TIME & LOCATIONS**

4-H Soccer for Success will be a 4-H Teen led program, alongside the supervision of 4-H Adult Volunteers, to offer a 6 week cycle of soccer practices for ages 6 to 8 years & 9 to 12 years old.

The location and dates will be based on the locations we have the most interest in applying this program and field availability.

Please sign up using the button below if interested in participating by **January 15th!**

Sign up to be involved in Coaching!

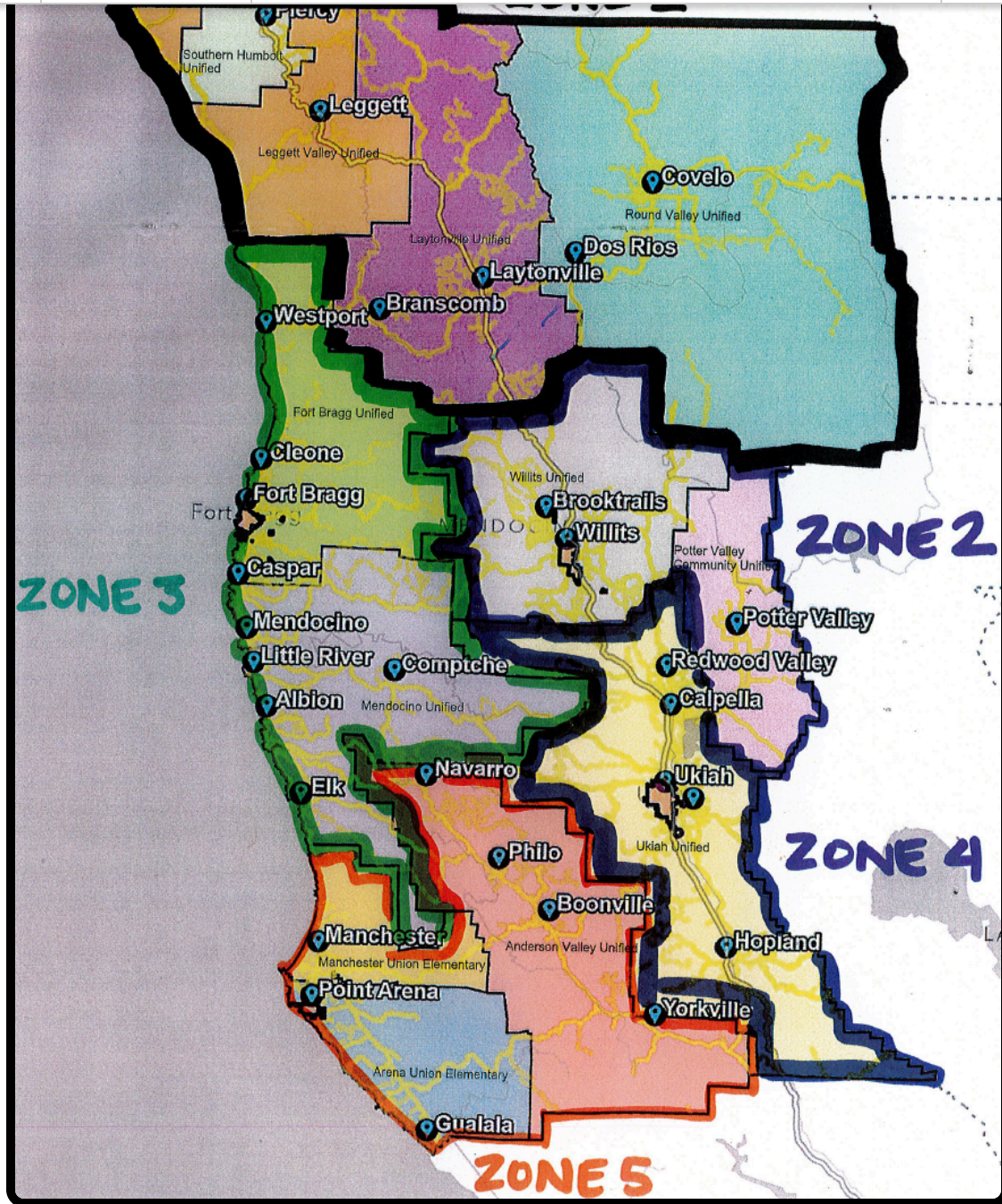
Mendocino County 4-H Zones

Jessica Farfan
4-H YDP CES II



Purpose

The 4-H Zones Map serves as a comprehensive resource for Mendocino County, analyzing key factors such as geographical distances, the locations of towns and cities, school districts, and population demographics. These zones were established to provide Program Staff, Adult Volunteers, and 4-H members with a valuable resource aimed at enhancing 4-H programming both now and in the future.



Strategy: How Can We Use It?

4-H Community Education Specialist

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Specialists in systematically analyzing and organizing the county as a whole. This approach enables specialists to identify and prioritize areas with specific local needs concerning 4-H programming. By collaborating with zone leads and dedicated volunteers, these specialists can customize 4-H enrichment activities and delivery methods to address the unique requirements of regions that share common goals and challenges. This targeted strategy not only enhances the relevance of programming but also fosters a supportive environment for youth development within the community.

4-H Grows Committee

The 4-H Grows Committee is committed to expanding opportunities within the 4-H program for all youth in the county. We recognize the diverse factors influencing participation, including age, gender, location, disability, and varying interests and needs. Our aim is to strengthen program delivery by tailoring initiatives to these considerations. Each designated Lead member, along with their subcommittee, will focus on a specific zone and conduct a comprehensive needs assessment. This assessment may encompass various formats, including traditional 4-H clubs, special interest programs, day camps, and afterschool education programs. Additionally, we seek to serve as a valuable resource for existing educational organizations, fostering collaboration to achieve our shared objectives.

4-H Clubs

Given the expansive nature of our county and the diverse programming needs of our 4-H clubs, it is imperative to establish a framework that ensures all clubs feel their needs are recognized and addressed. The introduction of zones will facilitate more effective communication between 4-H clubs and the Leadership Unit, allowing clubs to articulate their concerns in collaboration with neighboring clubs facing similar challenges. This zonal approach will also promote networking opportunities both within and across zones, enabling the development of more localized programming tailored to the youth in our communities. Ultimately, this initiative will enhance accessibility to 4-H activities, complementing the less frequent countywide events that may be located at significant distances.

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High 4-H is a countywide project specifically designed for our senior 4-H members, aged 14 to 19. This initiative seeks to unify members around common goals related to life readiness for both the present and future. By enhancing leadership opportunities through leadership retreats, social events, and community service projects, High 4-H fosters personal growth and collaboration among its members. Additionally, the implementation of a zoning structure will facilitate expanded networking opportunities, providing an organized framework for communication and collaboration within this age group. Members of High 4-H will serve as liaisons for other 4-H programs in the area, representing and showcasing the success of 4-H within their local communities.

Action

The 4-H Zones Map will be implemented immediately, commencing with the 2024-25 program year. We are actively seeking zone leads and their respective subcommittees to form. We encourage you to review the designated zones and consider participating in an area where you are interested in contributing to educational youth enrichment through 4-H program resources and events. Your involvement is vital to the success of this initiative, and we look forward to your engagement in fostering positive experiences for our youth.

[Sign Up to Volunteer in YOUR Zone!](#)

MENDO-LAKE 4-H SUMMER CAMP 2025



Join the Camp Steering Committee!

Camp Committee meetings are TBD depending on the schedules of the members who join.



Camp Teen Staff Applications are coming out this month!

Get ready for the kids summer fun sport, adventures, and outdoor games.



More info:
nmgentry@ucanr.edu

[Mendo-Lake Camp Website](#)

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Enrollment Scholarships

The Incentives & Recognition (I&R) Committee has reviewed and revamped the Mendocino County's 4-H Enrollment Scholarship Application.

If you are in need of financial assistance for your youth enrollment, you may submit an application to the I&R by October 15th of every year. This application is available in both English and Spanish on the Youth Enrollment tab on our website.

[Youth Enrollment Page](#)

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November

27th- Closed at noon

28th- Closed

29th-Closed

December

24th-Closed

25th-Closed

26th-Closed

27th-Closed

30th-Closed

31st-Closed

January

1st-Closed

4-H Yearly Planner

The 4-H yearly planner includes the following:

- A monthly calendar to plan 4-H club and project area

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- A monthly project area check-in to track project area goals and progress.
- A monthly reflection to guide self-reflection.
- A monthly club meeting notes page to record important details and engage in club experiences.

This is your planner, to be used in the way that meets your goals and fits your learning style the best. You can record data, write comments, or draw pictures. You can make quick notes in your calendar or decorate it with stickers and doodles.

4-H Branding

4-H Name and Emblem

The 4-H Emblem is the national symbol of the Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program supported by the USDA. These guidelines protect the integrity of the 4-H name and emblem. Only authorized organizations may use the 4-H name and emblem.



#4H is OK because hashtags cannot have dashes.



The emblem can only be 4-H green, black, or white.

It must never be shaded, graduated, or multicolored. If printing in a single color, the H's may be transparent to show the color of a plain background.

Do not flip, twist, distort, or cut off the emblem image.



Do not replace H's with images.



Emblem cannot replace the 4-H name.



GROWS HERE

Emblem cannot replace a letter in a word.

GR^{4H}OW

Do not put words or images on top of the emblem



The 4-H name and emblem are protected by federal statute.



The insignia "18 U.S.C. 707" communicates this protection and is part of the emblem.

The use of the 4-H Name and Emblem does not provide direct or implied endorsement of any person, company, product or organization.

Tractor Supply supports 4-H.

4-H endorses... for office.

4-H and Dickerson Zoo have partnered together to ...

No unfair advantage can be taken of the 4-H name, emblem, its employees, volunteers, or youth for the purpose of benefiting a product, person, organization, etc.

My 4-H club is selling 4-H shirts as a fundraiser for my 4-H club.

I am selling 4-H t-shirts as my personal business

For more detailed information

Use this QR code to go to the 4-H Name and Emblem Use Handbook.



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Shooting Sports Instructor Meeting

ALL Shooting Sports Instructors - Register Now!

November 23-24, 2024 Winton, CA 8 AM Saturday - 1 PM Sunday

March 29-30, 2025 - Red Bluff, CA

Registration for this meeting will be available late November 2024

This mandatory meeting is a two-day event filled with program updates, discipline specific networking, range time, special speakers, 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador and National Championship information, fundraising opportunities, and time to hear from your peers about their special activities in 5-minute lightning presentations.

Attendance at ONE of these 2-day sessions will extend your current 4-H discipline certification(s) by one year.

Fee: \$40 to cover materials, supplies, meals and drinks, and targets. We recommend contacting your county staff and/or 4-H club leadership to talk about providing support for your travel, lodging, and fees. Fees can be paid online using a credit card or by check sent to the UCCE office.

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additional information and to register to attend, [follow this link](#) or copy and paste the URL into your browser <https://forms.gle/2tWpEqqV8yefXr9r7>

Registration questions: Courtney Fagalde cfgalde@ucanr.edu

Facility, range, and camping information: Dave

Givens dave@hammerstryke.com

Shooting Sports questions: Russell Hill rdhill@ucanr.edu Nathaniel

Caeton nwcaeton@ucanr.edu

Meeting Topics

1. Fundraising and fund development to support your projects
2. UC and 4-H Risk Management updates
3. Integrating STEM activities in your shooting sports projects
4. 4-H Shooting Sports policies, minimum standards, and training
5. First Aid/CPR/Stop the Bleed certification
6. Discussing the hard stuff: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
7. Range time and breakout sessions with instructors by discipline

4-H Shooting Sports Training Workshop: Western Heritage Discipline Level 1

When:

Saturday, December 14, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where:

River Oaks Range

11584 N. Shaffer Road, Winton, CA 95388

Who:

Adult volunteers seeking certification as a Level 1 Instructor (Project Leader) in the Western Heritage discipline. Level 1.5 Instructor (Local Trainer) certification

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performance. This is done at the discretion of the workshop instructor. Teen Leaders may attend, provided they are affiliated with a project in the discipline. Teen Leaders successfully completing the workshop receive Level 1 Instructor certification with a "Teen Leader" designation. They may act as a resource within their project and assist the adult project leader with delivery, but cannot lead a project on their own.

Contact:

Crystal Cortez, 4-H Community Education Specialist (crdcortez@ucdavis.edu) for registration questions or Dave Givens, 4-H Shooting Sports Level 2 Instructor (dave@hammerstryke.com) for workshop questions.

Fees and Payment:

- There is a \$35 fee that helps cover the cost of materials.
- Payment must be made by check payable to Merced County 4-H.
- Please mail checks and all forms to UCCE Merced, Attn: 4-H Shooting Sports, 2145 Wardrobe Ave
Merced, CA 95341.

Required Participant Forms:

Please complete the forms below and mail them with your check for payment.

- [Adult Volunteer Health History and Medical Release](#)
- [Training Request and Registration Form](#)
- [Application for Certification](#)
- [UC Waiver of Liability](#)

Additional Notes:

- This workshop has a maximum of 20 participants in each of the disciplines.
- Light morning refreshments, water, and snacks will be provided.
- Restrooms, running, water, and electricity are on site.
- Equipment will be provided.
- Lodging is available nearby in Merced and surrounding areas. Participants may also dry camp at the site. If you wish to camp, please

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- 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:

- Comfortable clothing for inside and outside training activities.
- Close-toed shoes.
- Lunch for both days.

[Register Here](#)

4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Application Period for CA Team Now Open!

4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

June 2025

Grand Island, NE

Online applications are now being accepted for the 2025 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska.

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The application and a list of expectations for California 4-H members wishing to participate in the event can be found by clicking the "Apply Here" button.

After December 15th, a panel composed of members from the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee will review the applications and make selections for the California Team. Applicants will be notified of their selection status by the end of December. Applications are due months in advance of the event to allow individuals or teams the opportunity to fundraise and help defray travel costs.

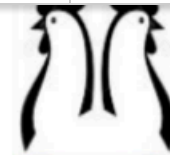
Information regarding the event is available at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships website, [here](#).

[Apply Here](#)

From Our Neighbors in Sonoma County 4-H: Youth Poultry Showdown 2025

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7th Annual Sonoma County Youth Poultry Showdown



Presented by Penngrove 4-H Club

Saturday, April 26, 2025 Check In: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30am

Hessel Farmers Grange: 5400 Blank Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Activities Start: 9:00 a.m.

Registration Due Online or by Mail on April 13, 2025

Exhibitor Fee \$5; Entry Fee - \$2 per entry in each category

Must Pre-enter for all the categories below:

Photo Contest - Limit to 2 entries per youth. Photo taken by the exhibitor. Poultry related only. No photo larger than 8x10. No Frames. Should be presented on a matted board.

Poster Board- Educational - Limit to 2 entries per youth. Must be on poster board size: 24" x 36", or tri-fold presentation board. Poultry related subject only.

Decorated Egg - Limit 2 entries. 1 egg consists of one entry, Egg must be hard boiled or blown, Egg is to be adorned, decorated, painted, or inked. The outline of egg must be recognizable. Egg decoration must be created by the exhibitor.

Live Poultry Judging Contest - participants evaluate four live birds and rank them.

Breed Identification Contest - participates will identify the breed, class, variety and comb type (single bird).

Natural Egg Competition - 3 Eggs - Limited to 2 entries per Division 1 entry consists of a group of 3 eggs. Judging Criteria: Shell color (when breed standard has stated color, variation from this penalized), shape, texture, uniformity. Entries shall note the breed of eggs, non-standard (non-recognized by APA), mix or unknown ancestry. For Division descriptions please refer to entry form.

Bird Show- Large Fowl, Bantams, Duck, Geese and Turkey Division. Refer to entry form for details on divisions and classes.

Showmanship

Knowledge Quiz

Other possible activities

Entries and fees must be completed and paid by April 13, 2025.

Space Fee: Sale Cage \$10 per cage. Max 5 bantams or 3 Large Fowl per cage.

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deadline. [If payment is not received by April 13, 2025 then registration will not be accepted!](#)

Payment and entries may be mailed to show secretary: Lisa Schuldt 1380 Helman Lane, Cotati, CA 94931.
Entries to be emailed to socoyouthpoultryshowdown@gmail.com. **No Refunds**. Deadline is April 13, 2025

Questions: Email - socoyouthpoultryshow@gmail.com

Rules and Notes:

1. All entries must be emailed or mailed using the pdf forms. Please neatly fill out entry forms.
2. Birds shown out of class will be disqualified. If you have questions regarding division, section and class please contact Rose- 707-782-8664 prior to submitting your entries.
3. **No entries will be accepted after the deadline or day of the event.** You will receive a confirmation email that your entry was received. If you do not receive confirmation within a couple of days please follow up with the show secretary.
4. Please provide water and food dishes for your birds. Water will be available. Provide your own food for your birds.
5. Birds will be housed outside under canopies.
6. There will be no health inspection for your birds, however the bird may be excused from competition if it appears fatigued or out of condition at the discretion of the judge.
7. Food booth will be provided by Green Valley 4-H Club.
8. There is a small area with tables to eat, may want to bring a chair.
9. Still exhibits will be indoors for judging and display.
10. Display mounts will be provided for the decorated egg categories.
11. Plates will be provided for natural egg competition (3 eggs) display
12. Announcement of Awards will be at the end of the Show.
13. To be considered for High Point Individual you **MUST** participate in Showmanship.

Please wear your club 4-H T-shirts or 4-H uniform. A Special Award will be given to the Best Bird of Show and High Point Individual of the Showdown (the more you enter the better your chances).

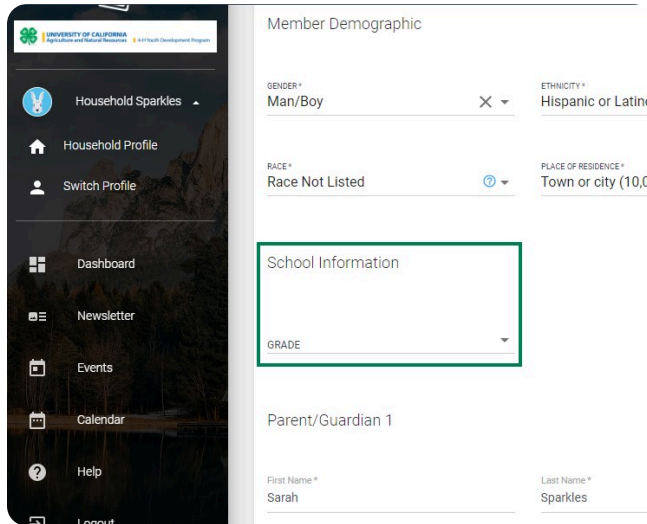
Sponsorship: Interested in sponsoring an award, please contact Show secretary Lisa at 707-974-8759.
Division Champion Rosette: \$10. Please see entry form to sponsor. Thank you.

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ZSuite: Confirm Grade Information



The next time you log into ZSuite, please confirm your youth member's grade information entered in your 2024-2025 enrollment!

Updating Grade Helpsheet

Save the Date!

State Field Day 2025

Saturday, May 17th

More information to come!

Teen Leader Essentials:

Manage your goals and consensus building

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Nov. 20, 6:30–8:30 pm

Register by 3pm on Nov 20 to get the link!

The CA 4-H State Ambassadors are hosting this workshop for all Teen Leaders across the state. The presentation and activities are all planned by the State Ambassadors, to share their experience and knowledge. This webinar is not going to be recorded so don't miss it!

About the workshop

Goal Management and decision making are key components to true success as a team. This workshop guides participants through goal selection and how to make decisions cooperatively.

[Register Here!](#)

State Ambassador Applications

Apply to be a State Ambassador for 2025-26

Our 2024–25 State Ambassadors are working hard this year to help youth leaders statewide to take on larger leadership roles. But...It's already time to recruit for NEXT YEAR's State Ambassadors.

The State Ambassador position is the highest working opportunity for 4-H'ers in the California 4-H Program.

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is represented by youth who are exceptional in their leadership and service to their communities. They

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Development Program.

Learn more about this prestigious role and how you can apply to be one of next year's State Ambassadors!

[Application Information](#)

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Paper Clover
Nov. 29 – Dec. 15

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

TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.

The graphic features a collage of photos of diverse youth. At the top right is a large photo of a smiling girl with glasses wearing a green shirt. Below it are four smaller photos: a boy in a denim jacket, a boy in a green hoodie, a girl in a blue shirt and green hat, and a girl in a green and white patterned shirt. The background includes yellow and green geometric shapes.

The Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaign is from November 29th thru December 15th. Funds raised go towards 4-H Camp and Leadership experiences. Support 4-H by purchasing a Paper Clover in Tractor Supply stores.

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