

ABBIE NEWS



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 14, 2008
7:00 pm

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3300 Dennis Drive
Pleasanton, CA

PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS

The canning project is doing a canned food drive each month throughout the year. **This month's theme is: BABY PRODUCTS.** Please bring canned baby food, formula, diapers, baby bath items, and baby rash ointment; anything you think a baby might need.

Of course we are happy to take any non perishable items, whether they fit in with our theme or not. The idea is to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

REMINDER!

Please remember to bring Canned goods and baby products to the next Community Club meeting!



THIS MONTH'S THEME: "Twins"

You receive points toward your "Super Member" award and pin if you come dressed either in your Abbie 4-H t-shirt, 4-H uniform or in the "**theme**" for the month.

Community Club Meetings for 2008-2009

September 10	October 8	November 12	December 10	January 14
February 11	March 11	April 8	May 13	June 3

Community Service Awards

One of the yearly awards you can earn is the Abbie 4H Club Community Service Pin and Award. **You earn it by completing a minimum of 7 community service activities offered through 4H during the current 4H year.** At least 4 activities must be actual events you participate in. You can count up to three donations. However the donations count only once per beneficiary (meaning, if you bring magazine donations to 3 meetings, it's GREAT, but it counts as one "activity" towards this award). You will be recognized with a pin and certificate. Keep track!

The other service award is the President's Volunteer Service Award. In his 2002 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush issued a challenge to all Americans to make time to help their neighbors, communities, and Nation through service. In 2003 he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to find ways to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our Nation. They in turn created the President's Volunteer Service Award as a way to thank and honor Americans who by their example inspire others to engage in volunteer service. This award is calculated based on hours, not per event. Abbie proud to be a certifying organization for this award, but you can count ALL community service hours, not just 4H related. This award is also an annual award. Recipients receive an official pin, certificate, and note of congratulations from the President of the United States.

Kids under 14 can print out a "Record of Service" log to keep track of their hours. Young adults (age 15-25), and adults ages 26+ can create an online Record of Service if they wish (not required). Both options are available at: www.presidentialserviceawards.gov . Under age 14 awards begin at 50 hours, age 15 and above at 100 hours.

Swine Group Community Service

The Swine group did a community service at the Retirement home in Pleasanton. We decorated a Christmas tree in the Library for the senior citizens to enjoy. We had a lot of kids to help decorate and it only took a short amount of time. We decorated the Christmas tree with piggy decorations and other fun ornaments. While doing all of this the swine group had a lot of fun. Hopefully Abbie can decorate two trees next year. Our next community service for our swine group will be in March when we help the Livermore school district with their science fair.

-Jenna Bennett

Ardenwood Trip

On December 14th, the Entomology and Gardening projects planned a trip to Ardenwood Farms to see butterflies. Not very many people showed up because it was a cold and wet day. The few members that went, learned a lot of things we started in a little barn and the rangers taught us about migration. We took a short walk to the green house and we learned what caterpillars eat. Then we walked to big trees and looked in a telescope and saw a bunch of Butterflies

and learned what they do when it's cold. It was really sad to see a butterfly on the ground. The ranger said it was too cold on the ground and the butterfly would have to try to get back up to the tree or it would die. When we got back to the barn, I tried on the butterfly costume. It was a lot of fun.

- Jessica Bennett

January Birthday Corner:

Jan. 4 Olivia Smith
Jan. 6 Joseph Zimmerman
Jan. 10 Joey Bennett
Jan. 15 Rachel Yetso
Jan. 15 Audrey Hock
Jan. 15 Megan Mueller
Jan. 19 Stephanie Kolb
Jan. 21 James Imani
Jan. 26 Cody VanDussen
Jan. 31 Niyati Rodricks

Refreshments:

Each month we will list names of several families to bring refreshments to the community club meeting. If you will not be attending that meeting, please contact the Hospitality Committee to let them know, so that they can call on someone else to bring the goodies.

Please bring two dozen of your favorite cookies, brownies, or any other goodies:

The following families are to bring the refreshments this month:

- Thomas
- Zevanove
- Zarubin
- Scholz
- Weiglein
- Komari
- Nemanich
- Recupero
- Kuhn
- Crannell
- DeVries
- Greenlee

CALENDAR

Month	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
Jan	20	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	28	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	27	7:30 pm	Leader Council Meeting	Farm Bureau
	23-25		CAL Conference	Walker Creek Ranch
	TBA	TBA	Western Leaders Forum	Denver, Colorado
Feb	16-19		Snow Camp	See Tom Fraiser
	25-28		Western Leaders Forum	Denver, CO
	TBA	TBA	North Central Leader Council Mtg	TBA
	TBA	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
March	24	7:00-8:30 pm	Leader Council Meeting	
	25	7:00-8:30 pm	Camp Academy	
	10	7:00 pm	Volunteer Leader Orientation	Farm Bureau
	13	6:30 arrival 7:00 Start	Skit Night	Canyon Middle School
	17	7:00 pm	Citizenship Meeting	Farm Bureau
	25	7:00-8:30pm	Camp Academy	Farm Bureau
	28	TBA	Sectional Presentation Day	UC Davis
31	TBA	Leader Council Meeting	TBA	

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