

The Clover Patch



Abbie 4-H Newsletter

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Community Club Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th

Meeting Starts:

7 PM; Sign-In Opens: 6:45

Mohr Elementary School

Multi-Purpose Room

3300 Dennis Drive

Pleasanton, CA

REMINDER: The theme for the upcoming CCM is Animals! Wear animal-related clothing to earn an extra ticket!

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Officers bring refreshments!

Happy Birthday to all
who are celebrating in
September!



REGISTRATION

You can now register to be in 4H. Please visit the website www.Abbie4h.org and click on the registration tab. It has the directions on how to register. Please remember that you need to register for at least one project. You need to register online, print and sign the Medical Release form, and make a check payable to Abbie 4H. The fees and the forms go to Karen Harper 700 Happy Valley Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. After Karen receives all items, she will confirm your registration and you will receive an email from county saying you are confirmed.

NEW Leaders - Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Alameda County 4-H Program. The 4-H Program would not be what it is without the time and dedication our volunteers give. All adult volunteers must complete the certification process before working with youth. Returning leaders, please complete number 4.

Certification involves the following steps:

1. Complete the online course "Creating Safe Spaces" at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/SafeSpaces/> then print the certificate of Completion and bring to the volunteer training/orientation.
2. Training/Orientation
3. LiveScan Fingerprinting Clearance. The office will send the instructions and form after Orientation is completed.
4. Enrolling and registering at www.4honline.com & registering with Abbie4H and providing required fees/medical forms to Karen Harper.

I look forward to you joining the 4-H program as a 4-H Volunteer.

You will get your project rosters after Karen has received your Medical Release form, and the above are completed. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Harper at (925)-846-5456 or cacheymom@comcast.net

A Message From Your 4-H Presidents, Cheyenne and Kamryn

Hello Abbie 4Hers,

As your 4H presidents, we are excited to start this new year with you all. First, let us tell you a little about ourselves.

Hi, my name is Cheyenne and I am a senior at Amador Valley High School. I am in the dairy goat, sheep, horse, swine, market goat, and camp academy projects. I enjoy participating in the Alameda County Fair and 4H camp. I am super excited for a great year with you guys!

Hey, my name is Kamryn and I'm also a senior at Amador. This is my 13th and, sadly, last year in 4H and I am also teen leader of the swine project. I'm so excited to share my final year with you all and am looking forward to making this year one of the best yet!

A Message From Your Project Liaisons by Elise Lester and Josie Carter

Hey parents! If you're interested in leading projects, please contact Elizabeth Lester at e_lester@yahoo.com or Sabina Carter at snecarter@yahoo.com. Abbie 4Hers, we also have up to date project lists if you are interested in signing up for any projects. We will have copies at the first CCM. Project Leaders! Please make a trifold poster explaining your project for Alviso Adobe on October 4th. These posters can be used for other events such as Project Expo. If you need a trifold poster contact Michelle Munro at munro821@aol.com.

Call For Articles by Amy Asmussen and Alex Roberts

Hello Abbie 4-hers! My name is Amy Asmussen and I am your new Newsletter Editor and Chairperson. I am in need of articles for the upcoming issues. If you have any articles you want me to put in the Newsletter, please send them to me at abbinewsletter@gmail.com. The earlier I have the articles, the better. Thank you and I hope to have a great year as your Newsletter Editor!

I want YOU to submit articles to the newspaper!

Hello, I am the Reporter this year and my job is to encourage people to write articles for our newsletter. If you write an article for the newsletter, it gains you entries in your record book (under Communications) and helps inform other members in 4-H. This is the way to let others know what's going on.



Your New Historian by Andre Wright

Hello fellow 4-H Members. Thank you for electing me, Andre Wright, for your club Historian. I have had a chance to look at the old books and the last year we have pictures for is 2008. I would like to get the books caught up, so I need your event and project pictures since then. Please mark the pictures with the date and the event/project name, as well as your name and the names of the people in the picture. This will be very helpful. I look forward to keeping our club scrapbooks current and exciting, and will bring them to the club meetings for everyone to enjoy. You can bring printed pictures to the club meetings or email digital pictures to abbiehistorian@gmail.com.

CALIFORNIA FOCUS by Austin Munro

Hi, my name is Austin Munro and this past summer I attended California Focus. This is a state wide leadership conference with a focus on government. I had so much fun at this 5 day overnight 4H event. One of the many things we got to do was tour the capital. We went to the capitol as a group and then split up into counties and met with the representatives from our county. It was a very fun weekend. Another thing I enjoyed was getting the opportunity to run for an office in our mock government that we created.

SLC (State Leadership Conference) by Austin Munro

Hi, my name is Austin Munro and this past summer I attended State Leadership Conference. This was one of the many 4H activities that I participated in over the summer. At this conference we stayed at the UC Santa Cruz. While we were there we stayed in the dorm rooms on campus. During the day we did many different activities that had to do with leadership. One of the activities I participated in was the treasure hunt. This focused on leadership due to the fact each person had to take a turn running the group. As it turns out I was the only person from Abbie to go and that is really sad. I hope more people go next year. We also had several great speakers during our morning assembly time. This conference is for members in high school. Next summer it will be at UC Irvine.

Camp Academy By Jessica Bennett

Each year at the beginning of August about 200 members from 9-19 years old and adult staff spend a week at Las Posadas 4H Camp. If you ask anyone who has ever gone, they will probably tell you it was the best time ever. The camp is staffed and run by 4H teen leaders. To be on camp staff you have to complete the county-wide project, Camp Academy. Camp Academy is basically a Leadership training project with the focus of camp. We learn how to work as a team, create a resume, interview for a job, speak to groups, organize a committee, lead recreation, and manage conflicts in the project. Our project leaders instruct, a little bit, but mostly they help us teach ourselves in a very hands on way. We are required to participate in our club and county activities throughout the year, and at our project meetings we learn from guest speakers and activities how to be good leaders. Our leaders are constantly reminding us that we are role models and that our priority must be to make sure the younger members have a good time at camp and can't wait to come back. To be in camp academy, you have to be 14 years old as of December 31 of the project year, go through an interview, and complete a set of standards. It is a lot of work, but I have learned so much from this group and from being a staff member at camp.

The Big Green Race by Austin Nicolas

Every 1st of Sunday of the Fair, they have the Big Green Race. It is like The Amazing Race, but for kids. This year when I entered, I went with Andre, Syndey and Grace. We got 1st place for the junior division. Sadly we only had 3 teams compete in the Junior division. It would be more fun if more people did it. So I recommend that you gather up 3 other friends and do the Big Green Race next year. (Did I mention you get to win a prize?)

Big Green Race at the Alameda County Fair By Lauren Satariano



On Sunday, June 22nd, my brother and I volunteered at the Fair during the Big Green Race. We were assigned to help at the Reptile Tent. As teams came into the tent, we would give them a clue to help them on their way to their next stop. It was a fun event. We also volunteered on three other days at the Fair. My mom, brother and I raised \$255 for our club!

Volunteering at the Fair is a great way to raise money for Abbie 4-H, and to get into the Fair for free, get a cool hat, enjoy a volunteer dinner with great prizes, like tickets to baseball games, tickets to Monterey Bay Aquarium, etc. Come volunteer at the Fair next year!

Cake Booth by Anika Nicolas



Every summer during the Alameda County Fair, 4-H has a cake booth. During one of those days Abbie 4H runs the booth. The leaders post a sign-up schedule the last few meetings. On Friday, June 26th Abbie was in charge on the cake booth. We had shifts for the whole day from 9:00 a.m. To 10:00 p.m. There were adults in the back preparing the cakes, and washing the dishes. There were kids helping the customers, serving them their cakes, cookies, and drinks. Usually an older 4-H member is in charge of the cash register and the kids also help clean the place and the tables. I worked the last shift for 2 hours. My brother and I helped customers get their food and drinks. Along with several other 4-H members we helped run this booth. The booth not only counts in your record book, but it is a good experience for members. Running the cake booth is like practicing for a job you might have in the future.

Recycling Bottles and Magazines by Sarah Roberts



I am in charge of the recycling bottles and cans, and donating magazines to the library this year. I would like it if you would bring any empty, cleaned bottles or cans, and magazines you would like to get rid of to the monthly CCMs. The only thing I ask on the magazines is that you would cut out your address on them. The magazines will be donated to the Pleasanton Public Library. If you do this, you get to put a Community Service entry in your Record Book. You can give them to me at the September CCM on Wednesday the 10th. Thank you.

New Beginning Chess Project By Alex Roberts, Junior Leader

Have you ever wanted to play chess? This is the project for you. In each class we will spend the first part teaching the basics, and the second part either playing the game or practicing with the pieces depending on the skill of the player. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month, starting in September, excepting November and December, when we will take a break for the holidays. The time will be from 4 to 5 PM.

Requirements: Ages: 9 and up. Limit of 10 people. Bring a chess set if you have one, but you don't need one to participate.



New Gardening Project by Sarah Roberts

Hi, my name is Sarah Roberts. Do you like to Garden? Well, in the Gardening project we will teach you all the stuff needed to take care of plants. We will be working in the garden and talking about plants. The project is limited to 8 people. At least half the class will be dedicated to hands-on work in the yard/garden, so bring clothes and shoes appropriate for getting dirty and working with pruning shears if you have permission. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of September, October, November, March, April, and May. The meeting time is from 4 to 5 PM. If you have any questions, email my mom at lisa@drwob.com. Thank you.



Presentation Project

We will be having a Presentation project this year. There will be 4 meetings and an optional county workshop. We will talk about the different kinds of presentations and how to get ready for presentation day. Meetings will be at Union Bank on Bernal on the following dates: October 2nd from 6:30-7:30

November 13th

December 4th

January 8th

January 29th

Please sign up at the meeting if you are interested.

Theatre Arts Project

Do you like to act? If so this is the project for you. We will meet from November to March. Our main focus will be to prepare for Alameda County Skit Night. If you are interested you can email Austin Munro at munro821@aol.com or sign up at the meeting.

Fall Festival at Alviso Adobe

October 11th will be the Fall festival at Alviso Adobe. Abbie 4H will have an informational table set up. We will be talking to the public about our club. If you have small animals that you can bring by or would like to come and help out just talking to the community, please email Michele Munro at munro821@aol.com. The festival will be from 11-3. We are hoping to have representation from all our projects. If you can not attend please make a flyer or display board for your project. If you need a display board, Mrs. Munro will have some at the September meeting.

4-H Day At the Raiders

Last year about 50 4Hers from Alameda County attended a Raider game. Members had lots of fun and even got to go down on the field and take a picture. There was such a great turnout they decided to do it again. This year 4H Day at the Raiders will be December 21st. Our club will get \$20 from each ticket sold. All tickets must be ordered by November 21st. **See attached flyer.**

Alden Lane Fall Festival by Kenna Asmussen

Mark your calendars and come share your animals and/or projects with the community at Alden Lane in Livermore! Every October Alden Lane holds their Fall Festival. It will be on the following three weekends Oct. 11-12, 18-19 & 25-26. The hours are 11-4. You can come for a whole day or an hour or two - whatever works for you. The setting is beautiful out there, they usually have apple tasting, scarecrow decorating, games, crafts and much more. They LOVE having 4H there. Come share the opportunities that 4-H provides with the community. All small animals welcome! They will provide tables for us and some shade. If you are interested please email amy.asmussen7@gmail.com and let her know what day and what time you would like to come.

2014 BEEF/GOAT/SHEEP/SWINE AWARDS DINNER

- Date: Sunday, September 14, 2014
- Location: Ivy Glen picnic area behind Admin. Building
- Time: 4:30 p.m. Sign In
5:00 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Program

MENU: Pulled pork sandwich, salad, beans & dessert

EXHIBITORS, FAMILIES AND GUESTS \$6.00 EACH

All Exhibitors, Families and Guests planning to attend please make reservations **NO LATER THAN: Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 10th, 2014**

Please EMAIL your RSVP to: exhibits@alamedacountyfair.com or call [925.426.7611](tel:925.426.7611)

All payments will be taken at the door: Cash or Check (please make checks payable to Alameda County Fair)

ATTENTION Leaders: This email has been sent to all exhibitors that we have emails on file for, please contact the members of your club to confirm their receipt of this email

Thank you,

Tiffany Burrow

Exhibits Supervisor

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Upcoming Events

Dates -

County Record Book Reading - Sept. 6th

Livestock Awards - Sept. 14th

North Coast Citizenship Weekend - Sept. 28th

Achievement Night - Oct. 3rd

Alviso Adobe Fall Festival - Oct. 4th

National Youth Science Night - Oct. 7th

Skate Night - Oct. 27th

4-h Raider Day - Dec. 21st (Purchase Tickets Nov. 21st)

Alden Lane Fall Festival - October 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th

About Our Organization . . .

Abbie 4-H is part of a nationwide network of 4-H Clubs, which promote the learning of leadership, citizenship, and life skills. It is a place to make friends and share interests, as well as to build confidence and learn responsibility. Through the various activities offered, 4-H members have opportunities to learn new things and to have experiences that they may not have had otherwise. Among the list of possibilities are the opportunity to experiments, go to camp, go on trips, learn how to care for an animal, how to perserve food, and much more.

**Check out these websites for
further 4-H help!**

<http://www.abbie4h.org/>

<http://alamedacounty4h.org/>

<http://wwwca4h.org/>





4-H DAY

OAKLAND RAIDERS



Come celebrate 4-H Day and cheer on the Oakland Raiders! \$20 from each ticket sold benefits 4-H in your community.

County: _____ Club name: _____



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For any questions regarding tickets, please contact Evan Durlenster at 510-780-3236. Please mail or fax your completed form to:

Oakland Raiders-Group Sales Department
1220 Harbor Bay Parkway Alameda, CA 94502
Fax: 510-864-5025

All orders must be received by November 21, 2014

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