

Abbie News



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COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2009

MOHR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3300 Dennis Drive
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THIS MONTH'S THEME: Winter Holidays

Happy Holidays Everyone!

This Month is Abbie's Winter potluck. There will be food, dessert, and refreshments. So be sure to be there 30min earlier than usual. The potluck will start at 6:30pm and the meeting will begin at approximately 7:00pm. Dessert and drinks will be provided by the club as well as all necessary utensils.

Food Assignments for the Potluck

4-H'ers with a last name that starts with:

A-L are assigned main course dishes

M-Z are assigned side dishes.

Flashing Holiday Necklaces

Your Abbie Officer team will be selling nifty Flashing Holiday Necklaces at the CCM this Wednesday to benefit community service activities in our club. They will be selling during the potluck and after the meeting for the super-low-low-holiday-special-can't-be-beat price of \$1 per necklace! So raid your piggy bank, and get 'em while they last! -Your Abbie Officers

Future Club Meetings:

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

*Dec. 9 Jan. 13 Feb. 10 *Mar. 3 Apr. 14

*May 12 *Jun 2

*Indicates meeting begins at 6:30 pm.

Birthday Corner

12/1 Chloe Valcarcel
12/2 Rachel Jacobsen
12/2 Jessica Bennett
12/7 Diana Lin
12/12 Austin Piombo
12/12 Haley Haggerty
12/14 Parker Brown
12/15 Barric Morris

12/16 Stephanie Duret
12/17 Laura Wilcox
12/17 Sophie Hudson
12/22 Russell Flock
12/25 Sean Haggerty
12/28 Catherine Stegall
12/30 Nick Zevanove
12/31 Minerva Lin

Presentation Workshop

Want to learn how to give a presentation the 4H way? It's lots of fun, you get confidence, you win awards...how great is that! The Abbie Leadership Project kids will be putting on a workshop on Tuesday, January 12, in the evening (location and exact timing TBA). Put it on your calendar, and come join us! We will show you the different kinds of presentations you can do, help you pick a topic, help plan your presentation, and give you tips on how to do a great job! Our county presentation day, where you go to give your presentations and win prizes, and maybe even qualify to go to the state competition, is on Saturday, January 30 (entry deadline is January 20). So the timing is perfect to give you a head start on YOUR presentation! We'll tell you what to expect, what we've done, and answer all your questions. We hope to see you there! -Abbie Leadership Project Team

Leadership Project Scavenger Hunt

The Leadership Project met last Sunday at the Onojafe's for a big Scavenger Hunt for food items for the Pleasanton Food Pantry. They broke up into 4 teams: the "Men", "AMNish", the "Purple Ponies", and the "Awesomenessers". They had a time limit of 1 hour, and there were prizes! The winner for "Heaviest Haul" was the Purple Ponies, who ALSO happened to win the "Weirdest Item" prize, although that was a pretty tight contest (each team had to give speeches to the distinguished panel of judges as to why we should pick THEIR weird item). We also had a prize for the team who got the most items on the "wish list". AMNish walked away with that one, with the Awesomenessers a very close 2nd place! Everyone helped making Holiday Poppers for the kids at Shepherd's Gate Shelter, and then as it got dark we toasted marshmallows in the firepit and made s'mores. Best of all, in just one hour we collected over 300 pounds of food for the pantry! Way to go, Leadership Project! -Jane Onojafe

Holiday Food Booth

Huge thank you to the members and parents who worked to make this event a success! Again this year Abbie 4H Club was asked to provide a refreshment booth for the Hometown Holidays Parade and Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5. The booth looked AWESOME! Thanks to the Mueller family for the lights and 10 foot snowman (okay, he LOOKED like he was 10 feet tall), Scott Jacques for the canopy, and the kids who did all the decorating with the ornaments and banners. Big thanks to Kerry Mueller again this year for supplying and operating the hot water station. The kids sold hot cocoa with marshmallows, Holiday cookies, popcorn, bottled water, and Holiday necklaces. Special thanks to moms Stacy McMillan and Kayla Mueller for their pre-event leg-work, and braving the cold to assist the committee members for the whole event! Special thanks also to Scott J, Sam O, and Michael O for setting up and tearing down. And finally, honorable mention to Megan, Sam, and

Nate...you were always working, and always had a smile for the customers...thanks for representing 4H so great! -Jane Onojafe

Community Service

Hello everyone, and happy holiday season!

Along with the holidays comes plenty of opportunities for community service, including gift wrapping and donations of food and warm clothes. Keep an eye out for these and other fun events!

Hopefully everyone's project's have started or are going to start soon, but if you haven't heard from your project leader by January 15th, email our project's liaison Allison Ricart at flip_flopforflip_flops@yahoo.com and she will contact your leader.

Don't forget, this Wednesday the meeting starts at 6:30 for the potluck. Last names A-L bring a main course and M-Z bring a side dish. Homemade dishes are always welcome!

Hope to see you all Wednesday!

-Alicia Brown

(Only two more weeks until winter break...)

THANKS FOR GIVING!

The results are in: Abbie 4H Club ROCKS! Thank you so very much to everyone who brought donations to the November CCM "Thanks For Giving" event. We collected: 22 coats and outer-wear, a few blankets, LOTS of useable clothing for children and adults (including quite a few brand new items), non-perishable food to add to our big Scavenger Hunt haul for the Pleasanton Food Pantry, some towels for the animal rescue, and new toys and books for the 4H kids-to-kids Christmas Party. The clothing is going to the Pantry as well, who allow the folks to "shop" for what they need for their family. They are especially thrilled with the coats this time of year, but all donations are greatly appreciated. The Leadership Project members will be delivering everything next Saturday morning, getting a tour and chat from the director, and stocking the pantry shelves with all your generous donations. In addition, you brought candy (LOTS of candy) and made 74 Holiday Poppers for the kids who don't have a home for Christmas at Shepherd's Gate Shelter. And the Leadership Project made 35 additional poppers to add to the delivery!

Important Notes:

Canning Project Starting UP

Our first Canning/Preserved Foods group will be meeting on Sunday, December 13th from from 11 am - 12:30. Location is the Bennett home: 191 Hagemann Drive, Livermore. We will be making Christmas cookie kits and making plans for future meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bennett 449-0114.

The dairy cattle project is doing a community service to help the Children to Children Christmas Party. They will be making fabric gift bags to help pack some of the larger gift items. If you are interested in helping out. Please contact Jan Bennett at : jb6clan@yahoo.com.

Abbie Leadership Team is Harvesting Hope!

Do you have a citrus, pomegranate, persimmon, etc, that you don't have time, energy, or a ladder tall enough to harvest? Let us help! The Leadership Project team would like to come harvest your fruit tree for you. Here's the deal: you keep what you like, then we take the rest to local food banks and meal programs like TriValley Haven Pantry, Pleasanton Food Pantry, Open Heart Kitchen, etc., who

feed the hungry in our home towns. These wonderful organizations very rarely get fresh produce...and think of how much citrus and other fruits in your neighborhood go to waste! We are working out the details, so for now, if you or someone you know has a tree you'd like harvested, please contact the project leader: Jane Onojafe, jonojafe@comcast.net

Dates from the Leader Council meeting

- March 11-14, 2010 Western Regional Leader Forum in Arizona
- January 22-24, 2010 CAL Conference for grades 6-8. Applications on Alameda Co website in a couple of days.
- February 27, 2010 Favorite Foods Night at the Moose Lodge in Castro Valley, open to all 4H clubs.
- January 30 will be when Presentation Day takes place (start working on your presentation!)
- Adult Leader Orientation being talked about to be put on by Charles Go and Tom Fraser might be sometime in December.

Calendar

(All are welcome; meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.)

December 2009

Clear for Holidays

January 2010

Snow Camp	Jan	See Tom Fraiser for this one
Citizenship Meeting	Jan	Farm Bureau -- 7:00pm
CAL Conference	Jan	Walker Creek Ranch
Volunteer Leader Orientation	Jan	Farm Bureau--7:00pm
Leader Council Meeting	Jan 26	Jockey Clubhouse 7:30pm
Camp Academy	Jan 27	Farm Bureau --7:00-8:30pm
Presentation Day	Jan	Fairgrounds -Mineral and Gem Building

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