



INDEPENDENCE

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April 2024

April Club Meeting: April 10th, 6:30 - 7:30 Sebastopol Center for the Arts

April 2024

- 21: 8am County 4-H Fashion Revue @ YAL Center
- 26: Virtual State Presentation Day Registration Deadline
- 27: Apple Blossom Parade in Sebastopol

May 2024

- 5: 11:30am Chickenque & 4-H Open House @ Sonoma County Fairgrounds
- 11-18: Virtual State Presentation Day
- 18: 9 am Youth Poultry Showdown @ YAL Center
- 25: State Field Day & State Presentation Day in Sacramento

June 2024

- 20-23: Sonoma-Marin Fair in Petaluma
- 24-29: 4-H Camp 1 @ Camp Tamarancho's Boy Scout Camp

July 2024

- 7-12: 4-H Camp 2 @ The Mendocino Woodlands

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President's Message

Clay McDonell

Hi Everyone,

We have a lot planned for our April 10th meeting!

First we are going to take nominations for elected positions! I strongly encourage you to consider running for a position. It is fun to be more involved in the club, and there is a super kind and supportive environment. Also, find a friend to nominate you if you are running. It looks good when someone else nominates you because it shows that at least one other person thinks you will do a good job!

There are job descriptions and age suggestions on our website under the "[election information](#)" tab. Short speeches and voting will be at the May meeting. If you are feeling like an elected position is too much, there are lots of non-elected cool jobs that you can find on the website as well. Good luck to all of you!

At this meeting we're also having a craft fair. If you have things that you have made, bring them to the meeting and you will be able to sell them! Find the word "funny" in this newsletter for prize points.

I hope everyone had a happy Easter. I saw my family and ate lots of jelly beans!



Community Club Leader's Letter

Lindsay Maddocks

Happy Spring Independence 4-H Families!

I hope each of you are enjoying the arrival of longer days. Spring is the perfect time to get outside and do something fun. This month and in the months ahead there are many fun 4-H activities available to you. At our April 10th meeting, we have our club Executive Board nominations and non-elected position signups for next year. Each of you has something special to contribute to our club so I encourage you to participate in what interests you.

From creative Fashion Revue on April 21, to Regional Presentation Days and the Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade on April 27, this month you have opportunities for fun and festive activities. The month of May continues with all things festive as we celebrate Chicken Que on May 5. By selling tickets, baking cakes, and volunteering your time at the event, you are a part of helping support not only our club, but our local 4-H community.

Fun doesn't stop in May, as the summer ahead brings camp fun and fair time. Sonoma County 4-H Camp is an overnight summer camp for all 4-H members. Camp 1 will be held June 24-29 at Camp Tamarancho's Boy Scout Camp location. Camp 2 will be held July 7-12 at The Mendocino Woodlands. I have yet to meet a 4-Her who has not thoroughly enjoyed camp. Look for local fairs to begin in June and run through August. I look forward to seeing you out and about, having fun, and making the best better!

Community Service Corner

Leo McDonell

Hi everyone. For this month we are following up on what we did last month with the speaker from Ceres by making place mats for them. These will go in with meals that are being shipped out. This is a community service that our club has done for a very long time. The placemats are spring themed. Also we have:



LAST FOOD BANK!

This month will be the last Food Bank shift available for this year on the Tuesday after the meeting.

Garden work day

If you want to volunteer in the garden please let me know if you are interested. If there are enough people we can organize a work day. If you are 14 and over, there are opportunities to prepare food or bag meals for delivery.





Rabbit Project

Dustyn Webb

This is my first year participating in the Rabbit Project. I prefer to call it the Bunny Project. Clay has taught us all about bunny rabbits. He showed us different kinds of bunnies, how to care for bunnies, and how to show them at the fair. My favorite part of the project is playing with Clay's bunny, Moe. His fur is really soft and I like to feed him sunflower seeds. During one meeting we even did a bunny agility course with Moe. That was really cute and funny. We also play Rabbit Jeopardy at our meetings. Bunny rabbits are my favorite animal so I wear my bunny costume to all our meetings. I'm really glad Clay wanted to lead this project this year! It has been really fun and I can't wait to play with Moe at our next meeting!



Apple Blossom Parade

Camille Maddocks

Save the Date for the Apple Blossom Parade - Saturday, April 27

We are excited to share parade details with all interested club families.

Please join us for a parade chat prior to our

April General Meeting, Wednesday, April 10 at 6pm

If unable to attend please text/contact Lindsay at (707) 696-9023

so she can share current details with you.

Record Books

Abbey Casey

For those doing record books: As we come to the close of the year make sure to look at the categories you are trying to achieve and determine what you have left. This will help you pick club, county and state events that will help complete your record book.

If you attended the Redwood Empire Food Bank Volunteer evening, if you are doing a SPARK book it will go under Annual Activity Summary and on your Earning Your Spark Achievement under participate in a 4-H sponsored or organized civic engagement activity or event. If you are doing a Star Rank Record book it will go under Section 5. Civic Engagement & Community Service.





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THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

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Message from the Editor

Just a reminder if you have newsletter suggestions, questions, or submissions feel free to email me at georgiaholland849@gmail.com or talk to me in person at one of the monthly general meetings. Have fun at our April meeting and don't forget to read the next newsletter!!



Open Positions

- **Junior Project Leader**
- **Teen Project Leader**
- **Club Reporter**
- **Song and Rec Leader**
- **Sergeant-at-Arms**
- **Host**
- **Store Manager**



Calendar

For more information, go to our [Club Calendar](#)

- April 15:** Backyard Chicken Project - Monday, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- April 16:** Pygmy Goat Project - Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- April 16:** REFB Monthly Warehouse Volunteer Shift - Tuesday, 4:50 - 6:30 pm
- April 18:** Baking Project - Thursday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- April 21:** Floral Project - Sunday 1-3 pm
- April 27:** Apple Blossom Parade - 7:30 am - 12:30 pm
- April 28:** Made Local Project - 11 am - 1 pm, Arts and Crafts Project - 2 - 4 pm, E-Board Meeting - 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- May 5:** ChickenQue - Sunday
- May 7:** Rabbit Project - Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
- May 11:** Advanced Dog Showmanship/Obedience + Agility - Saturday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- May 12:** Beginning Dog Obedience & Showmanship - Sunday, 10:00 - 12:00 pm
- May 15:** ***DATE CHANGE* GENERAL MEETING / ELECTIONS / POTLUCK DINNER**