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http://www.4-h.org/fourweb
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Volunteer Website
The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu

4-H Policy at a Glance
The University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program Policy Handbook contains all the rules and guidelines that administer the 4-H program. The handbook uses the term “unit” instead of club. The handbook can be accessed online at: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/
An item from the handbook will occasionally be included in the 4-H newsletter to keep members, leaders, and parents informed of current policies. The policy item will be posted first as a question for you to test your knowledge. The correct answer and where it is located in the policy manual will then be included for your convenience.

Question: What is the minimum number of 4-H members that a club must maintain in order to be recognized as a valid club?
Answer: 4-H units (clubs) must maintain a minimum of five (5) members from three (3) families and two (2) 4-H adult volunteers in order to be recognized as a 4-H unit at the county level. This information was taken from Chapter 4, Enrollment and Delivery Mode in the 4-H Youth Development Program Section X, D. Minimum Number of Members.

Holiday Giving to Unbefriended Seniors
For the last several years, the office has filled gift requests for Unbefriended Seniors. Unbefriended seniors are those people who have outlived all of their family or have been abandoned by their families. They are very low-income. The state gives them a small monthly stipend that is used for personal care items. There is often nothing left over for basic necessities such as socks, throws, beanies, scarfs and maybe a new sweat suit. The senior’s requests are very simple. The volunteers from the Ombudsman Care Program provide the names and senior’s requests. The office wraps the gifts and delivers these to the Ombudsman Care Program and they deliver the gifts. This is a very important project for a group of people who have been forgotten. We hope Kern County’s 4-H Clubs will help us with this project. If interested please call Sharon at 661-868-6200 or Veronica at 661-868-6235.

Winter Camp Date Change
The date scheduled for Winter Camp has changed to January 21 – 23, 2011. The date listed on the 4-H calendar is incorrect because we did not receive our original request date from the Parks and Recreation Department.
Friends of Our Troops
Community Service Opportunity
Friends of Our Troops is an organization that supports our armed forces by coordinating holiday mail drives to boost the morale of the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen/airwomen. If you would like to involve your club in a community service project to support the troops, visit their website at: www.FanMailForTroops.net

Hunter Education Class
For 4-H Members
A hunter education class will be offered in January & February at the UC Extension Office as part of a countywide shooting sports project. Successful completion of the six part class will allow the students to earn their hunter education card. For more information call 868-6200. Class size is limited and you must pre-register in person.

Operation Cover-Up
The 2011 4-H State Fashion Revue Committee wants YOU to help with this year’s community service project. The goal is to have every member make one child’s hospital gown. The committee will donate the gowns to various hospitals around the state after being displayed at State Fashion Revue on May 28, 2011. We want Kern County to be able to donate 100 gowns! There are a couple ways you can help! We would like donations of fabric in 2 yard increments with 2 packages of matching bias tape (Extra-Wide double fold). We need both girl and boy colors and prints. Remember that they are for comfort, so please only 100% cotton fabric. The other way to help is sew gowns! We will be holding 2 drop-in workshops at the 4-H Office to work on the gowns: Saturday, December 18, 2010 and Monday, April 18, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
If you or your club would like to work on the gowns at home, we will have partial supplies available for up to 5 gowns per club. You can request a pattern/supplies by calling Erika Kern (661) 203-6395 or Veronica Slaton (661) 868-6235.

PROGRAMS

• 4-H Adult volunteers and youth are still needed to serve on the Camping Advisory Committee. The application for Statewide Advisory Committees has been attached here. Please share this recruitment opportunity for service with your county volunteers and members that you anticipate having an interest and are willing to serve. Applications need to be signed by county staff before submitting to the State 4-H Office. Recruitment is open until filled at this time. Please contact John Borba, jaborba@ucdavis.edu or Marianne Bird, mbird@ucdavis.edu for additional questions. Click here for an application.

• Are you looking for a good way to enhance your leadership and civic engagement skills while you meet other 4-H members from across the state and nation? Find out more about the California and Washington Focus Programs on the web at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/. County teams are starting to form this fall with sign-ups due January 10. Start planning now to attend:

  California Focus, June 17 – 21 in Sacramento
  Washington Focus #1
  June 26 – July 4, Road to Democracy - Washington, D.C.; Williamsburg, Jamestown/Yorktown
  Washington Focus #2
  July 10 – 16, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C.
  Financial assistance is available.
  Contact Pat English at: penglish@ucdavis.edu.

• The world is shrinking!! This isn’t the opening line of a science fiction story. It’s true! We live in a global community. In our inter-related world, events in one country affect others and we have many more opportunities to interact with people from around the world. Find out how you can begin to prepare yourself to be an active citizen in a global world
by participating in the 4-H International Exchange Programs. In 2011, California 4-H members and families will host students from Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway. In addition, 4-H members and leaders can travel outbound to Australia. Information about the 4-H programs is available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/ or by contacting Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

**EVENTS AND DEADLINES**

- **Fashion cents**, the 2011 Challenge category will be the $15 Challenge. Members are challenged to coordinate and purchase an entire outfit for $15 or less, not counting shoes. Additional categories for 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Recycled, and Wearable Art-Embellished. In CS-Purchased, the limit has been reduced to $100 for everything showing. The Recycled rules have been rewritten to differentiate between recycling an old garment into a new one and alterations. In WA-Embellished, the rules clarify that the original garment must be purchased. The SFR committee welcomes your participation in planning and presenting this state event. To join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at chat2kd@unwiredbb.com. For event information, the Challenge flyer, and 2010 photos, see the SFR website at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/. The committee is looking for historic photos and stories about 4-H Dress Revue and SFR when it was part of State Leadership Conference. If you have any to share, please contact Sue Moore at samoore@ucdavis.edu.

- **The 2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for May 7-14, 2011, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html for more information and registration details.

**Camp Sylvester**
www.campsylvester.org
You're invited to join high school 4-H members from throughout the valley.

Departing: Evening of January 14, 2011
Returning: Afternoon of January 17, 2011

A four (4) day event at Camp Sylvester, Pinecrest, CA. Trip includes cabin accommodations, food, beverages, winter recreational opportunities and nightly entertainment.

**Come See What's Fun**, Camp Sylvester is within a short walking distance to Pinecrest Lake, marina, general store and art gallery. Also within a 10 minute drive (shuttle service available) from Dodge Ridge Ski Resort, Long Barn Ice Rink, Lealand Meadows Snow Park and much more nearby!

**Space is limited**: Max capacity of persons dependent on available drivers and cabins.
*Additional sign-ups will be wait listed.
**RSVP**: Ken Peterson (209) 968-5372
Event Hosted by: the Stanislaus County Hi 4-H.

**4-H Youth Development**

**4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology E-News**

November 2010

4-H science, engineering, and technology (SET) projects engage youth in experiential and inquiry-based learning in a positive youth development environment. Through participation, youth improve their science, engineering, and technology knowledge, skills, and confidence. The goal of the 4-H SET initiative is to increase the number of youth pursuing education and careers in science, engineering and technology. More information is available at http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/. 
FEATURED NEWS

2011 4-H SET Workshops
February 5, 2011 from 9am-4pm, registration due January 24. Free!
http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Initiative/Workshops/
Counties are invited to send a team of 4-H teen leaders, 4-H volunteers, 4-H staff, and afterschool partners to the 2011 4-H SET Winter Workshops. This professional volunteer development opportunity will help prepare 4-H volunteers, teens and staff to incorporate science, engineering, and technology into 4-H projects and activities in a hands-on, experiential manner. These workshops will assist in increasing the knowledge, skills, competencies, and confidence levels of adult volunteers, teens and staff to provide engaging 4-H SET learning experiences.

Locations and Curricula – More Sites to be added by November 30!
Butte County (Oroville)
• Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science (presented by Matthew Portillo), max 40 people
Tehama County (Red Bluff)
• Youth Experiences in Science (presented by Rita Boyes), max 24 people
Yolo County (UC Davis)
• There’s No New Water! (presented by Steven Worker), max 40 people
• Youth Experiences in Science (presented by Marianne Bird), max 24 people
• Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science (presented by Martin Smith), max 30 people
Merced County
• Junk Drawer Robotics (presented by Richard Mahacek), max 40 people
Santa Cruz County (Watsonville)
• TechXcite Engineering (presented by Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty), max 30 people
Los Angeles County (Mt. San Antonio College)
• Exploring your Environment (presented by Cynthia Barnett), max 30 people
• Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science (presented by Steve Dasher), max 30 people
• TechXcite Engineering (presented by Keith Nathaniel), max 30 people

Support for the workshops provided by the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation.

CURRICULUM

National Directory of 4-H Materials
Combination of free and for sale materials
http://www.4-hdirectory.org/
The 4-H National Directory of Materials is a searchable database of educational materials currently available throughout the Cooperative Extension System. You will find group project materials, volunteer and professional development materials, as well as many other resources. You can search by topic area or keyword, then click on the links to the resources.

Explore It! Design It!
$9.95 per module
A series of exploratory science and engineering experiences developed by Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC). Explore It! provide an experiential foundation for science concepts associated with basic phenomena and helps develop essential skills for inquiry. Design It! allow for development of basic engineering principles, and promote problem solving and creativity.

Understanding Science – Time for Mitosis
Free PDF
http://www.understandingscience.org/teaching/912_exemplary.php
Understanding Science is pleased to announce that a new teaching resource has been selected for inclusion in our teaching resource library. Time for Mitosis is a high school level biology lesson where students learn about the time required for different phases of the cell cycle. This version of the activity includes suggestions for reflective questions so students focus on the nature of scientific knowledge.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Amp Up! Middle School Conference
March 8-10, 2011, early bird rate available until November 24, 2010
http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/amp_up
The first annual Amp Up! Middle School Conference in San Diego will feature engaging workshops, keynote presentations, youth performances, and networking opportunities. The summit will focus on successful strategies for after school programs. Program staff, directors, middle school site administrators, and technical assistance providers are encouraged to attend. California 4-H will be presenting a workshop!
The Forest Foundation – Various Curricula

Free PDFs
http://www.calforestfoundation.org/
The Forest Foundation helps youth learn about the role forests play in the environment and economic health of our state. The Foundation offers free educational materials on topics including wildfires, carbon cycle, and forests.

There’s No New Water!
$10.40
http://4-hmall.org/Product/newitems/theres-no-new-water/08420.aspx
There’s No New Water! is grounded in a simple yet powerful concept that water is a finite natural resource whose quantity and quality must be responsibly preserved, protected, used, and reused. The There’s No New Water! Is designed for high school age youth, beginning with an exploration of the natural water cycle; exploring human interventions that affect water quality and quantity; examining the effects of the urban/rural interface on water quality and quantity; and includes the implementation of service-learning projects that address local water conservation issues. Note: The website says “Out of Stock” because this is a pre-sale item. You can still order and manuals will be delivered starting in a few weeks.

RESOURCES

The Coalition for Science Afterschool
http://www.afterschoolscience.org/
The Coalition for Science After School strives to make science, technology, engineering, and math integral components of afterschool programming. They bring together the experience and commitment of hundreds of individuals and organizations to improve the quality and quantity of these learning opportunities. Their site includes a directory, program resources, and advocacy tools.

Teachers’ Domain
http://www.teachersdomain.org/
Teacher’s Domain is a free digital media service for educational use from public broadcasting. Thousands of media resources, support materials, and tools for classroom lessons, individualized learning programs, and teacher professional learning communities are available on their website.

PolarTREC Mission
http://www.polartrec.com/
The PolarTREC team is based in McMurdo Station, Antarctica. By utilizing a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and by SCUBA diving below the sea ice, the research team is collecting data related to the benthic, or seafloor-dwelling, animals living in McMurdo Sound. On October 6th, 4-Hers across the nation participated in the third annual 4-H National Youth Science Day. PolarTREC performed the experiment as well! A plane managed to land the day before, and they received the materials for this experiment. An article about their 4-H experiment, along with resources and information about polar regions, are available on their website.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Think about taking a 4-H project field trip to a local science center! Science centers are located around the state. Find the closest one to you.

- **San Francisco County** – Exploratorium, Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon Street, San Francisco, CA 94123  http://www.exploratorium.edu/
- **Alameda County** – Chabot Space and Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland, CA 94619  http://www.chabotspace.org/
- **San Francisco County** – California Academy of Sciences, 55 Music Concourse Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118  http://www.calacademy.org/
- **Sacramento County** – The Discovery Museum Science and Space Center, 3615 Auburn Blvd Sacramento, CA 95821  http://www.thediscovery.org/
- **Yolo County** – Explorit Science Center, 2801 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95618  http://www.explorit.org/
- **Santa Clara County** – Tech Museum of Innovation, 201 South Market Street San Jose, CA 95113  http://www.thethetech.org/
• **Mariposa County** – The Mariposa Discover Science Center, 4971 8th St., Mariposa, CA 95338

• **Fresno County** – The Discovery Center, 1937 N. Winery, Fresno, CA 93703
  [http://www.thediscoverycenter.net/](http://www.thediscoverycenter.net/)

• **Los Angeles County** – California Science Center, Exposition Park on 39th Street & Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037

• **Riverside County** – Western Science Center, 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet CA 92543

• **Orange County** - Discover Science Center, 2500 N. Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705

• **San Diego County** – Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101

**Tech Trek Camp**  
**Summer 2011**  

Tech Trek is a summer math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional, and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held.

**INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION**

**eCYBERMISSION**  
**Due December 17, 2010**  

eCYBERMISSION is a web-based science, technology, engineering and math competition for 6-9th grade teams. Your team will propose a solution to a real problem in your community and compete for regional and national awards. eCYBERMISSION challenges you to explore how science, technology, engineering and math work in your world.

**Thacher Environmental Research Contest**  
**Due April 11, 2011**  
[www.strategies.org/ThacherContest](http://www.strategies.org/ThacherContest)

Sponsored by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, the Thacher Environmental Research Contest challenges high school students (grades 9-12) to conduct innovative research on our changing planet using the latest geospatial tools and data. Cash awards are presented for top project entries.

**California 4-H Photography Contest and Film Festival at the 2011 State 4-H Field Day**  
**Event on May 28, 2011. Registration due by May 6, 2011.**  
[http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/)

Start thinking now about the photography contest and film festival being planned for the 2011 State 4-H Field Day on May 28, 2011 at UC Davis. The California 4-H Technology Leadership Team will release the themes for both events in January 2011. Both are open to all 4-H members (age 9 through 19). For more information, please contact: Photography Contest, John Trammell at techdude4h@gmail.com and Film Festival, Ashlyn Aiu at singthislouder@gmail.com.

**Special Recognition at the 2011 State 4-H Presentation Day**  
**May 28, 2011**  
[http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/)

A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on science, engineering and technology! This year’s focus is on the natural properties and the human interactions with water. Potential topics include water quality, conservation, water cycle, effects on plants and organisms, water in cultural contexts, human impacts on water, phases and/or properties of water, storage and transportation.

**Cruising to 4-H Excellence**  
**4-H Leaders Forum to Celebrate Volunteers at Sea**

All 4-H leaders, their families, and friends are invited to Cruise to 4-H Excellence to recognize 4-H leader’s outstanding volunteer efforts. The 2011 Western Regional Leaders Forum will be held on the Holland America cruise ship ms Westerdam. The ship departs Seattle May 7 and will make stops in Juneau, Hubbard Glacier, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria, B.C. The ship returns May 14.

Having our 4-H Leaders Forum on the ship will provide a great venue for our many workshops, give people time to socialize, and offer educational opportunities to learn about different ports and local attractions.

Charles Johnson, national speaker and executive director of the National Family Life & Education Center, will speak about the value of mentors in the lives of youth.
Speaker David Remson will focus on how multi-generational volunteers can best work creatively and effectively together. Participants will be able to choose from over 50 workshops, enjoy gourmet food, and take advantage of the ship's amenities including the culinary arts center, spa, digital workshop, nightly entertainment, and club rooms for youth and teens. To learn more about the cruise visit http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html.

Mini-Grants for 4-H Teens Projects
California 4-H is offering mini-grants for youth-directed healthy living projects. 4-H members are encouraged to apply for funding, lead the project, and partner with one or more adults throughout the process. The proposed healthy living project must be implemented with a focus on service-learning, leadership and/or youth-adult partnerships. For more information, please visit www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving. The deadline for this opportunity is January 15, 2011. For more information, contact Mandi Bottoms, Healthy Living Academic Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development Program, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (530) 752-4359 | fax (530) 754-8541 mlblottoms@ucdavis.edu

Kern County 4-H Implements SET Trainings
In 2008 the California 4-H Youth Development Program launched the Science, Engineering, and Technology initiative which is more commonly known by the acronym SET. 4-H SET is a national movement to increase the awareness and the participation of America’s youth in science, engineering and technology related activities. This is in response to the low numbers of youth in the United States who pursue careers in these fields as compared to other nations. To ensure global competitiveness, we must act now to prepare the next generation of science, engineering, and technology leaders by developing our youth.

Kern County 4-H implemented a variety of SET activities for youth over the past few years. This year saw two important SET trainings take place for adult and teen leaders. These trainings instructed the participants in how to become trainers themselves and take the material they learned back to their club, camp, or classroom. The two trainings which were offered locally were Junk Drawer Robotics and The Power of the Wind. The Junk Drawer Robotics curriculum makes the topics of science, engineering, and technology engaging and meaningful to the participants by involving them in hands-on activities. The participants are presented with scenarios where they must plan and construct simple robots to accomplish a task using materials that are simple and available in most homes. Two of the teen trainers in this project were selected to present and speak at the 2010 International Society of Technology in Education Conference in Denver, CO.

The Power of the Wind curriculum guides youth in using the engineering design process to find solutions to problems related to wind power. Youth work in teams to analyze the situations and find answers. Along the way they learn about wind power as it relates to windmills and the generation of electricity or propulsion of vehicles.

On Saturday, February 5, 2011, another SET training will be offered in Bakersfield at the UC Extension office. It will be titled, “There’s No New Water!!” Details on how to register for the training will be in the next newsletter.

2012 LCORT Youth Chair Recruitment
Applications Due: December 17, 2011
LCORT is the Leadership Conference of Regional Teens for 4-H youth in grades 7 – 9 living in the twelve-county region of the South Central San Joaquin Valley. Recruitment is currently underway to secure a youth chair for the 2012 conference. The youth chair is responsible for the helping organize and execute the event through pre-conference, conference, and post-conference activities. The chair must be a minimum of 16 years old and maximum of 18 years old by December 31 of the year prior to the conference. For more information visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT/?vu=862
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL TEENS

WHAT: Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT)

WHEN: January 28-30, 2011 / Check-in time: January 28, 6-9 p.m.

WHERE: Wonder Valley Ranch
6450 Elwood Road
Sanger, CA 93657

WHO:
* 7th-9th Grade 4-Hers
* County Leadership Teams (10th Grade & Above)
* State Ambassadors, Leaders and Staff

COST: $130.00 – includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, (starting Saturday morning), snacks, and all registration materials ($140.00 after December 1, 2010).

THEME: Leadership: To Infinity and Beyond!

WHY: To define and develop your leadership abilities. To have an opportunity to meet and share ideas with other youth your age. To expand your perspective on the world around you and to have an enjoyable time.

EVERY DELEGATE IS EXPECTED TO:
* Attend and participate in all sessions and activities.
* Act in accordance with the 4-H Code of Conduct and Dress Code.
* Be responsible for his/her behavior and belongings.
* Follow all facility rules.

BE SURE TO BRING WITH YOU...
* Toiletries, personal items, towels, etc.
* Suitable changes of clothing (for 2 days), including a jacket.
* A sleeping bag or blankets and a pillow.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING...
* Food — Don’t worry, you’ll be well fed!
* Clothing that will not meet the dress code standards.
* Electronics or other valuables which you will not absolutely need.
(All personal belongings are brought at the owner’s risk.)

ACCOMODATIONS:
Dorm type rooms with 6 to 10 people per room. Each room has a bathroom and shower. Sessions will be held in meeting rooms, and multipurpose rooms.

Personal electronics (including, iPods and other MP3 players, cell phones, video games, etc.) are NOT ALLOWED in workshop sessions. Neither the South Central Section 4-H Council nor Wonder Valley will be responsible for lost or stolen clothing, electronics, or other personal articles.

If you wish to attend LCORT, please contact
Veronica Slaton at 661-868-6235
Winter Camp 2011 – Tehachapi Mountain Park

4-H will have a fun-filled Winter Camp this year: January 21 – 23, 2011. Winter Camp is for all 4-H members, fourth grade and above. (No Cloverbuds or younger family members.) Space is limited. Make your reservation early. Only paid reservations are accepted. Reservations will be accepted (no postmarks) through January 14, 2011. No refunds will be given after January 17, 2011. Two adult leaders per cabin are needed for chaperones. (There is no charge for chaperones.) Chaperones must have completed the orientation and fingerprinting process and be at least 21 years old. **Clubs must provide one chaperone for every five youth.** Code of Conduct and Medical Release Forms are required and can be downloaded from the State website at: [http://www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org) (under “Resources” and “Forms” under the heading “4-H Enrollment Forms”).

ENCLOSED IS $40.00, PLEASE RESERVE ME A SPOT FOR 4-H WINTER CAMP 2011.

NAME: ___________________________________________ CLUB: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________________________

CITY & ZIP: ________________________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE: __________________ AGE: ______ ROOM MATE PREFERENCE: ______________________

Make check payable to: Kern County 4-H Council and mail to: 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93307

Please be mindful that there will probably be snow, so plan accordingly. Here are your last minute instructions:

**What to bring to camp:**

- A positive and cooperative attitude.
- Plenty of **warm clothing and gloves**. Snow boots are strongly recommended. You may need to change clothes and shoes if you get wet in the snow.
- Slides, inner tubes, plastic sleds (be sure you do not bring skis, sleds, or toboggans with metal blades, etc.) any other play equipment for snow fun.
- A flashlight, **warm** sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, toilet articles, towel, soap, washcloth, etc. The cabins are heated, but they do get cold.
- Be sure to mark any items you bring with your name.
- Participants are asked to bring a bag of cookies to share for snack time.

**DO NOT BRING ELECTRIC APPLIANCES – HAIR DRYERS, CURLING IRONS, ETC.**

In case of emergency, and emergency only, the camp can be reached at 822-4632.

**The Code of Conduct and Medical Release Form are required to attend camp.**

**Code of Conduct:**
Read and sign the Code of Conduct and be sure you understand what is expected of you while at camp.

**Medical Release Form:**
Parents must sign the Medical Release Form for each camper.

Bring the signed Code of Conduct and Medical Release Form with you to camp. You will not be able to stay at camp without these two forms completed and turned in.

**Times:**
Arrival time is 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 21. Camp will end at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 23.

OLDER 4-H MEMBERS MAY NOT DRIVE THEMSELVES, OR OTHER MEMBERS, TO CAMP. DO NOT BRING CONTRABAND ITEMS TO CAMP (Silly String, Shaving Cream, etc.) WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT LUGGAGE.

PARENTS: PICK UP YOUR CAMPERS AT 10:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY MORNING. No early pickups, the cabins and camp must be cleaned before the campers can be released.
DIRECTIONS TO TEHACHAPI MOUNTAIN PARK
(From Highway 99)

1. Take Highway 58 east traveling to Tehachapi.

2. At Tehachapi, take the Exit 148 off ramp to Highway 202 (to the Correctional Institute).

3. Turn south (right) on to Tucker Road.

4. Drive straight on Tucker Road until it T’s into Highline Road (2.0 miles).

5. Turn west (right) on Highline Road.

6. Drive down Highline Road and look for the Tehachapi Mountain Park sign (1.2 miles).

7. Turn south (left) on Water Canyon Road and drive to the fork in the road at the Nobertine Monastery (2.3 miles).

8. Take the left road at the fork, County Park Road, and follow it to the Duck Pond (0.8 miles).

9. At the Duck Pond turn right and follow the road to Tehachapi Mountain Park (0.6 miles).