

# Regular Member Projects

**Ages: 9-19 by December 31, 2025**



# Beef Cattle



**Project Leaders** - April George

**Project Member Limit** – 5

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – None

**Project Cost** - Between 500-10,000 depending on what your doing showing or market

**Location** -

**Project Description** - Learn about cattle

**Safety Component** - Adults will be required at meetings

**Number of Meeting** -

**Meeting Dates** – TBD



# Outdoor Adventure: Camping

**Project Leaders-** April George & Sarah Walker

**Project Member Limit** – 20

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – None

**Project Cost-** One-time fee between \$100-\$150 for the campsite

**Location** - Camping trip likely to be \_\_\_\_\_. Will be dependent on the campsite availability. One meeting to be held about one month prior to the camping weekend.

**Project Description** - A fun weekend of camping activities, likely to be held at Cosumnes River Ranch in Plymouth, CA. the campsite is also likely to be tent only but will be right on the river and very private. Activities will be planned, including the famous 'cook-off' challenge. This last year's agenda was fishing, gold panning, building boats and a 'hot dip challenge'. There will also be plenty of downtime for members to enjoy their time in nature.

**Safety Component** - We will be discussing fire safety, first aid and other safety information related to camping.

**Number of Meeting** - The majority of the 6-hours will be during the camping weekend, with one prep meeting that will be about 1.5 hours.

**Meeting Dates** –



# Cavy Project



**Project Leaders-** Haley Montoliu, Jessica Villanueva

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Gabriel Lang & Sierra Montoliu

**Project Cost-** Cost of project animal \$25-\$50, fair entries \$10

**Location** - Fairfield and Vacaville

**Project Description** - Have you ever heard of a Cavy? Cavy is a fancy name for a Guinea Pig. Did you know you can show guinea pigs at the fair? Join the Cavy project and learn all about Cavies, their care and how to show them. This project is open to members 9 years old and older. We are requiring members to own and show a cavy to complete the project. If you do not already own a guinea pig there will be an opportunity to purchase one at our first meeting in January.

**Safety Component** - Animal Safety

**Number of Meeting** - 5-6 meetings, First meeting is 2 hours remainder are 1 hour

**Meeting Dates** – Wednesdays 2:30-3:30 starting in January-may





# Community Service

**Project Leaders-** Amber Kemble

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Grace Kemble

**Project Cost-** 0- donations to the place where we serve

**Location** - Funky Chicken Rescue, Vacaville; Zinger Ranch, Vacaville; Herd and Flock, Vacaville

**Project Description** - We will volunteer at 3 different animal sanctuaries by helping with whatever project they request. We may paint a barn, shovel animal pens and/or brush animals. We have developed strong relationships with the sanctuaries so we hope to help them make a difference in helping animals in need of care.

**Safety Component** - Safety includes using equipment such as shovels and working close to others, as well as working around animals.

**Number of Meeting** - 3 meetings of 2 hours each + a make up meeting

**Meeting Dates** –



# Cooking



**Project Leaders** - Jessica Cattey

**Project Member Limit** – 6

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Harlow Cattey

**Project Cost** - \$20-\$30

**Location** - Cattey house

**Project Description** - learning to cook different kinds of foods, themed foods, how to make simple meals.

**Safety Component** - proper food handling for safety no cross contamination ect, kitchen safety using a stove and oven, utensil safety proper handling of knives and pots and pans etc.

**Number of Meeting** - 3, 2 hour meetings

**Meeting Dates** – October tbd, Halloween themed foods, treats, and drinks!

Jan tbd: Asian inspired meals and snacks

March tbd: party foods, appitzers, finger foods, charcuterie plating





# Crocheting/Amigurumi

**Project Leaders-** April George

**Project Member Limit** – 6 (Note: this is for members ages 11+)

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Abbey George

**Project Cost-** Cost of Yarn and Crochet hooks- 20-40 per meeting

**Location** - Gordon Valley Fire Station

**Project Description** - We will be creating super cute crochet animals to be entered into fair!

**Safety Component** - Safety Component - Safety will be discussed at every meeting

**Number of Meeting** - 4 Meetings

**Meeting Dates** – 3rd Saturday of the Month September, October, November & January





# Food Preservation Advanced

**Project Leaders-** Vicki Lang

**Project Member Limit** – 4

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Gabriel Lang

**Project Cost-** \$50 to \$100.

**Location** - County office and my home 3603 Ritchie Rd. Fairfield CA

**Project Description** - Jellies and Jams oh my! Do you love a peanut butter and Jelly sandwich, or fresh jam inside your thumbprint cookies? Well, in the food preservation project you could learn to make all kinds of jams and jellies.

**Safety Component** - Safe food handling, as well as kitchen safety will be addressed

**Number of Meeting** - 3-4

**Meeting Dates** – September, October, and April. Could change depending on availability of master food preservers meeting times





# Gardening / Dixon May Fair Theme Garden entry

**Project Leaders-** Gina Richmond & April George

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Abbey George & Annelise Richmond

**Project Cost-** \$20 per member

**Location** -Mangels tasting room and Dixon May Fair

**Project Description** - Do you want to learn about garden design and flow? Do you want to help design and build a garden with a theme? Do you want to compete against other kids in Solano County and see if your design wins? Join this project!

**Safety Component** - How to build and plant a garden without getting hurt

**Number of Meeting** - Minimum of 4

**Meeting Dates** – Won't start until we get the Dixon May Fair info in 2026. It ends at Dixon May Fair in May



# Gardening & Sustainability

**Project Leaders-** Naomi Ledda & Elizabeth Corvello

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Giulianna Ledda

**Project Cost-**

**Location -**

**Project Description** - Learn everything from soil and composting to planning and planting and everything in between. Doing hands on activities while learning about sustainability.

**Safety Component -**

**Number of Meetings -**

**Meeting Dates –**



# Let's Be Tourists

## Bay Area Adventures



**Project Leaders** - Christina Taliaferro & Deanna Westad

**Project Member Limit** – 6 (must be 9th grade or older)

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – none

**Project Cost** - The cost will depend on each adventure and will be communicated in advance. Estimated range is \$30-50 per member per meeting. We will do our best to stay within this range, but the cost may be higher depending on the final activities.

**Location** - Meeting 1: San Francisco (Chinatown)

Meeting 2: Oakland (Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park)

Meeting 3: San Francisco (Pier 39)

**Project Description** - This is your chance to play tourist and explore the Bay Area! This project is all about discovering exciting places and hidden gems in our own backyard. Along the way, we'll learn fun facts about our region, build useful life skills, and enjoy some great meals.

# Let's Be Tourists

## Bay Area Adventures

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#### Meeting 1: Let's Explore Chinatown!

Description: At this meeting, we'll learn how to navigate BART to San Francisco and spend the day exploring Chinatown. We'll admire the iconic Dragon Gate, wander the lively streets, visit the Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Factory, and enjoy a dim sum lunch.

#### Meeting 2: Let's Explore Nature!

Description: At this meeting, we'll hike through Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park in Oakland in search of hibernating ladybugs. Afterward, we'll refuel with a carb-loaded lunch at Homeroom Mac & Cheese.

#### Meeting 3: Let's Explore Pier 39!

Description: At this meeting, we'll take the Vallejo Ferry to San Francisco and enjoy a leisurely stroll to Pier 39. There, we'll admire the famous sea lions, catch performances by street entertainers, and savor San Francisco's iconic clam chowder in a sourdough bread bowl at Chowders.

**Safety Component -** Exploring is fun, but safety comes first! Members will learn important safety and life skills like staying with the group, being aware of their surroundings, following rules, and more.

**Number of Meeting - 3**

**Meeting Dates —** Meeting 1: Let's Explore Chinatown! Saturday, October 18, 2025 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Meeting 2: Let's Explore Nature! Saturday, February 7, 2026 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Meeting 3: Let's Explore Pier 39! Saturday, May 2, 2026 (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)



# Market Goats

**Project Leaders-** Kathy Abreu & Vicki Lang

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Project Cost-** \$500 to \$1200

**Location** - Fairfield

**Project Description** - Member purchases goat and raises it on their own property. Member will learn feeding, grooming, health care, and showmanship skills.

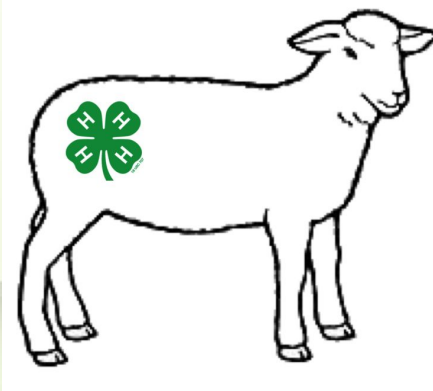
**Safety Component** - Member will learn the proper and safe way to use clippers. Also how to safely care and show their animal.

**Number of Meeting** - 5-to 8

**Meeting Dates** – Wednesday 3-4 and some Saturday closer to fair







# Market Lamb/Sheep

**Project Leaders-** George and Gina Richmond

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Project Cost-** Cost of the lamb and feed could range around \$500-\$1000

**Location** - Mangels Vineyards 4529 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield CA 94534

**Project Description** - Learn how to select, raise, train and care for a show winning market lamb. This project will include the basics of Animal Husbandry all the way through to marketing your lamb to potential buyers.

**Safety Component** - Personal safety around livestock including pens, gates and PPE.

**Number of Meeting** - 6

**Meeting Dates** – Start in January





# Outdoor Adventure/Local Nature & Knots

**Project Leaders-** Amber Kemble

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Jack Kemble

**Project Cost-** Nothing

**Location** - Rockville Park

**Project Description** - We will hike and learn about natural history of the local area. Each project meeting will also include learning a valuable knot for tying outdoors.

**Safety Component** -We will learn safety related to outdoor hiking, including rattlesnakes, poison oak and hydration.

**Number of Meeting** - 3 meetings that are 2 hours long each

**Meeting Dates** –





# Photography

**Project Leaders-** April George

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Abbey George

**Project Cost-** Fair Entries \$20 - \$40

**Location** - Gordon Valley Fire Department

**Project Description** - Have you wanted to learn how to take great photos with a smart phone or tablet or even a regular camera?? Then this is the project for you! We will discuss the different types of cameras, how to use them, how to edit photos and upload photos to create single photos or digital scrap books. There will be themed assignments throughout the project.

**Safety Component** - Safety Component - Safety will be discussed at every meeting

**Number of Meeting** - 6

**Meeting Dates** – 3rd Saturday of every one starting in September

# Poultry

**Project Leaders** - Rick Perez & Elizabeth Corvello

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – none

**Project Cost-** \$5 - plus various costs if families choose to show or raise market poultry

**Location** -

**Safety Component** - We plan on having a list of parent's contact info and making sure all members who are dropped off go home with their designated family. If there is any need/reason to wash hands, we will have members wash hands to prevent the spread of germs. We will also encourage members not to attend if they are feeling ill.

**Number of Meeting** - 6 meetings

**Meeting Dates** –



# Poultry



**Project Description** - The poultry project will cover a variety of topics including: anatomy, biosecurity and poultry maintenance, prevention of virus/disease, proper housing, predator prevention, showmanship knowledge and skills.

This project is intended for junior and senior members. All members will be encouraged to attend a Poultry Show (date TBD – sometime in late January/early February) to see different breeds and varieties of poultry up close. The poultry show is also an excellent time to purchase a showmanship bird for members that do not have one and wish to participate in upcoming fairs and Poultry shows.

Market/meat birds will also be covered and members will have the opportunity to purchase birds in time for Dixon May Fair. We will also cover how to write and deliver bidder letters as well as, following through with animals purchased through auction.

It is not required for members to have their own poultry to join this project, but it is highly recommended. Kids that do have their own showmanship bird in the initial meetings will have an opportunity to use a leader's bird or can practice using a stuffed animal. Showmanship birds are typically bantam breeds for ease of handling the bird in the show ring.

All meetings are approximately 1.5 hours. At least 5 meetings are required, but for maximum learning, all meetings are highly encouraged as they will all discuss different topics of poultry raising and showmanship.







# Public Speaking/Presentations

**Project Leaders-** Kris Herman

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – None

**Project Cost-** No Cost

**Location** - Either my house or Rockville Presbyterian Fellowship

**Project Description** - Gain experience in creating presentations to an audience and speaking in public.

Members will be expected to give at least two public presentations on any topic during the year.

**Safety Component** - How to look around and keep them safe in public.

**Number of Meeting** - 6

**Meeting Dates** –Second Sunday of the month at 1pm





# Rabbits

**Project Leaders-** Haley Montoliu and Jessica Villanueva

**Project Member Limit** – 10

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – Sierra Montoliu

**Project Cost-** Costs include purchase of show rabbit/ or market rabbits and fair entries

**Location** - Montoliu's home Vacaville

**Project Description** - This project is to learn how to care and show rabbits. Heavy emphasis will be on showing and knowledge. This is a great project if you are interested in raising meat rabbits for the fair or interested in showing! Project requirement is you must exhibit at one of the county fairs.

**Safety Component** - Discuss human health safety of diseases transmission from animal to humans.

**Number of Meeting** - 4 Meetings

**Meeting Dates** – January meeting will take place at ARBA rabbit show, Feb, March, April, possibly May meeting will be held on a Wednesday afternoon.



**Meeting Dates** –October, December, January and March.



# Swine

**Project Leaders-** Kathy Abreu & Lisa Howard

**Project Member Limit** – 20 (Note: this project is for members 9 and older)

**Junior / Teen Leaders** – none

**Project Cost-** \$600-\$1200

**Location** - Suisun Valley/Cordelia

**Project Description** - The Suisun Valley 4-H swine project is for boys & girls that are 9 years old by December 31, 2025. We will purchase pigs sometime between January & February for entry in the Dixon May Fair. For those who want to show at the Solano County Fair, in June, will also have that option. Raising & showing a pig requires dedication, hard work and a little luck. We will learn how to select a sound pig, develop a feeding regime, learn showmanship skills & simple record bookkeeping. This is an experience that members will remember for a lifetime. Members will need to find accommodations for their own animal. A covered stall is essential with an area to roam and root around. Feeding is done twice a day & water should always be available. Cleaning the stall should be done as necessary. Working the pig with a whip is recommended daily to improve your chances of doing well in showmanship. It is helpful if you can transport your own animal to fair but if it's not possible, we will make sure it gets there. The cost of the project will run approximately \$600-1200 depending on the quality of animal, feed, equipment, etc. We will have meetings once a month starting in September or October on the weekends, sometimes weekdays. In April we may meet weekly until fair time to check weight of animals.

**Safety Component** - Safety will be discussed at the beginning of relevant meetings

**Number of Meeting** - This project will offer a minimum 20 hours; 6 hours are required for 100% attendance.

**Meeting Dates** – Monthly starting in Sept or Oct. Weekly April-May





# Welding

**Project Leaders-** Phil Braden & George Richmond

**Project Member Limit** – 12 (Please note age restriction 11-18 working with power tools)

**Project Cost-** \$40

**Location** - 2905 Hanford Ct. Fairfield, CA

**Project Description** - Teaching welding and the use of some power tools.

**Safety Component** - Welding and grinding safety

**Number of Meeting** - 3 two hours meetings

**Meeting Dates** –

