

Regular Member Projects

Ages: 9-19 by December 31, 2024



Outdoor Adventure: Camping

Project Leaders- Carrie Fitzgerald & April George

Project Member Limit – 20

Junior / Teen Leaders – LJ George

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

Location - Camping trip likely to be May 30-June 1, 2025. 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 – target May 30 - June 1, 2025 for the trip. Meeting will be approximately 1 month prior.

Swine

Project Leaders- April George

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

Junior / Teen Leaders – LJ George

Project Cost- \$600-\$700

Location - Gordon Valley Fire Station

Project Description - The Suisun Valley 4-H swine project is for boys & girls that are 9 years old by December 31, 2024. 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 July, 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 \$600-700 depending on the quality of animal, feed, equipment, etc. We will have meetings once a month starting in October thru April. 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 – 3rd Sunday of every month starting in November





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



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





Welding

Project Leaders- Phil Braden

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 – January 18th ,9am-11am 12pm-2pm January 25 9am-11am 12-2pm February 1 9am
11am 12-2pm



Cavy Project



Project Leaders- Haley Montoliu, Jessica Villanueva

Project Member Limit – 10

Junior / Teen Leaders – Gabriel Lang

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





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.





Food Preservation Advanced

Project Leaders- Vicki Lang

Project Member Limit – 4

Junior / Teen Leaders – Gabriel Lang

Project Cost- \$50 to \$100.

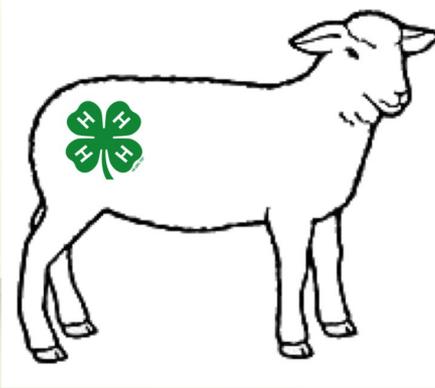
Location - County office and my home 3603 Ritchie Rd. Fairfield CA

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



Market Lamb/Sheep

Project Leaders- George and Gina Richmond

Project Member Limit – 6

Project Cost- Nothing from myself but cost of the lamb and feed could range around \$300-500

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





Market Goats

Project Leaders- Kathy Abreu & Vicki Lang

Project Member Limit – 10

Project Cost- \$500 to \$800

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



Poultry

Project Leaders - Deanna Westad and Alissa Widmer

Project Member Limit – 10

Junior / Teen Leaders – Beau Westad and Addie Widmer

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

Location - Westad Home in Fairfield, CA and Widmer Home in Vacaville, CA

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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 – Meeting dates: Meeting dates: All meetings will be held on Monday evenings before the General Monthly Meetings - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm except for the field trip. December January February March April Sunday in May before the fair (TBA)



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.



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 – November 2, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; March 8, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; April 5 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; + make up meeting on April 19 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



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 – 11/9 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 2/22 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 3/22 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Make up meeting will be an Earth Day event on 4/19 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.





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



Arts & Crafts / Exploring art mediums and techniques



Project Leaders- Jessica Cattey

Project Member Limit – 8

Junior / Teen Leaders – Harlow Cattey

Project Cost- \$20 first meeting, \$5 second meeting, \$10 third meeting

Location - First meeting @salon collective second and third meeting 748 Antiquity drive Fairfield ca cattey home

Project Description - We will be teaching different art styles, and learning about different artists. Each meeting will begin with an informative lesson about which technique we will be using that meeting. You will learn about and view art that uses that medium. You will be creating your own works of art inspired by artists. There will be one guided lesson by artist Laura Klien located inside a real art gallery! Our last meeting we will be able to finish all of your work and prepare them for fair entry. You will also have the opportunity to enter your art into a local children/teen art showing! This will be educational but also fun!

Safety Component - Using sharp tools for sculpture safely, handling disposal of chemicals correctly and safely, keeping your work space clean and organized so that no one gets hurt will be highly emphasized.

Number of Meeting -.3

Meeting Dates – Sunday November 17 @ 1-3:00 / Sunday February 9 @ 1-3:00 / Sunday April 6 @ 1-3:00

Table Top Games / Roll, Move, Win- A Board Game Adventure



Project Leaders- Christina Taliaferro & Deanna Westad

Project Member Limit – 12

Junior / Teen Leaders – Daniel Taliaferro & Beau Westad

Project Cost- We may occasionally ask members to pitch in for snacks during the meetings.

Age Restriction - This project is intended for members who are in high school (9th grade and above).

Location - Project Leader's Home

Project Description - This project engages teens through strategic gameplay and interactive fun. At each meeting, members take turns selecting 1-2 board games and explaining the rules to the group. Players face challenges, contemplate strategies, and rely on chance while playing with friends. This project encourages teamwork, critical thinking, and leadership skills.

Safety Component - Project members will be reminded about social safety when playing board games: respectful behavior, conflict resolution, and an inclusive environment.

Number of Meeting - 4

Meeting Dates – Meeting 1: Sunday, September 29, 2024 (6:00 - 8:00pm) / Meeting 2: Sunday, November 17, 2024 (6:00 - 8:00pm) / Meeting 3: Sunday, January 26, 2025 (6:00 - 8:00pm) / Meeting 4: Sunday, March 2, 2024 (6:00 - 8:00pm)

Projects of Food / What's for Dinner

Project Leaders- Vicki lang and kathy abreu

Project Member Limit – 8

Project Cost- \$10 per meeting

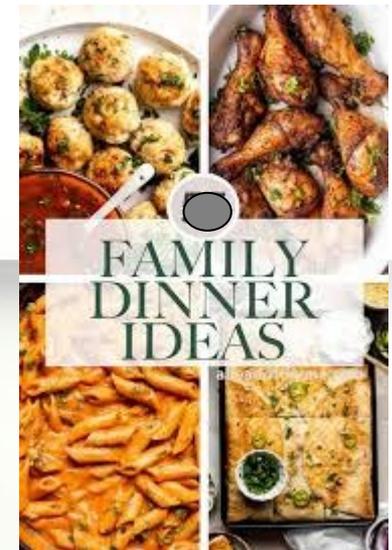
Project Location - My home. 3603 Ritchie Rd. Fairfied

Project Description - We will be making some main dishes or side dishes for a dinner. May also make a few desserts to go with meal

Safety Component Proper use of kitchen equipment, stove and oven safety

Number of Meeting - 4

Meeting Dates – Wednesday 3:30-5:00



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Animal Husbandry / Dog showmanship project



Project Leaders - Haley Montoliu

Project Member Limit – 6

Teen Leader - Sierra Montoliu

Project Cost- Cost of leash, treats, training collar, fair entry fees

Location - Magnolia Park Vacaville

Project Description - Please read! This project is for member who will be showing at either county fair or state fair. All dogs are required to be current on DHPP, Rabies and Bordetella. All dogs must be at least 4 months of age. This project will not be teaching rally obedience, it will be teaching the members and the dogs the showmanship patterns. All dogs who are in this project are expected to have basic obedience. No aggressive dogs will be allowed in project. Anyone in project is required to show at one of the county fairs.

Safety Component - Dog safety around other dogs and humans

Number of Meeting - 4 meetings, one possible make up of needed

Meeting Dates – Saturday mornings (8-9:30) once monthly Jan, Feb, March, April, possibly a second one in April or May. We may have a meeting close to Solano fair depending on how many members decide to show at Solano.

Animal Husbandry / Small animal supreme showmanship project



Project Leaders - Haley Montoliu

Project Member Limit – 10

Teen Leader - Sierra Montoliu, Gabriel Lang

Project Cost- None

Location - Montoliu home Vacaville, Villanueva home Cordelia

Project Description - This meeting is designed to help members be competitive and successful in supreme small animal Showmanship at the county fairs. We will be covering in-depth knowledge and information on rabbits, cavies, pygmy, goats, poultry, and dogs. We will also be working on Hands-On components to help kids be competitive in champion challenge at California State Fair.

Safety Component -Safety in handling unknown animals in supreme showmanship

Number of Meeting - 5 meetings

Meeting Dates – Friday afternoon/evenings. 1 1/2 hour meeting held in Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar, April.



Gardening / Dixon May Fair Theme Garden entry

Project Leaders- Gina Richmond & April George

Project Member Limit – 8

Junior / Teen Leaders – Abbey George

Project Cost- TBD (\$35 is the entry fee)

Location -My house and Dixon May Fair

Project Description - Design and install theme garden at the Dixon May Fair

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

Number of Meeting - 4

Meeting Dates – Won't start until we get the Dixon May Fair info in 2025 ends at Dixon May Fair in May



Arts & Crafts

Project Leaders- Naomie Ledda

Project Member Limit – 10

Junior / Teen Leaders – Giuliana Ledda

Project Cost- \$10 per meeting

Location - TBD

Project Description - Arts and crafts (indoor and outdoor)

Safety Component - Leader will review supplies prior to class.

Number of Meeting - 6

Meeting Dates – TBD

Sewing



Project Leaders- The Westlies (Jake, Sand and Jack)

Project Member Limit – 10

Junior / Teen Leaders - None

Project Cost- \$20 (once. Not each time)

Location - Gordon Valley Fire Station

Project Description - We will do hand and machine sewing building on what we learn throughout the year.

Safety Component -We start each meeting with a safety presentation.

Number of Meeting - 3 or 4

Meeting Dates –October, December, January and March.



Beef Cattle



Project Leaders - Amber sales

Project Member Limit – 10

Junior / Teen Leaders – None

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

Location - 2800 sales lane

Project Description - Learn about cattle

Safety Component - Adults will be required at meetings

Number of Meeting - 3

Meeting Dates – TBD