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JAMUL CHAPARROS 4-H CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Community Club Leaders Message:

Hello Jamul Chaparros!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and although it still feels like summer, we are all back to school and fall is right around the corner!

This new 4-H year is off to a great start and we were so thrilled to see so many new faces at our first Unit Meeting! And, as always, it is great to see all of our friends returning from last year too!

We had quite the turnout at our last Board Meeting and we are looking forward to this year's activities. Our calendar is already full! We have many new projects that are filling up and it's so enjoyable to see our members with such varied interests.

Please don't forget to enroll on-line. Go to <https://4honline.com/> and get started. It's a simple process that we are happy to help you with if needed. Please don't forget to get us a hardcopy of your Health History form. Enrollment fees are \$45 per member.

You should be hearing shortly from your project leaders! They are busy finishing up their paperwork and are looking forward to meeting with all of you!

We have a few requests from project leaders. Our Arts and Crafts (Fine Arts) leader would LOVE to get cereal boxes from you to use as canvases! Just cut the front and back panels out and bring them to the next unit meeting! Our Arts and Crafts (Basic) leader would love to collect as many colorful plastic lids/tops (from water bottles, salad dressing, etc) as possible, as well as metal pop-tops from cans. So start saving your trash!

You should all have a summary of projects, a contact list for our project leaders, a master calendar, and the incentive program information. Please contact Wendy at wendyerin17@gmail.com if you need any of these items.

October is a fun month with our participation in the Jamul Parade, October 19th. This is a fun opportunity to get in some exercise, meet the community, and show-off your Jamul Chaparros Pride! Also October 17th is the Fall Festival at the Jamul Intermediate School. We will have our Petting Zoo and a small fundraiser there!

See you at our next Unit Meeting, Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30pm at the Jamul Primary School.. We will be there beginning at 6:00 pm to answer any questions and collect enrollment paper work!

Wendy and Kelli

President's Message

Hello Jamul Chaparros,

We had such a great turn out for the first meeting of 4H this year! It was great to see everyone again after the summer break, and especially all of the new faces coming for the first time. Last year was a really great year for us, we enjoyed lots of clubs like Arts and Crafts, Rabbits, Pygmy

Goats and Home Arts. We had a great time participating at the fairs in Lakeside, Art and Design Day, Del Mar and Ramona. This year we're going to have even more projects for you to participate in, and even more chances for us to learn and grow together. I am looking forward to working with all of you, and especially having fun!

Jamul Chaparros Awards

It's time to fill out your Annual Project Reports so that you can earn your pins, stripes, and stars! Please turn this in at our next Unit Meeting. We encourage all of last year's members to fill this out!

Project Leaders

Please continue to send Gene Peterson, webmasters@jamul4h.org your upcoming project dates. We'd like to keep our website updated for our members.

SAVE THE DATES!

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October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 will be the Petting Zoo at Jamul Intermediate School's Fall Festival

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October 30th at 6:00pm will be our next Board Meeting at Wendy Teasdale's house.

Project Meetings:

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Arts and Crafts: Friday, September 12th at 6pm (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested)

Horse: (Crossover with Alpine Amigos): Saturday, September 13th 2:00pm

Archery/Outdoor Adventures (Crossover with Alpine Amigos): Saturday, September 13th 3:00pm

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Archery/Outdoor Adventures (Crossover with Alpine Amigos): Saturday, September 20th at 2:00pm

Arts and Crafts (Fine Arts 9+): Sunday, September 21st at 1:00pm (please contact Heather Watts if interested)

Baking: Sunday, September 21st at 2:00 pm (please contact Heather Watts if interested)

Gardening/Horticulture: Sunday, September 28 at 2pm (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested)

Paper Arts: Friday, September 26th at 6pm (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested)
Photography: Saturday, October 11th at 3pm (please contact Molly Given or Sheri Snively if interested)
Computer/Website: Sunday, October 12th at 5:00pm (please contact Gene Peterson if interested)

Kudos Corner: We know that our 4-Hers are busy and successful outside of 4-H as well! Please send us items that you would like to share with our group and we will include them in our Kudos Corner. Got straight As on a report card? Are you working towards Boy Scout or Girl Scout badges? Did your sports team do well this weekend? 4-H is all about using our Heads, Hearts, Hands, and Health so let's celebrate when we do!

New Officer Elects

(Remember, the current officers are still in charge until the newly elected officers are sworn in at the October Unit Meeting.)

President: Anna Watts
Vice President: Amanda Whipple and Simeon Elkins
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Secretary: Katy Dick
Reporter: Christina Dietzer
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Hello Jamul Chaparros!

It's hard to believe that the new 4-H year is in full swing already and that we have started getting a tiny bit of fall-like, cooler weather. It was great to see so many of you at our Unit Meeting last week! Our Cloverbud members seemed to enjoy their activity and our older members (and parents) definitely enjoyed a quieter atmosphere!

It appears that most of you have completed your on-line enrollment! We are at close to 45 members this year! That is a huge increase from last year and we are thrilled to see this club thriving! Don't forget to get your club and project leaders that health history information. We also ask that you get us your enrollment fees by the next Unit meeting or to Kelli or Wendy at a project meeting.

We have added Community Service to our list of available projects, so please consider adding this to your list of projects. You may develop your own community service project or assist with one of the already existing projects. Please see below for details on our projects. Six hours is the required time commitment to successfully complete this project.

We have a number of events coming up this month, so please check out our calendar below! The Fall Festival and Jamul Parade are always a fun event for our members. We are looking for volunteers to help at these events. Please contact Kelli or Wendy if you would like to help out. And don't forget, your participation at all 4-H events will earn you incentive points towards our club charms.

See you at our next Unit Meeting, Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30pm at the Jamul Primary School.

Wendy and Kelli

President's Message

Dear Jamul Chaparros,

As this is my first official month as your president I would like to thank all of you for electing me into office. Last month was our first meeting as a club for this year, and we dove right in to all of our projects. I was so excited to meet all of our new members and try out some of the new clubs. This month is quite busy for us, and I am looking forward to helping at the Fall Festival and walking my dogs in the Jamul Fest Parade. I hope to see you all there.

This Saturday I attended officer-training day with Caitlin and Jack Sullivan and we learned a lot of wonderful things that I am excited to show you and put into action. On behalf of all the 4H officers we are excited to work with you this year.

Yours Truly,
Anna Watts, Your president

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We'd like to keep our website updated for our members. We would also love to get updated photos of your projects.

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East County Food Pantry Service Learning Project:

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We will also be asking members to assist us in our new Feed Sack Shopping Bag project. We will collect feed sacks and our sewing-savvy members will create shopping bags for us to sell at various events, as well as farmer's markets.

There are numerous fundraisers at local restaurants, etc which would allow us to gain a percentage of a particular evening's profits should our members, and their friends and family,

purchase their meals there. We are considering Menchie's and Rubios, among others, for potential fundraisers.

Stay tuned for our future fundraisers and we appreciate your support!

Requested Items

A number of our project leaders will gladly take trash off of your hands!

- Heather Watts is looking for cereal boxes to use for her Fine Arts Project. You may cut out the front and back panels and get them to her at the next project meeting or at the next unit meeting.

-Wendy Teasdale is collecting plastic lids and metal pop tops for her Arts and Crafts project. You may give them to her at a project or unit meeting.

-The club will be making Feed Sack Shopping Bags. Please bring any of your plastic feed sacks so that we can get going on this cute project and fundraiser!

We have two community service projects going on at this time. We are collecting food and toiletry items and plastic shopping bags at our unit meetings. Please see Community Service for more details!

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October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 will be the Petting Zoo at Jamul Intermediate School's Fall Festival. Please contact Kelli Helms if you would like to participate.

October 19th will be the Jamul Parade at 9am. Please plan to meet in the parking lot of the Jamul Primary or Intermediate School at 7:30 am. Please contact Kelli Helms if you would like to participate.

October 30th at 6:00pm will be our next Board Meeting at 4837 New Ranch Road, El Cajon 92020.

November 4th at 6:30 pm will be our next Unit Meeting at the Jamul Primary School, 14567 Lyons Valley Rd, Jamul, CA 91935

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Gardening: Saturday, October 25th at 11am (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested)

Goat (Pygmy and Dairy): Your project leaders will contact you with a future date. (Contact Dave Whipple or Donna Elkins if interested)

Horse: (Crossover with Alpine Amigos): November dates have not yet been announced. Please contact Charla Cranor at arabian@nethere.net if you would like to join or be added to her e-mail list.

Paper Arts: Friday, October 24th at 6pm (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested)

Photography: Saturday, October 25th at 2pm at Oma's Pumpkin Patch and Saturday, November 8th at 2pm, location to be determined. (please contact Molly Given or Sheri Snively if interested)

Poultry: Sunday, November 9th at 3:00pm (please contact Kelli Helms if interested)

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Scrapbooking: Sunday, October 26th at 2:00pm (please contact Mary Bradley if interested)

Shooting Sports: A sign up sheet went around at our last unit meeting asking for meeting time preferences. (Please contact Kelli or Tom Helms if you are interested in joining this project.)

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Dave Whipple: davidwhippleii@yahoo.com

Debbie Botelho: hawknhorse@yahoo.com

Molly Given: molly_m_given@yahoo.com

Heather Watts: wattsfamilybythesea@gmail.com

Sheri Snively: warrior-priestess@hotmail.com

Mary Bradley: l_mbradley@hotmail.com

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Hello Jamul Chaparros!

Congratulations to all of our members and leaders who received awards at our November meeting! It is hard to believe that we are already preparing for our holiday potluck at the next meeting!

The Jamul Chaparros received an award at the Jamul Parade for Best Animal Representation! Congratulations and thank you to those members who attended and represented us with pride! The Fall Festival Petting Zoo was also a hit that weekend and we had lots of visitors coming by to meet our animals. Another thank you to our members and parents who made that possible. Please share your photos and send them to jamul4h@gmail.com.

Many of our Board members attended Officer Training Day and brought back many ideas to the club. We are so happy to see this new Board so excited about their jobs! As you can tell from our Unit meetings, our Board has really put their time and energy into the club this year!

We have added Community Service to our list of available projects, so please consider adding this to your list of projects. You may develop your own community service project or assist with one of the already existing projects. We have an upcoming meeting for the Wil-Mat project for those of you interested in assisting us in making sleeping mats for the homeless. Anna Watt's project is on-going and Mary Bradley has an opportunity for you to assist in Home Arts and the Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair. Please see below for details on our projects. Six hours is the required time commitment to successfully complete this project.

Our Cookies for the Troops need to be baked and delivered by early December, so pre-heat your ovens and dust off those recipes! We will need cookies donated, as well as cookies packaged up. Please see below for details!

We will be having an overnight camping trip next year! This is a part of our Camping Project, but we will be including all of our members! Keep your eye out for an online survey to determine what the best date is to accommodate all of our members!

A quick item of business! Please keep your leaders informed of your attendance or absence at their project meetings. Many of them prepare in advance and would like to know their numbers if possible! And we all know and understand that things come up with kiddos at the last minute. Also, many of the meetings are now out and about in town and we would hate to leave one of our members behind who is running late.

See you at our next Unit Meeting, Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30pm at the Jamul Primary School.

Wendy and Kelli

President's Message

Dear Jamul Chaparros,

First let me say congratulations on the trophy at the Jamul Fest Parade for Best Animal Representation that was a great time. The Fall Festival was a lot of fun and all the kids that

visited our petting zoo really enjoyed it. I hope all of you that went had a good time there as well. Thank you for participating and showing our town what a great club we have. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and I hope you get an extra serving of pumpkin pie. Just a reminder the holiday party is next month so make sure to bring a dish to the potluck and presents for the gift exchange. I look forward to seeing you all at the different project meetings over the next month.

Your President,

Anna Watts

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If you have enrolled, or plan to, in our Community Service Project, you must complete 6 hours of community service. You may choose one of the following projects to commit all of your time to or you may participate in all of them. Of course, 6 hours is the minimum, but we encourage you to donate as much of your time as you can!

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Home Arts at the ESDCJF: Mary Bradley will need our members help arranging the Home Arts entries after they have been judged. The time commitment and date are to be determined but it will be the weekend of Mother's Day. The more members we have to help, the quicker this will go!
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November 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 we will be learning how to make sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic bags from the Wil-Mat project. This is something that all ages can join in. What you learn can then be done at home for community service! This will count for 2 hours towards the Community Service Project.

November 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 we will be preparing the Cookies for the troops. Please join us at Wendy Teasdale's house, 4837 New Ranch Rd, El Cajon 92020 for packaging the cookies. If you plan on donating cookies, please make them nut free and ensure that they are a fairly sturdy cookie for traveling! This will count for 2 hours towards the Community Service Project.

December 2 at 6:00 pm will be our Holiday Party & Potluck, Gift Exchange, and Unit Meeting at the Jamul Primary School, 14567 Lyons Valley Rd, Jamul, CA 91935. Potluck: Last names A-L, bring a dessert; M-Z, bring a salad or main dish. Gift Exchange: Bring a wrapped gift if you would like to participate.

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December and January are fairly quiet months, as we slowly get ready for our 4-H events in

2015. Don't forget our unit meeting at the beginning of the year, Tuesday, January 6th at 6:30pm and Judging Day at El Capitan High School on Saturday, January 10th. You will receive more information on this as soon as we do.

This Sunday, December 14th, at 4pm will be an opportunity to help with the Wil-Mat Project which makes sleeping mats for the homeless. Please see below for more details.

A quick item of business! Please keep your leaders informed of your attendance or absence at their project meetings. Many of them prepare in advance and would like to know their numbers if possible! And we all know and understand that things come up with kiddos at the last minute. Also, many of the meetings are now out and about in town and we would hate to leave one of our members behind who is running late.

Kelli and I, and all of our adult leaders and volunteers, wish you and yours a safe and healthy holiday season! Have a wonderful New Year and see you in 2015!

Wendy and Kelli

President's Message

Hello everyone!

I hope you had fun at the Christmas party last Tuesday. First let me say thank you on behalf of the community service project for your very generous donations to the food pantry. We were able to deliver an over flowing basket of food to the pantry last week, which will feed many families. The new year is going to start quick so I hope everyone is getting ready for the busy season of 4H. But since we still have some time left in this year to still enjoy I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas...and remember Santa is watching - we don't want anyone to get a lump of coal, so be on your best behavior! See you in 2015.

Your President,
Anna Watts

Enrollment

14 Adults and 48 Youth members have completed enrollment in our 4-H club this year. If there is anyone who has not completed enrollment, they must be enrolled in 4-H by December 19 to be eligible to enter the fairs as a 4-H member. If you have any questions, contact Kelli, Wendy, or Gene.

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Funds and Fundraisers

Our enrollment fees are \$45 per youth member and this entire amount goes to San Diego County 4-H to support the program. We typically do one to two fundraisers a year which allow us to keep a healthy savings. Our savings is used to support our projects and our members. Our project leaders keep their costs low and receive minimal reimbursements for their projects. We provide

snacks at our unit meetings and also sponsor any members who need their fees waived. Occasionally our projects require more expensive equipment or a Jamul Chaparros banner needs to be replaced.

We will have an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser in the Spring. This is our big "money maker" for the year.

We will also be asking members to assist us in our new Feed Sack Shopping Bag project. We will collect feed sacks and our sewing-savvy members will create shopping bags for us to sell at various events, as well as farmer's markets.

There are numerous fundraisers at local restaurants, etc which would allow us to gain a percentage of a particular evening's profits should our members, and their friends and family, purchase their meals there. We are considering Menchie's and Rubios, among others, for potential fundraisers.

Stay tuned for our future fundraisers and we appreciate your support!

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Poultry: Sunday, December 14th at 3:00pm (please contact Kelli Helms if interested)

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Scrapbooking: There will be a January meeting (please contact Mary Bradley if interested)

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Hello Jamul Chaparros!

We hope that your New Year is starting off happy and healthy!

If you haven't noticed, our calendar is filling up with lots of fun and exciting 4-H events, such as last weekend's Judging Day and next month's Presentation Day, in addition to our usual project meetings. Also coming up this Spring are Art and Design Day and our own, Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser! Please check the important dates below!

We know we have lots of new members, so please feel free to ask Kelli or me any question you may have! There is no such thing as a silly question. And please know that we will always provide you with the details you need for upcoming events either in this newsletter or in separate e-mails.

Thank you to all of our members who participated in Judging Day: Natalie Helms, Sydney Helms, Sara Clark, Jane Clark, Luke Manis, Faith Manis, Ryan Manis, Jason Morris, Anna Watts, Liam Watts, Andrew Hendrix, Matthew Hendrix, Randall Given, and Evelyn Given. A special shout out goes to Natalie who medaled in two categories!

We are excited to send two of our members, Anna Watts and Natalie Helms, to the Junior Leadership Conference at the end of the month. Symeon Elkins will be attending as a Senior Leader! We are proud of your involvement in 4-H Leadership!

Please bring any photos you have of 4-H events that you have attended to our next Unit Meeting. These will be incorporated in the Scrapbooking Project led by Mary Bradley.

Wendy and Kelli

President's Message

Dear Jamul Chaparros,

We had a great turn out at this month's unit meeting. Thank you Branden for the great game of musical chairs; I'm sure everyone had a great time. I hope everyone is considering entering Presentation Day and preparing for the busy season of 4-H that comes with the new year. Luckily, in all this business is a fun time, and I hope that I see everyone enjoying it. Until next time. . . .

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Fundraiser: Our Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser will be Saturday, April 11th at 8am. Tickets will be \$10 per person and you will receive a hearty flapjack breakfast. Tickets will be available beginning at our February meeting! Time to encourage your friends and family to support 4-H. This is a fun time and our largest fundraiser of the year.

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SAVE THE DATES!

January 31st at 9am: Large Animal Show Clinic in Ramona at the Junior Fairgrounds. This is an opportunity for you to learn about pigs, goats, lambs, and beef. There are no reservations needed. Please contact Deanna Oswalt at 760-855-1617 with any further questions.

February 3rd at 6:30: Unit Meeting at the Jamul Primary School.

February 21st at 9am (check-in earlier): Area 5 Presentation Day. For this event, the Information Flyer, Entry Form, and Manual are available on the club's website at <http://www.jamul4h.org/Clubpics.html#PresentationDay>. Please consider participating in this fun day or at least coming to root on our members who will be presenting.

March 15th at 10am: Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair BBQ and Auction at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds. This is a fun family event. We will host the bake sale.

March 28th at 9am: Art and Design Day. This is a fun day and an opportunity for our members to show off their creative sides: sewing, gardening, photography, etc. Details will follow as we get them.

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Dog: Monday, January 5th at 4:00pm. (Please contact Debbie Botelho if interested.)

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Poultry: Sunday, February 8th at 3:00pm. (Please contact Kelli Helms if interested.)

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Scrapbooking: Sunday, January 25th at 2:00pm. (Please contact Mary Bradley if interested.)

Shooting Sports: Please contact Kelli or Tom Helms if you are interested in joining this project.

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Holy Mackerel! This year is FLYING by! It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the 4-H year and that so many events are around the corner!

We were so pleased to see such a great turnout by the Jamul Chaparros at last month's Learning Day. Congratulations to all of our participants, ribbon and medal winners! A way to represent your club!

We are also proud of our members, Anna Watts and Natalie Helms, who attended the Junior Leadership Conference as participants! Also a big thank you to Symeon Elkins who attended as a senior member to provide leadership to our younger members!

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Art and Design Day is March 28th at the Lakeside Fairgrounds. Entry info can be located at <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14759> There are many different divisions. This is a great opportunity for all of our members to show off their creative work. This is also a lot of fun for our primary members.

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We've got a lot going on and as a result, our project leaders are having to move unit meetings around to accommodate their members and these events. Please be patient with them!

Phew! That is a lot of information and activities! Hope you are all staying healthy! We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Wendy and Kelli

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I hope that you all had a good weekend. I also want to thank the club for fully sponsoring me to JLC it was a great experience and I learned a lot. This is the time of the year where it starts getting really busy so I hope all of you are preparing for the hectic, but fun months ahead! I hope to see you all at presentation day, and even if you're not speaking we need your support for our members who are.

Hope to see you soon.

All the Best,
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Community Club Leaders Message:

Hello Jamul Chaparros!

March certainly seems to be a busy month! We had a number of members show their Pygmy goats at last month's pygmy goat show and we had a great turnout of our members at the Area 5 Presentation Day!

Don't forget that this Sunday, March 15th, is the Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair (ESDCJF) BBQ and Auction. Our club will be hosting the baked goods table, so I hope you are busy baking! Please feel free to drop baked items off to Kelli or Wendy before Sunday or if you plan to

attend the BBQ, you may bring them then! We will be set up by 10am and happy to take your baked goods! Thank you to those members who donated "crafty" items for the theme basket that we are donating!

Field Day is Saturday, March 21st at Riverview Elementary! We sent out an email reminding our members to get those entry forms in. We hope you did and will be attending this fun and informative day with your animals. For those of you not participating, you are still more than welcome to come watch and visit with our Jamul families who will be there.

Art and Design Day is March 28th at the Lakeside Fairgrounds. We hope many of you signed up for that as well! And again, if you aren't participating, it is a great opportunity to come by and see what our San Diego County 4-H'ers are up to.

As we've mentioned, our biggest fundraiser has been moved to May 2nd from 8am to 10am at Applebee's in Rancho San Diego. The Flapjack Fundraiser is a fun time for our members, their friends and families, to get together and enjoy breakfast while raising money for the clubs. You may get tickets from Wendy. Tickets cost \$10. You may turn in your money at the April unit meeting. We are asking each member to sell at least 4 tickets. Please email Wendy and let her know how many tickets you would like!

Don't forget our first Jamul Chaparros camping trip May 23rd - 25th. You do not need to be a Camping Project member to join in the fun! You may join us for the day on the 24th or for one night or two. PLEASE send an email to Wendy if you are planning on coming. We'd like to have an idea of who will be joining us, and when, so that we can all pitch in for food and activities!

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We've got a lot going on and as a result, our project leaders are having to move unit meetings around to accommodate their members and these events. Please be patient with them!

Phew! That is a lot of information and activities! Hope you are all staying healthy! We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Wendy and Kelli

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SAVE THE DATES!

March 15th: ESDCJF BBQ and Auction. This is a fun event! Not only will we need help baking for, and manning, the bake sale, you will definitely want to check out the yummy BBQ and great auction items available!

March 21st: Area 5 Field Day. This is a great chance for our members in animal projects to practice their show skills. Details will follow in an email.

March 28th: Art and Design Day at the Lakeside Fairgrounds. Please see the community leader message for more information. The registration form provides lots of information on types of projects members may enter.

April 7th: Our next unit meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30pm.

May 2nd: Club's Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's in Rancho San Diego. Buy tickets from Wendy at the April meeting, \$10 each.

Project Meetings:

As more and more events populate our year, more and more project meetings are getting rescheduled, etc. You may always check our www.jamul4h.org website calendar which is up-to-date (as long as our project leaders keep Gene informed). Better yet, if there are any questions about upcoming projects, please contact your project leader directly!

Archery/Outdoor Adventures (Crossover with Alpine Amigos): Please contact Charla Cranor at arabian@nethere.net if you would like to join or be added to her e-mail list.

Arts and Crafts: (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested.)

Arts and Crafts (Fine Arts 9+): (please contact Heather Watts if interested.)

Baking: (please contact Heather Watts if interested)

Camping: (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested.)

Cavy: (please contact Kelli Helms if interested)

Computer/Website: (please contact Gene Peterson if interested.)

Dog: (please contact Debbie Botelho if interested.)

Gardening: (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested)

Goat (Pygmy and Dairy): (Contact Dave Whipple or Donna Elkins if interested)

Horse: (Crossover with Alpine Amigos):. Please contact Charla Cranor at arabian@nethere.net if you would like to join or be added to her e-mail list.

Paper Arts: (please contact Wendy Teasdale if interested)

Photography: (please contact Molly Given or Sheri Snively if interested)

Poultry: (please contact Kelli Helms if interested)

Rabbit: (please contact Kelli Helms if interested)

Scrapbooking: (please contact Mary Bradley if interested)

Shooting Sports: (Please contact Kelli or Tom Helms if you are interested in joining this project.)

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Debbie Botelho: hawknhorse@yahoo.com

Molly Given: molly_m_given@gmail.com (new email)

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Kudos Corner: We know that our 4-Hers are busy and successful outside of 4-H as well! Please send us items that you would like to share with our group and we will include them in our Kudos Corner. Got straight As on a report card? Are you working towards Boy Scout or Girl Scout badges? Did your sports team do well this weekend? 4-H is all about using our Heads, Hearts, Hands, and Health so let's celebrate when we do!

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Enjoy a "4-H GREEN" ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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Community Club Leaders Message:

Hello Jamul Chaparros!

We hope that you all had a great Spring Break and are refreshed and ready to enter into the chaos that the fairs seem to bring!

Jamul Chaparros was well-represented at Art and Design Day by Sydney and Natalie Helms, Ellie and Lucy Friesen, Jane and Sara Clark, Katy Dick, Anna Watts, Jason Morris, and Carter Teasdale. Some of our members also came out to watch! Thank you also to Carter, Jason, Sydney, and Natalie for helping man the snack sales! Congratulations to all of our members who

walked away with participation ribbons (primaries) and blue ribbons and gold medals to our older members!

We want to congratulate Andrew and Matthew Hendrix, as well as Sara and Jane Clark who participated in County Presentation Day! All of them won gold medals and have qualified for Regional Presentation Day next month! Good luck!

Don't forget that just around the corner is our Applebees Flapjack Fundraiser on May 2nd from 8am to 10am. We will need our older kiddos and some leaders available for serving. Our younger members can help their club out by collecting tips for the great service. We also need kids to hold up signs outside. This is a very important job because it attracts the general public into the restaurant. These jobs were a big bonus for our sales last year. This is a fun morning! Tickets cost \$10 and you may pay at the door. However, please let Wendy know if you are planning on coming. Applebees needs to know how many breakfasts they will be providing!

Planning on entering an art project at the San Diego County Fair (aka Del Mar Fair)? Creative Youth entries are now being accepted until May 1st. You may register on your own at http://www.sdfair.com/index.php?fuseaction=exhibits.creative_youth. Your project may be one from a 4-H meeting or something that you created entirely on your own! The website will give you lots of information!

Entries have all been turned in for the Easter San Diego County Junior Fair and we are excited to see you all there! Please come check out the fair even if you won't be competing! Tuesday night, May 12th, we will be responsible for cooking up dinner! Please join us in the kitchen! Contact Wendy or Kelli for information.

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Looking forward to seeing you all at one of our next events!

Wendy and Kelli

President's Message

Dear Jamul Chaparros,

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter. It's surprising that we only have two unit meetings left, this year is going by fast! Coming up is the Applebee's fundraiser, invite your family and friends it's

great fun, but we also need help serving. So I hope to see a lot of you there. Have a great spring.

*Yours Truly,
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April 25: Small Animal Learning Day at Del Mar Fairgrounds. For more information, check the Web Calendar or contact Kelli.

May 1: Deadline to enter Creative Youth project at San Diego County Fair

May 2: Club's Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's in Rancho San Diego. Contact Wendy if you are interested. \$10 each.

May 5: Unit Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Jamul Primary School. Elections will be held for next year's club officers.

May 10-17: Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair week!

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Kudos Corner: Congratulations to Natalie Helms for qualifying for the California State Science Fair competition!!! Please contact Wendy or Kelli with any kudos of your own!

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Hello Jamul Chaparros!

Thank you for all who helped support our Applebees Flapjack Fundraiser. We sold approximately 80 tickets and with those profits plus donations we earned about \$700 for our club and our shooting sports program.

Don't forget that this week is the Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair (ESDCJF) in Lakeside! Many of our members are participating with their animals and art projects! Swing by and give them some Jamul Chaparros support!

Our next meeting is June 2nd and it will be our last meeting for this 4-H year! We will be celebrating with a pizza party. We will send out a reminder as we get closer! Please plan to bring a dessert to share.

And don't forget! Our first camping trip is next month, May 23rd - 25th. Please let Wendy know if you plan to come or have any questions. You will be receiving an email shortly with details.

We will make sure that you are updated per email, as needed, for any upcoming events such as the San Diego County or Ramona fairs

Looking forward to seeing you all at one of our next events!

Wendy and Kelli

President's Message

Hey everyone,

We got a busy month ahead of with ESDCJF starting this week, but I hope to see a lot of you there. Even if you're not showing, go check out something you might be interested in. The year is coming to a quick end, but hopefully you'll be at the next unit meeting because we're having our end of year party! Until next time.

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May 12, Tuesday, 4:00-7:00pm: Jamul 4-H Cooks Dinner at ESDCJF.

May 23-25: Camping Trip at William Heise. Please contact Wendy if you are interested.

June 2 at 6:30pm: Final Unit meeting and party.

June 5 - July 5: San Diego County Fair. www.SDFair.com

July 26 - August 2: Ramona Jr. Fair.

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2015

Howdy Jamul Chaparros!

The summer is FLYING by for my family and I can't believe the start of school and our next 4-H year is just weeks away! I hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy and fully recovered from the year's craziness!

We've included our amazing members' results in this newsletter, so please make sure you check out how our talented and motivated kiddos did! I apologize in advance if I missed anything. Between e-mails, Facebook messages, and texts, I am sure I forgot someone!

We have lots already on the calendar this year and some changes that will be made, so please take time to read this newsletter in full!

And don't forget that our FIRST Unit Meeting of the year is Tuesday, September 1st, at 6:30pm at the Jamul Primary School. Please plan on attending this very important meeting and please feel free to bring any prospective families you would like.

Kelli and I got together and created a very short survey. Some of you have taken the time to fill it out and provide us with great feedback, but we'd like to hear from ALL of you..... the good, the bad, and the ugly. We would like to make changes, but without member and parent input, we aren't always sure what changes we need to make!

Here is the survey link once again: <http://surveynuts.com/surveys/take?id=34662&c=291022169PNHT>

And our contact info: Wendy, wendyerin17@gmail.com or Kelli, tkhelms@hughes.net

And it is that time! Time to enroll for the 2015/16 year! Please see Enrollment below to get started!

Okey dokey! Let's talk business!

Jamul Chaparros Philosophy: Our club must follow State and County policies, rules, and guidelines. In addition to those, we have our own Constitution and By-Laws that we must adhere to. Some of those by-laws will be amended this year by our Youth board. (Board meetings are held the week before our Unit Meeting and all members or parents are welcome to attend. The dates and location are announced in our newsletters.)

I bet you didn't realize that there are approximately 22 4-H clubs in San Diego County. Amazing, right? And if you attended meetings at those clubs, you'd realize that every club is different and has a slightly different philosophy, member population, and By-Laws.

Our current Jamul Chaparros group is a very diverse one. We have members who are very active in county 4-H events, participate in County contests, and adhere very strongly to County and State rules in order to advance in their 4-H "careers". Many of our members and families treat their 4-H time as a fun and healthy way to meet other like-minded families. We are happy to have all of you on board with us! I think our diversity makes us fun and keeps things interesting.

But, that diversity is not without its bumps and bruises. We ask that you keep an open dialogue with us and all of our leaders and let us know what you like and don't like and what could be

improved upon. We may not be able to make the changes you'd like to see, but we promise we consider every single suggestion.

Volunteer Leaders: I'd like to remind all of our members and families that this is an organization that exists due to the amazing adult volunteers that lead, coordinate, organize, plan, meet, drive to, and attend all of our club and county events. All of our leaders have families, jobs, kids, spouses, and other commitments that they try to juggle and balance in addition to their 4-H commitment. In short, this club exists due to our wonderful adult volunteers and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the official volunteers who made this a great year! I want to especially thank Kelli Helms who takes the brunt of the responsibility!

While leading the club and/or a project does require a time commitment, we ask all of you to consider chairing one of our events or at least committing your families to volunteer at least 3 hours at one of our events!

Information: What we consistently hear from our members and their families is that you don't always get the information you need. We totally understand that! In fact, we don't always get the information and dates we need from the County in order to get it to you in a timely manner! But we try and we continue to try and make our communication to you more effective and efficient. Here are some suggestions.

Attend Unit Meetings! All of the information we have for upcoming events will be provided at our unit meetings. The information we don't get in time for our unit meetings will be shared in the next week's newsletter. Information that we get after that will be sent to you in an email.

Read your *Acornicle* newsletters! We try very hard to summarize the information we provided at the Unit Meeting, as well as provide new information in our newsletters.

Check the website at www.jamul4h.org ! Gene does a very good job of keeping the calendars updated and the newsletters available on-line.

Contact us! Your club leaders and project leaders contact information is always available on our website, newsletters, and club handouts. While we may not always have time after a Unit Meeting or at an event to answer your question, we do have time to email you back at midnight or get in a phone call on a weekend. Emails from the club will be from email@jamul4h.org or jamul4h@gmail.com, so set your email filters so they won't be filtered out as junk.

To summarize! We get information and do our best to get it to you, but with so many members and different projects, we realize that it's not a perfect system, so PLEASE email us or pick up the phone! We want all of our members to be informed and satisfied.

Unit Meetings: This is where the rubber meets the road! Unit Meetings are *muy importante!!!!* We would like to see a better turnout at our meetings. We realize that you all have lives and jobs and commutes, etc, but the Unit Meeting is really the BEST way to get information.

And yes, we realize that the meetings don't always start on time and can appear chaotic and

disorganized at times, but we will continue to implement changes as we go. Like I said before, a group this diverse will experience some bumps and bruises, but we ask that you have faith that our baby steps will continue to improve the meetings.

Some of you have complained that the meetings don't start on time. We agree and would like to see them start on time as well. The leaders and board members try to get there early to set up and be ready, but if you have 10 minutes, we'd love help setting up the space.

We are very young member heavy. Last year Molly and Iris took on the monumental task of running a Cloverbuds project at the same time to keep our young minds and hands busy! We will continue this project and will also make sure that those of the parents who accompany their kiddos to the Cloverbud room will receive the same info as those that stay in our main Unit Meeting.

The actual meetings are supposed to be run by our youth board. We are so grateful to have great kids to step up and take these positions! We are planning an activity with our board this summer to help them run meetings even more efficiently.

We know that you will have many questions as the Unit Meetings go on. We ask that you take the time to ask our youth board your questions during the meeting. Should your questions not be answered fully, there will be 5 minutes at the end of the meeting that the adult leaders will answer questions for the entire group. Kelli and I, and any other adult leader who has the time, will be available for 15 minutes after the conclusion of the meeting to address your needs.

Please take the time at the end of the meeting to help us put away chairs, tables, and tidy up the school space. We are lucky to be able to hold our meetings at the school.

4-H is Confusing! Rumor has it that 4-H is confusing. I agree, and I may even have been the one to start that rumor! It is confusing.... it is a national organization with its own culture and traditions that is run by the state, broken into regions, counties, areas, and finally local clubs. I've been doing 4-H for 4 years now and feel like I know only 20% of what there is to know.

My recommendations: First of all, know that you aren't the only one. Between date changes from the county, venue changes, new events, etc, 4-H is a very fluid and always changing organization. Like I mentioned above, we will get you all of the information you need, as soon as we have it. PLEASE contact us via phone, email, Facebook, or smoke signals and we will clarify it for you.

Second, attend events as a spectator, even if you don't participate. I can tell you all about Presentation Day or Art and Design Day, but until you've stopped by and seen it for yourself, you won't know if it's something your member will want to participate in!

Enrollment and Projects:

Okay, so there are some state and county changes coming our way that will not give us the

“wobble room” that we have had in the past.

Enrollment is available on line at <https://california.4honline.com> Please contact Kelli or I with any questions. You must be enrolled on line, have your fees of \$45 paid, and have your medical release turned in, before you attend ANY projects. Our project leaders will have a list of those cleared to attend their projects.

If you need to be considered for an enrollment fees waiver, please contact Kelli or me directly. We will ask you how much you are able to afford, as well as ask you to fill out a Fees Waiver form. This is held in confidence. Our club does have the ability to pay for families who need assistance.

If you plan on participating in fairs, you must be enrolled by December 31st of 2015. As the County office is closed the week before, we ask that you try to be enrolled prior to this.

Now, here's the skinny on all of the above. Your project leaders require at least 6 hours (or more if the leader so requires) of your participation at their projects in order for you to complete your project. You must be enrolled in and making ample progress to completing this project in order to enroll as a 4-H member at any of our fairs!

An example: You want to show a rabbit at Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair (ESDCJF) as a 4-H member. You must be enrolled in, and attending, the Rabbit and Cavy project that we offer. Your project leader will then sign off your entry forms for the fair.

Another example: My child wants to do an Home Arts Project at the San Diego County Fair, but isn't enrolled in any of the Home Arts projects. Your child is welcome to enter their project at the San Diego County Fair as an individual, not as a member of 4-H.

Projects: Most of our projects from last year will be returning with a few exceptions. If you have any projects you would like to see offered for your member, please consider leading a project. Kelli or I will get you rolling on the paperwork and training! We will be adding a Physical Fitness project this year that will culminate in a 5K! This is a great opportunity to get off your couch or out of your stalls/pens/cages and start exercising!

Ahh, now that I have gone through much of the “boring” stuff, let's talk about why we are all here!!!! Here are the results for Eastern San Diego County Fair, San Diego County Fair, and the Ramona Fair!

Congratulations to all of our participants and winners! We are so proud of what you do and that you are a member of Jamul Chaparros 4-H!!!!

Hope to see you all at the September 1, 2015 Unit Meeting!

Results of Eastern San Diego County Junior Fair!!!

Luke Manis won 4th place with his Chicken Meat Pen. Ryan, Faith and Luke Manis each won blue ribbons for their Succulent Gardens !

Jason Morris received 7 blue and 3 red ribbons for photography and crafts!

Katy Dick entered six items in the Home Arts section of the fair. She got blue ribbons for all of her entries and she won a Grand Champion ribbon for her animal print jacket!

Jane Clark received the following, Rabbit Showmanship: 3rd place. Rabbit Breed: BOV. Photography: Reserve. Frog paper mâché: Special Award. 5- 1st place ribbons for Arts and Crafts and 1- 2nd place ribbon!

Sara Clark received: Rabbit Showmanship: 5th place. Rabbit Breed: BOV. Whale Paper Mâché: Special award. 6-1st place ribbons for Arts and Crafts!

Both Sara and Jane also won a Blue Seal at sectionals (oratory competition)!

Randall and Evelyn Given participated in Rabbit Showmanship, Photography and Painting as Primaries and received ribbons for their participation!

Silas Heger entered a hand colored decorative plate and received a primary participation ribbon!

Amanda Whipple took 3rd place in Pygmy Goat Showmanship and 4th place in Breed with her Pygmy Goat, Tiny Dancer!

Andrew Hendrix received the following: 2 Grand Champions trophies (needlework (crocheted rabbit) and food preservation). 2 Reserve Champion ribbons (needlework (crocheted rattlesnake) and food preservation). 3 Special Awards. 20 Blue Ribbons. 6 Red Ribbons. 1 White Ribbon. He also won 2nd in Pygmy Goat Intermediate Showmanship. He entered needlework, paper craft, food preservation, baked foods, educational poster, gardening!

Matthew Hendrix received the following: 1 Reserve Champion in food preservation. 7 Special Awards in photography. 13 Blue ribbons. 5 Red ribbons. 1 White ribbon. He placed 6th out of 7 in Dog Showmanship. He entered food preservation, baked foods, photography, and gardening!

Carter Teasdale participated in Primary Rabbit Showmanship.

Natalie Helms received the following: Round Robin: 1st place.

Rabbit: Showmanship - 1st place and Best of Breed.

Home Arts- Several 1st places and a couple of 2nd places.

Poultry: Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen and 3rd place. Showmanship- 5th place and Best of Breed!

Sheep: Showmanship- 8th!

Sydney Helms received the following: Rabbit: Showmanship- 4th place.

Cavy: Showmanship- 5th place, Best Opposite Breed.

Poultry: Grand Champion Meat Pen and Best of Breed.

Home Arts: Grand Champion, 2 Special Awards, several 1st places and a couple of 2nd places.

Sheep: showmanship- 4th place.

San Diego County Fair

Carter Teasdale: received three blues for home arts entries of Trash to Treasure, paper mache, and a fairy garden!

Faith Manis: received a 3rd place in Dairy Goat Showmanship!

Ryan Manis: received a 5th place in Dairy Goat Showmanship!

Sara Clark: Best in Show Photography, 1st place in art, craft (2), and photography (2). She also earned 4th place for rabbit showmanship. Her rabbit won Best of Variety!

Jane Clark: 1st place in art, crafts (2) and photography (3). Jane won 1st place in rabbit showmanship and her rabbit won Best of Variety too!

Anna Watts: Best in Show with Creative Youth and also got 2 donated awards in Creative Youth!

Natalie Helms received: Creative Youth: Grand Champion- fairy garden, and several 1st places.

Rabbit: showmanship- 4th place, 2nd place in breed.

Poultry: showmanship- 8th place, Best of Breed, 2nd place in Breed!

Sydney Helms received: Creative Youth: Grand Champion- crafts and several 1st places.

Pygmy Goat: showmanship- 2nd place.

Rabbit: showmanship- 2nd place, Best of Breed.

Poultry: showmanship- 5th place.

Cavy: showmanship- 1st place, Best of Breed, Best of Variety.

Round Robin: 3rd place.

Jason Morris received two blue ribbons for photography and 1 red ribbon for a painting.

Ramona County Junior Fair

Sydney Helms: Cavy: Showmanship- 1st place, Best Opposite Breed

Rabbit: Showmanship- 1st place, Best of Breed

Round Robin- 3rd place.

Natalie Helms: Rabbit: Showmanship- 1st place, Best of Breed & Best Opposite Breed

Round Robin- 2nd place.

Carter Teasdale: received Primary participation ribbons for Rabbit Showmanship and Breed.

Andrew Hendrix entered 10 things in Photography, Food Preservation, Horticulture, Woodworking, Needle Craft, and Paper Art. He got a smattering of blues and reds. And also got

a "Best of Division" rosette ribbon in junior needlework for his large crocheted rabbit!

Matthew Hendrix entered 6 items in Photography, Food preservation, Horticulture, and Woodworking and got some blue ribbons and red ribbons. He also received "Best of Division" rosette ribbons for his ornamental horticulture planter senior division and in senior woodworking for his birdhouse!

Faith Manis earned 2nd place in Dairy Goat Showmanship!

Ryan Manis earned 5th place in Dairy Goat Showmanship!

Even More Exciting Member News:

Andrew and Matthew Hendrix just returned from 2 weeks in Japan with the Eagle Scouts!

Amanda Whipple's softball team, Alpine All Stars 14U, came in 5th out of 32 teams at the Western National Championships!

Liam Watts was a leader for 1st graders at Sports Adventure Camp and a dorm leader for middle schoolers at NTS camp!

Anna Watts was also busy helping get kids registered at NTS camp, as well as serving meals to the homeless monthly at God's Extended Hand!

We want to know what amazing things our members are doing outside of 4-H, so please let me know!

Upcoming Dates:

August 27th at 6pm: Board Meeting at Wendy Teasdale's home, 4837 New Ranch Road, El Cajon, CA 92020. This is mandatory for all board members and all members and families are welcome.

September 1, 2015 at 6:30pm: Unit Meeting at the Jamul Primary School, 14567 Lyons Valley Rd, Jamul, CA 91935

September 26th at 8am: Sectional Small Animal Learning Day at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA. This will be an informative day. Please contact Kelli or Wendy for more information or if you are interested in carpooling.

San Diego County 4-H's Website: <http://ucanr.org/sites/4HSanDiegoCounty/>.