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Serving Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado & Tuolumne counties April 2014

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Greetings,

University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) wants to keep you informed about what's happening! We host many workshops throughout the year, including free Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver classes open to the public. You will also find up-to-date 4-H news. Please read on for more information!

### News & Updates

#### Day of Science and Service

2014 is the Centennial Year for UC Cooperative Extension. Each county will be having various events to celebrate our birthday.

Please check with your county office to find what events are happening in your area.

One event that will happen in all four counties is our Day of Science and Service. Science is everywhere. Take a walk, visit a park or garden, and help us paint a picture of California's food and water resources. The University of California is conducting three science projects on May 8, 2014 and we need your help collecting data. Pick one,



## Communities

### 4-H Summer Camps

The 4-H Program in the Central Sierra Counties (Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado and Tuolumne) will be hosting two new summer camps in 2014. The camps will be held at Echo Lake Camp near Lake Tahoe on July 7th-July 11th and Camp Sylvester near Pinecrest Lake in Tuolumne County on June 20th-25th. Camper registration is now open for both camps. Additional information and registration forms can be found online for [Camp Sylvester](#) and for [Lake Echo Camp](#).



## UCCE Nutrition News

### Put Me On Your Kids Plate

Eating healthy can help you live longer and feel better. Sometimes it just takes a simple change to help improve your health and the health of your families. UC CalFresh in the Central Sierra has been asked over the years "How can I make my life healthier?". So we are



two, or all three of the projects highlighted in this [website](#) to learn more about how you can participate.

### The Latest Research Based Advice on Weathering a Drought

Spring is here, and California farming is in full swing. But this year, the agriculture industry is operating under the burden of unrelenting drought.

The UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources is working to help farmers cope with the unwelcome outcome of historically low rainfall the last three years. UC scientists, with support from the California Department of Water Resources, have recorded video presentations on high-priority drought topics that are available for viewing on the [UC California Institute of Water Resources](#) drought web pages.

"We are bringing the latest research on drought and water from the UC system's leading experts to as many farmers, farm industry representatives, communities and students possible," said Doug Parker, director of the UC California Institute of Water Resources. "People working in the ag industry are busy this time of year. They can get information from these videos whenever and, using mobile devices, wherever it is convenient for them."

Topics are:

#### **Groundwater and surface water interactions under water shortage**

Thomas Harter, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources at UC Davis

#### **Crop water stress detection and monitoring**

Kenneth Shackel, professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis

#### **Surface irrigation management under drought**

Khaled Bali, UC Cooperative Extension advisor in Imperial County

#### **ET-based irrigation scheduling and management considerations under drought**

Richard Snyder, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources at UC Davis

#### **Salinity management under drought for annual crops**

Stephen Grattan, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources at UC Davis

#### **Salinity management under drought for perennial crops**

happy to announce our new YouTube channel that will have videos with our staff on simple easy thing you can do to help improve your plate and your health. Our first video, [Put Me On Your Kids Plate](#): is now available for viewing, sharing, and posting. So take a minute to view these great tips and then share them with friends and family. Small changes really can make big differences.



Put Me On Your Plate

## UCCE 4-H Events

**UCCE  
4-H Dates**



[Enrollment Open](#) - all counties

### [Amador](#)

4-8: [County Council Meeting](#)

4-26 to 4-27: [4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training- Rifle Discipline](#)

5-6: [County Council Meeting](#)

### [Calaveras](#)

4-12: [3rd Annual Mtn.](#)

Stephen Grattan, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources at UC Davis  
**Water-use-efficient tillage, residue and irrigation management**

Jeff Mitchell, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis

## Events & Workshops

### **Reducing Wildfire Risks to Outdoor Camps Workshop**

This workshop will provide outdoor camp managers with information on reducing wildfire risks and to show participants both successful and failed wildfire mitigation work



done by camps in Tuolumne County. You can find more information on our [website](#).

Date: April 22, 2014

Time: 9am-5pm

Location: Groveland Community Hall, State Highway 120, Groveland, CA

RSVP required: Call Sandra- 209-533-5695

### **Managing Forests for Future Resilience**

Learn how scientists and managers are designing forest treatments that will



help forests develop resilience to future climate conditions during a day-long field trip to Blodgett Forest Research Station. Gain a better understanding of forest management practices such as prescribed fire, mechanical

[Ranch 4-H Chili Cook-Off](#)

4-19: [Home Arts Expo](#) -  
(open to all 4 counties)

4-26 to 4-27: [4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training- Rifle Discipline](#)

[El Dorado](#)

4-12: [Home Arts Day](#)

4-15: [County Council Meeting](#)

[Tuolumne](#)

4-5: [Sectional Presentation Day](#)

4-26 to 4-27: [4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training- Rifle Discipline](#)

**UCCE MFP Classes**

**Free Classes Offered by [UCCE Master Food Preservers](#)**



[Amador/Calaveras](#)

4-12: [Colorful Pickles](#)

5-10: [Tangy & Sweet Accompaniments](#)

[See 2014 Class Schedule](#)

[El Dorado](#)

[See 2014 Class Schedule](#)

**UCCE MG Classes**

**Free Gardening Classes offered by [UCCE Master Gardeners](#)**



[Amador](#)

thinning, and biomass utilization through discussions and site visits with leading scientists from the US Forest Service and UC Berkeley.

Space is limited. Please register for this trip at: <http://cafiresci.org/>

Date: May 14th

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: Blodgett Forest Research Station:  
4501 Blodgett Forest Road  
Georgetown, CA 95634

**UC California Naturalist Program**



UCCE Central Sierra is bringing the California Naturalist Program to the Central Sierra. The UC California Naturalist Program is designed to introduce Californians to the wonders of our unique ecology and engage the public in study and stewardship of California's natural communities. The California Naturalist program uses a science curriculum, hands-on learning, problem-solving, and community service to instill a deep appreciation for the natural communities of the state and to inspire individuals to become stewards of their local resources. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting new program, attend our potential partners meeting coming up later this month.

**Potential Partners Meeting for the California Naturalist Program**

When: Monday, April 14, 3-5pm

Where: Room 107, Sugar Pine building, Columbia College, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora, CA

Who: Any agency interested in learning more about the California Naturalist citizen science training program and its volunteers

Please visit <http://calnat.ucanr.edu/> for more information.

**4-5:** Celebrate Flowers for Eating & Enjoying

**4-26:** Shade Gardening with Ornaments; Conserving Water

**4-27:** UCCE Master Gardener Plant & Seed Sale

**5-3:** Attracting Beneficial Bugs- Bees & Pollinators

#### Calaveras

**4-25:** Calaveras Master Gardener Plant Sale

**4-26:** Calavera MG Open Garden Day

#### El Dorado

**4-5-** Tomatoes: From Seed to Table

**4-12:** Irrigation

**4-19:** El Dorado MG Spring Plant Sale

**5-3:** Herbs & Lavender

#### Lake Tahoe

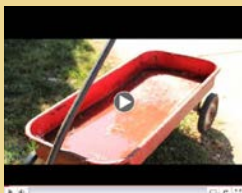
No classes scheduled - check back this spring.

#### Tuolumne

**4-12 to 4-13:** Tuolumne Home & Garden Show

### UC ANR Tidbits

#### UC IPM & more...



**Don't let mosquitoes breed in your yard!**

## California Naturalist Program Instructor Workshop

These workshops are for organizations interested in partnering with University of California to offer the California Naturalist Program to their community, volunteers or staff. There is an application process to becoming a partner program, and attending the workshop is one step in the process, but does not guarantee that we will be able to partner with your organization. We assume workshop participants are aware of this UC program, have discussed the program internally among staff and leadership, and are interested in learning more about moving forward toward a partnership to offer the California Naturalist course locally.

The next instructor workshop will be held:

Date: April 29-30, 2014

Time: Day one- 10am-5pm, Day two- 9am-2pm (Day 2 optional but encouraged)

Location: UC's Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Parlier, CA

Cost: \$80/both days; \$65 Day 1 (includes lunch both days, training manual)

[Learn more about the workshop here.](#)

## 15th Annual Children's Fair

The Children's Fair is an opportunity for our community to enjoy a fun family day with free entertainment, crafts, activities, snacks, and more! It celebrates "The Week of the Young Child" which is held each year to honor young children and all those who make a difference in young children's lives. This year's theme is "Early Years are Learning Years - Encouraging Health and Fitness"



Date: April 12, 2014

Time: 10am-12pm

Location: Bret Harte High School  
Angels Camp, CA

Use the [IPM Weather, models, & degree days webpage](#) to time insecticide applications.

### Quick Links...

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Thank you for your continued interest in the UC Cooperative Extension Central Sierra's news, workshops, and events.

Sincerely,

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