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Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, the four leaves of the 4H Clover, signify more than what is simply in those words. The 4H pledge is a philosophy that helps youth to grow socially, mentally and physically so as to become effective and responsible citizens of our world. 4H projects, from traditionals like cooking, sewing and livestock, to some of the most recently added projects, such as, computers, shooting sports and marine science, provide 4H boys and girls with the many useful skills, hobbies and social interactions. Participating in group and club activities 4Hers learn the process of working as a group towards a common goal and to accept responsibility for their projects as well. Additionally, they learn how to make decisions through project meetings, judging activities and other learning programs.

Mariposa 4H members are helping to celebrate NATIONAL 4H CLUB WEEK beginning Sunday, October 2, through October 8. Project displays will be located around Mariposa in many of our local businesses and 4H members will be inviting eligible boys and girls to join their local community clubs as the clubs reform this fall.

Mariposa has 5 local clubs located in most of our communities and invites any youth between the ages of 9-19, or in the 4th grade to join. With the help of adult club leaders and parents, members learn how to interact with a group, both socially and democratically they also learn skills related to their particular
The backbone of the 4H program is the 4H leader and parent that donates hundreds of hours of their time annually to provide the guidance and encouragement necessary to conduct a successful project. Hand in hand with the leaders is the office of the Mariposa County 4H Youth Adviser who works through the University of California Cooperative Extension to provide the necessary administration and support for educational materials and training for the leaders and members. Help us celebrate NATIONAL 4H CLUB WEEK, JOIN 4H as an adult leader to share your skills and knowledge with our youth or as a member to become a part of an exciting youth program. Call the Cooperative Extension office at 966-2417 for more information.

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