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4-Hers Experience Different Careers

On Friday, July 23rd, nine 4-Hers, along with leaders Dee Morrison and Donna Wice, went on the Mariposa County 4-H Career Day.

Everyone met at the CE office at 8:30a.m. with great anticipation. Our first stop was the Mariposa T-Shirt & Novelty Co. where the members were shown how to silk screen shirts and hats from start to finish. With surprise, the members were each given a t-shirt and were able to watch Steve & Tina Mounger, the owner, silk screen and dry their shirts. Members were amazed how the process was done, and asked many questions concerning how to begin this type of business and what type of classes had to be taken to learn this business. They were told that you can go to school to learn the process, but one could 'learn by doing' or watching others.

Can you tell the difference between oils and pastels? Well, this is what the members learned at the Mariposa Arts Council Gallery. Andrea Winton, a local artist, took the members on a tour of the gallery and explained the differences of the various art mediums and showed them a device to look through to make several photos 3-D. She invited them to enter the Junior Masters Art Show in January and we had several members interested in this, especially Amy Smith from Clover Pioneers 4-H Club. Mrs. Winton gave an art quiz to the group at the end of the tour. She told the members they did very well!

'Money makes the world go around', isn't that how the song goes? Well, this is what our visit to Yosemite Bank was all about. The youth got to go into the vault, and safe deposit box area. This was a big hit! The rest of the tour consisted of how the drive-up window deposit works, looking inside the ATM machine to see how it works, and seeing the 'fastest money counter in the west', a machine that counts currency before going into the vault. The group was treated to cookies and juice by our guide before leaving for Yosemite.

Our next stop was in Yosemite where we had a picnic lunch in the meadow. It was so beautiful! Grady Bryant, park law enforcement officer, spoke to the group about the various job opportunities in the park system such as becoming a ranger, search & rescue,

law enforcement, management jobs, and more. He showed the kids the jail, fire engine garage, and search & rescue building. He also gave them tips on classes to take in college for these various jobs.

Dee Morrison, one of the Clover Pioneer 4-H Community Club Leaders, took the group on a tour of the Yosemite Park supply building where she is supervisor. This is where supplies for the park are stored and sent out from. The members checked out the large freezer, the large scale, and the many tires in this facility.

Disappointment took place at the El Portal pool! The chlorine was too low and the members couldn't go swimming. Oh well, maybe next time.

Dinner was held at the Yosemite Trails Camp in Midpines. Jan Churchill, owner and local teacher, BBQ'd burgers & hot dogs, had chips, drinks, fresh fruit, and home-made brownies for the group to finish off the day.

We would like to say thanks to the above businesses and their tour guides for their kindness and participation in this 4-H activity. The 4-Hers had a great time and learned a lot about career options!

The new 4-H program year will begin in October and we would like to invite the local youth (ages 5-19 as of January 1, 2002), parents or grandparents to join. There will be an informational 4-H booth at the Mariposa County Fair and you are welcome to come by and pick up an enrollment form or to just ask questions about this wonderful youth development program.

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