The 4-H Network
Connecting all of Kern County

JUNE 2012

1 *DUE: Emerald Star Applications
   Veronica Slaton
   661-868-6235

5 *Final Project Medal Testing, 6:30 p.m.
   Veronica Slaton
   661-868-6235

23 Sheep Progress Show
   Charlie Forshee
   661-831-4205

25 *Horse Project Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
   Harold Tolbert
   661-205-1975

26 *Field Day Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
   Christopher Diniz
   661-978-6974

26 *Leader Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
   Christopher Diniz
   661-978-6974

Meeting is at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

JULY 2012

1-4 Leader Council Fireworks Booth - Volunteer Needed
   Chris Diniz
   661-213-4518

4 UC Extension Office Closed for Independence Day

14 Horse Show
   Harold Tolbert
   661-205-1975

17 *Leader Council Budget/Calendar Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
   Chris Diniz
   661-213-4518

18 *DUE: Record Books for County Judging, 5:00 p.m.
   Veronica Slaton
   661-868-6235

21 *County Record Book Judging, 9 a.m.
   Veronica Slaton
   661-868-6235

21 Shooting Sports March, Five Dogs Range 8:00 a.m.
   Orville Andrews
   661-201-0708

23 *Horse Project Leader Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
   Harold Tolbert
   661-205-1975

24 *Poultry Leader Project Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
   Orville Andrews
   661-201-0708

24 *Leader Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
   Chris Diniz
   661-213-4518

28 Market Goat Project Show, Kern County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
   Paul Hudson
   661-845-9225

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Check it out...our new website!

Our website has had quite an update! Stop by and look around our very informative and super helpful website. Bookmark it, save it as a favorite! Visit us at: http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/

"Paige Villacano, of Sundance 4-H Club, showing her Gold Medal she earned at State 4-H Presentation at UC Davis!"
ATTENTION SHEEP PROJECT MEMBERS!

This is a very important time of the year for you breeding sheep projects! Here are some reminders for things to watch for during the last stage, before lambing:

Pregnancy Toxemia-
During pregnancy, the 5-6 weeks is when about 70% of the growth of the unborn lamb takes place. The ewe must have adequate feed to support that growth. As the lamb embryos are so large they displace some of the stomach space. The ewes are unable to handle much roughage, or large quantities of any low nutritive food. A good grain mix of corn/wheat/oats along with good hay can help prevent this problem.

PLEASE NOTE: Start grain slowly and build up to proper ration. Feed at the same time every day to avoid the risk of triggering pregnancy disease by erratic feeding.

Poor feeding in the last 5-6 weeks of pregnancy can lead to:

- Low birth weight of lambs
- Low fat reserve in new born lambs resulting in death from chilling and exposure
- Increased chance of pregnancy toxemia
- Shortened gestation period, lambs born premature
- Ewe slower to come into milk, and less milk production
- Low wool production of lambs as adults.

When unborn lambs start to require more nutrients from the ewe than she can supply, problems occur.

Good Luck!

Charlie Forshee – Kern County Sheep Project Chair
**4-H WEBSITES**
- [http://www.areyouintoit.com](http://www.areyouintoit.com)
- [http://www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)
- [http://www.4-h.org/fourweb](http://www.4-h.org/fourweb)
- [http://www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)

**4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE**
[https://california.4honline.com](https://california.4honline.com)

**4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE**
[http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/](http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/)

**LOCAL 4-H OFFICE**

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Fax: 661-868-6208

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**IDEAS THAT WORK**

There are many new stories of 4-H program success happening all across California. Visit: [http://www.ca4h.org/News/Media/](http://www.ca4h.org/News/Media/) to read stories recently featured in the media.

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**Save-the-date!**

Regional 4-H Thrive Master Trainer Trainings and Updates are scheduled for 2012. The Master Trainer Training is for volunteers who wish to become part of their county's training team.

Current Master Trainers who wish to extend their service an additional year will attend a one-day update training on Saturday. New Master Trainers will attend the whole weekend.

All conferences are sponsored by 4-H Thrive and will cover the cost of conference, travel, and lodging.

The Regional Training Dates are:

- **Central:** August 25-26, 2012
- **Southern Valley:** September 8-9, 2012
- **Southern:** September 22-23, 2012
- **Far Northern:** September 29-30, 2012

Registration information and more details are to come. Please contact Scott Mautte, [scmautte@ucdavis.edu](mailto:scmautte@ucdavis.edu) for additional questions.

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**Regional Sheep Field Day is Back!!**

Regional Sheep Field Day is a fun day filled with Hands on activities including Showmanship, Sheep Fitting, Judging, Proper Wether/Dam Feeding, Sheep Diseases and Cures, and then easy instructions on how to make a Sheep Rope Halter. Make sure you wear closed toed shoes and work clothes because you will be working with animals. There will also be door prizes and a raffle.

**Date:** Saturday, June 16, 2012

**Time:** 9 AM to 3:00 PM (approx.)

**Cost:** $5.00 per person for lunch

**Where:** DK Farms- 15782 W. Oakland Ave. Five Points, CA 93624

(for directions email: georgenediener@gmail.com)

**RSVP by:** June 10th to reserve your space contact-

Cody Miller @ 559-638-3141: [baachaser@aol.com](mailto:baachaser@aol.com) or

Marisa Neely @ 559-897-1493: [davidandelena@comcast.net](mailto:davidandelena@comcast.net)

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*Make sure you wear closed toed shoes. * Parents, please bring lawn chairs, for your comfort!
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State Leadership Conference

4-H State Leadership Conference - Session Proposals
Deadline extended until sessions are filled.
The 2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference needs presenters! If you would like to present a session on Friday, August 10th or Saturday, August 11th, please submit a workshop proposal form to the State 4-H Office. Workshop applications and additional information can be found at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

4-H State Leadership Conference – Registration
The 2012 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held August 9-12 at UC San Diego! Conference registration will be released by the end of May. Early bird registration is $459 per person and due June 15th. Final registration is $489 per person and due July 15th. Online registration bill be posted at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

North American Association for Environmental Education
October 10-13, 2012, Oakland, CA
http://www.naaee.net/conference
Environmental education (EE) teaches children and adults how to learn about and investigate their environment, and to make intelligent, informed decisions about how they can take care of it.

The Call for Presentations is open until April 25, 2012. Registration will open on June 1, 201

“Opportunity for Pygmy Goat Members/Leaders”
Project leaders from Rio Del Norte 4-H will be setting up a series of meetings for those who would like to learn more about caring for and showing pygmy goats. The meetings are open to 4-H members and leaders from other clubs and it will be a chance for 4-H families to meet others who share an interest in pygmy goats. If you would like more information please contact Nancy Campise at 661-589-9425.

KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!
Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and ‘like’ us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It’s the best way to keep up-to-date!

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Kern County 4-H Club Secretary Book
Judging Guidelines

All club Secretary Books must be submitted to the Cooperative Extension Office for review, whether or not they are being considered for competition. If you would like to have your Secretary’s Book judged, include a copy of the Club Secretary Book Judging Form along with the book when you turn it in. Be sure to have it as the first page of the book. The Secretary’s book must contain a completed 4-H Club Program Planning Guide and a 4-H Outreach Documentation Form. You may use a standard ACCO-type folder or a three ring binder. Use dividers between sections. The Secretary’s Book is to be organized as follows:

4-H Club Program Planning Guide  
(http://www.ca4h.org/files/19662.doc)
4-H Unit Bylaws (http://www.ca4h.org/files/4706.doc) and 4-H Unit Constitution (http://www.ca4h.org/files/85683.doc)
List of Club Officers
Annual Club Planner (http://www.ca4h.org/files/19659.pdf)
4-H Club Meeting Planner (http://www.ca4h.org/files/19659.pdf)
Roll of 4-H Members and New Members
Annual Inventory Report (http://www.ca4h.org/files/19875.pdf)
4-H Club Meeting Minutes (http://www.ca4h.org/files/19659.pdf)
4-H Outreach Documentation (http://www.ca4h.org/files/19659.pdf)
Committee Reports
(Optional) Executive Board Minutes/Correspondence

The book may be typed or handwritten. The new member’s signature page will not be judged for neatness. Use the Club Secretary Book Judging Form as a guide when preparing your book.
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**TOTAL POINTS** 100 POINTS

**BONUS POINTS (Optional)**

Executive Board Minutes and other correspondence 5 points

**County Award is earned if Grand Total points are 90 or above.**

Comments:____________________________________________________________________

(Feb. 2012)
Kern County 4-H Club Treasurer Book Judging Guidelines

All club Treasurer Books must be submitted to the Cooperative Extension Office for review, whether or not they are being considered for competition. If you would like to have your Treasurer’s Book judged, include a copy of the Club Treasurer Book Judging Form along with the book when you turn it in. Be sure to have it as the first page of the book. The Treasurer’s book must contain a completed 4-H Club Peer Review Report and a 4-H Year-End Peer Review Checklist. You may use a standard ACCO-type folder or a three ring binder. Use dividers between sections. The Treasurer’s Book is to be organized as follows:

4-H Club Peer Review Report (Form 8.5)  
(http://www.ca4h.org/files/19876.pdf)
Year-End Peer Review Checklist (Form 8.6)  
(http://www.ca4h.org/files/19877.pdf)
Annual Financial Report (Form 6.3)  
(http://www.ca4h.org/files/23114.pdf)
Monthly Ledger Reports (Form 8.1)  
(http://www.ca4h.org/files/23115.pdf)
Annual Inventory Report (http://www.ca4h.org/files/19875.pdf)
4-H Club Budget (http://www.ca4h.org/files/23117.pdf)

(Optional) Reconciliation Statement on Outstanding Checks

The book may be typed or handwritten. Use the Club Treasurer Book Judging Sheet as a guide when preparing your book.
# Kern County 4-H
## Club Treasurer Book Judging Sheet

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<td>* Monthly bank statement included, cancelled checks (or bank copies), and reconciliation reports</td>
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<td>* Numbered club receipts provided for all income received – cash and checks</td>
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<td><strong>5. Annual Inventory Report (Form 6.2)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>6. 4-H Club Budget (Form 8.3)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>7. Overall Appearance, Neatness, and Effort</strong></td>
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**Total Points**

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**Bonus Points (Optional) Reconciliation Statement**

5 points

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National 4-H History Preservation Program: 4-H Oral History Project

http://www.4-hhistorypreservation.com/

Extension is celebrating its Centennial Year in 2014, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the implementation of the Smith Lever Act. The National 4-H History Preservation Leadership Team proposes to capture oral recollections of former 4-H members, staff and volunteers about their 4-H experiences. Over the next two years, current 4-H members will be trained, and will conduct interviews in their local communities. For further information and to provide your input feedback on this idea as well as your interest in participating in a pilot test, please contact: TomTate,tate@aol.com, or info@4HHistoryPreservation.com.

What Does a Scientist Look Like?

http://lookslikescience.tumblr.com/

This website challenges stereotypical ideas about who scientists are. Meet scientists from all backgrounds who are also dancers, rugby players, sports fans, surfers, musicians and more. There is no single clear-cut path to becoming a scientist. A scientist can come from any background. There is no cookie-cutter mold of what a scientist looks like. A scientist can look like you, or can look like me. There is no rule that scientists can’t be multidimensional and can’t have fun. What Do 4-H Members Think Scientists Look Like?

Use this assessment tool to see how your 4-H members think about scientists! http://www.pearweb.org/atis/tools/5

4-H Military Partnership Program Camps for Military Youth

The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering two camps this summer. Both are free of charge to military youth of any branch or component. There are also travel reimbursement funds available to cover costs to and from the camp sites.

**Rawhide Ranch**, located in Bonsall, is a horse lovers’ camp in a replica Old West town. It will provide military youth, ages 14-18, with an opportunity to learn or improve their horseback riding skills, as well as to experience traditional camping fun like skits, songs, arts and crafts, archery and more. The camp will be held July 1-7.

**Camp Ronald McDonald**, near Susanville, provides a traditional camping experience for special needs youth ages 8-18. The camp is fully accessible and camp counselors are trained to work with youth with a variety of special needs, from autism to physical limitations. The camp will be held August 7-14.

Registration for both camps is now open at [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/MilitaryPartnership/Adventure_Camps/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/MilitaryPartnership/Adventure_Camps/). For more information, contact Crystal O’Hara, 4-H Military Partnership Program Representative, at crohara@ucdavis.edu or 530-757-8968

Nominations open for Leader Council

Nominations for officer positions for Leader Council for the 2012-2013 year are now being taken. If you or someone you know would like to serve as an officer on the executive board, president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer, contact Teresa Andrews at 661-979-1003.

We especially need candidates for the project chair positions for rabbit, clothing, beef, plant science and Cloverbuds.
KERN COUNTY 4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW
KERN COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
JUNE 23RD, 2012

ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 20TH, 2012
CHECK IN: 7:30 AM - 7:45 AM AT SHEEP SHOW RING
SHOW STARTS: 8:00 AM STARTING WITH SR. SHOWMANSHIP
PRE-ENTRY FEE: $5.00 PER MEMBER ($7.00 ON THE DAY OF SHOW "CHECK ONLY")

Show open to current Kern County 4-H members. 4-H members can enter one lamb with no more than 1/4 inch fleece. No bedding will be provided but you can bring your own if wanted. Member will be responsible for cleaning pen before leaving the fairgrounds that day. Uniforms are RECOMMENDED.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS. ADDITIONAL ENTER FORMS CAN BE COPIED OR THEY CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE 4-H OFFICE.

This show is a learning experience and is planned to help the members to prepare their lambs for the market class for the Kern County Fair. The judge will group lambs into three categories, 1) lambs that are doing good and will be in condition for fair, 2) lambs that are to big and over conditioned, 3) lambs that are to small an under conditioned. Show management reserves the right to combine classes if necessary. Special awards will be given in each Showmanship class.

DIVISION A: SHOWMANSHIP
(ENTER BY GRADE CURRENTLY IN)
CLASS 1. 6TH GRADE AND ABOVE
CLASS 2. 5TH, 7TH, AND 6TH GRADE
CLASS 3. 4TH AND 5TH GRADE
CLASS 4. NOVICE 6TH GRADE AND ABOVE FIRST YEAR LAMB PROJECT "ONLY"
CLASS 5. NOVICE 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADE OR 3 YEAR OLD MEMBER AS OF 1/1/2012

DIVISION B: MARKET LAMB PROGRESS DIVISION
CLASS 1. LIGHT WEIGHT
0 - 80 POUNDS
CLASS 2. HEAVY WEIGHT
92 - UP POUNDS

HAND DELIVER OR MAIL ENTERIES TO:
KERN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1031 S. MT. VERNON AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93307

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KERN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NO CASH ACCEPTED

4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW
ONE ENTER FORM PER PERSON. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

NAME ____________________  CLUB ______________  TELEPHONE # ______________

ADDRESS ____________________  GRADE JUST COMPLETED ______________

BIRTH DATE ______________

ENTRY FEE $ ____________

DIVISION CLASS
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B

I DO HEREBY ENTER THE ABOVE ANIMAL AT MY OWN RISK AND AM SUBJECT TO ALL THE RULES OF THE SHOW. I FURTHER AGREE THE KERN COUNTY 4-H CLUB, KERN COUNTY FAIR, AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND OTHER PERSONS SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT TO EXHIBITOR, PROPERTY, OR EQUIPMENT CAUSED BY US AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS SHOW. ENTERIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN UP OF ALL AREAS AND CEGS LEFT NEAT.

MEMBER ____________________  PARENT ____________________
Volunteer at State Fair!
Deadline: June 25, 2012

The State Fashion Revue committee is again sponsoring a quilting booth at the California State Fair. Our day at the Fair, Thursday, July 19, coincides with the Military Appreciation Day. We will display our completed quilts for Wounded Warriors, set up the quilting frame so fair visitors can try their hand at quilting to help us finish quilt tops, and have materials to make thank you cards for the soldiers. We will need at least two (2) adults with four (4) 4-H members for each 2 hour time slot. For adults we need your full name, date of birth, driver’s license #, and your zip code to comply with the Megan’s Law requirement. All participants will receive a free admission pass to the fair for the day and a parking pass. This is a great time to help at the 4-H Foundation Fair Booth, too. Each of these opportunities is ‘first sign up, first choice of time’. Invite members of your club to be part of this fun event. If you would like to be part of this dynamic experience, please contact Mary Engebreth at maryengebreth@comcast.net or 707-996-2981.

2012 California 4-H State Leaders Forum

Registration is now open. Wake up to the possibilities at “4-H in a Minute!”
Join the South Central Section November 9-11 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. The registration fee is $60 until September 1st, so get together with your friends and plan to register early.

The forum will include:
- Opportunities to network with 4-H peers from throughout the state.
- Inspirational speakers from far and near.
- Workshops designed to help you be a more effective mentor to 4-H youth.
- “Minute to Win It” competitions between 4-H Sections.
- Opportunities to honor dedicated, long-time leaders.
- Ample time to enjoy the natural beauty of the Asilomar Conference Grounds and adjacent beach.

Conference registration is by survey with paper forms also available. The conference housing and meal package is reserved directly through Asilomar until September 9. For further registration information and to find all forms, go to: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/. SLF 2012 promises to be an exciting conference, focusing on timely issues and having a good time.

“The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.” – Michael Altshuler

Workshops at State Leaders Forum
Deadline: June 30, 2012

The clock is ticking toward the deadline to submit a workshop proposal for the 2012 California 4-H State Leaders Forum at Asilomar. Workshop proposals are due June 30, so please take a minute to design a workshop and submit a proposal. The Forum is November 9-11; all workshops will be presented on Saturday, November 10. Workshops may be presented once, repeated during another time period or extended over multiple time periods. The schedule allows free time between sessions. Submit a workshop proposal via online survey at http://ucanr.org/2012slfworkshop. A printable version of the form is available at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/. If you have workshop questions, please contact Candy Brown, candy.brown@gracemodesto.org or 209-537-7405.

Learn about the World - Host An International Exchange Student

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) invites you to make a difference by hosting an ECA sponsored international high school exchange student this fall. Approximately 2,000 exchange students from over 50 countries, all of whom have undergone an extensive and competitive merit-based selection process, will spend the 2012-13 academic year in communities across the United States. Hosting an ECA international exchange student is an enriching experience for the entire family and allows you to have a real connection to the world without leaving home. If you are willing to open yourself to new experiences, to share your life with a fascinating teenager from a foreign land, and if you can provide a
Get ready to take the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge!

4-H National Headquarters and National 4-H Council are pleased to reveal the 2012 National Science Experiment for 4-H National Youth Science Day. The **4-H Eco-Bot Challenge** will introduce youth to engineering concepts as they program a self-directed robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill. Developed by The Ohio State University and Ohio State Extension, this unique experiment will engage young people in finding a solution to an environmental challenge, using engineering design skills.

The experiment will test their ability to:
- Build an autonomous robot using household materials
- Design and construct a programmed environment for a working robot
- Develop a hypothesis and carry out a test
- Collaborate and offer modifications to produce an optimized solution
- Generate links among engineering, technology, science, math and society

This annual youth science event will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012**, and will bring 4-H'ers together from all around the nation to complete this single, innovative experiment.

Participation in **4-H National Youth Science Day** is meant to help spark an early passion for science, engineering and math and to encourage young people to consider these paths of study and future careers.

To visit the new 4-H NYSD website and download the 2012 Youth and Facilitator Guides as well as other key resources, visit [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD).

National 4-H Council thanks our generous donors, **Lockheed Martin, Toyota, Donaldson Filtration Solutions** and **John Deere**, for their sponsorship of the 2012 National Science Experiment and 4-H Science initiatives.

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**Shooting Sports Competition**

**July 21 – 8 a.m. @ 5 dogs**

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Program Fee Increase for 4-H

Dear 4-H Program Staff, 4-H Families, and Volunteers,

The economic climate has created extreme economic challenges in continuing to provide strong volunteer and programmatic support for 4-H locally. For the past several years, in the face of declining funding from state and federal resources, UC Cooperative Extension and 4-H at the state level have tried to absorb budget shortfalls in order to keep from raising fees to our participants. Unfortunately we have reached the point where we are no longer able to absorb all costs and have realized that fee increases to support and grow our local programming are required. These program fees will be used to provide partial funding for direct local program costs including 4-H staff who support our local volunteers.

For 2012-2013, fees will be increased to $10.00 per adult and $28.00 per youth. We are projecting for 2013-2014 an additional increase based upon anticipated funding status, which will most likely result in fees of $15.00 per adult and $40.00 per youth.

We encourage local staff and volunteer leadership to work with us to strategize together around the development of a local funding plan to keep 4-H strong and growing. The California 4-H Foundation is a valuable resource with whom to partner in developing a local funding plan. The level of success of such coordinated local fundraising efforts is hoped to mitigate the need for future increases.

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National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony Opportunity
Deadline: July 15, 2012

This year the National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force of NAE4-HA would like to offer two 4-H youth the opportunity to play a unique role in the 2012 Hall of Fame Ceremony which will be held on October 12, 2012 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Task Force will be selecting a Youth Master of Ceremonies and a Youth Entertainer to assist with the National Hall of Fame Ceremony. Details on how to apply are provided on the respective applications:
- National 4-H HOF Entertainer Application
- National 4-H HOF Master of Ceremonies Application

Applications are due to the California State 4-H Office by July 6, 2012. If you have any questions, contact Shannon Dogan at sjdogan@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8518.