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**HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE**

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- Enrollment Reminder
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- Leader Council Board & Chairs
- Record Book Guidelines

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!**

Articles/photos for the next issue of The 4-H Network must be received by **July 20th**

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*Do you have a photo for the newsletter? E-mail photos to vaslaton@ucdavis.edu*

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*Members of Northwest 4-H after giving a presentation on Bio Security to Leader*

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Send Coupons to Military Overseas

Did you know that overseas military members can use expired coupons up to six months past their expiration date? Military families stationed overseas are often living on one income and money can be scarce. Let’s support our military by showing them some coupon love! Please join us each month to send our unused and expired coupons overseas.

Eligible Coupons:
- Send only Manufacturer Coupons;
- Do NOT send store or restaurant coupons;
- Do NOT send coupons that are over 30 days expired.

Mail or drop off your expired or unwanted coupons to our local 4H office at:
UCCE – Kern County
1031 So. Mt. Vernon Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93307

4-H MyPlate Challenge at 2012 State Field Day

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently unveiled the federal government’s new food icon, MyPlate, to serve as a reminder to help consumers make healthier food choices. 4-H is challenging you to show how you’re making YOUR plate MyPlate. We invite you to submit a photograph illustrating how you’re creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. 4-H members do not need to pre-qualify at a county event.

IDEAS THAT WORK

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

Syngenta is offering a $5,000 scholarship to a high school senior, and freshmen, sophomores and juniors in college who are a part of the almond-growing industry or who participate in California 4-H programs. Applicants may send a completed application form by mail, email or fax to Christa Miller. Applications are due by August 31, 2012. Full scholarship information can be found at: http://www.farmassist.com/promo/almonds/index.aspx?nav=scholarship_information.html

4-H WEB SITES
http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/
http://www.areyouintoit.com
http://www.fourhcountycouncil.edu
http://www.4-h.org/fourweb
http://www.ca4h.org

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE
https://california.4honline.com
4-H VOLLUNTEER WEBSITE
http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/

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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!
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.

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 for additional questions.

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, 2012.

“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.

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.
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 Engebret 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

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. 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.

4-H is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System

The 4-H Name and Emblem are protected by 18 USC 707

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/YouthDevelopment/
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.

Connie Schneider, PhD, RD
Director
Youth, Families, and Communities Statewide Program
University of California
Hey there! Are there any garden-lovers out there? Gardening is not only a great way to get in touch with your inner “nature kid,” but it also gives you the chance to discover great new information, and help out families in need with community gardens.

This is exactly what the Bakersfield Garden Project sets out to do. We are a group of like minded gardeners who are learning about plants and planting. We also help put in community gardens and pick excess fruit to donate to the Gleaners for families who need fresh fruit and vegetables. We hold monthly meetings on the first Saturday of every month at St. Luke’s Anglican Church on Mall View Road in East Bakersfield. Our meetings start at 10 am and last until noon when we wrap up our program and make a feast from vegetables that people have grown at home and brought to share. This group is not just for kids either, lots of adults who want to learn more about gardening are involved also. This is also a great way to learn to grow your own veggies and fruits for your Foods and Nutrition projects. You can call my Mom, Sue McKinney at 366-4893 if you would like more information or just come by on the first Saturday to see for yourself. So join us and discover the gardener in you. ~ Eryn McKinney

Updates from the State 4-H Office

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/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/). For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

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Hello! This is Eryn McKinney, and I’d like to tell you about a new project that I have participated in this year: A Music Project. Once a month for the past several months, my mom and I would meet up with Mrs. Snoddy (our leader) and Linda from Sundance 4H. We would go to the Rabobank Theater on the 2nd Saturday of each month to enjoy a night of beautifully composed music played by the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. First there is an informational session that teaches you about the music you will hear and explains the meanings of the pieces. Next is the concert, immersing you in a variety of beautiful music. Overall, it was a great project for anyone who plays an instrument, or anyone who is interested in the history of orchestral music. And, I would like to thank Mrs. Snoddy for this experience.
Updates from the State 4-H Office

Call for 4-H Hall of Fame Youth Entertainer and MC applications
Deadline: July 9th

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. Applications must be received by July 9th to be considered. The Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy will select two youth – one Youth Master of Ceremonies and one Youth Entertainer from the California. View the HOF Entertainer application here and the HOF Master of Ceremonies application here.

Western Region Leader Forum early bird Registration due July 15th
March 21 – 24, 2013 in Hawaii

Hawaii 4-H members, volunteers, faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing you in Hawaii March 21 – 24, 2013 for the Western Region Leader Forum. The planning committee is hard at work planning an event you will enjoy and remember because of what you will learn and the people you will meet. At the forum you will definitely enjoy the beauty and climate of this place many people only know as Paradise.

The conference site is the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Resort. It is a beautiful hotel located on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. You will need to register at the hotel before you register for the conference so you will have the confirmation code required to avoid the surcharge for those who choose to attend WRLF and stay at another place. Reservations at the Marriott may be made at 800-848-8100 or by using the local number of 808-922-6611. We have reserved a block of rooms which you will need to refer to when you register by giving the code, WR4A, to the person taking your reservation.

Registration for the forum may be completed by going to: http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/

DEADLINES:
Deadline for Early Bird Registration is July 15, 2012 - $295
Deadline for Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - $375
Deadline for Hotel room Rate of $179 is February 21, 2013 - $425

Highlights of this year’s Forum will include:

* A keynote address by Nancy Franz of Iowa 4-H that will transform the way you present 4-H to your community.
* A schedule that balances informative workshops with time to enjoy the Asilomar Conference Grounds and state beach.
* Assemblies filled with both fun and information including “Minute to Win It” competitions between 4-H sections.
* Opportunities to network with your 4-H peers from throughout the state.
* $60 registration; $235.50-374.50 per room. Room reservations due by September 9 at http://www.ca4h.org/files/141178.pdf

Remember: It only takes a minute to register, so act now.

“He who gains time gains everything.” ~ Benjamin Disraeli

2012 California 4-H State Leaders Forum

Brrrring! Wake up to the possibilities that await you at the 2012 California 4-H State Leaders’ Forum! The conference will be held at the beautiful Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, from November 9-11. Early bird registration fees expire on September 1, so log on to http://ucanr.org/slf2012 for complete details.

Registration is online or using printable forms. Reservations for the Asilomar lodging/meal package are now being accepted. The committee has received exciting workshop proposals but is looking for more, especially from volunteers, so the workshop deadline has been extended until July 31, http://ucanr.org/2012slfworkshop.
**Updates from the State 4-H Office**

**Workshops at State Leaders Forum**
**Deadline: Extended until July 31, 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 July 31, 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](http://ucanr.org/2012slfworkshop). A printable version of the form is available at [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/). If you have workshop questions, please contact Candy Brown, candy.brown@gracemodesto.org or 209-537-7405.

**State Record Book Judging**

An Addendum to the Record Book Manual with updated 2012 Cover Page, Judge’s Application, County Check Sheet and State Judging Process Overview will be posted to the Website in mid-July. Members planning to submit a Record Book for State Competition should check the Website after July 15th for the most current information on procedures, requirements and due dates.

**4-H Shooting Sports Workshop**
(Rifle Discipline)

**Dates:**
Saturday, July 28, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 29, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Concord Police Association Range, 5060 Avila Road in Concord. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification.

Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course.

To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu. (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County).

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: [http://concordpoa.org/contacus.php](http://concordpoa.org/contacus.php)

**Announcing the New Highest California 4-H Youth Award!**

The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The **Diamond Clover** is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at [http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/](http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/)

**Rationale:** Most youth serving organizations have a highest honor—Boy Scouts have Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts have the Gold Award, Camp Fire USA has the WoHeLo Award. While the 4-H State Ambassador Program is a very high honor, it is a working honor and is prohibitive to many who may be deserving of a highest youth award.
2012 4-H National Youth Science Day:

Kits Available, applications due July 31
Events to be held during October 2012
http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=8670

With funding made available by Toyota through the National 4-H Council, 4-H staff, volunteers, and members may submit a proposal to host a public 4-H NYSD event. Available resources include experiment kits (each kit serves 10-15 youth and retails for $23/each). In addition, depending on the number of requests, the quantity of kits provided per county may be limited. To request these resources, 4-H staff, volunteers, or youth must complete the online form by July 31, 2012 at http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=8670

It is time to start the selection process for the 2013 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Additional information is available at http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards/opportunities/salute-to-excellence-awards/.
The categories are as follows:

The **Volunteer of the Year Award** is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for *less than 10 years* at the local, county, district or state level.

The **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award** is for individuals who have served *10 or more years* at the local, county, district or state level.

Mail completed nomination packet(s) to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, University of California, Davis, One Shields Ave., DANR Bldg., Davis, CA 95616. If you FED EX the packet please send it to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, DANR Building, 225 Hopkins Road, Davis, CA 95616.

Nominations should be received by **October 2, 2012** to be considered. The State 4-H Office will verify with county 4-H staff that the volunteer is enrolled and in good standing. All nomination packets will be reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee who will recommend one nominee for each category to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final approval. Please note there is no limitation on the number of nominees from each county.

2012 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics Workshops
http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=8683
Two workshops are being offered on Level 3 – Mechatronics! Explore how we can build on our learning and experiences from designing and building robotic arms and rovers in Levels 1 and 2. We will begin to understand sensors, test simple electrical circuits, and learn about analog and digital systems through activities in binary and logic systems.

**Workshop:** Friday, August 10, 2012, 10:00am – 4:00pm, 4-H State Leadership Conference at UC San Diego. Teens and adults can sign up as part of conference registration. There is limited space for non-conference attendees based on session availability. Use the registration link to apply: http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7308. A confirmation reply of space will be sent with session location details. Lunch will be on your own if you are not attending the conference.
Contact: Steven Worker, smworker@ucdavis.edu, 530-754-8519.

**Workshop:** Saturday, August 18, 2012, 8:30am - 4:00pm, SCU Robotics Systems Lab, NASA AMES, Mountain View, CA. Specific map and building location details provide to registrants. Contact: Richard Mahacek, rmahacek@ucdavis.edu, 209-385-7418.
Do you see a need in your community?

JOIN The Revolution of Responsibility! $1,000 is available to 4-H Clubs and Groups
Due July 15, September 15, November 15
http://ucanr.org/join/

To JOIN the revolution, 4-H members, with the help of an adult 4-H volunteer mentor, should follow these steps to plan a project.

*Identify an issue or problem in your community.
*Find community organizations to collaborate with.
*Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, list needed resources, and prepare a budget
*Prepare ways to document and record your project to share with others.
*JOIN the revolution at http://ucanr.org/join/

A toolkit of tips, templates, links, and suggested guidelines has been developed to support your projects. From the initial work to identify a compelling community issue to the final celebration of its completion, use this toolkit to help you carry out the important steps necessary to ensure success. http://www.ca4h.org/Support/ROfR/Toolkit/

July 1–July 4
KERN COUNTY 4-H FIREWORKS BOOTH

Corner of Allen and Stockdale
Each club is required to work one or two three hour shifts
Volunteers must be 18 or over to work in booth

Please contact Teresa Andrews ASAP to schedule your shift 979-1003

KERN COUNTY 4-H
FIREWORKS BOOTH

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 4-H MEMBERS EXHIBITING AT THE FAIR

The 4-H program year runs from July 1st to June 30th each year. When the Kern County Fair takes place, it is already almost three months into a new program year; it is not the conclusion of the previous year. Those who exhibit at the Kern County Fair need to be enrolled in the 4-H online system to be covered by insurance.

The following three items need to take place for those wishing to exhibit at the 2012 Kern County Fair:

1) Record books for each 4-H member exhibiting at the fair are due at the Extension Office by Tuesday, August 14, 2012. Cloverbuds are exempt from this rule.

2) 4-H members must re-enroll online or have a completed paper enrollment turned in to the Extension Office by August 14, 2012.

3) Enrollment fees for 4-H members exhibiting at the fair must be turned in to the Extension Office by August 14, 2012.

Those members who have complied with all of these requirements will have their names submitted to the Kern County Fair Office as cleared to exhibit.
Please join us at the California State Fair
Booth at the Livestock Pavilion
Saturday July 14th and Sunday July 15th
10 am to 9 pm
4-H information, door prizes and give-a-ways.
We are looking to connect with alumni, friends and family of 4-H

4-H Gold Seal Winner Presentations Wednesday July 25th
Youth and Design Exhibit Hall
11:00 am to 9:00 pm

• We need volunteers to help staff the booth on Sunday July 15th. Free admission and parking if you are able to work a 2 hour shift
• For more information about volunteering or call 530-754-1523
http://www.bigfun.org

IMPORTANT reminders on your 4-H ENROLLMENT!

July 1st 2012 starts our new 4-H year, and also rolls the 4hOnline program over for re-enrollments! Starting 12:01 a.m. on July 1st you can start the re-enrollment process! The sooner you get this done the better! If you notice that your enrollment (whether Adult or Youth) profile has been deleted from the 4hOnline system, it’s because there was no enrollment payment received for the person and we as a county would be charged for the individuals from the State Office. To avoid being billed for members who hadn’t paid, we had to purge the system of those profiles. All you need to do it re-create it since it’s the new 4-H year!

Here are a few general notes and reminders:

• You are not an ‘active’ member until you have re-enrolled AND paid. This means you are NOT covered by the 4-H insurance, if an accident were to happen.
• Leader’s will sit in a ‘pending’ status until they have paid, attended a New Leader Orientation, and completed their DOJ background check.
• To show at the Kern County Fair you MUST have your re-enrollment done and enrollment fees paid (in addition to the record book required by Leader Council) by August 14th!!!
KERN COUNTY 4-H MARKET GOAT PROGRESS SHOW  
KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
JULY 28, 2012

ENTRY DEADLINE: July 25, 2012 (no postmarks)  
PRE ENTRIES ONLY: $ 5.00 PER MEMBER  
CHECK IN: 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM AT THE GOAT SHOW RING  
SHOW STARTS: 9:00 AM with Showmanship

Show open to current Kern County 4-H Market Goat members. 4-H member can enter ONE goat with no more than 1/4" hair. No bedding will be furnished, but you can bring your own if you prefer. The member is responsible for cleaning the pen before leaving the fairgrounds that day. Uniforms ARE RECOMMENDED. NO REFUNDS OR SUBSTITUTIONS. ADDITIONAL ENTRY FORMS MAY BE DUPLICATED OR PICKED UP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

DIVISION A - SHOWMANSHIP  (Enter by grade you will be in this Sept)  
Class 1  9th grade and above  
Class 2  4th - 8th Grade  
Class 3:  1st time showing a market goat anywhere. NO CLOVERBUD MEMBERS

Special awards will be awarded in each showmanship class.

DIVISION B - GOAT CLASS (ALL)  
Class 1  (This will be broken up into groups the day of the show)

This show is a learning experience and is planned to help the member to prepare their goat for the market class at the Kern County Fair.

DELIVER OR MAIL ENTRIES BY JULY 25 TO:  
Kern County Extension Office  
1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA  93307-2851

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4-H Market Goat Progress Show Entry  
One Form per member, please print clearly

Member Name _________________________________________ Club ___________________________  
Telephone: ____________________________Birth Date: ________________________  
Address:_______________________________________________________________________________  
Grade you will be in this September :_______________________________

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KERN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL (no cash accepted)  
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED WITH ENTRY FORM: ($5.00  per goat)    $___________

I do hereby enter the above animal at my own risk and subject to all show rules. I further agree the Kern County 4-H Clubs, Kern County Fair, club members and all other persons, shall not be held liable or responsible for any injury or accident to exhibitor, animal, property or equipment owned by me as a result of participating in this show. Entrants are responsible for cleaning up all debris left behind.

Signature of Member                                    Signature of Parent                                          Signature of Goat Leader  

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# 2012 – 2013 Kern County 4-H Leader Council Executive Board & Project Chairs

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| Project Chairs    |                        |                       |
| Beef              | Vacant                 |                       |
| Cloverbud         | Vacant                 |                       |
| Dairy Cattle      | Herman Porter          | Southwest             |
| Dairy Goat        | Harold Bulford         | Heart n’ Home         |
| Dog               | Claudia Burk           | Countywide            |
| Foods             | Ana Williams           | Calloway              |
| Horse             | Harold Tolbert         | Sundance              |
| Market Goat       | Paul Hudson            | Southwest             |
| Music             | Jenine Snoddy          | Sundance              |
| Photography       | Melonie Shugart        | Shafter               |
| Plant Science     | Vacant                 |                       |
| Poultry           | Orville Andrews        | Southwest             |
| Pygmy Goat        | Nancy Hillberg         | Heart n’ Home         |
| Rabbit            | Vacant                 |                       |
| Rocketry          | Paul Hudson            | Southwest             |
| Scholarships      | Teresa Andrews         | Southwest             |
| Sheep             | Charlie Forshee        | Countywide            |
| Shooting Sports   | Orville Andrews        | Southwest             |
| Swine             | Joline Garone          | Golden Empire         |
| South Central Section Leader Council Representatives (4) | Leah Mayfield | Midway |
|                   | Carol Newkirk          | Midway                |
Kern County Record Book Guidelines

Information for Community Club Leaders:

- When sending books to the county judging there are **new** judging ratios to follow:

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(*** Upon check-in of the record books be prepared to provide your judges names, phone number, and address)  

Record Book Judging will be held July 21, 2012 at 9 a.m. at the 4-H Office. Light breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Please register to judge at: [http://ucanr.org/rbjudgeregistration](http://ucanr.org/rbjudgeregistration)

- When submitting books to **county judging**, please actually check the contents of the book as you are checking the check off sheet portion of the **mandatory** “4-H Record Book Judging Application” (a.k.a. Entry Form). This is available on our county website. (Please also note that this requires the member, parent & community club leader’s signatures).

- Make sure Personal Development Reports (PDR) have your required signature. This is a crucial part of a ‘complete’ record book.

**Information for EVERYONE:**

- When submitting books to **county judging**, please include the **mandatory** “4-H Record Book Judging Application” (a.k.a. Entry Form). This is available on our county website. (Please also note that this requires the member, parent & community club leader’s signatures).

- Make sure Personal Development Reports (PDR) **and** Project Report forms have ALL required signatures. This is a crucial part of a ‘complete’ record book.

- Regarding page numbers or tabs….**one or the other** is required. You may choose which of the two methods you would like to use, but you must use something.
  - If choosing to use page numbers: they should typed (included in the document) or handwritten. (You will not be counted down for handwritten numbers; as long as they are neatly written and legible)
  - If using tabs: make sure they do not stick out farther that your record book cover or folder. If white, off white or clear tabs cannot be found (as suggested) we will accept colored tabs. (This will only be an exception in our county).

- When filling out your **Annual Project Report** forms please use the following guidelines:
  - Fill in ALL sections (not every single box) with something; if you do not have something that will pertain to the specific section, please fill in with “n/a”.
  - When listing your meetings/activities on your Project Report forms, please distinguish meetings from other activities by simply adding meeting to the line, before your description. (ex. Meeting – Learned how to properly wash and groom our animals.)