The 4-H Network
Connecting all of Kern County

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! Articles/photos for the next issue of The 4-H Network must be received by August 20th

Kern County 4-H 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue
10 County Achievement Program, Kern County Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Bldg., 7:00 p.m.
Teresa Andrews 661-979-1003

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

AUGUST 2012

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14 *Community Club Leader Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
18 Horse Show Harold Tolbert 661-205-1975
22 *Rabbit Showmanship, 7:00 p.m. Jana Goens 661-588-2094
23 *Community Club Leader Meeting, 3:00 p.m. Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
27 *Horse Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Harold Tolbert 661-205-1975
28 *Community Club Leader Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
28 *Field Day Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Christopher Diniz 661-213-4518
28 *Leader Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Teresa Andrews 661-979-1003

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SEPTEMBER 2012

3 Labor Day Holiday, UCCE Office Closed
8 Horse Show, 8:00 a.m. Harold Tolbert 661-205-1975
16 Harvest Hall Exhibits
17 Fair Work Day
19-30 Kern County Fair

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

Princess Belle, West High JROTC, the Bakersfield Blaze’s mascot “Heater”, and Sherriff Woody helping out at the June - Peyton’s Pals Military Fun Days event! These events are for local/regional military families, and supported by Kern County-Operation
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 4-H 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.

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, e-mail or fax to Christa Miller. Applications are due by August 31, 2012.

Full scholarship information can be found at:

4-H WEBSITES
http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/
http://www.areyouintoit.com
http://www.fourh council.edu
http://www.4-h.org/fourweb
http://www.ca4h.org

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE
https://california.4honline.com

4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE
http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/

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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/ to read stories recently featured in the media.

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!
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 for additional questions.

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 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: Tom Tate, tate@aol.com, or info@4HHistoryPreservation.com.

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
Updates from the State 4-H Office

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.

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/

State Record Book Competition

To help youth prepare 4-H Record Books for state competition there is a 2012 Addendum to the Record Book Manual posted on the Website: www.ca4h.org

Youth who are planning to submit a 2012 Record Book to State Competition should review this addendum for the most current guidelines. Individuals wishing to be 2012 Record Book judge need to complete and submit the Judge’s Application by September 30, 2012 by following the link to the application by survey. Other forms available on the Website include:

State Judging Process
2012 Record Book County Check Sheet
2012 Record Book Cover Page
Previous Years’ Records Formatting Guide

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/

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.
Rifle Match Results
Five Dogs Shooting Range

Senior Winner: Garrett Blanton—Sierra Mountaineers

Intermediate Winner: Garrett Hawks—Rio Del Norte

Junior Winner: Caleb Freeman—Southwest

Thank you to Paul Hudson and Justin Andrews for all of your help.

Orville Andrews

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/

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.

Thank you to Paul Hudson and Justin Andrews for all of your help.

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Each year 4-H Leader Council hosts project medal testing for the 4-H members of Kern County. Project medal tests allow youth to test their knowledge of the projects they are involved with and allow the youth an opportunity to advance through a series of skill levels. Some of the project tests are written tests only and some involve a hands-on component. The dates and times of the project tests are announced in the spring editions of the 4-H newsletter. For more information about the project tests visit the web site at: [http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Project.Levels.Study.Guides/](http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Project.Levels.Study.Guides/)

This year’s 4-H members who passed their project level tests are:

### Plant Science
- **Eryn McKinney**  
  Magunden 4-H  
  Bronze

### Swine
- **Eryn McKinney**  
  Magunden 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Charles Gholson**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Silver
- **Cody Sandoval**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Silver
- **Brooke Stewart**  
  Rio Del Norte 4-H  
  Silver
- **Kayla May**  
  Magunden 4-H  
  Gold
- **Bailee Stewart**  
  Rio Del Norte 4-H  
  Gold

### Pygmy Goats
- **Emma Lane**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Holly Parks**  
  Northwest 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Jaycee Shugart**  
  Shafter 4-H  
  Bronze

### Dairy Cattle
- **Katelyn Diniz**  
  Southwest  
  Bronze
- **Effie Vanderhelm**  
  Shafter  
  Silver

### Sheep
- **Gabriella Damron**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Bethany Downing**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Kayla May**  
  Magunden 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Amber Woolwine**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Eryn McKinney**  
  Magunden 4-H  
  Silver
- **Jaycee Shugart**  
  Shafter 4-H  
  Silver

### Dairy Goat
- **Eryn McKinney**  
  Magunden 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Alana Tessman**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze

### Poultry
- **Victoria Darling**  
  Heart n’ Home 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Katelyn Diniz**  
  Southwest 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Bethany Downing**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Lydon Olivares**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Holly Parks**  
  Northwest 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Steven Peterson**  
  Shafter 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Caitlyn Simtt**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Emma Lane**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Silver
- **Megan Lane**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Silver
- **Rochelle VanderHelm**  
  Shafter 4-H  
  Silver
- **Amber Woolwine**  
  Kern Valley 4-H  
  Silver
- **Jaycee Shugart**  
  Shafter 4-H  
  Gold

### Shooting Sports
- **Ryan Bozanich**  
  Community Family Ctr  
  Bronze
- **Kately Diniz**  
  Southwest 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Caleb Freeman**  
  Southwest 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Jacob Neuman**  
  Rio Del Norte 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Wyatt Scott**  
  Rio Del Norte 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Zane Scott**  
  Rio Del Norte 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Matt Wonderly**  
  Rio Del Norte 4-H  
  Bronze
- **Garret Blanton**  
  Sierra Mtnr.4-H  
  Silver
- **Garrett Hawks**  
  Rio Del Norte 4-H  
  Silver

### RECORD BOOK TIPS FOR AUGUST

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Join us!!!

August 10, 2012 - 7 p.m.
at the Kern County Fair - Fine Arts Building

For our annual Achievement program and ice cream social! Awards given out at this event include: Club seal awards, Leader Recognition, Record Book Medals, and Project Level Testing awards! We also have door prizes! At the conclusion of the ceremony please join us for ice cream!!

2013 National 4-H Conference

Applications for the 2013 National 4-H Conference will be available in August! If you are interested in attending the conference as part of the California delegation, you can find the application and detailed information on the State 4-H website at: [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/).

Applications will be due October 31, 2012.

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 is 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.
- Leaders 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!!!
Western Region Leader Forum –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 Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - $375
Deadline for Hotel room Rate of $179 is February 21, 2013 - $425

Rabbit Showmanship Classes

To help 4-H members prepare for the Fair, Jana Goens of Callaway 4-H has scheduled a series of rabbit showmanship classes at the UC Extension Office. They will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, August 1, 8 and 22. This is an excellent opportunity to practice showmanship skills before the fair.

Poultry Members, Leaders and Parents

#1 - Poultry entries are due to KCF on Aug 8, 2012 by 5pm.
#2 - Make sure leg band numbers are on your entry and match bird on arrival to fair. (Enter Gate 40)
#3 - NEW -- Exhibitors are to provide their own feed and water containers for the poultry.
#4 - Shavings will be provided until we run out. Then the exhibitor is responsible for their own.
#5 - Pens must be cleaned from 6am to 8am every morning. Barn will close @ 8am until fair opens.
#6 - Ducks, Geese and Goose pens need to be cleaned twice a day, morning and evening.
#7 - Times of Events will be posted on a board in the poultry barn.

Save the Date: State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25 at UC Davis

The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. More information will be released in January 2013. For more information, go to: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/
Stallion Springs 4-H Club News Summer 2012

Stallion Springs 4-H Club met on July 13, 2012 and elected new officers for the upcoming 2012/2013 year. Julia Miller was elected President, Liberty Shaub Vice President, Nick Weir Treasurer, Cierra Bellah Secretary, Julie Dieken, Historian, Rachael Miller Seargent at Arms and Julianna Narduzzi Reporter. All are excited for a great upcoming year.

Among the new elected officers we would like to introduce are Julianna Narduzzi and Julie Dieken. Both are new to the Stallion Springs 4-H club this year. Julianna Narduzzi is 11 years old and going into the 6th grade. She is excited to have the new elected position as news reporter. She plans to be involved with 4-H projects of having chickens and taking a sheep to the fair. She is very excited.

Julie Dieken is 12 years old and has lived in Tehachapi for five years. She is the newly elected Historian for Stallion Springs 4-H club this year. She is going into the 8th grade and will be attending Jacobsen Middle School. Julie plans to do a horse and sheep project this year. Julie loves to spend time with her friends and loves to ride horses.

Stallion Springs 4-H club is looking forward to a great 2012/2013 year as our club starts to grow. With the new leaders and all of its members, Stallion Springs 4-H hopes that what they learn will continue into their adult lives.

Written by: Julianna Narduzzi and Julie Dieken