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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 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.

4-H WEBSITES
http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/
http://www.areyouintoit.com
http://www.fourhcouncil.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!

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/. Applications will be due October 31, 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 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.

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.

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/

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/
This project covers the information required to take the California hunter education test and obtain your hunter safety certificate. The hunter safety certificate allows you to purchase a hunting license or hunt in other states that require proof of having passed a hunter education course. The project is open to junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members (no Cloverbuds). The six meetings will take place at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield. Students should bring a writing utensil and paper to each class.

At the end of this course, each student is expected to demonstrate proper safety procedures with firearms and pass the written exam with a minimum passing score of 80% or better. Failure to pass the written exam prohibits the student from obtaining his/her hunter safety certificate, and she/he must retake the entire course. State law requires that each student attend every session. Missing one or more class sessions automatically drops the student from the course. Being tardy for class is also grounds for dropping a student.

A parent or legal guardian must fill out the State registration card for the course. Grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. are not acceptable unless they are legal guardians. The form must be filled out prior to class. Registration forms are available at the UC Extension Office along with the course workbook. Class size is limited to 26 students.

CLASS SCHEDULE
Session 1 – Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
   Introduction to Hunter Education: Chapter 1
   Know Your Firearm & Equipment: Chapter 2

Session 2 – Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
   Basic Shooting Skills: Chapter 3
   Basic Hunting Skills: Chapter 4

Session 3 – Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
   Primitive Hunting Equipment: Chapter 5
   Be a Safe Hunter: Chapter 6

Session 4 – Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
   Be a Responsible and Ethical Hunter: Chapter 7
   Preparation and Survival Skills: Chapter 8

Session 5 – Monday, December 17, 2012, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
   Wildlife Conservation: Chapter 9
   Regulations: Pages 93 - 95
   Review

Session 6 – Thursday, December 20, 2012, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (approximately)
   Live Fire (bring eye protection)
   Testing
Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course

Muzzle Loading Discipline
5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, October 20, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 21, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of $40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

California State 4-H Shooting Sports
Leader Meeting
December 8 & 9, 2012
Visalia, CA

All California 4-H shooting sports leaders are invited to attend a state meeting to be held on the following dates:
Saturday, December 8, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 9, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

The meetings will be held in Visalia, CA at the Visalia Police Association Range Facility. There is no fee to attend. Camping will be allowed on site. Hotel/motel arrangements are available in Visalia which is approximately 5 miles from the meeting site.

There will be presentations of information regarding the project, guest speakers, and hands-on activities for all participants. More details will follow regarding registration and the agenda. The point of contact is John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu.

To register for the meeting, please access the following link: https://ucanr.org/survey2/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7810

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, January 12, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 13, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. 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).
The CA State 4-H Office is pleased to announce the California 4-H teams representing us at 2012 national competitive events.

**North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), November 12-14, 2012, Louisville, Kentucky**

4-H Livestock Judging *(qualified at the UC Davis CA&ES Field Day)*
- Coach: Michelle Tercero, Santa Clara
- Youth: Suzanne Amaral, Sonoma; Thomas Burback, Santa Clara; Ashley Tercero, Santa Clara; Cassie Redding, Sonoma

**American Royal, November 2, 2012, Kansas City, Missouri**

4-H Livestock Judging *(qualified at the UC Davis CA&ES Field Day)*
- Coach: Rita Boyes, Tehama
- Youth: Elora Brunell, Tehama; Amanda Sura, Santa Clara; Rebah Heino, Tehama; Karl Parks, Tehama

**World Dairy Exposition, October 2-6, 2012, Wisconsin**

4-H Dairy Cattle Judging *(qualified at the UC Davis CA&ES Field Day)*
- Coach: Donald Rollin, Fresno
- Youth: Tony Garcia, Stanislaus; Justin Bopp, Stanislaus; Tristan Rollin, Fresno; Brandon Carreiro, Fresno

**National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference, November 14-15, 2012, Kentucky**

4-H Poultry Judging *(qualified at the UC Davis CA&ES Field Day)*
- Coach: Julie Wong, San Mateo
- Youth: Ari Lindsay, San Mateo; Peri Wong, San Mateo; Sara Stice, San Mateo; Summer Weaver, San Mateo

Avian Bowl *(qualified at the Seaside Feather Fanciers' Show)*
- Coach: Marcia Kay Downey, Merced County
- Youth: Spencer Downey, Merced; Jesse Hazeltine, Yolo; Ashley Ruzicka, Alameda; Sarah Lloyd, San Mateo; alternate Haley Ward, Merced

**National Junior Horticulture Association Contest, first week in October, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin**

4-H Horticulture Contest *(qualified at the State 4-H Field Day)*
- Coach: Terry Berke, Yolo
- Youth: Tyler Ellison, Napa; Teralyn Crill, Santa Cruz; Marisa Martin, Tulare

**Western National Roundup, January 9-13, Denver, Colorado**

*(qualified at the State 4-H Horse Classic & Educational Contests)*

**Hippology**
- Coach: Lynn Warren, Riverside
- Youth: EmilyAnn Barachkov, Riverside; Christine Frye, Madera; Courtney Baze, Riverside; McKenna Chamberlain, San Bernardino

**Horse Judging**
- Coach: Patti Colvard, Fresno
- Youth: Kylee Colvard, Fresno; Alissa Anderson, Riverside; Aubrey Barringer, Riverside; Emmie Phillips, Sacramento

**Horse Bowl**
- Coach: Nikki Wilson, San Bernardino
- Youth: TBA

**Public Speaking**
- Coach: Karen Miank, Riverside
- Youth: Alice Miank, Riverside; Shannon Johnson, El Dorado; Melinda Cross, El Dorado
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

New Leader Orientation Meetings

Each year new 4-H leaders join the program and are required to attend an orientation meeting. The meetings are held at the UC Extension Office at 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. New Leader Orientation Meetings for the 2012-13 program year will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.