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New Leader Orientation NOW ONLINE!!!

Drum roll please.......our New Leader Orientation page is now UP AND RUNNING ONLINE! Any in person Orientations scheduled are now canceled, as it can now be accessed ONLINE anytime!

Please visit our County 4-H website at: http://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/ and look for the "Becoming a New 4-H Leader" page to get started!!! Please pass the word along to any potential leaders!!!

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 internet or online printable 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

Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!

The State 4-H Office requires that every club have at least one 4-H leader trained in Food Safety. The more leaders in your club that are certified, the more convenient it is for your club. It is required that a certified volunteer is to be present at all bake sales/food booths to make sure proper food safety guidelines are handled. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/
Username: miskis
Password: makeitsafe_1234

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.
It seems lately that we have had less and less attendance in county events, scholarships and the All-Star Program in Kern County. We have also noticed a few other trends, and with the rise of technology we want to make sure that we are not only doing as much as we can to reach out to our 4-H audience, but to make sure the word is actually getting out to you!!! We have set up a broad survey covering several topics so that we can evaluate here in Kern County. We truly appreciate that you are taking the time to do this survey; please be completely honest when answering these questions. The information is anonymous and we are only using the data of the answers to see how we can better our program! We are asking all leaders, parents and even older members to take it...please feel free to share and encourage others to take it as well! You can find the quiz here:

http://ucanr.edu/kc4hquestions

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 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/

Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra 2013-2014

Come join us at the Symphony! This year’s schedule is as follows:
6:30 Pre Concert Lecture with CSUB music Professor Jerome S. Kleinsasser
7:30 Concert
March 15, 2014
April 12, 2014
May 10, 2014

The ticket price for 4-H is $5.00, but you must contact Jenine Snoddy prior to the concert so she can get a voucher to you.
Hope you can join us! Jenine Snoddy
Four-hmom@bak.rr.com
661-979-4365

Happy President’s Day!
The 2014-2015 State Ambassador Applications are now open!

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service. They are selected to serve the 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working with older youth in a youth-adult partnership atmosphere. For more information visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/

**Please note some changes in the process have been made. Applicants and parents must review the State Ambassador Application Information before completing their online application. Changes have also been made to the reference requirements please review the 2014-2015 State Ambassador Reference Guidelines before providing a reference for an applicant.

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CALIFORNIA DROUGHT!

A few people have asked for youth water education resources to help educate Californians' about our drought. Here are a few recent resources:

**There’s No New Water! 4-H curriculum (6-10th grade)**
$16 | http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/4-h-theres-no-new-water/
Includes a water usage assessment tool (attached)

**4-H2O Curriculum: Water Quality Awareness in Urban Environments**
http://www.ca4h.org/files/14369.pdf

**2008 4-H National Youth Science Day: Helpful Hydrogels**
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/NYSD/2008_4-H_NYSD/

**4-H Project Sheet: Water Education**
http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/160007.pdf

**Sacramento 4-H Water Wizards curriculum (4-6th grade afterschool, 12-week curriculum)**
Curriculum in draft form; for a copy, contact Marianne Bird at mbird@ucanr.edu.

**4-H2Online from National 4-H Council**
http://www.4-h.org/youth-development-programs/4-h-science-programs/environmental-science-alternative-energy/4h2online/
Two Local Training Opportunities at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield

**Embroidery Machine Workshop**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2014**  
10:00 a.m.

Leader Council owns an embroidering machine that is capable of sewing logos and motifs on fabric and clothing items. A workshop will be held to show 4-H leaders how to utilize the machine to create items for their club use.

Class size is limited and you must register at this link

Embroidery Machine training link: [http://ucanr.edu/embroidtraining](http://ucanr.edu/embroidtraining)

**Junk Drawer Robotics Training**  
**Saturday, March 1, 2014**  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Junk Drawer Robotics is a 4-H SET project that involves youth in hands-on activities that help them learn about science, engineering and technology by designing and building simple robotic projects from materials that can be found around the house. This training is offered to Kern County 4-H teen leaders (grades 9 – 12), volunteers, and parents. The goal is to train participants in the concept of robotics so they may return to their clubs and implement these activities with their club members. Lunch will be provided. Participants must sign up online.

Robotics Training link: [http://ucanr.edu/roboticstrain](http://ucanr.edu/roboticstrain)

**David Moore Agricultural Scholarship**

The David Moore Agricultural Scholarship is now accepting applicants for the 2014-2015 school year. The scholarship is a permanent endowment fund held by Kern Community Foundation to support the graduates of Kern County high schools who wish to pursue a career in agriculture. Scholarships range from $500 - $3,000. Visit: [www.kernfoundation.org](http://www.kernfoundation.org) to view and download the application. It can be found under the “For Grantseekers” tab. If you have any questions, please contact

Rachel M. Evey | Coordinator of Development and Donor Services at [rachel@kernfoundation.org](mailto:rachel@kernfoundation.org)  
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kernfoundation.org Like: [facebook.com/kernfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/kernfoundation)

**Western Classic Dairy Show**

The 3rd Annual Western Classic Dairy Show will be hosted by the South San Joaquin Holstein Club on March 1st and 2nd at the Kings Fairgrounds in Hanford, CA. The Western Classic is open to all juniors ages 5-20 years old as of January 1, 2014 (born during the years 1993 and 2008). The show will kick off Saturday morning (March 1st ) with a Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, and be followed by showmanship classes and the All Other Breeds Show. Sunday (March 2nd) will be the Holstein Show and conclude with the crowning of Supreme Champion. Upon request, entry forms will be e-mailed. Or you can access entry forms at the UCCE Kings County 4-H Website under the calendar of events. Entries are due February 19, 2014.

Contact Matthew Evangelo, [mevangelo@hotmail.com](mailto:mevangelo@hotmail.com), or Greg Silva [gregsms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gregsms@sbcglobal.net), for entry forms or more information.
2014 Home Ec. Field Day Entry Form

Home Ec. Field Day
March 8, 2014 – 9 a.m.
General Shafter School -1825 Shafter Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93313

You will determine the year you are by what year in cooking you are currently enrolled in. (For example you just finished your first year in cooking, and are starting your second; you are a second year cooking member.) You can find more detailed information you will need to follow within the various categories on the Home Ec. Field Day General Information flyer. This flyer can be found on our county website in the events page.

ALL entries MUST have a table setting. (It does not have to be themed to match your food dish, unless you are choosing to enter in the optional “Themed Category”). It is also mandatory that members include their recipe card and their menu planning sheet with their entry. These forms will be available for download on our county website, as well as be sent out via e-mail to members prior to the event...this is why it is so important to provide a valid e-mail address on your entry!

You can also register online at: http://ucanr.edu/homeec2014

Name:__________________________________________
e-mail:__________________________________________
Phone:________________ Age:_____________________

Club:___________________________________________

Year in Food: (circle)
1st year – Fruit or Vegetable
2nd year – Grain Dish
3rd year – Dessert or Appetizer
4th year – Meat or Bean Dish
5th year & Above – Whole Meal

☐ Please check if you would like to take part in the optional Coordinated Theme Setting

Send entry form to the 4-H Office-1031 S. Mount Vernon Ave.-Bakersfield, Ca 93307 or Fax: 661-6203

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2014!!!

When feasible, all efforts are to be made to encourage and provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities in 4-H Youth Development Program activities. Individuals who need to request special accommodations in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities please contact the Veronica Slaton at the 4-H Office at 661-668-6235.
Kern County Fashion Revue 2014

“California Grown, California Sewn”

In order to stay more in line with the State Fashion Revue, please note that some of our categories have changed/been cut. Please find the following categories to enter for the 2014 year:

Traditional: A traditionally sewn garment/outfit made by the member (member must be in sewing project)

Consumer Education: $40 limit for everything showing including shoes, jewelry and accessories, but not sales tax. Receipts are required, with purchases made during the 2013-2014 4-H year. Receipts can be handwritten if from garage sales, thrift shops, etc. (member does not have to be enrolled in specific project to participate)

Upcycled: Involves taking at least one existing garment and turning it into a completely new, different, and usable garment. The outfit must also include an accessory made from something that wasn’t originally an accessory. A before photograph is required showing the beginning garment. (member must be in sewing project)

Denim Challenge: Sew a wearable garment out of woven cotton denim, any type or color. Sew or purchase additional garments to complete the outfit. There is no specific pattern requirement. (member must be in sewing project)

Apron Challenge: Create an apron from McCall’s 6132 or 6476. Use of one of these patterns is required. The member may make the pattern larger or smaller to fit and embellish the apron but not change the basic design. Sew or purchase additional garments to compliment the apron. (member must be in sewing project)
2014 Kern County 4-H Fashion Revue Participant Entry Form
March 21, 2014 - 4-H Office - 1031 S. Mount Vernon Ave. - 93307
[DUE March 14, 2013] "You can also register online at http://ucanr.edu/fashion2014"

Name: ___________________________ Club: ___________________________

Pronunciation of Name: ___________________________ (ex: Sheila Eastman would be SHE-LA EAST-MAN)

Valid e-mail address: __________________________________________

Phone: ________  Years in the Clothing project: ________  Years in 4-H: ________

Gender: □ Male  □ Female  Age as of 1/1/14: __________

Division:  

□ Cloverbud (May enter Consumer Education category ONLY! Will not be judged)

□ Junior (9-11 years)  □ Intermediate (12-13 years)  □ Senior (14 and above)

Category and/or sub category for Outfit:  **Please note that some categories have changed!!!**

□ Traditional  

Outfit/garment created by participant (member must be in sewing project)

□ Consumer Education

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Brief Description of outfit you are entering:

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****Look for supplementary forms and commentary requirements via e-mail!

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2014 4-H PRESENTATION DAY
APRIL 5, 2014

4-H Presentation Day is designed to give 4-H members experience in public speaking skills. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2014 at General Shafter School, located at 1825 Shafter Road, in Bakersfield. Individuals and teams must pre-register for the event using the form below. Judges are needed for all grades and categories. Please contact John Borba at 661-868-6200 if you would like to judge. (This location is handicap accessible)

The schedule for the presentation day is as follows:

April 5, 2014
9:00 a.m. Judge’s Orientation
M.C. Orientation
Presenter’s Arrive
9:30 a.m. Presentations Begin
1:00 p.m. Awards Assembly

2014 4-H PRESENTATION DAY ENTRY FORM DUE OR POSTMARKED BY MARCH 28, 2014

Mail to: Presentation Day Entries
UCCE Kern County
1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93307

4-H Club: __________________________________________

☐ Individual Presentation ☐ Indoor Presentation
☐ Team Presentation ☐ Outdoor Presentation

(Team entries must be submitted on one form with names, grades, & ages for all team members)

Name: ___________________________ Grade: _______ Age: _______
Name: ___________________________ Grade: _______ Age: _______
Name: ___________________________ Grade: _______ Age: _______

Title or Subject: __________________________________________

Category of Presentation:

☐ Demonstration-Traditional (1-3 members) ☐ Interpretive Reading (Individual Only)
☐ Illustrated Talk-Traditional (1-3 members) ☐ Job Interview (High-School Age Only)
☐ Prepared Speech (Individuals Only) ☐ Demonstration-Scientific (1-3 members)
☐ Impromptu Speech (Individual Only, 6th grade +) ☐ Illustrated Talk-Scientific (1-3 members)

☐ Educational Display (1-2 members)
☐ Problem Solving Presentation (1-2 members)
☐ Audio Visual Presentation (1-2 members)
☐ Cultural Arts (Individual or Groups)
☐ 4-H Creed (Individual only)

Information regarding the above categories and scoring sheet can be found in the “4-H Presentation Manual.” The manual can be accessed on the web at http://www.ca4h.org/files/2193.pdf
Scholarships For Higher Education!

We have come across many scholarships and opportunities for 4-H members and we wanted to share them all!!

Check out the available scholarships/opportunities at our website:

http://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development

Look for the “Scholarships for Higher Education” tab on the left.

While we are showcasing these available scholarships, we are not the contact person for them (with the exception of the Kern County 4-H Leader's Council scholarship) please find the individual contact persons within each scholarship application.

New scholarships are always being added, so check the page often!

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Do you know of a scholarship or opportunity that would benefit our young people? Contact: Veronica Slaton at vaslaton@ucdavis.edu or 661.868.6235
UC, ANR and 4-H Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy

On January 1, 2014, all UC campuses and facilities, including ANR, are completely smoke & tobacco-free, and the use of cigarettes and all tobacco products is no longer be permitted on any UC ANR property. This includes buildings and structures, grounds, parking structures, enclosed bridges and walkways, sidewalks, parking lots, and all property that is owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by ANR. As well, smoking is prohibited in parked and moving vehicles while on grounds owned, leased, or under the control of ANR. 4-H had an existing policy prohibiting the use of tobacco for 4-H adult volunteers and youth members. The policy has been updated to include parents/guardians and other participants and to explicitly mention smokeless tobacco products, e-cigarettes and unregulated nicotine products.

Below is the current 4-H Policy on Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco (Chapter 11, IX). The following policy applies when youth, adult volunteers, parents/guardians and participants are participating in the 4-H YDP and while performing 4-H YDP duties at non-4-H events.

A. Participation in 4-H Activities and Non 4-H Events
1. Adult volunteers shall not consume or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco while performing their 4-H YDP duties.
2. Adult volunteers shall not be impaired by legal drugs while performing their 4-H YDP duties.
3. Adult volunteers and 4-H YDP staff will not allow alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco use.
4. The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco products, e-cigarettes and unregulated nicotine products is prohibited.

For the ANR Policy and associated FAQ go to: http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/files/181051.pdf
For the 4-H Policy and associate FAQ go to: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Policies/Chapter11

4-H Volunteer Café

Are you a club or project leader who is tired of doing the same old activities month after month? Maybe you need something designed just for you to be encouraged and encourage your own personal growth. The 4-H Volunteer Café is a place designed just for you providing encouraging and thought-provoking articles of how the principles of positive youth development translate into your 4-H experience, it offers tons of resources for you as a 4-H volunteer that you can use immediately in your meetings and gives you a place where you can contribute your own experiences and challenges. To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/.

- California 4-H Youth Development
  Get Connected and Plugged In to Positive Youth Development!
California 4-H has several ways to connect with us online to get up-to-the-minute updates on information affecting 4-H statewide. Don’t rely on urban legend or information to pass through the grapevine—get the information as it happens and from the horse’s mouth. Here is a list of the ways you can connect with us online:

- Website: http://4h.ucanr.edu
- 4-H Online Record Book (yes every registered adult volunteer and every youth ages 9 and older has an Online Record Book account): http://4h.ucanr.edu/4hbook/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/california4H
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/California4H
- YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/user/California4h
- Pinterest: http://pinterest.com/california4h/
- Blog: http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/
- Instagram: http://instagram.com/ca4h

We will be continuing to provide virtual opportunities for you to connect directly with us at the State Office through these social media outlets.
The 4-H Office is trying to recruit more help from clubs, members, and leaders to plan and facilitate some upcoming events this year! This will TREMENDOUSLY help John and Veronica out!! There are 3 events that we are looking to put committees together for:

Home Ec. Field Day - March 8, 2014 at 9 a.m.
Fashion Revue - March 21, 2014 at 6 p.m.
Presentation Day - April 5, 2014 at 9 a.m.

Sign-up online at: http://ucanrequi committeesignup

The strength of the team is each member. The strength of each member is the team.

-Phil Jackson-

37th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day

This year’s event will take place on March 7th and 8th. 4-H can participate in all 24 different contests! Registration must be completed online at: http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/ After you register, you are requested to submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to “UC Regents” and mailed to:

Attn: Courtney Rhodes
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

Deadlines:
- February 7: Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due and online Registration closed
- February 14: Payments must be postmarked – A $25 late fee for payments postmarked after this date will be enforced.

Please register as soon as possible to ensure space for your teams. For more information contact: fieldday@caes.ucdavis.edu, or visit: http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday

California AG FAN AGRICULTURE
State 4-H Shooting Sports Match

The 2014 Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match rules and entry forms are now available on the State 4-H Shooting Sports website at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/

Entry due date is March 10, 2014. Targets will be mailed upon receipt. The age categories are junior, intermediate and senior. Completed targets must be returned by June 23, 2014.
If you have questions, contact Jacki Zedier in Siskiyou County at 530-842-2711 or email: jkediker@ucanr.edu

2014 California Camping Conference
March 21 – 23, 2014
Boulder Creek, CA

The California Camping Conference inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. Sponsored by the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, the weekend offers staff, volunteers and youth opportunities to develop their capacity as leaders in their local camp programs.

You will...
Add new, fun, educational activities to your program
Better understand how to work with campers, teen staff and adult volunteers
Learn how to market and recruit campers and teen staff
Network with others who share your passion for camp
Come away with practical tools to increase the safety, fun and growth for campers and staff

Conference workshops include:
Understanding and dealing with difficult behaviors
New science, engineering and technology (SET) activities for camp: shelter building, first aid and safety, creating cookouts and overnight adventures
Working with chaperones and other adult volunteers
Project Learning Tree and more “green” ideas
Our campers Thrive activities
Important steps for camp health and safety compliance
Archery certification
And more!

Registration fee by February 1st is $140 per person ($150 by March 7th)
and includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials. The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, ending just before lunch on Sunday. Suggested participants include camp directors, youth leadership team, camp volunteers and 4-H staff members. Archery Certification is an additional $35 and the 12-hour course and precludes other workshop sessions.

For a copy of the brochure or to register online, visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Conference/

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www.twitter.com/CA4HCamping
2014 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

Each year the Foundation sponsors an essay writing contest for active (fees paid) members of 4-H clubs across the country. There are cash prizes for the national winners: 1st Place - $750.00; 2nd Place - $500.00; 3rd Place - $250.00. National and state winners receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. All essays must be submitted electronically to Eric Mussen, ecmussen@ucdavis.edu, and are due on or before February 15, 2014.

More info and rules: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/176473.pdf

HOARD’S DAIRYMAN COW JUDGING CONTEST 2014

Hoard’s Dairyman magazine will once again be offering it’s 84th Annual Dairy Cow Judging Contest 4-H club members may participate by evaluating photos of different breeds of dairy cattle and placing them in correct order of desirability. Cash prizes are available. The entry deadline is March 20, 2014. For more information, visit: http://www.hoards.com/youth/cowjudgingcorner

Western Region Leaders’ Forum

March 27-30 at the Crowne Plaza located in downtown Billings, MT. Join Montana 4-H as they welcome the Western Region Leaders’ Forum to Billings in March 2014. Agents, staff and volunteers are hard at work planning a conference that will help you to “Discover the Past. Present. Possibilities of 4-H”. Participants will enjoy a first class conference facility and hotel accommodations, nation speakers, local entertainment and over 60 informational workshops. WRLF is an exciting time to network with peers from across the region sharing ideas and building relationships to carry 4-H into the future. More info: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/175016.pdf

Registration is now open! http://wrlf2014.com/registration

California State Fashion Revue is May 31, 2014 at Olson Hall on the UC Davis campus.

This year our SFR community service projects are Drawstring Bags for Foster Kids and Walker Bags for Seniors. We are working on these projects all year and look forward to having a lot of support from all of our counties.


Check out the State 4-H website for information about the State Fashion Revue categories and get an early start on your projects for your county fashion revue submissions: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/
Save the Date - State Field Day  
May 31, 2014  
8:00am-6:00pm  
UC Davis Campus-Wellman Hall  
Participation opportunities:  
MyPlate Challenge- [http://ucanr.edu/myplate](http://ucanr.edu/myplate) (MyPlate last day to register May 15)  
State Field Day exhibit applications due May 4th  
New this year: **4-H Engineering and Technology Showcase**  
Have a 4-H Engineering or Technology project you will like to showcase or demonstrate?  
Apply here [http://ucanr.edu/exhibit/display_application](http://ucanr.edu/exhibit/display_application)! Funding for supplies, materials or handouts is available, contact Steven Worker for more information, sworker@ucanr.edu.

Find more information here: [http://ucanr.edu/4hstatefieldday](http://ucanr.edu/4hstatefieldday).

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2014 State Fashion Revue  
May 31, 2014  
Theme: California Grown, California Sewn  
SFR logo contest open to all 4-H members: Entries due January 15 to [http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest](http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest).  
Categories: Traditional, CS Purchased, Upcycled, Denim and Apron Challenge  
See the website for all the rules and category requirements.  
SFR is open to members qualifying at their County Fashion Revue.  
**Entry deadline is May 17**, so schedule your county event in time.  
SFR website: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/).  

SFR is coordinating 2 service activities. Get a group together and join in the fun by making something to benefit others. The walker/wheelchair bags are for seniors, both men and women. Suggested patterns are Simplicity #2382 and 2882, or a free online pattern (see the link on the SFR website). If you would like to contribute tote bags, please go to the SFR website for instructions. Tote bags will be used for Foster children. You may bring completed walker bags or tote bags to State Fashion Revue or contact Courtney at cja-m11219@gmail.com or Araceli at carrillosonia@yahoo.com for mailing information.

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Save the Date: 2014 State Fair 4-H Throwdown  
July 22nd and 24th, three teams compete each round with a secret ingredient in each round! A panel of judges, yet to be named, will judge the 3 course creations!  
Registration opens in March!  
The daily schedule: Round One: 11am-1pm, Round Two: 1:30pm-3pm, Champion Round: 3:30pm-5pm  
Start prepping now for the State Fair 4-H Throwdown!  

**Save the date! SLF 2014 - Nov. 14 – 16, 2014** at the Crowne Plaza Sacramento. Look for ‘Innovative Project Idea Sharing’ coming soon to the SLF website. Chair: Cindy Dixon cin_mom@sbcglobal.net

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Save the Date: California 4-H Film Festival  
May 31, 2013 at UC Davis, part of the State 4-H Field Day  
Films due May 5, 2014  
The 2014 theme will be announced in January at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/)

**National 4-H Film Festival in 2014**  
August 3-6, 2014 in Missouri; films welcome from 4-H members across the U.S.  
[http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest](http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest). The National 4-H Film Festival will invite youth produced videos/films to be submitted for viewing and judging.
• June 29-July 2, 2014 – Destinations to include Historical Gettysburg, PA, Philadelphia, PA and more! Registration will be open December 1, 2013.

• New for 2014 - Leadership Washington Focus
  July 15-19, 2014
  Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H’ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and now we are happy to introduce its precursor for middle school 4-H’ers. For more information visit http://www.4hcenter.org/youth-conference-center-overview/educational-programs/leadership-washington-focus/about/. If your county has members interested in participating contact Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu.

• State Leadership Conference August 14-17, 2014 U.C. Santa Cruz
  “Raiders of the Lost Leadership”
  The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. Check our website, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for updates and exciting announcements!

California 4-H $1,000 for 1,000 Service Learning Projects
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Support/RoR/
2013-2014 Revolution of Responsibility Application Deadlines:

January 15, 2014       July 15, 2014
March 15, 2014         September 15, 2014
May 15, 2014           November 15, 2014

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

4-H Engineering and Technology Showcase (a special 2014 theme)
May 31, 2014 at UC Davis, part of the State 4-H Field Day
Proposals due by May 4, 2014 at https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11856
At the State 4-H Field Day, 4-H clubs, projects, and other groups are invited to setup displays to share information, conduct hands-on activities, and engage people in new topics. In 2014, a special theme will feature engineering and technology in 4-H, which could include robotics, woodworking, rocketry, gis/gps, engines, computers, automotive, farm machinery, and more. 4-H members part of an engineering/technology display are eligible for a “4-H engineering” pin (please include names in the comments box below). Limited funding is available for groups to exhibit, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu to inquire.

MILITARY

Project Youth Extension Service (YES!) is now accepting internship applications for 2014-2015. Project Y.E.S! is a Department of Defense funded national internship program engaging college students in service to meet the needs of military families. Staff interns are provided an opportunity to give back to their communities and country while gaining invaluable practical and career-enhancing experiences. Applications will be accepted through Feb 28, 2014 and students will be notified of the status of their application by April, 2014. More information and application materials can be found at http://militaryfamilies.extension.org/yes-intern-program/application-requirements/.
State 4-H Future’s Task Force

The State 4-H office has convened a Task Force that is charged with analyzing our current sectional and state programming and organizational structure and developing recommendations to strengthen, grow, and sustain the 4-H Youth Development Program for the next 100 years. In December, the Task Force met to discuss preliminary recommendations on the areas that had been identified across the state as the top areas of opportunity to make the best better for the future of 4-H. The areas which were discussed were 4-H Public Relations, Communication, Engagement, and Organization which were identified and validated as the top priority areas of interest in all of our state-wide conversations to date. We had 4 workshops which introduced some preliminary recommendations to improve these areas in our organization. It became clear from our discussions, to support any efforts in the organization further discussion on the organizational structure would be beneficial. As an outcome, a sub-committee of the FTF will be formed to further explore potential organizational models. The goal is to look at the current structure and alternatives to determine what might best meet the needs of the members, volunteers, and supporters to position 4-H for continued growth the next 100 years.

We are still requesting additional recommendations through March 10th. Please either complete the online survey tool http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11848 or download and complete a word version from our webpage http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/4-H_Futures_Task_Force/. Also join us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on information and join in our discussions: https://www.facebook.com/groups/148321398700801/

New 4-H curriculum: Steps to a Healthy Teen

Steps to a Healthy Teen helps youth develop skills and knowledge in physical education and nutrition. For a curriculum overview please visit:
https://nationalfourthcouncil.adobeconnect.com/_a701077731/p3z93c5muzd/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal

FREE Pin For Newly Elected Healthy Living Officers!

Congratulations! California has nearly 50 newly elected Healthy Living Officers!

The Healthy Living officer will serve as the club’s ambassador for health! By choosing to elect a Healthy Living officer your club is taking an active role in promoting healthy lifestyles. The Healthy Living officer will be the leadership for all health activities including: providing ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and healthy eating into each club meeting, writing Healthy Living articles for the club newsletter, and adopting and promoting a club Wellness Plan. Please help ensure that the health “H” of 4-H is at the forefront of all our meetings, consider electing a Healthy Living officer!

The Choose Health Officer Guide developed by Cornell University Extension can be found at:
http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Publications/

*To receive your FREE Healthy Living Officer pin please email the name of your officer and club to Anne Iaccopucci at amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu
California 4-H Uniform Contest
Proposals due April 18, 2014, 9pm

If you’ve complained about the 4-H uniform, now is your chance to have a voice in changing it! In response to 4-H members’ and volunteers’ input and desire to explore options for a new uniform, the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is facilitating the process to adopt a new uniform. It is important to all that the new uniform maintains 4-H tradition but is an updated, comfortable, and easy uniform for today’s youth. The new uniform should make 4-Hers recognizable. The new uniform must continue to allow 4-Hers to exhibit their recognition pins and emblems. The uniform must meet the needs of certain projects. For instance, certain animal projects require boots, long pants, and/or long sleeves. Uniforms should also be affordable for all members.

For all contest rules, and how to submit your proposal, please see the link on our County Website at: http://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development

The Power of Youth

(The policy on 4-H attire will remain the same and states that “There is no uniform requirement in the 4-H YDP and a uniform cannot be required for participation in any 4-H YDP sponsored activity, event, meeting or occasion. 4-H YDP staff will inform other sponsoring organizations that the 4-H YDP does not require uniforms.”)