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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!!!

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

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/

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!

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.

There are 4-H Cook Books available at the UC Extension office for $10.00. Please come by and pick one up!
Kern County 4-H is stepping up our high tech skills! We now have the ability to send out TEXT reminders about upcoming events, deadlines, meetings, updates, etc! If you'd like to sign up for our updates, please follow the steps below!

How to sign up for Kern County 4-H's Kern County 4-H Updates messages:

To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/.

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/.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Rifle Discipline

Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, December 6, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – 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@ucanr.edu
Christmas Parades in December - Mark Your Calendars!

Taft Christmas Parade, Monday, December 1st, Theme: It’s A Roughneck Christmas
Entry forms are available at the Taft Chamber of Commerce or contact Carol Newkirk at 661-330-5040.

North of the River Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 13th
Please contact Jenine Snoddy for more information at 661-979-4365.

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Dear Hi 4-H Clubs or High School Age 4-H Members:

Once again Stanislaus County Hi 4-H will be hosting their annual Winter Camp at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest on January 1-4, 2015. We are extending the invitation to other Hi 4-H Clubs and high school age members in surrounding counties.

If high school age 4-H members from your club are interested in participating, please contact our Hi 4-H leader Kim Kelley (209)324-5643 or the Stanislaus County 4-H office at (209) 525-6801, no later than November 26, 2014. We have a space for your members but would need to know approximately how many young men and women would be attending from your county. We need a firm commitment so we can make sure there are enough cabins and chaperones. If you have adult chaperones we need to know as well. A $75 (nonrefundable) deposit will hold their reservation. (Return with the attached form.)

Transportation for youth is the responsibility of each county as well as the required chaperones (1 adult per every 7 youth of each sex).

We look forward to hearing from you. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the 4-H office (209) 525-6801.
Stallion Springs 4-H Events

Moria Loyd from Stallion Springs 4H presenting her poultry at the Stallions Springs Meet and Greet.

Stallion Springs 4H members Aaron Martinez and Mason Pearson work the crowd at the Tractor Supply company grand opening in Tehachapi.
You’re invited
to celebrate…

THE STARS OF KERN COUNTY 4H HORSE PROJECT
with us!

WHEN
December 5, 2014

WHERE
6:30 pm at the 4H Extension Office on Mt. Vernon

WHAT TO BRING
Cookies or Dessert

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS
Mt. Vernon south of Hwy 58

IF YOU’D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN A RECIPE EXCHANGE
PLEASE BRING 20 COPIES ALONG WITH A SAMPLE TO TRY!
NEW State 4-H Policy!!!

As of July 1, 2014 drinkable water, without anything added, must be available at all 4-H meetings, activities and events. In addition, any 4-H fundraisers that include the sale of beverages must include water as an option.

The health and safety of 4-Hers is a priority at all activities and events. Drinking water is crucial for good health and will help prevent dehydration and heat illness. Having water available ensures a healthy beverage choice.

Host Color Me Green 5K Runs

What is a Color Me Green 5K?
Over the past few years Color Runs have gained popularity. The original five-kilometer run was designed to encourage novice runners to improve their physical activity while also having fun. Participants are showered with green colored dye as they pass through each mile marker. The race is all in the spirit of fun and the dye stations serve to celebrate each success in completing the run. The intention is to build excitement and enjoyment around being physically active. California 4-H hopes to host Color Me Green 5K Runs throughout the state, all taking place during the month of March 2015.

Why should I host a Color Me Green 5K?
The Color Me Green 5K Run will provide you with a statewide service learning opportunity specific to the improvement of health. With the support of adult leaders, youth will organize and execute a 5K run in your community. It is our hope that you will aspire to increase the health habits of not only yourself, but also those in your community through participation in the Color Me Green 5K Run. Be a health advocate for your community and host a Color Me Green 5K Run!

How can I host a Color Me Green 5K?
1. Sign up with Anne Iaccopucci at aimiaccopucci@ucanr.edu
2. Identify an adult volunteer or staff member to partner with.

For resources and additional information please visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Projects/HealthyLiving/Color_Me.Green.5K_Run/
### 4-H State Calendar of Events

**December**
- 12/6/2014: Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle Discipline
- 12/6/2014: Leader Certification Training - Shotgun
- 12/7/2014: State Leadership Conference Program Assistant Apps Open
- 12/15/2014: CWF & LWF Registration Due
- 12/13/2014: 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Certification
- 12/21/2014: 4-H Day at the Oakland Raiders

**January**
- 1/5/2015: 2015 State 4-H Horse Classic Planning Team Applications DUE
- 1/15/2015: WRLF Registration DUE
- 1/16-18/2015: South Section—TIC Conference
- 1/23-25/2015: North Central Section—CAL Conference
- 1/23-25/2015: South Central Section—LCORT Conference
- 1/27/2015: WRLF 2015 Session 1
- 1/31/2015: 2015 State 4-H Horse Classic Planning Team Applications DUE

**February**
- 2/6/2015: 2015 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
- 2/12/2015: WRLF 2015 Session 2
- 2/16/2015: State Ambassador Apps Due
- 2/17-18/2015: IDI Statewide Staff Conference (Davis)
- 2/25-26/2015: IDI Statewide Staff Conference (Eureka)

**March**
- 3/2/2015: WRLF 2015 Session 3
- 3/3-4/2015: IDI Statewide Staff Conference (San Diego)

**April**
- 4/11-18/2015: National 4-H Conference

**May**
- 5/27-29/2015: 4-H Animal Science Symposium
- 5/30/2015: State 4-H Field Day

**June**
- 6/19-23/2015: California Focus
- 6/28-7/7: Citizenship Washington Focus

**July**
- 7/14-18/2015: Leadership Washington Focus
- 7/23-26/2015: State Leadership Conference

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**The 4-H Online Record Book Launches New Help Website**

We have now launched a new ORB Help Website at [www.4horb.weebly.com/](http://www.4horb.weebly.com/).

This site will be updated regularly with “How to” directions and video helps in using the California 4-H Online Record Book.

To ask a question, report a problem or make a suggestion about the 4-H Online Record Book, please fill out the ORB Request Form which you can find at [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11078](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11078).

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**Uniform Selection Update**

The 4-H State Recognition and Incentives Committee will analyze and evaluate the results of the uniform voting process and make recommendations to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy in early 2015. The new uniform selection process will take time to implement. We anticipate that there will be a transition period to the new uniform and an implementation process will be developed in the coming months.

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**CA 4-H Photos**

Help us collect and preserve CA 4-H history by regularly sending us some of your county’s favorite 4-H photos, old or new, throughout the year. You can upload up to 10 photos at a time through the state 4-H website: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Photos_and_Videos/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Photos_and_Videos/)

Spread the word to your local clubs and note the 4-H policy regarding [photo releases and website privacy](http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Photos_and_Videos/) (sections XIV and XV). Thanks for helping us archive CA 4-H history!
Member Tip of the Month:

Are you going away to college soon? Did you know you can take 4-H with you by joining a Collegiate 4-H group? Collegiate 4-H provides students with an identity on campus and gives them opportunities to continue to be involved with and support the 4-H program.

Learn more and find out how you can join (or start) a local chapter:
http://4h.ucdavis.edu/Programs/Collegiate/

Scholarships, Awards & Grants

The U.S. Department of State Announces Scholarships for American High School Students to Study Abroad
Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES Abroad) - Deadline: January 7, 2015
Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) with Germany - Deadline: (Dec 2014 – Jan 2015)
For more information on exchanges sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit www.exchanges.state.gov or watch this video about U.S. high school student exchanges.

2015 USDA 1890 Scholarship Application is Now Open

2015 1890 Program Scholarship Applications are available and can be downloaded at:
http://www.outreach.usda.gov/education/1890/index.htm
POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Spark Score Surveys are open! Surveys opened Sept 15th and close January 31st, 2015!

Ever wonder why we ask you to take surveys once or twice a year? It’s so that we can make statements like these and share with everyone the thing that 4-H does for you, and what you do for our communities!

You are constantly growing and changing, and you may not answer questions the same from one point in time to the next! By doing the surveys once or twice a year, we can see how youth in 4-H are developing and changing. These surveys are our way to find out about you and how the California 4-H Youth Development Program is doing overall! Thank you to everyone who has completed their surveys so far.

A list of previous survey winners can be found here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Research/Evaluation_Updates/

Are you conducting an evaluation in your county? Check out these resources!
Some evaluations require approval from the UC Davis Institutional Review Board before data collection. Check out this page for more information: http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Research/Institutional_Review_Board/

The state office has a bank of valid, reliable assessment tools that can be used for data collection. We recommend using these measures to allow for consistency statewide. Please see list of available measures here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Research/Outcomes/Measures/. Any questions? Contact Kendra Lewis, 4-H Evaluation Coordinator at kmlewis@ucanr.edu.
Healthy Living Webcast Series Update
National 4-H Council is proud to announce a series of webinars to promote 4-H Healthy Living Professional and Volunteer Development. These will be held on the third Tuesday of each month with two times: 1 PM and 6:30 PM EST and will feature a current 4-H Healthy Living topic with a guest presenter for the first hour and then a half hour of a healthy recipe, healthy activity and new resources including grant opportunities. The emcee for each webcast will be a teen from the National 4-H Healthy Living Management Team.

Registration details: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/201538.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/201538.pdf)

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State Field Day Plant Science Contest
Location: Hart Hall (Lobby, room 1128, and room 1130)
Time: 10:00am - 1:30pm

The plant science contest engages youth in the scientific study of plant life and provides an opportunity for youth to increase their knowledge of horticultural plants, and horticultural/plant science techniques and knowledge, greatly expand their ability to identify various plants and allows for interaction with other youth interested in plant science. The plant science contest is organized into three parts: Judging, Plant Identification, and Written. All 4-H’ers are welcome to participate in the contest. No Pre-registration is necessary.

The four highest scoring senior-age youth (15-18) are eligible to be part of the California State 4-H Horticulture team. This team represents California In the National Junior Horticultural Association convention. Senior-age youth (In addition to team members) are also eligible to attend the convention and participate in demonstration, speech, and a number of other contests at the convention. See [http://www.njha.org/projects_hortid.html](http://www.njha.org/projects_hortid.html) for more information on the contest format and rules.

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4-H Shooting Sports Updates
The California 4-H Shooting Sports Committee works hard to provide training and updates for adult and teen leaders in the program. In order to get the latest information, adult and teen leaders are encouraged to register to receive the latest announcements and postings regarding 4-H shooting sports through direct email or the Facebook site.

Keep up-to-date by following our 4-H Shooting Sports Facebook page or join our email listserv.

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State Fashion Revue 2015 Is getting ready for you. Flyers and Instructions for SFR Community Service projects are available at [State Fashion Revue](http://4h.ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest). To help counties get started, pillowcase kits were distributed at North Central Sectional Skills Day and State Leaders’ Forum. Updates include age division changes this year. Please note 11 year olds are now in the intermediate category. Flyers for the following categories are available on-line too: [Upcycled, Jacket Challenge, and Costume Challenge](http://4h.ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest). New this year: FAB MART. Support the State Fashion Revue event by donating or purchasing fabric, patterns and/or notions. [Fab Mart Flyer](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-h_events/SFD/SFR/).

Don’t forget the program cover art contest deadline is December 15, 2014. Have your original art published on our SFR program! Contest rules are at [http://u canr.edu/sfrcovercontest](http://u canr.edu/sfrcovercontest), State Fashion Revue Committee is still accepting members, please contact us. Complete details are at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-h_events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-h_events/SFD/SFR/).

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2015 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
2015 Essay Topic: “Planting for Bees from Backyards and Up”
Participate in the 2015 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest and submit a 750 to 1000 word essay with the listed criteria in this [document](http://4h.ucanr.edu/). This contest is open to active 4-H club members and must adhere to the requirements and designated subject.

Awards: 1st Prize - $750, 2nd Prize - $500, 3rd Prize - $250

Essays must be submitted electronically as a Word or .pdf attachment, to the State 4-H Office by February 6, 2015. Email to: ca4h@ucanr.edu. In the subject line write: 2015 National Honey Bee Contest. The National winners’ essays will appear in an issue of the American Beekeeping Federation’s newsletter.
ANIMAL SCIENCE

The 4-H Animal Science Symposium is a professional development opportunity for 4-H staff and key volunteers on key topics and skills relating to bio-security and animal health. Central to this symposium will be a foundational training on the “Bio-Security Proficiencies for Beginning Producers,” which participants will implement back home with 4-H volunteers and junior/teen leaders.

Registration will open in January 2015. See informational flyer for more details.

Hosting a Qualifying Horse Show?
Register your show here: http://ucanr.edu/qualifying-shows for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2014 California Horse Classic.

Looking for a Qualifying Horse show for the 2015 California 4-H Horse Classic? Visit http://ucanr.edu/classic-qualifiers to find a Horse Show near you!

2015 State 4-H Equine Field Day - Working on a location in the Fresno area for January 31, 2015. More information will be released once a location is secured.

Want to help plan the 2015 State 4-H Horse Classic?
Apply here: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=13572
Applications are due Jan 5, 2014.

2015 State 4-H Horse Classic –Save the Date
June 24-28, 2015
Brookside Show park
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/

Check out the blog for up-to-date information!
In 2015 we have a new and exciting event:
The 4-H Statewide Animal Science Symposium which will take place May 27-29, 2015 at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

- The Symposium is targeted to county teams (typically 2-3 people per county) including 4-H Program Representatives, Advisors, and key 4-H volunteers (e.g., county volunteer point people for animal science, large animals, small animal). The Symposium is not open to 4-H youth members (except the Career Fair, see below).
- The 4-H Animal Science Symposium is a professional development opportunity for 4-H staff and key volunteers on key topics and skills relating to bio-security and animal health. Central to this symposium will be a foundational training on the “Bio-Security Proficiencies for Beginning Producers.” County teams will return home and prepare 4-H volunteers and junior/teen leaders to implement these proficiencies with 4-H members in animal science projects.
- Symposium participants will be expected to participate in monthly conference calls on their progress preparing 4-H volunteers and junior/teen leaders to implement the bio-security proficiencies. Each participant will receive a curricula kit at the symposium to help implement the proficiencies. The conference calls will provide support and resources.
- Symposium speakers will include leaders in the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and commodity and industry groups.
- Online registration will open in January 2015 which will include registration details and fees.
- Plans are underway for a Youth Career Fair on Wednesday, May 27, 5:30pm for 4-H and FFA members. More information on the exhibits and presenters will be available in January 2015.

Sarah Watkins
4-H Program Development Coordinator for Animal Science Education
University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources
California State 4-H Office
2801 Second Street
Davis, CA 95618-7774
(530) 750-1340 | Fax (530) 756-1079

4-H History Preservation
There is no better guide toward our future than to learn from and build upon our past. The primary purpose of the 4-H History Preservation website is to provide a central resource on 4-H history, particularly at the national level.

Learn more about this movement and what you can do to help:
http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/
May 2014 Newsletter
Hands on 4-H History

New Bicycle Safety Curriculum Now Available
A new bicycle-safety curriculum is now available free of charge for those working with students in grades 6-12 from the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The curriculum includes lessons and assessments for the skills and knowledge students need to enjoy a lifetime of safe bicycling: http://www.shapeamerica.org/publications/resources/teachingtools/qualitytype/bicycle_curriculum.cfm
Program Updates

CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP

CALIFORNIA FOCUS
LEADERSHIP
WASHINGTON FOCUS
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July 5-7, 2015

Registration is coordinated through the CA State 4-H Office. For more information on these programs please visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/

Save the Date: 2015 National 4-H Conference
National Conference dates are April 11-18, 2015
The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults develop recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities.

National Conference Applications are now available!
Application Deadline will be November 3, 2014
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs-Conferences/N4-HC/

MORE UPDATES

State Field Day Updates
May 30, 2015, 8:00am-6:00pm
UC Davis Campus-Wellman Hall
Revamped State Field Day Webpage check it out:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs-Events/SFD/
Here you will find an interactive map along all the exciting activities you can participate and enjoy!

Special Recognition and Impromptu Topics for 2015 Presentation Program are now available! Find them here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/
The leaves have turned and there’s a chill in the air as we enter into the wonderful month of December! As the scarves come out and the hot cocoa flies off the shelves, our Ambassador year is ramping up. At our last meeting in October we planned our workshops and sessions for this year and began to lay out our vision for State Leadership Conference this summer.

Our platform for this year is Citizenship so we have developed an interactive and engaging way for participants to learn about 4-H Citizenship and to identify ways to get engaged in Citizenship activities in the 4-H program and in their community. We chose Citizenship as our platform this year because although we hear the word Citizenship frequently in our daily 4-H lives, it is often that word we all nod and pretend we know but never completely understood. The purpose of this session is to educate 4-H members about 4-H Citizenship and the many ways you can get involved all around the globe. With this our platform, we also made an All-Star workshop designed to gather data for the Incentives and Recognition Committee to improve the All-Star program. This workshop is created for the County Ambassador program to give us feedback about their programs and what they think being a County Ambassador means. This will allow us to gather the data the Incentives and Recognition Committee needs while also having a fun workshop filled with interactive and engaging ways to collect this information.

WHY Conference in the North Section was the first conference to see this workshop and we have already begun to gather great data. Look for these amazing sessions coming to a Sectional Conference near you! Two of our Ambassadors, Bryce and Andrew, traveled to the North Section’s WHY Conference and had an amazing time! The rest of the team cannot wait to attend the other sectional conferences in the coming months. We’ve also attended the State 4-H Council Meeting and enjoyed seeing all the 4-H adult volunteers and staff at the State Leader’s Forum.

As families gather for the holiday season we are gearing up for an amazing New Year and hitting the ground running with our Citizenship platform, All-Star Workshop, extensive Sectional Conference attendance, and strong presence around the state. We are thankful to you all for your support and making the best, better. Happy Holidays!

Authored by Sallie DeYoung
The 2014-2015 State Ambassador Team

Follow the State Ambassadors through Social media

If you’d like to follow along with our ambassador team, check out the hashtags #iamCA4H and #CA4HSA15 on Instagram! We love hearing from members and leaders, so feel free to interact with us on all of our platforms, and if you see us in person, say hi!
Introducing Citizenship & Leadership Gift Certificate Program
This program allows family members & friends of 4-H members to provide a specific 4-H member with financial support for attending Statewide and National 4-H Citizenship and Leadership Conferences. Gifts may be used on registration costs of the following conferences and events*

- Citizen Washington Focus
- Leadership Washington Focus
- California Focus
- State Leadership Conference

Order a gift certificate today!
For questions please contact Jenna Colburn, jcolburn@ucanr.edu
*Gift certificates must be used within 12 months of purchase.

Citizenship Washington Focus
June 28-July 4, 2015
Extended travel days (July 5-7, 2015) to: Gettysburg, Philadelphia & Baltimore
Registration due December 15. For more information on these programs please visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/WF/

Leadership Washington Focus
July 14-18, 2015
Registration due December 15. For more information on these programs please visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/WF/

California Focus
June 19-23, 2015
Registration opening the week of December 14th and is due March 31.
District Leader Applications due January 14th. For more information visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/

Apply to be a 2015-2016 State Ambassador!
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. Due February 16, 2015.

State Ambassador App Reference Guidelines
State Ambassador Application Instructions and Information 2015
Apply Online
Submit a Reference

National 4-H Youth Conference Center Program Assistants
Do you know a college student who has a passion for government, history, political science, education, public speaking, or leadership? We are looking for individuals with a passion for working with young people. If this brings someone to mind please encourage them to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at National 4-H Youth Conference Center!
More info.
MISSION: LEADERSHIP
LCORT 2015

Friday, January 23 - Sunday January 25, 2015
Wonder Valley Ranch & Conference Center -- Sanger, California

WHAT: Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT)

WHEN: Check-in: Friday, January 23, 2015, 6-8:00 p.m.
Adjudgment: Sunday, January 25, 2015, at noon

WHERE: Wonder Valley Ranch
6460 Elwood Road
Sanger, CA 93667

WHO: 7th-9th Grade 4-H members in South Central Section counties
* County Leadership Teams (10th Grade & Above)
* Adult Volunteer Leader and 4-H staff Chaperones
* By invitation: State Ambassadors, Technology Leadership Team members, and conference staff

COST: $150.00—includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast), snacks, all registration materials, and an LCORT T-shirt.

WHY: To define and develop your leadership abilities.
To have an opportunity to meet and share ideas with other 4-H youth and adults.
To expand your perspective on the world around you and to have an enjoyable time.

EVERY DELEGATE IS EXPECTED TO:
* Attend and participate in all sessions and activities.
* Act in accordance with the 4-H Code of Conduct and Dress Code.
* Be responsible for his/her behavior and belongings.
* Follow all facility rules.

BE SURE TO BRING WITH YOU...
* Toiletries, personal items, towels, etc.
* Suitable changes of clothing for 2 days, including a jacket.
* Note: Delegates sit on the floor during assemblies so please wear clothing that covers you when sitting.
* A sleeping bag or sheets, blankets and a pillow.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING...
* Food—Don't worry, you'll be well fed!
* Clothing that will not meet the dress code standards.
* Electronics or other valuables that you will not absolutely need.

PLEASE NOTE:
* All personal belongings are brought at the owner’s risk.
* Use of personal electronics including, iPods and other MP3 players, cell phones, video games, etc. is NOT ALLOWED DURING WORKSHOP SESSIONS.
* Both the South Central Section 4-H Council nor Wonder Valley will be responsible for lost or stolen clothing, electronics, or other personal articles.

ACCOMMODATIONS:
Dorm-type rooms with 6 to 10 people per room. Rooms have a bathroom and shower OR access to dorm-style, single-sex bathrooms and shower rooms.
Workshop sessions will be held in meeting rooms and multipurpose rooms.

COUNTY OFFICES REGISTER ON-LINE USING THE LCORT WEBSITE:
County 4-H Offices should register their delegates online using the survey tool. If you have not received a link, please Email Pauline Smoke at lcort.coordinator@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE: The Wonder Valley website at www.wondervalley.com is the only reliable source of directions.
LCORT 2015 – LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL TEENS
January 23-25, 2015

YOUTH REGISTRATION FORM

Name ___________________________ Club ___________________________

Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ Zip _________

E-mail: ___________________________

Telephone: (___)_________________ Gender: Male ___ Female ___

4-H Enrollment Type: Youth ___ Adult ___

YOUTH: Grade ___ Age on 12/31/2014 ___

DELEGATE STATUS (Choose one): Youth Delegate ___ Leadership Team Member (Workshop Presenter) ___
State Ambassador ___ TLT Member ___ LCORT Youth Staff ___

T-Shirt Size*: Adult XS ___ Adult S ___ Adult M ___ Adult L ___ Adult XL ___ Adult XXL ___ Adult XXXL ___
*“T-shirts are included in your registration fee.

Roommate preference*: We will do our best to accommodate your request; however, we do not guarantee your choice of roommate, especially if that person does not also request you. Room changes will not be made at LCORT. PLEASE NOTE: If necessary, Leadership Team (i.e., workshop presenters) members may be assigned to fill supervisory roles in rooms with only one adult chaperone.

9th-Graders Only

_____ Check here if you would like to receive a link to the Peer Mentor application.

PLEASE NOTE: Peer Mentor applicants must be in 9th grade, must have attended LCORT at least once before, and have leadership experience within or outside of 4-H.

Registration Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE due to the program and facilities. If a delegate cancels, county staff may request substitution of a delegate of the same sex, but substitutions are at the discretion of LCORT staff.

PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my son/daughter, ___________________________, to attend LCORT at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger, CA, on January 23 - 25, 2015. He/She will be riding with: ___________________________, and returning with ___________________________.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: ___________________________

[ ] Please check if 4-H member will have special needs during LCORT (medical, dietary, etc.) and explain need(s):

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Enclose with Registration Form:

- Registration fee. Confirm the amount you owe with your club/county.
- Signed copy of 4-H Code of Conduct (requires Parent/Guardian & Member’s Signatures)
- Signed Medical Treatment Form (requires Parent/Guardian Signatures)

**TIP: Make a copy, have it signed again, and carry it with you, since only “original” signatures are valid.

**REQUIRED--This member is in good standing with our Club and County 4-H Program

Community Club Leader: ___________________________ Date: _________________

4-H Staff: ___________________________ Date: _________________