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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!  
Articles/photos for the next issue of  
The 4-H Network must be received by January 20th
Kern County 4-H  
1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Bakersfield CA 93307-2851  
Phone: 661-868-6200  
Fax: 661-868-6208  
or cekern@ucdavis.edu

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

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JANUARY 2015

1  UCCE Office Closed for New Year’s Holiday

*5  Horse Project Leader’s Meeting 6:30 p.m.
   Sandy Orloff 661-330-5885

*6  Horse Registration Due  
   New Horse Member Orientation 7:00 p.m.
   Sandy Orloff 661-330-5885

19  UCCE Office Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday

23-25  LCORT-Leadership Conference of Regional Teens  
       Wonder Valley Ranch & Conference Center, Sanger, CA

*27  Leader Council 7:00 p.m.
   Roger Hillberg 661-393-0473

31  Horse Field Day-Location to be announced
   Sandy Orloff 661-330-5885

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FEBRUARY 2015

14  Horse Show  
   Sandy Orloff 661-330-5885

16  UCCE Office closed for President’s Day Holiday

17  LAST DAY TO TRANSFER CLUB AND BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN 2015 KERN COUNTY FAIR

21  Home Ec Field Day & Project Medal Testing
   Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235

*23  Horse Leader Meeting 6:30 p.m.
   Sandy Orloff 661-330-5885

*24  Leader Council 7:00 p.m.
   Roger Hillberg 661-393-0473

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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

There are 4-H Cook Books available at the UC Extension office for $10.00. Please come by and pick one up!

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!

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.
Check Us Out!!!

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 receive messages via text, text @kc4hupdate to (510) 246-3493. You can opt out of messages at anytime by replying ‘unssubscribe @kc4hupdate’.

Enter this number

Remind is a one-way text messaging and email system. With Remind, all personal information remains completely confidential. Teachers will never see your phone number, nor will you ever see theirs.

Visit www.remind.com to learn more.

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/.

Healthy Living

4-H Cooking ThrowDown

For the past two years California 4-H members have been invited to participate in the 4-H Cooking ThrowDown at the California State Fair. Youth compete in teams to prepare a healthy three-course meal using a surprise secret ingredient. The meals are judged and the winners of each qualifying round then compete to determine the 4-H ThrowDown Champion! In order to prepare your youth participants for this competition we recommend using the 4-H Cooking 101, 201, 301, and 401 curriculum. These resources can be found here: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/projects/new/
SHARE YOUR SKILLS!

Join the Home Ec. Field Day Committee!

Home Ec. Field day will be on Saturday, February 21, 2015. This is a large event, and it is so much more successful when a group of people are involved in the planning! (Veronica will also be out of town at a conference the week leading up to it.) Help is needed in ALL areas, and from older youth and adults!

Visit the registration website for all positions and descriptions: http://ucanr.edu/hefdcommittee

Or scan the code!

The Power of YOUTH
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/homeecfieldday

Name: ________________________________________________________________

e-mail: ______________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Age: ______

Club: ________________________________________________________________

**Years 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: 868-6208

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 17, 2015!!!
Congratulations Medalists!!

Medal Testing Results - Field Day 2014

Cavy - Bronze
Cassie Smith - Four Seasons
Abigail Freeman - Southwest
Katelyn Diniz - Southwest

Clothing & Textiles - Bronze
Anastasya Bryant - Northwest

Computers - Bronze
Katelyn Diniz - Southwest
Brad Hudson - Southwest
Alexis Diniz - Southwest
Nick Hudson - Southwest
Charlize Diniz - Southwest

Dairy Goat - Bronze
Hope Lindley - Glennville
Christine Lindley - Glennville

Dog Care - Bronze
Kerstyn Barton - Northwest

Leathercraft - Bronze
Garrett Hawks - Rio Del Norte
Joslyn Camp - Rio Del Norte
Celeste Rickett - Rio Del Norte
Cole Camp - Rio Del Norte
Kala Hill - Rio Del Norte

Market Goat - Bronze
Anastasya Bryant - Northwest 4H
Hope Lindley - Glennville 4H
Christine Lindley - Glenville 4H

Poultry - Bronze
Elida Torres - Midway 4H

Pygmy Goats - Bronze
Zolee Hillberg - Northwest
Areyke Bryant - Northwest
Anastasya Bryant - Northwest

Rabbit - Bronze
Mason Bullard - Midway
Abigail Freeman - Southwest
Charlize Diniz - Southwest
Elijah Madera - Champion
Elida Torres - Midway
Alexis Diniz - Southwest

Sheep - Bronze
Aleah Adame - Kern Creative Minds
Weldon Colbert - Southwest

Sheep - Gold
Marci Padilla - Kern Creative Minds

***Medals will still be given out only once a year at the August Awards Ceremony.

If you took a medal test, but your name is not on this list, unfortunately you did not pass this time. You will however have another opportunity to re-take the test at: Home Ec. Field Day, on Feb 21, 2015.
4-H Archery Certification Training for Volunteers and Junior/Teen Leaders

Saturday, January 17, 2015, 9 AM – 4 PM
Sunday, January 18, 2015, 9 AM - 1:00
Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club
4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore, CA 94551 in Alameda County

You must be an enrolled 4-H leader or 4-H member (12 or older) and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a slideshow lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting, practice teaching, and a written test. The cost is $25 per person to cover the range fees. Overnight RV parking, water & power only, is available for an additional fee.

To register, please complete and mail the “4-H Shooting Sports - Application for Certification” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $25 check payable to “De Arroyo 4-H Club” to Jennifer Siders, 4967 Erica Way, Livermore, CA 94550. Registration is due Friday, January 9 and space is limited. For more information call Jenny at 925-321-6009 or email her at jsiders@gmail.com.

Return forms and check to:
Jennifer Siders
4967 Erica Way
Livermore, CA 94550

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Shotgun Discipline

Stockton Trap & Skeet Club – 4343 North Ashley Lane, Stockton, CA 95215
Saturday, January 17, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 18, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the shotgun discipline will be held at the Stockton Trap & Skeet Club (San Joaquin County). Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a shotgun trainer and can lead a shotgun project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. The cost for the course is $40 and includes class materials, 20 and 12 gauge ammunition used during the course of the class.

To register for the course or receive more information, contact Jason Rivers (209)640-2614 or via email: k9miles@sbcglobal.net

Directions to the facility:
From Highway 99-take Waterloo Road East
Go Approx. 3 miles to Ashley Lane and turn left
The club is on the left. Look for the sign.

Or visit this website for directions to the facility:
http://www.stocktontrapandskeetclub.com/
Kern County Rabbit Breeders Association

Double Open and Youth Cavy and Rabbit Show
Including a Mini lop and Netherland Dwarf Specialty Show

Youth Activities:
- Showmanship
- Judging Contest
- Breed ID
- Costume Contest

When: January 24th, 2015
Where: Kern County Fairgrounds

How to Enter:
- Rabbits: Kcrbaentries@gmail.com
- Cavies: baybay14322@gmail.com
- Youth Activities: hopeshaven08@yahoo.com

For a full catalog, more information or questions email:
kcrbaentries@gmail.com
State Ambassador Corner

The California 4-H State Ambassador 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 Ambassadors work with advisors who are experienced in working with older youth in a youth-adult partnership.

We have been asked often about what a State Ambassador is and what does a State Ambassador do? Since we are most often seen at State Leadership Conference it is assumed that we only work on SLC. The fact is we do many things. We travel throughout the State promoting our platform and present to the sectional conferences. We represent California 4-H to outside organizations, at community events and to our legislators.

The State Ambassador program was formally called Diamond Star, so if you have parents or grandparents that were in the program that is probably what they know the program by.

View passed State Ambassador teams and read the history of the program originating in 1936: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Projects/Leadership/SA/FormerSA/

California State Ambassador applications are now open. Due February 16, 2015 For application instructions and requirements, visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Projects/Leadership/SA/

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 adult volunteers, so feel free to interact with us on all of our platforms, and if you see us in person, say hi!
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.

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://fsu.carn.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
4-H State Calendar of Events

January
1/5/2015  2015 State 4-H Horse Classic Planning Team Applications DUE
1/4/2015  Small Animal Science Field Day
1/15/2015  WRLF Registration DUE
1/16-18/2015  South Section—TIC Conference
1/17-18/2015  4-H Archery Certification Training
1/17-18/2015  Shooting Sports—Shot Gun Discipline
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  Spark Score Surveys Close
1/31/2015  Master Trainer Incentive Deadline

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)
2/28/2015  4-H Equine Field Day

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

August
7/23-26/2015  State Leadership Conference

The 4-H Online Record Book Launches New Help Website
We have now launched a new ORB Help Website at 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.

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.

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/

Spread the word to your local clubs and note the 4-H policy regarding photo releases and website privacy (sections XIV and XV). Thanks for helping us archive CA 4-H history!
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/EvaluationUpdates/

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 of 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.

**California State Fashion Revue 2015**

4-H members throughout California are sewing and creating outfits to enter into local county fashion revues. Members qualify at the county level to advance to State Fashion Revue, one of the State Field Day events. If you have questions about categories, age divisions, or how to participate, contact Sue at 2moores@mlode.com.

The SFR Committee has three announcements this month:

1. We were asked to extend the deadline for the Program Cover Art contest so the deadline is now **February 15**. See the rules at http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest to have your original art work published!

2. We are establishing a list of all the 4-H clothing & textiles project leaders and county fashion revue chairs to improve communication about SFR. If you would like to receive SFR news directly from us, please give Rachel your name and email, sierrascoop@sbcglobal.net.

3. We are beginning to recruit judges. If you have experience with sewing, crafts, textiles or fashion, especially with youth, and can be at UC Davis on Saturday, May 30, 2015, please consider becoming a SFR judge. To volunteer or for judge information, contact Charlean at teacher2@yahoo.com. Complete information about SFR is at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/.
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 ½ 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

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 for more information on the contest format and rules.
Contacts: Terry Berke, terry.berke@monsanto.com
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/Plant/

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.

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. 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.
4-H Small Animal Science Showmanship & Field Day
Saturday, January 10, 2015
9:00am – 2:00pm
Earl Warren Showground
Santa Barbara, CA

Entry Deadline: January 4

See entry fee and details:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/
Small_Animal_Field_Day/

Don’t miss out on this fun and educational event!

4-H Equine Field Day
February 28, 2015
9:00am-4:00pm
Fresno State Agriculture Pavilion
Youth and Adult Tracks!

Online Registration ($10): http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=13534

Walk-Ins welcome! ($15)

Don’t miss it!

More info: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/
State_Horse_Field_Day/

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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.
Criteria for a Qualifying Show:
- Show verified by County
- Up to 3 shows per county
- Each horse show must be registered
- The Horse Show must offer the same class categories that are offered at the State 4-H Classic (they may offer more if they choose to)
- Management of each show is required to send show results to Sarah Watkins at the State 4-H Office

Please submit results on this form: Classic Qualifying Show Results Sheet
Results can be sent via email to spwatkins@ucanr.edu

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!

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-HEvents/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, Ad-
visors, and key 4-H volunteers (e.g., county volunteer point people for animal science, large animals, small animal). The Sym-
posium 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 volun-
tees and junior/teen leaders to implement the bio-security proficiencies. Each participant will receive a curricula kit at the sym-
posium 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.

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Program Updates

CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP

CALIFORNIA FOCUS
LEADERSHIP
WASHINGTON FOCUS
WASHINGTON FOCUS

Save the dates!
California Focus
June 19-23, 2015

Leadership Washington Focus
July 14-18, 2015

Citizenship Washington Focus
June 28-July 4, 2015
Extended travel days to:
Gettysburg, Philadelphia & Baltimore
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/
Member Tip of the Month:

Starting a new project? Check out project sheets for ideas on how to start: [http://4h.ucancr.edu/Programs/Projects/Project_Sheets/](http://4h.ucancr.edu/Programs/Projects/Project_Sheets/)

Do you know a 4-H adult volunteer that would be great at writing a project sheet? The State 4-H Office is looking for people to help write and develop the content for project sheets. Project sheets serve as descriptors and guides for project leaders as well as assist parents and youth in project selection.

If you are interested in developing one or more sheets, or know of volunteers that could help, please contact Steven Worker at snworker@ucancr.edu
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

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Gettysburg, Philadelphia & Baltimore
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Leadership Washington Focus
July 14-18, 2015
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California Focus
June 19-23, 2015
Registration opening the week of December 14th and is due March 31.
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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
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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!
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