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For the 2019-2020 program year, registration starting July 1, 2019, fees will be $58 for youth and $24 for adult volunteers.
4-H Presentation Day - 2019

25 presentations from 23 members
Seven Clubs

Greater Tehachapi 4-H
Stallion Springs 4-H
Rio Del Norte 4-H
Tehachapi Mtn 4-H
Premier 4-H
Four Aces 4-H
Glennville 4-H

Hi 4-H & All Star!
Kept it all Going
Presentation Day 2019
Results

Nolan Byers—Premier 4-H  Gold Medal
Interpretive Reading
To This Day

Gabriella Camou, Sophia Camou—Four Aces 4-H  Gold Medal
Share the Fun Skit
Count on Me!

Madison Claffy—Rio Del Norte 4-H  Blue Seal
Illustrated Talk
How Cher Contributed to the Music Industry

Danika Devin—Premier 4-H  White Seal
Interpretative Reading
My Favorite Part

Lacey Fachin—Rio Del Norte 4-H  Gold Medal
Educational Display
What’s in Your Honey?

William Garges—Rio Del Norte 4-H  Blue Seal
Demonstration
Cymatics

William Garges—Rio Del Norte 4-H  White Seal
Informative Prepared Speech
Magic the Gathering

Nataley Garges—Rio Del Norte 4-H  White Seal
Illustrated Talk
Pusheen The Cat

Ethan Garrett—Premier 4-H  Gold Medal
Educational Display
The Process of Pig Births
Presentation Day 2019
Results

Paisley Harris—Glennville 4-H  
Science or Engineering
The Bedding Debate: Measuring the Absorbency Rates of Stall Bedding Materials

Sophia Kendrick—Tehachapi Mtn 4-H  
Interpretive Reading
Anne of Green Gables

Sophia Kendrick—Tehachapi Mtn 4-H  
Cultural Arts
Song in my Heart

Brent Loyd—Stallion Springs 4-H  
Interpretive Reading
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Olivia Loyd—Stallion Springs 4-H  
Interpretative Reading
The Thing About Jellyfish

Moria Loyd, Olivia Loyd, Brent Loyd  
Gold Medal
—Stallion Springs 4-H
Cultural Arts
ASL—Its Handy

Mason Pearson—Stallion Springs 4-H  
Illustrated Talk
Open Your Eyes to Autism

Presley Reed—Rio Del Norte 4-H  
Science or Engineering
Shoo Fly

Augustus Rickett—Rio Del Norte 4-H  
Demonstration
Poultry Showmanship
Presentation Day 2019
Results

Celeste Rickett—Rio Del Norte 4-H
Illustrated Talk
Poultry Exhibition Show Preparation

Paloma Sanchez—Greater Tehachapi 4-H
Educational Display
Chicken Care

Cassie Smith—Tehachapi Mtn 4-H
Impromptu Speech

Olivia Tramel—Rio Del Norte 4-H
Demonstration
How to Make Homemade Ice Cream

Michael Villicano—Rio Del Norte 4-H
Science or Engineering
The Effect of Livestock on the Amount of
Methane in the Atmosphere

Zoey Wilkerson—Premier 4-H
Interpretative Reading
My Favorite Part

Zoey Wilkerson—Premier 4-H
Educational Display
Which Liquid Will Kill a Plant

Medal Testing Results
Extension Office
April 23, 2019

Fallon McNeill  Sierra Mountaineers 4-H  Horse  Bronze

Presley Reed  Rio Del Norte 4-H  Poultry  Silver
Medal Testing

4-H Office: May 7th, June 10th - 6:00 PM
4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019
KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

4-H SHEEP SHOWMEN COME JOIN IN THE FUN ;-) 

CHECK-IN TIME: 7:30AM - 7:45AM AT SHEEP SHOW RING 

ENTRIES ACCEPTED AT RING SIDE 

STARTING WITH SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT 8:00AM 

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE IN 4-H NEWSLETTER, 4-H OFFICE, AND WILL BE AT DIFFERENT FEED STORES AROUND TOWN.
KERN COUNTY 4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW
KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
JUNE 22, 2019

CHECK IN: 7:30am AT SHEEP SHOW RING
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00am WITH SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
ENTRY FEE: $ 5.00 PER MEMBER ENTRIES DUE IN OFFICE BY JUNE 21ST (FEE $7.00 ON SHOW DAY AT RING SIDE)

Show open to current 4-H members. Member can enter one lamb with no more than 1/4 inch of fleece. If member uses pens to hold lamb it is their responsibility for cleaning it before leaving the fairgrounds.

Uniforms are RECOMMENDED.

This show is a learning experience and is planned to help the members to prepare their lambs for the market class at the Kern County Fair. The judge will group lambs in three categories. 1) Lambs that are doing well and are conditioned for fair. 2) Lambs that are too big and over conditioned. 3) Lambs that are small and under conditioned for fair.

DIVISION A: SHOWMANSHIP
CLASS 1: 9TH GRADE AND ABOVE
CLASS 2: 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE
CLASS 3: 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADE
CLASS 4: NOVICE CLASS 3RD, 4TH, 5TH (FIRST YEAR LAMB PROJECT AS WELL)

DIVISION B: MARKET LAMB
CLASS 1: LIGHT WEIGHT – 0-90 POUNDS
CLASS 2: HEAVY WEIGHT – 91 & ABOVE

MAIL ENTRIES OR HAND DELIVER TO:
KERN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1031 S. MT. VERNON AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: KERN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
NAME: ____________________________ CLUB: ____________________________
ADDRESS: ____________________________ TELEPHONE #: ____________________________
GRADE JUST COMPLETED: ____________________________ BIRTH DATE: ____________________________

I HEREBY ENTER THE ABOVE ANIMAL AT MY OWN RISK AND AM SUBJECT TO ALL THE RULES OF THE SHOW. I FURTHER AGREE THE KERN COUNTY 4-H CLUBS, KERN COUNTY FAIR AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND OTHER PERSONS SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT TO EXHIBITOR, ANIMAL OR PROPERTY OWNED BY ME AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS SHOW. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS. PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE SHOW MAY BE USED OR POSTED.

MEMBER: ____________________________ PARENT: ____________________________ LEADER: ____________________________
A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the pistol discipline will be held at the 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 pistol trainer and can lead a pistol project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back in their home county.

To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu
2019 TULARE COUNTY 4-H
TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING MATCH
SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2019
Tulare County Trap Club
West of Rd 80 on Ave 328, Visalia

Check in 8:00 AM, Mandatory Shooters Meeting 9:00 AM
Match hosted by Elbow Creek 4-H

The match is open to 4-H members enrolled in shooting sports.
Age is determined by member’s age as of 12-31-2018

Age Divisions:
Junior 9 & 10 years old
Intermediate 11, 12, & 13 years old
Senior 14 years & up

Cost: Trap – Junior’s - $11.00 per shooter for 2 rounds of Trap.
Senior and Intermediate - $22 – 4 rounds of Trap
Cost: Skeet – $11.00 per shooter for 2 rounds of Skeet
Round = 25 Targets

Shooters must provide their own shotgun shells. No reloads permitted.
Registration must be postmarked by May 31, 2019 to Tulare County Trap Match, 4437-B S. Laspana St., Tulare, CA 93274.
The trap range will be open for practice from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Cost $6.00 per round.

Rules: Trap
Junior Shooters will shoot 2 rounds from 16 yards.
Intermediate Shooters will shoot 2 rounds from 16 yards and 2 rounds from 18 yards.
Senior Shooters will shoot 2 rounds from 16 yards and 2 rounds from 20 yards.
Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) rules will apply.

Rules: Skeet
Shooters will shoot two rounds, NSSA rules will apply.
Match Awards – Awards will be given to the top 3 shooters in each age division for Trap and Skeet.

REGISTRATION FORM

Participant’s Name ___________________________ Club ___________ County ___________

Age as of 12/31/2018 _______ Birthday _____________ Phone # (___) ___________

Trap _______ Skeet _______ Trap & Skeet _______

Signature of Participant: __________________________

Signature of Parent: ___________________________

Signature of Shooting Sports Leader: __________________________

For more information, call Don O’Dell. 559-627-2203 or 559-972-4771
Return form to Tulare County Trap Match, 4437 – B S. Laspana St, Tulare, CA 93274
Make checks payable to Tulare County 4-H Leader Council (TC 4-H LC)
# Western Heritage Match Scores

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RAISE YOUR HAND CAMPAIGN

Joann Fabric and the National 4-H Council are promoting the Raise Your Hand Campaign. Vote now online and you will support 4-H in our community and the state program could win $20,000. The campaign lasts through May 15th. Please visit the link below and vote!

https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/?utm_campaign=RYH19&utm_source=newsandnotes&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20190423&utm_term=&utm_variation=

Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!

JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!
A minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction is donated to 4-H.
Two ways to sign up:
1. Sign up online at http://www.joann.com/4-H/
2. Download the free JOANN app on your mobile device. Go to "More" and select "Loyalty Programs".

http://4h.uca_Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!

Shop 4-H for California!

Thanks to the California 4-H Foundation, we are now signed up for an affiliate program with Shop 4-H, the National 4-H shopping site. Items include t-shirts, curriculum, incentive items and more.
When you purchase anything using our link, 5% of your purchase will be returned to California 4-H!

Avian Science Notes

Dr. Francine Bradley, UC Poultry Specialist, has a new website on which you can find the latest, as well as back issues, of Avian Science Notes. Her publications are no longer mailed so you have to access them online from: https://avian.ucdavis.edu/ Check the website for disease updates, Avian Bowl information, etc. Please pass this on to other people interested in poultry.
State Fashion Revue
June 1, 2019

For members who qualified at the Kern County Fashion Revue and who plan on participating in the State Fashion Revue in Davis, California on June 1st, don’t forget to register for the event. Registration is by online registration only. Enter Here: https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=26235
Entry deadline is 5:00 PM on May 15, 2019.
More information can be found at the State 4-H Fashion Revue website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

Sectional Presentation Day
May 4, 2019

Eligible members who received a gold medal at the Kern County Presentation Day qualify for the Central Area Sectional Presentation Day to be held in Hanford on May 4, 2019. In order to participate you MUST register online by April 22nd. Register online:
https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=26982
More Information about State Presentation Day can be found here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/
Registration Open!
4-H State Leadership Conference
July 18-21, 2019 at UC Davis
Web: ucanr.edu/sites/4hstateleadership | Contact: 4hslc@ucanr.edu

Registration is now open to ages 13-19
Join us to improve your personal leadership skills, expand your network, and advance your college and career readiness

What you will do:

Thursday
Arrive and check-in from 3-5 PM and kick off SLC with a fun night at the pool!

Friday
Evening kick off assembly. Friday tour options include visiting the UC Davis campus and its educational attractions, learning about California history at the State Capitol... and more!

Saturday
Educational workshops featuring presentations by UC academics and industry professionals and then dance the night away!

Sunday
Wrap up a memorable SLC at 3 PM with the Sunday fair and closing assembly!

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Our appreciation to our Premier Sponsor: Tractor Supply!
What will your workshop focus on?

Planet 4-H: Planting the Seeds of Change.
Mission: Give youth the tools to create change in their own communities.
We wish to both inspire and facilitate the ability of youth to create impact in their communities on issues they care about.

Workshops should be interactive, with hands-on activities or projects. It should relate to real-world examples that they can apply the learning. This is not just a presentation. It should be an experiential learning experience!

We especially want workshops on the following topics:

- Projects or tips for youth to be a leader in their county
- Conflict Resolution
- Cultural Competence
- Effective team communication
- Building social capital
- Meeting and group facilitation
- Being active in public policy
- College and career exploration (types of work in various fields and the path to get qualified for those jobs)
Information for Presenters

Choose your preferred time

Session A: 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm
Session B: 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Session C: 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

Each session is 60 minutes. If you need a longer session, you can choose A&B or B&C.

You can also offer your session more than once.

Submit your proposal by May 1st and you will be notified by May 10th if your proposal is accepted.

Other information
You will have access to a Presenters Lounge area before and after your session for refreshments and snacks.

Parking is free on Saturday. Yay!

Your workshop and your name will be published in the printed agenda for each attendee and on the SLC event site.

Questions? Please contact us at 4hslc@ucanr.edu

Please share this with your adult volunteers and community partners!
2019 California State 4-H Horse Classic and Horse Bowl Contest

June 27 – June 30, 2019
Brookside Equestrian Park
Elk Grove, CA

The California 4-H Horse Classic offers 4-H members the chance to showcase the culmination of their efforts put forth in their equine projects throughout the year. At the State Championship Horse Show, 4-H riders have this opportunity to compete at a level beyond local, county or regional events. Participants must pre-qualify at qualifying 4-H horse shows.

Tentative Schedule
June 27th: Horse Bowl Contest
June 28th: English Flat and Jumping
June 29th: Western Flat, Trail and Ranch Horse
June 30th: Mini Horse and Gymkhana.

New to 2019
New this year is that Mini Horse classes will need to qualify. Ranch Horse division classes to include, ranch horse trail, ranch riding pattern, modified reining, western riding and ranch horse trail. Will have high point and reserve high point as well.

For more event information, please visit the 4-H Horse Classic webpage
For contact information, please contact Shauna Bond at sabond@ucanr.edu / (530)260-3277.

Keep up to date with Equine events; follow us on Facebook:
California State 4-H Horse Classic
The State Veterinarian, Dr. Annette Jones, is recommending that poultry exhibitions be cancelled in order to prevent potential spread of virulent Newcastle disease (VND). Please see the attached letter (in English/Spanish) and please pass along to all relevant contacts. This decision will be re-evaluated July 1, 2019.

See the VND factsheet. For more information and updates, please visit: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/newcastle_disease_info.html

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sick Bird Hotline number 866-922-2473 (Press 0 when you hear the recording to get to a live person faster) or Public Information Officer Line 909-731-6367.

Letter - Recommendation to Cancel Poultry Exhibitions in CA (English and Spanish)
http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/297368.pdf

VND - Alert (English and Spanish) http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/297369.pdf

At South Coast REC, they held a CDFA/USDA info session regarding Newcastle Disease for the affected counties. They had a Q & A session and reviewed best practices. The workshop was recorded and you can watch the video (English and Spanish) here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9xuxaTbgTY&t=171s

Newcastle Disease Update
Provided by: Maurice Pitesky. CE specialist with a focus in poultry at the UCD vet school.
The current virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) outbreak in California is now confirmed in the following counties:
Los Angeles
San Bernardino
Riverside
Alameda
This is a foreign animal disease that has not been in California since 2002. The current outbreak is particularly concerning because of the most recent case in Alameda County which demonstrates that the disease can spread anywhere. The disease has never spread this far north before. The disease is being primarily spread among backyard birds and has ‘spilled over’ into several commercial farms in Southern California.
Please feel free to read and share the following resources. Even if your county is currently unaffected there are an estimated 100,000 backyard poultry premises in the state. Therefore, there are a lot of susceptible locations in every county.
CDFA vND page (there is also a Spanish link)
vND resources in English on UCCE poultry website
vND resources in Spanish on UCCE poultry website
Poultry Ponderings (UCCE quarterly newsletter) the winter 2019 and fall 2018 editions have relevant
Keeping Your Birds Safe from Disease:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has identified a case of virulent Newcastle disease in a small flock of backyard exhibition birds in Los Angeles County and San Bernardino counties. The case was detected at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine’s California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory (CAHFS) when a private practitioner submitted a sick bird for testing. This is the first case of virulent Newcastle disease, previously referred to as exotic Newcastle disease, in the U.S. since 2003. CDFA is working with federal and local partners as well as poultry owners to respond to the finding. State officials have quarantined potentially exposed birds and are testing for the disease.

Virulent Newcastle disease is a highly contagious and deadly virus in birds; the virus is found in respiratory discharges and feces. Clinical signs in birds include:

- sneezing
- coughing
- nasal discharge
- green watery diarrhea
- depression
- neck twisting (example attached)
- circling
- muscle tremors
- paralysis
- decreased egg production
- swelling around eyes and neck
- sudden death.

It is essential that all poultry owners follow good biosecurity practices to help protect their birds from infectious diseases such as Newcastle. These include simple steps like washing hands and scrubbing boots before and after entering a poultry area; cleaning and disinfecting tires and equipment before moving them off the property; and isolating any birds. New or returning birds from shows should be isolated for 30 days before placing them with the rest of the flock.

For backyard flock owners, biosecurity measures include using dedicated shoes and clothes when caring for them and not to use/wear those clothes/shoes in other areas.

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Keeping Your Birds Safe from Disease, continued

Additional information on biosecurity can be found at:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/pdfs/AI/BiosecurityForBackyardAndPetBirds.pdf
http://ucanr.edu/sites/poultry/biosec/

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should report sick birds or unusual bird deaths through California’s Sick Bird Hotline at 866-922-BIRD (2473). Additional information on VND and biosecurity for backyard flocks can be found at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html

Sick or dead backyard birds can be submitted to CAHFS laboratories for post-mortem examination ($20 plus shipping and handling). Information on this program can be found at: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/CAHFS_NecropsyFactsheet.pdf

For additional information on who to contact for issues regarding backyard poultry, see: http://ucanr.edu/sites/poultry/contact/

Virulent Newcastle disease is NOT a food safety concern. No human cases of Newcastle disease have ever occurred from eating poultry products. Properly cooked poultry products are safe to eat. In very rare instances people working directly with sick birds can become infected. Symptoms are usually very mild, and limited to conjunctivitis and/or influenza-like symptoms. Infection is easily prevented by using standard personal protective equipment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Animal Health Branch Tulare District Office at 559-685-3500. Jennifer McDougle, Veterinarian, Animal Health Branch, Tulare District Office.
**Updated Leader Orientation**

*For New Leaders, please visit the link below*

New 4-H Volunteer Leaders

*For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below*

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**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/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/)

**LINKS YOU CAN USE!**

4-H uniform page
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/)

California 4-H Uniform Guidelines
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf)

Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies
[http://www.4hsupplies.com/](http://www.4hsupplies.com/)

California 4-H Branding Toolkit
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/)

California 4-H Dress Guidelines
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf)

**Handbook For New Families** NEW!

This guide was developed to help new families understand the 4-H program. Please share a copy of this with new families in your club. If you have feedback for updates to this guide, please submit them to Sue McKinney at [lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu) or call 661-868-6235.  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf)

**4-H WEBSITES**


[http://www.areyouintoit.com](http://www.areyouintoit.com)

[http://www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)

[http://www.4-h.org/fourweb](http://www.4-h.org/fourweb)

[http://www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)

**4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE**

[https://california.4honline.com](https://california.4honline.com)

**4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE**

[http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/](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!