


**University of California**

Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ 4-H Youth Development Program

## November 2023

5	Election <b>BEGINS</b> for Kern County 4-H Council Officers	
10	UCCE Office Closed for Veteran's Day Holiday	
*11	Medal Testing 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
20	Election <b>ENDS</b> for Kern County 4-H Council Officers	
23-24	UCCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day Holiday	
*28	Hi & Junior Hi 4-H Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Amy Andrews 661-348-6305
*28	Leader Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	

## December 2023

Dec. 22 to Jan. 2	UCCE Office Closed - Winter Holiday Recess	
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\*Meeting is at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA - Wheelchair accessible. Please contact UCCE Kern at 661-868-6200 if any special accommodations. Individuals who need to request an ADA accommodation in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities can contact your local 4-H Office to complete a 4-H ADA Accommodation Request Form: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/153972.docx>



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# DUE NOV 1

- ☒ Organization Report
- ☒ Online Enrollment Completed
- ☒ Outreach Methods Document
- ☒ Bylaw & Constitution if changes are made

# VOTE

Voting will start on Monday, November 6th and will run for two weeks through Monday, November 20th.

All fully active adult volunteers and senior 4-H youth members are eligible to vote.

***"Fully Active" means that the individual has been approved in the online enrollment system.***

Voting will be offered through a secure online survey and be secret ballot in-person at the county office.

***It is essential that all senior youth and adult volunteers have a unique email entered in the "member email" or "volunteer email" field in the ZSuite online system in order to received the secure online ballot.***

Questions: Please contact Gordon Riggs at 661 868-6225  
or by email [gbriggs@ucanr.edu](mailto:gbriggs@ucanr.edu)

4-H LEADER  
**COUNCIL**  
OFFICERS

# 4-H LEADER **COUNCIL** OFFICERS

## Nominees for the Office of President:

Sophia Camou	4 Aces 4-H
Ember Oxford	United 4-H

## Nominees for the Office of Co-President:

Amy Andrews	Southwest 4-H
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## Nominees for the Office of 1st Vice President:

Hannah Amick	West Bakersfield 4-H
Felicia Gover	United 4-H

## Nominees for the Office of 2nd Vice President:

Cristian Camou	4 Aces 4-H
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## Nominees for the Office of Secretary:

Aubrey Henry	Stockdale West 4-H
Olivia Loyd	Stallion Springs 4-H

## Nominees for the Office of Secretary/Treasurer:

Jennifer Chamberlain	Tehachapi Mtn 4-H
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## Nominees for the Office of Co-Treasurer:

Joshua Borst	Tehachapi Mtn 4-H
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# VOTE

## **KERN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL ROLES**

**See below links for Descriptions, Responsibilities, Qualifications,  
Duties, Essential Functions of the Roles, and  
Terms of Appointment for Council Officers.**

**[Council President - Adult Role](#)**

**[Council President - Youth Role](#)**

**[Council Vice President - Youth Role](#)**

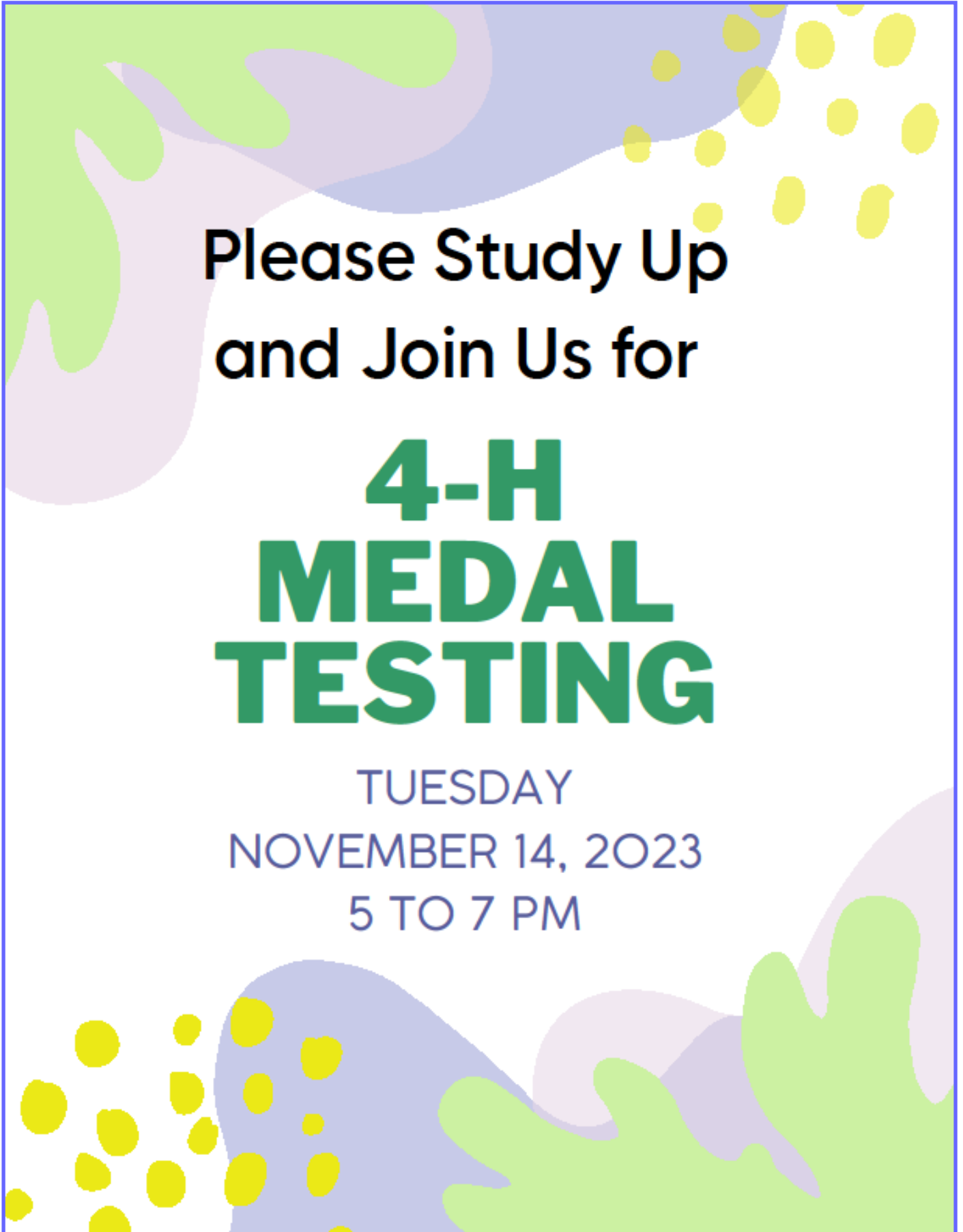
**[Council Secretary - Youth Role](#)**

**[Council Treasurer - Youth Role](#)**

**[Council Treasurer Secretary - Adult Role](#)**

**Ensure the effective management and operation of the 4-H County Council  
by participating in nominations and the election of officers.**





Please Study Up  
and Join Us for

**4-H  
MEDAL  
TESTING**

TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023  
5 TO 7 PM



# Fall for 4-H



## Hi 4-H

What is Hi 4-H? – A special group for 4-H members aged 13-19 to do leadership and community service projects and to just have fun!

How Do I Join –

Go to: <https://ucanr.edu/joinhi-4-h>  
and complete the survey.

Contact Amy Andrews for  
more Info

[amyandrews94@gmail.com](mailto:amyandrews94@gmail.com)

Kern County Hi 4-H will be open until January 1st 2024  
but please sign up as soon as possible.

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# Enroll Now!

# Fall for 4-H

Something New This Year

## Junior Hi 4-H

We have a new group - Junior Hi 4-Hers for 7th and 8th grade age youth! Find out what Hi 4-H is all about! Get a head start on being a Hi 4-H member! Sign ups will end January 1st of 2024!

Go to: <https://ucanr.edu/joinhi-4-h>  
and complete the Survey.

Email amyandrews94@gmail.com or call  
Amy Andrews at 661-348-6305 for any questions!

**Sign Up Now!**

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# **Kern County Rabbit Breeder's Association**

## **FALL BACKYARD SHOW**

**Double Open Rabbit Show  
Double Open Cavy Show**

**November 11, 2023  
8:30 a.m. start time**



### **ARBA SANCTION NUMBERS:**

**Open Show A & B – Sanction Numbers – VOA5073 and VOA5074**

**[Rabbit and Cavy Show Entry Info](#)**

# **RECORD BOOK CORNER**

## **Kern County Fair Activities**

**September 16 Kern County Fair Clean up Day**

**Section 5 Community Service Level C**

**September 20- October 2 Kern County Fair**

**Section 3 Event attended Level C**

### **Exhibitor**

**Section 2 Project Skill Activities Level C**

**1 entry for each item entered**

**Section 7 Honors and Recognition if you won an award**

### **Showmanship**

**Section 2 Project Skill Activities Level C**

**1 entry for each species**

**Section 7 Honors and Recognition if you won an award**

### **Communication Skills**

**Speaking to the public about your exhibit**

**Section 6 Level C**



**GET A HEAD START ON  
Your Record Book**

# **RECORD BOOK CORNER**

## **October Activities**

**October 10 After Fair Meeting**

Section 2 Event attended Level C

**October 24 Leaders Council Meeting**

Section 2 Event attended Level C



**GET A HEAD START ON  
Your Record Book**

## 2023-24 PROGRAM YEAR FEES

**\$75 YOUTH MEMBER**

**\$30 ADULT VOLUNTEER**

### IMPORTANT 4-H Online Enrollment 2023/2024 Program Year New enrollment system for online registration

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Returning families already have an account set up in the system using the same email address as before. You will need to select **"Forgot Password"** and enter that email address. Then follow the process to create a new login password and four digit security pin number. (If you have been active any time in the last 5 years, **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.**)

New families will need to select **"Sign Up"** and then follow the prompts to establish the new family account. Program fees can now be paid online using your credit card at <https://ucanr.edu/kern4hpayment>.

Helpful tutorial videos on how to use the new system can be found on our website at [https://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth\\_Development/](https://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/).

***Please contact Gordon Riggs at 661-868-6225 or [gbriggs@ucanr.edu](mailto:gbriggs@ucanr.edu) for membership registration questions***

**Make 4-H payments by credit card - see link below**

**[Use Your Credit Card to Pay 4-H Enrollment Fees Here](#)**

#### **[Handbook For New Families](#)**

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 [ismckinney@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ismckinney@ucdavis.edu) or call 661-868-6235. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf>





## UPCOMING 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOPS

### Western Heritage & Archery

Shooting Sports Workshops have been scheduled in the following disciplines.

#### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: Western Heritage Discipline

- **Date:** Saturday & Sunday, November 25-26, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 am -5:00 pm (SAT) | 8:00 am -3:00 pm (SUN)
- **Location:** Safety First Shooting Association/River Oaks Range, Winton, CA
- **Audience:** Adult Volunteers seeking Level 1 (Project Leader) Certification
- **Limit:** 20 participants
- **Fee:** \$35
- **Registration:** <https://forms.gle/A2XJLiZjwGQCSKUV9>

#### 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: Archery Discipline

- **Date:** Saturday & Sunday, December 9-10, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 am -5:00 pm (SAT) | 8:00 am -3:00 pm (SUN)
- **Location:** Safety First Shooting Association/River Oaks Range, Winton, CA
- **Audience:** Adult Volunteers seeking Level 1 (Project Leader) or Level 2 (Trainer)\* Certification
- **Limit:** 24 participants
- **Fee:** \$35
- **Registration:** <https://forms.gle/F8jb5vm8AvbZBaCu6>

*\*Level 2 (Trainer) Certification has additional requirements. Please read the registration survey for complete details.*

# Plant Science

MEDAL TEST

BRONZE

SILVER

GOLD



**STUDY GUIDES**

**AVAILABLE NOW**

[HTTPS://CEKERN.UCANR.EDU/YOUTH\\_DEVELOPMENT/  
PROJECT\\_LEVELS\\_STUDY\\_GUIDES/](https://cekern.ucanr.edu/youth_development/project_levels_study_guides/)

## 2023-24 Kern County 4-H Community Club Leader Timeline



July 1, 2023 – Happy 4-H New Year! 4hOnline will open shortly for enrollment. Let the 4-H office know when you enroll to be granted access to view your club.

July 19, 2023 –DUE! Awards packet including: pin and stripe order, star awards, leader recognition, and club seal calculation. DUE! Record Books for judging.

July 22, 2023 –County Record Book Judging. We need judges! Number needed depends on the number of books your club turns in.

July 25, 2023 –Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

August 1, 2023 –DUE! Year end club reports! This includes a complete Club Treasurer Book and Club Secretary Book. Record Books for members showing at the fair, enrollment dues and 4hOnline enrollment.

August 12, 2023 –Small Animal Field Day

August 15, 2023 –Community Club Leader Workshop @ 6 pm. At least one leader from each club must attend one session.

August 22, 2023 –Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

August 26, 2023 –Achievement Night

August 30, 2023 –Community Club Leader Workshop @ 3 pm. At least one leader from each club must attend one session.

October 24, 2023–Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

November 1, 2023 –DUE! Club organization reports, Outreach Form, Enrollment dues for any returning member/leader who didn't show at the fair.

November 18, 2023 –4-H Field Day. Each club is required by Leader Council to donate a minimum of ONE item to the Field Day Silent Auction (worth \$25 or more).

November 28, 2023 –Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

January 23, 2024–Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

February 15, 2024 –Deadline! All returning members MUST transfer clubs or add/drop project by this day.

February 27, 2024 –Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

March 26, 2024 –Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.





April 23, 2024 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

May 28, 2024 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

June 25, 2024 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

June 30, 2024 -Last Day of 2022-23 Program Year

July 1, 2024 - Happy 4-H New Year! 4hOnline will open shortly for enrollment. Let the 4-H office know when you enroll to be granted access to view your club.

July 17, 2024 -DUE! Awards packet including: pin and stripe order, star awards, leader recognition, and club seal calculation. DUE! Record Books for judging.

July 20, 2024 -County Record Book Judging. We need judges! Number needed depends on the number of books your club turns in.

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## Attention!

The Kern County 4-H Policy document outlines the policies set forth by the Kern County 4-H Leader Council. If your club does not meet the minimum guidelines the Kern County Fair gate 40 pass will be forfeited.

- Donate a minimum of **ONE** item to the KC 4-H Field Day Silent Auction (worth \$25 or more)
- Support any other Fundraiser determined by the Leader Council
- Attend a minimum of **THREE** KC 4-H Leader Council Meetings
- Follow policies set forth in the **2023-24 Kern County 4-H Policy** document



# 4-H Basics

## The 4-H Symbol

A green 4 leaf clover with a white "H" on each of its leaves.



## The 4-Hs

HEAD

HEART

HANDS

HEALTH

## MOTTO

"To Make the Best Better"

## SLOGAN

"Learn by Doing"

## PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, And my health to better living, For my club, my community, my country and my world.

## COLORS

Green and White

Green represents  
springtime

White represents  
innocence





## For 4-H project leaders

Welcome to the new 4-H program year! Here are a few resources to help you think about organizing a 4-H STEM-oriented project!

- [Project Leader Checklist](#) (right)
- [Project sheets](#) (below) are a guide for 4-H project leaders to develop their projects with meaningful content. These three are examples of the dozens available!

## Project Leader Checklist

This checklist is designed to assist 4-H project leaders in preparing to implement their project(s) prior to meeting with youth (Revised 10/2017)

#	X	Item
1		Have you met your Club Leader(s) and discussed your plan for implementing your project(s)?
2		Have you completed all the steps for becoming a 4-H adult volunteer? (1. Filled out the application and paid fees; 2. Fingerprinted if a new 4-H adult volunteer; 3. Completed required online orientation)
3		Do you have a list of the youth who are going to participate in your project(s) and are they enrolled in the 4-H project(s) you are going to lead? (Your Club Leader or Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator can check for you)
4		Have you developed a project description and lesson plan for what will be covered on which dates and if there will be any cost for participants?
5		Do you have a UC ANR user agreement with the facility you will be utilizing? (Your county staff member must assist you in obtaining this document)
6		Do you have completed and signed youth and adult treatment authorization/health history form on hand for all participants? Youth: <a href="http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf">http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf</a> Adult: <a href="http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf">http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf</a>
7		Have you provided the dates, times, and location of your project meetings to the youth enrolled in your project?
8		Is there at least one additional adult that will be on site with you at each meeting?
9		If you are going to fundraise or secure grant support for your program, have you received approval from your county 4-H staff and County Director?
10		Is there ample drinking water available?
11		Have you reviewed the "4-H Project Leaders Digest" available online at: <a href="http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4462.pdf">http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4462.pdf</a>
12		Do you have "Annual Project Report" forms on hand for the 4-H members to keep track of their project participation? <a href="http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220272.doc">http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220272.doc</a>



### [Animal Husbandry](#)



### [4-H Pets & Small Animals](#)



### [Veterinary Science](#)



# *Seasons* **GREETINGS**



There will be no Leader Council  
Meeting in December





## Explorers of the Deep

Explorers of the Deep, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with robots! Young people learn how to use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to explore Earth’s Ocean and how it relates to all life on the planet.



Explorers of the Deep activities can be done all at once or individually.

**Ocean Robot Test Tank** is an activity where youth learn how to “ballast” their ocean robot by adding weights to replicate the sinking and floating behavior of a real ocean robot. They will investigate data collected by ocean robots and learn about the value of ocean exploration.

**Ocean Expedition** is a board game where youth navigate their ocean robot around the world while Learning key ocean concepts. Topics include aquaculture, climate change, innovation, human impact and the ocean ecosystem.

**Ocean Communicator** is an activity in which young people investigate challenges that ocean scientists, engineers and technologists are currently exploring. They design and advocate for innovations and technical solutions that inspire public action.

## [Explorers of the Deep Youth Guide](#)





United States Department of Agriculture

## Farm Service Agency

# Youth Loans

**FACT SHEET**

August 2019

### Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individual youths ages 10 to 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed, and carried out by youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal youth organizations, or similar agricultural-affiliated groups.

The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

### Who May Borrow

To qualify for a loan, the applicant must:

- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements; and
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.



### How Loan Funds May Be Used

These loans can finance many kinds of income-producing agricultural projects. The loan funds may be used to:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment, and supplies;
- Buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and
- Pay operating expenses for the project.

### How It Works

To apply, the applicant must submit completed plans and budgets signed by the project advisor and parent or guardian along with the FSA application for loan assistance.

These loans:

- Have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time cannot exceed this amount);
- Have an interest rate that is determined based on the cost of money to the federal government (after the loan is made, the interest rate for that loan will not change);
- Will be secured, in addition to promissory notes, by liens on the products produced for sale and on chattel property, including livestock, equipment, and fixtures purchased with loan funds; and
- Have a repayment schedule that varies depending on the type of project for which the loan is made. For example, if it involves raising livestock or crops, the loan is paid when the animals or produce are normally sold.

### More Information

For more information, visit [fsa.usda.gov/farmloans](https://fsa.usda.gov/farmloans) or [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov). Find your local USDA Service Center at [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator).

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**UNDERSTANDING**

**FUN**

**LOGIC**

**COMMUNITY**

**LEARNING**

**CAREERS**

**PERSEVERANCE**

**WORK ETHIC**

**LIFE SKILLS**

**COMPASSION**

**GIVING BACK**

**HEALTHY HABITS**



# **FIND YOUR SPARK**

**DISCOVER MORE AT 4-H.ORG**

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

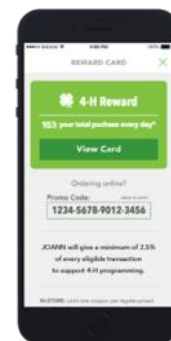
JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!

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!



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## 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!

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## Online 4-H Treasurer Training Course

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new California 4-H Treasurer's Training in eX-tension. This course was developed by a sub-committee of the State 4-H Policy Advisory Committee and is designed to walk 4-H Club Treasurers through their important role. Access to the course and its unique enrollment keys (different from the required training enrollment keys) can be accessed directly by youth members and volunteers at

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Learning-Development>

The course has already been added to each county's eXtension portal as well.

You can direct any questions or report any issues with the course through our ticketing system at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27435>



### ***Updated Leader Orientation***

***For New Leaders, please visit the link below***

**[New 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)**

***For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below***

**[Returning 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)**

### **LINKS YOU CAN USE!**

**4-H uniform page**

**<http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/>**

**California 4-H Uniform Guidelines**

**<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf>**

**Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies**

**<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>**



### ***Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!***

The service of safe food should be a priority for all University of California (UC) events. Any activity where food is served (potlucks, luncheon meetings, etc.) has the risk for food borne illness. If a 4-H YDP group plans to serve food as part of an official 4-H YDP activity, the food preparation and service must be in compliance with all local (city and county) health department rules and state laws. In addition, it is imperative that all county based rules and regulations governing food service activities be observed, including securing appropriate permits. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: <https://www.servsafe.com/access/SS/Catalog/ProductDetail/SSECT6CA>



### **4-H WEBSITES**

**[http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth\\_Development/](http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/)**

**<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!