

~ THE 4-H ~
NETWORK
Connecting all of Kern County

July 2010

1-4	Fireworks Booth Fundraiser – Volunteers age 18 and over needed to staff the booth	Michelle Kern 661-979-3584
10	Rifle Match, 8:00 a.m., Five Dogs Range	Robert Claffy 661-829-1658
17	Horse Show, 9:00 a.m.	Harold Tolbert 661-868-6235
19	*DUE: Record Books for County Judging, 5:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
20	*Budget/Calendar Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	John Borba 661-868-6216
24	*Record Book Judging, 9:00 a.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
26	*Horse Leader's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Harold Tolbert 661-868-6235
27	*Poultry Leader's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Orville Andrews 661-201-0708
27	*Leader's Council, 7:00 p.m.	Joline Garone 661-

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

August 2010

4	*Rabbit Showmanship Clinic, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094
10	*Community Club Ldr. Workshop, 7:00 p.m.	John Borba 661-868-6216
10	*DUE: Club record books for ALL 4-H members exhibiting at the Kern County Fair.	
11	*Rabbit Showmanship Clinic, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094
13	4-H Achievement Program, 7:00 p.m., Kern County Fair, Fine Arts Building	
17	*Community Club Ldr. Workshop, 3:00 p.m. (Afternoon Session)	John Borba 661-868-6216
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Linda Snoddy & Michelle Williams at the June "Get Bus" Board Meeting

Club News: Golden Empire

By Christina Blaine – parent of 10 year old
Golden Empire Member

The members of the Golden Empire Club's Horse Project were asked to answer this question, "What is the very best part of the Golden Empire Horse Project?" Their various answers were going to be the main topic of this article. However, in light of Kern County's budgetary cutbacks and the current threat that the county's 4H programming will cease to exist, this article is instead an observation of the value and importance 4H provides in very young lives. Without question, 4H is an investment in youth development, ultimately benefiting all society.

Probably as most project groups, Golden Empire's Horse Project members vary in age, experience and background. Some of their commonalities include: their passion for horses, love of competition, ability to participate in and manage parliamentary procedure and public speaking, as well as the joyous simplicity of having fun. All that the program has to offer is obviously fueled by all things 'horse'. The project is a marvelous way to channel the passion for a greater good of self and society.

Alongside the love of horses, comes a love and respect for competing. The benefits of training and preparing for events are endless. Not only are skills honed, but the experience of caretaking and managing a 1200 pound animal commands discipline, flexibility and a great deal of patience. Preparing for an exhibition certainly entails a great amount of detailed planning; actual execution at a show demands respect, self-confidence, patience and support of other riders. Both good and poor performances foster good sportsmanship. Opportunities for learning and developing are, as stated before, absolutely endless.

Regarding meeting practices, 4H meetings present opportunities to learn about parliamentary procedure and to actually participate in business meetings. Children ranging in age from nine to 18 not only attend, but serve as officers, facilitate procedure, vote and are encouraged to take part in discussion. Besides scouting and student government,

seemingly there are not many other opportunities to experience these lifelong skills at such a young age. Hand in hand with the meeting experience, comes public speaking exposure. From the simplest exercise of making a verbal motion, to taking minutes and reading them aloud, to presenting ideas and facilitating discussion, these acts are lifelong skills that not only hone public speaking, but build self-confidence and independence.

Perhaps some Horse Project members will not recognize the full benefits of being part of 4H until adulthood. But without question, the members enjoy what they do and simply enjoy the fun. With this said, the concept of fun should not be shortchanged. Fun for something has the potential to manifest into lifelong passions and benefit the greater good. Thus, returning to the original question the Golden Empire Horse Project members were asked, "What is the very best part of the Golden Empire Horse Project?" their answers succinctly capture all of these observations.

- 🏡 "I love horses!" – Kristen, age 18
- 🏡 "Riding horses in speed!" – Alexis, age 10
- 🏡 "My friends in the horse project are #1 with my horse. I love spending time with my friends and horse at the shows. I also love riding my horse everyday and being close to him. Chip is more than my best friend. I love trail riding on Sunday afternoons with Sophie and Erik and riding Grant's mules. I like learning from the judges on what to improve on." – Melissa, age 14
- 🏡 "My friends!" – Grant, age 13
- 🏡 "You get to have fun!" – Shay, age 10
- 🏡 "The speed events!" – Mackenzie, age 10
- 🏡 "I have friends with me and the speed events. All my friends and family are always cheering me on no matter what place I get or how well I do." – Meg, age 10

With all of their good feelings stated, may 4H continue to positively impact young lives and serve the citizens of Kern County for many, many generations. Our youth deserve the investment.

Attention Poultry Exhibitors

Check in time for the Kern County Fair has been changed to Friday, September 24, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon only. Poultry judging will be on Saturday September 25th starting at 8:00 a.m. and this year the Showmanship will be on Sunday not Monday.

If you have any questions please call Melanie at 661-703-3777 or Orville 661-201-0708/

Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair

Once again The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair (July 14 - August 1). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences, as well as, the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of service projects also make for good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone who may be interested in learning even more about your 4-H project.

Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Each shift must have two adults in the booth at all times.

To sign-up, please visit:

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4887>

State 4-H Calendar

The State 4-H Calendar is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hinfo/calendar/>. The calendar contains nation, state, and multi-county events, deadlines, trainings, and conferences! The calendar is particularly

useful for scheduling multi-county, sectional and statewide trainings, committee meetings, and other events.

How do I reach my local 4-H Office?

John Borba 4-H Advisor
jaborba@ucdavis.edu 661-868-6200

Veronica Slaton 4-H Program Rep. II
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Kimberlee Claffy 4-H Secretary
kgclaffy@ucdavis.edu 661-868-6233
(Special Projects Only)

Terrence Stroman Outreach/Prevention
tdstroman@ucdavis.edu 661-868-6200

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Volunteer Website

The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu

4-H Websites

<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 Fee Changes for 2010

With the beginning of the 2010 4-H YDP year, July 1st, State 4-H program fees will increase to \$15 per youth member. 4-H adult volunteer fees will remain at \$6. The Statewide 4-H program fees provide accident insurance for 4-H members and volunteers and a variety of program supports.

Attention Graduating Seniors

We would like to celebrate this milestone with you, in an upcoming issue of this newsletter. Please submit a digital photo of yourself. It can be a copy of your "official" senior picture, a prom picture, or a picture of something interesting you did this past year. Submit pictures to kgclaffy@ucdavis.edu

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Rifle Discipline

Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, July 31, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as 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 and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at:

<http://www.5dogsrange.com>

Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course Muzzle Loading Discipline

5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, August 21, 2010 – 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday, August 22, 2010 – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of \$40. To get more information or register for the class contact

John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

Shooting Sports Volunteer Trainer Course Shotgun Discipline

2300 Vichey Springs Rd Ukiah, CA 95482

Saturday October 23, 2010 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 24, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified Trainers in the shooting sports discipline of Shotgun. They will be certified as Trainers and be eligible to serve as a Trainer for other shooting sports leaders in Shotgun. There is a \$30 fee for the course. To get more information or register for the class contact Linda Edgington at lgedgington@ucdavis.edu or call 707-463-4495.

Funding Opportunity for 4-H

The following counties in California are eligible to participate in the Monsanto Fund's "America's Farmers Grow Communities Project": Fresno, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Merced, Monterey, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

Organizations such as 4-H are encouraged to share this opportunity with farmers in their county. Farmers in your counties have the opportunity to win awards to help community organizations like 4-H. The program provides farmers the opportunity to enter to win the chance to choose where \$2,500 awards may be directed to benefit.

The steps for farmers to apply will only take a few moments to complete. They can visit: www.growcommunities.com or call 1-877-267-3332 to receive an application. One winner will be selected for each county participating. Farmers may register for the program from now until July 31, 2010. Please share this opportunity with local farmers so they may register today!

Washington Focus 2011

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. Thousands of young people from across America stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., every summer to participate in the program, which provides opportunities for young people to:

- Strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level.
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-Hers from across the country with diverse backgrounds.
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical classroom of our nation's Capital city, Washington, D.C.

This summer, we have almost 1500 young people participating in the CWF program. Follow [#4HCWF on Twitter](#) to see up to the minute postings about what CWF 2010 is up to right now and visit the CWF website (www.4hcnw.org) to learn more about the CWF program. You can view videos under the media tab, read testimonials under the testimonial tab, or take a look at the CWF schedule under the registration tab.

Registration for CWF 2011 is now open!

This is a once in a lifetime experience that allows your young people to see the world from a new perspective. Don't let your 4-Hers miss out on this national citizenship and leadership opportunity. All you need to do is gather a group of 5 or more participants (including both youth and chaperones), visit the Citizenship Washington Focus website (www.4hcnw.org) and click on the registration tab to follow the steps to register your delegation. We are excited to host you and your young people in Washington, D.C. next summer!

4-H National Youth Science Day

The third annual **4-H National Youth Science Day** will be held nationally on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Created to combat a shortage of American young people pursuing science college majors and careers, 4-H National Youth Science Day seeks to spark an early youth interest and leadership in science.

2010 Experiment to Focus on Water Quality - 4-H2O

The 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H2O, will focus on water quality and climate change. Using a three-tiered experiment model, the experiment engages youth of all ages to learn at the simplest level how carbon dioxide can affect aquatic animals, plants and other living organisms in lakes, streams, rivers and oceans. Facilitators will lead discussions to help youth better understand climate change. Visit the national website for more information - <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/>

4-H National Youth Science Experiment Events in the Community

The 4-H National Youth Science Experiment is the perfect opportunity to promote 4-H to the community while sparking the interest of youth in learning more about 4-H science, engineering, and technology activities. In 2010, counties are encouraged to host at least one large NYSE event at a public venue. This could be at an existing community festival or a stand alone 4-H event. The event may be planned by the County 4-H Office, a group of 4-H volunteers and members, an All Star team, an Emerald Star project, or by a 4-H Club.

State Presentation Day

Congratulations to Linda Snoddy of Sundance 4-H. Linda earned a gold medal on her Illustrated Talk "Where in the World Did Chickens Come From?" at State Field Day.

Cavies are coming to the 2010 Kern County Fair!

What is a Cavy? Cavy is a fancy show word for "Guinea Pig." This year, the Kern County Fair is offering cavies as a new division of small animal exhibition. Cavies will be under the rabbit committee, since cavies are also governed by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. Cavies are inexpensive to raise, require minimal space, and are a great animal project for 4-H members that don't have the resources or physical ability, space, or proper zoning to handle larger animal projects.

This new category has the potential to allow members who live in an apartment to have a breeding and/or showmanship project, without having to find a place for their animal to be housed. This will also be of benefit for those members experiencing strict zoning issues.

There are 13 recognized breeds of cavies in the United States. Cavies will have two breed divisions (Americans and All Other Breeds) this year, and more may be added for future fairs, depending on entries from the previous year/s. There will be BOB & BOS Awards, Best In Show and Reserve In Show Awards, Cavy Showmanship classes AND cavies will be eligible to go through the auction! That's right, you can sell your cavy to help fund your project! ☺

If you'd like a club presentation and/or additional information to help get interested members of your club involved with cavies, please contact Armando Cabrera, Kern County Fair - Rabbit Committee Chairman, at 661-472-8886 (Cell) or e-mail at: Mandojudg@aol.com

4-H Hat Etiquette

What you may put on your cap



Left Side

Place the Bronze, Silver, Gold, or All-Star 2" from the front. Only the current Star Rank held may

be worn.

Place the Junior or Teen Leader emblem behind the star. This is worn only while the member is serving as a Junior or Teen Leader.

Fasten the All-Star pin to the center of the All-Star emblem.

Right Side

Place a year pin and stripe for each completed 4-H year behind the 4-H emblem, with the first year next to the 4-H Clover.

Junior members wear a white stripe on a green background. Senior members wear a green stripe on a white background. Junior Leaders use a gold stripe on a green background and Teen Leaders use a gold stripe on a white background.

Medals received in the California Incentives and Awards Program may be worn on either side of the cap. No other pins or ribbons are to be worn on the cap at any time. The 4-H cap should reflect the dignity of the 4-H Youth Development Program and not be cheapened by fastening to it every emblem, award, and ribbon won by the member. Some items not to be worn on the hat include buttons, fair medals, or all three stars at the same time.

Which, When, and Where?

Wearing a 4-H cap is not a requirement for membership. If a member chooses to wear a cap the following guidelines should be observed.

Green or White?

Junior members wear the green cap. A junior member is anyone in the 8th grade or below. Senior members wear the white cap. A senior member is anyone in 9th grade and above.

When to Wear?

Girls may wear the 4-H cap anywhere girls usually wear hats -- 4-H meetings, events, public gatherings and in church.

Boys do not wear the cap in church, at meals or at memorial services, indoors or outdoors, unless they are serving as color guards. Boys serving as color guards wear their caps until the flags are placed and they are seated. When saluting the American flag, remove your cap and hold in your right hand, over your heart.

Where to Get?

Obtain 4-H caps from the local club leader who purchases them from Leslie Carman. The manufacturer sews the 4-H emblem on the right side of the cap. For information on obtaining a cap, scarf, or tie locally, contact the Extension Office at 661-868-6233.

Animal Science Education Advisory Committee

Are you interested or involved in 4-H as a volunteer or a teen youth member? Do you love animals? If so, the State 4-H office has an opportunity for you! Consider submitting an application to join the Animal Science Education Advisory Committee. Our role is to represent the interests of animal activities and programs throughout the state while enhancing the effectiveness of the educational deliveries and opportunities for the animal science education program. For more information click the link below.

<http://www.ca4h.org/council/animalscience/index.asp>

If you have a strong desire to work in a collaborative team setting and are interested in determining the animal science training and development needs of volunteers and youth and assist in delivering appropriate training opportunities within the California 4-H program, contact Carrie Matthews at cmatthews@ucdavis.edu for more information!

Got Books?

The Get bus book collection was very successful. Melissa Hardy, Michelle Williams, and myself, Linda Snoddy, were the chairs and co chairs of this project. After organizing and planning, we collected books at Field Day on May 8th. Afterwards, we had a few donations here and there and soon found ourselves with over one thousand children's books. We presented the books to GET at their board meeting on June 1st. Now supplied with an army of books, the once empty book holders on the GET busses are now brimming with books for children from infant to 5th grade. Kids can read or look at books while riding on the bus. I am also hearing from friends that ride the GET bus that the children are reading the books that so many 4-H families across Kern County donated. Once again, 4-H has shown what the youth in the 4-H program are taught how to do and the best word to describe this and many other 4-H service projects is "The

Power of YOUth". Great job Kern County 4-H families!!

2010-2011 Kern County 4-H Leader's Council

President	Jolene Garone
Vice-President	Teresa Andrews
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Cloverbud	Karen Bayne
Dairy Cattle	Herman Porter
Dairy Goat	Harold Bulford
Dog	Claudia Burk
Foods	Ana Williams
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Horse	Harold Tolbert
Market Goat	Paul Hudson
Photography	Andrea Albitre
Plant Science	Pending Acceptance
Poultry	Orville Andrews
Pygmy Goat	Nancy Hillberg
Rabbit	Jana Goens
Rocketry	Paul Hudson
Scholarships	Lisa McMahon
Sheep	Jeffrey Chesser & Charlie Forshee
Shooting Sports	Robert Claffy
Swine	Chuck Sears