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     Meredith Hendricks  
     661-324-2255 |
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     Sandy Orloff  
     661-330-5885 |
| *24 | Leader’s Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
     Jeanne Walford  
     661-831-1639 |
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   Veronica Slaton  
   661-868-6235 |
| 3 | Bakersfield Christmas Parade |
| 7 | Taft Christmas Parade |
| 7 | First Day of Chanukah/Hanukkah |
| 12 | North of the River Christmas Parade  
    Jenine Snoddy  
    661-979-4365 |
| 24-25 | Christmas Holiday - UCCE Office Closed |
| 26 | First Day of Kwanzaa |
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    Sandy Orloff  
    661-330-5885 |
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Would you like your club featured in next month’s newsletter?

Do you have a photo for the newsletter?

E-mail photos to cekern@ucdavis.edu

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

Articles/photos for the next issue of The 4-H Network must be received by November 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  
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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New Leader Orientation NOW ONLINE!!!

Drum roll please.......our New Leader Orientation page is now UP AND RUNNING ONLINE! Any in person Orientations scheduled are now canceled, as it can now be accessed ONLINE anytime!

Please visit our County 4-H website at:
http://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/
and look for the "Becoming a New 4-H Leader" page to get started!!!
Please pass the word along to any potential leaders!!!

Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!

The State 4-H Office requires that every club have at least one 4-H leader trained in Food Safety. The more leaders in your club that are certified, the more convenient it is for your club. It is required that a certified volunteer is to be present at all bake sales/food booths to make sure proper food safety guidelines are handled. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:
Website: http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/
Username: miskis
Password: makeitsafe_1234

4-H WEBSITES
http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/
http://www.areyouintoit.com
http://www.fourhcouncil.edu
http://www.4-h.org/fourweb
http://www.ca4h.org

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE
https://california.4honline.com

4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE
http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/

KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!

Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and 'like' us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It's the best way to keep up-to-date!
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/.

North of the River Christmas Parade will be held on Dec. 12th and the theme is "60 Years of Christmas Cheer" so dress up and look cute. We will meet in the North High Parking Lot at 9 AM. Bring your animals to walk, they must be on a leash or in a cage. Let's get lots of 4-H members to show the community how great 4-H really is. The kids love the animals too.

PDR credit #3 Event Attended-Level: County #6 Communications Skills; Representing 4-H; Level: County.

See you on Dec. 12th.

Questions?? Call Linda Snoddy 979-4368
WEST BAKERSFIELD 4-H CLUB

We used some of the new 4-H themed printables in our 4-H display at the Southwest Library. Jamie and Bella worked hard on it while the rest of us were at the fair. Just had to share. 4H GROWS! Carla, West Bakersfield
SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH US!!!

Do you have great ideas and talents you would like to share with others?

Would you like to be more involved on a County Level?

Would you like to volunteer in 4-H but not necessarily as a Project Leader?

Then we need YOU!

We are currently transitioning our County 4-H events to being Volunteer/Teen Leader planned and facilitated!

To ensure these events keep thriving, we need YOUR help!

Recruitment for all positions for the following events has started!

**Bake Day** - November 14, 2015

**Fashion Revue** - November 14, 2015

**Home Ec. Field Day/Nutrition Faire** - February 20, 2016

**Presentation Day** - April 2, 2016

**Viva la Pizza Contest** - April 2, 2016

**Medal Testing Committee** - Ongoing

All positions are being recruited for!

To sign-up or to read the position descriptions please visit:

http://ucanr.edu/eventcommittees
Kern County
4-H Youth Development Program

4-H Field Day

Join us for a fun filled day showcasing the many elements of the 4-H program! That’s right, 4-H isn’t just all animals! This is FREE event open to everyone! Come find out what 4-H is all about!

- Various ongoing project demonstrations
- Special activity booth for Cloverbud aged youth (ages 5-8)
- Bake Day judging contest (for 4-H members, must pre-register)
- Project Level Testing (for 4-H members)
- Judging! Members can bring arts & crafts, sewing, photography, preserved foods, or anything else they’ve made in their projects to be judged (for 4-H members, no pre-registration required)
- 4-H Informational Booth

Saturday, November 14, 2015 – 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(registration/check-in for items being judged starts at 8 a.m.)
Kern County Fair Grounds - Harvest Hall Building

The Power of Youth

From ages 5-19 years! 4-H has something for EVERYONE!

Contact Us! - 661-868-6200
Various 4-H information can also be found at http://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/
Or scan the code!
WHAT: County Wide Dog Care and Training Classes
WHERE: SPCA 3000 Gibson St.
WHEN: Thursdays at 6:00 Nov 12th and 19th  (November 12 - Obedience and Medal Information)
WHO: Regular members and their dogs
HOW: Sign up for the project
  Talk to your Community Leader
  Contact Claudia at numbers below--
  **If you are still interested in this project, please let me know and I
   will keep you on my email list--I will be updating it ASAP

EVENTS:  November 14th, Field Day at the Fairgrounds
December Meetings:  December 3rd, 10th and 17th

Claudia Burk
4-H Dog Care and Training
661 393-1914/661 303-8343
cskyrocket@bak.rr.com

Thank you to the Sponsors and Judges at the Kern County Dog Show 2015

Susan M. Gonzales  Katherine Hall
Kern Emergency Services

David Zachary, D.V.M.
Sillect Care Animal Hospital  BOTC

Marge Haarsager  Kern Canine Activities
Kern County Kennel Club

Dr. Lohr
Mount Vernon Veterinary
4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Archery Discipline

November 14 & 15, 2015 – Winton, CA

If you have an interest in sharing your archery skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Archery adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H archery leader certification training offered in November 2015. The class will be held Saturday, November 14th, 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, November 15th, 9 AM– 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified archery adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at [http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html](http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html). Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/), and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 6th. Space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu.

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Shooting Sports Workshop – Shotgun Discipline

November 21 & 22, 2015 – Winton, CA

If you have an interest in sharing your shotgun skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Shotgun adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Shotgun leader certification training offered in November 2015. The class will be held Saturday, November 21st, 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, November 22nd, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Shotgun at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Shotgun adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at [http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html](http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html). Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/), and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 13th. Space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu.
Shooting Sports Workshop – Muzzleloading Discipline

December 12 & 13, 2015 – Winton, CA

If you have an interest in sharing your Muzzleloading Shooting skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Muzzleloading adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Muzzleloading leader certification training offered in December 2015. The class will be held Saturday, December 12th, 9 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday, December 13th, 9 AM – 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Muzzleloading at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Muzzleloading adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option. To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 13th. Space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dimcintyre@ucanr.edu.

Shooting Sports Workshop – Pistol Discipline

December 12 & 13, 2015

If you have an interest in sharing your Pistol skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Pistol adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Pistol leader certification training offered in December 2015. The class will be held Saturday, December 12th, 9 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday, December 13th, 9 AM – 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Pistol at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast refreshments.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Pistol adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option. To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, November 13th. Space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dimcintyre@ucanr.edu.
Registration is Now Open for 2016 4-H Leadership Washington Focus

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a summer 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7-9 and takes place at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Here are 5 great reasons to register your delegation for 4-H LWF vs. other summer camps.

1. Your middle school students will love having something to look forward to! Registering now will give your students a year of fundraising and another reason to get excited for their summer.

2. Experience the 4-H Conference Center and our Nation’s capital!

3. The program is based on the Citizenship Mandate Model.

4. 4-H LWF is the precursor program to Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)- our high school program for 4-H’ers interested in citizenship. By attending LWF students get excited to experience 4-H national programming into their high school years.

5. It’s easy! Once you get to D.C. we take care of everything.

This is truly a once in a lifetime experience for middle school students to learn confidence, communication, critical thinking and collaboration.

Register your delegation today!

Week 1: June 20-24
Week 2: July 11-15
Week 3: July 18-22

For More Information or To Register:
Please visit the Leadership Washington Focus Website, www.4hlwf.org, for additional program details and for registration instructions. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me at (301) 961-2893 or via email at cpriessing@4hcenter.org. We look forward to hosting your delegation!

Thanks,

Christa Priesing
Director of Sales
National 4-H Conference Center
**American Youth Leadership Program**

**Applications are due December 1, 2015**

The University of Wyoming 4-H program administers the American Youth Leadership Program funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of State. Through this program youth and adult participants from the 13 states in the Western travel to Ghana in July. For information and applications visit [http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/international/ghana/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/international/ghana/index.html).

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**Save the Date! California Camping Conference**

**April 1-3, 2016**

The next California Camping Conference will be held at the Nevada State 4-H Camp in Stateline, Nevada. The Camping Conference provides 4-H teen leaders and adult camp administrators the opportunity to network and attend sessions to develop their local camp program. Please inform your key leaders and teen leaders. More information will follow.

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**2016 Equine Planning Team**

Are you interested in serving on the 2016 Equine Planning Team? The Equine Planning Team is responsible for planning, conducting, and over-seeing both the Equine Field Day and the California 4-H Horse Classic. 4-H Members, Adult Volunteers and 4-H Staff are encouraged to apply at [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=16296](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=16296)! For more information visit [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/) or contact Alyssa Sankey, State 4-H Program Representative for Animal Science, [ajsankey@ucanr.edu](mailto:ajsankey@ucanr.edu).
**State Ambassador Corner**

Hello California 4-H,

As the kick off of our platform on social and emotional health, the California State Ambassadors will be participating in **Text, Talk, Act**.

Across the country, young people are having a nationwide conversation on mental health and how to help a friend in need. Through text messaging, small groups receive discussion questions to lead them through a conversation about mental health. Join the State Ambassadors in this nationwide conversation to help end the silence on **November 10**th

Here is how **YOU** can participate in the conversation:

1. At any time on **November 10**th, gather your participants for Text, Talk, Act and have them text **START to 89800**.
2. They will then receive a series of text messages to spark a conversation that will last about 45 minutes. The texts will include polling and discussion questions, links to several short videos and a couple of opportunities to share information on social media.
3. During Text, Talk, Act, participants will receive a text message that prompts them to enter your organizer code. Make sure they enter the code **5019TTA** when prompted. Here is the text message they will see when it’s time to enter the code: "If you have a unique code from your organizer, enter it now. If not, enter SKIP”
4. The top five schools or organizations to host the most participants will win $1,000

California 4-H State Ambassadors have pledged to facilitate group conversations throughout the state. Through a social media competition, 4-Her’s are nominating friends to help participate and raise awareness about mental health. The 4-Her’s have a chance to win 4-H gear by using the hashtag #ttaca4h, #ca4h, and #texttalkact.

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**New Presentation Manual**

The NEW Presentation Manual is here! The 4-H Presentation Manual (2015) is the consistent and standard guide for all 4-H presentations and will be adopted by all County, Sectional/Regional, and State 4-H Presentation Days. To view the new manual visit: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220608.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220608.pdf). In addition, example films for almost every category have been posted at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmPu2m62SYPOC--sIQjud51n7aNqyVBmh](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmPu2m62SYPOC--sIQjud51n7aNqyVBmh)

If you have any questions regarding the new manual please contact Alyssa Sankey, State 4-H Program Representative, at ajsankey@ucanr.edu.