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November 2010

2	HI 4-H New Member Reception, 6:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
3	*Winter Camp Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Joline Garone 661-204-7050
4	*Kern County Fair Review Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Joline Garone 661-204-7050
5-7	State Leader's Forum in Asilomar, CA	John Borba 661-868-6216
6	*Club Officer's Training, 10:00 a.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
9	*New Leader's Orientation 7:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
22	*Horse Leader's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Harold Tolbert 661-205-1975
23	*Leader's Council, 7:00 p.m. Meeting at Ag Commissioner's Conference Room	Joline Garone 661-204-7050
25/26	UCCE Office Closed for Thanksgiving	

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

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December 2010

1	*Emerald Star Applications Due 5:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
2	*Food Safety Training 6:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
6	*New Leader Orientation 7:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
8	*Winter Camp Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	John Garone 661-204-7050
18	*Community Service Sewing Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
20-31	UCCE Office Closed for Holidays	



**Garret Blanton of
Sierra Mountaineers 4-H
and his prize goose**

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>

How do I reach my local 4-H Office?

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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 Policy at a Glance

The *University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program Policy Handbook* contains all the rules and guidelines that administer the 4-H program. The handbook uses the term "unit" instead of club. The handbook can be accessed online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/>. An item from the handbook will occasionally be included in the 4-H newsletter to keep members, leaders, and parents informed of current policies. The policy item will be posted first as a question for you to test your knowledge. The correct answer and where it is located in the policy manual will then be included for your convenience.

Question: Can adult volunteers or members charge for services or lessons they provide as a 4-H adult volunteer or junior/teen leader?

Answer: No. 4-H adult volunteers or members cannot charge for the services or lessons they provide as a 4-H adult volunteer or junior/teen leader. Project activities must be performed free of charge. No payment to an adult volunteer or a 4-H member may be accepted or solicited. This information was taken from Chapter 4, Enrollment and Delivery Mode in the 4-H Youth Development Program, Section III, D. Fees.

Club Officer's Training

Saturday, November 6, 2010



Will the meeting please come to order! The 4-H Club Officer's training will be held Saturday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. There will be separate workshops for President and Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Recreation and Sergeant at Arms. Parliamentary procedure will be covered in a group session. Everyone will learn games and ice breakers to take back to your club meetings. Clubs plan to send your officers. Parents and leaders are welcome to attend.

Kern County 4-H Group Night Bakersfield Condors Annual Teddy Bear Toss November 27, 2010



Join us as we root for the home team. As the Condors make the first goal of the night, toss your new "Teddy Bear" (or other stuffed animal) on to the ice. Group rates are \$7, \$13 & \$18.

For further information please contact John Borba at 661-868-6216.

Attention High School Members

Are you a high school 4-H member looking to get to know more high school 4-H'ers!?!? Well HI 4-H is the place for you! HI 4-H meets once

a month to have an activity, and help out at events around the county. If you would like to be a part of the 2009-2010 HI 4-H year, you **must** join by **November 2, 2010**. There will be a New Member Reception for anyone wanting information on HI 4-H, **Tuesday, November 2, 2010, 6:00 p.m., at the 4-H Office**. Parents are encouraged to come with their 4-H member! This will be a time where you can meet other HI 4-H members and ask any questions you may have!!! (Light refreshments will be served.) If this conflicts with your wanting to get out and vote, please let us know.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in please contact Veronica Slaton at 661-868-6235.

Holiday Giving to Unbefriended Seniors

For the last several years, the office has filled gift requests for Unbefriended Seniors. Unbefriended seniors are those people who have outlived all of their family or have been abandoned by their families. They are very low-income. The state gives them a small monthly stipend that is used for personal care items. There is often nothing left over for basic necessities such as socks, throws, beanies, scarfs and maybe a new sweat suit. The senior's requests are very simple. The volunteers from the Ombudsman Care Program provide the names and senior's requests. The office wraps the gifts and delivers these to the Ombudsman Care Program and they deliver the gifts. This is a very important project for a group of people who have been forgotten. We hope Kern County's 4-H Clubs will help us with this project. If interested please call Sharon at 661-868-6200 or Veronica at 661-868-6235.

Winter Camp Date Change

The date scheduled for Winter Camp has changed to **January 21 – 23, 2011**. The date listed on the 4-H calendar is incorrect because we did not receive our original request date from the Parks and Recreation Department.

County Wide Dog Project

All 4-H members (who are at least nine years old by January 1, 2011) are eligible to enroll in the Dog Care and Training project. County meetings are open to those without leaders as well as being an addition to existing projects. Meetings will include: obedience, showmanship, rally, medal level information, and CGC preparation. Meetings will begin in November on Thursday evenings. For further information please call or email: Claudia Burk at 661 393-1914 or cskyrocket@bak.rr.com

PROGRAMS

- 4-H Adult volunteers and youth are still needed to serve on the **Camping Advisory Committee**. The application for Statewide Advisory Committees has been attached here. Please share this recruitment opportunity for service with your county volunteers and members that you anticipate having an interest and are willing to serve. Applications need to be signed by county staff before submitting to the State 4-H Office. Recruitment is open until filled at this time. Please contact John Borba, jaborba@ucdavis.edu or Marianne Bird, mbird@ucdavis.edu for additional questions. Click [here](#) for an application.
- Are you looking for a good way to enhance your leadership and civic engagement skills while you meet other 4-H members from across the state and nation? Find out more about the California and Washington Focus Programs on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/>. County teams are starting to form this fall with sign-ups due January 10. Start planning now to attend:

California Focus, June 17 – 21 in Sacramento

Washington Focus #1

June 26 – July 4, Road to Democracy - Washington, D.C.; Williamsburg, Jamestown/ Yorktown

June 26 – July 2, Heritage Trail I – Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus #2

July 10 – 19, Global Journey - Washington, D.C, Philadelphia, & New York.

July 10 – 16, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C.

Financial assistance is available.

Contact Pat English at:

pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

- The world is shrinking!! This isn't the opening line of a science fiction story. It's true! We live in a global community. In our inter-related world, events in one country affect others and we have many more opportunities to interact with people from around the world. Find out how you can begin to prepare yourself to be an active citizen in a global world by participating in the **4-H International Exchange Programs**. In 2011, California 4-H members and families will host students from **Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway**. In addition, 4-H members and leaders can travel outbound to Australia. Information about the 4-H programs is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/> or by contacting Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- The **2010 State Leaders' Forum**: Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, Go! will be held November 5-7, at the Asilomar Conference Center. For registration forms and information about **Registration & Housing arrangements** on grounds or off grounds visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>
- A **shooting sports training workshop to train volunteers in the rifle discipline** will be held in Ukiah, CA on **November 6 & 7**, from 8am-5pm both days. Upon successful completion of

this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the rifle shooting sports discipline. They will be certified as Volunteer Leaders and be eligible to serve a club or camp rifle project leader. There is a \$20 fee for the course. To get more information contact Linda Edgington at lgedgington@ucdavis.edu or call 707-463-4495. To register for the class you must complete the *Training Request and Registration Form* found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4785.doc> and have it signed by your county 4-H staff person. Mail this form along with a check for \$20 made payable to *Mendocino County 4-H* to: Rifle Class 890 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. **This class is not open to leaders from Santa Cruz County or Ventura County.**

- **Fashion cents, the 2011 Challenge category will be the \$15 Challenge.** Members are challenged to coordinate and purchase an entire outfit for \$15 or less, not counting shoes. Additional categories for 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Recycled, and Wearable Art-Embellished. In CS-Purchased, the limit has been reduced to \$100 for everything showing. The Recycled rules have been rewritten to differentiate between recycling an old garment into a new one and alterations. In WA-Embellished, the rules clarify that the original garment must be purchased. The SFR committee welcomes your participation in planning and presenting this state event. To join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at chat2kd@unwiredbb.com. For event information, the Challenge flyer, and 2010 photos, see the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The committee is looking for historic photos and stories about 4-H Dress Revue and SFR when it was part of State Leadership Conference. If you have any to share, please contact Sue Moore at samoore@ucdavis.edu.

- The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the

many workshops being offered. You can visit:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.