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26	*Leader's Council, 7:00 p.m. Meeting at Ag Commissioner's Conference Room	Joline Garone 661-204-7050
30	Horse Awards & Dinner, 4:00 p.m., Location TBA	Harold Tolbert 661-205-1975

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

November 2010

2	HI 4-H New Member Reception, 6:00 p.m.	Kimberlee Claffy 661-900-7888
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
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*Kern County 4-H Members
participating in the Pilot
Robotics Project.*

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>

Maternity Leave

Veronica Slaton will be on maternity leave until November 1, 2010.

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: Are 4-H clubs or councils allowed to accept animals as gifts?

Answer: No. The 4-H YDP does not accept animals as gifts or donations. 4-H units or councils, and county 4-H YDP offices cannot accept title or ownership of animals. Any such gifts should be made to individuals. (It should be understood, however, that gifts to individuals are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal or state income tax purposes.) This information was taken from Chapter 9 Financial Management in the 4-H Youth Development Program, Section VIII, Animals as Gifts in the 4-H YDT Program.

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.

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.

2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum November 5-7, 2010 Asilomar Conference Center



The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education,

relaxation, and fun. Volunteers of all ages, experiences, and locations share this opportunity to further their volunteering "career," find new inspirations, and bring new ideas home to their counties and clubs. The conference is sponsored by the State 4-H Leaders' Council and the 4-H section planning the conference.

Come to the most beautiful place on earth where the land meets the sea. Discover the Monterey-Carmel world with all its wondrous sights, historic sites, amazing attractions, and unique shopping opportunities.

Some of the best, most practical learning for 4-H leaders happens there. You'll come home loaded with ideas and activities and the enthusiasm to implement them. Your County 4-H Program becomes stronger because you went. You will return with a deeper understanding of the 4-H mission, a stronger sense of what has to happen to accomplish it, and an expanded capacity to make it happen.

Talk with the 4-H leaders, staff and parents in your club and county, form a group, and come to experience "Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, GO!" at the 2010 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum! The South Section Forum Committee has been working hard to create an event that will be a fun, stimulating, and educational.

The 2010 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum that will have something for everyone: new leaders, experienced leaders, befuddled leaders, staff, and parents. Come share your 4-H community service, outreach, fundraising, new projects, and any other ideas/activities with the 4-H leaders, staff and parents throughout the state of California. At the same time, learn new ideas to take back with you to your club and/or county.

This year, the forum committee decided that it is time to change our mind S.E.T., focusing on sharing ideas about the various ways that the 4-H Youth Development Program educates its members in the S.E.T. initiative. S.E.T. can be integrated into any existing project and into county events. There will be opportunities to listen to speakers, to attend a wide selection of workshops, and to enjoy entertainment. Additional activities will fit the needs and interests of every 4-H leader, staff, or parent, including friendly competition at the silent auction.

Tentative List of Workshops

- Water Conservation and Quality 4-H Projects with *There's No New Water!* curriculum
- Applying Bio-Security Measures in 4-H Animal Science Projects
- Engineering Challenges
- Digital Photography
- Basic Computer Animation
- Online Tools for 4-H Clubs
- Designing Flyers and Brochures
- Engineering projects with TechXcite
- Handmade Little Books
- Growing 4-H: How One Club Does It
- Growing Youth Who Thrive
- Volunteerism 101
- Working with Special Volunteers
- Cardboard Automaton
- 4-H2O in Your 4-H Program
- Bring Them Back Alive: For Chaperoning
- Open Up The World: International Exchange
- Experience Government and Leadership
- Positive Communication and Thinking
- Fingerknitting
- Train-the-Trainer Babysitting Course
- Building a Successful Complaint Review Board

Date: Check-In at 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 5 through noon, Sunday, November 7, 2010.

Location: Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA

Registration: \$45

Housing & Meals: \$264.12 (double) or \$204.40 (triple/quad)

Deadline: September 1

More information is available at

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF>

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 Kimberlee Claffy at 661-868-6233.

CA State 4-H Fashion Revue 2011 Make Fashion ¢ents with the \$15.00 Challenge



Do you enjoy shopping? Do you look for great buys? Do you like to check out garage sales, thrift stores, or consignment shops? Have you ever brought your

own 'special touch' to an outfit that makes it unique and individually YOU?

The \$15.00 Challenge encourages you to:

- Shop in new places with a new perspective
- Be a wise consumer
- Put together a really great outfit

What you will learn:

- To locate clothing that makes you look and feel great
- To use expert shopping skills
- To find a bargain with high value
- To develop decision making skills

- To interact with the judges and share your windfalls and experiences in 30 seconds
- To communicate with the audience with your fashion show commentary

The rules:

- The spending limit is \$15.00 for a complete outfit. This may include a jacket or vest and should give a coordinated total look.
- Shoes are not included in the \$15.00 but anything else that shows is, including jewelry and accessories.
- Receipts are required, although they can be handwritten from garage sales.
- Sources may include garage sales, consignment stores, thrift stores, Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc.
- 4-Hers must qualify for the state event (SFR) by being the county challenge winner in their county Fashion Revue.
- Complete information about State Fashion Revue and entry procedures is available at the CA 4-H website for SFR, <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

Old Dress Revue Photos

The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee is compiling a manual for the state event which can also be used for enhancing county events. We are looking for history and photos from the Dress Revue or Fashion Revue (as it was later called) which was held during the State Leadership Conference at UC Davis. If you have any historical facts, tidbits, or photos could you please send them to me? If you could scan the photographs or news articles that would be appreciated. If you send me originals, I will scan them and mail them back. Thank you so much!

Please send materials to Sue Moore at samoore@ucdavis.edu or samoore@ucdavis.edu

Something to think about:

Enterprising 4-H Clubs may want to have their own garage sale. You can raise money for your club or another worthy organization. You might donate the unsold garments to a homeless shelter, dress for success center, or other locations that help people. Service to others is an important part of 4-H.

**California 4-H
WHEP Training 2010
Wildlife Habitat
Evaluation Program
“Clues All Around Us”**

Date: October 16, 2010, 9:30 – 3:00
Place: Cache Creek Nature Center, 14199
County Rd 20, Woodland CA 95695

Cost for this fabulous training: \$20.00, which includes lunch, satisfying snacks, and of course, gourmet s’mores.

Who is invited: Camp directors, camp education directors, camp staff, 4-H members, volunteers, parents, staff, teachers, and anyone interested in promoting environmental education and wildlife management in your camp setting.

What to expect:

- CAL 4-H WHEP Advisory Team will share its revised, revamped, and innovative materials. All activities from previous editions have been reviewed and updated.
- A network of people with similar interests on whom to rely for assistance.
- Satisfaction for participating in a great environmental learning and growth experience while enjoying the variety of habitats at Cache Creek Center.
- Participants will receive...
California 4-H WHEP Camp Activity Manual and Staff Booklet
- California 4-H WHEP Activity Guide
- Assorted “stuff” and surprises for educational enhancement

Participants are asked to bring a healthy imagination, energetic stamina, and your own water cup/bottle. The water at the center is very tasty and plastic bottles are not welcome.

Registration and Fee Deadline: October 6, 2010

Contact: Mary Engebret, (707) 996-2981,
maryengebret@comcast.net

**California 4-H
WHEP Training 2010
Wildlife Habitat
Evaluation Program
Clues All Around Us**

CAL WHEP stands for Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program, the California focused program based on a national 4-H program created to teach participants about wildlife ecology and management. WHEP activities in “*Clues all Around Us*” are designed to operate in the traditional 4-H camp program system, but could be adapted for any youth group format, formal or non-formal settings.

4-H WHEP teaches participants the concepts of fish and wildlife management, about wildlife food, cover, space, other habitat requirements and how they differ from one animal to another. Other concepts that are covered include; plant succession, migration, carrying capacity, aquatic dynamics, food webs, and data collecting. Participants learn how to make a hike more intense with observation and discovery techniques, inquiry procedures, and detective-type methods.

California 4-H WHEP fosters relationships and partnerships among professional wildlife and fisheries biologists, volunteers, parents, teachers, landowners, and youth. Participants in WHEP develop and practice essential life skills such as oral and written communication, decision making, service learning, leadership, and problem solving. It helps youth strengthen their self-concept and character through these interactions.

This training will showcase the WHEP Camp Curriculum developed by the California 4-H WHEP Advisory team. This curriculum focuses on California species and habitats and can be used in any area of the state. California 4-H WHEP curriculum engages participants with experiential activities designed for primaries (5 – 8 years old), juniors (9 – 13 years old), seniors (14 – 18 years old).

California 4-H WHEP Training 2010

October 16, 2010

9:30 – 3:00

Cache Creek Nature Center, Woodland CA

Cost for training: \$20.00 per participant

Name: _____

Youth _____ Adult _____ (Age) _____

Address: _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County: _____

Camp position: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Organization Affiliation: _____

Member ____ Volunteer ____ Staff _____

Special needs: vegetarian/vegan _____ yes
_____ no

Other: _____

Allergies: _____

Please tell us a little bit about yourself and how you might use WHEP upon your return home. Use the other side of this paper if necessary.

Youth participants must be accompanied by an adult for the training. If you are a youth, please identify your adult partner who is attending with you.

Please send this completed application with your check for \$20 made payable to: "UC Regents" by October 6, 2010. With your registration form and check, please send a CA 4-H Medical Treatment Form. See attached.

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.

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.

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 cscopyrocket@bak.rr.com

4-H Million Trees Project

The 4-H Million Trees Project is working hard to include all 4-H youth in this tree planting project intended to help slow global climate change. Since the first tree was planted in Spring, 2008, over 30,000 4-H youth in 44 states and provinces have planted over 264,000 trees. 4HMT wants to invite all youth involved in California's Military 4-H to get personally involved in the climate crisis, and plant some trees on their current.

Please see the website at:

www.4hmilliontrees.org to learn more about the project. Given the distributed nature of 4-H, each club has discretion on their involvement in this community service project, site and tree selection, maintenance, and financing the events. 4HMT can help in a number of ways including direction to the County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners (where available), suggestions based on the efforts of other clubs in the project, and funding. Recently 4HMT was awarded the 2010 Sea World Environmental Excellence Award and can provide matching grants to clubs. Kids get experience writing grant proposals (based on the CA Service-Learning Fund format), and 4HMT can help get more trees in the ground. 4HMT is a service-learning project, so we always encourage all clubs to include an educational component in their tree planting events. Please see the website for more information.

We have targeted the weekend of 10/19/10 to plant trees and join with millions of other

worldwide working to help slow global climate change (see www.350.org). But any day is a good day to plant a tree.

Thanks for supporting the 4-H Million Tree Project

4-H Membership and the Kern County Fair

Recently some questions have arisen from parents and members about 4-H membership and participation in the Kern County Fair. To clarify, the 4-H year runs from July 1st to June 30th each year. To participate in any event as a 4-H member, your 4-H membership for that year ends June 30th. If you intend to exhibit at the Kern County Fair in September, you must re-enroll and pay your dues for the new program year starting July 1st. Even if you recently graduated from high school in June and it will be your last county fair, you still have to re-enroll and pay your dues to your club.



September, 2010

Dear Prospective Jr. Fair Board Member:

Thank you, in advance, for applying to the Great Kern County Fair Junior Fair Board and good luck! It is a great way to meet kids from other schools and a wonderful way to serve your community. Junior Fair Board members have a lot of fun, but the work is hard. The following is a brief outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Junior Fair Board so you and your parents know in advance what is expected of you and the time that will be required.

The Junior Fair Board will begin work in January with monthly Thursday meetings and possible community activities i.e. parades, street fairs, etc. As the time gets closer to fair, meetings may be held bi-monthly or weekly. The meetings begin at 6:00 pm and last 1-1 ½ hours. Fair activities will be scheduled as to have no impact on school attendance.

Work begins in earnest the week before the fair starts. If you have an animal at the fair, we will work around your show times with your scheduled activities. There will be many activities that will be planned by the Junior Fair Board during the fair. In the afternoons we meet and then sponsor activities, possibly until 9:00 pm. (This is a very busy and tiring week and a half. It can be difficult to keep up the pace and your studies, too. Even the best student's grades can suffer. Some of our activities every member is expected to participate in, so bear this in mind when you apply.)

Junior Fair Board shirts will be provided for members. You are expected to wear shirts tucked in at all times and no baggy pants are allowed. As representatives of the Fair, many people will closely scrutinize your behavior. Behavior deemed unacceptable by the senior Fair Board or Junior Fair Board advisors may be cause for dismissal.

Interviews are tentatively scheduled for November, 2010. You will be notified by telephone as to your exact interview time.

We look forward to meeting you at your interview. Please sign and also have a parent or guardian sign below. Return this with your application to the Kern County Fair office. This will verify that you and your parents understand what is expected of you if you are selected to serve as a member of the Great Kern County Fair Junior Fair Board.

Good Luck!

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent (Guardian) Signature _____ Date _____

**KERN COUNTY FAIR
JUNIOR FAIR BOARD APPLICATION**

Please Print

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____ G.P.A.: _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) NAME: _____

CLUBS AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN (INCLUDE OFFICES HELD):

LIST ALL ACTIVITIES IN OR OUT OF SCHOOL (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY): _____

HOBBIES & INTERESTS _____

WHY DO YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THE JUNIOR FAIR BOARD?: _____

WHAT PROJECTS OR IDEAS DO YOU HAVE IN MIND TO FURTHER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JUNIOR FAIR BOARD?: _____

HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN THE KERN COUNTY FAIR BEFORE? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES, IN WHAT WAY AND FOR HOW LONG? _____

DO YOU PLAN TO HAVE AN ANIMAL AT THE 2011 FAIR? WHAT KIND AND HOW MANY? _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT KERN COUNTY FAIR OFFICE BY 4:00 P.M. ON Monday, November 1, 2010.

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