

The 4-H Network

Connecting all of Kern County

August 2009

Aug. 1	*Cupcake Pincushion Workshop, 10:00 a.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
Aug. 5	*Rabbit Clinic, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094
Aug. 11	*Community Club Leader Workshop, 7:00 p.m.	John Borba 661-868-6216
Aug. 11	*DUE: Club Record Books for ALL 4-H Members Exhibiting at Kern County Fair	
Aug. 12	*Rabbit Clinic, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094
Aug. 14	4-H Achievement Program, 7:00 p.m., Fine Arts Bldg., KC Fairgrounds	Michelle Kern 661-979-3584
Aug. 18	*Community Club Leader Workshop, 3:00 p.m. (Afternoon Session)	John Borba 661-868-6216
Aug. 19	*Rabbit Clinic, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094
Aug. 20	*Community Club Leader Workshop, 7:00 p.m.	John Borba 661-868-6216
Aug. 22	Horse Show, 7:00 a.m., "MARE", earlier time	Meredith Hendricks 661-324-2255
Aug. 24	*Horse Leader's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	"
Aug. 25	*Leader's Council, 7:00 p.m.	Michelle Kern 661-979-3584
Aug. 26	*Rabbit Clinic, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094

*Indicates meeting is held at the Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mount Vernon Ave, Bakersfield CA

September 2009

Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday – UC Extension Closed	
Sept. 12	Horse Show	Meredith Hendricks 661-324-2255
Sept. 19	KC Fair Workday	
Sept. 23 - Oct. 4	Kern County Fair "The Best in the West"	www.kerncountyfair.com

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Melissa Hardy of Golden Empire prepares her animal for demonstration for State Presentation Day, held at U.C. Davis, in May.

2009 Kern County Record Book Changes/Guidelines

Information for Community Club Leaders:

- ❖ When sending books to the county judging there are ***new*** judging ratios to follow:

# of Books:	# of Judges to Provide:
1-5 Books	1 Judge
6-10	2
11-15	3
16-20	4
21-25	5
26-30	6

(*** Upon check-in of the record books be prepared to provide your judges names, phone number, and address)

- ❖ When submitting books to *county judging*, please actually check the contents of the book as you are checking the check off sheet portion of the **mandatory** “4-H Record Book Judging Application” (a.k.a. Entry Form). This is available on our county website. (Please also note that this requires the member, parent & community club leader’s signatures).
- ❖ Make sure Personal Development Reports (PDR) have your required signature. This is a crucial part of a ‘complete’ record book.

Information for EVERYONE:

- ❖ When submitting books to *county judging*, please include the **mandatory** “4-H Record Book Judging Application” (a.k.a. Entry Form). This is available on our county website. (Please also note that this requires the member, parent & community club leader’s signatures).
- ❖ Make sure Personal Development Reports (PDR) ***and*** Project Report forms have ALL required signatures. This is a crucial part of a ‘complete’ record book.
- ❖ Regarding page numbers or tabs....***one or the other*** is required. You may choose which of the two methods you would like to use, but you must use something.
 - If choosing to use page numbers: they should typed (included in the document) or handwritten. (You will not be counted down for handwritten numbers; as long as they are neatly written and legible)
 - If using tabs: make sure they do not stick out farther than your record book cover or folder. If white, off white or clear tabs cannot be found (as suggested) we will accept colored tabs. (This will only be an exception in our county).
- ❖ When filling out your **Annual Project Report** forms please use the following guidelines:
 - Fill in ALL sections (not every single box) with something; if you do not have something that will pertain to the specific section, please fill in with “n/a”.
 - When listing your meetings/activities on your Project Report forms, please distinguish meetings from other activities by simply adding meeting to the line, before your description. (ex. Meeting – Learned how to properly wash and groom our animals.)

Sewing - Cupcake Pincushion Workshop!

Saturday, August 1st at 10 a.m.

All materials needed to make the project have been provided! This workshop is open to all sewing/quilting members and who have basic sewing knowledge. Youth **MUST** sign-up for this event by Thursday, July 30th...hurry there are only 15 spots available!!! Contact Veronica Slaton @ 868-6235 or vaslaton@ucdavis.edu

(The pincushion style we will be making!)



2009 4-H Achievement Program

Friday, August 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Fine Arts Building Hall, Kern County Fairgrounds

This year's 2009 Kern County 4-H Achievement Program will be a social event, an Ice cream Social. The awards presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. and will be immediately followed by an ice cream social. We encourage every club and every family member to attend. There is no cost for the event.

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. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. 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

Important Reminder for 4-H Families Exhibiting at the Kern County Fair!

4-H members exhibiting any project at the 2009 Kern County Fair must submit an up-to-date Record Book for review by the Leader's Council. Record books are due at the UC Extension office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. The book must include, at a minimum, a completed Personal Development Report form and an Annual Project Report form for each project. Record book forms can be downloaded from: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/forms>.

Please keep in mind that Cloverbuds are the only youth exempt from this rule.

How do I reach my local 4-H Office?

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tdstroman@ucdavis.edu 661-868-6200
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Fax Number 661-868-6208

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 GET A FREE EMAIL ACCOUNT?

There are several companies that will give you a free email account. This is a list of the most popular free mail companies. Go to any one of the companies listed below to sign up for a free email account:

Google Gmail:

http://mail.google.com/mail/help/open.html#utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk&utm_medium=ha&pc=hak&utm_term=free%20gmail%20account

Global Mail Exchange (GMX) :

<http://mail-us.gmx.com/?mc=google@us@freemail.hp@reg&gclid=CPyV4taEmJUCFQ0xawodJx2LOg>

Hotmail:

<http://login.live.com/login.srf?wa=wsignin1.0&rpsnv=10&ct=1219085290&rver=4.5.2130.0&w p=MBI&wreply=http:%2F%2Fmail.live.com%2Fdefault.aspx&id=64855>

Yahoo: https://edit.europe.yahoo.com/registration?_intl=uk

To find more, go to Google and type in "Free Email Accounts." There are far more than you can imagine.

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! County 4-H Staff are encouraged to use this calendar to list activities that may be of interest to others outside of your county. The calendar is particularly useful for scheduling multi-county, sectional and statewide trainings, committee meetings, and other events. Staff can access the calendar using the 4-H Information System (WRP).

2009 California 4-H Leader's Forum

November 6-8, 2009

North Section 4-H Leaders' Council

"Past, Present, Future"

My name is Tammy McFarland and I would like to know what you would like to see or learn for sessions at this years State Leaders Forum so we can do our best to have at least one session to match what is really of interest to the forum.

Please ask at the club

and project meetings so we can find the proper speakers and presenters as soon as possible.



Please email me your responses and any questions you may have to:

kiwiblossomranch@live.com

Record Book Corner

August

State Leadership Conference

Attended 3

State Fair

Attended 3

Exhibitor 2

Achievement Program

Attended 3

Server 4

Horse Show

Attended 3

Exhibited 2

Rabbit Clinic

Attended 3

Participant 2

State 4-H Equine Field Day at UC Davis

Mark your calendars for the **State 4-H Equine Field Day at UC Davis** for **October 3 or 10**. It will be a partnership with the UCD Animal Science department and UCD Horse Day.

More details to follow at

<http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

Sheep Progress Show Results

Class 1

12 th	Nicky Williams	Midway
11 th	Matthew Amick	Magunden
10 th	Allison Jarvine	Midway
9 th	Markie Oglesby	Midway
8 th	Desire Scheeler	Magunden
7 th	Brandi Rushing	Piute Mountain
6 th	Nevin Thomas	Golden Empire
5 th	Kristen Levandoski	Golden Empire
4 th	Kaiyce May	Stockdale West
3 rd	Jared May	Stockdale West
2 nd	Erik Jensen	Golden Empire
1 st	Gabriel Hernandez	Golden Empire

Class 2

6 th	Louis Seal	Midway
5 th	Jesekah Rogers	Midway
4 th	Whisper-Lynn Null	Midway
3 rd	Kayla Houston	Midway
2 nd	Leon Letterman	Greenacres West
1 st	Erika Hernandez	Golden Empire

Class 3

4 th	Jamie Collins	Piute Mountain
3 rd	Katelyn Filkins	Stockdale West
2 nd	Weldon Colbert	Southwest
1 st	Logan Colunga	Golden Empire

Class 4

3 rd	Chris Westbrook	Golden Empire
2 nd	Shannon Caldwell	Sierra Mountaineers
1 st	Brittnie Colvard	Stockdale West

Class 5/6

3 rd	Cody Amick	Magunden
2 nd	Sarah McClure	Stockdale West
1 st	Tucker Colunga	Golden Empire

Market Goat Progress Show Results

Novice Class

3 rd	Elizabeth Charles	Golden Empire
2 nd	Austin Charles	Golden Empire
1 st	Mallory Harrison	Southwest

Junior Class

1 st	Brad Hudson	Southwest
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Intermediate Class

3 rd	Marcellina Padilla	Kern Creative Minds
2 nd	Antonio Banducci	Southwest
1 st	Anna Andrews	Southwest

Senior Class

3 rd	Alexandria Gehringer	Kern Creative Minds
2 nd	Amy Andrews	Southwest
1 st	Sarah Scheer	Southwest

Project Level Testing Results

The following results were available at time of posting:

Dairy Cattle Bronze

Panama: Tyler Patton, Kelly Patton, Hannah Vander Poel, Kathryn Vander Poel, Alesse DeJager, Brittney Buys, Caitlyn Brunni

Dairy Cattle Silver

Panama: Andy Grimm, Chelsey Kootstra
Southwest: Shannon Tjaarda

Market Goat Bronze

Heart 'n' Home: Lehanna Hillberg, April Bulford, Zethan Hillberg, Jared Smith

Kern Creative Minds: Alexandria Gehringer

Rosedale: Nanie McMahan

Southwest: Mallory Harrison, Seth Tilley, Sarah Scheer

Market Goat Silver

God's Pride: Logan Van Allen

Heart 'n' Home: Joey Bulford

Shadoni: Shelby Pulido

Southwest: Anna Andrews, Brad Hudson

Poultry Bronze

Calloway: Samantha Woods

Four Seasons: Greg Jones

Kern Creative Minds: Kelsey Padilla, Cora Padilla, Marci Padilla, Devynn Faustino

Shafter: Jaycee Shugart

Poultry Silver

Heart 'n' Home: Lauren Palmbach, Linda Snooddy

Poultry Gold

Heart 'n' Home: Kate Palmbach, Brandon Parks, Anika Parks

Pygmy Goat Bronze

God's Pride: Logan Van Allen

Heart 'n' Home: Lehanna Hillberg, Zethan Hillberg, Anika Parks, Linda Snooddy

Kern Creative Minds: Marci Padilla

Rio Del Norte: Emily Salinas, Lilly Salinas

Rosedale: Nanie McMahan

Rocketry Bronze

Southwest: Axel Barnes

Sheep Bronze

Golden Empire: Melissa Hardy

Greenacres West: Kevin Vanscox

Kern Creative Minds: Cora Padilla

Rio Del Norte: Madison Zittel

Sheep Silver

Greenacres West: Kristen Wright

Shafter: Jaycee Shugart

CA State 4-H Classic Championship Horse Show



By: Melissa Hardy, Golden Empire 4-H

On June 25 Michelle Williams of Sundance 4-H and I, Melissa Hardy of Golden Empire 4-H, started the five-hour trek with our horses and families to the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville. We were headed to the annual CA State 4-H Classic Horse Show. Our horses were awesome travelers and greatly enjoyed all of the “pampering” and attention over the weekend. Michelle and I were the only riders from Kern County and worked our hardest to represent our county to its fullest potential.

We showed English on Friday and Western on Saturday; both of us placed extremely well throughout the show. Michelle and her horse, Skip Araujo (“Willie”) won the Western trail and placed second in the elite Western Pleasure class. My horse, Bet the Red Chip (“Chip”) and I were lucky enough to win both the English Pleasure and the Western Horsemanship.

We would like to thank the Slauson family for all of their help in preparing our horses and us over the last few months to complete in the Championship Horse Show. We are eagerly looking forward to next year, hoping more Kern County equestrians will attend.

Introducing a New County-Wide Project “a Novel Idea”



From: Pride & Prejudice & Zombies

What strange plague has been the scourge of England for “five-and-fifty years?”

A new project will be forming later this fall. “A Novel Idea” will begin shortly after the Kern County Fair. Books will be selected by the group, with theme related activities scheduled. Contact Kimberlee at 661-868-6233 for further information, or to register.

Twilight Mini Book Workshop

November 14, 2009

(RSVP by November 10, 2009)



Whether you are “Team Edward”, “Team Jacob”, or no team at all you will love this Mini Book Workshop. Inspired by the series of bestselling novels and movies we will be creating a “Mini Book.” A sample of this

project will soon be on display at the 4-H Office.

This workshop will be open to Craft, Scrapbook, and Communications: “A Novel Idea” members, and to Craft or Scrapbook leaders. Leaders taking the workshop will be expected to offer this or a similar project to their club.

If the “Twilight” theme is not your style, this project can easily be converted to another theme such as: Victorian, Gothic, Christmas, or Valentines Day

Soap Box Derby

On Saturday, June 6th at Bakersfield College the 4-H Outreach Program hosted the Soap Box Derby. The event involved 4-H members racing soap box derby cars that they had helped construct with the help of Harold Tolbert of Sundance 4-H. There were other activities that took place including games courtesy of Hi 4-H and a petting zoo courtesy of Melissa Hardy of Golden Empire 4-H.



"A volunteer helps a 4-H member prepare for his race."



"4-H members race to the finish line."

California 4-H Member Selected to Carry Olympic Torch

Laura Webber, a 4-H member in San Mateo County actively involved with the 4-H Million Trees Project, has been selected by The Coca-Cola Company, as one of ten teenagers involved in community service projects that will carry the Olympic Torch in the 2010 Winter Olympics Torch Relay. Currently, as a result of the 4-H Million Trees Project, almost 68,000 trees have been planted by about 24,000 4-H youth in 42 states and provinces. Congratulations Laura!

2009 California 4-H Computer Corps

Do you have experience and interest in computers, the Internet, digital photography, GPS/GIS, or other tech area? Join the **2009 California 4-H Computer Corps!** The 4-H Computer Corps increases the use and awareness of computer technology in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, age 15-19, 4-H volunteers and

staff may apply by **September 30, 2009**. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/wrp/compcorps/>.

National Youth Science Day



On 4-H National Youth Science Day, October 7th, young people across the nation will get a chance to examine one of the most important issues facing our nation

today—energy. Youth will discover, learn and have a blast exploring alternative fuels through *Biofuel Blast*, the National Science Experiment.

Developed in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension and Wisconsin 4-H, the experiment is designed to spark an early interest in the sciences—all part of 4-H's bold goal to engage a million new young people in science, engineering and technology programs by 2013.

You can find everything you need to participate in 4-H National Youth Science Day online at www.4-H.org/NYSD. The site has lots of useful information, including the experiment facilitator's guide, interactive tools, event planning kits and much more. Plus, new features, information and promotions will be added in the months and weeks leading up to October 7th—so make sure to register to receive event updates today.

We're looking forward to another successful 4-H National Youth Science Day.