

The 4-H Network

Connecting all of Kern County

July 2009

July 1-4	Fireworks Booth Fundraiser Volunteers needed age 18 & over	Michelle Kern 661-979-3584
July 11	Shooting Sports Competition – Five Dogs Range	Robert Claffy 661-829-1658
July 14	Hi 4-H Activity – Wild Water Adventures	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
July 17	Murray Family Farms, 9:00 a.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
July 18	Horse Show	Meredith Hendricks 661-324-2255
July 20	*DUE: Record Books for County Judging, 5:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
July 21	*Budget/Calendar Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Michelle Kern 661-979-3584
July 23	*Rabbit Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094
July 25	*County Record Book Judging, 9:00 a.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
July 27	*Horse Leader's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Meredith Hendricks 661-324-2255
July 28	*Poultry Leader's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Orville Andrews 661-201-0708
July 28	*Leader's Council, 7:00 p.m.	Michelle Kern 661-979-3584

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

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. 8	4-H Rifle Match, 8:30 a.m., Five Dogs Range	Robert Claffy
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

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Congratulations to Zachary Blanton
of Sierra Mountaineers
2009-2010 Kern County
4-H All Star

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.)

Livestock Judging Results

Small Animal Livestock

Juniors

1 st	Koleby Keeland	Southwest
2 nd	Eliza Zimmerle	Calloway
3 rd	Weldon Colbert	Southwest
4 th	Braydon Hillberg	Heart 'n' Home
5 th	Hanna Scheer	Southwest

Intermediates

1 st	Zethan Hillberg	Heart 'n' Home
2 nd	Brandon Parks	Heart 'n' Home
3 rd	Taylor Jensen	Calloway
4 th	Bailey Voss	God's Pride
4 th	Regina Carver	Heart N Home
5 th	Anna Andrews	Southwest
5 th	Mallory Harrison	Southwest
5 th	Michelle Williams	Sundance

Seniors

1 st	Christopher Geyer	Heart 'n' Home
2 nd	Sarah Scheer	Southwest
3 rd	Nicole Bayne	Stockdale West
4 th	Mandy Downs	Shadoni
5 th	Corey Sutton	Magunden

Large Animal Livestock

Juniors

1 st	Sarah Bayne	Stockdale West
2 nd	Jeremy Hazen	Midway
3 rd	Bradley Hudson	Southwest
3 rd	Justin Wilke	Calloway
4 th	Weldon Colbert	Southwest
5 th	Lauren Palmbach	Heart 'n' Home

Juniors REASONS

1 st	Sarah Bayne	Stockdale West
2 nd	Brayden Hillburg	Heart 'n' Home
3 rd	Weldon Colbert	Southwest

Intermediates

1 st	Melissa Hardy	Golden Empire
2 nd	Jordyn Scheer	Southwest
3 rd	Janey Hazen	Midway
4 th	Antonio Banducci	Southwest
5 th	Bailey Hall	Sundance

Intermediate REASONS

1 st	Regina Carver
2 nd	Hope Johnson
3 rd	Taylor Slauson

Seniors

1 st	Sarah Scheer	Southwest
2 nd	Lee Yantis	Southwest
3 rd	Nicole Smith	Heart 'n' Home

4 th	Joey Bulford	Heart 'n' Home
5 th	Lauren Taylor	Rio Del Norte

Senior REASONS

1 st	Lee Yantis
2 nd	Sara Scheer
3 rd	Miranda Medrano

Thank you to all the chairmen's for bringing the animals for judging. Thank you to Frontier FFA for bringing the beef for judging. A big thank you to Justin Andrews and Hillary Barnes (Foothill FFA, Southwest 4-H) for taking Reasons from the members on swine and beef at field day. Thank You to everyone that helped with the judging contest.

Planned Changes for the 2010 Kern County 4-H Field Day

- Reasons will be mandatory for all competitors in Livestock Judging.
- The "Table Setting" competition will strictly consist of individual "single place settings".

Record Book Tips for July

Horse Show

Attended	3
Exhibited	2
Showmanship	2

New Project Level Testing Planned for the 2009-2010 Year

Arts & Crafts; Cake Decorating; Ceramics; Fiber Arts; Floral Design; Home Environment; Polymer Clay; & Scrapbooking, to name a few are being considered as new categories for the upcoming year. The format will be considerably different from other Project Level Tests. Information about these tests should be available by January.

2008-2009 4-H Calendar Online

The yearly calendar of upcoming 4-H events is posted online at:

<http://cekern.davis.edu/youth%5FDevelopment>

2009 Kern County Bake Day Results

Junior

Chocolate

2nd Marcus Williams El Adobe

Decorated

*1st Ian Thomas Kern Creative Minds

2nd Audrey Donohoe Magunden

2nd Priscilla Moore Kern Creative

Minds

1st Michael Moore Kern Creative

Minds

Other Flavor

**1st Krystal Williams El Adobe

Intermediate

Bundt/Loaf/Chiffon/Angel Food

2nd Michelle Williams Sundance

Chocolate

**1st Skyler Wellnitz Rio Del Norte 1st

2nd Garret Blanton Sierra

Mountaineers

3rd Anthony Gotcher God's Pride

1st Bailey Hall Sundance

1st Jacklynn Taylor

Decorated

*1st Bethanny Downing Magunden

1st Nicolas Ahumada Kern Creative

Minds

1st Melissa Hardy Golden Empire

1st Kayla May Magunden

1st Anika Parks Heart 'n' Home

Fruit Pie

3rd Naomi Lynam Calloway

3rd Shiloh Mayer Calloway

1st Brandon Parks Heart 'n' Home

Quick Bread

2nd Kayleigh Geyer Heart 'n' Home

1st Marcelinna Padilla Kern Creative

Minds

Whole Grain

1st Sarah Kakuk God's Pride

2nd Marcelinna Padilla Kern Creative

Minds

2nd Anika Parks Heart 'n' Home

Senior

Bundt/Loaf/Chiffon/Angel Food-

1st Brandie Hall Sundance

Chocolate

2nd Tyler Goens Calloway

3rd Janelle Schaufelberger Calloway

Decorated

*1st Danica Goens Calloway

2nd Yesenia Fernandez Kern Creative Minds

2nd Alexandria Gehringer "

2nd Kristen Hill God's Pride

2nd Cora Padilla Kern Creative Minds

1st Kelsey Padilla Kern Creative Minds

Fruit Pie

1st Devynn Faustino Kern Creative Minds

2nd Lillian Salinas Rio Del Norte

Other Flavor

**1st Kristen Wright Greenacres West

Whole Grain

1st Lillian Salinas Rio Del Norte

*Indicates Sweepstakes Decorated

**Indicates Sweepstakes All Others

Fruit! Family! Fun!

Kern County 4-H will be taking a tour of Murray Family Farms on Friday, July 17th at 9 a.m.

The cost is \$6 per person and includes lots of fun things like picking fruits (you can pick larger quantities of fruit for an extra fee), a hay ride, a petting zoo and tour of the farm! Bring a lunch or snack for a picnic!!! This event is open to ALL 4-H members and their families! It would make a great project meeting for a nutrition, cooking, canning or gardening group!!! For further information or to sign-up for this event please contact Veronica Slaton at 868-6235 or vaslaton@ucdavis.edu

Fruits in season include: White & Yellow nectarines, peaches, apricots, pluots, apriums, blueberries, blackberries and more!

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!)



*Sticks and stones can break your bones,
But words will really hurt us....*

Mignonne Pollard, Ed.D.

In every code of conduct, it states that 4-Hers must maintain a certain level of respect and use language appropriately. This agreement extends to electronic media as well as in-person meetings and events. Ask yourself, "is it okay for a 4-H member to spread rumors at an event? Is it okay for a 4-H member to write insults on their Facebook page about each other or about staff? What happens at camp if someone plays an offensive song from an MP3 player or iPod? What if a 4-H member constantly calls someone else hurtful names?" These activities are not acceptable—they break the California 4-H code of conduct. We can help to prevent these situations with a little knowledge.

Several schools and many 4-H clubs use a program focused on youth ethics called "Character Counts"—the pillar of character that deals with respect seems so simple:

Respect: *Treat others with respect, be tolerant of differences, follow the Golden Rule, be considerate, use good manners, deal peacefully with disagreements, don't use foul language.*

Character Counts is one program that is exemplary of how we can continue to provide lessons that address ethics and morals. (www.charactercounts.org, or see new leaders publication by NJ at: <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/pdfs/4h/e148/365-368.pdf>).

For more information on appropriate language use on the internet see this Journal of Extension article that outlines internet language and use by Bovitz (2007) an agent in Georgia:

<http://www.joe.org/joe/2007april/tt1.php> or California's own guidelines for web use <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/2009/June09/4-HYDPWebsiteProcess-Guidelines-2.doc>

Let's keep 4-H a safe learning environment for all.

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 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.

County Record Book Judging Reminders:

- All books must be brought to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 20.
- Persons other than judges will not be allowed to be in the judging area or to examine the record books.
- At the conclusion of judging (approximately 3:00 p.m.), each club's record books will be grouped together and be available for pick up, Monday July 27.
- The person picking up the record books will sign for the record books they are taking.
- Judges are needed for Record Books. You do not have to be a leader. This is a great opportunity to see how Record Books are assembled and evaluated. Contact Veronica Slaton at 661-868-6235 or email vaslaton@ucdavis.edu if you can judge.

County Record Book Judging

County Record Book Judging will take place Saturday July 25. Each Community Leader has a received a packet of information related to this judging process. Leaders from each club should get together to evaluate all record books from their club. Record book check sheets are available for this process. Clubs may submit up to four junior and four senior record books in each project area for county judging. Each of these books must be signed by the Project Leader and the Community Club Leader.

Judges will select medalists and a county winner in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. These winners will be honored at the Achievement Program on August 14.

Books that are submitted for judging must include appropriate record book forms. Each club submitting books needs at least one adult to serve as judge for every one to five books submitted.

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.

State 4-H Field Day Results

Congratulations to Kern County 4-H Members who participated at the 2009 State 4-H Field Day.

State 4-H Plant Science Contest

Top Intermediate

Kate Palmbach Heart 'n' Home

State 4-H Presentation Day

Emily Hamilton Gold Bear Valley
Intermediate Interpretive Reading
Regina Carver; Emma, Kate & Lauren Palmbach Gold Heart 'n' Home
Intermediate Share the Fun
Bailey Stewart Gold
Junior Interpretive Reading
Danielle Martinez Blue West Bakersfield
Senior Demonstration
Nanie Mc Mahon Blue Rosedale
Intermediate Impromptu Speech

State 4-H Fashion Revue

Kristin Hill Blue God's Pride
Senior Consumer Science

State 4-H Interview

Kristin Hill Blue God's Pride

2009-2010 Kern County 4-H Leader's Council

President	Michelle Kern
Vice President	Lisa Mc Mahon
Secretary	Jana Goens
Treasurer	Ron Bennett
Ag Coordinator	Meredith Hendricks
Home Ec. Coordinator	Kimberlee Claffy
Beef	Anthony Noble
Clothing	Lisa Mc Mahon
Cloverbuds	Karen Bayne
Dairy Cattle	Jack Hudson
Dairy Goats	Harold Bulford
Dogs'	Claudia Burk'
Foods	Ana Williams
Home Art & Crafts	Kimberlee Claffy
Horse	Meredith Hendricks
Market Goats	Paul Hudson
Plant Science	Jennifer Palmbach
Poultry	Orville Andrews
Pygmy Goats	Nancy Hillberg
Rabbits	Jana Goens
Scholarship	Lisa Mc Mahon
Sheep	Jeffrey Chesser & Charlie Forshee
Shooting Sports	Robert Claffy
Swine	Mario Buoni

New 2009 4-H Record Book Supplements

Instructions: These supplemental instructions and interpretations pertain to the California 4-H Record Book Manual, released February 2008. The State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee, which provides guidance to the California 4-H Record Book Program, will not release a full update to the manual at this time; however, the additions and edits should be noted.

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/2009SupplementalGuidelines.pdf>

4-H Life Skills in Science, Engineering and Technology: 4-H members may want to include specific science, engineering and technology (SET) abilities and life skills in their Annual Project Reports and 4-H Story. These SET Abilities focus on learning and doing science, engineering and technology.

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/2009SETLifeSkills.pdf>

Horse Project Leaders Resources

There are more resources for Horse Project Leaders to help members learn the science of the horse project. For these resources and more go to

<http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/#5!>

Equine Science Jeopardy Game is a question and answer quiz type game of horse facts.

You can easily copy the file and then delete & add questions/answers on this PowerPoint program. Visit

[http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/ for more information.](http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/ for more information)

4-H Horsemanship Proficiency Program, A Member's Guide is available to help leaders and members learn what they need to know about the 4-H horse project. Your project leader can assist members in setting and achieving their goals. Through the project, you will learn horse behavior, mounting and dismounting, proper and safe techniques when handling a horse and general riding techniques. The outline is based upon the Certified Horsemanship Association Manual. Visit [http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/ for more information.](http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/ for more information)

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

How do I reach my local 4-H office?

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Kimberlee Claffy 4-H Secretary
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(Special Projects Only)

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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 Stories Sought

The State 4-H Office is looking for **innovative and impactful 4-H stories**. Stories feature 4-H groups, projects or activities on the State 4-H Homepage (www.ca4h.org). The State 4-H Office will even write the story for you! If you have a story, please contact Emily Lane, State 4-H Office student assistant, at erlane@ucdavis.edu Current stories may be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/4HDelivers.asp>

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=hbk&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