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

For additional information on healthy living and diet, go to: http://dining.ucdavis.edu/dietician.html

Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Tulare County UCCE office, (two weeks prior to the activity), at (559) 684-3300 if you have any barriers to participation requiring special accommodations.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER
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RSVP NEEDED FOR COUNTY AWARDS NIGHT

County Awards Night will be held Monday, September 23, 6:30 P.M. Please help us with an expected head count to RSVP by either filling out and mailing the form below or calling Shari at 559-684-3303 or email to sconnell@co.tulare.ca.us. This will help us out with the expected food amounts needed, as well as seating arrangements. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP by Monday, September 16.

Name: _________________________________
Club: _________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Number in Party: _______________________

Mail or Fax by September 16 to:
County Awards Night RSVP
4437-B S. Laspina St.
Tulare, CA 93274
Fax: 559-685-3319

TALENT REQUESTED COUNTY AWARDS NIGHT

At this year’s County Awards Night, being held Monday, September 23, we would again like to feature some of our talented 4-H members. If you are a 4-H member who plays a musical instrument, sings, recites poetry or has another performing art talent and you are interested in entertaining during our social gathering at County Awards Night, please fill out the form below and submit it to the Cooperative Extension Office by Monday, September 16. Performances can be individual or group. We have a 30 minute period available, so if we get an overwhelming response, we may have auditions. Also, the number of responses may also determine the length of each performance allowed.

Name: _________________________________
Club: _________________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Talent to be performed: __________________
Length of performance: __________________

Please mail or fax by Monday, September 16:
4-H Talent Request
4437-B S. Laspina St.,
Tulare, CA 93274
Fax: 559-685-3319

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser

The Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraiser will be held October 9-October 20. Customers at their local Tractor Supply stores can support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and over 70% will remain at the county and state level where the store is located. Having more 4-Hers in stores during the event helps raise more money. If you are interested in participating, contact the 4-H Office at 559-684-3303.
EMERALD STAR PROJECT
APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 2, 2013

What is an Emerald Star? The Emerald Star is a leadership and citizenship opportunity for 4-H members in the 8th grade and up. Any 4-H member who has achieved a Gold Star but has not previously held an Emerald Star, All Star, or State Ambassadorship may apply.

An Emerald Star applicant is to present a plan of proposed leadership, to be completed within the following six months. They must complete their plan, submit a self evaluation, show good leadership qualities and overall 4-H work.

Examples of past Emerald Star projects are: project show or field day, judging contests, slide-show or information pamphlet for county use in an area of need, mini fair and many more. Remember, these are just a few examples. The project can be something new or can be a revamping of a project that needs updating or to be done again.

To apply, an applicant must complete an application and submit it to the Cooperative Extension Office by the due date. An interview will be set up with a committee to review the project or plan. Once the project is complete, a final report will be submitted and a final interview will be set where the applicant will give an oral report handing in the original plan and final written report. Next Emerald Star applications are due or postmarked to the Cooperative Extension Office by October 2, 2013. Applications are available at the Cooperative Extension Office or online at: http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?ids=3373

RUBY STAR PROJECT
APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 2, 2013

In addition to the star ranks (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum) achieved through the Personal Development Report (PDR), Emerald Stars, All Stars, and Ruby Stars are available on a leadership development level. Ruby Star is for older members who have achieved the rank of Emerald Star and/or All Star and wish to complete a leadership plan on a county level or above.

High school and older aged members are encouraged to work in a more independent environment. At this level, there must be overall guidelines, general direction, and assistance, but highly independent and individualized plans and programs. The plan of proposed leadership should be offered on a county, sub-sectional, sectional or state level. Ruby Star projects should generally be on a level above and beyond the type of leadership plans used for Emerald Star projects. Applicant Requirements:

Applications will be accepted two times during the year at the same time as the Emerald Star, October and April and are available at: http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?ids=3373

Next Ruby Star applications are due or postmarked to the Cooperative Extension Office by October 2, 2013.

WHAT ARE THE 4-H STAR RANKS?

Star Rankings (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum) County 4-H staff and 4-H clubs are responsible for coordinating star ranking awards. The star award ranking system is a voluntary advancement program utilizing the Personal Development Report form (part of the 4-H record book) as a goal setting tool, aimed at encouraging broad-based participation and achievement in 4-H. 4-H members record their participation in eight categories for the current 4-H program year on the Personal Development Report. Activities are totaled for all years in 4-H and star awards are given to those 4-H members meeting the requirements. Junior, intermediate and senior members may all strive for star ranks. Each star level takes an average of two years to complete. Star rank achievers receive a tangible star, which is often attached to the 4-H hat.

How can these star ranks be earned? To qualify for any of the achievement rank awards, 4-H members must attend 80 percent of both the local club and the project meetings held during the year. To obtain any of the ranks, 4-H members must complete the asterisked (*) categories as a part of his/her total effort. The Personal Development Report (PDR), part of the 4-H member record book, shows the numbers and categories necessary to earn each star ranking.
**HORSES TAKE YOU PLACES!**

**Horse Committee Meeting**

**When:** Monday September 30, 2013  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Place:** Ag Building—UCCE 4-H Office, 4437 S. Laspina St. Tulare  
**Who:** All Horse Project Leaders and Members and club adults and members who have an interest in starting a horse project.  
**What:** At this meeting horse project events and activities will be scheduled. Horse Project guidelines and curriculum will be given out.  
**Fun:** We will be making a rope halter. If you want to make a halter you need to bring the following amount of ¼" nylon double braided rope per size of horse listed below:  
   - Small – Pony 18 Feet  
   - Medium – Arab 20 Feet  
   - Large – Horse 22 Feet  
   - Extra Large - Warmblood 24 Feet  
   - Extra Extra Large - Draft 26-28 Feet  

**RSVP your attendance to**  
laharrelson@ucanr.edu

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**HI 4-H WANTS YOU!**

Hi 4-H is recruiting members for the 2013-2014 program year. Hi 4-H is a county wide club that promotes leadership, citizenship and community service. They provide the opportunity for the members to attend sectional and state leadership conferences through fundraising. They also sponsor the county officer awards and host County Awards Night. They reach out to the community, promoting the 4-H program by participating in local events such as the Annual Visalia Kids Festival.  

To be eligible to be a member in Hi 4-H you must be currently enrolled in a community club in good standing and be in the 7th grade and above. If you are interested in being a part of the “Big Picture”, please contact Kristin Childress at 559-280-4516, or Mary Minter at 559-539-1520.

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**SHOOTING SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**When:** Thursday, September 26, 2013  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Where:** Ag Building/UCCE 4-H Office, 4437 S. Laspina St. Tulare  
**Who:** All current and potential shooting sports leaders  
**What:** Plan the years shooting sports activities, schedule trainings, talk about funding.  
**RSVP your attendance to:**  
laharrelson@ucanr.edu or call 559-684-3322

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**PAWS’ ITIVELY FUN!**

4-H Dog Project  
Let’s make it Thrive!  
Hey Club’s, if you have a dog project or you have members who want a dog project, a countywide committee meeting is planned to evaluate and plan fun and educational activities. In addition, a review of skill testing and Dog Achievement Day requirements will take place.  

All Dog Project Leaders and members and those adults and youth interested, please attend an organizational meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 6:30 P.M. at the UCCE 4-H Office.  

**RSVP your attendance to:**  
laharrelson@ucanr.edu or call 559-684-3322
START PLANNING FOR 4-H CAMP NOW!!!

Hey everybody, if you want to see what a good time everyone had at camp this last year, you can like Tulare County 4-H Summer Camp on Facebook. It was a great year at camp and it's not too early to start planning for next year’s camp. The camp date will be the same, the last week of June.

In the next month or two, clubs will be providing you information on how to start a savings plan for camp fees. Soon, applications for Junior Camp Staff Director and Junior Camp Staff applications will be available, so all you 4-H members in the 9th grade and up, here is an outstanding leadership opportunity for you and a ton of FUN!

All the adults can start planning now as well, to come and be an Adult Counselor. Adult Counselors are a critical component to camp and it cannot run without their help. Plan your summer vacation at 4-H Camp in the cool mountain weather, fishing, hiking and relaxing!

Hope to see a great crowd at the 2014 camp!
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 6-12, 2013

National 4-H Week provides an excellent opportunity to promote 4-H, and increase the visibility of the program and your club. There is plenty of time to include this in your club’s activity planners for the year. One idea is for clubs to do a window display. Does your club participate in the National 4-H Week Window Display Contest? Good locations for displays are store windows, school display cases, county buildings, banks, and libraries. The 2013 National 4-H Week promotional theme is “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”. You may use your own theme designed to encourage 4-H participation. Offer to help your club leader put together a display to show everyone what 4-H is all about. Other ideas you and your club can do in preparation for “National 4-H Week.”

1. Get your local newspaper to highlight a special project/event your club participates in or a leader from your club who has been involved in the program for many years.
2. Set up an information table at your school’s open house.
3. Send out fliers to schools in your area inviting new people to your next meeting.
4. Plan a special event.

Please get your club involved in spreading the word about 4-H! Join in and celebrate “National 4-H Week. Visit the following website for more information and promotional toolkits: http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits

NATIONAL 4-H SCIENCE DAY
IN TULARE COUNTY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013

What: National 4-H Science Day Event
When: Saturday, October 5, 2013
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Where: UCCE TC 4-H Office, 4437 S. Laspina St. Tulare
Registration: http://ucanr.edu/tulare county national 4-h science day event
Who: All Tulare County 4-H Members! Be a Part of the Big Picture!

The Experiment – 4-H Maps & Apps

In this year’s experiment, 4-H Maps & Apps, young people will become geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the USGS.

Activity One: Park It! Be a Layer Player
Become a “community designer” and create a GIS map that represents your own unique vision of a park that makes your community a better place to live.

Activity Two: Problems Layers! Let’s Talk Trash
Explore how GIS layers can be used to assess a messy situation by looking at data plotted out on a map and propose cost-effective solutions.

Keep on Learning...
In addition to the activities included in the youth and facilitator guide books, this year we are also offering two more “add on” activities for youth who want to keep working in the area of GIS/GPS. The activities are: Go Deeper Into GIS Mapping, Make Your Mark on the National Map.
**4-H Wants (NEEDS) YOU!**

All Adult Volunteers—Your help is needed at the county level. There are several committees where your assistance is needed listed below. 3 to 5 volunteers per committee. 1 to 3 volunteers per department.

- Favorite Foods Day
- Livestock Judging Day—Ag Advisory
- Presentation Day
- Fashion Review
- Field Day Department Chairs

Please Step Up and volunteer your time. Below is a brief listing of what will be required of you.

- Attend 2–3 Meetings, 1—1.5 hrs. each
- Review guideline booklet for changes
- Review awards system
- Secure facility
- Secure judges, tabulators, clerks, etc. as needed
- Be there for set up and take down day of event

If you are interested please email Leah Harrelson at laharrelson@ucanr.edu or call 559-684-3322. Clubs will be assigned to vacancies at the October Ag and Indoor Advisory meetings.

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**STATE 4-H LEADER’S FORUM**

November 8-10, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento

The Centennial of 4-H in California will be celebrated in 2013 in many ways, in traditional events and in special programs. Culminating the activities is the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum, Nov. 8 - 10, 2013 in Sacramento. The conference is sponsored by the State 4-H Leaders’ Council and the 4-H section planning the conference. Some of the best, most practical learning for 4-H leaders happens here. You’ll come home loaded with ideas and activities and the enthusiasm to implement them. Your County 4-H Program becomes stronger because of your participation. 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.

Registration is now open by online survey at [http://ucanr.edu/slf2013register](http://ucanr.edu/slf2013register). Register and mail your payment by September 1 for the best price! Conference meals are ordered using the registration form. Lodging is reserved thru the hotel only. Full conference information is available on the State website at [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/).

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**PLEASE DO NOT SIGN CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS!**

Please do not sign any contract, facility use form, or other agreements on behalf of your 4-H Club or the 4-H Program. Most of these documents contain liability statements which can make you personally liable if there is any accident or injury. Even parade entries can contain liability statements.

Send these documents to the 4-H Office, and we will be more than happy to have them processed and signed for your club. In order for the University to honor the agreement, it must be approved by our office and signed by our County Director. Protect yourself and the 4-H Program by making sure these agreements are completed and signed correctly.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Shari Connelly, 4-H Secretary at 559-684-3303.

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If your 4-H club or 4-H Project has a Face-book page please send an invite to the 4-H staff. 4-H Facebook pages must be monitored by 4-H Staff. For social media guidelines please contact the 4-H Office. Thanks!
TULARE COUNTY 4-H SHEEP SHOW RESULTS

Congratulations to all who participated in the August 3rd show at the Tulare County Fairgrounds.

Sheep Winners: Grand Champion, Maddelyn Hunt, Tulare 4-H; Res. Grand Champion, Michaela Peyron, Pleasant View 4-H; All Breeds – Lightweight: Champion, Bradley Guelker, Vandalia 4-H; Reserve Champion, Karlie Patch, Springville 4-H; Middleweight: Champion, Maddelyn Hunt, Tulare 4-H; Reserve Champion, Michaela Peyron, Pleasant View 4-H; Heavyweight: Champion, Marcus Hernandez, Palo Verde 4-H; Reserve Champion, Natalia Hernandez, Palo Verde 4-H; Breeding – Champion, Natalie Hernandez, Palo Verde 4-H; Reserve Champion, Taylor Lorenzo, Palo Verde 4-H.

Sheep Showmanship Winners: Pre Novice – 1st Johannahyn Motty, Oakdale 4-H; Junior – 1st Amy Swall, Oakdale 4-H; 2nd Daniela Quesada, Elbow Creek 4-H; 3rd Shaniya Schaible, Prairie Center 4-H; Intermediate – 1st Kaylee Rumbaugh, Exeter 4-H; 2nd Lindsey Swall, Oakdale 4-H; 3rd Michaela Peyron, Pleasant View 4-H; 4th Brian Dreyer, Exeter 4-H; 5th Hunter Blevins, Palo Verde 4-H; 6th Maddelyn Hunt, Tulare 4-H; 7th Taylor Lorenzo, Palo Verde 4-H; 8th Madison Patch, Springville 4-H; Senior – 1st Bradley Guelker, Vandalia 4-H; 2nd Alex Lagrutta, Exeter 4-H; 3rd Anthony Lagrutta, Exeter 4-H; 4th Austin Mosqueda, Palo Verde 4-H; 5th Sarah Dreyer, Exeter 4-H; 6th Marcus Hernandez, Palo Verde 4-H; 7th Taylor Motty, Oakdale 4-H.

WERE YOU AT OFFICER’S TRAINING?

Thank you to the following clubs that were represented at the 2013 Officer’s Training Day held on August 10th:

4-H Club # Members Attended
Burton 1
Ducor 5
Elbow Creek 2
Exeter 6
Oakdale 7
Palo Verde 3
Pleasant View 3
Prairie Center 4
Springville 2
St. Aloysius 3
Valley Life 5
Wilson-Dinuba 3

DID YOU “GET TOGETHER TO HELP MAKE TULARE COUNTY 4-H THRIVE”?

Thank you to everyone for attending the 2013-2014 Community Club Leader Meeting/Leader Council Meeting!

4-H Club # Attended
Burton 4
Ducor 2
Elbow Creek 3
Exeter 1
Liberty 5
Oakdale 3
Palo Verde 2
Pleasant View 4
Prairie Center 2
Springville 2
St. Aloysius 4
Tulare 2
Valley Life 1
Vandalia 2
Waukena 1
Wilson-Dinuba 1

STATE RECORD BOOK COMPETITION

It’s that time of year again! Youth who are planning to submit a 2013-14 Record Book to state competition must complete the Record Book Quick Start Course by October 15, 2013 (The cover sheet says October 1st; we are granting a 15 grace period this first year). All of the information needed to submit a Record Book to state competition, including the Quick Start Course, is found at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/

The course is completed online and takes about 25 minutes to view. After the course members take a short quiz which will take about another 7 minutes to complete. The quiz is how we will verify that a member took the course—it is important that they don’t skip that step!

In addition to helping youth prepare to submit a Record Book to state competition, the course is open to anyone who would like some additional guidance on completing a record book.
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