**HI 4-H BBQ AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL KICKOFF**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

2-5 pm

Blom Family Ranch

2613 Illinois Avenue, Modesto, CA

It’s time to meet fellow high school age 4-Hers and find out about Hi 4-H. (9th thru 12th grade) If you want to find out more and have some fun with the Hi 4-H group, plan to join us.

We will have a short meeting to talk about activity planning. Parents are encouraged to attend. You don’t want to miss it!!

Watch for more information to be mailed soon.

**MILK BAR THANK YOU**

Thanks to all 4-H members, parents, and others that volunteered to work in the Hi 4-H Milk Bar. It was a huge success and funds earned will support our activities the entire year.

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**ATTENTION CLUB LEADERS**

**CLUB COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The first Leaders Council meeting will be October 3, 2016 and it is important that clubs send a delegate to these monthly meetings to keep abreast of countywide events, policies, and deadlines.

**Refreshments: Community Cultivators and Newman.**

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**LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

9-11:30 AM

AG CENTER

Leadership training day includes officer training, new leader orientation, and information for those considering running for office.

All officers for the 2016-17 club year should plan to attend. Other members and adults are also welcome.

In addition to the specifics of each office, everyone will get a primer in Parliamentary Procedure and the running of effective meetings.

Club leaders, make sure that all your officers are planning to attend and you have submitted their names to the 4-H office.

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**COUNTY AWARDS RECEPTION**

Saturday, October 8, 2016—7 pm

Ag Center Harvest Hall

3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

This is an opportunity to meet and honor our countywide 4-H achievers including Record Book winners, County Fair Medals of Merit, Emerald Star recipients, and our 2015-16 County All Stars.

All 4-H members, leaders and families are invited to join in the celebration of the achievements of these 4-H members. Hi 4-H is planning a fundraising dinner prior to the reception so come early for dinner. Dinner detail coming soon.
**NEW LEADER ORIENTATION**

Attention club leaders: Most people who need this orientation don’t get the Forecast, so please pass the word:

**Leader Orientation at Leadership Training Day**
Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9:00 -11:00 AM (Fingerprinting 8:15-9 am)
Stanislaus Agricultural Center (Crows Landing Road at Service Road)
RSVP by club or individually to the 4-H Office, 525-6801
FINGERPRINTING: $5.00 (Cash please)

Orientation is required for all new adult leader candidates and leaders that have been out of the program for a year or more. Candidates must have filled out the 4-H enrollment forms, pay their enrollment fees, have their fingerprints cleared by DOJ, and take a leader orientation. Only then are they appointed, cleared to lead 4-H activities, and protected by UC liability insurance.

Other orientations will be scheduled during the fall, but this is the best time to complete this requirement since fingerprinting will be available.

**A MOBILE FINGERPRINTING UNIT WILL BE ON SITE STARTING AT 8:15AM**

All new leaders must clear our live scan fingerprint screening. Prints from other agencies are not accepted. Fingerprinting for $5 will be offered on September 17th only. Up to $10 of the fee will be reimbursed for fingerprinting at other locations. New options for fingerprinting locations have been found and are on the instruction sheet new leaders are given at orientation.

Applicants must use DOJ forms with our special 4-H number on it. These are available from the County 4-H office and at Orientation.

Before fingerprinting... Those with rough hands should use lotion 2 times a day for 2-3 days.

There will be at least 4 New Leader Orientation available from October to December in the evenings. Those dates are to be determined and will be announced in the next newsletter.

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**EMERALD STAR MEETING**

Next due date: November 1st
Presentation meeting September 7th

Emerald Star is a project-related award available to 4-H members who are at least 13 years of age or have completed the 7th grade. Applications are available at the County 4-H Office or our website. Details are on the application.

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**2016-17 Record Book Manual**

The new edition of the Record Book Manual is now available online and includes several changes. Be sure to use current forms, which can be found at: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/About_4-H_Record_Books/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/About_4-H_Record_Books/)

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**The Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover promotion will be held from Wednesday, October 5 to Sunday, October 16.** All TSC’s will be selling Paper Clovers to help support our local 4-H programming.

The Spring 2016 event raised $935,351 nationwide and $4,938 for Stanislaus County 4-H! The Turlock store was first in sales in California.

Thank you to the clubs that had events at the stores and helped boost sales of Paper Clovers. Your club can join in at the October campaign.
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 2016 National 4-H Week theme is #4-HGrown. “Make the Best Better” is our motto and always works as part of theme too. Try to use a theme to encourage 4-H participation.

Offer to help your club leader put together a display to show everyone what 4-H is all about. Forms are due to the 4-H office on September 28th and window displays must be in place by October 1st and remain in place until the end of National 4-H Club Week (October 2-8, 2016).

On October 5, 2016, millions of young people will take part in this year's 4-H National Youth Science Day experiment, Drone Discovery. It’s a hands-on engineering design challenge that explores the science behind drones and how they are being used to solve real world problems. Youth will learn everything from flight dynamics and aircraft types, to safety and regulations, to remote sensing and flight control.

The experiment kit is currently available at the 4-H Mall website. http://www.4-hmall.org/ This kit is ideally suited for a maximum group size of 10 youth, ages 8-14.

Be sure to register your club or project activity on the National 4-H website above.

**Drone Safety & Regulations FAQ:**

**Q:** Does this NYSD challenge or kit involve the use of real drones?

A: No. Drone Discovery simulates the experience of working with a real drone by providing a hands-on educational challenge that teaches youth about the basics of flight, remote sensing and real-world uses of drones.

**Q:** Do any federal or local drone laws and regulations apply to the contents of the science kit?

A: No. The science kit contains unpowered foam gliders and plastic propcopters that simulate a drone experience. Everything in this kit can be safely operated indoors or outdoors.

**Q:** Will students have the opportunity to learn about drone safety and regulations during this science challenge?

A: Yes. Students and facilitators will learn about safety and regulation issues associated with drones throughout the course of the challenge. They can also visit the FAA guidelines links on page 10 of the youth guide so that they can learn about the regulations when flying a real drone.
COUNTYWIDE MEETING DATES

**Horse Project Leaders**.....meet on the first Thursday of most months, 7 pm, at the 4-H office. Discussion of events and activities for those in the Horse Project will be covered at these meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th.

**Large Livestock Project Leaders**...Large species usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7 pm at the 4-H office. These meetings cover livestock project interests, including the proficiency program and County Fair participation. The next meeting date is pending availability of the Fair staff.

**Small Animal Project Leaders**... will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at the 4-H office Planning for the Small Animal Field Day in the Spring is on agenda. Next meeting is September 20th.

**Camp Committee**...meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the UCCE 4-H office. Camp program development and staff training needs are planned. Next meeting is September 20th.

Clubs should avoid having their community meetings on these nights so that you members and leaders can attend the meetings.

**SEPTEMBER 2016**
11 Hi 4-H Kick-Off, Blom Ranch
17 Club Officer Training/New Leader Training
  9 am—12 pm ABC  DE G HI
20 Camp Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm H-I
15 or 22 Livestock Meeting, 7 pm H-I (date pending)
27 Small Animal Leaders Mtg, H-I, 7 pm

**OCTOBER 2016**
3 Council Exec Board Mtg, 6:00 pm H-I
  Hi 4-H Meeting, 7:00 pm ABC
  Leaders Council Mtg, 7:00 pm H-I
2-8 National 4-H Week
5 National Youth Science Day
6 Horse Project Leaders Mtg, 7 pm
8 Poultry Show and Field Day
8 County 4-H Awards Reception, 7 pm DE
8 Hi 4-H Exchange Tri-Tip Dinner, Ag Center
15 Camp Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm H-I
17 Livestock Leaders Meeting, 7 pm H-I
27 Small Animal Leaders Mtg, H-I, 7 pm

**NOVEMBER 2016**
3 Horse Project Leaders Mtg, 7 pm H-I
7 Council Exec Board Mtg, 6:00 pm  H-I
  Hi 4-H Meeting, 7:00 pm  ABC
  Leaders Council Mtg, 7:00 pm H-I
11– 13 State Leaders Forum, Santa Rosa
15 Camp Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm H-I
17 Livestock Leaders Meeting, 7 pm H-I
22 Small Animal Leaders Mtg, H-I, 7 pm

Announcing the State Fashion Revue 2017, “The Road to Fashion.”

More details will be announced so watch for the latest at [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/)

- Traditional
- Consumer Science Purchased, $40 limit
- Upcycled
- Knit Challenge
- Stripe/Print/Plaid Challenge

The most up-to-date calendar can be found online on our webpage: [http://ucanr.org/sites/Stanislaus4-H/](http://ucanr.org/sites/Stanislaus4-H/)
4-H Shooting Sports Trainings—Held in Merced County

The Merced County 4-H Shooting Sports training team will be offering a series of project leader and leader trainer classes in rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and archery offered from September to December in Central California. All classes will be in a Saturday and Sunday format, 9 AM – 4 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 N. Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County.

Participants must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to lead any of the shooting sports disciplines at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost for each discipline is $35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday lite breakfast refreshments.

Dry camping is available on site as is self-contained RV camping. You are responsible for lunches. The nearest shopping is 15 minutes away. It is recommended to bring lunches each day. You may bring your own firearms and ammunition or archery equipment. However everything will be provided if you want to use their equipment. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back home.


To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at [http://www.ca4h.org/files/4784.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/files/4784.pdf), and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, 7 days prior to the class you are taking, and space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu. Range and class info contact is Dave Givens 209-614-1718 or dave@hammerstryke.com

Class Dates:

Rifle Leader
- Sept 17th and 18th (Registration due Sept 9th)
- Nov 5th and 6th (Registration due Oct 28th)

Shotgun Leader
- Sept 17th and 18th (Registration due Sept 9th)
- Nov 19th and 20th (Registration due Nov 11th)

Archery Leader
- Oct 8th and 9th (Registration due Sept 30th)
- Nov 5th and 6th (Registration due Oct 28th)

Pistol Leader
- Oct 8th and 9th (Registration due Sept 30th)
- Nov 19th and 20th (Registration due Nov 11th)

Muzzle Loading Leader
- Oct 29th and 30th (Registration due Oct 21st)
- Dec 10th and 11th (Registration due Dec 2nd)

New Project Available for Members
Held in Merced County

Western Heritage Project
Outdoor Survival Project

For project info contact is Dave Givens 209-614-1718 or dave@hammerstryke.com

The 4-H office will add these to your project list if you would like join.

Livestock Camp —October 1 at MJC

Associated Feed, Stanislaus Farm Supply, Nasco, Modesto Junior College, ShowMaker, Show-Rite, Rival and Lindner Feeds are proud to announce their annual Jr. Livestock Camp, October 1 at Modesto Junior College. This FREE event will give youth and leaders the chance to learn in-depth skills of raising and showing livestock. Camp will include presentations by industry experts.

- Nutrition
- Feeds & Feeding
- Selection & Evaluation
- Fitting
- Advanced Nutrition and feed regulations coming in 2017

More information and to sign up: [http://associatedfeed.com/camp](http://associatedfeed.com/camp)