

Fresno County 4-H Guidelines

Newsletter for 4-H Families in Fresno County

September 2025



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Welcome!



Welcome to all returning 4-H families and families new to 4-H. This newsletter, the *Guidelines*, comes out monthly and is an important tool to keeping up with the numerous activities available to 4-H members. In addition, the Fresno County 4-H website contains lots of helpful information– be sure to check it out at -

<https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h>

Words To Live By:

“A winner is just a loser that tried ONE more time.” -unknown



Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office (two weeks prior to the activity), at (559) 241-7519, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any accommodation.



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Fresno County 4-H Leader's Council & Committee Meetings

Fresno County Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Join ZOOM Meeting



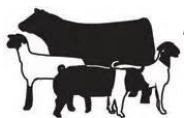
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Livestock Leaders Planning Meeting

September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Join ZOOM Meeting



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Dog Project Planning Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

In person or Zoom option

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Clover Fest Wrap-Up Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Join ZOOM Meeting

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Shooting Sports Leaders Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00PM

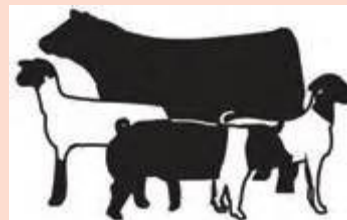
In person or Zoom option

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/92601808591?pwd=IP47A8VCKShGNH9tcZaybqMJVaWbRy.1>

Meeting ID: 926 0180 8591 Passcode: 028172

Join using computer or phone. All Meetings One Tap Mobile +1669 900 6833 #US (San Jose)

All members, parents and leaders are invited to participate in any of the ZOOM meetings listed above. Your input and active participation will be appreciated!



Calling all Livestock Project Leaders!

Please plan on attending the Livestock Leaders Meeting on-

September 16, 2025

7:00 PM

via Zoom

We'll discuss the many resources that are available to you as well as the Livestock Achievement Program. Bring your ideas and questions and we'll work together to plan out your 4-H project year!

Please note: It is mandatory that all livestock projects have a representative present from their club. If the leader is not available, they are responsible for finding an adult from their club to attend. We look forward to seeing all of you on September 16th via Zoom!

Topic: Livestock Leaders Meeting

Time: Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

In addition to Livestock Project plans for our 4-H program year, we will discuss and review the Big Fresno Fair Toolbox program.

Please don't miss this IMPORTANT meeting!

Love Your Fair Grounds Days

Are you planning to show livestock at the Big Fresno Fair? If yes, then plan to volunteer to assist in clean up at the fair on-

Saturday, September 13th and/or

Sunday, September 14th

8:00 AM

Wear old clothes. Please email

tcollins@fresnofair.com to sign up to help.



FRESNO COUNTY 4-H PIGEON PROJECT



Small living
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First
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Fun unique
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***ALL LEVELS
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MUCH more.



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4-H Presentation Opportunities at the Fresno Fair

Calling all Fresno Fair Participants...Can you demonstrate how to make a rope sheep halter? Or maybe how to make ice cream in a bag? Did you do a presentation at county presentation day and want to present it again? Or maybe you want to work on your presentation skills? The Fresno Fair is again looking for 4-H members to give Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Share the Fun, or other kinds of presentations on the small stage in the Ag Adventures part of the barn

You may give the same presentation on more than one day, or schedule multiple presentations. The 4-H office will award 4-H presenters with a special presentation pin for each different presentation. Team presentations can also be given.

Please contact Anne Cehrs at aacehrs@gmail.com to schedule a presentation. Tell me your name, club, title and description of presentation, time required, and a contact phone number, as well as what day and time that you want to present. If you will not be exhibiting at the fair I need to know that before the fair starts so I can get you an admission ticket for you and your chaperone. These tickets will be left at the 4-H office for you to pick up.

Fresno Fair Reminders



Theme: "Round Up the Fun" (*Western Theme*)

September 5– On-line entry deadline for Jr. Still Exhibits

September 19– Last day to purchase wristbands & parking permits for exhibitors and family

September 13 & 14– Love Your Fairgrounds Day– Help clean and set-up the fair grounds
Please email tcollins@fresnofair.com if you would like to sign up to help.

September 22-30– Pick up for prepaid wristbands– 9 am to 3 pm Tuesday-Thursday

September 27– Rabbit Show

September 28– Dog Show and some Poultry Classes

September 29– Poultry Showmanship

October 1-12th– Fresno Fair run

Link to junior exhibitor handbook–still exhibits (primary div pg15):

<https://www.fresnofair.com/p/getconnected/competitive-exhibits>

Link for Livestock information:

<https://www.fresnofair.com/p/getconnected/livestock-exhibits>

Be sure to read the Exhibitor Handbook(s). Be aware and be prepared!

For specific dates:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=FresnoFair&f=LIVESTOCK_HANDBOOK_FINAL_2025_FNL.pdf&cb=b2f26112)

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Caruthers District Fair



Theme: Small Community, Big Heart

September 24-27: Free Admission to the Public

Junior Livestock Schedule & Information



Entry Deadline for Livestock entries: September 20th.

September 24 (Wednesday)

2:00 PM: Registration and Weigh-in begins

5:00 PM: Registration and Weigh-in closes

September 25 (Thursday)

9:00 AM: Lamb Showmanship (FFA followed by 4-H)

9:00 AM: Swine Showmanship (4-H followed by FFA)

10:30 AM: Market Lamb Show (FFA followed by 4-H)

10:30 AM: Market Swine Show (4-H followed by FFA)

1:00 PM: Beef Showmanship (4-H followed by FFA)

Breeding Beef followed by Market Beef & Stockers & Feeders

4:00 PM: Peewee Showmanship

September 26 (Friday)

9:00 AM: Goat Showmanship (FFA followed by 4-H)

9:00 AM: Dairy Cattle Showmanship (4-H followed by FFA)

10:00 AM: Dairy Goat Show followed by Market Goat Show (FFA followed by 4-H)

10:30 AM: Dairy Cattle Show (Milk Cows 12 noon)

3:00 PM: Round Robin

September 27 (Saturday)

12:00 PM: Buyer Registration

1:15 PM: Cash Awards (premium) presentation– Chapter/Club and individual

1:30 PM: Junior Livestock Auction– market beef, sheep, swine, and goats

Countywide Dog Project to Begin

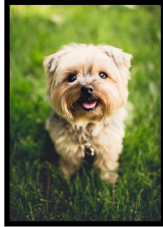
The Countywide Dog Project will be starting up again on-



**Wednesday, September 10, at 5pm at
Treasure Ingmire Park (Corner of Clovis Avenue & Sierra Avenue, Clovis)**

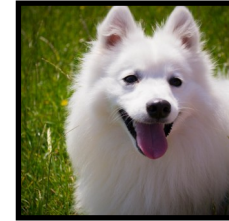
Do not bring your dog to the first meeting. It will be informational and to sign up for communications. Successive meetings are planned for the second and fourth Wednesdays of most months.

Reminder: The Fresno Fair Dog Show is September 28th at 4 PM. Entries close on August 29th.



Dog Project Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 pm
4-H Office– 550 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno



All Dog Project Leaders, Teen/Jr leaders, and parents please plan to attend the upcoming Project Planning Meeting. In-person attendance is encouraged. Please park at the back entrance of the building as the front door will be inaccessible during evening hours. This important meeting will allow for project review of outlines, goals, county level events, updates to achievement testing and more. You input matters! Networking amongst other leaders is crucial to the

WANTED

The Clover Fest Committee is in need of additional committee members. If you are looking for a rewarding way to help the 4-H Youth Program, then this will be a great fit!

In addition, there are some specific vacancies that need to be filled including a chairman for the silent auction and a chairman for live auction.

If you are interested and/ or have questions, please contact Tracy Newton at 559-241-7525.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. Please plan to attend.

4-H Enrollment for 2025

The new 4-H year has kicked off! Now is the time to join 4-H! On-line enrollment through Zsuite:

<https://4h.zsuite.org>

Returning members, please log in using your existing account. DO NOT create a new account. This includes all members that have ever been registered, regardless of lapse in years. Should you have difficulties accessing your account profile please reach out to Elizabeth for assistance (559) 241-7519 or elramirez@ucanr.edu.

Registration fees are paid to your 4-H Club. Cost per youth member remains the same as last year at \$72 and adult volunteers at \$30. Clubs may charge additional family or individual fees for direct club support. Please review club flyers through the county website for contact information for Club Leaders at -

<https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/fresno-county-4-h-club-list>

Step by step enrollment guidance is available through the state level [CA 4-H Resource Center](#).

New zSuite video trainings are available at:

<https://sites.google.com/ucdavis.edu/ca4h-resourcecenter/home/enrollment?authuser=0>



National 4-H Week to be Celebrated! Plan to Participate....

In honor of National 4-H Week, please plan to participate in the annual Fresno County 4-H Window Display/Social Media Contest. Fresno County's 4-H observance is-

September 21 - 27, 2025

due to our county fair dates. This is a time for clubs to promote 4-H and encourage new membership.

The annual Display Contest for 4-H Week will award \$225 in prize money to clubs based on display entries. (\$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, \$50 for 3rd). The display should promote 4-H and 4-H projects in a fun & creative way. The added category of Social Media/Electronic Posts offers a technology based category. Displays/Posts must be set up during the week of 9/21 – 9/27. If your display site allows for additional days please feel free to expand duration. Submit photos/links of displays to tnewton@ucanr.edu by **October 3rd**. Please note location of display and viewing hours. For electronic posts note # of views, comments, shares. Entries will be judged based on creativity, informational/educational value, accessibility to general public and overall appeal of the display. Let's celebrate 4-H Week by sharing all that 4-H has to offer! Recruitment materials and informational brochures are available at the 4-H office. Feather flags and table covers also available and must be reserved in advance by contacting the office 559-241-7519.

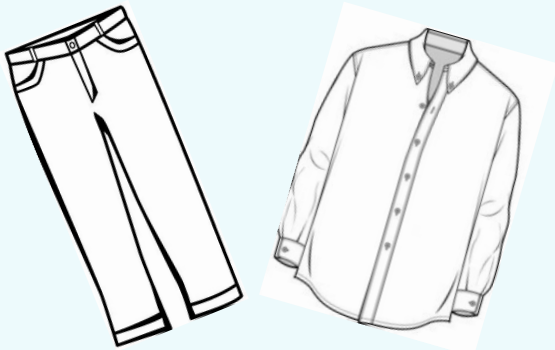
Follow here for State 4-H UC ANR Branding Tool Kit resources as they become available:
https://ucanr.edu/sites/CA_4-H_Brand_Toolkit/Toolkits/National_4-H_Week/

Whites—Uniform Pieces

Do you have white jeans or shirts that you've outgrown from past years in 4-H?

Consider donating to the whites tubs at the 4-H Office. Items donated are offered free of charge to members that are in need of them. This alternative can save families significant amounts of money.

Items may be dropped off at the 4-H office located at 550 E. Shaw Avenue, Ste# 100 to your immediate right upon entrance of the building. You may call to schedule to come view the available supply at 559-241-7519.



ATTENTION: IMPORTANT REMINDER

ALL Leaders & Parents

Please remember that only County and State 4-H Office staff may sign any contract, agreement, entry, or authorization forms of any kind. This includes electronic versions of facility use waivers, etc.

Club Document Retention Guidelines

Club Bylaws & Constitutions—Permanent

Meeting Minutes—Minimum 3 yrs

Outreach Methods—Minimum 3 yrs

Club sign in sheets—Minimum 3 yrs

Requests for fee waivers—Minimum 5 yrs

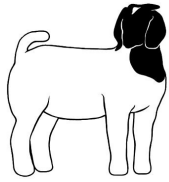
Annual financial forms—Minimum 5 yrs

Bank Statements—Minimum 5 yrs

Scholarship forms/apps—Minimum 5 yrs

Club sign in sheets—Minimum 3 yrs

Any questions contact the 4-H Office at 559-241-7519 or elramirez@ucanr.edu



4-H Goat Show Results



Market Boer Goat Showmanship

Junior:

Gold: **Isabela A.**, Fairmont 4-H
Silver: **Delaney R.**, Fairmont 4-H
Bronze: **Ryder A.**, Blossom Trail 4-H

Intermediate:

Gold: **Cormick R.**, Fairmont 4-H
Silver: **Adaline O.**, Fairmont 4-H
Bronze: **Maci E.**, Fairmont 4-H

Senior:

Gold: **Maddison Y.**, Kingsburg 4-H
Silver: **Ronan R.**, Fairmont 4-H

Dairy Goat Showmanship

Junior:

Gold: **Ryder A.**, Blossom Trail 4-H
Silver: **Ryleigh V.**, Kerman 4-H

Intermediate:

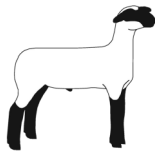
Gold: **Tyler B.**, Kerman 4-H
Silver: **Carlie A.**, Blossom Trail 4-H
Bronze: **Dylan O.**, Kerman 4-H



Boer Market Goat Top Awards

Champion Market Boer Goat: **Maci E.**, Fairmont 4-H

Reserve Champion Market Boer Goat: **Kalea L.**, Sanger 4-H



4-H Sheep Show Results



Sheep Showmanship

Junior:

Gold: **Jaxon C.**, Kingsburg 4-H
Silver: **Zachary C.**, Kingsburg 4-H
Bronze: **Tylie B.**, Fairmont 4-H

Intermediate:

Gold: **Gia G.**, Kerman 4-H
Silver: **Luis A.**, Kingsburg 4-H
Bronze: **Whitney Jean W.**, Reedley 4-H

Senior:

Gold: **Audrey L.**, Sierra 4-H
Silver: **Gretchen K.**, Kingsburg 4-H
Bronze: **McKenna Y.**, Kingsburg 4-H

Market Lamb Top Awards

Black Face Market Lambs:

Champion: **Gia G.**, Kerman 4-H

Reserve Champion: **Audrey L.**, Sierra 4-H

White Face Market Lambs:

Champion: **Jaxon C.**, Kingsburg 4-H

Reserve Champion: **Jesse S.**, Sierra 4-H



2025 California 4-H Shooting Sports-Instructor Workshop Dates-

Merced County - Winton at the River Oaks Range

- August 9/10 - Archery
- August 9/10 - Shotgun
- September 13/14 - Rifle
- September 13/14 - Pistol
- October 11/12 - Archery
- October 11/12 - Shotgun
- November 8/9 - Western Heritage
- December 13/14 - Rifle
- December 13/14 - Pistol

Fee: \$100 - includes instructor manual, range and range supplies, and light breakfast. We encourage interested volunteers to seek support from their club and county programs to help with the cost associated with becoming an instructor.

Other dates and locations across the state will be announced as soon as we have them.

Visit our [webpage](#) for more information and details about the California 4-H Shooting Sports program.

Questions ?

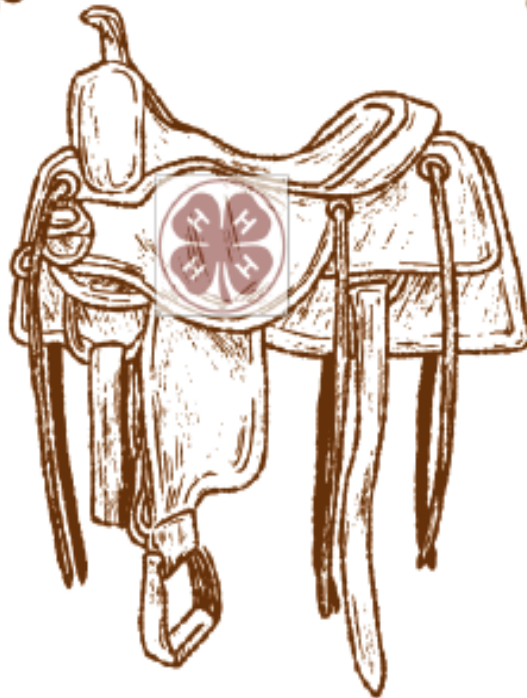
Registration - Russell Hill - rdhill@ucanr.edu | (209) 385-7418 or

Facility and Workshop Details - Dave Givens: dave@hammerstryke.com | (209) 614-1718.

*Instructor Training Workshops are for those interested in becoming certified for the specific discipline. Upon successful completion of the workshop, 4-H Adult Volunteers will be certified as an Instructor, which allows them to lead a project in that specific discipline. Teen Leaders (high school age 4-H members) are eligible to participate provided there is an adult leader in their home county they will be assisting. Upon successful completion of the workshop, Teen Leaders will be certified as a an Instructor with a Teen Leader designation. Teen Leaders are not eligible to lead shooting sports projects or activities on their own, however, once they become an adult their instructor designation will be transferred with them.

*Additionally, *recertification is required every five years*, which can be fulfilled by successfully completing another workshop in that discipline or earning continuing education credits through participation in annual shooting sports instructor meetings

"Saddling up for success"



Fresno County 4-H Achievement Night

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of
our leaders and members!

September 14th, 2025 - Gate opens @ 4:00 pm

Square Dancing @ 4:15 pm

Dinner @ 5:00 pm - Awards @ 6:00 pm

14265 E. Goodfellow Avenue
Sanger, CA 93657

Menu-BBQ Chicken dinner with dessert

\$15 per plate

Award recipients & Leaders at no charge



Dinner requires RSVP by Sept. 9th

to elramirez@ucanr.edu





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What You'll Learn



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Why It's Fun



- Start with easy block coding
- Work in small teams with step-by-step guidance
- See your projects in action on real farm challenges
- Build your 4-H record book with STEM skills

Projects



- LED alert light for barn or coop
- Soil moisture sensor for plants
- Automatic water pump
- Mini greenhouse climate control
- Predator detection alarm

Signup in Zsuite!

Join our Ag Tech project and learn how to code and build real working farm technology. We'll meet once a month to create hands-on projects using Raspberry Pi – a small but powerful computer – and real sensors.

A personal Raspberry Pi setup is highly recommended so each member can participate in hands-on builds. If you don't bring one, you can still attend and learn by watching the demonstrations.

Who: Intermediate & Senior

When: TBD, 1st Meeting will be after the Fresno Fair

Contact: Candice Ruck 5592894694 canruck@gmail.com



Square Eights invites you to Learn something new this fall Square Dancing in 12 Weeks

Caller Rick Hampton
Tuesday September 09,
2025

7:00pm-8:25 pm

Hanford Square Eights Hall
11555 Fargo Avenue
Hanford, Ca

For more info call Sarah Wallace (559)358-8159

Everyone is welcome:
Singles, couples and
families!

If you can walk you
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Classes starting
9/09/25

Classes last 12 weeks
\$5 per person weekly
or \$50 for all 12
weeks

Make new friends
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6. Dance in comfortable clothing (informal attire)

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88 yrs- special
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