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Fresno County 4-H Guidelines

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Please send all articles to Melanie Curtis at makwast@ucdavis.edu

Thank you from the Cal Focus Delegation!

Many thanks to all the families who supported the CAL-FOCUS fundraiser at Achievement Night. Please join us on Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Junior Exhibits Building at the The Big Fresno Fair as we share what we learned in Sacramento and promote Fresno's Forestiere Underground Gardens!

Thank you
Amaya Camara, Rachel Jorgensen, Makenah Rodrigues from Golden Tri-C and Carson King, Fowler 4-H Club

Junior and Teen Leadership Policy Update

The minimum age/grade requirement for a Junior Leader is 12 years old or 7th grade by December 31st of the program year. **Teen Leaders must in 9th grade or 14 years old by December 31st of the program year.*** Only the age criterion applies for home schooled members. 4-H Leaders are encouraged to carefully select their Junior and Teen Leaders. Selections should be made on factors such as skills, knowledge and experience in the project area and should not be based family relationships. Junior Leaders should act as assistant leaders; they should help plan and run meetings and assist members in learning new skills. Teen Leaders should serve as the primary leader for their project group, with the assistance, guidance and supervision of their adult volunteer leader.

*Updated policy following a vote of the Leaders Council 9/11/12.

Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office, (two weeks prior to the activity), at (559) 600-7285, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any special accommodations.

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"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort."
Franklin D. Roosevelt

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4-H AND ETHICS

In past years, some 4-H members, parents and leaders have engaged in unethical and even illegal activities at the Fresno Fair. As the 2012 Fair opens, I would like to remind everyone that the Fresno County 4-H Program will not tolerate such practices. Anyone found to be violating fair rules, state or federal laws, risks immediate and permanent expulsion from the 4-H Youth Development Program. One area of concern relates to the livestock auction. Please be advised that "top off" bids are NOT to be used as a means to sell additional animals through the Junior Livestock Auction. If you have additional animals for sale, they must be sold privately or at other events. The practice of selling animals under the guise of a "top off" or "add on" bid is fraudulent. When a buyer purchases an animal in this manner and claims the bid as a tax deduction, that buyer is committing tax fraud. When an individual sells an animal in this manner, they are contributing to that fraud as well as violating the rules and policies of the fair. In addition, this practice compromises the potential for other exhibitors to secure buyers for their animals. This is a serious violation which will result in serious consequences. 4-H Exhibitors are expected to be respectful of the judges, the public and fellow exhibitors. As stated in the 4-H Code of Conduct "all participants, members, volunteers, and 4-H YDP staff, shall adhere to the core values of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others."

Carolee Boele Memorial Scholarship

A $500.00 scholarship is available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school. Up-to-date record books, a transcript and letters of recommendation are required. Contact the 4-H Office for an application and/or additional details. Applications are due December 1, 2012.

Fashion Revue Categories for 2012

The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee announces categories and service projects for 2013 SFR! Entry categories will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Wearable Art-Embellished, 2 Yard Wonder, and Duct Tape Challenge.

- Traditional: new this year, the entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing and Textile project.
- Consumer Science Purchased has a $19.99 limit, shoes and sales tax not included. Receipts for all items showing except shoes are required, with purchases made during the 2012-2013 4-H year. The $100 CS Purchased category will not be offered.
- The Wearable Art – Embellished entry must start with a purchased garment. Duct tape entries are not eligible for WA-Embellished.
- 2 Yard Wonder is a Challenge category: using 2 yards of 100% cotton fabric, sew a garment and an accessory. Additional garments to complete the outfit may be sewn or purchased. There is no specific pattern requirement. The entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing & Textiles project.
- Duct Tape Challenge: Create a wearable garment out of duct tape such as a jacket, shirt, pants, skirt or dress. The member may choose to begin with a purchased garment or not. Additional garments, accessories, fabric and materials may be added.
- For all entries, the outfit must be produced and modeled by the individual member. The outfit must meet SFR modesty guidelines.
- A member may only qualify to enter one outfit at SFR. To reduce confusion, counties are encouraged to adopt this policy: At county fashion revues where a member may enter more than one outfit, the garments, accessories, and shoes for each outfit must be distinctly different. An item in one outfit may not also be used as part of another outfit.
- Counties may offer additional categories that do not advance to SFR.

State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service projects. he first is a sewn teddy bear or doll. The second is a drawstring bag. Patterns and instructions will be posted on the SFR website. SFR will continue to accept quilts for troops to pass on. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join the committee, please visit http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/

2013 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

WHEN: April 6 - 11, 2013 WHERE: National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland

4-H members (ages 15 & above), volunteers, and staff are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity for National 4-H programming.

Applications are due (postmarked) to the State Office on or before October 31, 2012.

For more details, make sure to visit http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/

Citizenship Focus 2013

Are you interested in becoming the California Secretary of State or the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Or would you just like to be an active, involved member in your community? Are you interested in expanding your citizenship savvy? Consider one of the Citizenship Focus Programs. At California Focus, you become a registered voter in the state of Sierra Cascade and take on all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship. Washington Focus allows you to travel and study in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. You learn how government works and enjoy the traditions and history of the capital. A visit with your elected officials is a highlight of both programs. Come get involved in this hands-on experience with government and community involvement. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit of $1200 for Washington Focus and $150 for California Focus, will be due in January final payments will due in March.

CALIFORNIA FOCUS **June 14-18, 2013** 4-H members must have completed the 8th grade.
Fees are approximately $525 for youth, $625 for adults (county will pay a portion of the fee for chaperones).

WASHINGTON FOCUS Washington Focus programs are open to all adult 4-H leaders and to all youth members who have completed their sophomore year in high school or will be 16 years of age by the time of travel. Contact the 4-H office for an application or additional information.

Scholarships are available. Applications will available soon and will be due November 30, 2012.
♦ "Heritage Trail" June 23—July 29, 2013 Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. only. Cost is approximately $2,200.
♦ "Global Journey" June 23-July 2, 2013 Gettysburg,

Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York. Cost is approximately $2,550.

Happy Birthday California 4-H!
Celebrating 100 Years of Building Leaders.....LCORT 2013

When: January 25—27, 2013
Where: Wonder Valley Ranch - Sanger, CA
Fee: $145.00, Deadline for registration: **November 3, 2012**
(Late registration will be accepted based on availability and will cost an additional $10.00.)

- Want an exciting experience?
- Want to meet 4-H members from different areas?
- Want to build your leadership skills?

You can have all of this and more by attending LCORT 2013!

At LCORT, you will attend a variety of sessions that will improve your public speaking skills, learning about the rewards that 4-H can bring to you, and even play some games. Members in 7th-9th grade are eligible for this opportunity.

Fresno County 4-H Technology Team

We will be starting a Fresno County 4-H Technology Team to assist with county 4-H events and lead county training opportunities. The Team will be open to all 4-H members and leaders with an interest in: computers, digital photography, and audio/visual equipment. Team members will assist in running county events such as Presentation Day, act as official event photographers, and help keep our website and Facebook pages current and lead training workshops. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fresno County UCCE (4-H) Office. Please call Melanie Curtis at 600-7225 or Email her at makwast@ucanr.edu if you have any questions.

The Fresno Fair is Looking for Demonstrations

The Fresno Fair Junior Exhibits building scheduling demonstration times now. Thanks to the 4-H Clubs that have already scheduled dates. Call Cindy Suarez at 285-9209 or email at cindy_suarez80@yahoo.com for available dates and times. Goats, Cavies and other small animals are allowed to be in the exhibits building for demonstrations. Admission and parking tickets are provided.

Cindy Suarez, Superintendent, Jr Exhibits, The Big Fresno Fair

Archery Leader Certification Training
Saturday, October 13 and
Sunday, October 14
UCCE Office - Humboldt County
5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503

Attendees must attend both Saturday (9AM - 5 PM) and Sunday (8:30 - 12 noon) to be certified as a 4-H adult, teen or junior leader. The cost will be $30 for training and a binder of resources. There will be a lecture, hands on practice and a test. To register, complete the "Request for Training Form" at http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf and mail with your payment to Sandy Sathrum at 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503. Make checks payable to Humboldt County 4-H. Participants are responsible for all transportation, overnight lodging and meals. If you have any questions, call Sandy at 707-445-7351.

Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course
Muzzle Loading Discipline
5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, October 20, 2012 – 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 21, 2012 – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of $40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

California State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting
Visalia, CA

All California 4-H shooting sports leaders are invited to attend a state meeting to be held on the following dates:

Saturday, December 8, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 9, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

The meetings will be held in Visalia, CA at the Visalia Police Association Range Facility. There is no fee to attend. Camping will be allowed on site. Hotel/motel arrangements are available in Visalia which is approximately 5 miles from the meeting site.

There will be presentations of information regarding the project, guest speakers, and hands-on activities for all participants. More details will follow regarding registration and the agenda. The point of contact is John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

America's Farmers Grow Communities

Thanks to **America's Farmers Grow Communities**, rural community members and farmers can help give back to local 4-H organizations. Now **through Nov. 30, 2012**, eligible farmers can enter for a chance to win $2,500 that can be directed to their local 4-H. And new this year, the entire community also has a voice. Rural community members can suggest an idea or initiative that needs funding for their local 4-H, such as a community garden or camp scholarships. Farmers may review the ideas and consider them in their application. To plant your idea and encourage farmers to support your 4-H, go to GrowCommunities.com. In addition, in communities impacted by drought, the Monsanto Fund will provide twice the financial support. Winning farmers from counties that have been declared natural disaster areas will now receive double the donation, a total of $5,000. These winners may choose where to direct the additional $2,500 disaster relief donation based on community needs brought forth by the drought. The Monsanto Fund will select one winner at random from each of the eligible 1,271 counties and winning farmers and recipient nonprofits will be announced in January 2013. Applications available at: http://www.americasfarmers.com/_pdfs/grow-communities/Application-Form.pdf

Get Ready to Qualify!

McKinley 4-H is sponsoring a Fair and State Classic Qualifying Gymkhana show.

WHEN: Sunday, October 28, 2012

WHERE: West Fork Stable, 3201 W. Whitesbridge Rd., Fresno, CA

TIME: **Sign up:** 7AM **Show Starts:** 8 AM

Show information will be emailed to horse leaders. All Fresno County horse rules will apply.

For more information call Trish at 696-6950 or Stephanie at 647-3987.

Submitted by Aleyah Tavares, McKinley 4-H

English/Western Horse Show

When: **Saturday, October 27, 2012**
Where: **La Dolce Vida (tentatively)**

Registration at 8:00 a.m. **Show at: 9:00 a.m.**

Show premiums will be available by the 14th and early registration is appreciated. Show premiums will be sent to horse leaders and anyone who requests them from Dawn Stafford. Classes will be $4.99 early registration with a $5.00 late fee per rider if registering the day of the show. English will begin at 9:00 a.m. and Western will begin 12:30 p.m. or later. Jumping may be on open card depending on the size of the classes.

Any questions regarding the English/Western show, contact Dawn Stafford at 288-1084 or email at staffordstables@yahoo.com

Renegades 4-H Horse Rally

WHEN: **Saturday, November 17th**

TIME: **9:00 a.m.**

LOCATION: **Mane Trail**
791 N Armstrong, Clovis

FEE: **Five dollars entry fee per rider**

Come and enjoy a fun morning testing your equestrian knowledge and riding skills. First through tenth rosettes in each of three divisions. 1st year, Novice Walk, Trot, and Advanced Walk, Trot, Canter. A horse may be used by more than one rider and in different divisions. Please Trailer pool if possible most parking will be along the road. No food bar, but we are surrounded by fast food options. Dress for the weather, 4-H uniform not required but helmet and safe shows are.

Contact Addie Miller 298-0579.

Dry Creek Horse Group Community Service Project

Silver Wings Horse Rescue Project: At the two upcoming horse shows Dry Creek members will be collecting spare change, horse item donations, and recyclables. The cans and bottles collected from the shows will be turned in and the proceeds will go to SWHR.

Some items needed are as follows...

Hay, grain, vet supplies (vet wrap, penicillin, vaccines, butte, etc...) Fencing, water buckets, curry combs, wormers, brushes, blankets, fly masks/blankets, bandages, hoof picks, ropes, halters, treats-carrots/apples. Also gift cards to tack supply stores (A-1, Hay Co., Clovis Feed, Tractor Supply) anything can help.

For questions contact Kylie Colvard at (559) 681-8449 or email at kyliehorsegirl@yahoo.com or Patti Colvard at (559)790-0928 or email at pattimomof2kids@yahoo.com

FRESNO COUNTY 4-H POLICY PAGE

Updated 9/12

FRESNO COUNTY 4-H GENERAL POLICIES

Below is a list of general policies in the Fresno County 4-H Program.

1. **County meeting nights-** Most county 4-H meetings will be scheduled for the second Tuesday or third Wednesday of each month. Please schedule all club and project meetings so they do not conflict with these dates.
2. **Sunday meetings or events-** No mandatory county 4-H meetings will be scheduled on Sunday.
3. **No other county or club events** will be schedule when major county event dates (Festive Faire, Presentation Day, Judging Day, Fashion Revue, 4-H Fair, Achievement Night, etc.) are already on the Master Calendar.
4. **Newsletter-**The *Guidelines* is the primary communication tool for the Fresno County 4-H Program. Leaders should rely upon *Guidelines* rather than receiving personal letters concerning opportunities or events in 4-H. Articles are due by the 20th of the month and should not exceed 150 words.
5. **The 4-H Office cannot give out lists** of 4-H leader's addresses and phone numbers. It is against USDA policy and illegal to do so. If you are advertising a county or club 4-H event, please rely on the *Guidelines* to do so. The 4-H Office will label and mail letters if you bring in the necessary number of stamped and stuffed letters OR will send out a prepared Email to the 4-H Email mailing list.
6. **On fieldtrips or at any activity where parents or legal guardians are not readily available,** there must be an original medical release and history signed by the parent in the leader's possession.
7. **When members or leaders transfer** from one 4-H club to another, their enrollment profiles in 4-H Online must be changed. Contact the 4-H Office if you need assistance with this process.
8. **If a club does not offer a project group** in a desired project, a member may join another club's project group. Permission from your Community Club Leader, the other club's Community Club Leader and the Project Leader is necessary.
9. **A 4-H member** cannot be enrolled and participate in more than one county.
10. **Chaperones or adult camp counselors** must be 25 years of age or older at time of supervising 4-H members at:

    4-H Camp

    LCORT

    Citizenship Focus Trips

    State Leadership Conference

OLDER 4-H MEMBERS POLICY

Youth are eligible for continued membership in 4-H through December 31st of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. When older members enroll for continued membership, they must contact the 4-H Office for assistance. 4-H Online does not allow members to enroll themselves as youth once they have reached the age of 19.

FRESNO COUNTY 4-H PRIMARY MEMBER POLICIES

Below is the policy developed and adopted by the Fresno County 4-H Leaders Council concerning participation by 4-H members in kindergarten through third grade. The policies reflect the decision of the State 4-H Program Policy Group. The policy went into effect on July 1, 1998 and was altered as of July 1, 2010, to allow membership of youth who are 5 or in kindergarten.

1. Beginning July 1, 2010, the policy for eligibility for membership will be:

Primary Member - Must be 5 years old or in kindergarten on December 31st of the Program Year*

Regular Member - Must be 9 years old or in fourth grade on December 31st of the 4-H Program Year*

For Home Schooled Children—The age criteria **only** will apply.

2. Primary 4-H members are not eligible to handle, show or be enrolled in a large animal project. They are eligible to handle, show at designated events and enroll in the following animal projects: Dogs, Rats, Cavies, Embryology, Rabbits, Cats, Entomology, Mice, Marine Science, Poultry and Therapeutic Animal Projects.
3. Primary 4-H members cannot compete or win awards in any competitive event against regular 4-H members. Examples include: Festive Faire, County Judging Day, Presentation Day, 4-H Fair, Fashion Revue, etc.
4. Each community club in the county is strongly encouraged to provide a separate Primary 4-H program.
5. Primary 4-H members can attend 4-H events and exhibit projects in their own grade group, such as the 4-H Fair, when Primary 4-H departments are available.
6. Primary 4-H members cannot participate in the 4-H Star ranking system. They cannot use any attendance, awards, project completions, etc. that are earned as a Primary 4-Her when they become a regular member. Primary 4-H members will receive a pin for each year of completion.
7. The Primary 4-H Program provides for a total family experience and preparation to become a regular 4-H member.
8. Primary 4-H members may wear full 4-H uniforms.
9. Primary 4-H members are included in regular enrollment figures and must pay member insurance.

LEADER ORIENTATION & FINGERPRINTING

All new leaders must go through a program of leader orientation and fingerprinting. Fingerprinting is for the safety of our 4-H members and helps in screening out child abusers.

Orientation can be completed online on the Fresno County 4-H website or in person at the 4-H Office. Orientations can be scheduled by contacting the county 4-H Office at (559) 600-7285.

*Program Year is July 1-June 30