

# Fresno County 4-H Guidelines

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4-H Friends and families, I hope that you are all in good health and spirits. We are in times unlike anything we've ever encountered before due to COVID-19 and the impacts are being felt on many levels! Lots has changed for us all in the last few weeks. School, work, isolation, fear, disappointments, a mix of many elements and emotions that we find ourselves coping with. COVID-19 has reminded us that taking care of ourselves and our loved ones is of utmost importance.

As your 4-H Representative and friend I am here for you all and **WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS**. 4-H is staying in touch with volunteers and youth to support them and their projects. Also, the 4-H [Activity Guides](#) include more than 60 hands-on learning activity ideas in STEM, healthy living, crafting and more. We are compiling resources to assist in *creative new ways to hold club officer elections*, project meetings, virtual skill-a-thons, etc. Updates and resources will be added to the county website and Zoom meetings with CCL's will be scheduled beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. The County 4-H office remains closed until further notice. All UC ANR employees are working remotely from home offices to continue serving our clientele. Please reach out to me anytime for questions, guidance or support [tnewton@ucanr.edu](mailto:tnewton@ucanr.edu) or by phone (559) 970-3092. We are all "Doers" and with diligence in following guidelines set forth we will be on the other side of this challenge, having developed new tenacity, talents, and strengths because of it. Below find resources that may be helpful.

Wellness and Mental Health [http://safety.ucanr.edu/Programs/emergency/Current\\_Health\\_Alerts/Wellness\\_and\\_mental\\_health/](http://safety.ucanr.edu/Programs/emergency/Current_Health_Alerts/Wellness_and_mental_health/)

Getting affordable internet access plans <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/availableinternetplans.asp>

We will all have greater success in these times if we follow the 6 Cs

Positive Youth Development Terms – Found in Record Book Manual

•The 6 Cs: Competence, Confidence, Character, Caring, Connection and Contribution; all of them are important on your path to thriving.

Positive Adult Leadership Terms – To be applied during COVID-19

•The 6 Cs: Calm, Confidence, Communication, Collaboration, Compassion, and Community; all of them are important on your path to thriving.

Kindly, Tracy Newton

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### Words To Live By:

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is most adaptable to change." *Charles Darwin*



Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office (two weeks prior to the activity), at (559) 241-7515, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any accommodation.



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

## Join Zoom Meetings

### Fresno County 4-H Leader's Council Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 **NEW TIME 6:30 p.m.**

Join URL: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/593108914>

Join using computer or phone

### Hi-C Meeting Zoom

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Join URL: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/355772758>

Join using computer or phone

### Color Me Green Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

Join URL: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/981041123>

Join using computer or phone

### Junior Camp Counselor Planning Zoom Meeting

Monday, April 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Join URL: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/374374705>

Join using computer or phone

### Incentives & Recognition Committee Zoom Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2020

Join URL: <https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/240687508>

Join using computer or phone

## Leaders Council

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) creates supportive environments utilizing learn-by-doing educational experiences for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential. In support of this mission, the Fresno County Leader's Council meets five times per year to review and implement policy, coordinate and plan county wide events, and make decisions to enhance our programs success. All active 4-H adult volunteers in Fresno County are voting members of the 4-H Leader's Council. Youth members are encouraged to attend and contribute thoughts and ideas to the Council. **Remember ALL clubs MUST send a representative to ALL Council meetings. Including Zoom Meetings**



## County 4-H Office Temporarily Closed

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus the office is currently closed through May 3, 2020. This date could potentially be extended upon UC ANR future directives. The 4-H Program Representative, Tracy Newton is working remotely from home and may be reached by email [tnewton@ucanr.edu](mailto:tnewton@ucanr.edu) or by phone (559) 970-3092. You may reach Yolanda Murillo by email [ymurillo@ucanr.edu](mailto:ymurillo@ucanr.edu)



## CCL'S (Community Club Leaders) ~ Need to Know

- ✓ You are the "Cream of the Crop" when it comes to 4-H Leadership and invaluable to Fresno County 4-H.
- ✓ 4-H'ers learning experiences can make a world of difference in who they are and what they become.
- ✓ Enrollment Fees for **2020/2021 will remain the same**, \$65 per youth, \$25 per adult. Take this time to review pending members. They may pay by mailing checks to Club Treasurer or CCL.
- ✓ Please note and inform Treasurers when writing club checks they **MUST use 4 digits** in writing the year 2020. This is a State 4-H Office requirement.
- ✓ Become familiar with Zoom technology if you haven't yet experienced it.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2020 - *IMPORTANT DEADLINES/EVENTS*

4/14/2020	County Council Zoom Meeting	Pg. 2
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2020 4-H Calendar details found here: [http://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Events/Master\\_Calendar](http://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Events/Master_Calendar)

### **REMINDER: Enrollment Requirements for Active Participation**

Any youth actively participating at a 4-H meeting or event **MUST BE ENROLLED** IN THE 4HONLINE system. We welcome visitors to attend and observe as many times as needed to make well informed decisions on their club and project choices. We **CANNOT** have active, hands-on participation on any level without having completed enrollment and being activated as a 4-H member. A recent county event brought new awareness to this issue with participation of non-members.

### **Fresno County 4-H Scholarships & Grants 2020**

4-H graduating senior members, don't miss out on the opportunity for local and state level scholarships. Access county website for details:

[https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Youth\\_Members/Scholarships/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Youth_Members/Scholarships/)

**Interview date and details pending** as restrictions on meetings are lifted. Potentially late May – early June. Applicants will be emailed details as plans are confirmed. If restrictions are not lifted by mid-June, interviews will be held virtually via Zoom.

#### **Please Note Application Deadline Dates:**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, Fresno FiberArt Guild

April 27<sup>th</sup>, (Extended) Fresno County Scholarships

April 27<sup>th</sup>, Fresno Madera Farm Credit

August, State 4-H Scholarships

website here [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member\\_Resources/Scholarships - Awards/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/Scholarships_-_Awards/)



## Things To Do

**JoLynn Miller is Livestreaming Embryology** lessons on [FaceBook](#) for 4-H youth in Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado and Tuolumne counties. Check out her lesson on chick hatching (featuring JoLynn's crazy hair for Spirit Week) at <https://www.facebook.com/Tuolumnecounty4h/videos/235774560806010/>.

**YQCA Training** is a state requirement for all livestock exhibitors. You're entries at Fresno Fair will not be accepted without a current certificate on file. Consider completing/renewing your training course for certification online. We are not yet able to determine [whether the 4-H office will offer any live group sessions](#). Find YQCA site for training here <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

### Record Books

Consider this a great time to start your record books and review your star rank. If you are close to achieving a star and need ideas on how to creatively complete requirements contact Tracy Newton at [tnewton@ucanr.edu](mailto:tnewton@ucanr.edu) for guidance. Find all details in the record book manual found here: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/263720.pdf>

Primary Members manual: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/files/153498.pdf>



**Fresno Madera Farm Credit**  
*Agriculture is Our Only Business*

Fresno Madera Farm Credit understands the value and importance of supporting local youth in Ag-related groups and organizations. One of the many ways we accomplish this is through our Ag Youth Grant Program each year. Please fill out the required form with some detailed information about your group and submit it back to us by the deadline. The grant has no outstanding stipulations; all we ask is the money be used for the betterment of the chapter.

***Congratulations to our 2019 winners:***

***Blossom Trail 4-H, Chowchilla 4-H, Dixieland 4-H, Laton High School FFA, and Reedley 4-H***

### **2020 Ag Youth Grant Program:**

**We will award up to 5 groups a \$500 grant each**

The winning groups will be invited to our Annual Stockholder's Meeting date TBA (postponed due to COVID-19 coronavirus). Also, part of the event will include an award ceremony where the group representatives will be invited to the stage to receive their check and be recognized by over 400 local Ag community members.

You are invited to apply by completing the required application on the Fresno County 4-H website

[https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Youth\\_Members/Scholarships/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Youth_Members/Scholarships/) (scroll to bottom of page) and returning it by **Monday, April 27, 2020**. Applications will be accepted via email [Francine.Guerrero@mfarmcredit.com](mailto:Francine.Guerrero@mfarmcredit.com) or fax (559-276-4857). Winners will be announced on Monday, May 25, 2020.

## Fresno County 4-H Livestock Achievement

BEEF CATTLE \* DAIRY GOATS \* MEAT GOATS \* SHEEP \* SWINE

Attention Livestock Project Leaders and Members...in consideration of the "Shelter in Place" order that is currently in effect due to the Coronavirus, there are some changes being made to the Livestock Achievement Program for this year. Because all in person 4-H activities and meetings are currently restricted through April 30<sup>th</sup>, the written tests will be postponed until possibly the month of May. **Unfortunately 4-H Fair at Reedley College on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> has been canceled due to campus closure. Leaders, please contact Susanne Carroll ([susanneandkevin@yahoo.com](mailto:susanneandkevin@yahoo.com) or (559) 269-9959) to reserve tests for your members.** Upon the re-opening of the 4-H Office, we plan to distribute written tests at that time. Parents, if your child's leader is not participating in the program, please contact Susanne to reserve a test for your child. **Remember...**members can only test in one level per species and must begin with Level 1. Members who completed Level 1, 2, 3, or 4 testing in their species last year can move on to the next level, whether or not they received a gold medal. **We are currently working on an alternate plan for the skills portion testing.** All members who tested but did not receive a gold medal do, however, have the option to repeat that level this year. Written test scores will be combined with skills tests and members will receive a gold medal or a blue, red, or white ribbon.

For information on the what will be covered on the tests, please visit:

[https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Projects/Livestock\\_Achievement/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Projects/Livestock_Achievement/)

Parent and leader help is needed on May 9<sup>th</sup>! Please contact Susanne Carroll if you are able to help. No knowledge of livestock is required for adult helpers...we'll train you!

If you have any questions about the Livestock Achievement program, please contact the species leaders listed below:

Beef Cattle	Susanne Carroll	269-9959
Dairy Goats	Clara O'Daniel	593-0449
Meat Goats	Alonzo Hernandez	481-2041
Sheep	Georgene Diener	269-1177
Swine	Alisyn Gaasch	289-7292



Because of the uncertainty due to the Coronavirus, plans are subject to change. Please watch for updated information in your email!

### Attention 4-H Friends and Families

Please follow, promote and support the new "We Love 4-H" group. The *We Love 4-H Committee* needs your help! With the California Farm Bureau and Day at the Capital canceled due to Covid-19; we are asking our 4-H members and supporters to contact their local representatives to urge them to support additional funding for 4-H.

**Please write a letter, email or call** and ask them to support "an additional \$20 million for the UCANR for programming like 4-H Youth Development."

We have included a copy of the Letter Writing tips we have put together. Also included is a 1 page jpg version if you would like to share it on social media. For additional letter writing help please visit the California Farm Bureau's letter writing tips page.

**To the 4-H youth in our community:** there is no wrong way to do this! Let your voice be heard and know there are volunteers across the State working to support you and the program! Stay Safe and Be Strong California!

Click here to open the supporting documents:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uLehCosyDP3moWGqvgOsCIILOZSXyzax/view?usp=sharing>

<https://www.cfbf.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/UCANR-Online-Word-Doc-Update-3-13-dk.pdf>





## "CONGRATULATIONS 2020 FASHION REVUE CONTESTANTS"

Name	Division	Category	Club	Score	Placing
Amarise Pecina	Junior	Skill	Lone Star		Medalist
Gabriella Hood	Junior	Skill	Fairmont		Ribbon
McKenzie Hayes	Intermediate	Skill	Sierra		Ribbon
Kendall Metzler	Intermediate	Skill	Blossom Trail		Ribbon
Hannah McReynolds	Intermediate	Skill	Sierra		Medalist
McKenzie Hayes	Intermediate	Box Challenge	Sierra	24	Medalist
Atianna Marquez	Intermediate	Box Challenge	Fairmont	28	County Winner
Faith Collup	Intermediate	Box Challenge	Fairmont	28	County Reserve
Katrina Suarez	Senior	Box Challenge	Fairmont	28	County Winner
Remington Laney	Primary	Retro-Vintage	Sierra		Ribbon
Hannah McReynolds	Intermediate	Retro-Vintage	Sierra	27	County Winner
Harley McCorkle	Senior	CosPlay	Sierra	22	County Winner
Ashley McCann	Primary	Consumer Science	Fairmont		Primary Ribbon
Austynn Beckham	Junior	Consumer Science	Sierra	28	County Winner
Tom Collup	Junior	Consumer Science	Fairmont	27	County Reserve
Ella Hood	Junior	Consumer Science	Fairmont	26	Medalist
Atianna Marquez	Intermediate	Consumer Science	Fairmont	28	County Winner
Faith Collup	Intermediate	Consumer Science	Fairmont	27	County Reserve
Sandra Flores	Senior	Consumer Science	Lone Star	28	County Winner
Diana Flores	Senior	Consumer Science	Lone Star	28	County Reserve
Hannah Pierce	Senior	Consumer Science	Sierra	25	Medalist
Madison Pierce	Senior	Consumer Science	Fairmont	25	Medalist
Harley McCorkle	Senior	Consumer Science	Sierra	26	Medalist
Elaine Skierka	Senior	Consumer Science	Sierra	27	Medalist
Tayla Zagha	Primary	Traditional	Sierra		Primary Ribbon
Ella Hood	Junior	Traditional	Fairmont	21	County Winner
Amarise Pecina	Junior	Traditional	Blossom Trail	20	County Reserve
Kendall Metzler	Intermediate	Traditional	Blossom Trail	25	County Winner
Sandra Flores	Senior	Traditional	Lone Star	28	County Winner
Elaine Skierka	Senior	Traditional	Sierra	21	County Reserve

Unfortunately, State Fashion Revue has been canceled this year due to COVID-19. Please consider entering in our Fresno County Fair in October. We are hopeful that this event will not be canceled.

## 2020-21 Fresno County 4-H Ambassadors

Do you LOVE 4-H and want to spread the word about the great programs and services that Fresno County 4-H has to offer? Do you enjoy leadership and mentoring younger 4-H members. Could you use scholarships in the future to help pay for college? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider applying to serve as a Fresno County Ambassador for 2020-21 if you will be age 15 or older by December 31, 2019. Ambassadors ARE the county level representation of 4-H and we need you! Will you consider joining us? Ambassadors play a key role and make an important contribution to our organization. Consider pursuing this fun and rewarding experience. Please note that it is no longer required to have completed an Emerald Star project in order to apply.



Contact the adviser, Audrey Taylor at (559) 352-7718 for more information.

Application deadline extended to April 27th. Interviews are being postponed into May due to the COVID-19 office closures. All applicants will be notified by email with details of the interview process. Virtual Zoom interviews also being considered.

## FRESNO COUNTY 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

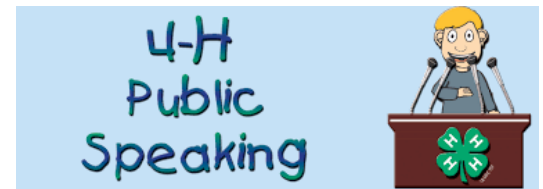
### *Converting to Virtual Zoom Format*

#### **Important Dates:**

**April 13, 2020 – Registration/Entry Forms Due**

**April 25, 2020 – Virtual County Presentation Day**

**May 9, 2020 - Area Presentation Day**



County Presentation Day gives members the chance to communicate an idea or concept to an audience. By going through the process of giving a presentation, members learn how to research a subject, organize ideas in a logical order, and practice public speaking skills which are valuable later in life. Every member is encouraged to give a presentation each year. There are many different types of presentations, which allows the participant to choose the format most appropriate to their topic and goals.

#### Demonstrations

Illustrated Talk

Educational Display Talk

Science or Engineering Presentation

Informative Prepared Speech

For all category details and further instruction see State Presentation Day Manual:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf>

4-H Presenters online registration/entries due April 13<sup>th</sup>

**Click here:** <https://form.jotform.com/200976030598157>

Volunteer evaluators are needed for the success of event! Minimum of 16 Judges Required.

Please see county website for volunteer instructions: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/>

**Knowledge & confidence on the computer is necessary** as we are utilizing technology to hold this contest. Sign-up Link <https://form.jotform.com/200976715838164>

Questions please contact Georgene Diener at (559) 269-1177 or [georgenediener@gmail.com](mailto:georgenediener@gmail.com)

Or Tracy Newton at (559) 970-3092 or [tnewton@ucanr.edu](mailto:tnewton@ucanr.edu)



## Fresno County 4-H Ambassador Service Learning Project 2019-2020

### “4-H SALUTES VETERANS”

\*\*Benefiting the Local Veterans Hospital



## WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT...



Fresno County 4-H Ambassadors Siena Rollin and Ciara Zito are proud to kick off their service-learning project this year. We will be supporting and educating our 4-H youth about the needs of Veterans in Fresno County, most specifically at the Veterans Hospital of Fresno (VAH). We are requesting all clubs to promote donations varying by quarter for specific items. We have learned from the interim Chief of Volunteer Services at the VAH, Mary Golden, the needs of the volunteer services and what they do in their role at the VAH. Their department is the one that offers a Veteran a blanket when they come in, provides snacks when necessary to the Veterans and their families, and gives out free coffee every morning for anyone visiting the hospital.

Please share with your clubs as we are now collecting items in *March - April*. Lastly, they also look for items such as movie tickets, zoo tickets, etc. that Veterans living in the Community Living Center would enjoy for a night out. Any help for the Veterans that served our country to keep us “The Land of the Free” would be greatly appreciated.

### Contact Information:

Siena Rollin - [siena.rollin011@rjusd.org](mailto:siena.rollin011@rjusd.org)  
(559) 482 - 4222

Ciara Zito - [wildnfree623@gmail.com](mailto:wildnfree623@gmail.com)  
(559) 770 - 9056



### How to Help & Participate:

The items we are looking for in the months of *March - April* are **keurig coffee pods (regular and decaffeinated)** and **non-perishable snacks**.

Please see our [donation list & timeline](#) on front page of county website.



### Where to drop it off?

We're collecting keurig coffee pods and non-perishable snacks through the end of April with a NEW Location

#### **Longhorn Feed Store**

5092 N Academy Avenue  
Clovis, N/E Corner Shaw & Academy  
*Coming Soon: Tractor Supply Drop Off Locations*



[@fresnocounty4\\_hambassadors](https://www.instagram.com/fresnocounty4_hambassadors)

Did you donate??? Take a selfie/photo with your item(s) and use the hashtag **#4HSalutesVeterans** and state what club you're in to be entered into a drawing to win a special prize!

### For More Information Visit:

<https://www.fresno.va.gov/giving/index.asp>

Please see Fresno County 4-H Website for Collection Item Details: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/>



## **EVENT POSTPONED – FUTURE DATE TBA**



**Please Share the Word -**

**ALL RUNNERS, FRIENDS OF RUNNERS, and 4-H MEMBERS!**

Fresno County 4-H MUST postpone the April 18<sup>th</sup> event due to the COVID-19 coronavirus mandates in place. THANK YOU to all sponsors that have donated towards the event! Items will be saved until the new date is established. Monetary donations will continue supporting the Color Me Green Scholarship program as well as the future event. The volunteer coordination committee is working diligently to assure the show must go simply at a later date. Watch for updates in future issues of the newsletter, on county website and social media. A notification will be sent to all online registrants.

***Thank you all for supporting this event past, present and future!***

## **Fresno County 4-H FAIR CANCELED for May 9th**

All events associated with 4-H Fair have currently been canceled due to COVID-19.

The Reedley College campus is closed through June 30th.

Please plan to enter your 4-H project work in The Big Fresno Fair October 2020.



## **ALL IN PERSON HORSE PROJECT EVENTS CANCELED through May 9th**

All events have currently been canceled or postponed to a later date due to COVID-19.

Updates will be released as information is received.



# Toiletry Kit Drive 2020

I PLEDGE 

MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING

FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

Blossom Trail 4-H is collecting toiletry items. These basic care items will go to help people leaving abusive relationships helping them to make a fresh start.

The kits will be donated to a local non-profit called *BREAKING THE CHAINS* benefiting the women they provide services too.

We would like to invite everyone to get involved in this community service project by donating small cosmetic bags and travel size toiletry items (see below for suggestions).

**Drop Off: LONGHORN FEED & SUPPLY**

By April 30th

5092 N Academy Ave.  
Sanger, CA 93657

### Suggested Items:

Cosmetic bags & travel size:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Body wash
- Comb/hair brush
- Hair-ties
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Mouthwash
- Chapstick/lip-balm

**Questions?**

**Contact:**

Blossom Trail 4-H  
Rachel, Hannah or Kristen  
[jkrusconi@comcast.net](mailto:jkrusconi@comcast.net)



**GIVING BACK TO  
OUR COMMUNITY!**

## SAVE THE DATE! 4-H CAMP at CAMP Keola!

### CAMP UPDATES

#### Fresno County 4-H Summer Camp 2020

June 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>

Due to COVID-19 we can not be certain of camp at this time. JCs continue camp planning, hopeful yet realize we need to take all precautions to keep our members safe. Updates will be released as directives are received from the UC ANR office.

Held at beautiful Huntington Lake, Keola Camp is a great time for FUN, FRIENDS, & making GREAT 4-H memories! Registration will open after May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Camper cost will be in range of \$275.00 - \$290.00 for a 5 day stay. Adult camp chaperones will be required 1 per 5 campers.

**More details coming as available.**



## California 4-H State Field Day is GOING VIRTUAL

California 4-H State Field Day  
May 18-31, 2020 Times Vary  
Virtual Format

**April 1, 2020:** The State Field Day planning team monitored information regarding COVID-19 from the California Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The UC Davis campus canceled all events on-campus through spring quarter. Our priority is ensuring the safety of the young people in the 4-H program, their families, and our community.

**Therefore, we decided to move to a virtual format for State 4-H Field Day 2020. State 4-H Field Day will NOT be hosted on May 30 at UC Davis.**

[Virtual State 4-H Field Day Announcement 4-1-2020](#)



[State Field Day Event Page](#)

**May 18-31: State 4-H Field Day to be held virtually;** *most contests open to ALL youth (no qualification required)*

State 4-H Presentation Day (requires pre-qualification at a county & area presentation day), as well as contests open to ALL youth (like interview contest, photography contest, robotics contest, film festival, and plant science contest) will be held virtually in late May. [Read the announcement here.](#)





## 2020 Adventure Risk Challenge Summer Courses

### Still a Go as of April 1st– Updates Pending

**Adventure Risk Challenge** offers exciting opportunities for motivated high school youth who want a bright future. Your adventure may begin in Yosemite National Park, in the mountains of Tahoe, or in the tall forests of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. You will backpack and go on other outdoor adventures, read, write, improve your academic skills, learn about the environment, and work as a team. ARC summer courses are designed for students who are excited to learn and excited to be in the outdoors.

After submitting the application, students from Tahoe/Truckee, Reno, and the Central Valley will be invited to an orientation weekend in April or May, during which interviews will take place and final students will be accepted into the summer courses. If you are a student applying from another region, an orientation may be available in your area and ARC staff will contact you with more information. If you are admitted to the program, ARC staff will determine which of ARC's three sites (Yosemite, Tahoe, or Sequoia/Kings Canyon) will best suit your interests and needs.



- **ARC Yosemite National Park – June 22 – July 25**  
Come explore Yosemite National Park's natural beauty, its waterfalls, its alpine lakes, and its spectacular granite cliffs! Yosemite is one of our country's premier national parks.
- **ARC Tahoe – June 29 – August 1**  
The Sierra Nevada mountain range around Lake Tahoe will be home to students in the ARC Tahoe course. You will see breathtaking mountain lakes and waterfalls. Come experience life in the mountains!
- **ARC Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks – June 22 - July 18**  
Sequoia's backcountry offers a vast expanse of high-alpine wonders. You'll enjoy gorgeous views of granite domes, lush green meadows, and towering Sequoia trees—the largest trees in the world!

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**Early application deadline: Friday, March 13, 2020**  
**Regular application deadline: Friday, April 10, 2020**

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**Selection criteria:** ARC selects students using the following criteria: Submit **all** required materials (recommendation, transcript, and online application including four short answer questions) by the deadline.

- Thoughtful responses to questions.
- Positive letter of recommendation.
- Commitment to being physically active before and during the summer course.
- A positive attitude and willingness to try new and difficult challenges.
- A desire to work with others to solve problems, to learn, and to make a difference.

Click Here for Link to Website and Application <https://www.adventureriskchallenge.org/apply/>

## California 4-H State Shoot 2020

The 36th Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match will once again be sponsored and hosted by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council.

At this time the mail in target competition is not canceled however, we are reworking timelines. **Targets will be mailed out in April.** Clubs will have until August to fire on the targets and return them. We hope that this will be sufficient time once 4-H in person meetings resume. Full contest timelines will be included in target mailing. Thank You! Siskiyou County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee



Please direct any questions regarding the event to Siskiyou County.

### Fresno County 4-H Archers—Join Merced County in their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 4-H Archery Shoot.

#### 2020 California 4-H State Archery Tournament

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual State 4-H Archery Shooting Sports Tournament, sponsored by the Merced County 4-H Council, River Oaks Range and Hosting club Weaver 4-H – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020!

Registration is due on or before April 24, 2020. Entry fees paid to your County 4-H. **ONLY** by check payable to Fresno County 4-H. Make checks payable to Fresno County 4-H, and send to: 550 E. Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93710

NOTE: This event will be rescheduled if current events dictate.

For questions regarding payment and entry procedures please contact Darlene McIntyre – UCCE Merced County (209) 385-7418  
[dmcintyre@ucanr.edu](mailto:dmcintyre@ucanr.edu)

For rules and entry, please go to [http://merced4h.ucanr.edu/Shooting\\_Sports/](http://merced4h.ucanr.edu/Shooting_Sports/)

Divisions (by age, as of December 31, 2019):

Junior: 9-10 years of age      Intermediate: 11-13 years of age      Senior: 14-19 years of age      Leaders:

Categories:

1. Longbow
2. Recurve bow - no sights
3. Recurve bow – with sights
4. Compound bow – no sights
5. Compound bow – with sights
6. First Time Shooters
7. Archery leaders (50 yards).



4-H youth can enter up to 3 categories at a \$5.00 entry fee for each category with a \$5.00 lunch fee. Lunch will be available for leaders and families attending the event at a \$5.00 fee for each person.

To register for this up coming 4-H event please go to: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=29251>

This is an in-person tournament using an A/B format and whistle commands only. Please prepare 4-H youth for this type of commands. Members will shoot only 18 arrows (6 ends of 3 arrows each) at each distance and only score those 18 arrows. Dry camping or RV without hookups are available at no cost. For camping information please contact Dave Givens at [dave@hammerstryke.com](mailto:dave@hammerstryke.com).

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## The 4-H ONLINE RECORD BOOK (ORB) TO SUNSET EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Due to development challenges and a rapidly changing technological environment have led UC 4-H to difficult decision to sunset ORB on July 1, 2020.

**Those who are currently using ORB for the 2019-20 program year will have access through December 31, 2020 to complete their record book.**

### Stakeholder Letter

For a comprehensive explanation, the timeline, and support help during the transition, please download the following [ORB Stakeholder Letter](#).

### Informational Webinars

The California State 4-H Office will be hosting two informational webinars to provide direct information concerning the closure of the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) and answer any related questions. These webinars will be recorded for viewing at a later time if you are unable to make one of the dates and times listed below.

Webinar #1 - **April 25, 2020 9am - 9:30am**

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/370028607>

Webinar #2 - **May 25, 2020 7pm - 7:30pm**

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/370028607>



For updated information and ongoing support related to the sunset of ORB, visit

[https://ucanr.edu/sites/4horbhelp/ORB\\_Sunset\\_Support\\_Page/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/4horbhelp/ORB_Sunset_Support_Page/)

### California Focus

**June 19 - 23, 2020**

**in California's Capital, Sacramento**

Experience state government in action! You will participate in the legislative, political, and judicial processes. California Focus combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, simulations, tours and fun activities.

This conference is only held in even years, so don't miss your chance to attend in 2020!

For complete details see State 4-H site [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/CF/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/)

**Who should attend** Youth ages 14 - 19. Youth must be at least 14 years old by the time of California Focus. If you are not a current 4-H member, please contact [Jenna Colburn](#).

