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Ventura County 4-H

June 2019

4-H Events Calendar



Please note: The location of the June Council & Small Animal PDC meetings have changed; both will be at HAREC on June 26!

- Mon 6/17** Last Day to register for State Leadership Conference @ UC Davis
- Sat 6/22** [Alpaca Farm Day @ Alpacas at Windy Hill](#) 8:30am—noon (7660 Bradley Rd, Somis)
- Sun. 6/23** [Gymkhana / Trail Day](#) @ Soule Park, 9am
- 6/24-28** [Sustainable You! Summer Camp](#) @ HAREC
- Wed 6/26** [Small Animal PDC meeting](#) @ HAREC 6pm
- Wed 6/26** [Last Council Meeting & Summer Kick-Off Social](#) @ HAREC 7pm. Loma Vista 4-H is hosting!
- Fri. 6/28** 4hOnline closes for year-end reporting
- Mon. 7/1** [4HOnline](#) re-opens for 2019-20 member enrollment.
- Sun 7/7** [Equine PDC Meeting](#) @ Soule Park 8am
- Wed 7/10** [Large Livestock PDC meeting](#) @ HAREC 7pm
- 7/18-21** [State Leadership Conference](#) @ UC Davis
- 7/31-8/11** [Ventura County Fair](#)

HAREC: 287 South Briggs Rd, Santa Paula

UCCE: 669 County Square Dr, Ventura

[See Complete Ventura County 4-H Calendar](#)

State Leadership Conference

You can still register until June 17! Late registration is \$375 for 2 nights and \$475 for 3 nights. Find out how you can get a travel stipend for \$100 by visiting our [Ventura County 4-H Resources page](#) and clicking on "Travel Stipend Request." Read about [Livia's experience at SLC last year](#). [State Leadership Conference: "Planet 4-H: Planting the Seeds of Change"](#) is Thursday-Sunday, July 18-21 at UC Davis.

Alpaca Farm Day

Looking for an informative farm day to learn about alpacas? Want to learn more about edible plants in nature? Mark your calendar for **June 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** to join me and my friend Nadja at [Alpacas of Windy Hill](#) (7660 Bradley Rd, Somis) We are hosting a special Farm Day for 4-H as part of our Emerald Star Projects.

Alpacas are wonderful animals that are known for their fleece. The Alpaca Farm Day will have several interactive stations where you can learn about alpacas, their history, breeding, care and showmanship. There will also be a station to learn about alpaca fleece and see how their fiber is turned into yarn. This farm day will give you an opportunity to interact with an alpaca and kick-off the 4-H Alpaca Project for the 2019-2020 year.

Alpaca Farm Day

June 22
8:30 am to Noon

Located at
Alpacas at
Windy Hill, Somis
California



Learn all about Alpacas at interactive stations, Horticulture, and Heathy Living!



Also included in the farm day are interactive stations to learn horticulture, take a plant identification quiz and learn about composting. We are also offering a community service activity and most importantly, a enjoyable day with your family. Bring a picnic lunch and get ready for some 4-H fun!

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Claire Boone at twodoesfarm@gmail.com

Council Meeting & Summer Kick-off Social

4-H families are invited to attend our last council meeting at the farm and stay after for a **Summer Kick-off Social!**

Date: Wed. 6/26

Time: 7pm-9pm



Ventura County 4-H Council
Loma Vista 4-H co-hosting

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Ventura County Fair News & Info

Would you like to volunteer at the fair?

For every 4 hour shift you sign up for, you will receive 1 admission gate pass! If you are under 14, you must have a parent with you. If interested, just fill out and mail in this [volunteer application](#).

Some Fair Entry Dates at a Glance:

June 14 Feature Booth Pre-Entry by 5pm

June 24 Youth Horse Show

June 28 Academic Rodeo by email only to: academicrodeo@venturacountyfair.org / acrodeo@gmail.com

July 1 Large Livestock Open Senior and Open Junior Breeding Shows

July 1 Small Livestock: Adult & Youth Shows, Cavies & Rabbits, Pygmy Goats, Mini Pigs, Club Displays, Rabbit Hopping & Agility, Mini Pig Tricks, Costume Contest (cavy, rabbit, mini pigs, pygmy goats), Champion of Champions

July 19—21 @ 10am-5pm: Youth Expo & 4-H, Cameras & Crops (just bring your items in!)

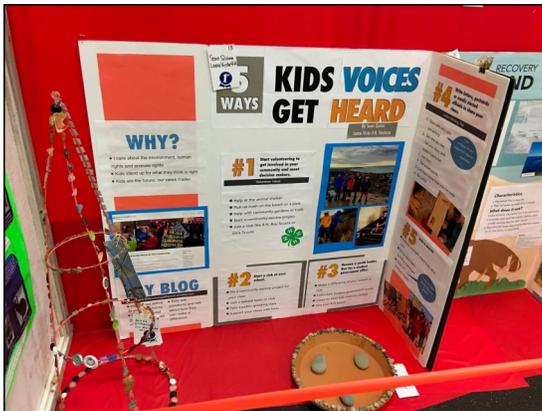
July 28 @ 10am—4pm 4-H Table Settings Email Peggy Kroener at: youth@venturacountyfair.org to reserve a table between **July 15-21, 2019**, no telephone reservations will be accepted.

July 28 @ 10 AM – 5 PM Youth Expo Baked & Preserved Foods

July 31 & Aug. 7 @ 11am-1pm Youth Expo Glue-A-Shoe Contest; bring your Decorated Shoe to the Youth Building on July 31st OR August 7th

Aug. 2 @ 11am—1pm Youth Expo Brush-Bots Contest; timed racing 2 PM. Build a brush-bot at home and bring to Fair to race!

Aug. 8 @ 11am—1pm Youth Expo King Arthur Flour Baking Contest – Ready-Made Entries accepted in the Youth Expo Building; judging begins at 1:30 PM.



2019 Fair Entry Guides

Please click [here](#) to see all the entry guides for the 2019 Ventura County Fair, or click on your department:

[Academic Rodeo](#)

[Agriculture](#)

[Amateur Art](#)

[Floriculture](#)

[Gems and Minerals](#)

[Hobbies and Collections](#)

[Home Arts](#)

[Horse Shows](#)

[Large Livestock](#)

[Photography](#)

[Professional Art](#)

[Small Livestock](#)

[Uncle Leo's Barn](#)

[Youth Expo](#)

This just in! A brand new (to us) management model

Launched in San Luis Obispo in 1985 and adopted by Santa Barbara in 2011, the “middle management approach” is coming soon to Ventura County 4-H. The purpose of this approach is to get more volunteers involved in *specific* areas of the program (such as fundraising or Healthy Living), utilize the passions and strengths of our volunteers, increase the quality of our program and enable us to have a positive impact on the lives of more people—youth and adults.

In April, the “Ventura County 4-H Futures Task Force” was formed, a team of 9 including staff, county ambassadors and 4-H volunteers. The team meetings are led by Gemma Miner from the state 4-H office via Zoom. At the first meeting, the team listed the strengths and challenges of our county’s current programs and management model. Then we listed our “opportunities.” One theme that kept coming up was “Building COMMUNITY & CONNECTION.”

Gemma explained that there will be two boards: a Management Board and a Program Board. The Management Board will consist of “directors” with specific responsibilities. Ventura County 4-H will now have Directors of Fundraising, Budget & Finance, Outreach & Communication, Fair Liaison, and Recognition. The County Ambassadors will also serve on the Management Board in 1-2 seats reserved for them. These directors will meet four times a year and vote on business as needed. Each director can create a committee to assist them with their area of responsibility. Their four meetings will be “public” in that any 4-H member or volunteer may attend and give their input.

The second board is the Program Board consisting of “Key Leaders” in program areas. The Futures Task Force chose to combine some of our current PDCs (Program Development Committees) and add more. These Key Leaders will lead committees (open to everyone) in the following program areas: Adult Leadership, Youth Leadership, STEAM, Animal Science, Consumer Science, Skills, Civic Engagement and Service, Healthy Living, Equine Science, Shooting Sports: Archery, and Adventure.

Anyone can apply to be a Director or Key Leader, including 4-H seniors (13-19), adult volunteers and even community members or college students who want to help 4-H (on the condition they become official 4-H volunteers, of course).

Currently, the Futures Task Force is working on job descriptions for the Directors and Key Leaders. These should be done by the June 26 Council meeting. Applications and job descriptions will then be available on our website.

Please come to our June 26 council meeting at 7pm at the farm (UC HAREC, 287 S. Briggs Rd., Santa Paula) when the Futures Task Force will introduce this new model. The meeting will be followed by a Summer Kick-Off Social when all your questions will hopefully be answered!

Classifieds

Seeking: Words of kindness about your 4-H club leader. If you have some to share, please email them to VenturaCounty4h@ucanr.edu

Seeking: Backyard games to borrow. If you have one or more to lend for our June 26 summer social at the farm, please email VenturaCounty4h@ucanr.edu

Kindness
is the most important
superpower

Read New [Blog Posts!](#)

[CAPS TV Interview](#) By Claire Boone

[Small & Large Animal Field Day](#)

[Southern Area Field Day](#)

By Ashley Pylar

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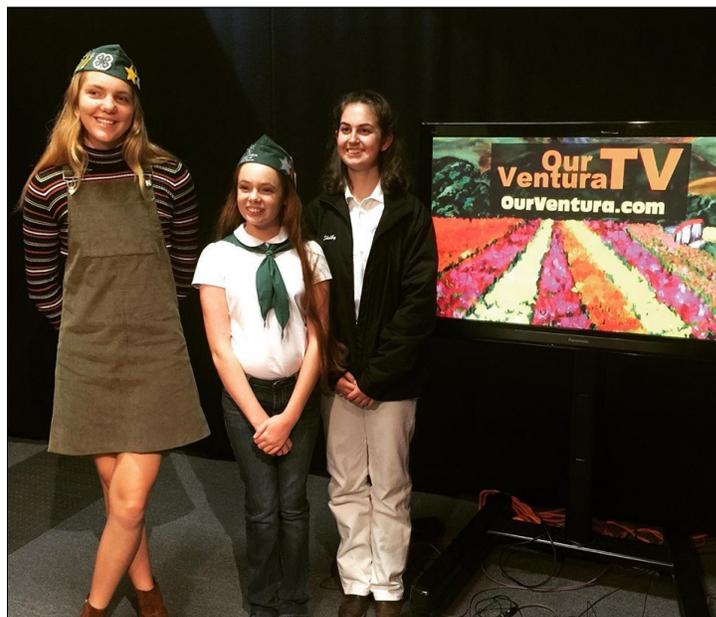
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Sharing 4-H at CAPS Media



Addie (Loma Vista 4-H), Claire (Santa Rosa Valley 4-H) and Shelby, our County 4-H Ambassador (Somis 4-H), were interviewed on June 3 for [Our Ventura TV](#). Shelby said, "I had a great time at [CAPS Media](#) being able to talk about and promote something that I am very passionate about. I think that 4-H has something for everyone and I was very happy to be able to share that message with more people." [Read more about their experience on our 4-H blog.](#)

Green Hats by 2020

Just as a reminder, we're in the final year of the transition before all youth members will move to wearing green hats only. Here was the language about hats from the uniform transition plan:

"Current Senior members (2015-16 enrolled) with existing white hats may continue to use their white hat for the

remainder of their 4-H career. Only green hats with the new UC ANR brand and 4-H logo will be available for purchase as of August 31, 2015. There is no need to discard pre-purchased green hats that have not yet been distributed to members. These existing hats may be given to members until the existing stockpile has been depleted. We expect that by July 1st 2020, all members will be wearing green hats."



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