



**Kings County
4-H**



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July 2019

YOUTH TALK



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4-H is for YOU!
4-H is for FUN!



Deadline
4-H News articles due for
Youth Talk - July 26th
Please send all articles to
tawatkins@ucanr.edu

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Up Coming Events—Save the Date



Council News

The next council meeting will be:



Our Next Meeting is
Tuesday, September 3, 2019
@ 7pm, UCCE Office—MP Room

**Here is a list of the Council Meetings for
the 2019/2020 Program Year:**

September
November
January
March
May



Registration is open for the 2019/2020
4-H Program Year!

Register Today!!

[https://california.4honline.com/Login.aspx?
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2019/2020 Program Fees:
\$38.00 for youth
\$14.00 for adult volunteers

*(Thank you to our sponsoring
foundation for supplementing the
state program fees to lower the
cost for our county)*

4-H Online Record Book (ORB) - [Login](#)



*Record Books will be Due Soon! (Check with your club
leader for your Club's DUE date.)*

About 4-H Record Books

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. The focus reflects the importance of this life skill in our daily lives. Completing a 4-H Record Book is a process where you record project and club work.

Why have 4-H Record Books?

Completing the Record Book provides you an incentive for participation, learning, and achievement.

Benefits of completing a 4-H Record Book:

- **Practice Records Management** - Track your activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences. In this competency skill you identify, create, classify, archive and preserve records.
- **Reflect on your yearly work** - Document your skill development and learning experiences in a written report.
- **Measure your achievements and growth** throughout your years in 4-H. Set goals, pursue strategies to meet those goals, and record how you may have had to shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles.

[ORB User Guide](#)

(record book are optional & not a 4-H requirement)



Check with your Club Leader
to see when your
record books are DUE
to be turned in!

Record Book covers are available
at the UCCE Office



Staffing changes within our UCCE Office and 4-H Program

Starting August 1st, the UCCE/4-H Office will be a dark office. We will not be open to the public. To drop-off or pick-up any 4-H items, you must arrange a time with the 4-H program rep./staff to ensure staff is in the office.

Please Join me in wishing our front office staff the following congratulations:



Happy Retirement to our Office Secretary—Connie Egger. We wish you much happiness as you set off on your next life adventure!!

Congratulations, Kayla McGrew, on your pregnancy! Kayla is pregnant with her second child and we want to give her a big Congratulations!!



I would also like to announce that, for family related reasons, I will not be continuing in the position as our county's 4-H Program Representative.

I have enjoyed my time in this position and would like to thank all the volunteers and members that have made this program thrive! The 2019/2020 program year is up and running, and I know we will have another successful year with our 4-H program.

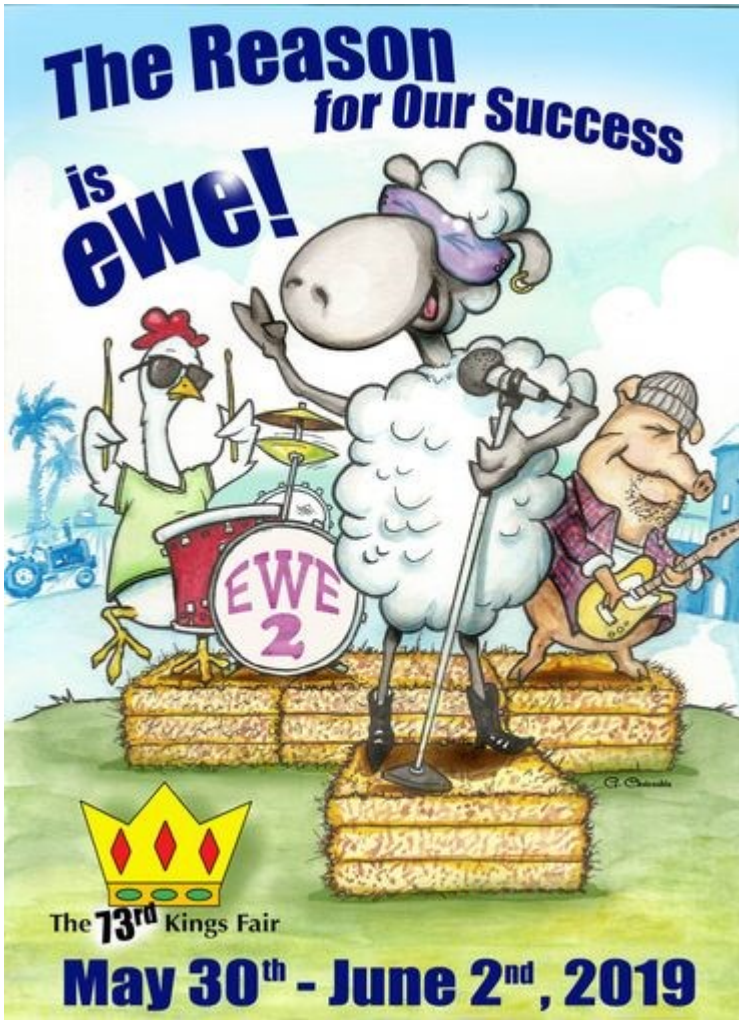
**Currently the 4-H program representative position is held by the state as an UC ANR employee. However, we are excited to announce that in the proposed budget of the County of Kings, they have proposed adopting the 4-H Program Representative job position and making it a county position! This position is proposed to be full time with benefits. If you are interested in applying for the new 4-H program representative position with the County of Kings, please contact me and I can give you more details. tawatkins@ucanr.edu

Thank you everyone!! ~ Tiffany Watkins

**DON'T *ever* BE AFRAID
TO DREAM TOO BIG
• NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE •**

IF YOU
BELIEVE *in* YOURSELF
YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT.

-Nastia Lukin



The 2019 Kings Fair was a great success!

Congratulations to all the 4-H members that competed at the Fair!

The 2019 Fair results have not been posted yet.



State Field Day Results

Presentation Contest

Congratulations to Amanda Curtis for receiving a GOLD on her presentation at State Field Day!



State Fashion Revue

Congratulations to the following Kings County Member for competing in the State Fashion Revue competition!

Brittany Curtis—Medal— Box Challenge
Amanda Curtis—Blue—Box Challenge
Davin Collazo—Medal— Traditional
Clare Curtis—Blue— Traditional

California



Congratulations on being selected as our 2019/2020 Leadership Team!



All-Stars

Amanda Curtis
Ashley Eller
Anna Felipe
Garret Martin
Rory Valov

Advisor: Lilly Pimentel

Ambassadors

Anna Dooley
Trista Fry
Rayven Maturino.



Advisor: *This team is still in need of an advisor. Please contact me if you would be interested in advising this great group of kids!*

CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING THE TEAM!!

Experience The  Adventure

Kings County 4-H would like to THANK you for all your program support this last year.

Leaders & Sponsors Recognition Dinner
Tuesday, August 6th @ 6:30pm
Kings Fairgrounds

Every year we like to honor all our leaders and sponsors that make this program possible. (Invitations have gone out!)

To RSVP please click here:

<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27948>

****We will need help from our 4-H Members.****

If you are interested in helping with set-up, serving, and/or clean-up, or interested in bringing a project display or decoration, then please sign-up.

Helping Sign-up Link:

<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27949>

Please RSVP by August 1, 2019.

You're an Essential Piece

**The 4-H Community Clubs of
Kings County (and their
meeting locations)**

Corcoran 4-H Club
~John Muir Middle School,
Corcoran

Delta View 4-H
~ Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Hanford

Grangeville 4-H
~ Pioneer School, Hanford

Island 4-H
~Island School, Lemoore

Kings Harvest 4-H
~Kings Fairgrounds, Hanford

Kings River 4-H
~Kings River-Hardwick School,
Hanford

Lemoore 4-H
~Cinnamon Elementary School,
Lemoore

Mid Valley 4-H
~ Kit Carson School, Hanford

Oakvale 4-H
~ Kingsburg Area, Kings County





California State 4-H News



2019 National Youth Science Day Game Changers

This October, the 2019 National Youth Science Day (NYSD) challenge, Game Changers. Designed by Google and West Virginia Extension service, Game Changers teaches kids ages 8-14 how to use computer science (CS) to create games, solve problems and engage with topics they're passionate about.

For more information, visit the [National 4-H NYSD webpage](#)



The 2020 service projects are:

Adult bibs for care home patients

A simple-to-sew pouch for personal care items made from a small towel, to distribute to homeless shelters.

These were selected from all the suggestions based on cost of materials, construction suitable for beginning sewers, and meeting local needs.

Happy sewing!

2019 Tulare/Kings Summer Camp

July 21—26, 2019
@ Huntington Lake,
Camp Keola



4-H Summer Camp is a six-day, five-night overnight summer camp for youth ages 9 (as of 12/31/19) through 13 (completed 8th grade in 2019) years old. The camp planning is done by the youth camp staff (ages 14-19, current high school members) and adult camp committee. The goal of our staff is to create an exciting and nurturing environment where youth can develop self-confidence, teamwork, and try fun challenges. We want youth to get a sense of connection with themselves, their friends, and the environment. The camp activities are directed by the youth camp staff during the week of camp. Campers are divided into groups with youth staff members as leaders. The groups meet every day to plan skits, play sports, have craft time and have fun. Being in a group allows campers to meet new youth and make life-long friendships. The food at camp is prepared by experienced cooks and we have a nurse on-site at all times.

More Information: https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H_Tulare/4-H_Events/4-H_Summer_Camp/

2019 4-H State Leadership Conference

July 18-21, 2019 at UC Davis

Open to youth ages 13-19

This is a great leadership conference to improve your personal leadership skills, expand your network, and advance your college and career readiness.

See the State Website for More Details!

(Kings County 4-H offers scholarships to members that want to attend this conference. Contact the office or see our website for more details)



Want to add to your project list this year??

Ask for a list of projects that your club offers.
OR find an expert in that field and have them sign up to be a leader and add the project to your club. For more information, contact your club leader or the county 4-H office. Here is a list of the 4-H projects being offered in our county.

Animals

- Beef, Swine
- Sheep, Goats
- Dog Care
- Horses & Ponies
- Rabbits, Poultry
- Dairy Cattle
- Livestock Judging
- Reptiles, Bees
- Vet Science

Civic Engagement

- Community Pride
- Citizenship

Communications & Expressive Arts

- Arts & Crafts
- Cultural Arts
- Dance
- Leathercraft
- Photography
- Public Speaking
- Scrapbooking
- Sign Language

Leadership & Personal Development

- Service Learning
- Beginning 4-H
- Leadership
- Primary Members
- Record Keeping

Health

- Cake Decorating

- Foods & Nutrition
- Food Preservation
- Health

Consumer & Family Sciences

- Clothing & Textiles (sewing)
- Fashion Revue
- Home Arts
- Quilting
- Table Setting

Environmental Educations & Earth Sciences

- 4-H Camping
- Astronomy
- Fishing and Fly Tying

Plant Science

- Fruits, Nuts, and Berries
- Field Crops
- Floral Arranging
- Indoor & Mini Gardens
- Ornamental Hort.
- Vegetable Gardens

Technology & Engineering

- Archery
- Computers
- Electricity
- Metal Working
- Rifle
- Rocketry & Aerospace
- Shooting Sports (Rifle, Pistol)
- Small Engines
- Tractors
- Woodworking

FOOD SECURITY

4-H youth engaged in over **51,000** livestock and agriculture-related projects in 2014

4-H is California's premier organization for training young agriculturalists with research-based curricula that promotes cutting-edge practices. Using what they learned in 4-H projects, youth help farmers and ranchers finance crops, use less water and land to produce crops and use the latest research and technology to help feed the world.

"I like agriculture because it's science. Tomorrow I'm going to use technology to help farmers grow more crops with less water."
—4-H Member

4-H's Long-reaching Effects
Compared to other youth, 4-Her's are:

- 4x** more likely to contribute to their communities
- 2x** more likely to be civically active
- 2x** more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices

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Volunteer as a 4-H Leader!

As a 4-H volunteer, you are important to our youth with "learn-by-doing" instruction. You will work side-by-side with 4-H youth, where you grow together in shared responsibility and decision-making.

The Volunteer/Leader Training is back this year. This training is not our favorite way to spend our time, but is important for the development and safety of our youth and our leaders.

The Returning Volunteers will have a 25 minute refresher training and New Volunteers will have to complete the entire training session (approx. 2&1/2 hrs)

Returning 4-H Leader Process

- 1). Enroll for the new year on [4HOnline](#). (Use the same email and password as before)
- 2). Complete the Returning Leaders Training. An email with the link will be sent to your email after you have enrolled.

Returning Leaders Training will include:

- A. Maintaining an Inclusive 4-H Experience (10 minutes)
- B. Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers (15 minutes)

- 3). Pay the \$14 leader fees to your club.



New 4-H Leader Process

- 1). Complete the [New 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader Interest Survey](#)
- 2). Create a profile and enroll on [4HOnline](#).
- 2). Complete the Live Scan/Fingerprint process. ([4-H Live Scan Form](#))
- 3). Complete the New Leaders Training. An email with the link will be sent to your email after you have enrolled.

New Leaders training will include:

- A. Orientation (40 minutes)
- B. Foundations of Positive Youth Development (20 minutes)
- C. Toward an Interculturally Connected 4-H (60 minutes)
- D. Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers (15 minutes)

- 4). Pay the \$14 leader fees to your club.

****If you had a break in service or were not active last year, please follow the "New 4-H Leader Process".**

(The trainings will need to be completed by December 31st to be listed as an active



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Club News and Reports

Mid Valley 4-H

Submitted By:
Jillian Ramirez

Meeting Schedule:
2nd Monday of the
month at Kit Carson
School, Hanford

Club Contact Info:
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crevious@yahoo

Mid-Valleys meeting was called to order May 13th at 6:30pm. Kelsey Neff Presented her healthy living report on some suggestions of how much of the 5 food groups you should eat a day. She recommended you should eat at least 2 servings of each food group a day. A cake decorating meeting was held they decorate an Easter bunny cake. Some of the people who attended were, Addison Fagundes, Ariana Marshall, Chelby Reveious and Jillian Ramirez. Clayton Menezes, Addison and Frankie Fagundes attended a building meeting at the sportsman club. Lillian Barcellos has donated a total of 430 books as a part of her emerald star project, she also attended several scrap book meetings. We ended our meeting by starting to plan our end of the year party, and preping for the fair.

PROJECT NEWS

We are looking for a Shooting Sports Leader!

Special Message from Shooting Sports Project Leader—Gregg Chrissakis



I am once again putting out the call asking for parents who are interested in taking on the 4H Shooting Sports for Kings County. It's an easy gig, although the pay could be better (\$0.00) but the rewards you get back from the kids are all you will need. I have been running Shooting Sports for 12 years, since my daughters were 6 and 8 years old. They are now both off to college and I think it would be good for the club to have an active parent take over. I will not leave Shooting Sports until there is a replacement because I don't want to see the program go dormant. I will also be more than happy to stick around and help any new leader make the transition for as long as they'd like. If you or someone you know might be interested in the position, please contact me or the 4-H office and we'll get you the info you need to get trained up and certified. I'm hoping there's a parent out there who might be interested in taking the next 12 years so we can keep Shooting Sport alive and thriving in Kings County well into the future. Thanks for your consideration.

California State Fair We have a few Kings County Fair 4-H Members competing at the CA State Fair over the next two weeks! Good Luck!! *(Here is a photo that was sent to us earlier in the week)*



Elizabeth Farrar and Callie Loogman at CA State Fair!



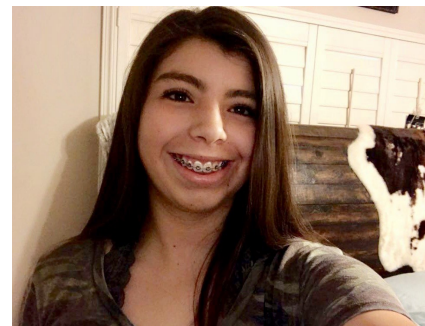
Get to Know Your Leadership Team As we conclude the 2018/2019 Program Year, meet some of the leadership team that help us this last year!

Ambassador Spotlight

Meet Brandi Garcia
Kings County 4-H Ambassador

- **How old were you when you joined 4-H?** 9 years old
- **4-H Club:** Kings River 4-H
- **Why did you join 4-H?** Agriculture has always been my strongest passion and i've been involved in it since I was little
- **What do you hope to accomplish as a 4-H Ambassador?** I hope I encouraged more youth to get involved and find their place within agriculture and assisted in developing their leadership skills.

- **What is your favorite thing about 4-H?** Being able to connect with families and their children
- **Favorite Food:** pizza or pasta
- **Favorite TV Show:** "The Incredible Dr. Pol"
- **Favorite Book:** "The Child Called It" by Dave Pelzer
- **Favorite Song:** "God, Your Mama, and Me" by Florida Georgia Line
- **Pets:** I have a Cocker Spaniel/ Poodle and a Weimaraner.



Ambassador Spotlight

Meet Amanda Curtis
Kings County 4-H Ambassador

- **How old were you when you joined 4-H?** I was 5 when I joined 4-H
- **4-H Club:** Corcoran 4-H
- **Why did you join 4-H?** I liked the cool indoor projects
- **What do you hope to accomplish as a 4-H Ambassador?** I felt like I accomplished celebrating the indoor projects
- **What is your favorite thing about 4-H?** Fashion Revue

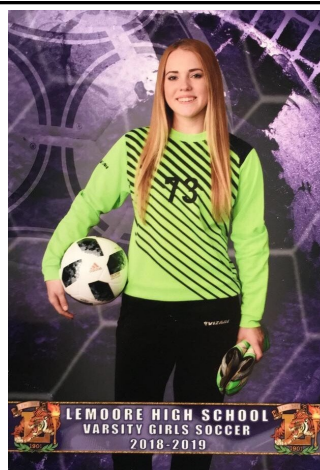
- **Favorite Food:** Dark chocolate covered coconut almonds
- **Favorite TV Show:** Captain Marvel
- **Favorite Book:** I love the Kane Chronicles and Percy Jackson series
- **Favorite Song:** "Made you Miss" by Maddie Poppe, and "ME" by Taylor Swift
- **Pets:** I have 3 dogs



Ambassador Spotlight

Meet Ashley Eller
Kings County 4-H Ambassador

- **How old were you when you joined 4-H?** 6 years old
- **4-H Club:** Lemoore 4-H
- **Why did you join 4-H?** To become more involved in agriculture
- **What do you hope to accomplish as a 4-H Ambassador?** To outreach more about 4-H
- **What is your favorite thing about 4-H?** To be a mentor to the other members
- **Favorite Food:** black pepper seeds



- **Favorite Sport:** Soccer
- **Favorite TV Show:** "F.R.I.E.N.D.S."
- **Favorite Book:** Stay with me by Mila Gray
- **Favorite Song:** "You Should See Me in a Crown" by Billie Eilish
- **Pets:** I have 3 dogs, 1 steer, 3 sheep, 5+ cats, 23 goats, and 1 duck

University of California Cooperative Extension Kings County 4-H Contacts

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OFFICE HOURS: 8am-12 noon and 1pm-5pm Monday-Friday



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2019/2020 4-H Program Calendar Events

Council Meetings

- **Meeting Months**
 - Every Other Month
 - **July, September, November, January, March, May**
 - (**November Mtg will be move to Thursday due to the Elections).

Countywide Events

- **Leaders & Sponsors Dinner** – Tues., August 6, 2019 @ 6:30pm (TBA- ?Kings Fair, Rose Room?)
- **Achievement Night** – Saturday, September 21st, 2019 @ 6:30pm(TBA – ?Sierra Pacific H.S.?)
- **4-H Madness** – Thursday, October 3, 2019 @ Hanford’s Farmers Market, 5pm – 8:30pm
- **Council Fundraiser** – (Game Night) Tuesday, October 22, 2019 6p to 8p (TBA - ?Fraternal Hall?)
- **Judging Day** – Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 @ 10am & 1pm (TBA - ?H.S. School Farm?)
- **Food Olympics** – Saturday, March 14, 2020 @ 9 AM (TBA - ?Hanford West H.S.?)
- **Presentation Day** – Saturday, March 14, 2020 @ Noon (TBA - ?Hanford West H.S.?)
- **4-H Fair** – March 26th – 28th, 2020 (TBA – ?Kings Fairgrounds? – Pending 2020 Fair Date)
- **Fashion Revue** – Saturday, May 9, 2020 @ Noon, UCCE Office

Interview Dates

- **Emerald Star**
 - September, November, March
- **Allstar/Ambassador (Entrance)**
 - Interest Meeting – Beginning of April
 - Interviews – End of April
- **Allstar/Ambassador (Exit)**
 - Exit Interviews - June