



MARCH 2025

# YOUTH TALK



## KINGS COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- Mar. 4 Leaders Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 13 Presentation Day Entries Due
- Mar. 19 Food Olympics Entries Due
- Mar. 20 Farm Day
- Mar. 22 Presentation Day/Food Olympics

### 4-H FUN FACT

Dolly Parton, Luke Bryan, and Reba McEntire are all 4-H Alumni!



## New County Director



The Kings County 4-H program would like to introduce our new UCCE Area Director Leonel Jimenez. Leonel will lead the UCCE offices in Kings, Kern, and Tulare counties. We are looking forward to his leadership and support as he draws attention to the many benefits of the 4-H program.

### IMPORTANT

Date Change:  
Kings County 4-H Fair  
May 9-10, 2025

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## FOOD OLYMPICS AND PRESENTATION DAY

These awesome annual events are happening this month at Corcoran High School! All 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate. Hope to see you there!

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## CENTRAL VALLEY FASHION REVUE

Fresno County 4-H is hosting the Central Valley 4-H Fashion Revue on Saturday April 12th at Reedley College.

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# Kings County 4-H March 22, 2025

The contests are open to all active Kings and  
Tulare County 4-H members.

## FOOD OLYMPICS

Show off your cooking, place  
setting, cup cake decorating,  
or photography skills!

Entries Due March 19th

- 9:00 a.m. Check In and Set up Favorite Foods, Place Setting, and Photography Entries
- 9:30 a.m. Judging Begins
- 9:45 a.m. Cup Cake Decorating Check In
- 10:00 a.m. Cup Cake Decorating Begins
- 2:00 p.m. Awards presented upon conclusion of Presentation Day (est)

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## PRESENTATION DAY

Demonstrate your public  
speaking abilities by giving a  
presentation in one of 10  
different categories!

Entries Due March 13th

- 12:00 p.m. Presenter Check In
- 12:15 p.m. Informational Assembly
- 12:30 p.m. Presentations Begin
- 2:00 p.m. Awards presented upon conclusion of presentations and tabulations (est)



ALL PRESENTATIONS THAT RECEIVE A GOLD OR BLUE AWARD WILL QUALIFY FOR REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

Reduce  
re-use  
Recycle

Need whites for fair? A collection of donated white shirts and pants for fair will be available for you to choose from!

EVENT LOCATION:

**Studio 3:15**  
**Corcoran High School**  
**1100 Letts Ave**  
**Corcoran, CA 93212**



Online entry forms, more information, and resources can be found on the Kings County 4-H Website



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## Central Valley 4-H Fashion Revue 2025



Register to participate in Fashion Revue click: [2025 Fashion Revue Registration](#)

Entry & Commentary Submission Deadline: April 7th

Upload commentaries with entry or email to: [fresnocountysierra4h@gmail.com](mailto:fresnocountysierra4h@gmail.com)

Commentary Help Guide [Click Here](#)

### Day of Event

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

For details: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Events/Fashion\\_Revue/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Events/Fashion_Revue/)

Time: Check In: 1:00 pm

Judging: 1:30 pm

Fashion Show: 3:00 pm

Questions? Contact Shaun Skierka, 559-301-2810

Awards: Immediately following Fashion Revue

Location: Reedley College – Student Center [Click here for campus map](#)

#### Special notes:

- \* High Tea & light refreshments, tables, and chairs will be provided
- \* Dressing room available.
- \* Restroom Access
- \* Special Prize Drawing

#### Categories:

Traditional

Purchased \$50 Limit

Uniquely Upcycled

Favorite Decade

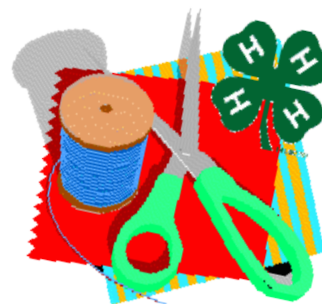
Softie

Leather Creation

Needlework

\*Quilts

\*Embellished



\*non-state qualifier categories

State Category Details [Click Here](#)



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# KINGS COUNTY 4-H FAIR 2025



FRIDAY MAY 9 & SATURDAY MAY 10



## EVENTS

WHEN?

MAY 9-10, 2025

WHERE?

KINGS FAIRGROUNDS

WHY?

COME ON OUT TO THIS FREE, ANNUAL COUNTY-WIDE EVENT THAT GIVES ALL KINGS COUNTY 4-H'ERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON! IT GIVES OUR 4-H FAMILIES THE CHANCE TO COME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY, LEARN MORE, HAVE FUN, AND PREPARE FOR THE KINGS FAIR IN JUNE. OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS WORK HARD TO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE ALL ACTIVE KINGS COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS PARTICIPATE. THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SO INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT 4-H TO ATTEND.

ENTRIES

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE ONLINE BY APRIL 15

FAIR BOOK, ENTRIES, & MORE INFO CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [BIT.LY/4-HFAIR](https://bit.ly/4-hfair)



### FRIDAY

- INDOOR EXHIBIT DROP OFF & JUDGING
- BARNYARD OLYMPICS AND GAMES
- INDOOR WORKSHOPS
- DINNER

### SATURDAY

- SMALL ANIMAL SHOWS (TBD)
- LARGE ANIMAL SHOWS
- LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS
- KIDS KAMP
- LUNCH
- ROUND ROBIN
- AWARDS CEREMONY

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS WHO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!



QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE KINGS COUNTY UCCE OFFICE AT 559-852-2730



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# COUNTY AMBASSADORS 2025-2026

## Interest Meeting April 10th on Zoom

Interested in serving as a county ambassador? A county ambassador is a representative and champion of the county 4-H program. They act as visible members and role models for their communities. You likely have seen our current ambassadors Clare, Alana, and Adeleigh running events! Ambassadors serve a one-year term and if successfully completed are eligible to receive a \$5,000 scholarship. To be an ambassador you must be between the ages of 14-18, have been in 4-H for at least 1 year, and demonstrate project work, leadership roles, civic engagement/community service, public speaking, and involvement in 4-H. More information can be found on the [Kings County 4-H website](#).

There will be an interest meeting for members and parents who would like to learn more about the opportunity on April 10th at 6:30 p.m. Applications will be made available in April.

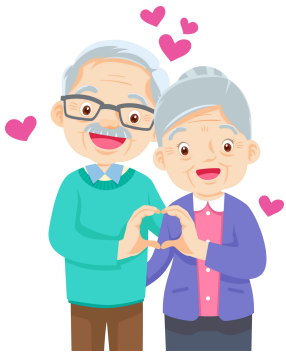


2024-2025 Kings County 4-H Ambassador Team

## COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

### Valley Christain Home - Organized by Mid Valley 4-H

4-H Teen Leader Kaden Johnson Hargis, Volunteer Tammy Johnson, and members of the Mid Valley 4-H Club have painted flowerpots that will be delivered to the residents at Valley Christian Home. They will also be planting tomatoes and flowers in a garden bed outside for the residents to care for. The residents are looking forward to using the fresh tomatoes for making salsas and sandwiches!! Awesome job Mid Valley 4-H! It is great to see your arts & crafts project, gardening project, and community service project working together to make a positive impact in our community!



## STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

July 24-27, 2025 at UC Davis

The State Leadership Conference (SLC) is for California 4-H'ers ages 11-18. SLC requires a large team dedicating to creating a memorable experience for all! Apply today to join the team that makes this one of the most popular events for teens in 4-H. Help spread the word and help us make this a great experience for all attendees!

Teen Facilitators (Facilitators) are 4-H members aged 15-19. They are responsible for helping make the State Leadership Conference a success for the Intermediate 4-H attendees (ages 11-13).

Facilitators work in pairs to lead small groups of Intermediate 4-H attendees in discussions about conference activities, goals, and personal development. Facilitators are supported by Program Assistants. They collaborate and assist with conference activities and educational sessions.

But most importantly, Facilitators will use and improve skills in leadership, group facilitation.

Apply by April 18. - [Apply to be a Facilitator](#)





## SCHOLARSHIPS

### EVERETT "FUZZY" FEAVER MEMEORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

#### Applications - Due April 1st

This \$1500 scholarship is awarded annually to a present Kings County 4-H member who is graduating from high school and planning additional education at a vocational school, community college, or four-year college or university. The member must have already completed at least two years of 4-H at the time of application. The emphasis for selection of the recipient will be on the leadership and community service exhibited by the member in 4-H and other settings. Applications are due by April 1st to the Kings UCCE Office. [Visit our website for the application.](#)

### O.D. "MAC" McCUTCHEON MEMORIAL 4-H AGRONOMY/ AG SCHOLARSHIP

#### Applications - Due April 1st

Mr. McCutcheon was the Agronomy Farm Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension in Kings County from 1947 to 1982. A native of West Virginia, he left the university there just one class short of his degree, to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the war, he finished his degree at UC Davis. Even before working for Cooperative Extension, he served as a 4-H leader, and as a Farm Advisor, continued to support the Kings County 4-H program as a leader and parent. This \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a present or former Kings County 4-H member who is graduating from high school and planning to major in agronomy or another discipline in agriculture. Students must have completed at least three years in the Kings County 4-H program. Preference will be given to students planning to major in agronomy or crop science. If there is no sufficiently qualified applicant in this major, consideration will be given to those majoring in any other form of agriculture, including agri-business. Applications are due by April 1st to the Kings UCCE Office. [Visit our website for the application.](#)

### FRESNO GRIZZLIES FARM GROWN SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Applications - Due April 25th

Farm Grown promotes the agricultural heritage and philanthropic vitality of the Central San Joaquin Valley through the building of meaningful partnerships in support of education, agriculture, healthy living, and baseball. Through this initiative, the Fresno Grizzlies are pleased to provide scholarships annually to outstanding local FFA and 4H students pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field. Applicants wishing to apply for consideration must: Be a graduating high-school senior residing within one of the following counties: Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Merced, Madera, Mariposa, or Kern, Have at least a 2.80 cumulative grade point average, Be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, Major and study in an agricultural field, Be an active member of FFA or 4H within the San Joaquin and Central Regions, Not have received financial assistance from the Fresno Grizzlies within the last 24 months. Applications due to the Fresno Grizzlies by April 25th, [Visit our website for the application.](#)



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## LEADERS COUNCIL

### WHAT IS IT?

The Kings County 4-H Leaders Council is made up of 4-H volunteers and senior 4-H members. The council oversees the county program by planning events, creating committees, and voting on important program business. Council meetings are open to all 4-H volunteers, parents, and 4-H members.

### WHEN DOES IT MEET?

**First Tuesday of each month**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
Kings UCCE Multi-Purpose Room  
680 N. Campus Drive Suite F  
Hanford, CA 93230

### IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL!

If you can't make it in-person, join the meeting virtually on Microsoft Teams! Link: [Join Council Meeting Now](#)  
Meeting ID: 256 037 947 845  
Passcode: YEnUpt



WE WANT YOU!

In order to make our program the best it can be, we need more participation and input from our volunteers, parents, and 4-H members!

We are asking for one youth member per club to attend each meeting & give a club report. The meetings are also open to youth members who would like to give a presentation.

Youth who give a report or presentation at a council meeting will receive a raffle ticket. One winner per council meeting will be chosen. Winner will get to choose from a variety of prizes.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 4, April 1, and May 6



CHECK IT OUT

Shout out to Scarlett Sayles of Grangeville 4-H who gave an awesome presentation about her flute at the last council meeting. She received a prize for her participation!

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Over the past year, California 4-H has certified over 50 adults from 24 counties in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Our goal is to get at least 4 to 5 adults from each county certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Why? A critical step of the teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) action plan is to get the help of a trusted adult.

### Adult Certification - Youth Mental Health First Aid for 4-H adult volunteers & 4-H staff

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches adults working with youth how to identify, understand and respond to an adolescent (ages 12-18) who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. All courses will be held virtually. There is pre-work required before the first course, which should take you no more than 2 hours. Please log in to ZSuite before using the link. If you click the link before logging in, you can go to the Events tab to select the workshop you are registering for.

March 25 & 27 5:00-8:00pm  
Register at <https://bit.ly/Youth-MH-March> by March 17

April 29 & May 1 5:00-8:00pm  
Register at <https://bit.ly/Youth-MH-Apr-May> by April 21

Costs are covered by the State 4-H office.

\$25 cancellation fee charged to counties for no-shows and cancellations less than 48 hours.



### GRANGEVILLE 4-H REPORTER SCARLETT CARTER

Grangeville 4-H has been busy for the last few months. On January 2, Grangeville 4-H went ice skating in downtown Hanford. On January 28, the Itchy Pooch hosted a dog grooming presentation for the Grangeville 4-H dog project members. On February 11, they held their monthly meeting. The 4-H members of the swine, sheep, and goat projects now have their animals and are busy caring for them and preparing for the fair. They had a combined meeting on February 8 for woodworking and arts and crafts. On February 22, the Grangeville 4-H photography kids took a field trip to a local orchard and took pictures of the blooms. We are looking forward to a busy Spring!



### UPDATE FROM KINGS UCCE MASTER GARDENERS



#### March Gardening Tips

Spring is the second season of major planting. You can plant all varieties of trees, shrubs, perennials, ground covers, and vines. In the edible garden, plant heat-lovers like cucumber, tomato, melon, beans, eggplant, and squash towards the end of the month. You can also plant potatoes, radishes, chives, greens, beets, and herbs of all types. Citrus, avocado, and other frost-sensitives can be planted late in the month.

### 4-H RESOURCES

- [Kings County 4-H Website](#)
- [4-H Handbook for Families](#)
- [4-H Record Book Information](#)
- [California 4-H Resource Center](#)

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