

Fresno County 4-H Guidelines

Newsletter for 4-H Families in Fresno County

April 2025



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Deadline

4-H News articles due for
Newsletter– April 20th
 Please send articles to-
 tnewton@ucanr.edu

Words To Live By:

“Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” -John Wooden



Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office (two weeks prior to the activity), at (559) 241-7519, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any accommodation.



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 Fresno, California 93710
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 Website: cefresno.ucanr.edu



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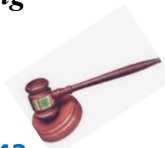
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Fresno County 4-H Leader's Council & Committee Meetings

Fresno County Leadership Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Join ZOOM Meeting



<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/99405534394?pwd=edUzhrxfZdY7jVlpWDut7PONrVb4Gn.1>

Meeting ID: 994 0553 4394 Passcode: 328368

Clover Fest Planning Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM



Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/96700714405?pwd=cai1Hxpw7MeqSqhRpFIodyxbODwbX.1>

Meeting ID: 967 0071 4405 Passcode: 960795

**Join using computer or phone. All Meetings One Tap
Mobile +1669 900 6833 #US (San Jose)**

All members, parents and leaders are invited to participate in any of the ZOOM meetings listed above. Your input and active participation will be appreciated!

Junior Camp Counselor Planning Meeting (In person)

Monday, April 21, 2025 630 PM

Ag One Conference Room @ Fresno State Campus

Design a Sock Winner from Fresno County!

Congratulations to Regan Sytsma of Lone Star 4-H Club for creating the winning design in the "Design a Sock" contest with Bloom For Good Sock Company! Regan will receive an award of \$25 cash. Great Job Regan! Look for the new sock design to be released later this year.

Clubs please consider Bloom For Good when planning fundraisers. Socks are of high quality and offer many unique and fun designs. Find their website here: <https://www.bloomforgood.com/> or email to Jessica Stewart should you have any questions: Jessies@bloomforgood.com



Ag Youth Grant Program

Sponsored by Fresno Madera Farm Credit

Fresno Madera Farm credit values the vital role youth play in sustaining and growing our agricultural communities. One way they support this effort is through the annual Ag Youth Grant Program. You are invited to apply by **Friday, May 2nd**. Selected grant recipients will be notified by *Friday, May 9th*. There are no special requirements or restrictions– the only request is that the funds be used to benefit your club. Up to five \$500 grants to ag youth organizations in Fresno and Madera counties will be awarded.

This is a great opportunity to fund some special projects for your club!

Interested in applying? Application is available at-

<https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/scholarships>

Submit application to -Katie.Burchfield@fmmfarmcredit.com





4-H Fair~ Saturday, May 10, 2025~ Reedley College

Don't miss the opportunity to exhibit your project work! Be proud of your accomplishments and enter to earn awards, ribbons and medals!



Still Exhibits

- * Cost- \$2 for each entry with a maximum of \$10 per member and \$20 per family.
- * Still exhibit fees will be collected at check-in. NOTE– All still exhibits must have entry cards completed in advance.
- * Entry Cards can be found at: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2023-05/384161.pdf>
- * **NEW THIS YEAR!** Still Exhibits Pre-registration on-line is required this year!
<https://forms.gle/VAshBjrn4QZjZQCG8>
- * Register to participate with your still exhibits by **Monday, May 7th by 10 PM!**
- * Still Exhibits Handbook:
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2025-03/Still%20Exhibits%20Handbook.2025-Final-3.24.25.pdf>
- * Check-in of Still Exhibits: 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.
- * Questions? Contact Chairman– Michelle Ward at 559-269-0722.

Animal Exhibits

(Dog, Rabbit, Pygmy Goats, Poultry & Cavies)

- * Cost- \$2/class including showmanship.
All animal entries are to be turned in by **club** to the 4-H Office by **May 2nd**.
Leaders, if mailing entries they must be postmarked by April 30th.
Mail to: 550 East Shaw Avenue Ste. 210 B Fresno, CA 93710
4-H members, Submit your entry and fees to your CCL or project leader by Wednesday, **April 30th!**
- * Paper entry cards are required for all animal contests. (No on-line entries available)
- * Animal maximum entry fees of \$15 per member and \$25 per family. (This does not include still exhibits.)
- * Be sure to refer to the Small Animal Handbook for additional information on Pygmy Goats, Rabbits, Cavies, Rabbits and Dogs at <https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2024-02/394312.pdf>

4-H Fair Dog Show

Dog Show Pre-entry form:

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2019-04/302811.pdf>

Dog Care Achievement Test will be administered at the May 7th Dog Care Project Meeting.

Questions? Call Richard Benefiel at 559-285-7657

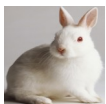


4-H Fair Pygmy Goat Show

Pygmy Goat Pre-entry form:

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2023-04/382972.pdf>

A limited number of pens will be available, Clubs will need to share. Primary may participate as non-competitive, limited to participation ribbons only. All animals must be in good health, free of parasites, washed and groomed upon arrival.



4-H Fair Poultry, Rabbits, & Cavies Show

Small Animal Pre-entry Card:

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2023-04/382973.pdf>

Pigeon Entry Card (no live birds 2025)



Animal Preparation: All animals must be in good health, free from parasite and washed and groomed before arrival.

Rabbit Info./ Showmanship & Breed Classes

Rabbits must be brought to judging table as called. Rabbits must be healthy and free from parasites.

Cavies Info. / Showmanship & Breed Classes

Cavies are brought to judging table as called. Cavies must be healthy and free from parasites.



4-H PARADISE SUMMER FUN STARTS HERE!!!



Fresno County 4-H Camp Registration Opens April 1st.

Join us Tuesday, June 24th through Saturday, June 28th, 2025 at Camp Keola on BEAUTIFUL Huntington Lake. Adult Camp Counselors are needed: Clubs are required to provide one adult for every five campers. (1:5 ratio). Adults may split weeks when possible. All adults must be current active 4-H volunteers. *Campers must be age 9 by June 24, 2025 and not older than 8th grade graduates.*



5 Reasons Why You Don't Want To Miss It!

- #5 Campfires each night with skits, songs and FUN!
- #4 Free time activities of boating, crafts, swimming, hiking, and more.
- #3 Fishing, fishing and more fishing!
- #2 Beautiful facilities on Huntington Lake.
- #1 New friendships to last a lifetime!

Adult & Junior Counselor Fee -\$225.00 Campers Fee -\$350.00. For details and forms go to:

<https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/4-h-summer-camp>

Scholarship requests must be submitted to the 4-H Office by May 15th. Any family having a financial need for assistance may apply. Maximum award amount of \$75 each. Scholarship application form is available on the camp page of the county 4-H website (link above). Notification of scholarship awards will be communicated to families the following day. **Registration forms and payment due to your Club Leader by May 23rd.** CCL's to turn in all forms with payments at your first convenience after May 24th **no later than June 2nd.**

Tickets and Tables Now Available for Purchase !

Fourth Annual Clover Fest Dinner & Dance

Saturday, May 31st

5:30 PM

**Alli V Event Center
2588 S. Brawley, Fresno**

**\$75/person, open seating
\$625 reserved table of 8**

Kindly purchase tickets by May 26th

Guests must be 21+ to attend

Sponsored by the Sanger Masonic Lodge with all funds to benefit Fresno County 4-H

To purchase tickets, visit:

<https://cloverfest.ticketspice.com/clover-fest-dinner-and-dance>

Invite your friends!

Delicious steak dinner!



Clover Fest 2025 is May 31st – We Need Your Help!

The 5 Ws of Donating Items for Clover Fest:

Who: All 4-H Clubs – please contact businesses, friends, and families in the community for...

What: Live Auction, Silent Auction, and Dessert Auction Items

Where: All items should be delivered to the 4-H office by...

When: Silent Auction Items: Wednesday, May 28th; Dessert Auction Items: Friday, May 30th.

Why: Clover Fest's Live, Silent, and Dessert Auctions support the 4-H program

How: Complete an Online Donation Form here: <https://forms.gle/7zCbmsR7rWbFQ8dKA>

Auction Items:

- We're asking each 4-H Club to donate at least one item for the Silent Auction
- Minimum value of \$50 preferred
- Suggestions for items include:
 - Theme baskets – wrapped in clear cellophane and tied with a bow
 - include a list of the items in the basket
 - Succulents or other plants
 - Jewelry
 - Gift certificates for local businesses and restaurants
 - Weekend stays at the coast or mountains or tickets for an event or experience
 - Charcuterie board w/items



Live Auction Items:

- We need eight exciting items that people will want to bid on!
- Minimum value of \$500 preferred
- Suggestions for items include:
 - Trips, experiences, tours, stays at an Air BnB or vacation home
 - Ton of hay
 - Beef, pork, or lamb for the freezer
 - Dinner at a swanky restaurant



Dessert Auction Items:

- We're asking each 4-H Club to donate 2-3 desserts that each feed at least 8 people.
- **No refrigeration is available**, and the items will be displayed outside, so please donate desserts that DO NOT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION and can handle the heat!
- Suggestions for items include:
 - Cakes, no creamy frostings or fillings
 - Fruit Pies
 - Cookies
 - Brownies or other bar cookies
 - Please plate your item and wrap it in cellophane.

Questions or Ideas? *Silent Auction* – Susanne Carroll (559) 269-9959; *Live Auction* – Angie Tarr (559) 287-7622
Dessert Auction – Shari Nunes (559) 790-4290 or Rosie Puentes (559) 630-5093 ~ Thank You!~



CA 4-H State Archery Postal & New 3D Archery Championship

Important Dates:

- * Championship Registration deadline: April 4
- * Archery Postal Match Registration deadline: April 4
- * 3D Archery Championship Event Date: April 12
- * Target Return Deadline for Postal Match: June 2

3D Archery Championship

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:00 AM

Springville Archery Club Range, Springville, CA

For complete information— https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Annual_Events_Page/Upcoming_Shooting_Sports_Events/index.cfm



Fairmont 4-H Hosted Spring Horse Show

English - Saturday, May 17, 2025

Western – Sunday, May 18, 2025

Location: Verde View Farms, 1683 N. Del Rey Avenue, Sanger, CA 93657

8:00 AM- Registration opens

9:00- AM Showmanship - Open Card Trail

ENGLISH ~ WESTERN ~ GYMKHANA

**Rosette
Ribbons
1st – 6th
place**

Special High Point Awards



**Onsite
Snack
Bar
Available**

High Point Prizes awarded in English Flat, English Jumper, Western, & Gymkhana events

Reserve High Point also awarded

MUST be same rider & horse combination for High Point eligibility

Questions contact Tracy Newton 559-241-7525 or tnewton@ucanr.edu

For forms click here:

https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/Annual_Events_Page/Horse_Shows_and_Activities/

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING



4-H Members Making a Difference in our Community! It happens all the time, however many of your IMPORTANT efforts are NOT being reported in the online survey system. Why is this necessary and crucial to us?

- ✓ Shows County Board of Supervisors how 4-H benefits the community
- ✓ Helps secure financial support of County Budget
- ✓ Used at State 4-H Office for accumulative service hour reporting on a national level
- ✓ Gives County Director of Cooperative Extension (UCCE) data for reporting.
- ✓ Offers youth Community Service Officers a leadership skill in completing reports
- ✓ When shared, it gives clubs and others new ideas of community service activities
- ✓ Gives a sense of pride to all 4-H members seeing how their work makes a difference

With the transition to the new IWP website platform we have added a link to the left side for easy access. Reports may be completed by Leaders, Club Officers, parents or members if they know the following:

- ✓ Month and year of completion
- ✓ What you did
- ✓ Where it was done
- ✓ Total number of youth and adults that participated
- ✓ Total amount of time each person spent
- ✓ Provide a contact email address

If one or more people spent a significantly greater amount of time it may be reported separately as planned or organized the activity for a more accurate report. For example, 6 members spent 1 hour each collecting and delivering items. However, 2 members acted as committee chairs and spent 3 hours each planning, communicating, and carrying out the activity then it can be reported as two separate surveys. Below are the current reports for the 2024-2025 program year. **Please add those that have not yet been reported.**

Reedley	October 2024	Palm Village animals and fair still exhibits to visit residents
Reedley	November 2024	Community food distribution at the Lutheran church
Reedley	November 2024	Downtown Reedley tile and sidewalk clean up event
Reedley	November 2024	River Walk area near Reedley College clean up event
American Union	December 2024	Toys for Tots toy drive participation
Reedley	December 2024	Reedley Cemetery wreath stand placings
Reedley	January 2025	Removed the wreaths and stands at Reedley Cemetery
Reedley	January 2025	Bagged up Veteran's wreaths for storage

Thank you all for serving our community! [Access Community Service Survey link here](#)



Central Valley 4-H Fashion Revue 2025

Saturday, April 12th

Reedley College-995 North Reed Avenue Reedley

1 PM– Check-in : 1:30 PM– Judging Begins: 3 PM– Fashion Show and Awards

Pre-registration is due by **April 7th** along with commentaries to preregister: <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19996>

Questions? Contact Shaun Skierka at 559-301-2810



4-H County Presentation Day Results

4-H Presentation Day took place on Saturday, March 15th with 23 entries on a wide range of subjects. Those individuals receiving a Blue Seal or Gold Medal are eligible to progress to the next level of competition- Regional Presentation Day. Regional Presentation Day provides the opportunity for participants to qualify for the State Presentation Day competition to be held on May 17th at the 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis.

Those eligible to progress to the next round of competition are-



Junior Division Results:

Daniel Mahfoud	Kingsburg 4-H	Educational Display Talk	Extinct Creatures	Gold
Avery Niles	Lone Star 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	Archery	Gold
Lucas Patino	Rural Route 4-H	Educational Display Talk	The Mother of the Hive	Gold
Trevor Rajskup	Fairmont 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	Pollinator Garden	Gold

Intermediate Division Results:

Allison Juarez	Renegades 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	Aristotle's 6 Elements of Drama	Gold
Evan Kliewer	Kingsburg 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	Hobo Dinners	Gold
Lindy Keosky	Reedley 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	A Thick Built Bone, A Gentle Eye & Feathers on Their Feet	Gold
Faith Leonard	Fairmont 4-H	Educational Display Talk	The Wonderful World of Sharks	Gold
Addie Niles	Lone Star 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	Extraordinary Eggs	Gold
Augustine Ramirez	Sierra 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	Pigeon Showmanship	Blue
Augustine Ramirez	Sierra 4-H	Educational Display Talk	How to Raise Pigeons	Gold
Jesse Smith	Sierra 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	All Tied Up	Gold

Senior Division Results:

Jeremy Cassel	Fowler 4-H	Inform, Prepared Speech	Health Benefits of Not Being Vegan	Blue
Jina Khezri	Fowler 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	Pistachio Health Benefits	Gold
Kashlynn Moore	Fairmont4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk	The Spark of Achievement	Gold
Kashlynn Moore	Fairmont 4-H	Interpretive Reading	Misty of Chincoteague	Gold
Kashlyn Moore & Faith Leonard	Fairmont 4-H	Demo./Illustrated Talk (Team)	From Livestock to Leadership	Gold
Maya Gonzalez Perez	Kingsburg 4-H	Interpretive Reading	Home Alone	Gold



YOUTH LENDING

Supporting Junior Livestock Exhibitors



At Golden State Farm Credit, we believe in supporting the next generation of agriculture leaders, and we do that by offering a youth lending program that helps 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent students with their junior livestock projects. We are excited to offer an interest-free Youth Lending Program to any junior livestock exhibitor who resides in one of the counties we serve: Butte, Fresno, Glenn, Kings, Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, and Tulare.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Interest-free financing for youth livestock projects for qualifying students within project limits
- Easy application process
- Educational information that discusses finances and budgeting

WHO'S ELIGIBLE

- Any 4-H, FFA, Grange or Independent student who is nine years of age or older as of the beginning of the fair year
- Must demonstrate a C average or better in school
- Must reside in one of the GSFC counties we serve

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- Funds may be used to purchase and care for a project animal
- Each student must keep accurate records available for GSFC to review
- Funds must be repaid at the end of the project or when the animal is sold
- Funds are available for one project per year, per student

PROJECT INFORMATION

- BEEF - Market Steer (\$2,500 Max)
- BEEF - Replacement Heifer - (\$2,500 Max)
- DAIRY - Replacement Heifer - (\$2,500 Max)
- GOAT - Market Goat (\$1,000 Max)
- SHEEP - Market Lamb (\$1,000 Max)
- SWINE - Market Hog (\$1,000 Max)

HOW TO APPLY



Scan QR code for application and flyer. The information is also available at:

**[GoldenStateFarmCredit.com/
youth-lending-program](https://www.GoldenStateFarmCredit.com/youth-lending-program)**



Completed applications should be dropped off at a GSFC office:

Chico - 3013 Ceres Ave, Chico, P: 530.895.8698

Hanford - 1001 E Third St, Hanford, P: 559.584.5401

Kingsburg - 1580 Ellis St, Kingsburg, P: 559.897.5814

Red Bluff - 255 Sale Ln, Red Bluff, P: 530.527.1941

Willows - 201-A North Tehama St, Willows, P: 530.934.7071

4-H LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT DAY

at Reedley College ~ Saturday, April 12, 2025
8:30 a.m.

LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT DAY IS FOR ALL
FRESNO COUNTY

4-H MEMBERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY
ENROLLED IN BEEF CATTLE, SHEEP,
SWINE, MEAT GOAT, OR DAIRY GOAT
PROJECTS.

COME SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT
LIVESTOCK!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND
SPACE IS LIMITED...[REGISTER NOW!](#)

DON'T MISS OUT!

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT:

SHOWMANSHIP
CARING FOR YOUR ANIMALS
FEED AND NUTRITION
BASIC VET CARE
BREEDS
LIVESTOCK JUDGING
EQUIPMENT KNOWLEDGE
PARTS OF THE ANIMAL
LIVESTOCK TERMINOLOGY
AND ...
YQCA TRAINING
(REQUIRED FOR THE FAIR!)

[FOR MORE INFO...](#)

