

TO: Community Club Leaders, District Council Presidents, I & R Chair
FROM: Noel Keller, Pomona Valley 4-H Club, LA County 4-H Field Day Coordinator
RE: LA County 4-H Virtual 2026 County Field Day

LA County 4-H Field Day will be virtual again this Year! The county is not hosting an in-person Field Day. 2026 County Field Day will be virtual with Entry by Video for most entries and a few categories done by Zoom Room Performance. Los Angeles County 4-H Virtual 2026 Field Day is a countywide event that provides 4-H'ers with the opportunity to share the skills they have learned with others through presentations, demonstrations, educational display talks, interpretative readings, public speaking, and Cultural Arts and Share the Fun Skit performances. Each club participating must have an adult volunteer from their club for virtual County Field Day activities. A few room hosts (adult or senior youth) who are comfortable with Zoom procedures are also needed.

Please note that the California 4-H Presentation Manual (Jan. 28, 2021 version) must be followed and is available on the state website: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/346386.pdf>. Please look at this manual for the categories that will be entered so you are aware of the current category guidelines and requirements.

4-H members are encouraged to participate in the following categories:

Entry by Video

- DEMONSTRATION
- ILLUSTRATED TALK
- SCIENCE or ENGINEERING PRESENTATION
- INFORMATIVE PREPARED SPEECH
- PERSUASIVE PREPARED SPEECH
- INTERPRETIVE READING
- EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY TALK
- SHARE THE 4-H FUN SKIT
- CULTURAL ARTS

Entry by Zoom Room Performance

- STATE FORMAT IMPROMPTU SPEECH (on specific topics)
- LA COUNTY IMPROMPTU SPEAKING (on random topics, only County competition)
- LA COUNTY EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (Seniors only, only County competition)
- INTERVIEW CONTEST

Details of time limits and other rules for these entries follow in the event packet. The County Field Day rules and guidelines coordinate with the Regional and State Presentation Day rules*.

*go to: <https://na.eventscloud.com/website/81915/4hsfd-home/> for more details.

Primary members may only participate in the DEMONSTRATIONS, ILLUSTRATED TALKS, SPEECHES and INTERPRETATIVE READING categories. Groups of 2 or more Primary members may perform a Share the 4-H Fun skit or do a Cultural Arts performance. Primary members receive Participation awards and are not allowed to perform at Regional or State Presentation Days.

Interview Contest is on Zoom on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 6-8pm

Participants will be notified when they should be in the Interview Zoom room.

The Interview Cover Letter and Resume should be emailed to Noel Keller by 9pm on March 11

The 2026 Interview Contest jobs can be found on the [LA County 4-H website](https://www.lach4h.org).

Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking is on Zoom on Wednesday, March 18 6-8pm.

Participants will be notified when they should be in the competition Zoom room. There will be no "walk-ins" for Impromptu or Extemporaneous Speaking. This year a member must register for these categories in advance. Members may perform an Impromptu Speech either in State Format or LA County format, but not both. Extemporaneous Speaking is only for seniors (14 years old or older). The 2026 Impromptu Speaking (state format) specific topics can be found on the [LA County 4-H website](#).

Each club must provide an evaluator (judge) for every 5 entries (or part of 5) from their club.

0 - 5 entries = one evaluator 11 - 15 entries = three evaluators

6 - 10 entries = two evaluators 16 - 20 entries = four evaluators

Senior youth are also encouraged to apply to be room hosts or to be evaluators (judges). No prior experience is necessary. Submit the names and contact information for 4-H adult or senior youth volunteers to: Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) by 9pm on Wednesday, March 4.

The 2026 topics/jobs for the Impromptu Speaking (state format) and the Interview Contest can be found on the [LA County 4-H website](#). On the county website you can also find the following for this event: entry forms, the 2021 California 4-H Presentation Manual, the Interview Contest Manual, category evaluation (score) sheets, examples of videos and instructions on how to upload a video to YouTube.

In May 2016, the LA County Council voted to limit the number of events for a member at County Field Day as follows:

"A member is limited to 4 entries in the morning competitions, excluding Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Cultural Arts and Share the 4-H Fun Skit." We will be observing these limits. "Morning" competitions include demonstrations, speeches, interruptive readings, illustrated talks and educational display talks.

Registration: There is no entry fee for LA County 4-H members. The 4-H Club Registration Form and member entry forms are due by 9pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 (NOT a postmark date) to: Noel Keller, 421 E. Juilliard Drive, Claremont, CA 91711 or nkeller91711@gmail.com.

Out of County member participation:

4-H members from outside of LA County may enter the 2026 Virtual LA County Field Day but must follow the rules and guidelines as stated for LA County clubs and members.

Late Registration: No late registration this year.

All entry forms are due by 9pm on Wednesday, March 4 to Noel Keller. This is not a postmark date.

Award Ceremony: There will be no Virtual County Field Day online Award Ceremony this year. Participants will be notified of their award results as they become available so that those who are eligible with a Blue or Gold award and want to go on to the next level of Regional Competition, can register as soon as possible.

Encourage your club members to participate in the County Field Day. **Save the date.**

Don't miss the fun!

If you have any questions, contact Noel Keller at nkeller91711@gmail.com. If a parent, leader or member signed up to help at the event and then cannot attend, **please find a replacement** and contact Noel (909-957-6498) with the details.