Fresno County 4-H Guidelines

Newsletter for 4-H Families in Fresno County

October/November 2026

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4-H Fun Facts:

* 4-H is the largest youth organization in the U.S., with over 6 million members.
* The **4-H colors** are **green** and **white**. **Green** is nature's most common color and represents youth, life and growth. **White** symbolizes purity and high ideals.
*The 4-H motto is "*To make the best better.*"
* The 4-H slogan is "*Learn by doing.*"
* Alumni include astronauts, athletes, and U.S. presidents like Jimmy Carter.

Deadline
4-H News articles due for *Newsletter*– November 20th
Please send articles to-
tlnewton@ucanr.edu

Words To Live By:

"Storms make trees take deeper roots." -Dolly Parton

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 COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fresno County Leaders VMO Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM

https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/99405534394?pwd=edUzhrxfZdY7jVlpWDut7PQNrVb4Gn.1

Meeting ID: 994 0553 4394 Passcode: 328368

Color Me Green Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2026 6:30 PM via ZOOM

https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/95922037411?pwd=D4itVQtRyKtFIkvTBQF3qz6NrtZ8vw.1

Meeting ID: 959 2203 7411 Passcode: 095491

Livestock Achievement Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM

https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/95926802369?pwd=9ByqKL7tpNekU1K53pLTql9JE3WbtE.1

Meeting ID: 959 2680 2369 Passcode: 894659 One tap mobile +1-669-900-6833 # US (San Jose)

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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!

Our very own 4-H Program Coordinator Tracy Newton was recognized by The Big Fresno Fair at the Oct 17 Junior Livestock Auction. Tracy was nominated to receive this Special Richard Fusi Belt Buckle due to her willingness to go above and beyond when volunteering time and talents to support Junior Livestock Exhibitors at the Fresno Fair. Congratulations Tracy!

Photo left to right:Hanna L., Austin R., Tracy and Jesse S.







Tractor Supply Clover Drive runs Nov 27th thru Dec 13th

Clubs and Project Leaders– sign up your group to greet customers and share what 4-H is all about. Paper Clover funds are used for Scholarship and Leadership opportunities. Each club must complete a 2 hour shift for the club members to be eligible for Camp Scholarships. Contact the 4-H office at elramirez@ucanr.edu or 559-241-7519 to select a shift and location. There are 5 locations to choose from.
Coalinga, Fresno: Herndon/Brawley, Kings Canyon/Clovis and, Clovis: Shaw/Leonard, Herndon/Fowler.

Fresno County 4-H
Festive Food Faire
January 9, 2027



New this year….

*Primary Members are limited to 1 entry total

*Parent's will not be allowed into MPR during setup. All members including primary must set up their display on their own. A currently enrolled senior 4-H member may carry heavier items for them.

*Category 7 will be "Locally Grown" - main ingredient must be grown or produced in Fresno County

More Details at https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/festive-food-faire

Expand your Livestock production knowledge by competing in…

Fresno County 4-H Livestock Judging Event



Saturday November 21, 2026

Registration 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Please **Pre-Register** this year to allow for adequate preparation at: https://forms.gle/JS93PgxMtduESKjY6

Fresno State Animal Science Pavilion -2654 E. Portals Ave. Fresno, CA 93710

Normally concludes around 2 PM ~ Awards, prizes and lunch

Any questions call Erin at 559-367-2542

To learn more about judging contest, visit-
https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/judging-contests

4-H Offers Shooting Sports Leader Trainings

Spring 2027

Jan 23-27 Archery, Trinity County
Jan 30-31 Rifle, Red Bluff, CA
Jan 30-31 Rifle, UCCE Kern
Mar 6-7 Instructor Meeting, location TBD

Love Shooting Sports? So do our youth! We're looking for certified adult volunteers to teach essential safety skills. See the State Shooting Sports Resource Page for complete details: https://sites.google.com/ucdavis.edu/ca4h-resourcecenter/projects/shooting-sports?authuser=0



Fresno County 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

The Fresno County 4-H Livestock Achievement Program encourages members enrolled in the Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and/or Dairy Goat Projects to improve and show off their knowledge and skills including identifying the body parts of their species, recognizing different feedstuffs and their importance in the animal's ration, knowing common breeds and their characteristics, and identifying types of equipment used for livestock. Talk the talk by learning the correct terminology, knowing how to evaluate livestock, and knowing basic veterinary care. Further your knowledge by learning wholesale and retail cuts for market animal projects and milk handling for dairy goat projects. **Be sure to check out the many resources** that are available to help educate leaders and members about their species of livestock. An explanation of the Livestock Achievement Program, as well as a link to the many resources available, can be found on the Fresno County 4-H Livestock Achievement Program webpage:

https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/4-h-livestock-achievement-program

In April, livestock project members will have an opportunity to show what they know about their species of livestock at Livestock Achievement Day, ***tentatively planned for April 10, 2027***. Members are scored and awarded medals or ribbons based on their proficiency. Click on the link below to see what the day is all about: Livestock Achievement Day - Show What You Know!

All 4-H members who are enrolled in any of the listed livestock projects are eligible to participate in the Livestock Achievement Program for that species. Participation in the Livestock Achievement Program is strongly encouraged but is optional. If a project leader does not follow the program, members are still eligible to participate on their own.

If you would like to help plan Livestock Achievement Day 2027 and/or for more information about the Livestock Achievement Program, please contact Susanne Carroll (559) 269-9959.

Fresno 4-H County Wide
Dog Care & Training Project

Meetings are planned for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, and every Friday at Touchdown Agility on Herndon Ave. E/o Academy at 4:30 PM. Depending on demand, we are also working on a potential 3rd meeting location for Thursdays or Mondays at the SPCA at S. Hughes and Nielson Avenues, just off HWY 180. This would be to better serve club members on the South and West sides of the County. We need to know how many members would be committed to each alternative, so please contact **Richard Benefiel at (559) 285-7657 or Sara Cox at (510) 552-2911.**

Fresno County 4-H Horse Show

Saturday, November 7th, 2026

Location- Verde View Farms, 1683 N Del Rey Avenue, Sanger, CA 93567

7:30 am Registration opens-Showmanship starts at 8:30 am- Open Card Trail

Western~Gymkhana~English

High Point Buckles awarded to highest placing in each age division of competition for Western Gymkhana & English events. Special Reserve High Point Prize as well.

Rosette Ribbons 1st -6th place + Onsite Snack Bar!



If you have more questions please contact:

Western - Raney F. 559-286-9901
Gymkhana - Dana H. 559-994-5966
English - Anna A. 559-448-7445
Awards - Tracy N. 559-970-3092

Stitch Your Memories Together:

4-H Introduction to Quilting Project

Do you have a drawer full of 4-H T-shirts you can't bear to part with? Turn them into something you'll treasure for years: a twin-size T-shirt quilt you made yourself.

What you'll do Choose 12 of your favorite 4-H T-shirts (or similar shirts) and learn the skills to turn them into a finished twin-size quilt. You'll learn how to prepare and stabilize knit fabric, cut and arrange your blocks, piece them together, and finish your quilt from start to end.



Who can join

- Intermediate or Senior 4-H members in Fresno County
- Prior sewing experience is required

Project Overview Zoom Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 22, 2026

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Join on Zoom: Meeting Link Meeting ID 751 5920 7889 Password 169354

Join us to learn what the project involves, what to expect, and how to get started.

Ideas to Show off your work & Extend Project

- Fashion Revue (April 17): You're encouraged to enter your finished T-shirt quilt.
- Presentation Day (March 13): Consider using the skills you learn to develop a presentation for Presentation Day.

When we'll meet - Most project meetings will take place during Winter Break and/or school holidays in January and February, so it won't compete with your school schedule.

Ready to join, or have questions? Contact 4-H Leader Audrey Taylor at (559) 352-7718.

Gather your shirts, dust off your sewing machine, and come make something memorable!



4-H Fresno Focus Project

Interested to learn more about this youth civic leadership project designed to help youth discover how Fresno works, connect with local leaders, and find their own voice as community change makers?

Meetings start Nov. 15th on ZOOM

Direct project questions to Anne Marie: annemariediener@gmail.com

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

4-H Summer Camp 2027

JUNE 22-26, JC's arrive June 21st

Junior Camp Counselor Applications are now available!

Do you enjoy Teen Leader opportunities? Is summer camp at Huntington Lake something you would like to plan, organize, and participate in? If so, consider becoming a Summer Camp Junior Counselor (JC).

DEADLINE TO APPLY: POSTMARKED By Nov. 20th OR RECEIVED BY November 24th, 2026.

Summer Camp JC participation is a wonderful leadership development opportunity offered to 4-H teens currently in the 9th grade and above. Summer Camp 2027 will be held June 22nd – 26th with JC's arriving on the 21st. Interviews will be held at the 4-H Office on December 2nd at 6 p.m.

At camp you will be expected to teach an hour-long educational skill class. At your interview you MUST provide your lesson plan for the workshop in written form. Start planning now for your creative teaching session. The first planning meeting will be January 18th, 2027. Please contact Anne Cehrs (559) 618-0250 with any questions.

2027 Fresno County 4-H Indoor Archery Shoot

Sunday, January 31, 2027 | 1:00 PM
Location: Impact Archery, 1621 Railroad Ave, Clovis, CA
Entry Fee: $10 per archer (cash or check at check-in)
Registration Link: https://forms.gle/xRPkKUdvGkH4aZbU6 - Pre-registration is required.
Registration Deadline: Friday, January 22, 2027, at 9:00 PM

The 2nd Annual Fresno County 4-H Indoor Archery Shoot welcomes 4-H archers of all experience levels, from first-time competitors to experienced tournament shooters. Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive environment where members can develop their skills, gain competition experience, and have fun! Details:https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/shooting-sports

Model Horse Show



January 30th, Fairmont Elementary School

Break out the Breyer horses and join the fun!

(Open to all 4-H'ers ~ no horse project requirement)

More Details to Come



FRESNO COUNTY 4-H
2026-2027 MASTER CALENDAR

July 2026

3	UCCE Office Closed- Independence Day
14	County Leaders Meeting
15 - 19	State Classic Horse Show
23 - 26	State Leadership Conference UC Davis

August 2026

8	County Record Book Judging-Zach N
15	4-H Fair Mkt Sheep/Goat Show- Georgene D
20	Horse Leaders Planning Meeting
29	Officer / Leadership Training Day-
30	Madera Fair Horse Show

September 2026

3	Shooting Sports Leaders Planning Meeting
7	UCCE Office Closed-Labor Day
8	County Leaders Meeting
9	Countywide Dog Project Meeting- Richard B
26	Fairgrounds Work Days - Terri C
20	4-H Achievement Night - The Alli V
TBA	Livestock Leaders Planning Meeting
20 - 26	**Fresno County 4-H Week- Window Displays**
30 - Oct 3	Caruthers Fair

October 2026

3 - 5	Sm Animal Shows Fresno Fair-
7 - 18	Fresno Fair

November 2026

7	County Fair Horse Show- Eng, West, & Gym
7	Calvacade Pigeon Show-Becky M
10	County Leaders Meeting
11	UCCE Office Closed - Veterans Day
21	Livestock Judging Day - Erin C
24	Jr. Camp Counselor Application Deadline postmarked by 11/20
26 - 27	UCCE Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2026

2	JC Interviews - County Office
TBA	Horse Project Clean-Up Day @ Verdi View
23 - Jan 3	UCCE Office Closed- Winter Holidays

January 2027

9	Festive Food Faire- Cambria D & Erin C
9	Judging Contest at Festive F/F-Anne C
18	UCCE Office Closed- Martin Luther King
18	Camp JC First Planning Meeting
23	Countywide Horse Edu Meeting Rachel B
30	Model Horse Show- Tracy N
31	County Archery Shoot -Zach N.

February 2027

9	County Leaders Meeting
15	UCCE Office Closed - President's Day
TBA	State 4-H Equine Field Day
27	Greater California Poultry Show

March 2027

6	Color Me Green Fun Run - Harinder S
13	County Presentation Day- Audrey T
20	Horse 4-H Fair/Trail Trials - Anna A
Mar 22 - 29	Spring Break - Easter March 28th
31	UCCE Office Closed- Farm Workers Day

April 2027

4	Dog Field Day - Richard B
6	Mandatory Ambassador Informational Meeting
10	Regional Presentation Day- Kings County
10	Livestock Achievement Day - Susanne C
13	County Leaders Meeting
17	Small Animal Achievement Day- Janet & Marcie
17	Fashion Revue - Shaun S
23	Ambassador & Scholarship Apps Due
29	Ambassador & Scholarship Interview Night
TBA	CA 4-H State Equine Educational Contest

May 2027

8	4-H Fair- Reedley College
	Livestock - Anne C
	Still Exhibits - Michelle W
	Small Animal Show - Janet M
	Dog Show - Richard B
TBA	Horse Educational Contest-Rachel B
15	Spring Horse Show - Raney F & Dana H
22	Clover Fest - Fundraiser Dinner at The Alli V
29	4-H State Field Day - UC Davis
31	UCCE Office Closed- Memorial Day

June 2027

5	Horse Achievement Day- Verdi View
18	UCCE Office Closed- Juneteenth Day
22 - 26	4-H Camp Keola Huntington Lake - Anne C

July 2027

5	UCCE Office Closed - Independence Day
13	County Leaders Meeting
TBA	State Classic Horse Show
TBA	4-H Youth State Leadership Conference

August 2027

7	County Record Book Judging- I & R Committee
14	4-H Fair Mkt Sheep/Goat Show- Georgene D
19	Horse Leaders Planning Meeting
28	Leadership Training Day-
TBA	Shooting Leaders Planning Meeting

September 2027

6	UCCE Office Closed - Labor Day
12	4-H Achievement Night - Riverdale Memorial Bldg
14	County Leaders Meeting

Bold represents NEW DATE

May 9th-Mother's Day / June 20th-Father's Day

Events Attended **Skill Activities** **Leadership** **Community Service** **Communications** **Honors & Recognition**

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