

4-H Program Update

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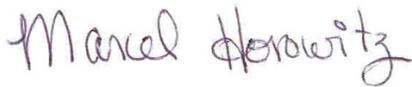
4-H Families,

Attached is a letter from the 4-H Statewide Program Director. We have been told that all 4-H in-person projects must cease until April 7th. I understand that many of you are concerned about how this will affect your child's overall learning and socialization, and the progression to Spring Show. We are working to find solutions to these issues and I will continue to keep you updated. This letter came just before the order from Yolo County that all residents must "shelter in place". **This means no in-person project meetings at this time.** I will be communicating with Project Leaders to encourage them to find alternative methodologies, such as live stream teaching, home-based learning, and other techniques.

Additionally, the Yolo County Fairgrounds has just announced they will be closing through May 17th. This impacts our plans for Spring Show. We are working on possible alternatives, and will keep you updated with changes. At this time, your child should continue with their projects as best as possible.

I encourage you to use this time to explore new learning opportunities with your child. A cornerstone of 4-H is the acquisition of life skills. Our busy schedules often prevent us from taking the time as parents to really teach them every day "adulting" skills. Now is a great time to do that. Every task you have done in your house should be taught to your child at some point, so why not now? From greasing a squeaky door to degreasing a dirty vent hood. But, life skills go beyond home economics (which also could include car maintenance, finances, and health and hygiene routines). Stress management skills, communication skills, organizing, empathy, and teamwork are invaluable during these challenges. Teach them like you do anything else (I will continue to post ideas for you on our Yolo Facebook page, so please join the group).

Be well,



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