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4-H Youth Talk

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LCORT 2010

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL TEENS January 29-31, 2010

Theme: Life is not a dress rehearsal—
Take the Leading Role!

Who: 4-H members in the 7th, 8th & 9th grades
(one adult for each 10 delegates of each sex)

When: January 29-31, 2010

Where: Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA

Cost: \$105.00 per delegate, \$115 after December 1, 2009

The fee includes registration materials, lodging for two nights, three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday and snacks. Registration is from 6pm to 9pm on Friday, January 29, 2010.

Goals for LCORT include defining and developing leadership skills, meeting and sharing new ideas with peers and having fun!

LCORT ORIENTATION

The All Stars will be conducting an LCORT Orientation at the CE Office, which will give participants the opportunity to get to know each other before attending LCORT. Stay in touch for date and time.



2010 CALIFORNIA FOCUS June 25-29, 2010 Sacramento

Would you like to run for governor of California? Talk with your senator or congressman? Do you like advocating for a cause or persuading others? You can be involved in any of these activities during the 2009 California Citizenship Focus Program. California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capitol city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure. Come get involved in this hands-on experience with government and community engagement.

Registration materials are available at the CE Office. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit of \$150, are due at the CE Office by **Friday, January 8, 2010.**

Members must have completed the 8th Grade by the conference. The cost is \$475.00 for youth and \$575.00 for adults.

The Kings County 4-H Council is offering six **scholarships of \$165** each to members to attend California Focus. Members must be in at least their second year of 4-H, and at least their first year of Citizenship this year, and submit a completed record book for the 2008-09 club year to qualify. The scholarships will be awarded to the first six to submit their record book from last year, a completed application, and a request for the scholarship. A waiting list will be maintained after the first six, in case one of those does not attend. Members may receive this scholarship **only once.**

Chaperone costs will be paid for one person or split between two. Chaperones must have completed two years as a 4-H leader before attending at Council expense. Other leaders may attend at their own expense.

Club Program Fees are due NOW!

Community Club Leaders, please bring to the CE Office ASAP



EMERALD STAR PLANS DUE



Purpose: The purpose of the Emerald Star Program is to provide leadership opportunities to 4-H members. A secondary purpose is to prepare 4-H members for All Star responsibilities, should they wish to become an All Star at a later date. **Completing an Emerald Star Project is a requirement for applying for All Star.**

Eligibility: Members who have completed two years of 4-H and are at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2010 are eligible to apply for the Emerald Star Program.

Project Requirements: Emerald Star projects must demonstrate the member's leadership ability, the ability to work with others, and the ability to plan and conduct a successful program of work.

The project must have an adult advisor and must provide service to the Kings County 4-H program.

Procedure:

January 5, 2010 - Applicants submit a plan for their Emerald Star Program

January 14, 2010 - Interviews for Emerald Star Candidates

January - June 2010 - Projects must be completed during the 2009-10 club year.

Members wishing to apply for All Star in 2010 must complete their Emerald Star project before applying for All Star in April.

April 2010 - Emerald Star Committee will accept reports (both written and oral) from those candidates who have completed their projects since January and wish to apply for All Star at this time.

July 2010 - Emerald Star Committee will accept reports (both written and oral) from those candidates who have completed their projects and grant the Emerald Star rank to those who have met the requirements. Also, new applicants may apply for projects to be completed in the upcoming club year.

Ideas for Emerald Star Projects

Organize a county-wide project workshop or field day, or some other type of county-wide activity. Plan and conduct training at local 4-H clubs on selected topics such as presentations, record books, officer training, citizenship, etc. Organize and conduct a 4-H outreach program to tell more young people about 4-H. Be creative!



2010-2011 4-H STATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Information for Youth and Adults

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors and 4-H State Ambassador Advisors will be selected in order to:

- Support the Mission and Direction of the University of California 4-H YD Program
- Support various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, workshops and leadership development opportunities.
- Assist in the introduction of innovative programming through a team project.
- Provide leadership in the development of the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
- Recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments within the area of leadership.

4-H State Ambassador are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the California State 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador Advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working with older youth in a youth-adult partnership atmosphere.

Term: 4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning at the Orientation in July 2010 and ending August 31, 2011. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term.

Eligibility Requirements:

Youth: 4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H Youth Development Program member, and be at least 16 years of age as of January 1, 2010, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2010.

Adult: 4-H State Ambassador Advisor candidates must be a 4-H volunteer leader with at least one year of experience in facilitating and challenging teens in the duties associated with being a 4-H State Ambassador. Adult advisors must be at least 21 years of age. Preference will be given to those not related to any current 4-H State Ambassador youth candidate.

Applications due March 31, 2010. Applications will be available on-line by January 10, 2010.



4-H FAIR PLANNING

Anyone interested in helping at the 4-H Fair in May is asked to attend the **planning meeting** on **January 25, 2010** at **6:00 p.m.** for indoor and **7:00 p.m.** for outdoor, or to call the office and let us know how you would like to help. We especially want older members to serve as department chairpersons or committee members along with adults.



Is Your Club In Need Of Funding? *Barnes & Noble Needs Holiday Gift Wrappers!*

- Any Non-Profit Organization is eligible
- Everything is provided-a table, tape, scissors and paper
- Watch donations go into your tip jar-you keep 100% of the donations
- Shifts are about 4 hours in length-morning, mid afternoon and evening
- Only two people are needed at the table.

For additional information ask a bookseller at Barnes & Noble or call (559) 437-0492 email: Crm2112@bn.com



CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR, SACRAMENTO

The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 1.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN



On behalf of the Kings County Human Services Agency - Child Protective Services - the 4-H Council will answer their request for donations of new, **unwrapped** gifts (could be clothing, toys or other gifts) for children ages 0-18 years who are in foster care homes. Please bring your **unwrapped** gifts to the CE Office **no later than Friday, December 4th**.

SLIPPER SOCKS FOR SENIORS



Slipper socks with skid proof bottoms for seniors in rest homes are also being collected by the Kings County Department of Child Support Services. **These are due in the CE office on Friday, December 11.**

BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



Mid Valley 4-H Club would like to invite any 4-H member to help ring the bell on Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Working only two hour shifts.

If you are interested in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during the Christmas Season, please contact Tammy Johnson at 582-1841. An adult needs to be with 4-H members at all times. We appreciate all of your support.

JANUARY COUNCIL DATE

There will be a 4-H Leaders' Council meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the CE Office.

BBQ NEWS

About 1044 meals were served at the annual 4-H Council barbecue. Congratulations to all of you ticket sellers! If you still have money or unsold tickets, please return them to your club leader.

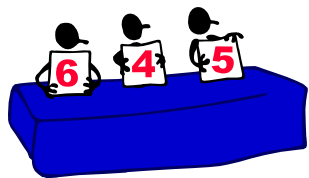


Many thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make this event a success!!

STAFF POSITION WITH THE CALIFORNIA FOCUS TEAM



Needed: Young adults ages 18-25 who have been in the workforce for one year or have attended college for one year, and who would be interested in a staff position with the California Focus team. They are looking for applicants with strong leadership and mentoring skills. An interest in history and politics is desirable but not required. Please contact the CE Office if you are interested and for job description.



4-H JUDGING DAY RESULTS

On November 7th, more than 100 4-H members participated in Judging Day. Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who made this event possible. The results are as follows:

General Division

High Point Sr. – Rhiannon Aragon - Island

High Point Jr. – Macey Pearson - Kings Harvest

High Point Sr. Team – Brady Guzman, Ashley Blomquist, Emily Blomquist – Kings Harvest

High Point Jr. Team – Jack Rosa, Katie Rhoades, Macey Pearson– Kings Harvest

Home Economics Division

High Point Sr. – Ashley Blomquist - Kings Harvest

High Point Jr. – Celeste Jimenez - Oakvale

High Point Sr. Team – Evie Starich, Aimee Daniel, Paige McConaughy– Grangeville

High Point Jr. Team – Macey Pearson, Jack Rosa, Michal Chrissakhis - Kings Harvest

Livestock Division

High Point Sr. – Brady Guzman – Kings Harvest

High Point Jr. – Julian Bernal – Delta View

High Point Sr. Team – Brady Guzman, Emily Rosa, Ashley Blomquist– Kings Harvest

High Point Jr. Team – Jacob Pimentel, Tony Dias, Joshua Pimentel - Kings River



FAVORITE FOODS FAIR AND TABLE SETTING CONTESTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **Saturday, February 6th, 2010**, at Hanford West High School in conjunction with County 4-H Presentation Day.

We will have two additional separate contests!!!

FAVORITE FOODS FAIR –
now with NO TABLE SETTING

And

TABLE SETTING CONTEST –
now with NO FOOD



Everyone may enter either contest or both. Open to members, leaders and parents.

Entry forms are available online at our website and can also be filled in online or pick them up at the CE Office.

Deadline is January 27th, 2010



LOST AND FOUND

A youth size sweatshirt was found at the Fairgrounds on Judging Day. If you lost a sweatshirt, please call the CE Office at 582-3211 Ext. 2730



COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

The Kings County 4-H Presentation Day is coming up on **February 6th, 2010**. See page 6 of this newsletter for the various categories or the full manual at: <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/4HPresentationManual-2.1.doc>

SPIRIT STICK NEWS



Congratulations to Grangeville 4-H Club for winning the Spirit Stick at Judging Day!

The next opportunity to win the Spirit Stick is **February 6, 2010, at Presentation Day.**



Be prepared with your club cheer and come out and support your club!



REGIONAL COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

Kings County will host this year.

Presentations are an important part of 4-H. To encourage members, we hold a County Presentation Day, and this year the **regional event will be on April 17, 2010.**

S.H.A.R.E.S. THANK YOU



A big thanks to those who have been participating in the S.H.A.R.E.S. program and swiping your cards at Save mart.

The returns have been great and helps the Kings County 4-H Clubs. The card can be used at Save mart, Smart Foods, Food Maxx and Lucky grocery stores. Keep up the good work and remember to use your card during the Holiday Season.

Excerpts for 4-H Presentation Format Descriptions – See manual for full descriptions at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/4HPresentationManual-2.1.doc>

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks	A demonstration teaches a skill by the “show how” method. Posters or equivalent visual aids are used by the member to enhance the teaching process. The demonstration will include at least a title, materials, process, and summary posters or visual aids. An illustrated talk teaches a concept or skill that would be impractical to demonstrate in a classroom setting. Posters or equivalent visual aids should include at least an introduction/title card, process card, and a summary card. Models or other visual aids can be used to enhance the presentation.
Scientific Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks	A scientific demonstration uses the steps used by scientists to answer questions and solve problems. The scientific process includes the following steps: 1) Ask a question. 2) Form a hypothesis of what you expect the answer to your question to be. 3) Test the hypothesis by conducting an experiment. 4) Analyze the results of the tests and information you have gathered. 5) Draw conclusions regarding the hypothesis from the tests. 6) Communicate the results. Posters or equivalent visual aids will be used by the member to enhance the teaching process. The visual aids will include a title, question, hypothesis, test, and an analysis card. This presentation style will have a minimum of 5 poster cards or equivalent multimedia presentation. This presentation style can either be in the form of a demonstration where the experiment is performed in its entirety or in representative parts. If the experiment cannot be performed, then it will be an illustrated talk. The cards are the same for either a demonstration or illustrated talk.
Educational Display	An educational display is an organized visual presentation of a program or a concept. A display should be designed to convey its message in a limited amount of time. Educational displays do not include science fair exhibits, other depictions of processes, project exhibits or collections. Educational Displays may exhibit one of the following display formats: 1) Card Table Display (approximately 30" x 30") - This format will feature a tri-fold poster board that includes a title, the member's name and 4-H affiliation, and a depiction of the program or concept. 2) Panel Display (48" x 48") - This is a vertical, free standing display.
Prepared Speech	This format requires that the member write and deliver his/her own speech. The speaker will either persuade, inform or educate the audience on a single issue or topic. Advocacy of political or religious views is not appropriate. The purpose of this category is to encourage members to give a speech in which they seek out accurate information, organize it into a useful form and competently present it.
Impromptu Speech	Impromptu speaking involves speeches that the member has written him/herself at the competition. One at a time, the members will randomly draw a piece of paper with a topic on it. The topics will be developed from the pre-announced categories for the event. From the time that the member is given the topic, he/she will have three minutes to prepare a speech.
Interpretive Reading	Speakers may read any published written work that is age appropriate and acceptable for use in a public school classroom. (Examples may include, but are not limited to: children's stories, poetry, essays, speeches, articles, excerpts from novels that stand alone, etc.) Political and religious advocacy is not appropriate.
Share the Fun	Groups perform acts such as skits and other presentations that focus on health, safety, community pride, recreation, citizenship or other 4-H project or activity. This is a group activity and is not open to individual participants. A member should introduce the activity and its purpose. Notes may not be used. Costumes, props, decorations, and other visual aids are encouraged in this category. No title card is necessary. Presentations are not to exceed 15 minutes in length (not including setup and tear down.).
Cultural Arts	4-H individual members and groups perform a costumed dramatic reading, musical, dance, or other such performing art. This category is open to individual participants, groups, projects, clubs, etc. Cultural arts presentations may, but are not required to, include audience participation. A member should introduce the activity and its purpose. Notes may not be used. Costumes, props, decorations, and other visual aids are encouraged for this category, but no title card is necessary.
Audio-visual Presentations	This format includes any informational or instructional programs presented with slides, video, or digital representations. A presentation must take advantage of the medium. It should not be a substitute for another kind of presentation, such as a demonstration or illustrated talk. Demonstrations and illustrated talks using alternatives to poster boards, such as PowerPoint, should not enter this category. The length of presentation should be appropriate for its topic and message. A slide presentation, video or computer presentation generally lasts between five and 10 minutes and should be supplemented with a verbal commentary, synchronized tape recording, or audio track.
Problem Solving Presentations	This format provides senior members the opportunity to use a prepared fact pattern as the basis for developing an action plan. During the competition the member will present the action plan using posters, overhead projector slides or computer generated slides. The selected medium must be used to effectively deliver the main points of the plan. Appropriate fact patterns will be developed for each age classification. The length of presentations should be appropriate for the topic and message. The member's presentation should last from five to 10 minutes and should include an introduction, body, and conclusion.

BRIONES 4-H ARCHERY RESULTS

The following are the results to the first annual 4-H Archery Mail-in Invitational, sponsored by Briones 4-H Archery of Contra Costa County. Each of the participants from Kings County placed either first, second, or third in the category or categories they entered.



Darian Roeber from Kings Harvest shot a compound bow with sites in the Jr. category and won first in the short, middle, and long distances.

Kevin Cruz from Kings River shot a recurve bow without sites in the Sr. category, won first in the short distance, and third in the middle distance.

Joshua Edwards from Mid Valley shot a recurve bow without sites in the Leader category and won second in the short distance.

Congratulations to our Kings County Archers!



4-H GUN SAFETY CLASS & FIELD DAY

December 5th and 6th, 2009

Lemoore Sportsman's Club
23310 Elgin Ave, Lemoore, CA

Class will be held in the office building.

This event is hosted by Katie LaBlue and Christopher and Daniel Hollar as part of their Emerald Star Project 4-H members will be taught how to use and handle a firearm safely.

Dec 5th

Time: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Lemoore Sportsman's Club

Description: On the 5th there will be an all day safety class. Everyone attending must be on time. Everyone should bring a snack, and something to drink. Parents may come but may need to stand in the back if seats are unavailable. Parents can take the class as well but only if there is room after all of the 4-h sign up. Signups due Nov. 20th. There is no charge for class. The instructor may not allow people who are late to take the class.

Dec. 6th

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Same. Shooting on the range.

Description: This is the shooting day for everyone that took the class. You do not need to bring anything, and will not be charged. You cannot use equipment that was not approved by us before hand. Parents may be allowed to shoot if there is any remaining time. We will be using 22 cal. Rifles. Contact for information: pdcdmh@comcast.net or (559) 904-2841

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP

Rifle Discipline



4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
TULARE, CA

Saturday, January 9, 2010 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2010 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information, contact John Borba at:

jaborba@ucdavis.edu For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm

COUNTY WIDE HORSES AND PONIES

The County wide Horses and Ponies group will be having their next meeting on Sunday Dec.13th at 11:00 am. The location will be at The Aragon's house 11388 13th Ave, Hanford. We will be playing games on horseback and then having a Christmas Party afterwards in the Barn.



We are asking that everyone bring a \$5 for a gift exchange. The committee will be contacting everyone to let them know what else to bring. If you are new to the group and a leader has not contacted you yet, please give one of us a call as we may not have your information yet.

If you have any questions please call either of your County Leaders:

Charlotte Aragon 816-7001

Maureen Tompkins 707-5150

4-H STATE FASHION REVUE “What’s in YOUR Closet?”



The State 4-H Fashion Revue will be on Saturday, May 29, 2010 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. For families planning their calendars, online registration will be due by May 10, 2010. Be sure to pick up a copy of Simplicity pattern # 4762, which is the Challenge Vest pattern.



HATS OFF TO KINDNESS

All 4-H members and adults are encouraged to participate in a new service activity, Hats Off for Kindness. Create a soft hat for a cancer patient by sewing, knitting or crocheting. Please leave off floppy flowers, hard edges or attachments. For pattern ideas, check out:



<http://brimmingwithlove.com/patterns.html>.

All hat makers are invited to model their creations on stage before the SFR fashion show, but if you are a SFR participant, you will need a substitute model. We hope to collect at least 250 hats.

For H! ats Off information, contact Rachael Gross at kandragross@sbcglobal.net.

For State Fashion Revue information, contact Sue Moore at smoore@ucdavis.edu or Karli Draxler at chat2kd@unwireddb.com or visit the website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion>

COUNTY CORNER

What’s happening in YOUR county in Clothing & Textiles? Be part of a new and exciting non-judged activity at 2010 SFR! You can display and share an item that doesn’t qualify within the SFR judged categories. It may be clothing, non-wearable items like quilts or pillows, or unusual ideas or techniques. It may be sewn, woven, felted, knitted, crocheted, quilted, beaded, tie-dyed, etc. Bring your still exhibit, along with some information about it to share with others across the state. Each county may pre-register for a display table, so talk to your friends and decide what you’re going to show off! For more information contact Denise or Chenoa Van Gerpen at :dvangerpen@gmail.com

FASHION REVUE PROGRAM COVER CONTEST

Open to all 4-H members
Theme: “Tea Party Fashions”



All entries are due by February 26, 2010. Committee will select the winning cover that will be used for the 2010 Fashion Revue Program. Please email your entries to:

kings4h@ucdavis.edu or drop it off at the CE Office.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

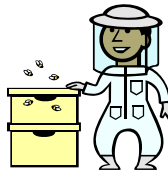


An orientation for new 4-H leaders will be held on **Wednesday, December 9th at the UC Cooperative Extension Office at 7:00 p.m.** This is a

mandatory orientation for all adults who will be leading projects or undertaking special assignments such as transportation, being a committee advisor, etc. The orientation will give you a brief overview of 4-H, its philosophy and its policies.

Please R.S.V.P. to the C.E. office.

COUNTYWIDE BEEKEEPER MEETING



There will be a Countywide Beekeeper meeting on **Saturday, January 16, 2009, from 2-3 p.m. at the CE Office** for any members interested in working on this as a project. The meeting topic will be “Winter Feeding”. Contact Laura Hardt at 897-1233 to confirm your attendance.

RABBIT MEETING



There will be a countywide rabbit meeting on **Thursday, January 21st** at 6:30 p.m. at the CE Office. The meeting is for all Kings County 4-H rabbit members or those thinking about having a rabbit project. For more information, please contact Kathy Lugo at 582-4760, in the evening.

REMINDER

- Due to reduction in staff, all inserts for the YouthTalk must be emailed to: kings4h@ucdavis.edu
- There is a cut off date as well. It is the 3rd Friday of each month.

If you email it to someone else in our office, or submit your article after the cut off date, it will not get in the Youth Talk.

- There is no longer a calendar in the Youth Talk. It is now updated monthly and posted on the 4-H website at: <http://ucanr.org/kings4hcal>



2010 WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS FORUM "Blazing Trails" March 11-14, 2010

Plan to join us in the Land of Enchantment!- New Mexico

The 2010 WRLF planning committee, New Mexico 4-H Leaders and New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension staff look forward to hosting you at the 2010 WRLF in Albuquerque. Come and experience the Land of Enchantment - New Mexico!

We have planned an educational and fun event. A few things to assist you in preparing for this experience...

- The best rate for registration is due by December 15, 2009.
- Review workshops, teen activities, tour description and souvenirs before going to the registration page.
- Hyatt Regency Hotel reservations can be made on-line or by calling 402-592-6464 or 888-421-1442.
- Conference rate for rooms is available through February 10, 2010. Rates per night w/o taxes: SINGLE/DOUBLE \$119, TRIPLE \$144, QUAD \$169
- We request that you only use the Albuquerque Hyatt Regency Hotel for your lodging, as guest room reservations help offset the cost for all the workshop rooms and other hotel spaces our conference utilizes.
- See the tabs on the left side of the WRLF 2010 website page for additional information, forms and links to items of interest before you arrive at: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/>
- Registration will be capped at 400 participants.
- Come prepared to learn, have fun and network with others.

Join 4-H leaders from 13 western states. Financial assistance will be available from the Kings County 4-H Council.



COUNTYWIDE POULTRY PROJECT

All members of any Kings County 4-H club are welcome. We will be learning about different breeds of birds, raising chicks and adult birds, breeding stock and market birds, types of feeds and supplements, as well as showmanship and preparing birds for show. If you are looking for an inexpensive project that is a lot of fun, please join us. **You do not have to own a bird to be in this project.** If you are interested in this project, when completing enrollment forms, sign up for Poultry and Game Birds. Dates and times of meetings are Nov-Dec, every second Thursday at the CE Office at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Mattos at 582-4621.



WOOL WITH AN ATTITUDE

Enter the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest **January 16-17, 2010.**

Category Age as of 12/31/09

Pre-teens	12 & under
Juniors	13-16
Seniors	17-24
Adults	25 & older
Made for others	any age
Wearable Accessory	any age

For additional information, contact District Director 13, Bonnie Hargis, at 661-399-2383, or visit the Kern County Woolgrowers Auxiliary online at:

www.kcwoolgrowersauxiliary.com.



BRIGHTER DAY BAGS!



Help make this world a little brighter for needy children in our county, our state, our nation and our world by participating in “Brighter Day Bag” community service project.

The goal is to collect 1000 drawstring bags and gather enough donated necessities to fill them. The bags will then be sent on to child supportive agencies and non-profit charitable organizations who will in turn distribute them to needy children. For many of these children, this will be the biggest touch of human kindness that they may experience all year.

There will be collection boxes at all of the major county-wide 4-H events throughout the upcoming year. You will be able to drop off any completed bags and any items to put into the bags at these drop boxes.

There will also be sign in sheets at these drop boxes that will allow you to sign in and receive credit for your club for the spirit stick.

Please contact Julie or Julia Stine at (559) 824-4321 for more information.

Sewing Instructions for Brighter Day Bags.



- Cut a piece of fabric 15” wide x 36” long. (cotton fabric will work best)
- Fold the piece of fabric in half (the folded edge is the bottom of the bag)
- Mark down each side of the bag 2 1/2” from the top
- Sew the side seams from the bottom edge (using a 1/2 inch seam) to the 2 1/2 inch mark. Leave seam open from the mark to the top of the bag. You will fold this edge down to make the casing.
- Fold and press unsown edges of side seams inward 1/2”.
- Fold upper edge of each side down 1/2 inch and press (be sure to fold toward the WRONG side of the bag)
- Fold upper edge down again 1 inch and press
- Sew flap down with a 3/4 inch seam from the upper finished edge (this will make the casing)
- String shoelaces through the casing.
- The bag is finished. Turn right side out and press



LIONS CLUB STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST



Lions clubs throughout California are still offering this opportunity to High School Students. The Student Speaker Contest, in its 73rd year, is being sponsored by the Reveille Lions Club. With a grand prize of \$21,000, this year’s challenging topic is “Universal Healthcare-How Will it Affect Us?”



The Student Speaker Contest is open to students, including foreign exchange students in grades 9 through 12. Students may attend any high school, charter school, private school, home school or independent study and must write their own speech on

the subject.

Competition will be held initially at the club level on Wednesday, February 10, and one winner will progress several levels of the contest, ending with the final round to be held June, 5, 2010.

Each level of competition includes monetary compensation starting with \$25 for participants and \$75 for the winner of the Reveille Club Student Speaker Contest. Please contact your local Lions clubs for more information.

HI 4-H GAME SHOW NIGHT THANK YOU.



Thanks to all the people who came out to participate in our Hi 4-H Game Show Night. Congratulations to the Leaders Team, Mr. and Mrs. Dias, Miss Pimentel, Miss Nunes and Mrs. Helmuth, who won our 4-H Feud Game. Miss Pimentel was also the winner of Are You Smarter Than a 4-H Leader against Megan Dias. Thanks to Justin Semas, Ben and Tyler Beck, and Phillip Nunes who participated in The Dating Game. Keep watching the Youth Talk for future Hi 4-H events.

Thanks again!
Katherine Nunes



COUNTY-WIDE DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT

Project Leader:
Pam Brasil (559) 924-7067

All classes will be held on Saturdays and will be at the Kings Fairgrounds in the Dairy Show Arena.

Meeting Schedule 2009-10

Date	Time	Location
Sat, Dec 12	2-4 pm	Kings Fairgrounds Dairy show arena
Sat., Jan 23	2-4 pm	Same as above
Sat., Feb 20	2-4 pm	Same as above
Sat., Feb 28	9:00 am Meet at front gate	Kings Kennel Club — Dog Show. DO NOT bring your dogs.
Sat. Mar 13	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena
Sat. Mar 27	2-4 pm	Same as above
Sat. Apr 10	To be announced	Stonecliffe Animal Rescue Work Day.
Sat. Apr 24	12:30-2:30pm	Dairy show arena
Sat. May 1	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena

Please bring your dog to every meeting, unless otherwise instructed not to do so. All dogs are to be on a leash and **MUST** have a metal choke collar, or a pressure collar if control is an issue. Harnesses, nylon collars, or leather collars are **NOT** acceptable training equipment.

Dogs that do not have the appropriate training collar will not be allowed to participate in the class due to safety concerns. Leashes are to be nylon (not chain) and no longer than 8 feet in length (regular dog leash with a sewn-in handle – no lead ropes, twine, etc). Members are to bring a water bowl for their dog. It is acceptable and encouraged that the members bring dog treats to be used as training aids provided that the use of treats does not cause disruption to the training process.



EMERALD STAR PROJECT KINGS COUNTY K-9 UNIT Fundraiser for our K-9 Heroes



- Dog wash
- Silent Auction
- Snack Bar
- Good Music
- K-9 Demonstration



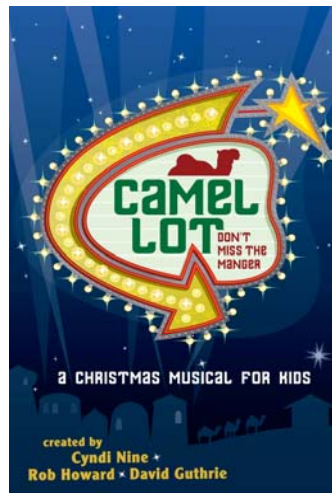
Lauren Smith and Jeffery Stine from the Lemoore 4-H Club, are working on earning their Emerald Stars and are setting up a fundraiser by having a Dog wash and silent auction on March 20, 2010, from 1-5 at the

CE Office.

This is to benefit the Kings County Sheriff's K-9 unit. They are asking local businesses and the community to please donate to the silent auction. You will receive a free dog wash ticket for any donation. Volunteers are also needed to work the day of the dog wash. This is a great way to get your community service hours. If you have any question please call Lauren Smith at 582-9467 or Jeffery Stine at 643-9579. Thanks!



4-H CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



Presented by:
Kings County 4-H Drama Group.

Please Join us for A Christmas Musical entitled
"Camel Lot"

Dates:
Friday, December 11th and
Saturday, December 12th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: The Temple Theater
Located at 514 Visalia Street, Hanford.



Please call for reservations at (559) 824-4321
We are suggesting a \$5.00 donation at the door to defer our cost of the theater.

If you have any questions, please call Lauren Smith at 582-9467 or Julie Stine at 824-4321.

CLUB REPORTS—ATTENTION CLUB REPORTERS

Club reports are to be sent via email to: kings4h@ucdavis.edu.

Hard copies are no longer acceptable due to reduction in staff.

DELTA VIEW 4-H CLUB

Reporter: Royce Caetana

The November 9TH meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by President Chasidee White. The flag salute was led by Courtney and the 4-H Pledge was led by Kirsten Brotemarkle.

The Secretary's report was given by Alivia Mize and the Treasures report was given by Carson Arnold. Both reports were approved.

Project Reports were given and the members who attended Judging Day reported on the awards that they won. Seven members attended.

Old Business: The food for the Canned Food Drive was collected and delivered to The Salvation Army by Mrs. DeRuiter.

New Business: The Club decided to have a Club Cheer Contest. Members are to bring their cheers to the December meeting. The club will vote on the best cheer and a prize will be given. This cheer will then be used at 4-H activities to compete for the Spirit Stick.

Community Leaders Report: Paul Silva talked about the Cattle Judging Contest and that a National Team will be selected for competition.

On November 16 there will be a New Leader Orientation. He reported on the January 9 Fair Boosters Dinner and the Silent Auction. The club voted to put together a Silent Auction Basket to donate to the Fair Boosters.

Paul asked for volunteers to decorate the CE office Window for December and for a presentation to be done at the Council Meeting in January.

ELCORT was also discussed and any members that were interested were to see Paul. Emerald Star Projects are due 3/20/09. State Fair was moved to July 14 thru August 1, 2010. Paul had Alivia Mize talk about the Countywide Drama Club and the Christmas Play that will be presented. The winner of the Candy Guess Jar was announced. The guess was 150 and the winner was Royce Caetana.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE 4-H CLUB

Reporter: Ashley Daniel

The Grangeville meeting started at 6:41 on November 10, 2009. Lee Wisecarver led the Flag salute and Julia Baker led the 4-H Pledge. Secretary and Treasures reports were given, then Sunshine Birthdays were announced. Happy Birthday!

Project Reports were given and everyone came up to talk about Judging Day, the things that went on and what cheer we had done to win the spirit stick. Maddie Wisecarver then motioned the meeting to move on to old Business, Mrs. Daniel collected all of the BBQ tickets, and Mrs. Mattos talked about the tamale sale that was soon to be over, and other things that were needed to be done. Paige McConnaughy also talked about the Ronald McDonald charity for kids with cancer and other special needs. We then moved onto New Business and up-coming events, such as the Christmas parade, and other things. The leaders announced when the new project meeting would be taking place. Congratulations to our 4-H'er of the month, Adam Daniel. The Secretary did roll call and 47 seven people attended the meeting. We then all gave a big cheer for winning the spirit stick. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12.

ISLAND 4-H CLUB

Reporter: Steven Allison

The Island 4-H meeting was held on 11/10/09 at 7:01pm. We made Christmas cards for Noah, who is 5 years old in the last stages of his 2 1/2 year battle with Cancer, his wish is to get as many Christmas cards as he can this year. If you would like the address please see any Island 4-H officer. Island 4-H will be having a booth at the Tree Raising Ceremony on November 29, 2009 in Lemoore and also at the Lemoore Christmas Parade on December 5, 2009, so come by and see us! For our Holiday Party, our next meeting will be held at K.C. Bowl !!! Yeah!

KINGS HARVEST 4-H CLUB -OCTOBER MEETING

Reporter: Calem Bell

Our October meeting was brought to order by Aaron Avila. Loretta took roll, and Macey Peterson read the Treasurer's Report. Our adult project leaders gave their reports. Loretta and Liz reported on when the next Dairy and Photography meetings would be.

Most members of our club participated in the 4H weekend and reported their books and medals from Achievement Night. Our club received the Gold Seal Award, won the award for the most returners from last year, and all of our officers' books won medals. Many of our members were involved in Relay for Life. Audra Koelwyn was proud to walk the Survivor's Laps with her family, and we were all thankful!

Katie Rhoades talked about her project of decorating the Hanford Floral window. Our Dairy members reported on their meeting in which they practiced and learned about how to judge dairy and beef cattle. Macey told us that she got her DHIA award signed by the governor. We also discussed Judging Day coming up on November 7. We were reminded of our responsibilities for the day, and adults were encouraged to help out. We voted and agreed on having a float again in the Christmas Parade.

Calem and Macey will be the chairpersons for the holiday canned food drives. Our Record Books were handed out and we reported on what awards we had earned for the books.

We ended our night with a barbeque and Halloween party!

KINGS HARVEST 4-H CLUB -NOVEMBER MEETING

Reporter: Calem Bell

Our November meeting was brought to order by Aaron Avila. Pledges were done by Ashley and Austin Bloomquist. Emily Rosa took roll and read the minutes, and Macey Pearson read the Treasurer's Report. Loretta told the Dairy members about the cattle sale coming up, and Liz announced the 1st Photography Meeting coming on November 18th at 6:30. Members reported on their involvement and awards for Judging Day. Mrs. Harris talked about building the Christmas Float. Mrs. Bell thanked the members for their involvement in the Operation Christmas Child Project, and everyone agreed they wanted to see the DVD for O.C.C. at our next meeting to show the children receiving their shoe boxes. Some of the community service projects coming up are Foster Child gifts, Santa for Seniors and the December Food Drive. Our club will be having a gift card exchange for our December meeting.

LEMOORE 4-H CLUB

Reporter Hailee French

The meeting of the Lemoore 4-H club was called to order at 6:41p.m. on November 10 at the West Hills Conference Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Allison Mendenhall and our 4-H Pledge was lead by Haden Lawton. In old business, we discussed Judging Day at the Kings County Fairgrounds where several of our members took place in many areas as well as the success of the B-B-Q and Sweet Shop. Mrs. Brazil passed out stripes, stars and pins to our members for completing record books for last year.

In new business, we discussed a few fundraisers that are going on with our club as well as committee sign ups for the Lemoore Christmas Parade Float. Concluding the meeting our members wrapped gifts for our soldiers from our bake sale in October to show our appreciation for them and all they do.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17.

Lemoore 4-H wishes everyone a great Thanksgiving.

MID VALLEY 4-H CLUB

Minutes of the Mid Valley 4-H November meeting

Meeting was called to order by President, Ryan Dias. Secretary and treasures report was read and approved. Members gave their project reports. Tyler Johnson talked about Judging Day and thanked the people that came to represent our club. Club leader Tammy Johnson recognized the members for their achievements in record book judging this last year. She also talked about everyone in our club taking a two hour shift for Salvation Army. The dates we will ring the bell is Dec. 21st and 22nd. Our club has decided to invite other clubs to join in with us. Tyler will be setting up a schedule and he'll put it in the

youth talk. Community club report was given by Mrs. Pedro. Dinner ticket money was collected. Leader Gary Pacheco wanted to meet with his BBQing group after the meeting to brainstorm on ideas for their meetings.

Meeting was adjourned with refreshments.



*And Happy Holidays from All of Us
at the U C Cooperative Extension Office!*