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 on January 13, 2010 at the CE Office at 6:00 p.m. All LCORT Participants must attend. This meeting will give those attending from Kings County, the opportunity to get to know each other before attending LCORT. Car pool arrangements will also be made at this time.

For more information, contact Carleen Nunes at 583-7071 or email: knunes@kings.k12.ca.us

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.
Emerald Star Applications are due January 5th, and Interviews will be on January 14th.

January Council Date
There will be a 4-H Leaders’ Council meeting on **Tuesday, January 5th, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** If you have announcements or agenda items, contact the office.

California Focus Applications and Deposit are due January 8th. This is a great conference!!! Financial assistance is available (see page 1).

The Fair Boosters Pork/Beef Dinner is on **Saturday, January 9th** at the Belle Bogan Building, Kings Fair.

LCORT Orientation - **January 13th, at 6:00 p.m. at the CE Office**

4-H Fair Planning Meeting - **Monday, January 25th, at 7:00 pm. (see page 7)**
6– pm –Individual
7:00 pm –Livestock

Presentation Day – **February 6th** - at Hanford West High School. Check out all the categories, including group skits, cultural arts, educational displays, and lots more (see pages 5& 6).

Favorite Foods Fair (FFF) & Place Setting Contests (PSC) will be held along with Presentation Day on **February 6th.** The FFF & PSC are open to adults too!!
**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.
COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

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

CATEGORIES AT COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

Presentations are an important part of 4-H. To encourage members, we hold a County Presentation Day. The Kings County 4-H Presentation Day is on February 6th, 2010.

See page 6 of this newsletter for a summary of categories and policies. Check the full manual on our website or available at the UCCE office for details.

You may use the entry form below, or enter on our website at http://cekings.ucdavis.edu

Entries are due by Friday, January 29 to the Cooperative Extension Office, 680 N. Campus Dr., Suite. A, Hanford, CA 93230, or fax to 582-5166.

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Will your presentation be given ___ inside or ____ outside?

Club Name:                                            Contact name for group entry:

Name of Individual Entrant:                           Grade in School _____
                                                       Phone:____________________

2nd name for team of 2:                               Grade in School _____
                                                       Phone:____________________

3rd name for team of 3:                               Grade in School _____
                                                       Phone:____________________

Title of Presentation

January 2010—Youth Talk 5
| **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. |
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 livestock, 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.

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.

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.

STATEWIDE 4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available. High school seniors and those in college are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available in a number of various categories and award amounts. Deadline: April 30, 2009. Applications are available at http://ca4h.org/4hresources/ir/index.asp.

REGионаl 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.

KINGS FAIR BOOSTERS

The Fair Boosters are planning a Pork/Beef Dinner on Saturday, January 9th at the Belle Bogan Building, Kings Fair. Take-out will be from 4-6 pm and dinner will be from 6-8 pm. Tickets are $12. This dinner is to help with improvements to benefit the junior livestock exhibitors. A Sweet Shoppe will be offered. There will also be a silent auction, and donations of items are welcome. Please have your items delivered to the Belle Bogan Building no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the dinner. The 4-H club with the highest bidder will receive a $100 award. Contacts: Dave Lafferty, 730-1517, or Gay Hooper, 584-8846.

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
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

SPIRIT STICK NEWS

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!

MANY THANKS

Thank you to all the 4-H families and clubs who donated toys for the foster children and slipper socks for the seniors in Kings County and especially to ISLAND 4-H. Your generosity helped make it a Joyous Christmas for everyone. Good Job!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE 4-H OFFICE

We are always looking for volunteers at the office. If you are available anytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please stop by or contact Denise Cuendett at 582-3211 Ext. 2734.

We are currently looking for volunteers to work on putting a cook book together, which will contain all the Favorite Foods recipes.

CALIFORNIA CAMPING CONFERENCE

April 23 – 25, 2010

The 2010 California Camping Conference will be held at the Nevada 4-H Camp near Stateline, Nevada (at Lake Tahoe) on April 23 – 25, 2010. The conference serves as a valuable resource for camp administrators, camp staff (youth and adult), and Extension Staff in planning and implementing all types of camp programs. Important conference topics include the new Camp Safety Manual addressing California Health and Safety Code requirements for camps; engaging fun activities for your camps; archery certification; and camp staff training. Look for conference fee and registration detail in next month’s Updates, but be sure to mark the date on your calendar for this important event.
TWO CONTESTS FOR ANYONE TO ENTER
Held in conjunction with County 4-H Presentation Day
Saturday, February 6, 2010—Hanford West High School—9:00 a.m.

FAVORITE FOODS FAIR
(No place setting required)
Select a favorite main dish, salad, vegetable, appetizer/snack or dessert/candy dish you would like to prepare.
Plan a menu for the whole meal in which you would serve that dish. Keep in mind the Food Guide Pyramid.
Prepare your dish for 4 people and bring it to the event ready to serve. Remember, food safety: Cold food over 40° and hot foods under 140° should not sit out longer than two hours.
Display your prepared food in an appropriate serving dish. The display should include the menu card, cost breakdown of dish prepared, table covering (such as a cover or placement), prepared dish and serving utensil.
You will be given approximately 22" of space to attractively display your prepared dish. Remember, a place setting is not needed.
Type your recipe on a separate paper in Times New Roman, size 12. These will be collected at the Favorite Foods Fair and put in a book that each of the participants will receive after the event.
Only entrants will be allowed to set up.
Put your name on the recipe only, not on your display.

PLACE SETTING CONTEST
(No food required)
Select a theme for your place setting. This can be holiday, family celebration, BBQ, anniversary, or any other occasion.
Plan a menu for the whole meal, keeping in mind the Food Guide Pyramid.
Select a coordinated place setting for your entry – table cloth, placemat, dishes, silverware, and a low centerpiece.
Set-up need only be for one person.
Make an attractive display including your place setting, menu card and centerpiece.
You will be given approximately 22" of space to display your place setting.
Only entrants will be allowed to set up.
Do not put your name on the display.

ENTRY FORM – Due January 27, 2010

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You may fax, (582-5166) mail or deliver this form to the UC Cooperative Extension office or enter on-line at http://cekings.ucdavis.edu
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@unwiredbb.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 yourstill 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.
**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

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**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.

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**RECORD BOOK JUDGING RESULTS**
Congratulations to the following 4-H participants who took part in the State 4-H Record Book Competition.

- **Karli Draxler** Central Valley 4-H 4-H State Award
- **Tyler Johnson** Mid Valley 4-H Medalist Award
- **Alicia Couto** Island 4-H Merit Award

This year 113 books from several different counties were presented to the judges. It took 40 hours per judge for the weekend competition. There were 11 judges for a total of 440 hours to judge all the books. Please be sure to say a special thank you to the judges.

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January 2010—Youth Talk 11
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.

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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!

JUDGES NEEDED FOR PRESENTATION DAY

Presentation Day is on February 6th, 2010 and we are in desperate need of judges. The time you will be needed is from 8:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.
Please contact the CE Office if you can help out with your name, phone number and email address ASAP.

Thank you.
DELTA VIEW 4-H CLUB
Reporter: Royce Caetana
The December 14th meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by President Chasidee White. The Flag Salute was led by Ryalee Howard and the 4-H Pledge was led by Madelyn Ponce. Secretary Alvin Mize read the minutes of the last meeting. Report was approved.
No Treasures Report was given.
Project Reports were given for Rabbits, Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Dog Care and Training and the Kings County 4-H Drama Group.
Old Business: At the November meeting the Club voted to have a Club Cheer Contest. We had two members prepare a club cheer, Kourtney Baze and Kirsten Brotemarkle. Both Cheers were very good but Kirsten won the gift card. At the next meeting Kirsten will hand out copies to the members so they can practice the cheer.
New Business: A suggestion was made to set up funds to pay for members that would like to attend ELCORT. A motion was made by Kirsten Brotemarkle and seconded by Theo Leon and approved by the club members to set up a budget of 315 dollars to help send interested members to the Conference.
Our Community Leader Paul Silva talked about Presentation Day. He offered to help out any members who would be interested in doing a presentation. He also reminded us about the Silent Auction Basket for the Fair Boosters Dinner. The winner of the Candy Guess Jar was Mikaela Howard. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Merry Christmas to all Kings County 4-H Clubs

ISLAND 4-H CLUB
Reporter: Steven Allison
The Island 4-H meeting took place on December 8, 2009 at K.C. Bowl in Hanford. Each member was asked to bring Christmas gifts for Foster children, canned food for our Christmas food basket, and Slippers for Seniors. Then the members got a chance to bowl as club. Our meeting came to order at 8:22 p.m. while eating pizza provided by our club. The members got a chance to sign up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in front of Walmart. We would like thank our Club Leaders and Parents for our great Holiday Gathering. We Would also like to wish the C.E. Office Staff and Kings County 4-H Clubs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

KINGS HARVEST 4-H CLUB -
Reporter: Calem Bell
President Brady Guzman brought our meeting to order, and pledges were led by Trenton Vander Veen and Emily Blomquist. Sue Lafferty took the roll, Emily Rosa read the minutes, and Macey Pearson gave the Treasurer’s Report. Our leaders gave their reports. Loretta talked about Great Western for Dairy, Liz announced our next Photography meeting which will be on Wed. 12/16, Mrs. VanderVeen talked about getting ready for Fashion Review, and Mr. Rosa said that members could sign up for the Welding Project. Macey told us that our club brought in $145.22 in our Unicef boxes. Calem Bell reported on his December food drive in his neighborhood, and the two places that the food was going to go for the holidays. Table Settings and Presentations will be on Feb. 6, so members need to get ready for it. We ended our meeting and had our Christmas gift exchange and party.

LEMOORE 4-H CLUB
Reporter Hailee French
The meeting of the Lemoore 4-H club was called to order at 6:34p.m. on December 8, 2009 at the West Hills Conference Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Hayden Lawton and our 4-H Pledge was lead by Haley Smith. In old business, we discussed our fundraisers that we have completed so far this year, the Hanford parade where Dog Care received a trophy for participation and in the Lemoore Christmas parade, we received second place. In new business, we discussed the presentation day workshop we will be having soon, our community service projects coming up, the emerald star project plans, the favorite foods fair, and the table setting competition. There were several project reports as well as leader reports. We ended the meeting with a potluck and a new family orientation. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:03p.m. Lemoore 4-H wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MID VALLEY 4-H CLUB
Reporter Tyler Johnson
Minutes of the December Mid Valley 4-H Meeting By Tyler Johnson Meeting was called to order by President Ryan Dias. Flag salute was started by Justin with Bree doing the 4-H pledge. Vanessa read her secretary minutes and Maddie gave her treasurer’s report. Both were approved by the club. Project reports for cake decorating and archery were given by members. Up coming events were talked about with Presentation Day, Favorite Foods Fair, and LCORT. The Dias’ collected all the pet items for the basket for the Fair Boosters dinner. Members were reminded that the dinner is Jan 9th. Mrs. Johnson handed out 4-H bracelets to all members and parents. She also had sign ups for ring the bell outside of Wal Mart for the Salvation Army. The next club meeting will be Sunday, January 10 at 1:00 where we will clean up Kit Carson school as a thank you for letting us hold our meetings there. One area we will clean definitely be the supply cabinet. Members were encouraged to bring gloves, bags, and rakes. At the conclusion of the meeting our club had a potluck dinner.