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4-H Youth Talk

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PRESENTATION DAY RESULTS

Thirty eight (38) Kings County 4-H members participated in the County 4-H Presentation Day on February 5, 2011.

The members listed below received a Gold Medal or Gold Seal and were selected to participate in the Southern San Joaquin Valley Sectional Presentation Day on April 16, 2011 at Wasco.

All 4-H members are invited to attend the event and help support our Kings County 4-Hers.

Those with an asterisk (*) received a Gold Medal for scoring 25-28 points. Others received a Gold Seal.

- * Drew Avila, * Jon Avila-Kings Harvest
- * Tara Fry-Oakvale
- *Jillian Willhite, *Kayla McCalvy-Grangeville
- * Raine Palomino-Kings Harvest
- * Kent Sheldon-Kings River
- * Thomas Bell-Kings Harvest
- * Jarred Crisp-Island
- * Garrett Bell-Kings Harvest
- * Haden Lawton-Lemoore, * Reed Tompkins-Island
- * Haley Smith-Lemoore
- Sage Morris-Guernsey-Gold Seal
- Macey Pearson, Hayden Costa-Kings Harvest-Gold Seal
- * Bailee Borges-Grangeville
- Trenton Vanderveen-Kings Harvest-Gold Seal
- Jocelyn Morris-Guernsey-Gold Seal
- Jasmine Morris-Guernsey-Gold Seal
- Steven Allison, Kennedy Baker-Island-Gold Seal
- Karli Draxler, Cicely Venturella-Central Valley-Gold Seal
- * Lauren Smith-Lemoore
- * Laine Tompkins, * Britnay DeMasters-Island
- Brian Lawton-Lemoore, Garrett Crisp-Island-Gold Seal



FAVORITE FOODS FAIR WINNERS

The Favorite Foods Fair was held at Hanford West High School on February 5, 2011. Sixteen (16) members participated.

The results were as follows:

- Junior Division:** Hannah Costa-Kings Harvest
- Intermediate Division:** Macey Pearson-Kings Harvest
- Senior Division:** Jaleesa Rios-Guernsey
- Overall Winner:** Macey Hammerstrom-Oakvale

PLACE SETTING CONTEST WINNERS



Eighteen (18) Kings County 4-H members participated in the Kings County 4-H Place Setting Contest on February 5, 2011.

The winners are:

- Junior Division:** Hannah Costa-Kings Harvest
- Intermediate Division:** Ashley Olson-Oakvale
- Senior Winner:** Jaleesa Rios-Guernsey
- Overall Winner:** Macey Hammerstrom-Oakvale

SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY



The 2011 South Central Sectional Presentation Day will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at: Thomas Jefferson Middle School 305 Griffith Avenue in Wasco, CA

LOST/FOUND AT PRESENTATION DAY

Found-A black/purple and black reversible zip up jacket.

Please call the CE office at 582-3211 Ext. 2730



2011 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

California 4-H is looking for families who would like to host an international student in their home for one month this summer. The international students range in age from 12 and 19 and come from Costa Rica, Japan and Norway.



Applications are being accepted now. Students are placed in homes with a youth of the same gender and within two years of age. The application provides information to help ensure good placements with families and teens sharing common interests.

You don't need a fancy home or a separate bedroom to host—just a desire to make room in your lives for a new friend., and you don't need to spend a lot of money or time traveling the state as the students are not here as tourists. They are here to live with your family and participate in your normal summer activities. The costs are minimal. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

Please consider offering this priceless educational experience to your family. Teens that participate in exchange opportunities are better prepared for life in a global society. Through this first-hand experience, they gain a deeper understanding of another culture and gain insight into the values and lifestyle of their own family and community.

Applications for Norway need to be completed by February 28, Costa Rica by March 30 and Japan by May 1. Placements for the Japan program are on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information go to : <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International>

For more information, contact Pat English, California International Exchange Coordinator, at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT THE 2011 STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY, MAY 28, 2011 AT UC DAVIS



A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas: Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living, and Military Youth. Participants may only choose one focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the primary topic of the presentation. For more information, please visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/.

RECORD BOOK INFORMATION

To medal in Record Book Project, you must give at least one presentation about the project that year. This is different from last year.



EYE GLASSES NEEDED



The Lions Club International is looking for used eye glasses for children. The Lions main service project is to prevent blindness. Lions members take used glasses and give them to those in need at eye clinics in other countries. The glasses are evaluated and matched to the right person. They are especially in need of glasses for children. If you have old glasses for a child or know others who have them, you can bring them to the CE Office and we will pass them on to local Lions Club

2011 CALIFORNIA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

“Oh the Places You’ll Go!”

July 28-31, 2011
University of California, Davis

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four day leadership training, networking, and Learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4

H project areas. Click for more information:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>



Financial Aid for State Leadership Conference

- Through a grant from Wells Fargo and assistance from the California 4-H Foundation, financial aid is available to delegates wishing to attend the 2011 State Leadership Conference. Applications are due by **May 13, 2011** and can be downloaded here: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/53496.doc>



CALIFORNIA FOCUS 2011

June 17-21, 2011 in 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 2011 California Citizenship Focus Program. At California Focus, you become a registered voter in the state of Sierra Cascade and take on all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship. You learn how government works and enjoy the traditions and history of the Capitol. A visit with your elected officials is the highlight of the 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.

For more information and registration forms, go to: <http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/>

The Kings County 4-H Council offers six scholarships of 1/3 of the fee to each member attending 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 2009-10 club year to qualify. The scholarships will be awarded to the first six to submit their record book from last year and a completed application and request a scholarship. A waiting list will be maintained after the first six in case one of those does not attend. Members may only receive this scholarship 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.



34TH ANNUAL AMERICAN YOUTH HORSE COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by Michigan State University
Held in conjunction with Michigan Horse Expo
Lansing, Michigan
March 11-13, 2011

Join the nation's most diverse group of horse oriented youth and leaders.. Learn about and share what is happening in the youth horse industry, through workshops, roundtable sessions, classroom presentations and lots of networking, all suitable for adult leaders, students and industry professionals. Registrations must be postmarked by February 11, 2011 to receive early bird discount.

Click on link for registration and symposium information:

<http://www.ayhc.com/symposium.htm>

HELP WANTED FOR THE 4-H FAIR



We are looking for a new chairperson for Round Robin Large Animal at the 4-H Fair in May. We have someone to mentor you but would like to train a new person or persons for this event. Please contact

Denise Cuendett at: dhcuendett@ucdavis.edu

The 4-H Fair runs from May 12-14, 2011

LCORT CHAIR POSITION

The LCORT Chair(s) must be willing and able to devote a substantial amount of time to conference

planning, implementation, evaluation, and follow-up from late May through February. While the Youth Chair(s) are expected to accompany the Conference Coordinator to Wonder Valley at least once during the planning process, most other pre- and post-conference tasks can be accomplished in whatever location is most convenient for the Youth Chair(s). While Youth Chair registration fees will be paid by the conference, other moderate costs, such as those for phone calls and travel to meetings, may be incurred, but most can be reimbursed from conference funds. The LCORT Youth Chair(s) work under the supervision of the LCORT Conference Coordinator who, in turn, is supervised by a designated UCCE staff member. It is strongly recommended that a maximum of two LCORT Youth Chairs be named each year.

For application and more information visit our website at: <http://cekings.ucdavis.edu/files/76313.pdf>



KINGS COUNTY 4-H FASHION REVUE

April 9, 2011

Lemoore Trinity Hall,
470 Champion Street, Lemoore



Open to all 4-H members. Primary members are welcome for modeling only.

Entries Due Friday, March 25th. See Pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter for more information.

Entry forms also available on the website.

If you would like to help set up on Friday evening, April 8th, please meet at Lemoore Trinity Hall at 6:30 p.m.



CE OFFICE WINDOW MIDVALLEY 4-H

Mid Valley 4-H Club is responsible for decorating the window in the CE Office for the month of March and for refreshments at the Council Meeting.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The 4-H Council meetings will be held on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** on the following dates



March 1, 2011
April 5, 2011
May 3, 2011

KARLI'S CORNER

State Fashion Revue News for 2011



“OPERATION COVER-UP”



Theme: Fashion Sense
Challenge: The \$15 Challenge

Running short on cash this upcoming holiday season? Don't worry...enter the Fashion Revue Challenge!

This year's challenge is to use consumer science skills while showcasing creativity and keeping to the \$15 limit for an entire purchased outfit, excluding sales tax and shoes. This challenge does not require the use of a specific pattern but does have the \$15 limit. It also requires a photo of the member wearing all items in the outfit and a 70 word limit on the commentary. For information, email Karli Draxler at: Chat2kd@unwiredbb.com

The 2011 4-H State Fashion Revue Committee is requesting your help with this year's community service project "Operation Cover-Up". It is our goal to have every member enrolled in 4-H to make one child's hospital gown. The committee will donate them to various hospitals around the state after being displayed at the State Fashion Revue Contest on May 28, 2011. The pattern we are using is free and you can find it on the internet from Lazy Girl Designs at: <http://www.lazygirldesigns.com/hospitalgown.php>.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Karli Draxler at chat2kd@unwiredbb.com, or see the State website for additional information.

2011 STATE FASHION REVUE

May 28, 2011 as part of the State 4-H Field Day

Theme: Fashion Cents
Youth Chair: Karli Draxler (Kings County)
chat2kd@unwiredbb.com



SFR Committee: If you would like to be part of this state event committee (youth and adults) please contact



Mary Engebret (Sonoma County) at: maryengebret@comcast.net
or Sue Moore (Tuolumne County) samoore@ucdavis.edu

OPERATION COVER-UP/WOUNDED WARRIOR QUILT

We will be working on Wounded Warriors Quilt and Operation Cover-ups during the down time the morning of the judging at Fashion Revue. We will have the fabric for the cover-ups, but we will need you to bring double folded bias tape in pastel colors. If you would like to participate in the Wounded Warrior Quilts, please bring a 12 1/2 x 12 1/2 square(s) of fabric. Patriotic print only please, then they can be combined with other squares to make a whole quilt. Remember both of these can be counted as record book credit under Community Service.



WOUNDED WARRIOR QUILT

Quilters and Sewers

As part of the CA 4-H State Fashion Revue 2011,

We would appreciate your help. Make a quilt square, a quilt top, or a complete quilt for a wounded warrior. Special size for stretchers and gurneys, approximately 45 x 81 inches, are needed. Red, white and blue fabrics are preferred.



If you make 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" squares then they can be combined with other squares to make a whole quilt. Youth are invited to sew squares together and quilt during the morning of SFF workshop. Please contact Lisa Kuntz, creulgirl101@yahoo.com or Mary Engebret at: maryengebret@comcast.net



FASHION REVUE PROGRAM COVER

All 4-H members are asked to submit a program cover for the upcoming Kings County Fashion Revue. **The theme is Sun Sand and Fashion.** A sand castle will be part of the stage decorations. The deadline is March 25th. Submit cover to CE Office

STATE FASHION REVUE

STATE 4-H FASHION REVUE ~ PATTERN OF SUCCESS

KARLI DRAXLER

[State 4-H website: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/)



"Being one of the original committee members for the revised State Fashion Revue Committee over these past five years has helped me grow in many ways. One of my goals in 4-H was to reach the rank of 4-H Ambassador. Being on a state committee helped introduce me to a 4-H world outside of Kings County and has proven to provide life long friendships that I never would have had if it were not for this committee.

Secondly but just as importantly it gave me the self confidence in myself to speak up and take charge of my own destiny. This is a life lesson I am still learning, but stepping up as Youth Chair is one experience I will always look back on as "I did that!"

One more comment I would like to make about this 4-H opportunity is...if you don't lead by example, don't expect others to. Putting on a state event is not easy and I have learned that if we treat people with respect, we will be respected back."

~ Karli Draxler - Kings County, 2011 SFR Youth Chair



4-H FASHION REVUE INFORMATION – 2011——Saturday, April 9, 2011, 9 a.m. until finished

Evening Fashion starts at 7:00 p.m.

Lemoore Trinity Hall, 470 Champion Street, Lemoore

THEME: SUN, SAND AND FASHION

The 4-H Fashion Revue is **open to all Kings County 4-H members**. You do not have to be in the clothing project to enter Fashion Revue. **You may enter more than one category, but you may only receive a medal in one. The judges will have the final say in which category participants will be awarded first place.** Primary members may participate without being judged. They need to come to rehearsal in the morning.

New Category: Make Fashion ~~C~~ents with the \$15 Challenge

WHAT IS FASHION REVUE? It is an event that encourages members to focus on their personal appearance and their sense of style and fashion. They will be judged in small groups in the morning and participate in a fashion show in the evening. Its primary purpose is to build self-confidence in young people by helping them find the style that suits them best and work on grooming, posture and stage presence. Members may purchase an outfit or sew a garment for the event. The sewn category may use new fabric or the recycling of an old garment into a new one. **Members entering recycled garments must attach a photograph of the old garment to their entry form.** Individual and Group photos will be taken during the morning.

****Attach photograph of finished garment in all categories along with entry form.****

WHAT AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN? At the County level: A winner will be selected in each 9,10,11,12 & 13 age group for each of the 6 categories. 14+ older will be combined and will be known as the Senior Division. **Participation in the evening show is mandatory to receive an award.**

From these winners, it will be broken down by age (as of 1/1/11) as follows: 9-11 Junior, 12-13 Intermediate and 14 and up Senior. One person in each age group from each category will move on to compete at the State level.

WHAT WILL FASHION REVUE ENTRANTS BE JUDGED ON? We will be looking for garments and outfits that fit well and are appropriate for the member's age; that the choice of color, texture and style and accessories go together; and that the member is well-groomed and that the garments are clean and pressed. In the **Recycled Category**, 75% of the finished garment must have been reconstructed (i.e. sewing trim on old garment without changing its basic structure is not considered recycling.) Be sure to take photographs of the original garment before tearing it apart.

One of our goals in the **Purchased Category** is to encourage members to spend their clothing dollars wisely. **The maximum amount that can be spent on a purchased fashion revue entry is \$100, including shoes and accessories**, but members are encouraged to try to spend less. **For those 14 and older, you may spend up to \$150.** The challenge is to get the most for your money. Receipts must be presented during judging. If you use an item that has been in your closet or was given to you and you no longer have the receipt, you must write and sign a note indicating where you purchased the item and the approximate date and cost.

FASHION REVUE ENTRY FORM-or enter online at: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6174>

Name _____			Age ____	
Club _____	Phone _____	Year in 4-H ____	Member as of 1/1/11____	
Category (Check One or More)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Constructed (New Sewn Garment) Give pattern info and 2” square swatch Pattern Company _____ Pattern # Photo copy of envelope pattern_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Sewn Garment (Bring "before" and after picture of previous garment.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wearable Needle Art <input type="checkbox"/> Wearable Art (Bring “before” picture if entering embellished clothing.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased (Maximum \$100 (9 to 13) or \$150 (14 and older) for outfit. Bring receipts to Fashion Revue)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Make Fashion Cents with the \$15 Challenge

TO COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR FASHION REVUE COMMENTARY OF 100-150 WORDS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER WITH A 2” SQUARE SWATCH OF FABRIC IF YOU HAVE CONSTRUCTED A GARMENT BY: Entry Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2011

GUIDE TO WRITING FASHION COMMENTARY



Purposes:

- ✦ Give information about the model and the outfit
- ✦ Make both the model and the outfit sound great

Ideas on Developing Commentary:

- ✦ Give information about the model and the outfit.
- ✦ Give reason or occasion for which outfit was planned. This could be the theme for the commentary. (Traci had the first football game of the fall in mind when she chose this Autumn plaid. She'll be cheering...)
- ✦ Keep sentences short and easily readable.
- ✦ Use questions and exclamations to give more variety to tone of voice.
- ✦ Use alliteration (words beginning with the same sound), such as "flirty flounce" for a ruffle.
- ✦ Create an appealing mental picture with descriptive words. (Ice creamy tones of raspberry and lime...)
- ✦ Avoid the obvious or make it more interesting. (Rather than saying "yellow dress", make it "sunny" or "lemon"; rather than "it buttons up the front", say "buttons brighten the front", etc.)
- ✦ Use ACTION words as much as possible. (Buttons march, belts circle a waistline, a flaring hem swings, etc.)
- ✦ Tell the biggest problem you encountered in sewing the outfit. Tell new sewing techniques you learned. Saying you put the sleeve in six times can encourage some of your audience who are less skilled.
- ✦ Add some humor, something amusing that happened while sewing (In her rush to finish the dress, Sue put the zipper in upside down).
- ✦ If there are two parts to your outfit, such as a coat and dress, mention the outer layer first.
- ✦ Read copy (description of clothes) in fashion magazines and pattern envelopes.
- ✦ As you complete your commentary, go over it to see where it could be made more cheerful, complimentary and interesting.
- ✦ Read it aloud when completed. Does it flow smoothly?

Suggestions for Practice:

Go over the above suggestions at a project meeting, then break up in twos or threes. Pick one person's outfit, even if it's jeans and a T-shirt, and write a fashion commentary that makes the outfit and the model appealing. Read aloud while the person models. Near Fashion Revue time, bring outfits, even if not completed, and again write commentary about them working in groups.

Which is Better and Why?

"And here is Mary Jane Smith modeling a red, white and blue suit. The cardigan jacket has a round collar, long sleeves and buttons down the front. The blue dress underneath has red pockets, a back zipper and features the ever so popular A-line silhouette. Mary Jane accessorized her outfit with navy shoes and purse. Thank you."

OR

"It's the 4th of July for Mary Jane Smith every time she wears this patriotic suit. And she has a right to celebrate! The jaunty jacket sports shiny star buttons on the roaring red wool. And what a great idea! The scraps from the jacket turn into patch pockets on the military blue dress. Mary Jane has six years of 4-H sewing, but always finds a new challenge.

She made this suit during a thunderstorm, finishing just before the electricity went off.

Can you imagine how great the outfit will be at UCLA, where Mary Jane will be a freshman this fall?"



O.D. "Mac" McCUTCHEON MEMORIAL 4-H AG SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. McCutcheon was the Agronomy Farm Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension in Kings County from 1947 to 1982. A native of West Virginia, he left the university there just one class short of his degree, to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the war, he finished his degree at UC Davis. Even before working for Cooperative Extension, he served as a 4-H leader, a Farm Advisor, and continued to support the Kings County 4-H program as a leader and parent.

This \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a present or former Kings County 4-H member who is graduating from high school and planning to major in agronomy or another discipline in agriculture. Students must have completed at least three years in the Kings County 4-H program.

Preference will be given to students planning to major in agronomy or crop science. If there is no sufficiently qualified applicant in this major, consideration will be given to those majoring in any other forms of agriculture, including agri-business.

Applications are available at the CE Office. Submit it along with the biography and transcript by **April 1, 2011** to: University of California Cooperative Extension Office at 680 N. Campus Dr., Hanford, CA.

EVERETT "FUZZY" FEAVER MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP



This \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a present Kings County 4-H member who is graduating from high school and planning additional education at a vocational school, community college or four-year college or university. The member must have already completed at least two years of 4-H at the time of application.

The emphasis for selection of the recipient will be on the leadership and community service exhibited by the member in 4-H and other settings. Applicants must submit their completed 4-H record book from last year along with the application.

Applications are available at the CE Office. Submit the following by **April 1, 2011** to: University of California Cooperative Extension Office at 680 N. Campus Dr., Suite A, Hanford, CA 93230:

BROCK JARRETT TOLEDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Applications for the Brock Jarrett Toledo Memorial Scholarship are now available at the Kings County Cooperative Extension Office, at all Kings County High School Agricultural Departments and through the California Holstein Association.

Applications may also be obtained by writing Mr. & Mrs. Ron Toledo, 242 Star Drive, Hanford, CA 93230. Applicants must be graduating seniors from Kings County, OR graduating seniors and members in good standing of the California Jr. Holstein Association planning to attend a college or university with a major in Agriculture. Applicants must also be a member or former member of 4-H for a minimum of four years, enrolled in dairy or livestock projects.

Applications must be postmarked no later than MARCH 31, 2011

STATE 4-H LIST OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H GROUPS, MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS



The [State 4-H Office](#) offers funding for 4-H group projects, financial aid to 4-H members, and awards for members, volunteers, and groups, on an annual basis.

We wish to thank all of the individuals, companies and foundations that made gifts to the [CA 4-H Foundation](#) to make these funding opportunities possible. For more information visit the 4-H website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/FundingOpps/>

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION SCHOLARSHIPS

The South Central Section Scholarship applications are now available. There is a total of \$1500 available to be used for scholarships of \$250 each. Please see the application on the Kings County 4-H website for qualifications.

Applications and/or accompanying documents must be postmarked by April 2, 2011.

Click on link below below for information and application.

http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/Scholarships_800/



**2011 NATIONAL 4-H
CONFERENCE**
Chevy Chase, Maryland
April 2 – April 9, 2011

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's *premier* youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the future of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults – at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture – assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Province. Click on link for more details: <http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>

4-H LEADERS FORUM



**“Cruising to 4-H Excellence”
May 7 - 14, 2011 - Cruise from
Seattle, Washington to Alaska**

Welcome to the 2011 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum – Cruising to 4-H Excellence. This year's Forum is different than those in the past. It is going to take place on M.S. Westerdam, a Holland America Line cruise ship. We will be sailing roundtrip from Seattle to Alaska in seven days. We depart on Saturday, May 7th and return on May 14th. While at sea (and sometimes in port) we will have exciting keynote presentations, workshops and group events. It will feature a Murder Mystery activity, Awards Ceremony and Workshops on Wheels.

Join 4-H leaders from 13 western states. Financial assistance will be available from the Kings County 4-H Council. Additional information is available at: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/>

STATE 4-H FIELD DAY

May 28, 2011 at UC Davis



The State 4-H Field Day is an event for the entire family! 4-H members, siblings, parents, and volunteers can participate in numerous activities that take place during the event, which is held at the UC Davis campus each year.

Events held at the State 4-H Field Day:

- State 4-H Presentation Day
- State 4-H Fashion Revue
- Plant Science Contest
- Judging Contest
- Logo Design Contest
- Exhibits and Displays
- Photography Contest
- Film Festival

Some activities at the State 4-H Field Day require qualification and pre-registration. Information about the 2011 State 4-H Field Day will be available in January 2011. Should you have any questions, please call the State 4-H Field Day Hotline at (530) 752-4790. Or visit the State 4-H website link at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/> For more info go to: <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/>

COUNTYWIDE 4-H RABBIT MEETING



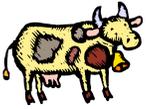
There will be a countywide rabbit meeting on **Thursday, March 17th** at 6:30 p.m. at the CE Office. The meeting is for all Kings County 4-H rabbit members or those thinking about having a rabbit project. For more information, please contact Kathy Lugo at 582-4760, in the evening.



The 2011 Kings Fair will be July 7-10. Come and bring the family for good fun, great music, race cars, animals and more!!

The 2011 California State Fair is scheduled to run from July 13 to July 31, 2011.

NEW NEW NEW
LIVESTOCK RULE



All exhibitors that are showing and/or selling an animal through the Dairy Sale or the Junior Livestock Auction are required to be personally present in the arena at the time of the show and sale.

Violations of this rule will result in the following:

- 1) A penalty-fee deduction of 25% from the net sale price of the animal; and
- 2) A **one (1) year suspension** from all activities (including showing and selling of animals, etc.) at the Kings Fair for each offending exhibitor.

The above paragraph will be added to all dairy and livestock contracts.

If you have any questions regarding this new rule, please contact Angie Avila, Fair Manager, or the office at 584-3318.



AVIAN BOWL RESULTS

For the first time, Kings County competed in the Avian Bowl, held at the Greater California Society of

Poultry Fanciers show at the Fresno Fairgrounds on Feb 19. Junior team members Emilie Leal and Trevor Rhoades placed 4th and the Senior team of Morgan Gallegos and Luke Goss placed 2nd. Members of the teams are quizzed in a game show type format on a variety of subjects taken from the 4-H Avian Bowl Manual of 195 pages.

By participating on an avian bowl team, the members are encouraged to study the many aspects of avian and poultry sciences. It also encourages youth to expand their knowledge of avian facts and become more proficient in poultry and related subjects.

The next avian bowl qualifier in California will be held in Ventura on April 9th. Anyone interested in being a contestant please contact Don Mattos at 707-6063. Congratulations to all the participants on a job well done!

4-H THRIVE



Thrive is defined as “to grow vigorously and healthily”. California 4-H is a community made up of young people who thrive. 4-H Thrive is an opportunity to provide volunteers, staff and youth with concrete tools that more intentionally and consistently help youth to reach their full potential. 4-H Thrive is not a new program or project but rather a progression in the development of promising practices in positive youth development that clearly translates theory and research into action to support youth to thrive. 4-H has received a generous donation from the Thrive Foundation for Youth to help foster this transition from theory to action. In partnering with the Thrive Foundation for Youth, California 4-H Youth Development is at the forefront of defining how the evolving research and practices of positive youth development fit together to benefit the youth of California. Thrive coming to Kings County soon!

SHOOTING SPORTS



**Kings County 4-H Fair
Archery Camp/Archery
Match**

Lemoore 4-H will be hosting an overnight archery camp. Room for trailers and tents. No hook-ups. Dry camping only. **RSVP by April 6th 2011** for overnight camping and Saturday night BBQ. All overnight campers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Contact Stan Barry at (559) 974-2551 or email: stanbarry@ymail.com

For information on this event and other upcoming Shooting Sports please visit the UCCE website or click on the link: http://ceking.s.ucdavis.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Forms_and_Resources/Shooting_Sports_914/

COUNTY-WIDE DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT



Project Leaders:
Julie Stine (559) 824-4321
Steve Smith (559) 582-9467

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

Meeting Schedule 2011

Date	Time	Location
Sat 3/12	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena
Sat 4/2	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena
Sat 4/23	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena
Sat 5/7	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.



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 contact Denise Cuendett at 582-3211 Ext. 2734 to set up a time.



DOG SHOW



Hey all 4-Hers! On May 7, 2011 the Dog Project is going to have its show for the 4-H fair. We will be showing our dogs in showmanship, obedience, and agility. If you have ever seen the American Kennel Club Dog Shows, then you know what showmanship looks like. If not, then you stack your dog and present them to a judge, and you are judged on form and obedience. Obedience is showing how obedient your dog is when you command it to sit, lie down, and stay. And agility is like what you see in the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge where the dogs are going over and through obstacles. We will start our show at 9:00 a.m. on May 7th. Everyone is invited to come watch and support the 4-H Dog Project. So come on down to the Kings Fairgrounds and let your day go to the dogs!

Lauren Smith

FARM DAY

The Kings County Farm Bureau, the Kings County Office of Education, and the Kings Fair are proud to present Kings County Farm Day, an educational enrichment program for all third graders in the county. Farm Day will take place on **March 10, 2011** at the Kings Fairgrounds. 4-H members who are interested in presenting at Farm Day, please contact Loretta Toledo at 584-5177 or Diana Peck at the Farm Bureau at 584-3557.



2011 RABBIT SHOW

The Central Valley Rabbit Breeders Association is having an open and youth Rabbit Show on Saturday, **March 26, 2011**. It will be held at the Kings County Fairgrounds in the Commercial Building. If anyone is interested in having a rabbit project for 4-H this year, or just a pet rabbit, this is a good place to see all of the different breeds and rabbit equipment. More than 2,000 rabbits of all shapes, sizes, breeds and colors will be on display. There will be rabbits for sale. The public is invited and admission is free. The show starts at 8:30 am and lasts all day until 5:00 p.m. Come early, because the rabbits start to leave as the judging progresses. For further information, please contact Kathy Lugo at 582-4760.





2011-2012 4-H STATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Information for Youth and Adults

Interested in becoming a 4-H State Ambassador?



The State 4-H Office accepts and evaluates applications in the spring of each year. The 2011-2012 4-H State Ambassador Application is available now for download. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by **March 25, 2011**. Click on link to download application.: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2827.doc>

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 2011 and ending August 31, 2012. 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, 2011, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2011.

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.



CLUB REPORTS ATTENTION: CLUB REPORTERS

Club reports may be e-mailed to kings4H@ucdavis.edu **DUE 3RD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Delta View 4-H

Reporter: Royce Caetana

Grangeville 4H

Reporter: Ashley Daniel

Island 4-H Club

Reporter: Reed Tompkins

Lemoore 4-H Club

Reporter: Hailee French and Riley Cuning

Oakvale 4-H Club

Reporter: Ally Flores

Oakvale 4H started out their meeting with a raffle as their activity. led by macey hammerstrom and Tara Fry. The meeting was called to order by President Ryan Olson at 7:11pm Flag Salute led by Macey hammerstrom and 4Hpledge held by tara Fry. Ashley Olson read roll call as well as minutes from January meeting. Vice President kendall Woods made motion to approve. Ashley Olson did a presentation called Rates of Decomposition. She also got up and talked about LCORT and the great time she had! our kids that attended and participated in Presentation Day/Favorite Foods Fair and place setting contest got up to talk about what awards they received! Great job Oakvale! There were reports this evening on Arts and Crafts, Sun Maid field trip, Beginning 4H. We encouraged members to make more of the hospital gowns for Operation Cover Up. We also brought up wanting to bring back the tradition of Making Dinner for the Firemen. We hold our meetings at a firestation and feel that we are always interrupting the firemen during their 'rest' time. So Kendall volunteered as Committee chair and we will be discussing further on what and when and where!! The Woods family brought Valentine goody bags for the refreshments. The Hardt family has volunteered for next months refreshments.

Another announcement is that February was the month to decorate the CE window at county office! A couple of us enjoyed making it look 'Valentiney' and 4 leaf clover'y! Fun Fun! We will be starting horse projects soon and gearing up for lamb projects!! Meeting was adjourned at 7:33...it was a quick one!!

Mid Valley 4-H

Reporter: Tyler Johnson

