



University of California
Cooperative Extension Kings County

4-H Youth Talk

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2011 4-H FAIR – May 12-14

All Animal entries in the 4-H Fair
are due to the CE Office
by 12:00 Noon on Friday, April 22, 2011.



Thursday, May 12, 2011:

9:00 am - Hansen Building opens for club table decorating. Tables will be assigned and placed based on their response by the club leader to Building Chairperson by May 9, 2011. A maximum of two (2) tables per club.

3:30 - 6:00 pm - Judging of all Indoor Exhibits, including food - **Members should be present for judging.** They will present their projects to the judge in person. If a member cannot be present, items will be held and judged at the end. Presence of the member is highly desirable.

Friday, May 13, 2011:

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Beef and Meat Goat Weigh-in
4:00 pm - Dairy Replacement Inspection and Dairy Yearling Inspection * (4-H members do not have to wear their uniforms for inspection)
5:00 - 7:00 pm - Sheep and Swine Weigh-in
5:30 - Poultry- Check-in
5:30 - Rabbit and Cavy Show
6:00 pm - Poultry Show
6:00 pm - Meat Goat Show
6:30 pm - Dairy Goat Show
7:00 pm - Beef Show
3:00 - 7:00 pm - Take all animal exhibits to fairgrounds and weigh in. Only lactating dairy cows may come on Saturday
10:00 pm - Animals shown on Friday may be released after their show, except for showmanship winners for Round Robin. Stalls must be cleaned before exhibitors leave that night.
10:30 pm - Fairgrounds close - Gates will be locked at 10:30 pm. Please exit fairgrounds so attendant can secure barn area for the night. Exhibitors will be asked to leave. Gate will reopen Saturday at 6:00 a.m.



* SCALES CLOSE 5 P.M. SHARP FOR BEEF *

* SCALES CLOSE 7 P.M. SHARP FOR SHEEP AND SWINE*

Saturday, May 14, 2011:

Before 8:00 am - Lactating dairy cows may be brought to the fairgrounds
7:00 - 9:00 am - Final grooming of animals in show barns
8:00 am - Dairy Show Begins
8:00 am - Swine Judging Begins

9:00 am - Exhibit Building open (staffed by volunteers)

9:00 am - Sheep Judging begins

11:30 am - Small Animal Round Robin in first available show ring (rabbits, dogs, poultry, & pygmy goats)

1:00 pm - Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship followed by Award Presentation

After awards - Check out for all exhibits

Pick up Indoor Awards

PEN AND STALL CLEAN-OUT BEFORE YOU LEAVE

PROCEDURES

Judging System

Exhibits are judged by the Danish System. Entries are placed 1st (blue), 2nd (red), 3rd (white), according to their inherent quality. An exhibit is awarded its placement regardless of the number of exhibits placing above or below.

Liability for Loss

The Kings District Fair and the Kings County 4-H Club Council do not assume responsibility for protecting exhibits or visitors from loss or injury.

Showing Old Projects

An exhibit may be shown only once in the 4-H Fair, except livestock dept.

Exhibit Removal

Animals shown on Friday may be released that evening at 10:00 p.m., except for Round Robin winners. Livestock and Home Economics will be released after Round Robin and Awards have been completed. Stalls must be cleaned before animals and exhibitors leave.

Expenses

To save on our expenses, please use only the lights and heat when necessary.

Bedding for Animals

No bedding will be provided. Exhibitors will need to provide their own shavings (no straw) and clean stalls and pens before taking animals home on Friday or Saturday. There is a \$25.00 fee per pen that will be charged if their shavings are not removed or cleaned out.

****If a barn area is roped off, please do not use that area unless you have approval from the project chairs of that species.**

Don't forget your shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows.



SHOOTING SPORTS – ARCHERY MATCH

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

**Event date: Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and
17, 2011. 4-H Camp-Saturday, April 16.**

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.ucdavis.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Forms_and_Resources/Shooting_Sports_914/



SHOOTING SPORTS- RIFLE MATCH

Saturday, April 30, 2011

**San Joaquin Valley (SJV)
& Kings County 4-H Fair Prone and Prone Rested
Small Bore Rifle Tournaments**

Location: Lemoore Sportsman's Club. 23310 Elgin Avenue, Lemoore.

Sponsored by: Kings County 4-H Shooting Sports Project and Grangeville 4-H Shooting Sports.

Competition is open to:

SJV-Is open to any active 4-H member in Kings County that is enrolled in a 4-H shooting sports project.

KC 4-H Fair-Is open to any active 4-H member that is enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports project in Kings county.

Entry fees: \$10-One tournament. \$15 for both. Fees collected at check in.

Entries: Contact Coby LaBlue, Tournament Coordinator, clablue@sbcglobal.net.

For more information visit the UCCE website.



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

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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.



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 4 & 5 of this newsletter for more information.

Entry forms also available on the website.

**There will be no decorating on Friday night.
Everything will be done on Saturday morning.**

KARLI'S CORNER

State Fashion Revue News for 2011



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

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 Engebretth (Sonoma County) at: maryengebretth@comcast.net
or Sue Moore (Tuolumne County) samoore@ucdavis.edu

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 Engebretth at: maryengebretth@comcast.net

STATE FASHION REVUE

"OPERATION COVER-UP"



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.

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.



STATE FAIR COMPETITION



Reminder for the 4-H sewers and needlers that the deadline for entry into the Youth Art & Design Expo Competition at the State Fair is April 15. This year there is a special same day judging event for all Fashion & Textile Show entries on April 30.

Exhibitors bring in their actual entries and they will be judged that same day. Go to: www.bigfun.org for more information or contact: Michelle Johnson, Youth Programs, California State Fair at: (916).263.3189 phone (916).263.7914 fax

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 **Cents 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.

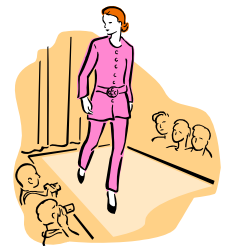
One of our goals in the **Purchased Category** is to encourage members to spend their clothing dollars wisely. **The maximum amount that can be spent on a purchased fashion revue entry is \$100, including shoes and accessories**, but members are encouraged to try to spend less. **For those 14 and older, 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?"

KINGS COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS CONTEST



Those wishing to apply for Kings County Dairy Princess, must be at least a high school junior and not over twenty-one years of age. They must have their parents' consent and be a Kings County resident. Requirements: have resided on a dairy at some time during her life, be the daughter of the owner of a dairy farm, own her own dairy cattle or raise her own dairy cattle. If you are interested, please call Lil Draxler for applications and more information at: 583-7111. Applications must be returned to Ella Sue Duarte (583-6643) by 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2011.



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!



SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

The 2011 South Central Sectional Presentation Day will be held on

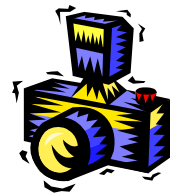
Saturday, April 16, 2011, at:
Thomas Jefferson Middle School
305 Griffith Avenue in Wasco, CA

LEADER AND SPONSORS RECOGNITION DINNER



Don't forget the annual 4-H Leader and Sponsors Recognition Dinner on **Tuesday, May 17th** at 7 pm at the Kings Fairgrounds - Belle Bogan Building, 810 South 10th Avenue, Hanford.

This is the evening we thank all the sponsors and the 4-H leaders in the county. Each club is also given the opportunity to recognize any special people who have helped their club this year. Leaders, watch the mail for your invitation.



STATE 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The California 4-H Photography Contest is designed to provide an opportunity for regular 4-H members (ages 9-19) to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. The photography contest is held during the California 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis. The entries will be judged in the morning to early afternoon. After the judging is complete, the doors will be open to the public for viewing. Awards for the photography contest will be announced during the Awards Ceremony at State Field Day.

Second Annual Photography Contest-2011

CA 4-H State Field Day
May 28, 2011, 8:30 am-6:00 pm
Social Sciences Building, UC Davis Campus
[View Map](#)

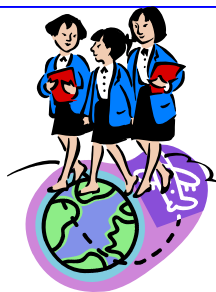
Photography Contest Coordinator

John Trammell, CA 4-H Technology Leadership Team
techdude4h@gmail.com
(909) 844-1747

For more information go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/>

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/.

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. The first trip is March 16, so immediate donations of used glasses would be appreciated.

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.



**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.



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://ceking.ucdavis.edu/files/76313.pdf>



RESPONSE TO THE JAPANESE DISASTER FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Many people are worrying about their friends in Japan. Our office and many Labo tutors and families are receiving emails and calls from people in the US (former HF/ delegates, states, and 4-H clubs) who want to mail things to Japan. We appreciate everyone's kindness and concerns. Right now, though, the primary problem is not one of supply, but of distribution. There seems to be enough emergency relief items in other parts of Japan; however, due to road blocks, it's challenging for the government to deliver the supplies to the affected areas.

Unfortunately, there is no mail going to Miyagi-ken at this time and people are not in a position to store or ship anything at this time. Jill Holmgren, State Coordinator from Alaska, is in Japan now, and she said "It is worth letting U.S. people know that *from what I can see here, there is no point in sending blankets, jackets, other items etc as they cannot get to the people who so desperately need them. The militaries from many countries are in northeastern Japan, bringing what food and blankets they can, with helicopters.*

Here are some ideas for how you CAN help: According to the Japanese government website and other announcements in Japan, the best way to help is to contribute donations to the **Japanese Red Cross** (please see link below). Think about what you might want to **send later**, in a couple months or more, to show that you are thinking of your Japanese friends.

The States' 4-H administrative office in Seattle suggests that:

A good form of non-financial help is for state programs to **submit the Japan Summer Host Family applications as soon as possible**. This will give the youth something to look forward to amidst the chaos, and will surely alleviate the anxiety they feel when placements are last minute. Also, by placing all of our youth quickly, we will reduce the burden on Labo staff, who are probably feeling overwhelmed by this tragedy.

Click on this link to be directed to Google's Crisis Response page, where donations are being collected.

<http://www.google.co.jp/intl/en/crisisresponse/japanquake2011.html>

The amount of the donation should be entered in Japanese Yen. For reference, \$10 is approximately 800 Yen, and \$25 is about 2,000 Yen. (The website www.xe.com is an easy-to-use currency converter.)

Thanks for your inquiry.



2011 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR SACRAMENTO

The 2011 California State Fair is scheduled to run from July 14-31, 2011.

For more information: <http://www.bigfun.org/>

CE OFFICE WINDOW GRANGEVILLE 4-H



Grangeville 4-H Club is responsible for decorating the window in the CE Office for the month of April 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

April 5, 2011
May 3, 2011



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/>

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/>



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/>

COUNTYWIDE 4-H RABBIT MEETING



There will be a countywide rabbit meeting on **Thursday, April 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.

COUNTY-WIDE POULTRY MEETING



There will be a countywide poultry meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 6:00 pm, at the home of Don Mattos. For more information, contact Don at: 707-6063

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 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.



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



KINGS COUNTY HOMECOMING & HISTORY DAY May 9-14, 2011

The Kings County Homecoming Committee would like to invite the 4-H Clubs of Kings County to participate in Kings County Homecoming Week. This is a weeklong event celebrating the pioneer spirit of those who first came to the San Joaquin Valley and settled in what is today called Kings County. Homecoming week every year kicks off with the "Round-Up" Breakfast on the Monday following Mother's Day where we enjoy a hardy pioneer breakfast and recognize our Homecoming "Royalty."

We culminate the week's festivities with the annual Homecoming Parade and Celebration in the park. There is also going to be a Kings County History Day competition open to 4th through 12th grade students in Kings County. Entry forms and registration are due by May 2, 2011

Western wear is the accepted and encouraged clothing style during Homecoming Week. All forms and more information are available on the site or by calling, Sandra Dawson 559-643-1957 (cell) or 559-582-2015 (work).

Website: <http://kingscountyhomecoming.org/>



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

Guernsey 4-H

Reporter: Lauren Pepe

February 14, 2011-

Flag salute was lead by Matthew Fuentes and the 4-H pledge lead by Jasmine Morris. Treasurer reports were read and then all members attending gave a report. Saturday February 19 there was a cooking/ arts and crafts meeting, and another Saturday February 26.

Island 4-H Club

Reporter: Reed Tompkins

Lemoore 4-H Club

Reporter: Hailee French and Riley Cunning

March 2011

The meeting of the Lemoore 4-H club was called to order at 6:38p.m. on March 9 at Cinnamon Elementary in Lemoore. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H, pledge was the Vice-President's game, which was a St. Patrick's Day quiz. The members had a lot of fun playing. In old business, we talked in length about Farm Day and who in our club would be participating. Mrs. Barry would be leader of the poultry barn and brought many of her chickens, ducks and turkeys. Several of our members did short presentations to all the third graders coming through. We also talked about California Focus, the California State Leadership Conference and State Fashion Revue. In New Business, we discussed the 4-H Fair and The Kings Fair. We have many members showing animals this year, had more kids than ever stood up and gave their project reports. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Oakvale 4-H Club

Reporter: Ally Flores

Mid Valley 4-H

Reporter: Tyler Johnson

