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CALIFORNIA FOCUS

June 15 - 19, 2012 - 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 2012 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 January 13 2012**. Applications are available at the CE Office, or you may download the forms from the State web site: www.ca4h.org/files/122943.pdf.

Members must have completed the 8th Grade by the conference. The cost is \$550.00 for youth and \$650.00 for adults.

The Kings County 4-H Council is offering six **scholarships of \$185.00** 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 2010-11 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.

Additional financial assistance (based on need) from the state is available, applications are due by December 2, 2011. Forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/122944.pdf>

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EMERALD STAR PLANS DUE



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

Eligibility: Members who have completed two years of 4-H and are at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2012 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 3, 2012 - Applicants submit a plan for their Emerald Star Program

January 19, 2012 - Interviews for Emerald Star Candidates

January - June 2012 - Projects must be completed during the 2011-12 club year.

Members wishing to apply for All Star in 2011 must complete their Emerald Star project before applying for All Star in April.

April 2012 - 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 2012 - 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!

This information can also be accessed on the UCCE Web site at:

[http://cekings.ucdavis.edu/Kings County 4-H Program/4-H Forms and Resources/](http://cekings.ucdavis.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Forms_and_Resources/)

Holiday Community Service Projects



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

On behalf of the Kings County Human Services Agency/Child Protective Services, the 4-H Council will answer their request for donations of new, **unwrapped** gifts (could be clothing, toys or other gifts) for children ages 0-18 years who are in foster care homes.

Please try to bring your gifts to the CE Office **no later than Friday, December 2nd**, as they need to be wrapped and distributed by December 22nd. Gifts need to be unwrapped, or in a gift bag.

The following is approximately the ages and amount of children currently receiving services from the Agency that is requesting gift donations:

- 185 boys: 0-18 years of age
- 185 girls: 0-18 years of age

Thank you for caring. We hope this holiday season brings happiness and joy to you and your family.



SLIPPER SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Slipper socks with skid proof bottoms for seniors in rest homes are also being collected by the Kings County Department of Child Support Services. **These are due in the CE office on Friday, December 16.**



BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Mid Valley 4-H Club would like to invite any 4-H member to help ring the bell outside Wal-Mart. The two dates are Dec. 22nd and 23rd from 8am to 8pm, working two hour shifts.

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

4-H CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m. plan performances
9:00 a.m.– performances begin

Place: Valley Christian Home
511 E. Malone St., Hanford



This program will help spread the Holiday Spirit to these senior citizens. Bring the materials needed for your performance. If you need help with an idea, there will be poems and other items for your use.

The Variety Show is a community service and can be counted in your record book. If you have any questions, please contact the Smith Family at 582-9467. Thanks and hope to see you there!

LEMOORE CHRISTMAS PARADE AND OFFICIAL LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Lemoore Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Lemoore. For more information, call the Lemoore Chamber at 924-6401.

FAVORITE FOODS FAIR & PLACE SETTING CONTESTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **Saturday, February 18th, 2012** at Hanford West High School. These two contests will be held in conjunction with County 4-H Presentation Day!

~ **FAVORITE FOODS FAIR** ~
now with NO TABLE SETTING
and
~ **PLACE SETTING CONTEST** ~
now with NO FOOD

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

Participants may enter online via the King County 4-H web site or entry forms can be downloaded from the web site or are available from the CE Office.

Entries are due February 10, 2012

There will be a planning meeting for these two events Tuesday, December 13th at noon at the UCCE Office.

An Invitation from Fresno County 4-H...



FESTIVE FAIRE
Saturday, January 7, 2012
FOWLER HIGH SCHOOL
701 E. Main St, Fowler

4-H Festive Faire is a baking and craft event for all 4-H'ers. Participants can make any food, displayed with decorations, and join the fun.

This is a great learning experience and 4-H tradition. Set up your display, all by yourself, and wait for the judging. Clubs may display and sell craft items. For credit for showmanship in your record book, you must be present when judging begins. 4-H uniform is strongly encouraged.

Entries will be accepted from **1:00 to 2 p.m.** and judging begins at **2:15 p.m.** A 10-minute photo session with participants and parents will be scheduled. Awards will be presented as soon as judging is completed. Then there will be time to sample the entries.

COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY



County Presentation Day gives members the chance to communicate an idea or concept to an audience. By going through the process of giving a presentation, members learn how to research a subject, organize ideas in a logical order, and practice public speaking skills which are valuable later in life. There are many different types of presentations, ranging from demonstrations to audio-visual to problem solving. Every member is encouraged to give a presentation each year.

Kings County 4-H Presentation Day is scheduled for February 18th, 2011.

For those participants excelling at County Presentation Day, they may advance to Sectional Presentation Day to be held in Fresno County on April 21st.

Please see the next page of this newsletter for the various categories or the full manual at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/2193.pdf>

4-H WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM



The **2012 Western Regional Leader's Forum** is planned for **January 12-15**, in Cheyenne Wyoming. Plan to join us for a fun and exciting time under Cowboy Skies!

Online registration is now available at:

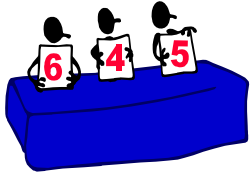
<http://www.cvent.com/d/9cq7s5/1Q>.

Registration will close on December 15, 2011. The host hotel for WRLF is The Historic Plains Hotel in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A special rate of \$99 is available to conference participants. Reservations can be made now by contacting them at 307-638-3311 and mentioning you are attending the event.

4-H PRESENTATION CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Excerpts for 4-H Presentation Format Descriptions – See manual for full descriptions at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2193.pdf>

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 JUDGING DAY RESULTS

On November 12th, more than 100 4-H members participated in Judging Day. Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who made this event possible. The results are as follows:

General Division

High Point Sr. – Steven Allison - Island

High Point Jr. – Sage Sozinho– Kings River

High Point Sr. Team – Adam Daniel, Ashley Daniel, Jacob Willhite-Grangeville

High Point Jr. Team – Hayden Costa, Mary Rosa, Austin Blomquist-Kings Harvest

Home Economics Division

High Point Sr. – Ashley Daniel-Grangeville

High Point Jr. – Justin Wilhelm- Grangeville

High Point Sr. Team – Ashley Daniel, Jacob Willhite-Grangeville

High Point Jr. Team– Justin Wilhelm, Danielle Stephens, Peyton McConaughy-Grangeville

Livestock Division

High Point Sr. – Danielle Calderon-Lemoore

High Point Jr. – Skyler Adney-Mid Valley

High Point Sr. Team –Danielle Calderon, David Blancarte, Tony Alcala-Lemoore

High Point Jr. Team – Elliot Martin, Kent Sheldon, Jared Dragt-Kings River



BBQ NEWS

About 900 meals were served at the annual 4-H Council barbecue.

Congratulations to all ticket sellers! If you still have money or unsold tickets, please return them to your club leader.

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

SPIRIT LEI AWARD WINNERS



Judging Day, November 12, 2011

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who won spirit leis:

Brett Hair-Guernsey 4-H

Jace Hair-Guernsey 4-H

Chad Ornellas-Grangeville 4-H

Trisitea Shugert-Central Valley 4-H

Elizabeth Schugert-Central Valley 4-H

Daulton Garcia– Lemoore 4-H

Wyatt Ward– Kings Harvest 4-H

The next opportunity to win the Spirit Lei Award will be at County Presentation Day on **February 18, 2012.**



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

A big thanks to those who have been participating in the S.H.A.R.E.S. program by swiping your cards at Save Mart. The returns have been great and helps support the many 4-H activities in Kings County. The card can be used at Save Mart, Smart Foods, Food Maxx and Lucky grocery stores.

More cards are available at the UCCE Office, please stop by and pick one up.

Keep up the good work and remember to use your card during the Holiday Season!



2012 STATE FASHION REVUE
By: Ronni Barbeiro
Date: Saturday, May 26, 2012
Location: Olson Hall, UC Davis

Two Challenge Entry Categories for 2012:

\$19.99 Purchased Challenge - Cost for the whole outfit, not including cost of shoes and sales tax.

and

Bag Up Fashion Challenge— Sew a tote bag from Simplicity pattern #7161, View A only, and model it with an outfit that coordinates with the tote bag. You will not be judged on the outfit, but how the tote bag is presented and the overall appearance of your outfit. Be creative! Show off your personality in your design. This cute, easy to make tote bag will become a wonderful accessory to your wardrobe or make a great gift to give after the Fashion Revue contest.

NOTE: This Simplicity pattern will be discontinued as of February 2012. Please plan to purchase your pattern early. If you are unable to find a pattern, please contact the UCCE Office. There is one copy of the pattern there, and it will need to be cut out in CE Office.



The Recycled category is eliminated this year for the State Contest.

If you, or your project group, would like more information about SFR, additional categories or service projects that will be eligible at SFR, or would like to assist our committee, please visit our web site at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

2012 COUNTY FASHION REVUE

Mark your calendars for the Kings County Fashion Revue to be held April 14th at Trinity Hall, Lemoore.

Please Note: The Recycled category is still in place for the Kings County Fashion Revue. This category will not be eligible to go on to State competition due to new state rules.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Quilts for Wounded Warriors

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 ½" x 12 ½" squares then they can be combined with other squares to make a whole quilt.

The Million Pillowcase Challenge



The challenge is to donate one million pillowcases to local charities throughout California. Every pillowcase can make a difference. A pillowcase can

provide comfort for a cancer patient, hope for a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman, or beauty for a nursing home resident. The goal is 500 pillowcases by State Fashion Revue.

You don't need to be enrolled in a sewing project to participate—turn this into a fun club project.

Pillowcase size =20" x 30" (Standard bed pillow)

Free patterns and more information about the project:

Allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES TO SECTIONAL 4-H COUNCIL NEEDED

Kings County has two vacancies for youth to represent us at the Sectional 4-H Council. A special election to fill those vacancies will be held at the December 6 Kings County 4-H Council meeting. Youth must be in the 9th grade or above to serve.



COUNTY-WIDE DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT

Project Leaders:
Sonia Borges (559) 707-3835
Steve Smith (559) 582-9467
Rhonda Stephens (559) 582-8166

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

Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

Date	Time	Location	
Sat 12/17	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	Doggy Christmas Craft
Sat 1/21	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	
Sat 2/4	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	Look alike contest with your dog
Sat 2/18	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	
Sat 3/3	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	Regular meeting with games
Sat 3/17	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	
Sat 4/7	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	
Sat 4/21	2-4 pm	Dairy show arena	
May	TBA		

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.

COUNTYWIDE POULTRY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the CE Multi-purpose room. If you have any questions please call Don at 707-6063.



COUNTYWIDE RABBIT MEETING

There will not be a countywide rabbit meeting in December. For more information, please contact Kathy Lugo at 582-4760, in the evening.



SHOOTING SPORTS LEADERS– MARK YOUR CALENDARS



A State Shooting Sports Leader Meeting will be held April 28 & 29, 2012 at the Oakdale Sportsman's Club in Stanislaus County.

There will be hands-on sampler sessions for adult and teen leaders as well as updates on policies and programs. More details will be provided next month. You can also contact John Borba in Kern County at (661) 868-6216.

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:

December 6, 2011
 January 3, 2012
 February 7, 2012
 March 6, 2012
 April 10, 2012
 May 1, 2012



Recycled 4-H Whites

Continuing the recycled 4-H whites (shirts and pants) program is a contribution that we want to make in our community. We took advantage of the program last year, receiving whites for free. We know that once we get the word out, that many others will be able to take advantage too. So, if you need a uniform or would like to donate gently used white tops or pants to our program, you can contact us at 362-1997 or look for us at the following county events: Judging Day, Presentation Day, and 4-H Fair. Please help make our project successful by reusing and recycling. Thank you!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Paige McConnaughy & Aimee Daniel

Collection for SPCA



I am collecting items for the Animal Control, Pet Adoption Center, and the SPCA. They need supplies because of the budget cuts. I am asking you to please donate for my Emerald Star. Items needed are mostly cleaning supplies, toys, treats, and food. I will be back to collect items at your next meeting or you can call me at 559-582-9467 or drop it off at the CE office. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Items needed~

Paper towels, Lysol, Clorox, Sani-Hand Wipes, KMR Formula for Kittens, Arm & Hammer Scoopable Kitty Litter, ECOS brand laundry detergent, newspapers, collars & leashes, 33 gallon or larger trash bags, Pedigree Dog Food, Purina Cat Chow and Purina Kitten Chow.

Haley Smith



WASHINGTON FOCUS 2012

4-H members who will be 16 or will have completed the 10th grade by the date of travel; are eligible to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus program in Washington D.C. during the summer of 2012.

Washington Focus #1

Heritage Trail I – June 24-30, 2012 cost: \$1,840
Road to Democracy – June 24-July 2, 2012
cost: \$2,190

Washington Focus #2

Heritage Trail I – July 8-14, 2012 cost: \$1,840
Global Journey – July 8-17, 2012 cost: \$2,190

Meet 4-H'ers from across California while you expand your life skills and learn more about your community and state. Information is available in the CF Office on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/>. Registrations are due January 16th.

For questions contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.



LCORT 2012 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL TEENS January 27-29, 2012

Theme: Reeling in Success Through 4-H

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

When: January 27-29, 2012

Where: Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA
(www.wondervalley.com)

Cost: \$150.00 per delegate after December 1

Application: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/122083.pdf>

4-H HAPPENINGS COMING TO YOUR HOME!!

Beginning in January, each 4-H family will receive a 4-H Happenings mailing every other month. It will include an updated 2-month calendar with tips and ideas to enhance your 4-H participation.



Check your mailbox right after the first of the year.



2012-2013 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 2012-2013 4-H State Ambassador Application is available now for download. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by **March 31, 2012** Click on link to download application.: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>

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 2012 and ending August 31, 2013. 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, 2012, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2012.

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.

Lemoore 4-H Club

Reporter: Maddison French

The meeting of the Lemoore 4-H club was called to order at 6:38 p.m. on November 9th at Cinnamon Elementary school cafeteria. Cheyenne Miller and Austin Pugh led our pledges. We had our annual coats for kids and our can food drive, thanks to all of those whom made donations. We also made birthday announcements for everyone with a November birthday.

In old business, we talked about THRIVE, Club leader report, Project reports, Trick or Treat for UNICEF and the report on the 4-H council meeting.

In New Business, we talked about judging day, sweetshop volunteers, archery, dog obedience, and rabbit projects. We also talked about LCORT, Christmas parade, Washington Focus, and California Focus. We ended the night with a Recreation game and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Lemoore 4-H wishes everybody a happy Thanksgiving.

The UCCE Office will be closed from noon on December 23rd until January 3

Oakvale 4-H Club

Reporter: Tara Fry

Oakvale 4H started off their November meeting with an activity "animals talk" led by Paiton Coelho. Meeting was called to order by president Kendall Woods at 7:08 pm. Our flag salute was led by Justin Flood. Our 4H pledge led by Ryan Olson. Roll call of Members was read by Secretary Macey

Hammerstrom as was the minutes from October meeting. Our minutes were approved with a 1st and 2nd by Paiton Coelho and Shawn Dorrough. Treasurer's Report was read and approved as well. Ashley Olson and Tara Fry have been designated as Fashion Revue representatives and went to the State Field Day to share with others how to make and embellish pillowcases for the million pillow case challenge! They made total of 25 pillow cases while there. Our annual Halloween party was held at the Hammerstrom home this year and was a huge success. All who attended got up and talked about their favorite activity during the party. A fun time was had by all. We had to stuff 1400 rolls into bags for the 4H council bbq!! Our kids also participated in the judging events. All did well, ribbons were awarded to Macey Hammerstrom and Ashley Olson. We reminded members that they must be enrolled online by the month of December! Go online and get it done!! Our club voted to give a partial scholarship to the LCORT applicants. They were reminded to get the applications in by the 18th of this month.

Our club has adopted a rose garden in our local park in Kingsburg. We are planning a day in December and April to go and prune and clean up the rose bushes as a club. The month of December is busy for Oakvale. Our members can participate in Bell Ringing for Salvation Army, giving to a needy family, Christmas Caroling, strolling down the street in our local Christmas parade and end it all with a fun party at the bowling alley!! All these events chaired by Celeste Jimenez, Macey Hammerstrom, Tara Fry and Ashley Olson... Whew! It will be a crazy month! We also wanted to thank those that collected for UNICEF. We were able to write a check to the organization for \$84.26! Yay! Meeting was adjourned by club president Kendall Woods at 7:55. Macey and Celeste approved! Happy Holidays to everyone!

Happy Holidays from all the staff at the

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