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August Council Potluck Planned

Tuesday, August 7th at the UCCE Office at 6:30 PM

The Council is the decision making body for the Kings County 4-H Program. Each club needs to be represented at the meetings, and all 4-H families are welcome to attend. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get involved! In addition, this month there will be a potluck dinner! (YUM!) Meat, rice, rolls and beverage will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish to complement the menu.

The Kings County UCCE Director, Mr. Jim Sullins will be attending. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet the new County Director, and hear an update on happenings regarding budget, staffing etc. in the 4-H Program.



Deadline:

4-H News articles due for Youth Talk - August 17th

Please send all articles to gldiener@ucdavis.edu

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Giving Thanks

The Kings County Fair is over for another year, and now is the time to focus on "giving thanks". Many folks contributed to making the fair a successful experience for the participants- including award sponsors, livestock purchasers and add-on contributors. Take a few moments to sit down and compose a note to thank those that have contributed so much.

Thank you for the following awards may be sent to:

Indoor Exhibits- Best of Division Winners

Send Thank you to: Kings County Dairywomen
6780 Excelsior Avenue
Hanford, CA 93230

Indoor Exhibits- Best of Show Winners

Send Thank you to: Kings County 4-H Council
680 N. Campus Dr. Ste. A
Hanford, CA 93230

Indoor Exhibits- Clothing Award Winners

Send Thank you to: Anonymous Donor
c/o Kings County 4-H Council
680 N. Campus Dr. Ste. A
Hanford, CA 93230

Indoor Exhibits- Sugar Award for Foods

Send Thank you to: Kings Fair
P.O. Box 14
Hanford, CA 93230

New Council Secretary

Stacey Daniel is now serving as the new Council Secretary. Stacey filled the vacancy left by the resignation of Rhonda Chambers. Many thanks to Rondi for her year of service and to Stacey for filling the vacancy.

"Old Glory" Needs Your Help!

When you hear that phrase- "Oh say can you see..." hopefully you think of a pristine American flag waving in the breeze. The American and 4-H flags here in the UCCE Office need help in staying clean and serviceable. A 4-H'er(s) is needed to construct fabric storage bags to enable the flags to stay in good condition? If you are interested, please contact the UCCE Office at 852-2730

New Countywide Project Offered

A new countywide project focusing on Public Speaking and Interviewing is being offered for the new 4-H year. This project is available to 8th graders and older. It is geared for members interested in applying for Emerald Star, All Star and Ambassador, or those that just need help with job interviews and the basic interview process.

Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of every month (exception- December) from 4PM to 6PM at 10536 6th Avenue Hanford.

Meeting Schedule:

Sept. 17: Mechanics of Presenting

Oct. 15: Prepared Speeches

Nov. 19: Impromptu Speeches

Jan. 21: Problem Solving Presentations

Feb. 18: Resumes and Cover Letters

Mar. 18: Mock Interviews

April 15: The Application Process

May 25: Compete in the State interview contest at State Presentation Day

For more information, please contact project leader: Louise Draxler at moolu@unwiredbb.com.

Emerald Star Program



Attention 4-H members who intend to apply to become a Kings County All Star in the future: Completing an Emerald Star project is a requirement for those applying for All Star.

Purpose: The purpose of the Emerald Star Program is to provide leadership opportunities to 4-H members.

Eligibility: Members who have completed two years of 4-H and will be at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2013 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: Click on the following website for more details. http://ceking.ucdavis.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/Adult_Volunteers/4-H_Emerald_Star_Information/

The application due date has been changed to September 14th to the UCCE Office. Interviews will be held on September 27th.



Washington Focus 2013

Washington Focus, an educational conference offered at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C., gives youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need in order to become outstanding leaders.

Through tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it, and how they can apply their enhanced leadership and citizenship skills to issues in their own community.

Delegates to Washington Focus must be members in good standing and have completed their sophomore year in high school or be sixteen years of age or older by the conference date– Summer 2013. If you are interested in attending Washington Focus during the Summer of 2013, please complete and submit an application to the UCCE Office by September 14th. The application process involves an interview which will be held on September 27th. The application and more information are available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/Washington_Focus/.

Children's Hospital Central CA

Island 4-H members would like your help in collecting crayons, coloring books, games, puzzles, new stuffed toys and new books for the younger children in the hospital and gently used books for the literacy program.

All of us know a child who has been treated at Children's Hospital, and we know what a treasure this hospital is to the children in this valley. Please help by providing some activities to pass their time while in the hospital. You may drop off your donations at the UCCE Office. Call Bonnie Lowas at 924-0634 for more information.

Youth Talk News

The *Youth Talk* is a great way to publicize your club's activities. Club reporters are welcome to submit articles for publication in the *Youth Talk*. Simply write your article in news worthy fashion including the important information of who, what, when, where, why, how, and submit by the monthly deadline. The deadline for the September issue of the *Youth Talk* is August 17th.

State 4-H Record Book Judges Needed

Interested in taking your 4-H Record Book judging experiences to the next level? Why not apply to be a judge at State Record Book Judging?

Judge's responsibilities include– arriving on Friday, Nov. 30th by 1 PM for orientation. Judge 4-H Record Books on Dec. 1st, depart for home early evening. Judges provide written feedback on 4-H Record Books. Parents/guardians and relatives of current applicants are not eligible to judge. Travel and lodging expenses will be provided for or reimbursed by the State 4-H Office. You may apply on-line via the 4-H State website. Applications are due Oct. 1st.

Spread the Word....

As the new 4-H Year gets underway, it is time to think about ways to share the 4-H Program with other families in the community.

Why not encourage each of your veteran 4-H families to invite a new family they know to join 4-H? (Just think– how the Kings County 4-H Program would grow if each enrolled family invited one new family to join!) The veteran 4-H family can then serve as the family's mentor for the year. 4-H can be overwhelming to new families because there is so much to learn about participating in 4-H. New families can surely benefit from having a mentor to answer their questions.

Back-to-School Nights are another way to help spread the word about 4-H. Check with your local school and see if your 4-H Club can advertise to the parents and students attending Back-to-School Night.

Let's not keep this great organization to ourselves, help spread the word!

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