### Event/Deadline | Info
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3 | Labor Day ~ UCCE Office closed  
4 | Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM UCCE Office  
8-9 | Leadership Training @ 9:30 AM to 12 PM UCCE Office  
14 | Thrive Master Training Workshop  
17 | Emerald Star & WA Focus Applications due to the UCCE Office  
17 | Countywide Leadership Development Proj. Mtg. 4-6 PM @ Draxler’s  
19 | Countywide Poultry Meeting @ 6:00 PM UCCE Office  
20 | Countywide Rabbit Meeting @ 6:30 PM UCCE Office  
27 | Emerald Star & WA Interviews @ UCCE Office

### Kings County 4-H Joins Relay for Life
Kings County 4-H is participating in Relay for Life, in Hanford, on October 13-14, 2012. Our goal is to raise $2,400 for cancer research and to help those with cancer. We would like to challenge each club to have at least 1-2 members and leaders sign up for our Relay for Life team!

Being on an American Cancer Society Relay For Life team is an amazing experience! It will be a fun and rewarding community service event. We will be surrounded by family and friends, as our community celebrates those who have fought cancer, remembers the loved ones we've lost, and fights back against a disease that has taken too much from too many.

It would be an honor to have you on our team for this year's Relay For Life. The American Cancer Society is saving lives by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back.

Life is busy, but can you carve out one night to save lives? Just think, we can do it together! Are you ready to join the fight? It only takes a minute to join, and I promise it will be worth your while.

**PLEASE JOIN THE KINGS COUNTY 4-H TEAM!!!!!!**

Team Captain: Michelle White, you may contact her at: mwhite2465@sbcglobal.net

[Click below to visit her personal page.](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?px=29982398&epc=personal&fr_id=36348&efl=en_US&cc=TX&c=cY3-DTOHJ06epRgks&tafId=829750)

[Click below to view the team page for Kings County 4-H.](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?team_id=1224291&epc=team&fr_id=36348&efl=en_US&cc=TX&c=UljGvA&s_tafId=829750)

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Announcing the first annual Display Contest for National 4-H Week, October 7-13th. Clubs may enter as a club or individual project groups may choose to participate. The purpose is to promote 4-H and your club. Displays may be window, poster, booth etc. and must be set-up by October 9th. Once your display is in place, take pictures and submit to the UCCE Office via email at gldiener@ucdavis.edu by October 19th. Be sure to include the location of the display and the viewing hours. Judging will be based on creativity, information/educational value, accessibility to the general public and overall look of the display. Prize money will be awarded to the clubs with the top three displays: 1st place - $75; 2nd place - $50; 3rd place - $25.

National 4-H Week is the...

...perfect time to celebrate and tell your friends about 4-H and invite them to join! Let’s kick off the week by showing our pride at church. Services will be held at St. Brigid’s Church on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 6:00 PM. All members and their families are asked to sit on the left side together in the front. If you are interested in being an altar server, reading or collecting money or carrying the gifts, please email Paige McConnaughy at tamattos@kings.k12.ca.us. In order to count this in your 4-H Record Book, members must represent 4-H by wearing their whites or a 4-H shirt.

4-H Council News

Council is the decision making body of Kings County 4-H, and as a 4-H family you are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly meetings, normally held the first Tuesday of the month. Each club needs to be represented! The next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, September 4th
7:00 PM

UCCE Multi-Purpose Room

The tickets for the Annual Council BBQ Fundraiser (November 10th at the Kings Fair Grounds) will be ready for distribution to the Community Club Leaders. All 4-H members are encouraged to sell BBQ tickets, as this is the only fundraiser that Council sponsors. The proceeds are used for the many awards and events held during the year.

Yearly 4-H calendars will also be ready to distribute. Plan to attend!

All Star Sponsored Community Service Project

The All Stars have started a community service project, collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. They will have collection bins at Achievement Night on October 13, 2012. Each club will also have collection bins that they can use at their monthly meetings. The Ronald McDonald House is non-profit and provides a “home away from home” for families who are trying to cope with physical, emotional, and financial burdens of having a seriously ill child. The house provides private bedrooms, home-cooked meals, a playroom for children, etc. Best of all, it is provided at a very nominal fee, and sometimes free charge. The pull tabs are made of a high grade aluminum and when combined can become valuable. Please contact Paige McConnaughy at 410-1625 when you would like to have tabs picked up or drop them off at the UCCE Office. If we all work together, we can make difference.

2013 National 4-H Conference

Applications for the 2013 National 4-H Conference will be available in August! If you are interested in attending the conference as part of the California delegation, you can find the application and detailed information on the State 4-H website at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/. This is a tremendous opportunity for older 4-H members! Applications are due October 31st!
Leadership Training
(formerly Officer Training)

Attention all 4-H members - are you a leader in your club or project? The 2012-13 All Star Candidates will be hosting “Leadership Training”
Saturday, September 8, 2012
9:30 a.m. to noon
UCCE multi-purpose room.
This new workshop is a great opportunity to learn information on club offices, Junior and Teen leader roles and leadership opportunities like Emerald Star and conferences. All club officers, Junior and Teen leaders and members enrolled in leadership projects are invited to attend. Join us for the fun and stay for pizza following the workshop.

Countywide Poultry Project To Begin!
All members of any Kings County 4-H Club are welcome to become a member of the countywide Poultry Project. We will learn about different breeds of birds, raising chicks and adult birds, breeding stock and market birds, types of feeds and supplements as well as showmanship and preparing birds for show. If you are looking for an inexpensive project that is a lot of fun, please join us. You do not have to own a bird to be in this project. If you are interested in this project, when completing your enrollment on-line, sign up for the Poultry and Game Birds project. The first meeting will be held on: Wednesday, September 19th 6:00 PM
UCCE multi-purpose room
Questions? Please contact Don Mattos at 707-6063.

Enter the Kings County 4-H Photo Contest!

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words....

...and your photos are needed to help promote the 4-H Program! Kings County 4-H is sponsoring a photography contest, and any 4-H member is eligible to participate. The categories include Agriculture (farm life, farm work, farm produce and scenic agriculture.) and 4-H (learning about leadership, citizenship and life skills, projects, gathering and activities.) $25 will be awarded for 1st place in each category and age division, and $50 will be awarded for the overall winner in each category. For the rules and how to enter click here: http://cekings.ucdavis.edu/files/152150.pdf

You’re Invited to Attend Achievement Night!

After working diligently on your 4-H project and completing your Record Book, it is time to be recognized for all of that hard work. Plan to attend~

Kings County 4-H Achievement Night
October 13
6 PM
Hanford West High School

The evening will be hosted by the All Star candidates. Awards will be presented for Record Book judging, Project medalists, Club Officer Books, Club Seals, Emerald Stars, and the Toledo & Brazil Awards. Come and receive your award, then drop by the Relay for Life and show your support for the Kings County 4-H team!

New to 4-H?

Is your family new to 4-H? 4-H is a fantastic family oriented organization. But...at first 4-H may seem overwhelming. Do you have lots of unanswered questions about the organization and how your child(ren) can benefit the most from being a member? Plan to attend the “Welcome Meeting” designed to further explain the many aspects of the 4-H program.

The structure of the meeting will be geared for parents but 4-H members may attend also.

Tuesday, October 23
7:00 PM
UCCE Multi-Purpose Room

Please call ahead and reserve a space so there will be adequate materials available. Reserve your space by calling 852-2730.
Farmer's Opportunity to Help Support 4-H

Thanks to America’s Farmers Grow Communities™, rural community members and farmers can help give back to local 4-H organizations. Now through Nov. 30, 2012, eligible farmers can enter for a chance to win $2,500 that can be directed to their local 4-H. And new this year, the entire community also has a voice. Rural community members can suggest an idea or initiative that needs funding for their local 4-H, such as a community garden or camp scholarships. Farmers may review the ideas and consider them in their application. To plant your idea and encourage farmers to support your 4-H, go to http://www.americasfarmers.com/growcommunities/. In addition, in communities impacted by drought, the Monsanto Fund will provide twice the financial support. Winning farmers from counties that have been declared natural disaster areas will now receive double the donation, a total of $5,000. These winners may choose where to direct the additional $2,500 disaster relief donation based on community needs brought forth by the drought. The Monsanto Fund will select one winner at random from each of the eligible 1,271 counties and winning farmers and recipient nonprofits will be announced in January 2013. Please click here for an application: http://www.americasfarmers.com/_pdfs/grow-communities/Application-Form.pdf

Kings River
River Cleanup Project 2012

A great way for families, students, service groups and neighbors to join together to take care of our river environment, show community support for our shared natural resources and have FUN!

Date: Saturday September 15, 2012
Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Registration begins at 8:30 AM
Location: Hickey Park, 16850 Flint Ave. Hanford
Water, Gloves & Lunch will be provided.

For more information please contact Keith Winkler at 639-8795 &/or by email at pimo@att.net or Shawn Bootsma @ 998-4618.

Swine Flu Update

The centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported a variant strain of influenza A (H3N2v), which has been identified in swine and in humans. So far, the virus has been detected in 3 states (not California), and some of the human cases are believed to be related to contact with swine that were exhibited at an agricultural fair. The following links contain nation-wide and California-specific advisories and fact sheets about this virus. The Centers for Disease Control have released information and resource on the Influenza A H3N2v Virus affecting swine. More information on this can be found at: http://ucanr.org/4hssafety.

2012 State Leaders Forum

It’s time to register for the 2012 State Leaders Forum, coming November 9-11 at Asilomar. Save $10 if you register by September 1st. Simply complete the survey or the printed form then mail your fee to the registrar. Use the Asilomar form to reserve your conference lodging and meal package. Rooms are being held for us until September 9th. “4-H in a Minute: Wake up to the Possibilities!” promises to be fun, relaxing, motivating, educational, and timely. Volunteer leaders and staff - join the South Central Section for workshops, games and prizes, including a drawing for an iPad and “Minute to Win It” competitions. Nancy Franz, our Saturday keynote speaker, brings new ideas from Iowa 4-H. Silent Auction donations and county baskets are gratefully accepted to help defray conference expenses. More information and forms are at http://ucanr.org/slf2012 or contact Sue Moore, Registrar, 2moores@miode.com.
JOIN The Revolution of Responsibility! $1,000 is available to 4-H Clubs and Groups. To JOIN the revolution, 4-H members, with the help of an adult 4-H volunteer mentor, should follow these steps to plan a project.

- Identify an issue or problem in your community.
- Find community organizations to collaborate with.
- Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, list needed resources, and prepare a budget
- Prepare ways to document and record your project to share with others.
- JOIN the revolution at http://ucanr.org/join/
- Due September 15, November 15

A toolkit of tips, templates, links, and suggested guidelines has been developed to support your projects. From the initial work to identify a compelling community issue to the final celebration of its completion, use this toolkit to help you carry out the important steps necessary to ensure success. http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RoR/Toolkit/

2012 State 4-H Record Book Competition Judging Process

Senior 4-H members are eligible to enter state competition. State competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. Books are judged against standard criteria and those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, leadership and citizenship development are selected as State Medalist and/or State Winner.

Age Eligibility for the 2012 Competition: Senior 4-H members (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31, 2011) are eligible to enter state competition.

Timeline

Oct 1, 2012 Judge’s Application deadline
Oct 19, 2012 4-H Record Books due to your County 4-H Office
Nov 9, 2012 4-H Record Books ARRIVE BY date, at the State 4-H Office
Nov 30-Dec 2, 2012 State 4-H Record Book Competition
For more information: www.ca4h.org/files/107701.doc

National Ag Day Poster Art Contest

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) and Successful Farming are encouraging young artists to celebrate modern agriculture through the first ever National Ag Day Poster Art Contest. A winning original piece of art will be chosen as the Official National Ag Day poster. The contest is open to amateur artists enrolled in high school or college. The contest theme is Generations Nourishing Generations. Entries will be screened by a nine member jury. Finalists will then be judged through online voting to determine one winner. In addition, the artwork and a profile of the artist will be prominently featured in Successful Farming magazine and Ag Day correspondence. The winner will receive a $1,000 scholarship from Successful Farming. Media releases will also be sent to all Ag Day sponsors and supporters. The artist will receive a portion of the proceeds from limited edition prints and the original artwork will be on display in a public location. The contest begins August 1st and deadline for submitting entries is Midnight (CST), October 31, 2012. For rules on the National Ag Day Poster Art Contest visit www.agday.org.
2013 State 4-H Fashion Revue

The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee announces categories and service projects for 2013 SFR! Entry categories will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Wearable Art-Embellished, 2 Yard Wonder, and Duct Tape Challenge.

- **Traditional**: new this year, the entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing and Textile project.
- **Consumer Science Purchased**: has a $19.99 limit, shoes and sales tax not included. Receipts for all items except shoes are required, with purchases made during the 2012-2013 4-H year. The $100 CS Purchased category will not be offered.
- **The Wearable Art**: Embellished entry must start with a purchased garment. Duct tape entries are not eligible for WA-Embellished.
- **2 Yard Wonder**: is a Challenge category using 2 yards of 100% cotton fabric, sew a garment and an accessory. Additional garments to complete the outfit may be sewn or purchased. There is no specific pattern requirement. The entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing & Textiles project.
- **Duct Tape Challenge**: Create a wearable garment out of duct tape such as a jacket, shirt, pants, skirt or dress. The member may choose to begin with a purchased garment or not. Additional garments, accessories, fabric and materials may be added.

**Service Projects:**
State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service projects. The first is a sewn teddy bear or doll. The second is a drawstring bag. Patterns and instructions will be posted on the SFR website. SFR will continue to accept quilts for troops to pass on. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join the committee, please visit [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/).

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UCCE Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**S.H.A.R.E.S. Helps 4-H!**
Thank you to those who have been participating in the SHARE program (Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education and Sports) by swiping your SHARE card at SaveMart (also Smart Foods, Food Maxx and Lucky grocery stores.) The returns help support the many 4-H activities in Kings County. If you need a SHARES card, please contact the UCCE Office.

**Shooting Sports Leader's Trainer Course**

**Muzzle Loading Discipline**

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of $40.

**Location:** 5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA  
Date & Time: Saturday, October 20, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Date & Time: Sunday, October 21, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.