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Relay For Life ~
Kings County 4-H
Exceeds their Goal!

The Kings County 4-H Relay for Life Team raised $2,518.25 to help fight cancer. Thank you to the team organizers and the team members, and those that walked laps, baked cookies, & made donations.

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Council News

The November 4-H Council meeting has been changed to the first Wednesday because of the election. All 4-H families are encouraged to attend the meetings, and every 4-H Club should be represented! The next meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 PM at the UCCE Office
(Please remember to bring your gift baskets for the State Leaders Forum!)

Youth Representatives Needed

Kings County has two youth vacancies for the Sectional 4-H council. If you are interested in representing Kings County in this capacity, please contact the UCCE Office as soon as possible at 852-2730. Youth representatives must be in the 9th grade or above to serve.

Last year, youth representatives were voted on at the December Council meeting. There isn’t a Council meeting in December this year, so voting will take place in November.

4-H Council Barbecue

Saturday, November 10, 2012
Kings Fairgrounds~ Dairy Women’s Building
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
(Take-out also available)
Tickets: $10.00/person

Please turn in your ticket money to your community club leader. Checks should be made payable to: Kings County 4-H Council.

4-H Council Barbecue Club Assignments

The success of the Council Barbecue is a cooperative effort amongst all the 4-H Clubs in Kings County. Each club needs to provide at least two (2) helpers to assist in the kitchen. (The Barbecue preparations take place during the Judging Field Day.) In addition, the following clubs have volunteered to be responsible for:

- Bread & Butter: Kings River
- Meat: Kings Harvest
- Salad & Dressing: Grangeville
- Rice: Armona
- Salsa: Mid Valley
- Paper Products: Kathy Sargent
- Sweet Shop: Lemoore & Island

For the Sweet Shop, 4-H Club members are asked to contribute baked goodies to sell. Be sure to label with your name and your club and price. Please label if product contains peanuts.

Kings County 4-H Judging Day

Saturday, November 10, 2012 @ Kings Fairgrounds
9:00 AM– Registration Begins
9:30 AM– Mandatory Orientation Assembly
Plan to judge— no prior experience necessary!

Judging classes will be in the following categories:

- **Livestock**: Club responsible for the judging contests– Kings River
- **Home Economics**: Club responsible for the judging contests- Oakvale and Kings Harvest
- **General**: Club responsible for the judging contests– Kings Harvest
There is Still Time to Join “Thrive– Round 2!”

Join the Countywide Thrive Project and discover your spark as well as learning new leadership skills and have fun in the process. This project is geared for Junior and Teen leaders, but leaders are encouraged to attend also! If you missed out on Thrive last year, now is your opportunity to join! If you were in the Thrive project last year, Round 2 offers a whole new set of activities! Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held-

Tuesday, November 27, 2012
6:30 PM @ UCCE Office

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. Photos entered MUST be taken by the 4-H member submitting the entry. 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

Community Service Project for 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 to the UCCE Office or a box will be available at Judging Day in the Sweet Shop. Call Bonnie Lowas at 924-0634 for more information.
Farmer’s Opportunity to Help Support 4-H

Thanks to America’s Farmers Grow Communities, farmers can help give back to local organizations such as 4-H. This program aims to support farming communities by offering farmers the opportunity to register to win $2,500 for a community charity of their choice in their county—4-H! Qualifying farmers must farm a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton, or 40 acres of open-field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of vegetables in protected culture.

It is quick and easy to register for this grant. You may do it on-line at http://www.GrowCommunities.com or you may submit a hard copy, available at the UCCE Office. The deadline to register is quickly approaching, November 30, 2012.

Please feel free to pass this information along to any farmer that would be interested in helping Kings County 4-H.

Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT) 2013

Happy Birthday California 4-H:
Celebrating 100 Years of Building Leaders!

Who: 7th-9th grade 4-H members
When: January 25-27, 2013
Where: Wonder Valley near Sanger
Cost: $145.00

Fees due: to UCCE Office by Nov. 16, 2012
Why: to define & develop your leadership abilities, meet & share ideas with other 4-H youth, expand your perspective & have fun!

Scholarships for first time attendees:

8 scholarships are available for 1/2 of the conference fee—apply early! To be eligible, members must meet conference age requirements, completed 1 year in 4-H at the time of the conference and submit a completed Record Book from the previous year.

To apply: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT/

Adult Chaperones are needed to attend this conference with the Kings County delegation. Adults must be an official 4-H leader—fingerprints and orientation completed. For qualified adults, Council will fund the full cost of the number of adults required by the conference quota. Apply early!

Pull Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

Thank you to Kings Harvest and all the other 4-H members that donated pull tabs at Achievement Night. We donated 130 lbs. Please continue collecting. Each club should have a collection bin. There’s also one at the UCCE Office. We will be collecting at Judging Day, so remember to bring them and help a great cause.

Thank you,
Paige McConnaughy & The All Star Team

Kings Co. Foster Kids Holiday Toy Drive

The holiday season can be very difficult for foster children.

As a result, the Kings County Human Service Agency is asking for help from 4-H. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts of clothing, and toys for children 0-18 years old are needed.

The need for gifts is great and has grown since last year. 255 gifts are needed for boys. 272 gifts are needed for girls.

Please bring your gifts to the UCCE Office by December 3rd.
Consider this a community service project that will bring the holiday spirit to the youth in Kings County.
Emerald Star Project- “HUGS” for Our Troops...

Have you ever wanted to reach halfway across the world to “HUG” one of the men or women protecting our right to freedom? Now is your chance!!! My name is Ashley Olson and I am a member of the Oakvale 4-H Club. My Emerald Star project is to make cool neck bands and have them delivered to the Military Services. These neckbands are sewn from 100% cotton fabric with a section sewn in the middle to hold water storing crystals. The crystals absorb water, which evaporates slowly for a cooling effect. The finished neck bands will be delivered to the Lemoore Naval Air Base, as well as Soldiers Angels and HUGS which are both organizations out of state who will accept my shipment by mail. These three groups will deliver the “HUGS” we make overseas to our troops.

I have made kits containing the items needed, with complete instructions to construct these scarves and have them available for all 4-H members, leaders, and other volunteers. All you need to do to participate in this Community Service Project is to contact me and I will deliver the kits to you. Kits are also available at the UCCE Office. All kits should be returned no later than December 1st, 2012 (finished or unfinished). You supply the thread and a small amount of your time to thank these soldiers working to protect us. We are having two sewing workshops to make these neckbands.

**Workshop #1:** at my home 3029 Bonander Drive, Kingsburg on Sunday November 11 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

**Workshop #2:** at McHugh Hall 1100 N. Harris Street in Hanford (behind St. Brigid’s Catholic Church) on Monday, November 12 (Veteran’s Day) from 9 am to noon.

Please email me at jefgigi@hotmail.com or call 559-897-7950 to RSVP, so I can make arrangements for everyone who is able to attend.

Thank you in advance for your help with my Emerald Star project, I have set a goal of at least 50 of these neckbands and I am very excited to see how many “HUGS” we send overseas from Kings County 4-H Clubs. Don’t forget to email jefgigi@hotmail.com to have your kits delivered or to RSVP for the workshops on November 11th or 12th.

Submitted by: Ashley Olson

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**Are You Looking for A New Leadership Opportunity?**

Applications are being accepted for the Leadership Conference of Regional teens (LCORT) Youth Chair for 2014.

Applicants must:

* Be a minimum of 16 years old and a maximum of 18 years old by December 31, 2013
* Be a member in good standing of a 4-H program within the South Central Section
* Have achieved at least the gold star rank
* Have attended LCORT as a delegate
* Have excellent public speaking skills
* Have the ability to communicate and work with people of various ages and backgrounds

Complete information and applications forms are available at: [http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT/](http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT/).

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**Countywide Dog Care & Training**

Mark your calendar, so you don’t miss the fun at the Countywide Dog Care and Training project meetings.

All meetings will be held on Saturdays from 2 to 4 pm in the Dairy Show arena at the Kings Fairgrounds.

November 17 (Bring vaccination records)

November 23 (Hanford Christmas parade)

January 19

February 16

March 16

March 23

April 6

April 20

May 4 ~4-H Dog Show

Kings Fairgrounds

Questions? Call project leaders:

Sonia Borges 707-3835 or Pam & Steve Smith 582-9467
Presentations Made Easy

With the holidays just around the corner, vacation time will be here, a perfect time to work on your 4-H presentation! Are you still wondering how to put together a presentation and why this is such an important part of 4-H? Bring your questions to the Presentation Workshop scheduled for:

Saturday, December 8, 2013
10 AM to 12 noon
UCCE Multi-Purpose Room

This workshop will be very interactive. Please call and reserve your space at 852-2730 by December 5th.

Gold Seal Clubs

Congratulations to the following clubs for receiving a “Gold Seal” at Achievement Night.

Grangeville    Lemoore
Guernsey       Oakvale
Kings Harvest

To become a “Gold Seal” club, there are a lot of requirements including financial reporting, community service, promoting 4-H etc. Congratulations on meeting these demanding requirements!

Project Sheets

Check out the 30 available project sheets designed to help 4-H volunteers and youth understand possibilities in 4-H projects.

(http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/) The State 4-H Office is looking for volunteers to help write these project sheets! If interested contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.

Island 4-H

Happy Halloween! First we had normal roll call and reports then we moved onto October birthdays and old business. Relay for Life is at Hanford High on October 13-14. There is also the Council BBQ ticket sales. The All Star Service event is for the Ronald McDonald House pull tab event so we got a lot of pull tabs but we need more! Onto new business, UNICEF – we have trick or treat boxes for each Island 4-H member. Achievement Night is coming up at 6 PM at Hanford West on October 13, 2012. If Island 4-H members still have items for Valley Children’s Hospital, bring them to the next meeting for Mrs. Lowas. Then we had an activity for the meeting. The next Island 4-H meeting is on November 13, 2012.

Island 4-H Club won the “Spirit Stick Award” at Achievement Night on October 13, 2012.

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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. Georgene and/or Terrie are available in the UCCE office on Tuesday and Thursday. Other days of the week will vary. Please feel to call the UCCE Office before coming in if you have a specific need, or to make an appointment.