When does your Club Meet?  
Don’t miss your next 4-H Club Meeting!

2nd Monday of Each Month  
Corcoran 4-H @ 6:00pm  
Lemoore 4-H @ 6:30pm  
Delta View 4-H @ 6:45pm  
Kings Harvest 4-H @ 6:30pm  
Oakvale 4-H @ 7:00pm  
Kings River 4-H @ 7:00pm  
Mid Valley 4-H @ 6:30pm

2nd Tuesday of Each Month  
Grangeville 4-H @ 6:30pm  
Island 4-H @ 7:00pm

Deadline: 4-H News articles due for Youth Talk – December 15th  
Please send all articles to ~ tawatkins@ucanr.edu

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Council News

No December Meeting
The next council meeting will be:  
**Tuesday, January 2nd**  
7:00 pm  
**UCCE Office Multi-purpose Room**

Host Club: Kings River 4-H

Topics for discussion at the January meeting will include: Food Olympics, Presentation Day, Color Me Green Run, and 4-H Fair

Your opinions and contributions are important! Every club needs to be represented! 4-H Members are welcome to attend the meeting as well!

Did You Know?

YouTube has a lot of great videos. Did you know that both National 4-H and California 4-H have their own YouTube Channels. They post 4-H members in action. Click on the links below to check out 4-H around the nation on YouTube.

- National 4-H
- California 4-H

Volunteer Leader Training

*New* for this year, there will be a required online training for all new and returning volunteers. Volunteers have two ways to complete this training ~ Online or In-Person.

**Online Training** — After submitting your 4-HOnline enrollment you will receive an email with a link to complete the online training. Click the link in the email and complete the training at home at your convenience. Trainings will need to be **completed by December 31st** to activate your volunteer leader status for this 4-H year.

In-Person Volunteer Training is now being offered at the Kings County UCCE Office

The Kings County UCCE Office will offer an In-Person training session to complete your volunteer 4-H training. Please see the training session dates below:

**New Volunteer (In-Person) Training**  
Thursday, Dec. 7th @ UCCE Office MP Room  
6:00pm

**Returning Volunteer (In-Person) Training**  
Thursday, Dec. 14th @ UCCE Office MP Room  
6:00pm

[Click Here](#) to Register for In-Person Trainings

4-H Program Fee Waivers

Funds are available for fee waivers for those members who need assistance with the program fees. A fee waiver form must be submitted to the UCCE Office for approval.

[Fee Waiver Information](#)  
[Fee Waiver Forms](#)

We are thankful for the Kings County 4-H Sponsoring Committee’s contribution toward lowering the program fee cost for our members.

4-H Enrollment

[4-H Online Enrollment Link](#)

**2017-2018 4-H Program Fees**

- **$10.00 per leader**  
- **$36.00 per member**

Fees are to be paid at your club meeting. After you have paid your fees the community club leader will confirm your status.
**Fashion Revue Planning Time**

It is time to begin planning the Kings County 4-H Fashion Revue. Your ideas and input are very important. Please bring your suggestions to the Planning Meeting scheduled for:

**Thurs, January 11, 2018**
6:00 pm @ UCCE Office

( **Please note date change)**

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**Color Me Green 5K Run/Walk**

Saturday, March 17th, 2018
St. Patrick's Day @ Burris Park

**Planning is on it’s way for this FUN Event!**

The Color Me Green 5K Run/Walk has had its first planning meeting and would like to thank the volunteers for coming and being part of the committee. We will still need lots of help. If you are interested in helping or have connections within the community, please contact one of the committee members, the UCCE Office, or register online: [https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Kingsburg/KingsCounty4HColroMeGreen5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Kingsburg/KingsCounty4HColroMeGreen5K)

- Event Chairman—Cobi Revious
- Course Manager—Shanna & Lauren Vickers
- Volunteer Manager—Yvette & Hadley Garcia
- Sponsorship Manager—Maya Bettencourt
- Vendor Manager—Open

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**Food Olympics**

Saturday, February 24, 2018
9:00am
Hanford West High School Cafeteria

**Click Here for the On-line Entry Form**

**Contest Categories Include:**

* Favorite Food (including Healthy Living)
* Place Setting Contest
* Cupcake Decorating Contest
* Food Photography Contest
  Categories— Healthy Living
  Favorite Food
  Farm to Fork (Sequence)

The holidays are a perfect time to focus on a Food Olympics entry! Get that camera out and take some foodie pictures of your favorite food or create a sequence for the Farm to Fork category. Try your hand at decorating some cupcakes with ideas you found on Pinterest or try out some new recipes to see if they are tasty enough to win the Favorite Food competition. And of course, you can always develop a Place Setting entry using a fun theme. There are plenty of ways to participate!

For detailed information, please click here: [Kings County4-H Food Olympics](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Kingsburg/KingsCounty4HColroMeGreen5K)

Entries are due to the UCCE Office by **February 9th**.

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**Emerald Star Interviews**

are scheduled for Dec. 7, 2018.

**Applicants will be notified of their interview time**
Kings County Presentation Day

February 24, 2018 @ Noon
(**Please note time change from previous year)**

Hanford West High School

4-H encourages every member to develop and polish their public speaking skills by participating in County Presentation Day. There are many ways to participate in Presentation Day. Participants may give a traditional demonstration or illustrated talk where they show “how-to-do” something using visual aids or posters to prepared speech or interpretive reading or an impromptu speech etc. The ways to participate are explained in the California 4-H Presentation Day Manual. Be sure to read the manual as some of the information has changed.

Please note, a Demonstration requires a minimum of 4 Posters/Slides and an Illustrated Talk requires a minimum of 3.

Take time to read about the various ways to participate in Presentation Day, and then research your topic. Find an interpretive reading you enjoy or a favorite recipe you can use to develop into a presentation. Prepare your script, make your posters, or gather your props, if your category requires such items. Spend time practicing your presentation. The old adage that “practice makes perfect” is especially true for presentations!

4-H Fair Planning Meeting

January 18, 2018

*Indoor Exhibits* ~ 6 pm in the UCCE Library

*Livestock* ~ 7 pm in the UCCE Multi Purpose Room

It is time to begin planning for the 4-H Fair! Your ideas and input are very important. Everyone is welcome to attend. Department Chairmen are needed. Please bring your ideas to the Fair Planning meeting and consider volunteering. 4-H members are also welcome!

We Need Your Help in Planning our Upcoming Events.

**Food Olympics**—planning is on it’s way, but we can still use your help. Please contact the UCCE Office to volunteer to help with Food Olympics

**Fashion Revue**—Plan on attending the Fashion Revue Planning Meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018 @ UCCE Office, 6pm to help with this event. (**Please note date change for Fashion Revue Planning Meeting**) 

**4-H Fair**—The 4-H Fair planning meeting is set for Thursday, January 18th. Indoor events @ 6pm, Livestock events @ 7pm, UCCE Office. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**Color Me Green Run**—is looking for volunteers to help with the planning of this event. Contact Cobi Revious (287-5732) or the UCCE Office to see how you can help!

4-H Family Handbook

The State 4-H Office has published a New 4-H Family Handbook. The handbook has tons of useful information for not only new families but returning families as well.

It is available on the State 4-H website under Member Resources page. This handbook was created to help new families get to know the resources and activities available in 4-H in California. A County Contact Sheet is also part of the resources available, so you can keep your local 4-H contact information handy.
**Kings County 4-H Judging Day Results**

Approximately 55 4-H members participated in County Judging Day on November 4th. Thank you to the clubs and individuals that made this event possible.

Each member did a great job. Here are the results from the contest:

**Overall Judging Day High Point Individuals:** [complete results](#)

*Junior Age Division:* Ben Rossi ~ Island 4-H  
*Intermediate Age Division:* Ean Santos ~ Kings River 4-H  
*Senior Age Division:* Ashley Eller ~ Lemoore 4-H

**Livestock Division:** [complete results](#)

*High Point Senior Individual:* Rory Valov ~ Kings River 4-H  
*High Point Intermediate Individual:* Tyler Eller ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Junior Individual:* Ben Rossi ~ Island 4-H  
*High Point Senior Team:* Ashley Eller, Lauren Vickers & Miguel Alcala ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Intermediate Team:* Kole Brasil, Gavin Luna & Elliott Alcala ~ Kings River 4-H  
*High Point Junior Team:* Ben Rossi, Maxx Muldoon & Jack Crisp ~ Island 4-H

**General Division:** [complete results](#)

*High Point Senior Individual:* Ashley Eller ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Intermediate Individual:* Anna Dooley ~ Kings Harvest 4-H  
*High Point Junior Individual:* Jack Crisp ~ Island 4-H  
*High Point Senior Team:* Ashley Eller, Miguel Alcala & Lauren Vickers ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Intermediate Team:* Anna Dooley, Thomas Rosa & Giovanni Champi ~ Kings Harvest 4-H  
*High Point Junior Team:* Jack Crisp, Ben Rossi & Maxx Muldoon ~ Island 4-H

**Home Economics Division:** [complete results](#)

*High Point Senior Individual:* Lauren Vickers ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Intermediate Individual:* Gwen Luna ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Junior Individual:* Kallie Loogman ~ Kings River 4-H  
*High Point Senior Team:* Ashley Eller, Lauren Vickers & Miguel Alcala ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Intermediate Team:* Adalynn Luna, Gwen Luna & Elliott Alcala ~ Lemoore 4-H  
*High Point Junior Team:* Aubree Fagundes, Kallie Loogman & Jayda Yecny ~ Kings River 4-H

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**4-H Council BBQ**

Six hundred and twenty five meals were served to a line of hungry families. Thank you to the many members, parents and leaders that worked so diligently to prepare the delicious Tri-Tip and to those that made sweet treats for the Sweet Shop! The BBQ crew did an outstanding job preparing and BBQing the Tri Tip!

Also a great BIG thanks to the many ticket sellers! You did a great job.

**If you still have money or unsold tickets, please return them to your Community Club leader as soon as possible.**
Agriculture Photos Wanted

The Kings County Ag Commissioners Office has offered a wonderful opportunity to 4-H members. They are looking for pictures showcasing agriculture in Kings County to be used in their annual crop report.

Now is a perfect time to get some great harvest photos around Kings County. Pictures must be received by March 2, 2018, 5:00 pm. You do not have to be enrolled in the photography project to enter photos. Click below for a flyer explaining what is required.

Photos Wanted!!
Central Youth Summit (LCORT)

Leading the Pack
January 26-28, 2018
Fee: $150.00 (scholarships available)
Conference T-shirt: $10.00

Age Eligibility 11-14 years old
Central Youth Summit is the new name for LCORT. This conference will be held at Wonder Valley Ranch in Sanger. Members attend workshops engaging 4-Hers in learning opportunities to increase their leadership, citizenship and public speaking abilities. There will be fun recreational and social activities allowing members to network with others from around the central area.

Registration Link-Deadline December 1st
http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21680

Kings County 4-H Council offers scholarships that pay 1/2 of the fee to members. Members must apply using the form below and submit an Annual Project Report (APR) or Record Book from last year.
The State Management Board is offering 2 full fee waivers ($150.00) for Central Youth Summit. Contact the UCCE Office if you are interested in finding out more about these waivers.

Kings County 4-H Offers Mini Grants
Kings County 4-H has received a very generous donation from the J.G. Boswell Company. Instead of the Leaders Council deciding how the money can best be utilized, you can determine how the money can best benefit the members of the Kings County 4-H Program. Some ideas may include, repairs to equipment owned by the club such as sewing machines, clippers etc.

If you are interested in applying, please fill out the survey at this link http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19734.

Leaders Council will review the grants and respond accordingly.

Emerald Star News
Cases for Kids
Amanda Curtis has been approved for her Emerald Star Project-Cases for Kids. Her goal is to provide 300 pillowcases for children in foster care in Kings County. She is asking for help in her project by (1) making pillowcases, (2) donations of fabric or monetary donations to purchase fabric, and (3) share the flyer with others.
For more information contact Amanda at cases4kidsproject@gmail.com.

Christmas Cozy Feet Slipper Sock Drive
The Kings County Department of Child Support Service is collecting slipper socks to donate to seniors in Kings County. See insert for more details.

4-H Online Record Book (ORB)
ORB Internet Café Training Online
Want to learn how to better use the CA 4-H Online Record Book? The State 4-H Office will be hosting online opportunities to learn ORB for staff, volunteers and youth members. This is the same training that has been offered live in counties over the past few years but now you can access from the comfort of your own home! Unable to attend, Not a problem, the training will be posted on our 4-H YouTube page.

The live virtual training will take place on: Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 9am-noon

Pre-registration is not necessary! Check out the flyer here for login instructions. ORB Support Website is filled with both written instructions and “How to” videos to help you navigate using the CA 4-H Online Record Book.
Shooting Sports Workshops

Safety First Shooting Association
River Oaks Range, Winton
Cost $35.00 per person

Kings County Shooting Sports project is in need of more leaders to assist the great job Gregg Chrissakis has been doing. If you have an interest in sharing your Shooting Sports skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports adult volunteer or teen leader? There will be a variety of 4-H Shooting Sports leader certification trainings offered this fall. The classes will be held over a weekend format. You must be a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to lead the shooting sports discipline of your choice at the project, club and camp levels. The cost includes a resource binder and light breakfast both days.

For more information go to http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/. Trainings will be held on the dates listed below.

**Rifle:** November 18 & 19
**Pistol:** December 9 & 10

**Shotgun:** November 18 & 19
**Archery:** December 9 & 10

**Western Heritage:** January 6 & 7
**Muzzle Loading:** January 13 & 14

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### 2018 Washington Focus Conference

Citizenship Washington Focus is an educational conference for youth ages 15 to 19. Delegates must be at least 15 years of age by time of travel to participate. Hosted at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, it gives youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need in order to become outstanding leaders.

#### June 16-23, 2018 (Conference Only)

This 8-day trip is packed with educational adventure as participants tour our nation’s Capital and learn how our national government works.

#### June 16-26, 2018 (Conference & Extended Trip to Gettysburg, Philadelphia & Baltimore)

This 11-day trip includes the above conference only package plus 4 extra days of educational tours of Gettysburg, PA, Philadelphia, PA and Baltimore, MD.

[Click Here for More Details]

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### 2018 National Youth Summit on Agri-Science

January 12-15, 2018
National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, DC

Register and find out more information at [National 4-H Youth Agri-Science Summit](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/).

Join delegates grades 9 through 12 from across the country to explore “Why science in agriculture is important, and why it matters to me and my community”. Registration closes on December 29th.

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### 4-H Fundraising Policy Tips and Reminders:

Now is the time when 4-H clubs may be thinking of fundraising opportunities. Please take the time to review the 4-H Policy on Fundraising. Please note that there are also restrictions on fundraising that will benefit a group or organization. 4-H Clubs may not fundraise for an organizations that are religious or political based. 4-H Clubs may not give cash donations to any group or organization.

4-H fundraising activities must be approved within the club’s annual plan and budget. They also need prior approval from the UCCE county director. Please complete the form and turn it into the UCCE Office for fundraising approval. [Fundraising Form]

Fundraising monies or gifts should be used to assist with youth development and education.
4-H Club News

Corcoran 4-H Club
Submitted by Grace VanVelson - Club Reporter

On Monday, November 13, we had our 3rd club meeting of the year at John Muir Middle School. We did a community service collection of cat food, bleach, wipes and various items for The Cat House on the Kings. Many members gave reports on project meetings they attended and also the 4-H Judging Day at the Kings County Fairgrounds. We also talked about enrollment and being a part of the Corcoran Chamber Christmas Parade in December. Our vice-president, Amanda Curtis, led us in a couple of games during our break time. We played the "Human Knot" and it was a lot of fun. It was a nice way for everyone to interact with each other. This also gave parents a chance to talk with project leaders. Our next meeting is on December 11th at 6:00 at John Muir Middle School.

Island 4-H Club
Submitted by Elia Nava – Club Reporter

At the November 14, 2017 Island 4-H meeting which is held at Island Elementary Union School. We had a potluck in which everybody participated in. The food was delicious and everybody gobbled their faces full of delicious treats brought by the 4-H members. We went over new and old business. Our healthy living officer had a game for us to play which was similar to charades. We discussed the upcoming projects for the next month. We discussed the meetings such as the one for me the Color Me Green Run which will be held at Burris Park. We also discussed about the Mindfulness Retreat which was held in Cambria a couple of weekends ago. My mom and I went and it was such a wonderful experience and we hope more people will acknowledge it when they see in the Youth Talk because it was such great program and we all Unplugged From our phones. The retreat was just really pretty, what a great view and so many adults and children were there and we learned how to cope with all the stress we have. All in all this has been a good meeting and we can’t wait till the next meeting.

Join Kings County 4-H on Facebook!
Come like our Facebook page at Kings County 4-H Youth Development Program. You will be able to find updates on upcoming events, meetings and other local 4-H information. You may also use this Facebook page to promote your club’s fundraisers and activities. Simply submit your information and the UCCE Office will review and post for all our friends to see.

University of California Cooperative Extension Kings County 4-H Contacts

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Teresa Evangelo  4-H Support Staff 852-2731  tlevangelo@ucanr.edu

OFFICE HOURS: 8am-12 noon and 1pm-5pm  Monday-Friday
Please feel free to call the UCCE Office before coming in if you have a specific need or to make an appointment.
Christmas Cozy Feet Slipper Sock Drive

Kings County Department of Child Support Services
Annual Slipper Sock Drive

Child Support Services is once again collecting slipper socks to donate to seniors in Kings County.

Kind of sock: Any slipper sock that has a skid proof bottom
Size: One size fits all
Deadline: December 19, 2017
Place to drop off: Kings County DCSS
312 W. 7th Street, Hanford – FAST Building
Drop off at the reception window, interoffice mail, or call for a pick up!

If you have any questions or need a pick up to be arranged please call or email
559-852-4178 gall.morse@co.kings.ca.us

Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

4-H PLEDGE
I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service,
and my HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.
Hi! I’m Amanda Curtis and I’m a 5th year 4-Her from Corcoran. Eight years ago, I was adopted. When I first came to live with my family, I didn’t know they would be my forever family. I didn’t know what would happen to me. Now life is a lot different, but I want to help kids going through what I went through.

I am making and collecting pillowcases for Kings County Foster kids. How you can YOU help? It’s easy! You can:

1) Sew a pillowcase* or cases to donate.
2) Donate fabric or funds for fabric.
3) Share this flyer with others.

*Directions for the pillowcases can be found here:

There are about 300 children in foster care in Kings County — they need support and hope and I want to help with my project.

Donations can be dropped off at the Kings County UCCE/4-H Office, or at Sawtelle & Rosprim Machine Shop in Corcoran. For more information, contact Amanda Curtis at: cases4kidsproject@gmail.com or 559-759-8251
Help show what Kings County Agriculture means to you!

The Kings County Agricultural Commissioner is looking for photographs showcasing agriculture in Kings County for the 2017 Kings County Crop Report. Submit your favorite agriculture related photographs taken in Kings County for a chance to be featured.

Photos should include location taken, as well as photographer’s name, and 4-H Club.

A limit of 5 pictures per member can be submitted electronically to:

Shanna.Vickers@co.kings.ca.us (attachments need to be limited to less than 10 MB per email)

Or

Dropped off on a flash drive directly to the Agriculture Commissioner’s office located at

680 N. Campus Dr. Suite B
Hanford
Attention: Shanna Vickers

Flash drives should be labeled with a name and phone number to be returned.

Submissions must be received by

MARCH 2, 2018 5:00 PM

The 2016 Crop Report can be found at:

www.countyofkings.com/departments/agricultural-commissioner

Contact Shanna Vickers or Janet Eckles at the Agricultural Commissioner’s office with any Questions (559) 852-2830