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**It is Time for some FUN!**

**2019 Kings County 4-H Fair**

**March 28-30, 2019**

4-H Fair gives 4-H members the opportunity to exhibit their projects and gain experience showing or presenting their exhibits. It is also a chance for members to see other 4-H projects and hang out with friends. 4-H Fair charges no entry fees, so come on down, practice and showcase your skills.

**4-H Fair Book and On-line Registration Link (Registrations DUE by March 17, 2019):**

[http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Events/Fair_Kings_County_4-H_May_6th-8th,_2010/](http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Events/Fair_Kings_County_4-H_May_6th-8th,_2010/)

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**Deadline**

4-H News articles due for Youth Talk – March 25th

Please send all articles to tawatkins@ucanr.edu

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Council News
The next council meeting will be:

Our Next Meeting is **Tuesday, March 5, 2019 @ 7pm, UCCE Office—MP Room**

The agenda will be posted on the website

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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.

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Kings County Farm Day
Thursday, March 14, 2019 (Daytime Event)

The Kings County Farm Bureau, Kings County Office of Education, and The Kings Fair are hosting the 2019 Kings County Farm Day.

This is a day where volunteers from the community educates our county 3rd graders on Ag related topics.

They would like 4-H members to help present these topics.

**If you are interested in presenting, please complete the [participation form](#).**

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YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care for Animals

Beginning January 1, 2019, the Fairs and Exposition Branch (F&E) will require all California Fairs (County, Citrus, and District Agricultural Associations) junior livestock (large and small animal) exhibitors to annually participate in a F&E approved Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness training. The YQCA online/in-person program is approved to fulfill the F&E approved Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness training requirement.

**New for Livestock Fair Exhibitors**

*California Department of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions requires all livestock exhibitors to complete the Youth for the Quality Care for Animals Program (YQCA).*

*This is a web-based training course. Please complete the on-line training and print out several copies of your certificate.*

*Proof of competition will be required with fair entry submission.*

*Please Note ~ This requirement is enforced by the CA Fairs & Exposition Branch, and the local county fair office. The certification, verification, and acceptance of this certificate is not maintained by the 4-H Program. Please contact the local fair office for more information.

*(Cavy, dog and primary members do not need to complete YQCA certification)*

For more information please visit:

- The Kings Fair
- [YQCA](#)

Youth for the Quality Care for Animals Certification

Cost $12.00 and valid for 1 year

*(Please Note: Active 4-H members will be able to login with their 4hOnline sign-in information)*

[COMPLETE CERTIFICATION HERE!](#)
The Kings Fair has posted their Livestock Contract DUE dates. (Contracts are needed for all Animals to be able to sell at the Kings County Fair)

** Dairy Replacement Heifer & Yearling Contracts DUE—January 30, 2019 **

** Market Steer Contracts DUE—January 30, 2019 **

Market Animals (Sheep, Swine, Steer Calves, & Goats) Contracts Due—March 27, 2019
(Note: Contracts are DUE BEFORE 4-H Fair this year)

Online Entries are now open. All Entries are DUE by May 1, 2019!

The Kings fair has posted their 2019 Livestock Catalog, along with a tentative livestock schedule.  

Kings Fair Livestock Information

Please see the Fair Website for forms and more details:  

The Kings Fair Website
Kings County 4-H Fair
March 28—30, 2019

Registration for the 4-H Fair is now open!
(Livestock entries DUE on-line by March 17th)

4-H Fair gives 4-H members the opportunity to exhibit the projects that they have worked on over the past year. It is also a chance for members to see other 4-H projects and hang out with friends. 4-H Fair charges no entry fees, so come on down, practice and showcase your skills. We would also like to thank ALL of our sponsors that support this event!

2019 Fair Book
Fair Exhibitors Map

Registration for Livestock - On-line Link:
Kings County 4-H Fair Event Page

Registration for Indoor Events are turned in the day of the event. Stop by the 4-H Office or talk with your club leader to obtain the indoor entry form so you can complete it at home and bring it with you to the 4-H Indoor Event. (No pre-entry required!)

Kings County 4-H Fair Event Page

Poultry Update:
There has been an outbreak of the Virulent Newcastle Disease in many counties in Southern California. Due to this outbreak, and for the safety of exhibitors, spectators, and birds, we have changed our 4-H Fair Poultry show. **We will not be allowing exhibitors to bring their birds to exhibit at the 2019 4-H Fair.** We are planning on adding a variety of poultry activities to allow exhibitors to participate at the 4-H Fair, and to qualify for small animal round robin. For more information or details, please contact our Poultry Chairmen, Jean Currie @ curriebunch@yahoo.com
Food Olympics Winners

~ Congratulations to all the members that participated at our county Food Olympics on Saturday February 23, 2019. Contests were held at Hanford West High School in the following categories: The Favorite Foods, Place Setting, Cup Cake Decorating, and Food Photography. ~

Favorite Foods & Healthy Living Winners
Junior Winner: Jillian Ramirez, Mid Valley
Intermediate Winner: Lilly Barcellos, Mid Valley
Overall Winner: Amanda Curtis, Corcoran

Place Setting Contest Winners
Junior Winner: Austin Barcellos, Mid Valley
Intermediate Winner: Trista Fry, Oakvale
Senior Winner: Madelyn Ansel, Oakvale
Overall Winner: Lilly Barcellos, Mid Valley

Cup Cake Decorating Contest Winners
Junior Winner: Katelyn Warmerdam, Kings River
Intermediate Winner: Mikayla Raudales, Corcoran
Overall Winner: Trista Fry, Oakvale

Food Photography Contest Winners
The Food Photography Contest brought a lot of interest from members. Members submitted photos for the Favorite Food Category, three for the Healthy Living Category and five entries were received for the Farm to Fork Category.

Healthy Living Category
Junior Winner: Austin Barcellos, Mid Valley
Intermediate Winner: Robert Felipe, Island
Senior Winner: Anna Felipe, Island
Overall Winner: Paige Clarke, Island

Favorite Food Category
Intermediate Winner: Sammy Rodriguez, Mid Valley
Senior Winner: Brody Vickers, Lemoore
Overall Winner: Paige Clarke, Island

Farm to Fork Category
Intermediate Winner: Sammy Rodriguez, Mid Valley
Overall Winner: Nicolina Deftereos, Mid Valley

A full list of all the participants and awards, please see our webpage:
http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Events/Favorite_Foods_Fair-February/

A big thanks to our Food Olympic Committee for making this event a success! Also, thank you to our judges from the throughout the community for your time and support!
AG DAY at the Zoo!
Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ Fresno Chaffee Zoo

This event offers zoo visitors the opportunity to experience agricultural education through demonstrations and interactive displays. 4-H Members are invited to visit the zoo on Saturday, March 23, 2019. 4-H members are also invited to set up a project booth and have a demonstration of their project. **4-H’ers in Uniform get into the zoo for FREE.**

4-H booths volunteers are needed. Please contact Fresno County 4-H program rep, Tracy Newton for more information and to reserve a time. tlnewton@ucanr.edu or 559-241-7525

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**Contest Time!**
**Fashion Revue Program Design Contest**

All 4-H members are asked to submit a design for the program cover for the upcoming Kings County Fashion Revue. The theme is **"Fashion My Way".** Page size is 8 1/2 x 5 1/2. Please submit your entries to the UCCE Office by April 1, 2019.

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**Emerald Star News**

Emerald Star Entrance and Exit Applications are due to the UCCE Office by March 11, 2019

Emerald Star (Exit and Entrance) Interviews are scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019

For more Emerald Star information,

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**Tractor Supply Co.**
**Paper Clovers**

Starting March 27 through April 7, 2019, the Tractor Supply Company will help raise money for local 4-H programs by allowing supporters to donate through a paper clover at check out.

Please support your local Tractor Supply Company and the Kings County 4-H and plan on purchasing your paper clover!

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**Kids Day!**
**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

Some of our 4-H Members will be selling the special kids day edition of The Fresno Bee Newspaper to benefit Valley Children’s Hospital. Our members will be located on the streets of Kings County on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Ask your 4-H Club Leader if they know of any of 4-H members selling papers!

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**4-H Night @ Fresno Grizzlies Baseball**
Friday, April 19, 2019 @ 7:05 PM

Fresno Grizzlies Baseball is promoting their April 19th baseball game as AG day and have included 4-H. Proceeds from this game will benefit our 4-H Program along with other AG programs throughout the Central Valley.

Click to purchase ticket: [https://groupmatics.events/event/4h80](https://groupmatics.events/event/4h80)
Did you know that 4-H is primarily a volunteer ran program!?

Our Kings County 4-H Program has only 1 hired staff member:

- The hired staff acts as a liaison to relay messages between the National, State, County, and Club level to all 4-H members.
- The hired staff oversees state and financial reporting, enrollment and leader training, monitors 4-H Policy, and acts as a community educator for 4-H.

All other aspects of the program are run by volunteers! (WOW and Thank You!)

- All countywide, club, and community 4-H meetings and events are run by volunteers.
- All project leaders and leadership advisors are volunteers.
  - Our 4-H Council is made up of volunteers.
- All financial decisions are decided (within policy) by volunteers.
  - And Much More..........!!!
You are invited to participate in the...

**18th Annual Don Haglund Memorial Air Rifle Invitational Match**

**Saturday March 2, 2019**

Stanislaus County Sheriffs Canine Training Center  
250 E. Hackett Road Modesto, CA 95358

Registration Form and Members list by class and with shirt sizes MUST be in by the January 21, 2019 County Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting.

If you wish to register on line or for more information, please contact Dan Mello:

(209)535-5808 / amello1@pacbell.net

This is an ALL DAY EVENT so bring your necessities, lunch, drinks, etc.

**Match Information:**
3 Position Sporter Air Rifle  
AR-4/10 - 5 meter BB gun target  
AR-5/10 - 10 meter pellet gun target

**Fees:** Registration fee $15.00 per entry.

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**CA 4-H State Field Day**

CA 4-H State Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2019

UC Davis  
West Quad

More Details to Come!........

**Events (subject to change):**

- NEW!! 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl
- State 4-H Presentation Day
- Interview Contest
- State 4-H Fashion Revue
- State 4-H Photography Contest
- State 4-H Film Festival
- 4-H Robotics Competition
- Entomology Contest
- Judging Contest
- State 4-H Plant Science Contest
- Logo Contest

Please visit the [California 4-H State Field Day website](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/AreaPresentation/) for more information.

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**Fresno County 4-H has invited us to attend their**

**COLOR ME GREEN FUN RUN**

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

Dry Creek Park  
885 N. Clovis Ave—Clovis

Click here for more details  
[Fresno County 4-H Color Run](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/AreaPresentation/)

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**4-H Equine Education Contest Day**

New for 2019!!

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
Fresno Ag Pavilion  
Fresno, CA

The State 4-H Education Contests for Horse Judging, Hippology and Public speaking will be held on April 27th, 2019 at the Fresno Ag Pavilion from 8am-8pm.

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**Area Presentation Day**

If you received a gold seal at our county 4-H presentation day, then you are eligible to attend Area Presentation Day. See the website for more details:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/AreaPresentation/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/AreaPresentation/)
Mid Valley 4-H

Mid-Valley 4H meeting was called into order February 11th 2019 at 6:33pm. Flag Salute was lead by Kason Meeks and 4H pledge was lead by Daren Defteros. Kenzie Deftereos shared a Valentines craft for the club to make for the seniors at Hacienda Assistant Living. The craft is a cute heart cute out with yarn woven through. Their goal is to reach as many residences as possible to give them a very special Valentines day. Kelesy Nef presented her healthy living report. In her report she talked about reading lables on food and the importance of watching your serving sizes and making sure the product includes healthy ingredients. Lilly Barcellos is collecting books of all levels for Valley Childrens Hospital as a part of her Emerald Star Project for 4H. Donations can be made at the UCCE office 680 Campus Drive suit A Hanford. We had lots of project reports last month. Small Engines Jake and Josh Cooley and Brian Googe. Arts and crafts Jillian Ramirez, Lilly Barcellos, Austin Barcellos and others painted a cupcake picture. Kenny Goforth got his pig, Jack and Emily Majors Clipped there Jersy cow and Kelsey Nef attended a beef showmanship clinic. There was a cake decorating class where the kids got to decorate there cake in a valentines theme using piping bags and different tips. Addison Fagudes, Jillian Ramirez, Savanah Veenedaal, Shelby Revious and lots more were in attendence . There was a shooting meeting at Kings Gun Center where they learned more on gun saftey and practiced shooting. We ended our meeting with a relay candy race that was fun and brought the kids together. It was another busy month for Mid-Valley and it just keeps getting busier with the Food Olympics and the 4H fair on its way.

Written By: Recorder Jillian Ramirez

Corcoran 4-H

The Corcoran 4-H Club has its monthly meeting on Monday, February 11th at the Pizza Factory. This meeting was also our annual fundraiser where we greeted customers and thanked the community for the support. We also had a record book presentation and learned more about the upcoming 4-H Fair as well as going over project reports. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11 at John Muir Middle School at 6pm. Thank you for continuing to support the 4-H Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grace VanVelson Club Reporter

Island 4-H

Island 4-H Club held its regular meeting on February 13, 2019 beginning at 7:00 pm. Some Island 4-H members arrived early to participate in our annual cupcake decorating contest. They had fun and there were some very cute, delicious looking cupcakes! Members updated us on their project reports and a lot of us have our Kings Fair show animals and have begun halter breaking. Club members were reminded that they needed a minimum of 6 hours of project work and to turn in an APR by May 14 to be considered eligible to participate in the Kings Fair. We discussed Market Contracts, upcoming project meetings, and YQCA Training. Members were reminded to wear their 4H shirts to our March Meeting which will be March 12, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by, Anna Felipe
Allstar Spotlight

Meet Elliot Martin
Kings County 4-H All Star

How old were you when you joined 4-H? I was 9 years old when I joined 4-H.

Why did you join 4-H? I joined 4-H because it seemed fun and I enjoyed the different projects.

4-H Club: Kings River 4-H

What do you hope to accomplish as a 4-H All Star? I want to improve as a leader and in being able to put together events as well as working better with others.

What is your favorite thing about 4-H? My favorite thing about 4-H is helping others in shooting sports. It’s a lot of fun helping the younger members learn how to shoot and showing them how to get better. And it’s extremely rewarding watching them smile when they do well.

Favorite Food: None. I love most food.

Favorite TV Show: Arrow

Favorite Book: Dragonlance

Favorite Sport: Football

Note from Emerald Star—Paws for Pets project ~

Thank you to everyone who came by our table at the Food Olympics. 33 cat toys were made and 8 tug toys. Our totals are now 56 cat toys, 40 tug toys, and 57 pet snuggies. We really appreciate everyone’s help.

Anthony, Rayven, and Stella

Congratulations to Lauren Vickers,
Lemoore 4-H, for earning a State Medal in the 2018 4-H State Record Book Competition!

Shooting Sports Meeting—The next 4-H Shooting Sports range day will be on Saturday, March 16th from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Lemoore Sportsman’s Club

Special Message from Shooting Sports Project Leader—Gregg Chrissakis

I am once again putting out the call asking for parents who are interested in taking on the 4H Shooting Sports for Kings County. It’s an easy gig, although the pay could be better ($0.00) but the rewards you get back from the kids are all you will need. I have been running Shooting Sports for 12 years, since my daughters were 6 and 8 years old. They are now both off to college and I think it would be good for the club to have an active parent take over. I will not leave Shooting Sports until there is a replacement because I don’t want to see the program go dormant. I will also be more than happy to stick around and help any new leader make the transition for as long as they’d like. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking on the 4-H office and we’ll get you the info you need to get trained up and certified. I’m hoping there’s a parent out there who might be interested in taking the next 12 years so we can keep Shooting Sport alive and thriving in Kings County well into the future. Thanks for your consideration.
As of December 31st, ALL 4-H Leaders and Volunteers must have completed the online leader training requirements to be listed as an active leader.

After December 31st, all inactive or pending leaders may not hold any project meetings or be responsible for any 4-H youth members. The Kings County Fair has access to the list of inactive or pending leaders. (The fair has the right to disqualify any 4-H member that you help if you are not an active leader). You may still complete the online training. Once completed, you will become an active leader and may resume project meetings and events.

Please contact the 4-H office or your club leader for more information.

Thank you for supporting and growing our 4-H Youth!!

Are you a 4-H Leader this year?! Be sure to check out our County 4-H Leader Policy and Reminder Letter!!
http://cekings.ucanr.edu/files/293125.pdf

Also check out the Leader Digest Letter from the state office!  http://www.ca4h.org/files/4462.pdf

Where can you purchase the 4-H Uniform Hat, Scarf, and Tie?

The 4-H Hat, Scarf, and Tie may be purchased from:

Leslie Carman 4-H Club Supplies
(888) 466-9433 or (805) 462-9433
www.4hsupplies.com

Also, Some of our local Kings County stores keep these accessories in stock:

Evangelho Feed & Seed—(9085 19 1/2 Ave, Lemoore, CA 93245), 559-927-7443
Sanchez Feed & Seed—(11320 Houston Ave, Hanford, CA 93230), 559-582-1787

(These companies are listed as a resource only and does not imply endorsement by the 4-H Youth Development Program).

Check out our Kings County 4-H website: http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/

University of California Cooperative Extension Kings County 4-H Contacts

Tiffany Watkins  UCCE 4-H Program Representative  (50% time)  852-2743  tavatkins@ucanr.edu
Kayla McGrew 4-H Support Staff  (50% time)  852-2731 kayla.mcgrew@co.kings.ca.us

OFFICE HOURS: 8am-12 noon and 1pm-5pm  Monday-Friday

Having trouble with any of the 4-H county or state websites???  Try switching your server to Google Chrome or Firefox. These are the recommended servers for 4-H sites.
FREE SMALL FLOCK EGG PRODUCERS WORKSHOP

Kings County Department of Ag and CDFA, Egg Safety and Quality Management Program invites you to join us for an outreach and educational workshop!

When:
Thursday April 18, 2019 10:00am – 3:00pm

Where:
Kings County Ag Department Multi Purpose Room, 680 N. Campus Drive Suite F, Hanford, CA 93230

Who Can Attend:
Anyone producing eggs or anyone interested in producing eggs that resides in Kings, Fresno, Kern, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo and Tulare counties.

What:
Info for Egg Producers, Intro to Chickens, Biosecurity, Hands on Candling Exercise, Poultry Disease, Egg Quality

RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kings-county-small-producer-workshop-tickets-56460732571 by Apr 12, 2019

Please RSVP to receive take home materials and Certificate of Completion.
Drop in's welcome upon available space.
Questions: (916) 900-5090

Egg Safety & Quality Management
Presented by:
Rebecca McCallister   Ginny Carlson   Kathryn Tockey

Egg Safety and Quality Management Resources can be found at our link below
ESQM Link: cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/mpes/esqm.html
Paws 4 Pets
By,
Rayven, Stella, & Anthony

We will be making dog toys and snuggies to donate to Valley Animal Haven.

Every pet deserves a forever home.

The shelter environment can be very stressful to dogs and cats. Providing them with toys and snuggies can help the dogs and cats at Valley Animal Haven become happier and more adoptable.
Books, Books and more Books  
For Valley Children's hospital 

My name is Lilly Barcellos. I am 13 years old and I have been in 4-H for 5 years. As part of my Emerald Star Project for 4-H, I am collecting books of all levels for Valley Children's Hospital. I hope to help the kids that are staying to be provided with different reading books.

**New Items or Gently used**
- Toddler \\ board books
- Toddler - Spanish language
  - Picture books
- Picture books - Spanish language
  - Early Chapter Books
  - Advanced Chapter Books

**Donations can be made at the**

**UCCE office 680 Campus drive Suite A in Hanford.**

Please call me at (559)794-1112 or (559)-250-7016
KINGS COUNTY MILK DRIVE

Emerald Star Project
by Isabella Cawley & Garret Martin

We will be collecting monetary donations to purchase gallons of milk to deliver to the Episcopal Church Soup Kitchen. This is important because milk isn’t donated to the soup kitchen, so people miss out on the nutritious value. Our service-learning project will teach us about the importance of giving back to our community and helping those who are less fortunate.