



CLUB NEWS

4-H CLUB SHINES AT LOCAL PARADE

King City Rural 4-H Club Float Wins Blue Ribbon

King City, CA - King City Rural 4-H club participated in the 13th Annual King City Chamber's Lighted Parade on Friday, December 2. Over 35 club members and parent volunteers designed and built this year's "Winter Wonderland" float. The float depicted a winter landscape with club members hand making over 80 paper snowflakes and a 7 foot tall tumbleweed snowman while parent volunteers hung 100s of twinkling white lights. The club spent \$88 on supplies for the float and collected donations or borrowed props/equipment from our members and local business for the remainder of the float. The Garden House, Rava Ranches and L.A. Hearne Company generously donated supplies and equipment for our float. At the conclusion of the parade, the brilliant float was given a blue ribbon by the judges! This experience was a fun project for the participating club members and portrayed the positive community spirit of Monterey 4-H.

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AROMAS 4-H DONATES TEDDY BEARS



Pictured from left to right: Deputy Mike Fritsche, Crime Prevention Officer Dave Crozier, Aromas 4-H Member Keeley Phillips.

Aromas 4-H members donated 42 Teddy Bears and other species of stuffed animals to the Sherrif's Department for their annual Teddy Bear drive. This is such a worthy cause that lasts the whole year long. Monterey County Sherrif's Deputies use the bears and other stuffed animals in emergency situations to comfort children. Deputy Mike Fritsche said, "A simple gift of a teddy bear is really a great way to help a child through a tough time."

Donations are accepted any time of the year and can be dropped off at any of the Sherrif Department locations. For more information, please call Dave Crozier at (831) 755-6675.



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COUNTY NEWS

MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H BOWL-O-RAMA

Once again, King City Blue Ribbon is putting together an afternoon of pure 4-H fun, the annual Bowl-O-Rama! There will be a bowling competition, so form your team with your club or project and BRING IT ON!

WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 2012

WHERE: Valley Center Bowl in South Salinas

TIME: Check in time is 12:30-1:00 p.m., bowling 1:00-3:00

WHO: Any Monterey County 4-H Member or Volunteer

WHY: Have fun, meet other 4-Hers, and have a friendly competition

COST: \$10.00 for bowling and shoes and \$3.00 for a slice of pizza

Please RSVP by December 15th or sooner, by email to: busymama27@yahoo.com (please include your name, club, and age) or call Mary Hughes at 385-4220.

You will also need to medical release form filled out and brought with you the day of the event.

PATHWAYS TO YOUR FUTURE PROJECT

Pathways to your future is a new project designed to help you succeed in the university system. Are you worried about being admitted into college, facing the challenges of attending a university or figuring out which direction to go once you are there? These questions and more will be answered through this new project. Each project meeting will focus on preparing you for the university system and how to graduate with a degree in the field of study you are passionate in.

Details:

- Free
- Open to 4-H members currently in grade 9, 10 and 11 in the following clubs:
 - Greenfield
 - KCBR
 - KCR
 - Lockwood
 - Mission
- Open to the first 25 members to register.
- Parents welcome
- Counts as a 4-H Project and record book credit
- Location: TBA, most likely in Greenfield area
- Dates:
 - January 18 (6 pm start with dinner provided): Planning your future: Identifying your skill, passion and spark
 - February 22 (7-9): Exploring Career Choices: How to translate your career choice into an educational program
 - March 14 (7-9): Making the Transition to College: How do I get there?
 - April 18 (7-9): Exploring Options: UC, CSU, Community College, Technical School
 - May 10 (7-9): Sharing your Path: Celebrating how this project supports your goals
- Campus tours to UC Davis, UC Merced, UC Santa Cruz tentatively scheduled for:
 - February 25

March 10

March 31

- Parents will be needed to provide transportation – all mileage will be reimbursed
- Register at : <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7556>
- For more information contact 4-H Youth Development Advisor Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty: lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu, 831-763-8026

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date

Fantastic 4-H Field Day

Saturday February 4, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: First Baptist Church
Corner of Blanco Rd. & San Vicente Ave., Salinas

This fun filled day is one of the most popular 4-H events of the year. Plan to attend!

Don't miss out on:

- Judging Contests
- Poster Contest
- Dessert Contest
- "How to" workshops
- THRIVE roll out presentation
- Good food, good games
- More, more, more & more

The following is a list of Clubs hosting Field Day events:

Aromas - Judging event and tabulation

Buena Vista - Dessert Contest

Greenfield - Coordination

Lockwood - Livestock Judging

Mission - Entertainment/activities

Royal Oaks - Poster Contest

San Benancio - Registration

Spring – Lunch

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date

MONTEREY COUNTY PRESENTATION NIGHT 2012

Friday, March 2 at 6 p.m. at La Gloria School in Gonzales

Hosting and BBQ (5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) provided by Gonzales 4-H

What is Presentation Night? Presentation Night is one of the most important learning experiences that a 4-H member can participate in and it's a lot of fun too! It provides an opportunity for members to demonstrate a prepared presentation and polish their public speaking skills. Members are encouraged to relate the presentation to their current 4-H project work or 4-H activities. All members from 5-19 years old may participate in Presentation Night. Primary or mini-members (5-8 year olds) will receive participation certificates only. Regular members 9 years of age by December 31 or in the 4th grade, through 19 years of age are judged using the

Danish system (gold, red or blue). Everyone will receive comment sheets from the judges to help them improve their presentation skills. Members who are awarded a Gold Medal may elect to continue onto the Sectional Presentation Day in the spring (tba). If a Gold Medal is awarded at Sectional Presentation Day, winners may advance to the state level competition May 26 at the University of California Davis.

Registration forms, volunteer forms and the Presentation Manual are available on the County Website: <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu> under events.

COUNTY PRESENTATION NIGHT REGISTRATION is due Friday, February 24 by 5:00 p.m., one full week before the event to properly prepare. No late registrations will be accepted.

To all parents, Leaders, and intermediate and senior members – we really need volunteers to help in three ways; being a judge in a room, being a tabulator or a room monitor. Your assistance really makes the night go much smoother and quicker! To volunteer fill out the form on the county website or call Wendy at 759-7386.

BBQ – From 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Gonzales will provide a BBQ and Bake Sale.

STATE NEWS

- “Save the Date!” - The 2012 California 4-H Camping Conference will be held March 23 – 25th, 2012 at Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA. There will be hands-on training for adult and teen leaders who help plan and administer 4-H camping programs, including new 4-H SET camping curricula!
- USA Science & Engineering Festival
April 27-29, 2012 in Washington, DC, <http://www.usasciencefestival.org>
This 2nd Festival will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers with school programs and nationwide contests throughout the 2011/2012 school year and a finale Expo in Washington DC in April. The Expo is the nation’s largest celebration of all things science & engineering and features over 1,500 hands-on activities and over 75 performances.
- “Shooting Sports Leaders - Mark Your Calendars!” – A State Shooting Sports Leader Meeting will be held April 28 & 29, 2012 at the Oakdale Sportsman’s Club in Stanislaus County. There will be hands-on sampler sessions for adult and teen leaders as well as updates on policies and programs. More details will be provided in the next edition of Updates.
- The 2012 California State 4-H Field Day will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis. The State 4-H Field Day is a fun-filled event for the whole family, with a day of 4-H contests, activities, picnics, and meeting others. The event is composed of the State 4-H Presentation Day, State 4-H Fashion Revue, Plant Science Contest, Film Festival, Photography Contest, Interview Contest, Judging Contest, and many others! Information on the event will be available in January 2012 at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>. If you want to host an educational exhibit, display, or hands-on activity, complete the form by April 2, 2012 at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/59519.pdf>. These exhibits are a great opportunity to share knowledge, interact with youth and adults, and engage people in new activities.
- Preparing for your county and sectional/regional 2012 4-H Presentation Day? The 2012 impromptu topics are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/72298.pdf>. The 2012 Senior and Intermediate problem solving presentation fact sets are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/>. Problem Solving presentations allow the member to select a position on an issue and develop a presentation to defend that position. There is NOT pre-qualification required to enter this category at the State 4-H Presentation Day (i.e., a gold medal at a sectional competition is not required to enter the Problem Solving category). The 2012 special recognition opportunities available at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/. Members focusing their presentation on one of these themes will earn a special pin at the State 4-H Presentation Day! The SET theme is renewable energy, the healthy living theme is healthy foods, and the citizenship theme is speak out for military kids. For questions, contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu.

2012 Study Travel Adventures for Teens and Adults

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/122939.pdf>

California Focus

June 15 - 19, 2012

Sacramento, California

Teens - \$550 Adults - \$650

Enrollment is open to all adult 4-H leaders and to youth members that have completed the 8th grade.

Washington Focus #1

Road to Democracy

June 24 - July 2, 2012

\$2,190.00

For those who wish to travel on a 10 day trip to Washington, D.C., Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

Heritage Trail I

June 24 - 30, 2012

\$1,840.00

For those who prefer to limit their travel to Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus #2

Global Journey

July 8 - 17, 2012

\$2,330.00

For those who wish to travel on a 11 day trip to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York.

Heritage Trail II

July 8 - 14, 2012

\$1,840.00

For those who prefer to limit their travel to Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus Programs are open to all adult 4-H leaders and to all youth members who have completed their sophomore year in high school or will be 16 years of age by the time of travel.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR UPDATES by Shannon Dogan

4-H ON THE WILD SIDE RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION

This month Sacramento County's On the Wild Side Program received a national honor as a Program of Distinction. This environmental education program is part of the 4-H Youth Development Program and that connects youth from low-income neighborhoods to the outdoors.

The purpose of the 4-H On the Wild Side is to expand outdoor learning and wilderness opportunities for elementary school children who would otherwise not likely have access to the natural environment. Additionally, the program encourages community involvement and leadership skills in teenagers. By design, the program is both a service learning experience for teens that plan and lead the program, and an environmental education experience for elementary school-age participants. Over several months, teen staff work in partnership with adult volunteers to orchestrate and deliver weekend camp programs to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students attending schools in low-income neighborhoods. Teens receive training in environmental curricula and in teaching inquiry-based science, then design and deliver two weekend programs. Up to eighty

children attend each session, rotating through the teen-led activities to learn about ecosystems, migration, habitat and other environmental lessons.

Since 2000, over 1,500 youth have participated in the On the Wild Side program. Annual evaluations indicate that participants increase significantly in knowledge about the environment, engagement and connection with the natural world, and growth in leadership skills and sense of community contribution for teen presenters. Read more about the program and evaluation at the National 4-H website, http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/pod-set/4-HOnTheWildSide_2011.pdf.

Marianne Bird, 4-H Youth Development Advisor in Sacramento County, contributed to the recently released national publication 4-H Science in Urban Communities, which also features 4-H On the Wild Side. This promising practice guide outlines learnings and specific strategies to improve science experiences, and includes information on program design, inquiry-based learning, community partnerships, and training others. The publication is found on-line at <http://urban4hscience.rutgers.edu>.

Congratulations to Marianne Bird and other collaborators on the success of this program. The program is certainly replicable throughout the state and provides an excellent way to reach new teen audiences and increase science literacy among young people throughout California. Hopefully, others will follow in your footsteps!

FROM YOUR PROGRAM REP.

Wendy Grennan

Incentives and Recognition:

Congratulations to the first three callers for the Starbucks gift cards; Cheryl Wilson, Sarah Mikkelson, and Staci Wilkins, it really does pay to read the News Notes!

The award for the best enrollment turned in this year goes to Gonzales 4-H, thanks to the attention to detail and perfection from Leslie Lombardi, the enrollment chairman. Gonzales 4-H will be awarded \$100 at the January Council meeting, to spend on a party/food for the club.

POLICY

4-H YDP offices are required to compile many types of records on an annual basis. Some records must be retained longer and other records must be shredded annually due to identity theft-related concerns. Ultimately, the county director is in charge of record retention, he or she may designate this task to 4-H YDP staff. The following chart is to help you with record maintenance. There are two suggested methods for record retention. They are defined as follows:

- Secure Record Storage is out of the reach of the general public, access the file or files are monitored by staff.
- Locked Record Storage is defined as files that are kept in a locked file cabinet or other locked storage unit that has limited access.

Record Type	Retention Type	Record Stage
<p>Club Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Laws and Constitutions • Meeting Minutes • Other Club information 	<p>Permanent (records destroyed three (3) years after club disbands).</p> <p>Minimum of 3 years (permanent recommended)</p> <p>Current Year</p>	<p>Secure storage</p> <p>Secure storage</p> <p>Secure storage</p>
<p>Council Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Laws and Constitutions • Meeting Minutes • Other Council information 	<p>Permanent (records destroyed three (3) years after club disbands).</p> <p>Minimum of 5 years (permanent recommended)</p> <p>Current Year</p>	<p>Secure storage</p> <p>Secure storage</p> <p>Secure storage</p>
<p>Enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth & Adult Form • Waiver Forms 	<p>Five (5) Years</p>	<p>Secure storage</p>

Record Type	Retention Type	Record Stage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Self-Disclosure 	Five Years	Secure storage
	Current Year (one year only)	Secure storage
Record Type	Retention Type	Record Stage
Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Release 	Current Year (one year only)	Secure storage
Record of Volunteer Orientation	Retained for one year after the termination of volunteer services/appointment.	Secure storage
Financial Records (Council & Club) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Financial Statements Budgets Peer Reviews Bank Statement (End of Year) Master list of all EIN numbers 	Five Years Five Years Five Years Five Years Permanent	Secure storage Secure storage Secure storage Secure storage Locked storage
Affirmative Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach records (forms, press releases, posters, flyers, calendar notes, announcements, personal letters, and newsletters) 	Three (3) Years	Secure storage

<p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of Insurance • Hartford Insurance Claims • University of California Incident Report found at: http://danr.ucop.edu/riskmanagement/ANR-IncidentForm1.pdf 	<p>One year beyond expiration</p> <p>Send to Hartford at: Hartford Life Group Benefits Division P.O. Box 3856 Alpharetta, GA 30023</p> <p>Keep current program year, with a copy to Risk Management</p>	<p>Secure storage</p> <p>Secure storage</p> <p>Secure storage</p>
<p>Fingerprinting</p> <p>DOJ Clearance Approval</p>	<p>5 Years</p> <p>The California Department of Justice mandates fingerprint screening policies. Inquiries should be directed to the DOJ Applicant Agency Compliance and Training Section at (916) 227-3755. **Counties may differ.</p>	<p>Locked Storage</p>

IMPORTANT DATES TO SHARE

JANUARY 2012

Monday, January 2	Holiday, office closed
Saturday, January 7	Bowl-O-Rama
Monday, January 16	Holiday, office closed
Tuesday, January 17	Leaders Council meeting 7 p.m. at the 4-H office
Wednesday, January 18	News Notes articles and pictures due
Friday, January 27- Sunday, January 28	LCORT

FEBRUARY 2012

Saturday, February 4	Field Day
Thursday, February 9	Salinas Farm Day
Monday, February 20	Holiday – office closed
Tuesday, February 21	Leaders Council meeting at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 22	News Notes articles and pictures due

IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE

Friday, March 2	County Presentation Night
Thursday, March 8	King City Farm Day

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Next Leader's Council
Meeting:
Tuesday, January 17,
7 p.m.
at the 4-H Office

January 2012

Every adult volunteer and all youth Members 14 years of age are eligible to be active members of the County Council. Please come and give your input, guidance, direction and Leadership to the Monterey County YDP.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>HOLIDAY Office closed</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Bowl-O-Rama</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>HOLIDAY Office closed</i>	17 <i>Leaders Council Meeting, 7 pm at the 4-H office</i>	18 <i>News Notes arti- cles and pictures due to the 4-H office</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>LCORT begins</i>	28
29 <i>LCORT ends</i>	30	31				

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26	27	28	29			



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