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COUNTY EVENTS

MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H BOWL-A-RAMA (FORMERLY LEADERSHIP GET-AWAY)

King City Blue Ribbon 4-H is putting together an afternoon of pure 4-H fun. Much like 4-H camp, you'll meet new friends, find old ones, make memories and learn a new skill! There will be a bowling competition so form a team with your club or project and BRING IT ON!

WHEN: Saturday, Jan. 9th, 2010

WHERE: Valley Center Bowl in Salinas

TIME: Check in 10:30 a.m. -11:30 Bowling 12:00-4:00

WHO: Any Monterey County 4-H Member

WHY: Have fun, meet other 4-Hers, and have a friendly competition with your friends.

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

Please RSVP by December 15th or sooner, by email to: busymama27@yahoo.com or by mail to: KCBR 4-H, 329 Division St., King City, CA 93930

Any questions, call Mary Hughes at 385-4220

If emailing or mailing, please include the following information:

Name _____ Club _____

Age _____

You will also need a [medical release](#) form filled out and brought with you the day of the event.

FANTASTIC 4-H FIELD DAY

(Formerly Project Field Day)

is set for February 20, 2010 at County offices.
8:30 am Registration opens , 9am program begins

Our county's annual field day is back with some old favorites and some new ideas! Many clubs are collaborating to make this day action packed with contests, awards, socializing and learning.

- Judging contest hosted by Aromas 4-H. All members will have an opportunity to use their critical thinking skills to possibly earn a gold medal in each age group.
- Poster contest hosted by Mission 4-H. Show what you know! Try entering your 4-H poster.
- Dessert contest hosted by Natividad 4-H. Bring your prize winning desserts.

New! Fashion Revue contest provided by Buena Vista 4-H – Assemble an outfit on the spot from our supplies

BBQ Lunch provided by Gonzales 4-H from 11:30-1pm.

For more information or ideas contact Buena Vista 4-H Lorin Lurz 455-1962



CLUB NEWS



November 7th was the Lupus Walk-A-Thon held at Atascadero Lake Park. KCBR 4-H Club was represented by 60 participants, the oldest 85 and the youngest 2 years old. We were able to donate over \$2700 to help cure Lupus. Megan Haley was the top money collector. Also joining our team of walkers were four U.S. Army women from Ft. Hunter Liggett who had seen one of our posters at the library. Mrs. Dani and her committee deserve a big thank you for their efforts. Everyone had a great time. Submitted by Mary Hughes, CCL KCBR 4-H.



On October 19th the San Benancio 4H Vegetable Judging project went on a tour of Taylor Farms in Salinas. Some of the members from Chualar 4-H's vegetable judging team joined us. First we had a vegetable judging contest set up just for us by Taylor Farms. We learned the difference between radicchio and red cabbage. We also learned how to tell spinach from arugula. The best part of the contest was that they let us taste the vegetables! Spinach tastes nothing like arugula even though they look very similar.

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After the judging we were off on a tour. I loved the refrigerator room because it was cold. We headed to the processing room. It was awesome! The water canals and conveyor belts caught my eye first. We watched as they took a head of iceberg lettuce and chopped it and washed it. Then the carrots and cabbage were added for salads and they put the salad in a bag.

There are a lot of people that work at Taylor Farms doing a lot of different jobs. We had a great time and learned a lot! Thanks to Mr. Andrew Fernandez for a great tour!

Written by Dale McHaney, San Benancio 4H.

COUNTY NEWS

DECEMBER EDUCATION/TRAINING INFORMATION

An Attitude of Gratitude

There are two special and powerful (and too often overlooked) words that can make everyone in 4-H an exceptional fundraiser - "Thank You." Saying thank you specifically to our extended 4-H family - our volunteers, our donors, our community partners, our children, parents and staff who support them - acknowledges the importance of our contributions and the impacts created through our commitment of time and money.

This season of Thanksgiving provides us with a perfect opportunity to say thank you and be reminded of the impact we have all had in creating focused, articulate, confident and engaged young leaders. I encourage 4-H groups around the state to take an afternoon or evening during this Thanksgiving season to come together and hold your own "4-H Thank-a-thon." Call each volunteer and each donor in your community with a brief message of gratitude for their role in making this program an important part of our community. It's even fine to leave a message.

Identify yourself and your role in 4-H. Explain that you are taking this season of Thanksgiving as an opportunity to express gratitude to those who have supported 4-H with their time and money throughout the past year. Tell them that this support has made 4-H a reality in the lives of over 100,000 children in California. Then simply say thanks. If you can add why their contribution has been important to you personally, so much the better. Then hang up. Simple, satisfying and powerful!

In fundraising, there is definitely a time to ask for support. But, there are many more instances when saying thanks - and not asking for anything - is even more important. Oh yes, and THANK YOU for the impacts you create each and every day through your tireless dedication to 4-H!

For more information on conducting a "thank-a-thon" in your community, please contact me at The California 4-H Foundation at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.

FROM YOUR PROGRAM REP.

Wendy Grennan

ONLINE NEWS NOTES AND WEBSITE SURVEY

In January the Monterey County 4-H News Notes have been online for one full year. We have made several changes in the format for easier reading. Please take a moment to answer a few questions to help us to continue to improve the News Notes and Webpage. If you include your name and phone number, it will be entered in the drawing for a \$20 Target gift card! The drawing will take place at the next council meeting, Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4313>

RECORD BOOKS - THE FINAL WORD

The official word from State level 4-H is... Project Leaders MAY require record books. This ruling does not have to go into club bylaws, but project leaders may include it in their project rules. The consequence for not completing a required record book, means the member does not get credit for completing the project. (Remember one project must be completed to get credit for the 4-H year.) If you have any questions please call Wendy at 831-759-7386 or email at wdgrennan@ucdavis.edu

FURLOUGH DAYS FOR STAFF:

Please note – Work Furlough days will be the 4th Friday of every month for Advisors.

Because of the State's cuts to the University of California, County Director, Advisors and University 4-H staff (Wendy) have been required to take furlough days. No advisors and University staff will be available to the public on the 4th Friday of every month. They will also be unavailable due to furloughs the week between Christmas and New Years.

The office will remain open, staffed by the County employees who are not on furlough. They will take messages and accept samples to be dealt with by the advisors upon their return. We regret any inconvenience to the public.

For Wendy call (831)759-7386, for Lennis call (831) 759-7353

PROPOSED MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H POLICY:

In order to bring Monterey County 4-H program up to higher standards of operating practices and self sufficiency in certain areas, the Program Representative and Council recommend the following policy below: Please take the time to review. Discussion and concerns will be addressed at the December 15 Council Meeting and a vote will be taken at the January 19 Council Meeting.

- 1. Mandatory attendance at Council Meetings by Community Club Leaders (CCL) or a club representative (including youth members over 14 years old)**
This had been an unwritten "rule" in the past with no documentation or enforcement. The rationale for this policy is that there is work to be done at County level and that work is the responsibility of the 4-H clubs of Monterey County. Clubs must be accountable for keeping well informed, being a part of the decision making process and voting.
- 2. Clubs must maintain 80% attendance at Council Meetings in order to keep their club charter.**
A roll sheet will be passed around at each meeting with a spot for the CCL or representative to sign in. Enforcement will not be done on a month to month basis, rather the issue would be examined at the end of the year when club charters (good standing) are reviewed. The rationale for this policy is that clubs require 80% attendance for members at club meetings to keep informed and conduct business and events, therefore, Community Club Leaders should be required to do the same at the county level by representing their club at the monthly Council meeting. The 80% requirement would start when the policy was approved and adopted.
- 3. Council Officers must have 80% attendance at Council Meetings to maintain office or to complete their second year of the two year commitment.**
By holding a Council office, a commitment has been made to serve Monterey County 4-H which includes attending meetings and completing any required state reporting. Notification should be made if an officer is unable to attend a meeting. Without 3 of the 5 officers, there is not a quorum for voting. Council may vote to dismiss any Council Officer who misses three consecutive meetings.

4. 4-H Clubs must maintain a 12 member minimum.

State Policy requires 5 members and 3 different families to constitute a club. However, county policy can be more strict, but not more lenient than state policy. Monterey County 4-H history has shown that some small clubs have basically been a self serving group, not contributing to increasing enrollment (by excluding non-friends) or participating at county level in any capacity and are at high risk for closing.

5. Clubs are to achieve a gold or blue seal on club books. A red seal would equal probation for a club. A red seal two years in a row would cause the club to lose their charter.

To be fair and equitable to all the clubs who satisfactorily complete the club book reporting, which requires time and effort, clubs that don't do the work would not be rewarded with continuing their club under their conditions.

6. Each club is required to participate (Plan, host, staff, etc) on one county committee or event per year.

The planning, delivery and implementation of county events are NOT the Program Representative's job, they are to be volunteer and youth driven activities and the requirements of the clubs. Throughout the state, other counties are driven by their adult volunteers and their members. With each club actively participating, more 4-H children will attend county-wide events.

7. Committee Chairmen are required to submit articles to the News Notes & complete all required reporting.

The News Notes information should come from the source and not from the Program Rep. trying to interpret the chairman's intentions. It should come straight from the horse's mouth so to speak. This would produce a genuine county newsletter, produced by clubs about county business and events. Reporting requirements would include all financial information and a "how to" binder that can be passed along to future chairmen.

8. The previous year's June Treasurer's Book financial report form # 6.1 must be included with the Beginning of the Year reporting.

This would eliminate the month of June not being reported and how club money was spent, including receipts.

9. Inventory list submitted with end of the year reporting will include pictures of all inventory items once or currently valued over \$50.00 (trailers, pig scales, clippers etc.).

This could be done when the inventory is retrieved from storage before the fairs. Hard copies would be included in the Treasurers Book portion of the club books attached to the inventory sheet



STATE POLICY HANDBOOK



DEPOSIT CARDS AND ELECTRONIC BANKING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. What is a Deposit Card?

A bank deposit card is linked to business accounts and allows for electronic deposits at all ATM machines. Each deposit card has its own pin and all deposits are recorded on your monthly statements.

2. What's the difference between a deposit card and a regular ATM card?

An ATM card allows for deposits and withdrawals. Additionally, ATM cards have Visa/MasterCard logos that can be used for electronic purchases. The California 4-H YDP does not allow for ATM withdrawals or electronic purchases in order to follow standard accounting procedures that require two signatories. ATM cards may be linked to multiple types of accounts. Deposit cards are linked to business accounts. The use of deposit cards is advised when an adult volunteer has a large amount of cash or checks. Depositing cash/check immediately may lessen liability.

3. How many deposit cards can a club have?

The club should have at least one deposit card held by the treasurer or the organizational unit adult volunteer.

4. Do all banks have the deposit card option?

All major banks like Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and Chase offer deposit cards as an option when a business account is opened.

5. What happens if a club receives an ATM card by mistake?

If an ATM card is received, it should be turned into the county 4-H YDP staff, will shred the card. This will protect you and the club from liabilities.

6. Can clubs utilize on-line banking?

On-line banking is not an accepted 4-H policy. The treasurer should not use on-line banking for club business. On-line banking programs allow for electronic purchases that require one person's knowledge and use. CA 4-H YDP accounting practices require two signatures for all purchases and expenditures.

OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE



• **State Qualifying Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests**

The **2010 Judging contests** will be held **April 17, 2010** at Fresno State University in conjunction with a state FFA judging contest. Applications are due by February 19, 2010 to the State 4-H Office. The entry fee is \$25.00/team or \$5.00 per individual. The applications will be available on the state website after December 1, 2009 and by contacting the State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518. Check here for the rules governing state dairy and livestock judging contests.

- What are you doing in your county clothing projects? **State Fashion Revue 2010** will feature our County Corner where you can share innovative ideas from your county that relate to the Clothing & Textiles project, including non-wearable items. Check out the website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/> to find out more about it

- The **California Exposition & State Fair** Board has announced new dates for the fair. The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from **Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 1, 2010**. For more information, you may contact Erica Manuel of the California Exposition and State Fair at emanuel@calexpo.com. 4-H members, adults and staff may also contact 4-H Animal Science Committee Chairs Cynthia Barnett, cbbarnett@ucdavis.edu and Steve Dasher, hsdasher@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.

- 4-H members are invited to participate in the **Fur and Feathers show**, a small animal breed show and showmanship event hosted by Ventura County 4-H and planned for January 16, 2010. Entry deadline is **December 15, 2009**. The event is for 4-H members statewide in Cavy, Poultry and Rabbit projects. Click here for more information. You may contact Jenean Bass at jeneanbass@roadrunner.com for questions.

- On-line registration for the **2010 California Focus Program** is available now and is due on **January 15, 2010**. 4-H members and leaders come together to run their own state government in the fictitious state of Sierra Cascade. Delegates draft legislation, participate in a mock trial, and run for office. Then participants interact with their legislators, court officials, and those close to current issues. Financial assistance is available for this program for members who could not afford to attend without help and the **Young Civic Leader Scholarship** is available for teens with an outstanding leadership and community service record. Those applications are due by **Jan 7, 2010**. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.

- **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Rifle**

A shooting sports training workshop for the rifle discipline will be held in Tulare, CA on Saturday, **January 9, 2010** 8 AM - 6 PM and Sunday, **January 10**, 8 AM - 4 PM. The course will be held at the Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare, CA. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu. For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm

- California will be sending 4-H members and leaders outbound on the **California International Exchange Program** during the summer of 2010. Are you ready for a one month experience in Australia, Costa Rica, or Japan? Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by January 27, 2010. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>.

- If you have an enthusiasm for birds and have some wonderful photos of birds to share, consider entering in the **Biosecurity for Birds Calendar photo contest** by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection. The contest entry deadline is **January 31, 2010**. The winning photos will be displayed in the 2011 Biosecurity for Birds calendar. Everyone is encouraged to enter at: <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

- Calling all 4-H equine enthusiasts! The National Youth Horse Council presents the **National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium** is scheduled to be held March 19-21, 2010 in Lexington, KY. Registrations are due postmarked by **Feb. 24, 2010**. Please click here for full details on event.

- Dates have been set for **2010 State 4-H Horse Events**. The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA (southeast of Fresno). The Championship Horse Show will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27. Tentatively, the English classes and Over Fences will be held on Friday, Western classes on Saturday and Gymkhana on Sunday. More information will be available by December 1st on the web site at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

- Dates have been set for the 2010 Citizenship Focus Program. Come participate in hands-on programs that bring government and policy issues to life and help you get involved in your own community. California Focus June 25-29, 2010

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>

Washington Focus I

Road to Democracy, June 27-July 5, 2010

Heritage Trail, I June 27-July 3, 2009

Washington Focus II

Global Journey, July 11-21, 2010

Heritage Trail II, July 11-17, 2010

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus/>

For more information, contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

- The **2010 State 4-H Field Day** is planned for May 29, 2010. The event will include a variety of interests including presentation day, state fashion revue, a plant science contest and interview contest amongst many others. If you are interested in exhibiting at this annual event, click here <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf> for an application. Applications are due by April 2, 2010.

- **State Leadership Conference**

The **2010 year's theme is "Operation 4-H"**, and is an annual event in which high school age members from across the state meet to develop leadership skills through workshops, games, and night time activities. We are now accepting applications for educational session/track presenters. Please share your knowledge about all things leadership and help Operation 4-H be a tremendous success! Click here to download a proposal. Proposals are due the State 4-H Office by Feb. 26, 2010. You may contact Quang Tong for additional questions at 530-752-5644.

LINKS



<http://www.ca4h.org/SET/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO SHARE

DECEMBER 2009

Tuesday, December 1	LCORT applications due
Tuesday, December 15	Leaders Council Meeting 7 p.m. at the 4-H office
Wednesday, December 16	News Notes articles and pictures due to the 4-H office
Thursday - Friday, December 24 - 25	Holiday - office closed
Monday - Wednesday, December 28 - 30	Furlough Days for Advisors (Wendy)
Thursday, December 31	Holiday - office closed

JANUARY 2010

Friday, January 1	Holiday - office closed
Saturday, January 9	Monterey County Bowl-a-Rama hosted by KCBR 4-H
Thursday, January 28	1st Camp meeting for Counselors
Friday, January 29 - Sunday, January 31	LCORT

IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE

FEBRUARY 2010

Saturday, February 20	Project Field Day
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Next Leader's Council Meeting:
Tuesday, December 15,
7 p.m.
at the 4-H Office -
1432 Abbott Street.



December 2009

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 <i>LCORT Applications due</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Leader's Council Meeting 7 p.m. at the 4-H office</i>	16 <i>News Notes articles and pictures due</i>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>HOLIDAY Office Closed</i>	25 <i>HOLIDAY Office Closed</i>	26
27	28 <i>Furlough Day</i>	29 <i>Furlough Day</i>	30 <i>Furlough Day</i>	31 <i>HOLIDAY Office Closed</i>		

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January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>BOWL-A-RAMA 10:30-4:00 at Valle y Center Bowl</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED</i>	19 <i>Leaders Council Meeting 7 pm. at the 4-H office</i>	20 <i>News Notes articles and pictures due</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>1st Camp meeting 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office</i>	29 <i>LCORT begins</i>	30
31 <i>LCORT ends</i>						



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