



**2008 MONTEREY COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY**  
**Friday, March 7th - 6:00 PM**  
**LaGloria School, 220 Elko Street, Gonzales**  
**Hosted by the 2007-08 All Star, TLAW and Gonzales 4-H**

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**What is Presentation Day?**

Presentation Day is one of the most important learning experiences that a 4-H member can participate and have fun at the same time! It provides an opportunity for members to demonstrate a prepared presentation. Members are strongly encouraged to relate the presentation to their current 4-H project work or 4-H activities. All members from 5-19 years may participate in Presentation Day. Primary Members will receive participation certificates only. Members 4<sup>th</sup> grade or 9 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> are judged using the Danish system (gold, blue or red). 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 on to Tri-County Presentation Day and if a Gold Medal is awarded at Tri-County, they may advance to the State competition which is held in May at University of California Davis.

Monterey County 4-H Presentation Day will follow the state/regional guide, *Presentations for 4-H Members*. This guide is available at <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu/> or contact the 4-H Office for a copy.

**The guide includes:**

- Mechanics of Presenting
- Concerns for all Presentation Formats
- Lettering for Posters and Charts
- Color Combinations
- Planning a Presentation
- Presentation Format Descriptions
- Evaluation Rubrics

**Types of Presentations include:**

- Demonstrations
- Illustrated Talks
- Educational Displays
- Prepared Speech
- Impromptu Speech
- Interpretive Reading
- Share the Fun
- Cultural Arts
- Audio-Visual Presentation
- Problem Solving Presentation



## To Make The Best Better!

University of California,  
U.S. Department of  
Agriculture, and  
County of Monterey  
cooperating

Registration forms are available on our website: <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu> - click on the 4-H icon and look for Presentation Days.

### 2008 EMERALD STAR PROJECT

**H**i, my name is Kassie McIntyre and I am an 8th grader in the Buena Vista 4-H club. This year I did an Emerald Star Project called Hugs From U.S. (United States). This project involved collecting needed items for the service men and women overseas and packing them in boxes. This project was open to all 4-H clubs in the Monterey County. I would like to thank the following clubs that helped make this project so successful; Buena Vista 4-H 27 boxes, Natividad 4-H 35 boxes, and Royal Oaks 4-H 25 boxes. The service men and women are really grateful for our efforts!



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cemonterey.ucdavis.edu](http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu)

## NEW 4-H POLICIES FOR 2008/2009

All club leaders have received a complete copy and all 4-H members and leaders will be required to comply with the complete policy. If you would like a detailed copy of any of these policies, download them from the State 4-H website: [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)

### REVISIONS:

**Section 310.6** – Volunteers on VMOs (Councils), committees, and Taskforces - Members of these entities must be appointed 4-H volunteers or youth members in good standing.

**Section 416** – Incentives and Recognitions – This policy defines and clarifies the purposes and definition of terms of incentives and recognition.

**Section 418.1** – Domestic Exchanges – Approval for all exchanges must come from the County Director. Youth participants must be at least 12 years of age. The California 4-H code of conduct is in full force at all times. All adults in the hosting household must undergo an adequate background check or the exchange will not be allowed. All adults (18 & over) in hosting household within California must be fingerprint screened. At least one host youth must be a 4-H member in good standing.

**Section 418.2** – International Exchanges – In addition to the above domestic exchange policies, approval must also be given by the State 4-H Director and youth must be at least 14 years of age.

**Section 704.2** – Bank Accounts – All 4-H clubs & units must be chartered to use the 4-H name and logo, to raise & disperse funds in support of 4-H programs, projects and groups. The County Director must approve the establishment of checking or savings accounts. No other accounts are allowed without approval. Guidelines in the Treasurer's manual and the State 4-H Policy manual must be followed. All bank accounts must use the UCCE 4-H Office mailing address as the address of record. No UCCE or 4-H staff should be signatories on 4-H accounts. The County Director or designee must review all monthly statements. Failure to follow the policies can result in revoking of the club or unit's charter. (All banking changes must be in place no later than July 1, 2008.)

### NEW:

**Section 817** – Water Safety – Assuring an appropriate certified lifeguard is present for swimming and other water contact is expected. The ratio of 1 adult chaperone for every 5 is recommended.

**Section 818** – Petting Zoos – Risks involved with petting zoos must be minimized by adhering to the specific guidelines listed in this policy for health and safety.

**Section 819** – Search of Personal Property – The UC is responsible for maintaining a safe environment during the course of all 4-H YDP events. If there is reason to perform a search of personal property, the specific guidelines listed in this policy must be followed.

## PROJECT FIELD DAY RESULTS

### Judging:

Senior Medalists: Debbie Means, Jennifer Means  
Ariana Mazer  
Intermediate Medalists: Gabrille Jardini, Girella  
Nunez, Jerica Hurtado, Yesenia Lopez, Lauren  
Brown & Anthony Cruz  
Junior Medalists: Dale McHaney, Samantha Tuttle,  
Daniel Fleming, Bobby Vivan, Molly Roche & Emily  
Kennedy

### Poster contest:

Senior -Ivy Lurz, Buena Vista  
Intermediate- Lauren Vasquez, Mission  
Junior- Mariah O'Grady, Buena Vista

### Cake Contest:

Best Decorated Cake dessert - Anthony Cruz,  
Lockwood  
Best Cake - 1st Samantha Tuttle, 2nd Jordan  
Crowley, Spring  
Best Cookie - 1st Ballie Buhler, Spring 2nd  
Kelly Thorpe, Spring  
Best Other- 1st Allison Heston, Spring 2nd  
Brenna Cumming KCBR  
People Choice - Lauren Vasquez and Sydney  
Sitko, Mission

## LYNN'S SCHEDULE FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

I will be in the Monterey County 4-H Office on March 5th & 18th. Please feel free to contact me either at the Monterey County 4-H Office on those days, or I can be reached at the 4-H Office in Santa Cruz County at (831) 763-8040. My e-mail address is [lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu)

## TRI-COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

For those members who earned a Gold Medal at County Presentation Day, you may participate in the next level on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at Anzar High School off Hwy 156 at San Juan Bautista. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. More information will follow.



## SHEEP FOR SALE

Call Larry at 831-722-9354 or see them at 520 Peaceful Valley Drive, Watsonville

## REMINDER TO ALL COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS:

Only the County Director (Sonya Hammond) can sign Facility Use Agreements, however the Oakland 4-H Office is the final authority, therefore any use agreements need to be in our office **no less than 30 days before the event.**

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

To be notified of current committees, date changes or just timely information - please call the 4-H Office at 759-7386 or email Wendy wdgreennan@ucdavis.edu with your most current email address. Wendy's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8-5.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

**M**onterey County 4-H Council is pleased to once again offer graduating 4-H members the opportunity to apply for council scholarships. The Council awards up to \$4,000 in scholarships of up to \$1,000 each. Applications are due June 18, 2008. More information is available at: <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu> or call Wendy at the 4-H office at 759-7386.



**4-H Statewide Scholarship Information** and Applications are now available. High school seniors and those in college are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available in a number of various criteria and award amounts. Visit <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/index.asp> for:

- **Dean Memorial Legacy Scholarship Award:** Three, \$1,000 scholarships.
- **Mabel W. Jacks Scholarship Award:** Five, \$700 scholarships.
- **American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) Agricultural Scholarship**  
Award: Two, \$1,000 scholarships to attend a four-year university in California.  
One, \$250 scholarship to attend a two-year community college in California.
- **Samarin Family Vocational Education Scholarship Award:** One, \$1,000 scholarship.
- **Frank Woods Memorial Scholarship** One, \$1,000.00 scholarship.
- **West Coast Equine Foundation, Dick Randall Memorial Scholarship** deadline June 30.
- **California Cal Expo Scholarship Program** six at \$1,500, ten at \$1,000, three at \$750, five at \$250.



### Locally:

The **Central Coast Young Farmers and Ranchers** offers an annual scholarship of \$500.00 <http://www.montereycountyfarmbureau.org/Programs/scholarships.htm>

**Monterey County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program** due April 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Contact: Monterey County Farm Bureau, 931 Blanco Circle, Salinas, [www.montereycgb.com](http://www.montereycgb.com) or 751-3100.

The Salinas Valley Chapter of **California Women for Agriculture** offers local scholarships for Women pursuing degrees in Agriculture and Daughters of Farm Workers. Applications will be available in March, the deadline is the end of April and the scholarships will be awarded in May. Applications and information are available online at [www.salinasvawc.org](http://www.salinasvawc.org)

## Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program

**I**n periods of economic uncertainty it is often education programs, scholarships and grants for students that dry up, leaving some of the most promising students without support to cover college expenses. In anticipation of that trend, the Friends of the California State Fair today announced that it will continue its scholarship program for the 2008-2009 academic year. California college students and graduating high school students are eligible and must submit an application by Friday, March 21, 2008.

This year, as many as 32 scholarships will be awarded in the following areas: arts, general studies, agriculture, international studies, teaching credential programs, fair management, business, sports management, history, viticulture, enology and culinary.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of personal commitment, goals established for their chosen field, leadership potential and civic accomplishments. All applicants are also eligible for the Ironstone Concours d' Elegance \$5,000 outstanding candidate scholarship.

The Friends of the Fair Scholarship Program was initiated in 1993 and is a collaborative effort of the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair and the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council.

To receive an application and information, prospective applicants may visit [www.bigfun.org/fair/pdfs/competitions/scholarship\\_app.pdf](http://www.bigfun.org/fair/pdfs/competitions/scholarship_app.pdf) or contact:

The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 15649  
Sacramento, CA 95852-1649  
(916) 263-3636



# LEADERSHIP GET AWAY/MINI CONFERENCE

The Boys & Girls Club, 85 Maryal Drive (behind the Rodeo Grounds)

Saturday, April 19, 2008 10 AM to Sunday April 20, 2008 10 AM

For 4-Hers in grades 4-12

**Presented by the 2007-2008 Monterey County All-Star, this event will be an awesome 24 hours of learning and fun! Exciting and educational sessions will be presented throughout the event including the following topics:**

- Citizenship by Katelyn Robledo - All-Star
- Becoming a Leader by Jocelyn Kelzer - TLAW
- The 4-H Experience by Jennifer Coe – State Ambassador
- Ice Breakers by Ivy Lurz & Michael Jardini
- Emerald Star Project Reviews by Kassie McIntyre & Jay Smith
- The Japan Exchange Program Opportunity by Todd Hansen
- And much more.....

*For additional enrollment forms go to <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu> and click on the 4-H icon.*

### Tentative Schedule

|          |   |          |                       |
|----------|---|----------|-----------------------|
| 10:00 AM | - | 10:30 AM | Registration          |
| 10:30 AM | - | 11:00 AM | Welcome Ceremony      |
| 11:00 AM | - | 11:30 AM | Guest Speaker         |
| 11:30 AM | - | 12:30 PM | Ice Breakers          |
| 12:30 PM | - | 1:30 PM  | Lunch Break           |
| 1:30 PM  | - | 2:30 PM  | Sessions              |
| 2:30 PM  | - | 3:30 PM  | Sessions              |
| 3:30 PM  | - | 4:00 PM  | Break                 |
| 4:00 PM  | - | 5:00 PM  | Sessions              |
| 5:00 PM  | - | 6:00 PM  | Dinner                |
| 7:00 PM  | - | 9:00 PM  | Dance                 |
| 11:00 PM | - | 8:00 AM  | Lights Out/Quiet Time |
| 8:00 AM  | - | 9:30 AM  | Breakfast/Clean Up    |
| 9:30 AM  | - | 10:00 AM | Closing Ceremony      |
| 10:00 AM |   |          | Dismissal/Departure   |



An event t-shirt & 3 meals will be provided along with an amazing dance all for the low price of \$25.00! Don't forget – For those clubs who have paid the county participation fee, 3 members may be sent for FREE! Please return the reservation form **no later than Wednesday, April 16th, 2008**. There must be a minimum of **25 RSVP's** for the event to take place. Make checks payable to "Monterey County 4-H Leaders' Council".

Please return this form **with a completed Medical Treatment Form and Code of Conduct** to:  
 Monterey County 4-H Office, 1432 Abbott Street, Salinas, CA 93901 or by fax 758-3018 **by Wed. April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Please circle one: Delegate                      Chaperone  
 Please circle one: Male                              Female

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size Lg. \_\_\_\_\_ Med. \_\_\_\_\_ Small \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring cookies, candy, fruit or drinks to share with the group. (please circle)

Name of authorized person(s) to pick me up at the Boys and Girls Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring: Sleeping bag (mattress optional), pillow, flashlight and any other personal items.



## UPDATES FROM THE CALIFORNIA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ENGAGES YOUTH IN REACHING THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL WHILE ADVANCING THE FIELD OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

### MANDATORY CCL MEETING

Closure meeting on **Tuesday, April 29th** at the **4-H Office** from 7 to 9pm to allow community club leaders to network with one another in regard to how their club will be managing the changes, as well as provide a Q and A session to address questions and concerns. Club end of the year packets would also be handed out at this time.

Please RSVP by Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> for the Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting at 759-7386 or [wdgrennan@ucdavis.edu](mailto:wdgrennan@ucdavis.edu).

- Are you interested in hosting a youth-led and youth-driven Town Hall meeting? The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is offering \$500 plus facilitation tools to support a youth-led, **Town Hall Meeting** on the **Prevention of Underage Drinking** in March of 2008. *The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking* and the accompanying *Guide to Action for Communities* are recommend for use as well as the other available tools. In addition, a technical assistance package that includes guidelines on how to hold town hall meetings is provided. SAMHSA will continue to make the awards available until the resources for this project are committed. The names and contact information for each participating community will be posted on the federal web site at: [www.stopalcoholabuse.gov](http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov) and the state web site <http://www.safestate.org/underagedrinking>.
- The Collegiate 4-H at UC Davis invites high school 4-H members to their annual "**You See Davis Days.**" The event will take place April 17 - 19, 2008 at UC Davis. Registration materials are available at <http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm>. Please contact Vanessa Renwick ([vmrenwick@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vmrenwick@ucdavis.edu) or 559-977-0108) with any questions. Space is limited, so get applications returned as soon as possible!
- Become a **2008-2009 4-H State Ambassador!** Youth (ages 16-19) and adult advisors are now being sought to provide statewide leadership. Ambassadors act as a 4-H representatives, conduct team projects, and plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference. Applications are due **March 31**, 2008 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/index.asp>
- **2008 State 4-H Field Day:** Information for the event is now online for the State 4-H Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, Horticulture Contest, Judging Event and other activities during the day. Find more information at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>
- The **Livestock Judging Contest** that serves as the 4-H California State Qualifier (winning senior team is eligible to represent California at the 4-H National Livestock Judging Contest in Kentucky) will be held at California State University at Fresno. Contest date is Saturday, **April 12**, 2008. Registration must be postmarked no later than **February 1**, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/livestock/index.asp>
- Are you interested in helping put on a state 4-H event? The **State Fashion Revue** Committee still has openings for teens and adults. Contact Kylie Deal, Teen Chair, at [registersfr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:registersfr@sbcglobal.net) or Sue Moore, 4-H Staff Liaison at [samoore@ucdavis.edu](mailto:samoore@ucdavis.edu) or 209-533-6990. State Fashion Revue will be held **May 31**, 2008 on the U.C. Davis campus as part of State Field Day. Look for event information to be posted soon at: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

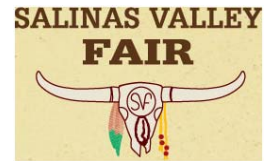
### MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H ELECTRONIC NEWS NOTES REQUESTS

Please help us go GREEN by calling the 4-H office, 759-7360 to sign up to receive an electronic notification of the News Notes instead of a hard copy. Please keep the following in mind:

1. All email addressed from the previous year will be purged, so you must re-confirm your willingness to participate.
2. Only one e-mail address per family will be accepted.
3. It may take a month to get you up and running.
4. If you have security allowances on your e-mail system, please allow for the News Notes message to be accepted.



## SALINAS VALLEY FAIR 2008



The 2008 Salinas Valley Fair will be May 15 - 18. The entry closing dates are March 28th for Livestock entries and April 4th for other entries. The entry guidebook is online at [www.salinasvalleyfair.com](http://www.salinasvalleyfair.com) and you will have the capability of printing only the pages you are interested in. There are some new livestock rules going into effect this year so please encourage everyone to read the rules.

We have only printed a small number of books this year and will be encouraging everyone to retrieve their entry forms and information on-line.

Trailer reservation forms are also online. There are only a few spots left.

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, know which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence - 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3, etc. Be sure it's in your kid's cell phones also. A great idea that will make a difference!



## MISS SALINAS VALLEY FAIR CONTEST

The Miss Salinas Valley Fair Contest will be held on Saturday April 12, 2008. The contest awards a \$1,000.00 Scholarship as well as many other prizes to the winner. Contestants will be judged on horsemanship, personality, poise and appearance and scholastic ability. Applications may be downloaded from [www.salinasvalleyfair.com](http://www.salinasvalleyfair.com).

## TO ADD OR DROP A PROJECT: (possible until June 1st)

Click on Modification of Enrollment on the County website <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu>, download the form, get all of the proper signatures, and fax to the 4-H office at 758-3018.



All Star, Katelyn Robledo and TLAW, Jocelyn Kelzer at Farm Day Salinas



Broderick Family at Salinas Farm Day (Emerson, Patrick & Patrick, Jr.)

## HORSE PROJECT

### LEADER ORIENTATIONS

Call Wendy at the 4-H office, 759-7386 to schedule a convenient time.

### WATCH!

New record book forms will be available on the County web site soon!

### PLANT BIG POTATOES

Many years ago farmers theorized that they could eat their big potatoes and keep the small potatoes for seed. Consequently they did it for several years and found all of their potatoes reduced to the size of marbles.

They learned from bitter experience that they could not keep the best things for themselves and use leftovers for seed.

Your harvest will reflect you're planting. What size potatoes have you been planting?



The **State 4-H Horse Classic** will be held on April 5 & 6 at CSU Fresno. To be a contestant, participants must be enrolled in the 4-H horse project by February 5. The schedule will be: Saturday, April 5 - Hippology (a.m. & p.m.), Horse Judging (p.m.), Demonstrations & Public Speaking (evening). Sunday, April 6 - Horse Bowl (a.m. & p.m.). The educational contest rules and entry forms are on-line at: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

We will be posting junior horse bowl questions on-line soon. For now, members can study from other state web sites: <http://www.spokanekids.wsu.edu/Horse%20Projects/Horse%20Bowl%20Questions.htm>  
<http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/jrjrbowlquestions.pdf>  
[http://www.uky.edu/Ag/4horse/index\\_files/Page448.htm](http://www.uky.edu/Ag/4horse/index_files/Page448.htm)  
<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/4horse/Sall.PDF>  
Entries are due March 1, 2008.



The **State Championship 4-H Horse Show** rules and entry information should be on-line within the month. The horse show will be held June 27-29 at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville. There is no qualifying requirement to enter except all participants must be a 4-H horse project member and own/lease their horse at least 120 days prior to the event (February 28, 2008). The schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, June 26 Arrival and warm ups  
Friday, June 27 English Flat and Over Fences  
Saturday, June 28 Western Flat  
Sunday, June 29 Gymkhana  
Monday, June 30 Depart by 12 noon  
Entries are due June 1, 2008.

### Quail Creek Ranch Winter -Series Showing For a Cure

For more info check their website or call 831-206-8124  
Jan. 27th, Feb. 17th, March 9th  
Halter, Western & Reining  
High Point of the day, plus a Buckle Series  
Can enter the day of the shows

### Ca. State Horsemen's Assoc. - Region Ten

For more info contact csharegion10@yahoo.com  
**Mar. 2nd Fur Ball Horse Fun Day**- Held at Quail Creek Ranch A fun day on horses. Open to all levels. \$25 for the day. To benefit Reg.10 Royalty  
**Mar. 15th Region 10 Schooling Show**- Quail Creek Ranch Halter, English, Western, Reining, Races  
**May 24th and July 12th Reg. 10 Double Point Show**- Quail Creek Ranch Halter, English, Western, Reining  
**Aug. 23rd Reg. 10** - at Santa Cruz Co. Fairgrounds- Watsonville Halter, English, Western, Reining  
**Sept. 12th Reg. 10**- at Santa Cruz Co, Fair - Watsonville Halter, English, Western Reining

### Carmel Valley Western Series

For more info contact Brenda Reese, 831-624-2829  
Entry Fees- \$25 for the day, Enter that day  
**Apr. 27th & Sept. 28th** Playday Format  
**May 25th, June 29th, July 27th, Aug. 31-**  
Buckle Series Format





# Safety Note

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Safety Note #71



**NEXT 4-H  
COUNCIL  
MEETING**



## BRANDING IRON SAFETY

Ownership of livestock is often established by the use of a branding iron. Traditionally, fire-heated branding irons were used to uniquely mark identification on the flank of livestock. At the present time, the popularity of electric branding irons has increased because of the greater availability of electricity and convenience of not having to provide a thermal source to warm a fire-heated branding iron. California Code of Regulations Title 8, Section 3203 (7) requires employees be trained on the equipment they use in the workplace.

### Pre-Use Activities

- Thoroughly review and understand information provided in the branding iron operator's manual with particular attention given to descriptions of safety procedures.
- Before using, always inspect the branding iron for damage or disrepair. For an electric branding iron, inspect the electrical cord and plug for defects.
- If a branding iron fails the pre-use inspection, notify your supervisor and remove the branding iron from service by attaching a red tag that states "DO NOT USE." Complete red tag with appropriate information.

### Operating Precautions

- As necessary, wear boots, gloves, long pants, and eye and head protection when conducting livestock branding operations.
- Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry in the vicinity of livestock branding operations. Tie back long hair or wear under a cap or hard hat.
- Prior to branding, clip long livestock hair in the target branding area.
- Never conduct electric branding in wet conditions or while you or the animal are standing in mud or water.
- Use moderate pressure when applying a branding iron. Apply the branding iron about 10 seconds until the animal's skin turns a dark coppery color.
- Always set a heated branding iron on a stand or clean non-thermal conductive or non-flammable surface.
- Never set an electric branding iron in dirt or other substances that may cause it to overheat.
- Avoid startling or spooking cattle during branding operations.
- Be alert and aware of potential sudden changes in conditions when handling livestock.
- Always utilize good animal husbandry practices when handling livestock.
- If an electric shock is experienced when using an electric branding iron, immediately discontinue use of the iron.

**Note: Portions of Safety Note #71 were developed from information provided by L & H Branding Irons, Mandan, North Dakota**

The next County Council meeting will be in King City on Tuesday, March 18th at Central Coast Pizza 500B Canal Street 7:00 PM. The Policy Review Committee will meet at 6:15 and the Food Booth meeting will be at 6:30. Every adult volunteer and all youth members 14 years of age or older are eligible to be active members of the County Council. Please come and give your input, guidance, direction and leadership to the Monterey County 4-H YDP.

**MONTEREY  
COUNTY 4-H  
COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

For the latest 4-H Council Minutes call the 4-H Office at 759-7386 or go to <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/1598/15901.pdf>





# Monterey County 4-H Calendar

March 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                    | Thursday                  | Friday                            | Saturday |
|--------|--------|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|        |        |  |  |                           |                                   | 1        |
|        |        |  |  |                           |                                   |          |
| 2      | 3      | 4  | 5  | 6<br>Farm Day - King City | 7<br>Mo. Co. 4-H Presentation Day | 8        |
| 9      | 10     | 11   | 12   | 13                        | 14                                | 15       |
| 16     | 17     | 18<br>6:00 PM Food Booth Meeting - King City<br>7:00 PM Mo. Co. 4-H Council Mtg. - King City | 19<br>News Notes Due 4-H Office - 12:00 Noon | 20                        | 21                                | 22       |
| 23     | 24     | 25   | 26   | 27                        | 28                                | 29       |
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**COMING EVENTS...**

April

- 15 Food Booth Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Budget/Calendar Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Leaders Council Mtg. - 7:00 PM
- 16 News Notes Articles Due - 4-H Office 12:00 Noon

May

- 15-19 Salinas Valley Fair - King City
- 21 News Notes Due - 4-H Office - 12:00 Noon
- 24 State Presentation Day - UC Davis
- 26 Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed



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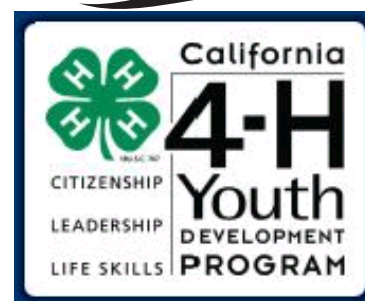
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