

Imperial County 4-H Intercom



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4-H Office 760-352-9474

Community Club Leaders Meeting

Saturday, August 27, 2011

Farm Bureau, 9am

Topics:

- *2011 BBQ
- *Online Enrollments
- *Info on ATV program sign up date
- *Training opportunities for new and continuing leaders
- *Resource/Key Leader Concept

2011-2012 Program Fees

With the beginning of the 2011-2012 4-H year (July 1st) state 4-H program fees will increase to \$20 per youth member. Fees for 4-H leaders will remain at \$6. Clubs may charge a reasonable amount beyond the state fees to pay for miscellaneous club operation costs. Clubs are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now for those returning members and avoid the last minute rush to get information entered. Same as last year, enrollments will be completed online. Deadline for enrollments: NOVEMBER 1, 2011.

CJ Lopez named 2011-2012 All Star

An active member with experiences in many aspects of the 4-H program, CJ was recently awarded the highest county leadership award – ALL STAR. He has held numerous club level offices (Star Route 4-H Club) and has served on county, sectional and state level committees. CJ has garnered many awards, perhaps the most impressive being a State Field Day Winner in Public Speaking. In all of these roles, he exhibits pride and enthusiasm. We are excited for CJ as he assumes his county leadership position and know we'll see him at many county events this coming year.

Calendar:

August

27 – 4-H Saturday – Community Club Leaders

September

01 – Leaders Council Meeting – 7pm

10 – SET – Robotic Training in S.D. County

15 – Livestock Meeting – 7pm

17 – ATV Safety – 1st mtg.

24 – 4-H Saturday – Golf – National Poster Contest entries due – Officer Training

October

3-8 National 4-H

5 – National Youth Science Experiment

6 - Leaders council meeting

8 – Bike Ride – Tri-City/Mulberry

15 – Prepare meat for 4-H BBQ

16 – 4-H BBQ / Poster Contest

19 – Citizenship/Emerald Star Applications Due

20 - Livestock Meeting

20 – Citizenship Interviews

22 – Sm. Anim. Workshop – Magnolia/United Valley

One of our Own!!

Imperial County 4-H members are invited annually to participate in the South Sectional Field Day in contests for presentations, judging, Fashion Revue, etc. Qualifying entries are then eligible for the State Field Day. As you can imagine, the amount of leader assistance needed to stage such a day is tremendous. Each year, a single leader is honored for their contribution to the field day. This year, that honoree was one of Imperial County's busiest leaders: **Mary Ann Smith! Congratulations Mary Ann.** This award normally goes to a seasoned 4-H leader who goes above and beyond in a way that truly makes a difference in the 4-H program. Many of us know how active she is here at the county level but she is also very active with sectional and state sponsored events. Thank you MaryAnn!

Brooks Hamby elected **Governor** of Sierra Cascade!

My name is Brooks Hamby and I am a member of the Mulberry 4-H club. Just a few weeks ago, I was in Sacramento for the California Focus Leadership Conference. I'd like to talk to you a little about that as well as to convince you to take advantage of this great opportunity as well.

Let me first tell you a little about the program itself. California Focus is a leadership program that takes place in the state's capitol, Sacramento. You have the opportunity to do all kinds of educational, yet very fun and exciting activities from visiting the governor's office, to creating your own bills and legislation. One of these activities includes running for political office. In the state of Sierra Cascade, a mock state in the place of California, there are 8 positions in the executive branch, just like California. You start out your campaign by receiving a nomination within your party, either the Golden Eagle Party like I was, or the Grizzly Bears. After you have been nominated, you must give a speech on the spur of the moment as to why you would be the best candidate. If you were nominated to the position you chose, you would begin immediately working on your campaign including your speech, posters, slogans, and so much more. On election night, you board a bus with your political party that is decked out in all kinds of decorations and campaign gear. You then arrive at the political rally where you will give your speech to the entire Cal Focus group. After all of this you may vote, only if you had registered already, for a candidate for each office. Within an hour the results are tallied up and the next day are sworn into your office in one of only 6 appellate courts in the State of California, which normally do not allow children. If you go, I would encourage you to run for office. I ran for governor and won, although it was a lot of work writing and delivering about 6 speeches just for governor and running the closing ceremonies, but I truly enjoyed it.

Another activity was meeting with your legislators. It is a blessing that in our republic we have the opportunity to have a voice in our government and debate with our elected officials. You are given several hours to talk with them as well as to tour the capitol. In addition to the free time to tour the capitol, you are also given tours of the assembly, senate, and other places throughout the capitol. And usually, if you ask your legislator, they are very happy to give you a tour of just about everything, like our senator who took us onto the floors of both houses while they were in session and even into a very special place called the "void", a small room that very few people know about where many historical happenings occurred including a speech by President Theodore Roosevelt.

Another activity was being able to draft your own legislation, simulating the process of the life of a bill. Here you met with people in your district and write bills to solve certain problems in your district and Sierra Cascade. I authored two bills, one to eliminate all state taxes and institute an across the board sales tax, as well as legalization of offshore drilling. We then gathered together in the assembly, role-playing off the real one, and introduced bills, debated and then voted with pretty sophisticated voting equipment. Three bills passed the assembly out of over a dozen, and were then sent to the governor for approval. As governor, I vetoed two because one grew government, and the other raised taxes. However, I did sign one, which was my own, and legalized offshore drilling.

You also had the option of becoming a reporter at K4-HCA, a news team for Cal Focus. Everyday we met up at 6:00 A.M. at Starbucks to scour the newspaper for stories we could report on. We wrote up our stories and then "broadcast" them to the Cal Focus group that morning.

All in all, this trip is a real benefit to anyone who attends. If you are looking to improve public speaking, you will have plenty of opportunities to like I did, writing about an hour a day and giving numerous speeches at the event, about 12 I believe. This trip is also excellent for anyone interested in the rich history of our state, or the way our government functions. Next year I am moving on to Washington Focus, but I hope some of you will be willing to experience this wonderful opportunity.

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Submitted by,
J. Brooks Hamby



Lock and Load your ideas to help Kick Off this year's Shooting Sports program in the Imperial County 4-H. We are establishing a Shooting Sports Project Club. We will host meetings, elect officers, share adventures, learn new techniques and work towards competing in postal shoots and holding our own invitational shoot. We are looking to rotate each discipline for a specified time period to go through 4 in a year. Our first items on the agenda are deciding the club name, designing the club t-shirt/logo, electing officers, scheduling field trips, shoots and building relationships with fellow 4Her's in the sport.

I am looking for willing and able adult volunteers to become certified leaders for the following disciplines: rifle, shotgun, pistol and rifle. I will be hosting two training sessions to certify adults in rifle and archery in August. If you are interested please contact the 4-H office or myself on or before August 15th.

Thank you for your time.

Randy Robertson
Imperial County 4-H Shooting Sports
Resource Leader
Ca State Archery Instructor
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Sectional and State Field Day results

Congratulations to all the members and families who participated in the Sectional and State Field Days. Several Imperial County members presented and/or competed in various contests.

Sectional Presentations:

Gold Medal Winners: (State Qualified)

Nathaniel Arroyave – Star Route – Junior Presentation

Dylan Cartee – Verde – Junior Presentation

Steven Johnson – Star Route – Intermediate Audio Visual

Blue Ribbons:

Kirk Johnson– Star Route – Junior Presentation

Andrew Pacheco – Verde – Junior PowerPoint

Collin Hoyt – Verde - Intermediate PowerPoint

John Pacheco -Verde - Intermediate PowerPoint

Sectional Prepared Reading:

Blue Ribbons:

Rhett Robertson – McCabe – Intermediate Prepared Reading

William Knights– Star Route – Senior Prepared Reading

Calvin “C.J.” Lopez – Star Route – Senior Prepared Reading

Sectional Educational Displays:

Gold Medal Winners: (State Qualified)

Rhett Robertson – McCabe – Intermediate Educational Display

Matthew Jones – Star Route - Senior Educational Display

Blue Ribbons:

Steven Johnson – Star Route – Intermediate Educational display

Sectional Impromptu:

Blue Ribbons:

William Knights– Star Route – Senior Impromptu

Calvin “C.J.” Lopez – Star Route – Senior Impromptu

Andrea Williams - Star Route – Senior Impromptu

Calvin “C.J.” Lopez – Star Route – Senior Extemporaneous

Sectional Cultural Arts:

Blue Ribbons:

Marizela Perez – Family 4-H Club & Matthew Jones – Star Route 4-H Club – Group Cultural Arts

Sectional Judging Event:

Gold Medal Winners:

Andrew Pacheco – Verde– Junior Judging

Leah Yee – United Valley– Junior Judging

Sectional Fashion Revue:

Gold Medal Winners:

Rhett Robertson - McCabe– Junior Purchasing

Calvin “C.J.” Lopez – Star Route– Senior \$15.00 Challenge

Blue Ribbons:

Marizela Perez – Family – Senior Traditional

On May 28, 2010 two of these members were able to travel to UC Davis to compete on the state level against 54 other counties.

State Presentations:

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The Imperial County 4-H Youth Development Program is very proud of the accomplishments of these fine 4-H members. Special Thanks to the leaders and parents that made it possible.

4-H Robotics: Engineering for Today and Tomorrow

Training available for interested Leaders on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011
San Diego County 4-H office.
Contact Jennifer Garcia, 352-9474, for registration info

The Junk Drawer Robotics curriculum engages youth in understanding scientific concepts, the engineering design process, and technology creation. Junk Drawer Robotics provides youth experiences in science processes, engineering design principles and technology processes by working with household items and parts to complete simple design challenges. None of the levels require or use computers. Youth will use their Robotics Notebook to record their learning experiences, robotic designs and data from their investigations.

- *Junk Drawer Robotics Track Level 1, Give Robots a Hand:* Youth explore and learn about robot arms. Concepts covered include pneumatics, arm designs, and three-dimensional space. Big ideas include form and function, scientific habits of mind, and engineering design.
- *Junk Drawer Robotics Track Level 2, Robots on the Move:* Youth learn about robots that move with legs, wheels and underwater. Concepts covered include friction, basic electrical power and motors, engineering constraints, gear systems, and buoyancy.
- *Junk Drawer Robotics Track Level 3, Mechatronics:* Youth will explore sensors and analog and digital systems. The track introduces simple electronic components; youth will build basic circuits to see how the components work. They will investigate basic elements of programming and instructions for robotic computer control.

GARDEN DELIGHTS

Garden Delights was held Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at the Women's Center in Holtville. The evening was hosted by Verde and Southwest Valley 4-H Clubs. There were four clubs and ten participants. Guest speaker was Harlie Merten, of Holtville FFA, who did a hands-on cake decorating demonstration. Many parents and supporters were there to watch the kids. The results were as follows:

Centerpiece Competition

Jr. County Winner – Sadie Allegranza – Verde
Inter. County Winner – Bryanne Sanchez – SWV
Inter. County Winner – Sonora Shelton – Mt. Signal

Formal

Jr. County Winner – Sydney Mange – Verde

Informal

Jr. County Winner – Sarah Grizzle – Verde
Inter. County Winner – Bryanne Sancehz – SWV
Inter. County Winner – Sonora Shelton – Mt. Signal

Special Occasion

Jr. County Winner – Leah Yee – United Valley