



# Imperial County 4-H Intercom



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## NOVEMBER 2012

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### Leaders Council Meeting

Thursday, November 1, 2012  
@ 6pm  
Farm Bureau Auditorium

### Livestock Leaders Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012  
@ 7pm  
Farm Bureau Auditorium

### Calendar:

#### November

- 01 – Leaders Council Meeting – 6pm
- 01 – DNA/Tagging – Proof of ownership of Beef/lease horse
- 02 – Last day to submit enrollments to 4-H office
- 10 – Cattle Call Rodeo Program Sales
- 09-11 – State Leaders Forum
- 15 – Livestock Leaders Meeting – 7pm
- 17 – Small Animal Clinic
- 22-23 – Office Closed

#### December

- 06 – Leaders Council Meeting – 6pm
- 08 – Christmas Tea
- 25 – Office Closed

#### January

- 01 – Office Closed
- 02 – Preregistration Logs for all Large, Small Animals, Dogs, Horse, Breeding & Dairy Animals required. Turn in at Fair Office
- 02 – DNA/Tagging – Proof of ownership of goats, sheep, swine, feeder calves, & small animals
- 03 – Leaders Council Meeting – 6pm
- 09 – Ethics Training – Jr-6pm/Sr 7pm
- 12 – Ethics Training – Jr-10am/Sr-11am
- 17 – Livestock Leaders Meeting – 7pm
- 18-20 – T.I.C.
- 19 – Large Animal Prefair-Calipat/Westmorland
- 19 – Small Animal Prefair – Magnolia/Mt. Sig
- 19 – Plant Show – Star Route
- 25 – Deadline for all Jr/Youth Division Entry Forms

### SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

The Small Animal Clinic is an excellent opportunity to jump-start your year in Rabbits, Cavies, or Poultry, especially if you are new to small animal projects. KW Cages will be at the event with cages, food, and many other Rabbit and Cavy supplies. There will also be rabbit, cavy, and poultry breeders at the event with animals for sale.

The Small Animal Clinic will start at **9am on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds**. If you would like to purchase a cavy at the event, you will need to call in an order, which the cavy breeder will bring to the event. To purchase a cavy, or for more information regarding the Small Animal Clinic, contact Terrie Sullivan at 760-344-8492 or [magnolia4h@yahoo.com](mailto:magnolia4h@yahoo.com).

### NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> EVENTS

Due to concerns over booking ourselves with the numerous events occurring, it has been decided to cancel the Jr./Teen Leader Training, the ORB Training, and the Judging Division Workshop. The Small Animal Clinic and New Leader Orientation will take place as scheduled. The other events will be re-scheduled in the future.

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## IMPERIAL COUNTY 4-H WEB PAGE UPDATE

Many UC Agriculture and Natural Resources email addresses and websites containing "ucdavis.edu" have been updated to "ucanr.edu". All current ucdavis.edu email addresses and website will continue to work indefinitely. You can reach us at the new website below but the old one will continue to work indefinitely: <http://ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h>

### Required for 4-H Adult Volunteers:

4-H Youth Development volunteer applications are reviewed and appointed annually by the County Director. Adult applicants must complete the following once for as long as they are continuously enrolled. If there is a gap in enrollment, these steps must be repeated.

#### **\*\*Department of Justice (DOJ) Clearance\*\***

To interact with 4-H youth, adults must be cleared by the Department of Justice. You may already have such clearance with another organization - however, to protect your privacy, this information cannot be shared between organizations, and you must repeat this process to receive clearance with the 4-H Youth Development Program.

To complete this process, you will need to make an appointment with the Imperial County Sheriff's Department. To get started, contact the 4-H Office:

760-352-9474

[jlgarcia@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jlgarcia@ucdavis.edu)

#### **\*\*New Leader Orientation\*\***

Each new leader must go through a one-time orientation to learn the values, best practices, and policies that should be adhered to when working with 4-H youth.

For the 2012-2013 program year, the following remaining orientations have been scheduled:

November 8, 2012 – 6pm – Farm Bureau

November 17, 2012-10am – Sperber Arena Conference Room

For more details as trainings approach, stay tuned to the monthly Imperial County 4-H Intercom. An additional training will be scheduled and announced the middle of November 17, 2012.

## **CHRISTMAS TEA**

Support the Still Exhibits Building by attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Tea!

The Christmas Tea will start at 10am at the Fairgrounds. This is a great chance to have a nice evening that also contributes to the ongoing improvement of the Still Live Building at the Fairgrounds. Have your checkbooks ready for the silent auction! Items for sale include everything from FFA industrial arts projects to specialty baskets prepared by the Imperial Valley Expo.

If you would like to help setup, work will start to prepare for the tea the moment the Livestock Field Day is concluded, which is expected to be around 4pm. If you have silent auction items you would like to donate, you can bring them with you to the Christmas Tea. If you have an item you would like to donate or have any questions regarding the event, please contact Sherry Robertson at 760-693-0491 or Shannon Magana 760-960-0881.

## **4-H PROJECT SHEETS**

[http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project\\_Sheets/](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/)

Check out the 30 available project sheets designed to help 4-H volunteers and youth understand possibilities in 4-H projects. 4-H youth and their families may use these sheets to decide which project they might be interested in. The State 4-H Office is looking for people to help write these project sheets! If interested, please contact Steven Worker at [smworker@ucanr.edu](mailto:smworker@ucanr.edu).

## DNA KITS

Please complete the following steps to complete your DNA Kits as required for all market animals showing at the California Mid-Winter Fair:

1. Complete DNA Kit Order Form – Attached, or available at [ivexpo.com](http://ivexpo.com). Fax to 760-355-1425 or email to [admin@ivexpo.com](mailto:admin@ivexpo.com)
2. Make an appointment with the Fair Office to pick up DNA Kits – call 760-355-1181
3. After picking up kits, tag and collect samples – **YOU MUST TAG WHEN YOU COLLECT SAMPLES.**
4. Submit complete kits to the Fair Office – If not personally turning in kits, Leaders should follow up with members to be sure they are in by the deadline.

### DEADLINES:

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:00pm:** Market Beef DNA Samples and Pre-Registration Logs due to Fair

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00pm:** Market Goat, Feeder Calf, Market Sheep, & Market Swine DNA Samples and Pre-Registration Logs due to Fair.

## CALIFORNIA MID-WINTER FAIR & FIESTA “NO GO-NO SHOW” CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

This training is mandatory for all first time Livestock Animal Exhibitors (Primary Members are exempt). For returning exhibitors, this training will be required once every three years – If you took the training for the 2012 Fair, you will not need to take the training again until prior to the 2015 Fair.

There are two training sessions scheduled at the IV Expo (Building TBA):

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

JUNIORS – 6pm–7pm

SENIORS – 7pm–8pm

Saturday, January 12, 2013

JUNIORS – 10am–11am

SENIORS – 11am–12pm

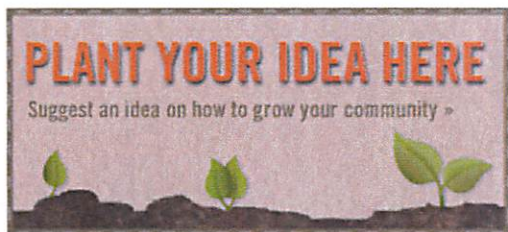
### Rules:

\*If this is your first time competing at the California Mid-Winter Fair, and you do not attend an Ethics Training, you *will not be able to show at the Fair. No Exceptions.*

\*Showmen who were primary members last year, and regular members for the first time this year will be treated as new members and required to attend this year's training.

\*Juniors will not be allowed to attend the Seniors' training, and Seniors will not be allowed to attend the Juniors' training.

\*During the training, members will be expected to be quiet and respectful. Disruptive behavior may result in being asked to leave, then *both attend and assist with the next training.*



Thanks to America's Farmers Grow Communities SM. Now through Nov. 30, 2012, eligible farmers can enter for a chance to win \$2,500 that can be directed to their local 4-H program. Rural community members can suggest an idea or initiative that needs funding for their local 4-H, such as a community garden or camp scholarships. Farmers may review the ideas and consider them in their application. To plant your idea and encourage farmers to support your 4-H, go to [GrowCommunities.com](http://GrowCommunities.com). In addition, in communities impacted by drought, the Monsanto Fund will provide twice the financial support. Winning farmers from counties that have been declared natural disaster areas will now receive a total of \$5,000. Contact the 4-H Office or click here for an application: [Printable Application Forms](#)

#### **4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP**

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. The workshop will be January 12, 2013 8am-6pm and January 13, 2013 8am-4pm. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a 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 or receive more information, contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu) (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County).

#### **TEEN INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE (TIC)**

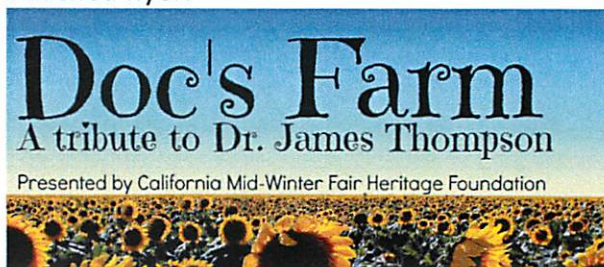
The California 4-H South Section Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) is a three day youth leadership conference for high school aged 4-H members of the south section. Youth who attend this conference will have a chance to: gain new leadership techniques, learn teamwork skills, obtain information on opportunities 4-H has to offer at a sectional and state wide level, meet 4-H members from across the state, participate in community service activities, and much more! TIC is completely put together by the officers of the South Section Teen Council.

2013 Teen Involvement Conference: Flashback to Leadership Registration Forms have become available! This year, TIC will be held from January 18-20, 2013, at the Pathfinder Ranch outside of Mountain Center, California. For the registration packet, please contact the 4-H Office or visit the Southern Section website: <http://ss4h.org/>. You can also get up to date details about the conference by following the TIC facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/4HTIC>

Please help the Teen Council spread the news about the conference! Numbers have been on the lower side the past few years, and we would love to get the numbers up. Especially this year, which TIC is celebrating its 20th year! Early Bird Registration will be due December 9, 2012.

#### **Introducing Doc's Farm: A Tribute to Dr. James Thompson**

At the 2013 California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta there will be a new agriculture educational exhibit with a focus on baby animals. Their hope is that the thousands of fair guests will be able to see baby animals and maybe even a live birth. Following the passing of Dr. James Thompson, this exhibit has been re-branded in his memory. Find out how you can get involved by reviewing the attached flyer.



# Agriculture Education Exhibit

## *Doc's Farm*

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At the 2013 California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta there will be a new agriculture educational exhibit with a focus on baby animals. Our hope is that the thousands of fair guests will be able to see baby animals and maybe even a live birth.

We are fortunate to have a strong youth junior livestock program, and would love to have both youth and adults involved in this educational exhibit as well. Please review the following ways you can become involved in this exhibit.

- (1) **Be a volunteer youth ambassador for Doc's Farm.** (Junior Farmer of the Day) This will allow members of the junior livestock program an opportunity to showcase their knowledge of animals and be available to answer basic questions from the interested public. It will also be a chance to tell other youth about your organization and ways they can become involved.
  
- (2) **Be a volunteer adult ambassador for Doc's Farm.** (Farmer of the Day) This will allow adults who have been past members or parents of those in the junior livestock program a chance to share their knowledge of animals and answer basic questions from the interested public.
  
- (3) **Provide animals for Doc's Farm.** Share their animals with us if they are bred to deliver around March 1-10. We also welcome newborn babies with their mothers. Provide a pregnant animal due sometime during the fair, March 1-10. The animals for this farm need to be dedicated to this exhibit as they will stay in the same barn through the entire run of the Fair. Please complete the information below so we know the details associated with your animals.

Please circle which of the three above opportunities you would like to participate in. If you would like to provide animals, please list below the animals (type, breed, sex, age).

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Please return this sheet to the Fair office and the Doc's Farm Coordinator, Holly Baker, will contact you soon for more details. Please fill out your contact information below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **Poster Contest Results**

The annual Educational Display and Poster Contest was held in conjunction with the 4-H barbecue on October 21, 2012 at the Imperial Valley Expo. There were 17 posters in this year's competition. There were 3 categories represented – National 4-H Week, Project, and 4-H Promotion.

The winners of each category are:

### **National 4-H Week**

#### **Intermediate**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Seth Hilfiker – Verde 4-H
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sean McLaughlin – Verde 4-H
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Emily Allegranza – Verde 4-H
- Honorable Mention – Sadie Allegranza – Verde 4-H
- Honorable Mention – Spencer Hilfiker – Verde 4-H

#### **Project Display**

##### **Junior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Juanita Ortiz – Calipatria 4-H

##### **Intermediate**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kirk Johnson – Star Route 4-H
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Rhett Robertson – Verde 4-H
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Eric Vizcarra – Southwest Valley 4-H
- Honorable Mention - Marty Cortez – Southwest Valley 4-H

#### **4-H Promotion**

##### **Junior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Lauren Robertson – McCabe 4-H
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Steve Weldon – Meadows 4-H

### **Primary Participants**

#### **National 4-H Week**

- Spencer Hilfiker – Verde 4-H

#### **Project Display**

- Emmersyn Burch – Meadows 4-H
- Shea Robertson – Verde 4-H

#### **4-H Promotion**

- Avery Weldon – Meadows 4-H
- Hudson Burch – Meadows 4-H

Special thanks go to Kennadi Valenzuela and Brooks Hamby, Imperial County All Stars, and Millie Spaugh for judging the posters. Also thanks go to Kirk Johnson and Steve Johnson of Star Route 4-H for setting up the displays and Marla and Mike Jones of Star Route 4-H for over-seeing the event. The Educational Display and Poster Contest was hosted by Star Route 4-H Club of Westmorland.

## 2013 California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta

### 1) 'No Go – No Show' Code of Conduct Training

- a. **Mandatory** for all **FIRST TIME** 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent Livestock Animal Exhibitors (4-H Primary Exhibitors are exempt)
- b. **NEW FOR THE 2013 FAIR** -'No Go-No Show' Code of Conduct Training is required once every three years for returning exhibitors. For example, if you attended one 'No Go-No Show' Training for the 2012 California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta, you will not need to attend another 'No Go-No Show' Training until prior to the 2015 Fair.
- c. There are two (2) training sessions scheduled at IV Expo, building TBA:
  - **Wednesday, January 9, 2013** – Parents and Leaders are encouraged to attend.  
**JUNIORS** – 6pm–7pm  
**SENIORS** – 7pm–8pm
  - **Saturday, January 12, 2013** – Parents and Leaders are encouraged to attend.  
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**SENIORS** – 11am–12pm

### 2) DNA/Tagging – Mandatory Proof of Ownership of Animals, Deadlines for submission of DNA samples to the Fair Office:

- a. Market Beef – **November 1, 2012**
- b. Market Goats, Sheep, Swine, and Feeder Calves – **January 2, 2013**

### Junior Livestock Auction & Barn Sale

**Auction: March 8-9, 2013**

Each livestock exhibitor shall receive their animal sale proceeds as soon as their buyers and bonus buyers have satisfied their obligations in full as follows:

Payments Made By:	Distribution Date to Leaders:
Auction Day through Thursday, April 11	Thursday, April 18 (Livestock Leaders Meeting)
Friday, April 12 through Thursday, May 2	Thursday, May 13 (Livestock Leaders Meeting)

### Livestock Weights

<b>Beef</b>	1050-1400 lbs after 2% shrinkage (1450 lbs – Holstein)
<b>Feeder Calves</b>	250-375 lbs (max calf age – 125 days old)
<b>Swine</b>	200-275 lbs
<b>Sheep</b>	105-160 lbs
<b>Market Goats</b>	75-145 lbs

# DESERT Showpigs

1246 W. ROSS RD.  
EL CENTRO, CA 92243

[WWW.DESERTSHOWPIGS.COM](http://WWW.DESERTSHOWPIGS.COM)

Dion Ashurst - 760-427-0468

Mike Heim - 760-535-9678

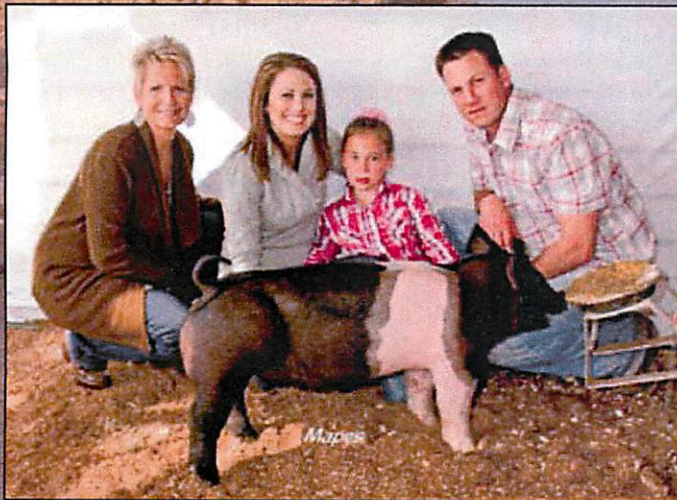
Brock Ashurst - 760-427-0464

Jayson Scarborough - 559-647-9359

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FIFTH ANNUAL

## DIAMONDS *of the* DESERT SHOW PIG SALE

**NOVEMBER 3rd, 2012**

Being held at Imperial Fairgrounds  
(El Centro, CA)

**10-12  
PREVIEW**

**NOON-1  
LUNCH**

**1:00 p.m.  
LIVE SALE**

**Auctioneer:**  
**JAMES BACKMAN**  
of Small Town  
Genetics

**PIGS PERFECT FOR JACKPOTS AND DESERT  
COUNTY FAIRS! (Arizona and California)**

**CONSIGNORS:**

**Small Town Genetics**  
**C&L Livestock**

