

IMPERIAL COUNTY 4-H INTERCOM

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SNEAK PEEK!

Events & Deadlines



February

- 1st - Large Animal Pre Fair, Small Animal Pre Fair, Plant Show, Fair Entry Deadline
- 6th - Leaders Council Meeting
- 9th - Cavy/Rabbit/Poultry meeting (Terri Sullivan's House)
- 10th - Work Day at the Inspiration Gallery @ IVEXPO
- 15th - Fair Clean Up (pg. 4)
- 17th - 4-H Office Closed
- 22nd - Barn Decorations
- 27th - Final Cavy, Rabbit, & Poultry meeting (Terrie's house)
- 28th - March 9th - FAIR Starts (pg. 5)

March

- Feb 28th - March 9th - FAIR
- 10th - Shooting Match Deadline (pg. 3)

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YOUTH AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FEBRUARY 10TH 9AM @ THE IV EXPO

We need your help! The Inspiration Gallery rejuvenation Committee has been working diligently to update the outside and inside of the Still Exhibit building. There will be a work party to help clean, paint, & move displays in the building. Even if you can only help an hour or two please stop by and lend a hand! Shanna Abatti 352-9474
Or email smabatti@ucanr.edu



Livestock Leaders Meeting

TBA

Leaders Council Meeting

Thursday
February 6, 2014
@ 6pm
Farm Bureau

Please submit articles, photos, and event deadlines by the 20th of each Month to:

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Teen Involvement Conference (TIC)

Written By: Bryanne Sanchez
Southwest Valley 4-H

For more Pictures visit:

www.facebook.com/ImperialCounty4H



Hi everyone, my name is Bryanne Sanchez and I am a member of Southwest Valley 4-H. This past weekend I attended the Teen Involvement Conference, a.k.a. "TIC." In the course of two and a half days, I attended four separate workshops along with having fun and making new friends.

As Southwest Valley vice president and Healthy Living Officer, I signed up to attend a Healthy Living workshop. I learned about another side of living healthy. This session was focused on how harmful drugs are. It was an eye opener for me and made me more aware of the things going on everywhere. I learned how to help people with drug problems and that recovering from drug use may seem impossible but can always happen.

During this conference, we stayed active by participating in TIC Olympic Games. After our first session, we met in the basketball courts to play Capture the Flag. After changing into old clothes, we were given portions of shaving cream to tag people out. I learned a fun new game to play as well as how to get people involved. It was during this time that I made a new friend from San Luis Obispo who was possibly the sweetest girl ever.

Next, I attended a workshop on teamwork. This was a fun and well organized session. I learned the key ingredient to being a team is using communication skills. We put these skills to use in a fun game that tested my memorization skills as well. Everyone had strengths and weaknesses; we just needed to learn to play up everyone's strengths.

The last workshop of the day proved to be the most informative. I learned how to create business partnerships to promote 4-H as well as the business partnered with. I now know how to create a "think tank" to help plan out the steps to create a partnership. We even came up with approachable examples of partnerships that could be arranged.

The rest of the day we finished by continuing Olympic Games and listening to a motivational speaker, Joe Fingerhut. He stressed the importance of being happy in life and following your dreams no matter how outrageous they may seem. That night there was also a dance. We had an amazing DJ and there were ping pong and foosball tables nearby for entertainment.

After a few hours of sleep that night, we began the next day with our final workshop. I attended a session on How to Interview. I learned proper attire to wear during an interview as well as how to present myself and speak effortlessly. We were drilled with common interview questions which familiarized me with impromptu questions and proper responses. We then listened to another guest speaker who taught me about overcoming challenges in life.

Another eye opener for me was witnessing the teen council elections. Anyone who had attended TIC for two years could be on the board and involved at the state level. There were many positions open to be on the board for planning next year's TIC and representing our section at the state level.

Overall, this was a great experience for me and TIC really expanded my horizons about 4-H. I advise everyone to attend next year and see just what 4-H has to offer on a broader level.

Knowledge Bowl

Get your teams **FIRED**
up and ready for the
annual test of wits!

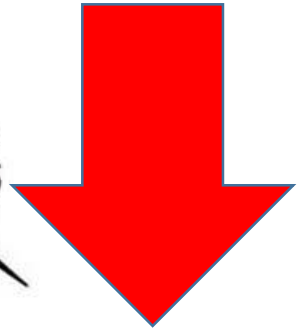
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Location: TBA



Resources: Check out
<http://ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h/KnowledgeBowl/>
for all of your study needs.

- Any 4-H member 9-19 may participate, no specific project enrollment is required
- There will be a junior and senior competition
- a team consists of 2-4 member



Volunteer Training

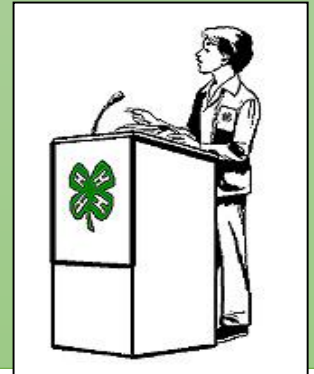
If you have not completed New Leader Orientation please contact the 4-H Office to schedule a time 352-9474



4-H Youth Development volunteer applications are reviewed and appointed annually by the County Director. Adult applicants must satisfactorily complete the following:

- *Complete a volunteer application -annually
- *Receive fingerprint clearance from DOJ -one time only
- *Complete the official 4-H Volunteer Orientation -one time only

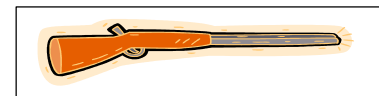
**Do you
Have your
Volunteer
Card?**



30th Annual California State 4-H Shooting Match Entry Information



It's time to sharpen up your shooting skills and start preparing for the 30th Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council. Entries for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, must be postmarked
by **March 10, 2014.**



See information for rules and registration below:

[2014 Shooting Sports Certification-SOP](#)

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/180196.doc>

[2014 Shooting Match Registration](#)

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/180194.doc>

[2014 Shooting Sports Cover Letter](#)

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/180195.doc>

California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta Important Dates & Information

Decorations

Although fairgoers and exhibitors alike enjoy the festive air created by barn decorations, the Fair administration must insist that all materials used be "fire retardant" or "UL flame retardant". Read and **SAVE** the decoration packages so if the county Fire Marshall questions your display you can document its safety. Please, no Christmas lights.

Fair Clean Up

February 15th

Check with your leader for more info!



Barn Duty

Did you now nearly 100,000 people came to the fair last year? That's a great opportunity to show off your 4-H Pride!

While on barn duty:

- *Smile to fair goers as they pass through the barns.
- *Some people have never seen livestock animals up close, ask people if they have questions.
- *Play a game during your barn duty time "how many fair visitors can I say Hi to?"
- *Don't forget if they ask how to join, tell them they can find us on Facebook @Imperial County 4H

Make it Fun!!

Are you ready for the Fair?

Have you talked to your leader about your fair passes?

Each exhibitor receives one pass and each family receives one parking pass (contact your leader)

-\$32 for each additional pass (limit of 10 add one per family)

-\$20 for additional parking pass (limit 1 extra per family)

Do you have your White uniform?

“All 4-H exhibitors must be in 4-H uniforms when showing their animals in 4-H divisions or be disqualified from the class. The official State Fair 4-H uniform for girls consists of white dress, white blouse and skirt or white blouse and slacks, the green collar or 4-H tie and the 4-H Club cap. The official boys’ uniform consists of white pants, white long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt, green 4-H tie, and the 4-H cap. All shirts/blouses must have a collar.” - California State Fair Livestock Rules

Have you been on the IV Expo Website? Do you know what time or day your animal/project needs to be at the fair? What day/time you will be showing?

Here are those links!

1. **IV Expo website:** <http://www.ivexpo.com/exhibitor.htm>
2. **Youth Still Exhibits:**
<http://www.ivexpo.com/pdf/2014%2007%20Schedule%20-%20YOUTH.pdf>
3. **Livestock (All Large and Small Animals:**
<http://www.ivexpo.com/pdf/2014%2010%20Schedule%20-%20LIVESTOCK.pdf>

LARGE ANIMAL AUCTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014
 8:30 a.m.
 Featuring Swine, Beef and Sheep

SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION
FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.
 Featuring Cavies, Poultry, Rabbits,
 Market Goats, Feeder Calves.

BARN SALE
SATURDAY
MARCH 8, 2014 - 8 a.m.
 Barn Sale presented by

2014

California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta
Junior Livestock Auction and Barn Sale Check
Distribution Schedule

Auction Dates: March 7 & 8

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

Payments Made By

Date to Leaders/Advisors

Auction Day-Thurs, April 10

Thursday, April 17* (Livestock Leaders Meeting)

Friday, April 11-Thurs, May 1

Thursday, May 15* (Livestock Leaders Meeting)

*Checks will be released at livestock leaders meeting on dates listed or will be available at the Fair office beginning on Friday after the date noted. Please do not contact the banks or the Fair office for check information as we will distribute based on this schedule only. Checks must be cashed by September 1, 2014 or they will be void. Exhibitors with buyers who pay after May 1, will have their checks released to leader/advisors bi-monthly. Check the ivexpo.com website for more information.

THANK YOU LETTERS

All participants in the Junior Livestock Auction and Barn Sale are required to write a thank you note to both their main and add-on buyers. Junior Livestock Auction buyers support and advocate youth large and small animal projects. Please take the time to thank them properly for their continued support and generous contributions.

(Note: Some buyers do not remit payment until a thank you letter has been received.)



****ATTENTION**** Club Reporters and other officers, have something to share? Want to have an article featured in an upcoming intercom? Submit your pictures and articles by the 20th of each month to the 4-H office via email smabatti@ucanr.com, fax (760) 352-0846, or mail your article to 1050 E. Holton Rd Holtville Ca 92250

**JOIN | THE REVOLUTION
OF RESPONSIBILITY** 

To apply, go to: **Revolution of Responsibility**
webpage: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Support/RofR/>

Review date deadlines:

January 15
March 15
May 15
July 15
September 15
November 15.

The Revolution of Responsibility is described as "... a movement for positive change in every community in America. 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles, and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. That takes uncommon commitment."

The **Revolution of Responsibility** Centennial Campaign will celebrate the power of California 4-H youth taking action through an ambitious statewide program that will fund 1,000 service learning projects at \$1,000 each through the end of 2014. It will also provide an opportunity to re-connect with an estimated one million past 4-H participants living in California, engaging them as volunteers, donors, and advocates.

Sheep & Goat Clinic



Verde 4-H Junior and Teen Leaders hosted a Goat and Sheep Clinic 1-20-14. Clubs from all over the county came together to learn from these experienced 4-H members. It was a jammed packed day full of hands on learning! Great Job Megan Smedley, Caleb Chambers, Rhett Robertson, and Seth Hilfiker!



Pygmy goat hoof trimming demonstration

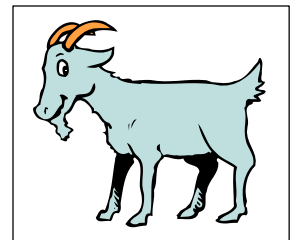
How many 4-H members do you know in this Picture?



Verde even provided lunch for all of the participants!! Well done! Please continue to submit your articles and pictures! Thank you



Caleb giving a very animated presentation while Megan demonstrates!





CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP

- **Save the date! California Focus is June 13-17, 2014**

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California.

- **State Leadership Conference August 14-17, 2014 U.C. Santa Cruz**

"Raiders of the Lost Leadership"

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. **Check our website, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for updates and exciting announcements!**

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

- **Test your Science Knowledge!**

From the Pew Research Center - Public's Knowledge of Science and Technology

www.people-press.org/2013/04/22/publics-knowledge-of-science-and-technology/

The public's knowledge of science and technology varies widely across a range of questions on current topics and basic scientific concepts, according to a new quiz by the Pew Research Center and Smithsonian magazine.

- **2014-2015 National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team Application**

Due to Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu by **February 10, 2014**

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/179805.doc>

This is a national leadership opportunity for state 4-H youth-adult teams to support 4-H GIS and community mapping programs. Our leadership team is typically 20-40 teens and adults from 7-15 states. A state team is composed of one or two 4-H teens and one adult. The team attends the Esri International GIS Educator and User conferences in San Diego, actively participate in online community, conference calls and other team communications to collaborate, document and implement national leadership plan.

- **International World Water Day**

March 22, 2014

<http://www.unwater.org/wwd2014.html>

World Water Day 2014 will address the nexus of water and energy.

- **2014 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics Curriculum Workshop**

April 5, 2014, 9:30am - 4:30pm, SCU Robotics Systems Lab, NASA AMES, Mountain View, CA

Register at <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=12051>

Junk Drawer Robotics engages middle school youth in engineering design through the use of common household items. These workshops will help prepare 4-H project leaders and teen leaders to implement the curriculum. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. Projects must purchase the curriculum, available at the 4-hmall.org.

Scholarships & Contests



2014 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

Deadline: February 15

Each year the Foundation sponsors an essay writing contest for active (fees paid) members of 4-H clubs across the country. There are cash prizes for the national winners: 1st Place - \$750.00; 2nd Place - \$500.00; 3rd Place - \$250.00. National and state winners receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. All essays must be submitted electronically to Eric Mussen, ecmussen@ucdavis.edu, and are due on or before **February 15, 2014**. More info and rules: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/176473.pdf>

Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship

Deadline: April 1

Daisy Air Guns is offering two \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors who meet the academic criteria and who have been active in 4-H Shooting Sports. Applications must be received by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator by **April 1, 2014**. Apply [here](#).

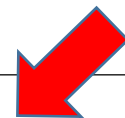


2014 Milano Scholarship

Deadline: April 11

This scholarship is intended for 4-H Members who are well-rounded and are implementing the life skills they have learned throughout their daily lives. Up to five \$5,000 scholarships will be offered in 2014. Priority consideration will be given to youth enrolled in the Modoc County 4-H Program. However, youth enrolled in the Lassen or Siskiyou County 4-H Programs are encouraged to [apply](#).

FREE Pin For Healthy Living Officers!



Congratulations! California has nearly 50 newly elected Healthy Living Officers!

The Healthy Living officer will serve as the club's ambassador for health! By choosing to elect a Healthy Living officer your club is taking an active role in promoting healthy lifestyles. The Healthy Living officer will be the leadership for all health activities including: providing ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and healthy eating into each club meeting, write Healthy Living articles for the club newsletter, and adopting and promoting a club Wellness Plan. Please help ensure that the health "H" of 4-H is at the forefront of all our meetings, consider electing a Healthy Living officer!

The Choose Health Officer Guide developed by Cornell University Extension can be found at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Publications/>

*To receive your FREE Healthy Living Officer pin please email the name of your officer and club to Anne Iaccopucci at amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu

Tractor Supply



Is Coming to Town!!



WELCOME!

Tractor Supply stores in communities across the country have long supported 4-H clubs, and now, Tractor Supply Co. has entered into an official partnership with the National 4-H Council as your source for 4-H project supplies.

"Many of our stores have been involved with 4-H clubs for years. Now, Tractor Supply Company is proud to have an official chain-wide relationship with the National 4-H Council," said Jim Wright, Tractor Supply Company Chairman and CEO. "For us, this is an outstanding way to support our current and future customers and future team members, and it's a way to give back to the 900+ unique communities we serve."

TSC is excited and invites your club to get active with your local store which will be in the Wal-Mart shopping center in El Centro. We provide a fun atmosphere have everything you need for your show animal or pet from feed to fencing to clothing.

To get you started, here are some ideas on getting involved with your local store:

Hold fundraisers at your local TSC during holidays!

Valentine's Day: Sell Valentine's Day cards made by 4-H members

July 4th: Sell hot dogs and hamburgers

Fall: Carving pumpkins to sell

Winter Holidays: Set up a gift wrapping table

Set up educational livestock clinics in the parking lot of your local TSC store.

Ask your store about using your local TSC as a potential meeting site, field trip, or exhibition location.

We invite you to come on down and visit us. Our planned opening date is May 10th. We hope to see you there and to begin a great partnership between TSC and the 4-H community.

