

Imperial County 4-H Intercom



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Calendar of Events

February

- 03 – Leaders Council Meeting – 7pm
- 05 – Sm. Anim. Pre-fair
- 12 – Holtville Carrot Parade
- 19 – Livestock Leaders Meeting & Pen Assignment – 10:00am
- 19 – Fair Clean Up – 8am -10am
- 19 – Judging Day – 10:30am – 1pm
- 22 – New Leader Orientation
- 26 – Fair Clean Up – 10am
- 27 – Still Exhibits Accepted
- 28 – Still Exhibit Accepted
- 28 – Still Exhibits Judged & Displayed

March

- 01 – Still Exhibits Judged & Displayed
- 02 – Still Exhibits Judged & Displayed
- 03 – Still Exhibits Judged & Displayed
- 03 – Livestock Exhibits Accepted
- 04 – Livestock Exhibits Accepted
- 04 – Fair Starts
- 04 – Livestock Judged
- 05 – Livestock Judged
- 06 – Livestock Judged
- 08 – 4-H Small Animal Round Robin
- 10 – 4-H Large Animal Round Robin
- 11 – Small Animal Auction
- 12 – Large Animal Auction
- 13 – Knowledge Bowl
- 14 – Consignment of Livestock; release of all still exhibits
- 17 – Livestock Leaders Meeting
- 26 – Fashion Revue
- 31 – Beef Carcass Class Banquet

April

- 02 – Presentation Day

READ THE FAIR HANDBOOK!

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There are quite a few changes to the Open Youth Exhibits – read on for the highlights:

Still Exhibits brought to the fair:

All projects (other than Food, Food Preservation) are due on **Sunday, February 27, 2-6 pm, Still Exhibit Building.**

Food and Food Preservation are due on **Monday, February 28, 7:30-9 am, Still Exhibit Building.**

There is no longer a ***Collections*** division.

Exhibits created for ***Fair Theme Award*** enter ONLY this division. Primary members are NOT eligible for premiums, sweepstakes or prize money, ONLY participant ribbons. (same as in past years)

Photography – This project has the most changes: Members may enter a total of 26 exhibits, two exhibits per 13 different classes. Primary and Junior members enter 5"x7" pictures mounted on 9"x11" mat boards. Intermediate and Senior members enter 8"x10" pictures mounted on 11"x14" mat boards. Mat boards are available at the fair entry office. Photography entries cost \$2 because of added expense of mat boards. Do not deviate from these size requirements. Do not bring the set of 3 jumbo prints, miscellaneous mounts, different sizes, photo albums, etc.

New Leader Orientation -

Last chance before the Fair!!

New Leader Orientation will be held Tuesday, February 22, 6:30-8pm, 4-H office. This is your last chance before the Fair to complete this required training.



KUDOS to Matthew!

Our very own 2010-2011 Imperial County All Star **Matthew Jones** has been elected the South Section Teen Council President. Way to go!! We can look forward to first hand reports and perhaps increased participation by local members in Sectional activities.

4-H LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

A 4-H Leaders Council Meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, 1000 Broadway, in El Centro, CA.
6:00p.m. – “How to Organize a Judging Class”
7:00p.m. – Council Meeting

STILL EXHIBIT LEADER MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 19, 1:15p.m. (held during the Fair cleanup event) Still Exhibit building at the Fairgrounds.

Help is needed for check in and display of all still exhibit items. Can we count on your club for help? Please send a representative to this meeting. Judging sheets & awards will also be discussed.

LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING CHECK NEW DATE & TIME!!

There will be a Livestock Leaders meeting on Saturday, Feb. 19 – 10a.m. in the livestock entry office at the fairgrounds. The agenda will detail work committees needed, pen assignments, and up-to-date information needed prior to entering the Fair.

Summary:

Thurs. Feb. 3, 7pm – Leaders Council
Sat. Feb. 19, 10am – Livestock Leaders
Sat. Feb. 19, 1:15pm – Still Exhibit Leaders



Entry Deadline

Fair entries are due Friday, Jan. 28, 4:00p.m.

Definition of terms:

Entry - the paper form submitted to Fair entry office.

Exhibit – the actual product the member has produced, raised or grown.

Word to the Wise: Make copies and keep your receipts of all entries to clarify if there are any discrepancies.

BARN DECORATIONS FAIR THEME: "IT'S A GREEN THING!"

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. See the 4-H website <http://ceimperial.ucdavis.edu> for fire retardant recipe.

LIVESTOCK BEDDING

Clean bedding is required of all animals exhibited at the Fair. As in years past, the Jr. Livestock Foundation will provide bedding at no cost to the exhibitor. If the member desires wood shavings, they must purchase them at their own expense.

Straw is not allowed.

CARE & GROOMING OF ANIMALS

Junior Exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the Fair. They shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults & non-exhibiting youths, unless the junior exhibitor is actively engaged and the assistance is only for instruction.

No professionals allowed

Remember: only card – holding 4-H leaders can work with all 4-H members. Adults who do not hold a 4-H card can work only with their own family member.

Livestock Weigh-Ins

Animals in each division will be weighed at times listed. No wet or overly stressed/fatigued animals will be permitted across the scale at the time of weigh-ins. The weigh-in judge/livestock superintendent has final say. There will be no changes, coming back, or disputing after animal leaves scale.

Please see the chart in the "2011 Exhibitor's Handbook" for weigh-in, judging and showmanship times or visit the Fair website at www.ivexpo.com

Gold Ribbon Animals

Only Gold Ribbon Animals will be sold in the large animal auction. Blue/Red ribbon animals will sell in the barn. All animals receiving white ribbons are to be removed from the fairgrounds on the 1st Monday, unless they qualify for Round Robin.

If they qualify for Round Robin, they must leave the fairgrounds by 12:00 noon on the morning after the Round Robin they were in.

All disqualified (DQ) animals (Small or large animals) are not eligible for auction or barn sales. Large DQ animals shall be released and signed out by the Livestock Superintendent and shall be removed by Mon. Mar.7, 2011 by 12noon. Small animals may be removed from the grounds at the discretion of Small Animal Superintendent.

Primary Members - 4-H Members Ages 5-8 Year Olds

Please check out the special division open ONLY for primary members. All primary member exhibitors will receive participant ribbons, but will **not** be competitively evaluated. They will not be awarded premiums, sweepstakes or prize money. They cannot participate in auction or barn sales.

Drug Withdrawal Certificate

Federal law prohibits the shipment of meat which is adulterated with drugs or chemicals. All livestock exhibitors and their parents are required to sign the certification form. Signed and completed drug withdrawal forms must be presented at the scales at the time of weigh-in in order for the animal to be a part of the Junior Livestock

2011 Exhibitors Handbook

Read the 2011 Exhibitors Handbook! Online information can be found at www.ivexpo.com.

A reminder for all! Only **one** pig-walker per ten (10) pigs will be allowed on the fairgrounds and each pig-walker must be registered and labeled with the club name at the time of entry.

Fair and Dress Code Enforcement

It has been requested by the Livestock Leaders Committee that **all members and leaders** be reminded of the need to dress appropriately while participating in any activity associated with the 4-H Youth Development program. That includes livestock weigh-ins! Hence, no pajama bottoms, daisy dukes, spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, etc. will be allowed. Please review the guidelines at the community club meetings. For a copy of the guidelines, see the Imperial County 4-H website at <http://ceimperial.ucdavis.edu>

**Youth Still Exhibit Building at Fair
is getting a beauty treatment!!!**

Industrious 4-Hers and leaders have been working hard to refurbish and decorate the Still Exhibit Building. It's going to look super!!! Support from the Fair and money raised at the 4-H Christmas Tea provided seed money to pay for paint and lumber. Members wishing to lend a hand to this effort are encouraged to call the 4-H office for the next work date and time.

Fair Cleanup Day, Knowledge Bowl qualifying quiz,
Judging Contest and Pen Assignments

Saturday, February 19, 2011 will be a busy, fact-filled day for our county 4-H program! See below.

Fairgrounds Livestock area

- 8:30am-10:00am *General fair area cleanup* (bring your rakes, brooms, rags and buckets!)
- 10:00am *Knowledge Bowl qualifying quiz* (following cleanup and throughout the morning)
- 10:05am – 11:00am *Livestock leaders meeting* and *Pen Assignments* (meet in the livestock ofc. west of Sperber Arena)
- 10:30am- 12:30pm *Judging Contest* – Sperber Arena and north side of Sheep Barn. All 4-Hers are encouraged to attend!
- 12:30pm *Lunch*
- 1:00pm Judging Contest *Award Ceremony*
- 1:15pm Still Exhibit Leaders Meeting

Saturday, February 26, 2011 – project members able to clean and decorate specific areas of barns for their club entries.

Special thanks to Seeley 4-H and Tri-City 4-H for organizing the judging contest and the 2010 All Stars for preparing and serving lunch.

4-H Uniform

Participation in the livestock projects at the California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta require that all 4-H exhibitors must wear the official uniform of the organization while showing their 4-H animal projects. Official uniform must consist of white shirt, green tie or scarf, white pants/skirt, and approved 4-H cap.

4-Hers must wear their own 4-H cap. DO NOT borrow another member's cap. There will be loaner caps in the livestock office, if a member forgets their cap on day of show.

Still Exhibits

Still Exhibit projects will be received at the Youth Still Exhibits Barn (directly west of the Sperber Arena in the livestock area). Foods are due on Monday, February 28, 2011, 7:30am to 9:00am. Other Still Exhibit projects are due on Sunday, February 27th, 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

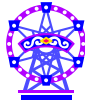
Do NOT arrive late and expect volunteers to accept entries!

Junior High Point Awards

The High Point is a still exhibit department award. Points are calculated for each ribbon earned by individual exhibitors within each of the following departments:

- a. Special Displays
- b. Aerospace/Rocketry
- c. Photography
- d. Arts & Crafts
- e. Foods & Nutrition
- f. Food Preservation
- g. Clothing & Textiles
- h. Home Furnishings
- i. Fine Arts
- j. Hobbies
- k. Ornamental Horticulture
- l. Fruit & Vegetable Plants
- m. Biological Science
- n. Industrial Arts

1st place in each department is awarded a Rosette



Junior Sweepstakes Awards

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$25 & Plaque	\$15.00	\$10.00

The Sweepstakes Award is still exhibit overall award and is presented to the junior exhibitor who ranked highest in the above listed departments.



Food Preservation

Food preservation items must be properly labeled and sealed. Check food preservation manual for proper labeling of canning exhibits and use of sealing methods. If contents of jar were taken from a batch, include this information on a separate label (masking tape). Refer to the Exhibitors Handbook for specific information required by the Fair.

Foods and Nutrition Baked Goods

1. Muffins, cookies, biscuits and rolls must be entered on plain white paper plates of the smallest size that will accommodate the exhibit.
2. If exhibit was frozen before the Fair, include information underneath the plate.
3. Decorated Cake – Can be entered under Foods and Nutrition if edible. Cakes decorated on a Styrofoam base must be entered in Arts & Crafts.
4. Pies and pastry shells must be baked and entered in "throw away" aluminum pans.
5. Bake bread far enough ahead of entry to allow it to cool thoroughly before wrapping. Bread wrapped hot will be soggy.

Remember: fruit breads and nut breads need to develop their flavor, so plan on making them one or two days ahead of time.

6. Bring only the amount of food making up an exhibit. Check the Exhibitor's Handbook for amounts. Any entry which does not conform to the amounts mentioned to make up an exhibit will not be judged.

7. All foods must be wrapped. Cover all foods securely with zip lock bags.

All entries must be labeled with the following information:

NAME:
CLUB:
YEAR IN PROJECT:
AGE:

Members entering **HOT** or **COLD** items must provide the means to keep them at the proper temperature. Perishable foods may be taken home by members following judging.

ALL SERVING PLATES MUST BE DISPOSABLE.

Clothing

All garments, laundry bags, aprons, etc. must be on hangers. Garments and articles must be ready for exhibit at the time of entry. Items must be cleaned, neat and ironed. If the garment has been mended, make sure it has been done neatly. If you have a question about a garment, i.e., fabric printed off grain, a permanent stain, flaw, etc., attach a note to the garment for the judge.

Any garment which has been worn and turned in without being cleaned will not be judged.

All garments and articles must have been made as a 4-H project and must have been made within one year of the fair.

All garments constructed using pre-assembled kits must be accompanied by the assembly information.

LABEL EACH ENTRY SECURELY

(See Home Arts & Furnishing label information)

Home Arts & Furnishing

Masking tape is sufficient for use as a label. Label must contain **name, club, age, and year in project**. It must be placed on back or bottom of entry.

Home Furnishing articles of fabric must be cleaned and well pressed. It is helpful to cover cloth items, i.e., quilt, curtain, etc., in plastic to help protect them from soil before they are judged. Entry limit information can be found in the Exhibitors Handbook.



4-H Special Displays

4-H members are encouraged to enter a poster depicting some aspect of their project. This is particularly helpful for those projects which have few tangible exhibits (i.e. leadership and citizenship.)

The Exhibitors Handbook has more info about these educational displays.

See the Exhibitors Handbook for judging criteria used in evaluating all Still Exhibit projects.

BARN SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011

Barn Sale presented by Farm Credit Services Southwest

Sperber Conference Room – Barn Sale Office

Note: Barn Sale Office will close ONE HOUR after Auction closes

Barn Sale will be held only on Saturday. No Barn Sales on Sunday. Any animal not sold will be taken off the grounds on Sunday morning. NO EXCEPTIONS.

LARGE ANIMAL BARN SALE

Large Animal Barn Sale will consist only of animals eligible for the Barn Sale. There will be no selling of projects outside of the official Barn Sale. The Large Animal Barn Sale will begin when the Large Animal Auction begins.

SMALL ANIMAL BARN SALE

Small Animal Barn Sale will consist of all the remaining small animal projects not eligible for auction to be sold at this year's Fair (with the exception of primary member's animals). There will be no selling of projects outside of the official barn sale governed by the Junior Livestock Auction rules. No sale of floor animals will be allowed prior to Friday's Small Animal Auction. The Small Animal Barn Sale will begin when the Large Animal Auction begins.

Junior Livestock Auctions

There will be two livestock auctions:

Small-Animal Auction will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011 – 6:30pm. It will consist of feeder calves, poultry, cavies, rabbits, and market goats.

Large Animal Auction will be held on Sat. March 12, 2011 – 8:30am. It will consist of beef, sheep, and swine. All large animals designated Grand or Reserve Grand Champions shall be processed and may not be exhibited at any other show before processing.

2011 Large Animal Auction Order: Swine, Beef, Sheep

2011 Small Animal: Poultry, Cavies, Rabbits, Goats, & Calves

Small Animal Showmanship

4-H exhibitors must show only their own animal in the showmanship contest.

3rd Annual Knowledge Bowl

Sunday, March 13, 2011

10:00am - Junior team competition

1:00pm - Senior team competition

The Knowledge Bowl will again be held on the final Sunday of the Fair. Each club may enter a junior team and a senior team. All participants must take a "qualifying test". The four highest scoring members (four juniors and four seniors) per club will go on to compete in the tournament. (Clubs may field a team with a minimum of two members.) A "wild card" team consisting of members with the next highest scores, regardless of club affiliation, will also comprise a team, one for juniors and one for seniors. The qualifying tests will be available on January 29, February 5, 19, and 26. Proctors for the test include Sherry Robertson and Lyn Croak. Clubs interested in forming teams may contact the 4-H office for the complete set of rules (see website as well) and may purchase the Knowledge Bowl binders. (all questions for the Junior Knowledge Bowl will be taken from the first year manuals of 15 different projects & the Seniors questions will come from first and second year manuals.) Competing teams must register for the Knowledge Bowl no later than March 6, 2011.



Fair Volunteers Needed



WHEN	WHAT	WHO	WHERE	HOW
Mon. 2/28 @ 6:45am	Ck-in foods	7 leaders	Youth Still Exhibit Barn	Approx. 2 hrs. work
Mon. 2/28 @ 10:00am	Display Foods	8 leaders	Youth Still Exhibit Barn	Approx. 4 hrs. work
Sun. 2/27 @ 11:45am - 4:00pm	Ck-in all other Still Exhibit Projects	10 leaders	Youth Still Exhibit Barn	Approx. 2.5 hrs. work
Tues. 3/01 @ 12:00pm	Display judged exhibits	10 leaders	Youth Still Exhibit Barn	Approx. 6 hrs. work
Wed. 3/02 @ 10:00am	Display judged exhibits	10 leaders	Youth Still Exhibit Barn	Approx. 6 hrs. work

Please call Jennifer at the 4-H Office if you are able to help!



Resource/Specie Coordinators

Sheep	Sandy Finnell – 760-355-2383 Tina Cruz – 760-960-9956
Swine	Dion Ashurst – 760-427-0468 Carol George – 760-791-4864
Beef	Kevan Hutchinson – 760-427-7043 Kelly Dill – 760-996-3555
Market Goat Dairy Goat Pygmy Goat Rabbits Cavies	Kristen Weekes – 760-960-6778 Terrie Sullivan – 760-960-8492
Feeder Calf	Chico Magana – 760-427-5915 Lequita Burch – 760-352-2502
Poultry Waterfowl	Kelly Fortenberry – 760-344-7617 Matthew Smith – 760-554-5113
Horse	Ashley Taylor – 760-427-4627
Dogs	Mary Gilbert – 760-554-3649

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Each Livestock Exhibitor will be issued one season pass per exhibitor & one car pass per family.

4-H & FFA Livestock Exhibitor's parents may purchase up to 10 season passes at \$32.00 each and one car pass at \$15.00.

Passes lost by the exhibitor once issued, will be charged a \$50.00 replacement charge.

Parent passes	--	\$32.00
Car passes	--	\$15.00

Please plan on purchasing a livestock exhibitors pass or daily presale tickets as there will be no sibling passes.

Livestock exhibitor passes & presale tickets will be sold until
Thursday, February 24, 2011.

4-H SMALL ANIMAL PRE-FAIR

When: Saturday, February 5, 2011: signups at 8:30.

Who: Exhibitors showing Cavies, Pygmy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Waterfowl

Where: Fairgrounds, at the Sperber Arena

Entry Fee: Please bring a canned food item to donate to the local Food Bank

Dress Code: Blue jeans and 4-H club shirt

Classes will run simultaneously. Show order within each species will be as follows:

- Novice
- Juniors
- Seniors

Tentative schedule:

- 8:30 -Registration
- 9:00 - Showmanship

Questions may be directed to Terrie Sullivan, Magnolia 4-H, (760-960-8492), Matthew Smith, United Valley 4-H, (760)554-5113, or Kristen Weekes, United Valley 4-H, (760)960-6778.



27th Annual California State 4-H Rifle Postal Shoot



It's time to sharpen up your shooting skills and start preparing for the Twenty-Seventh annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council.

Entry Deadline is March 1, 2011

All information, rules and entry form are available on the Imperial County 4-H Website,

<http://ceimperial.ucdavis.edu>

Send all entries to Imperial County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator –

Randy Robertson (760)355-5273, (760)693-0444

Please leave top of entry form blank (leaders name, county etc.) as it will be filled out by county representative. Please enclose appropriate fees when submitting entry forms. If you have questions concerning this event please call Mr. Robertson for further information.

Photography Snapshot News!!!! New Mounting Instructions for 2011 Fair...

Excerpt taken from 2011 California Mid Winter Fair and Fiesta

"Each photo exhibit should reflect a different skill.

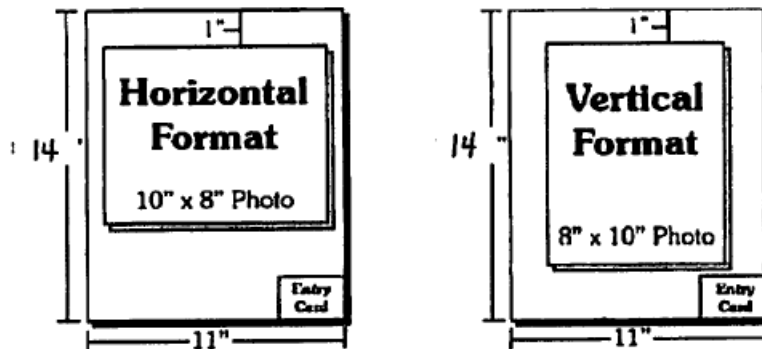
Primary and Juniors – 5"x7" pictures mounted on 9"x11" mat board.

Intermediate and Seniors – 8" x 10" pictures mounted on 11"x14" mat board.

Mat board provided by Fair in 2011. (Should be ready for pickup January 28th)

Photo Mounting Guidelines:

1. All exhibits are to be mounted across the narrow dimension (9") of a 9" x 11" white studio mount board or (11") of an 11" x 14" white studio mount board.
2. Photos must be mounted with the top edge of the print 1" below the top of the mount board.
3. The sides of the print must be an equal distance from the two sides of the mount.
Ex. A 5" x 7" photo would be 2" from either side
Ex. An 8" x 10" photo (horizontal) would be 0.5" from either side
Ex. An 8" x 10" photo (vertical) would be 1.5" from either side
4. A permanent mount must be made by using photographic adhesive mounting.
5. Remove white border from photos before mounting.
6. No lettering or dates will be permitted on the front of the mount or on the photograph.
7. No underlays, borders, or decorative mats are to be used.
8. On the back of the mount, write: Exhibitor's name, address, photo class, (location where the photograph was taken, and the county).



Photography Class Definitions:

The following definitions are offered as help to entry placement.

Class 1 Animal: one or more domesticated animal as the subject.

Class 2 People: one or more persons as the subject.

Class 3 Places: depict a landmark or city street, event, sign

Class 4 Things: An entry in this class would be an inanimate object (ex. Forks, hay bales, shoes)

Class 5 Portraits: a person or family's portrait

Class 6 Still Life: Objects, items and are placed to create the picture

Class 7 Landscapes: A view of a city or natural area, not close up

Class 8 Wildlife: Animals, birds, fish, insects that are not domesticated.

Class 9 Exotic Animals: any non domesticated or non wildlife animal

Class 10 Plants: Fibrous growth usually with blooms or leaves.

Class 11 Weather: Depicting any form of weather

Class 12 Structures: Man made buildings or other constructed objects.

Class 13 Pets: Domestic animals commonly considered pets would fit this class.

