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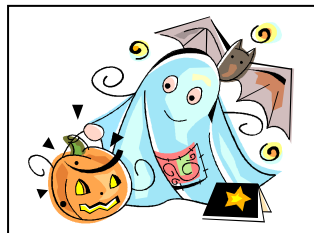
Calendar of Events

September

- 04 - 4-H Leaders Council Meeting 7:00pm / 6:00pm for Training
- 08 – Sectional Regional Meeting / Mt. Sac
- 20 – Livestock Leaders Meeting 7:00pm
- 22 – Star Awards/Achievement Night 6:00pm
- 29 – Officer Training / Officer Record Book Training

October

- 7-13 - National 4-H Week
- 04 – 4-H Leaders Council Meeting 7:00pm / 6:00pm for Training
- 06 – 4-H Showcase
- 17 – Citizenship Applications Due by 5:00pm
- 18 – Citizenship Interviews
- 18 – Livestock Leaders Meeting 7:00pm
- 19 – Enrollments Due
- 20 – Prepare 4-H Barbecue Meat
- 20 – Record Book Training 9:00am
- 21 – 4-H Barbecue Fundraiser
- 21 – 4-H Poster Contest
- 31 – Halloween



Back to School!

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4-H Leaders Council Meeting

There will be a 4-H Leaders Council meeting on TUESDAY, September 4, 2007, 7pm, at the Farm Bureau auditorium, 1000 Broadway in El Centro. (Please note change of regular Thursday for September 2007 only).

Important agenda items include approval of 2007-08 Council Budget, Executive Board and regional representative elections, leader and member training needs, annual BBQ, new Speakers Bureau, etc.

Plan to attend. All leaders are welcome; and, older teen leaders are likewise encouraged to attend and participate.

SOMETHING EXTRA: The hour preceding the regular meeting (6pm) has been set aside for leader training. Various topics, various presenters. September topic: "Service learning and how it can enrich members' 4-H experience" and Record Book update.



Livestock Leaders Meeting

Plan to attend the Livestock Leaders Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, Farm Bureau Auditorium, 1000 Broadway, El Centro, 7pm.

Tentative agenda includes new animal tagging/identification requirements, new Round Robin showmanship format and Champ Camp opportunities.

All 4-H leaders are welcome to attend to learn what's going in their project areas, but please remember only one voting member per club is allowed.



Star Awards/Achievement Night

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007
6:00 pm

At

Ben Hulse Elementary School
303 South D Street, Imperial

Record book winners and star rank achievers will be honored at this annual event. All 4-Hers are invited to attend and cheer on their friends and family!

The star ranks being awarded include the bronze, silver, gold and All Star. Record book county winners and medalists will be named in each of the individual projects. County awards for achievement, novice record book, Family and Consumer Science and Leisure Arts will be named as well as Club Officer book winners.





4-H Leader Training

In conjunction with the 4-H Showcase

Sat. October 6, 2007

12:30 – 2:00

Inside the empty store directly south of Dillard's, Imperial Valley Mall

New and returning leaders are encouraged to attend these informative sessions while their children are participating in the 4-H Showcase. Topics at this time include:

- * Project Organization
- * Record Books that Tell the Story
- * Older Member Opportunities
- * New Leader Orientation

More topics will be added. It is anticipated each session will last 30 minutes, with participants able to move from one session to the next.



HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH

4-H Showcase

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Noon till 4pm

Inside Imperial Valley Mall, near Dillards Dept. Store

This event is a wonderful opportunity for members to “show and tell” their 4-H stories. Tables will be available for display of project materials. Members can bring completed projects, equipment used in their projects or display boards with pictures that explain their efforts. If small animals are brought, animals must remain in cages and care taken to insure their safety and cleanliness.

4-H members should remain at the display and be available to answer questions or explain what they do in their projects and clubs. If four hours is too long for one person to stay at display, organize shifts within your club so that someone is available at all times. Maybe one or two hour shifts would be more manageable.

Set up will start at 11:30. It would be very helpful for the two clubs who are organizing this event to know how many tables/chairs to rent. Please call Margo Lamoreaux (McCabe) 353-3282 or Cynthia Walker (Calipatria) 348-3828 and let them know how many tables your club will need. Thank you! Handouts that explain the 4-H program will be available from the county office.

Let's tell Imperial Valley that 4-H is alive, well, enthusiastic and welcoming!





B-B-Q



31st Annual 4-H BBQ Fundraiser
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007
Fairgrounds
Noon – 5pm
Cost: \$7.00 each

All club members, leaders and parents are needed to insure a successful fundraising event. Each member is asked to help sell barbecue tickets, prepare and serve the tri-tip dinner.

This is the one, huge, BIG DADDY of county fundraisers. All proceeds from this effort return to the members in the form of awards, incentives, scholarships, camp sponsorships, travel expense support, etc. BBQ monies help pay for members' trips to Washington and California Focus citizenship trips, to State Leadership Conference, to TIC conference . . . the list goes on and on!

Additionally, once the county Leaders Council budget is met, local clubs are returned a percentage of their ticket sales to meet their club expenses. For clubs who really get out and work hard on ticket sales, this is the only fundraiser they need all year!

Members will be issued tickets to sell by their community club leaders. Clubs are encouraged to offer special incentives for their members who sell the most tickets. Here's an idea one club thought of – purchase and present barbecue tickets to your last year's auction buyer. It will let them know you continue to appreciate their support and makes asking for their auction attendance next year a little easier.

Barbecue committees will be organized at the September Leaders' Council meeting. Tickets are already available to community club leaders and can be picked up from Council Treasurer Sally Traylor, 344-3559.





Introducing the 2007-08 Imperial County All Stars

What a dynamic quartet! This year's All Stars have already shown their leadership skills by the work done at summer Family Camp. Their time at State Leadership Conference was memorable and we can expect to see them in very visible leadership roles. Congratulations!

To introduce the Intercom readers to the All Stars (just in case you haven't met these active 4-Hers before!) the following short biographies are provided:



(Picture from L to R: Naomi Klockmann, Cheyenne Ayala, Jeanine Smith, & Jordan Yee)

My name is Cheyenne Ayala and I'm a member of the Magnolia 4-H Club which I am President of for the '07-'08 year. I am sixteen and a junior at Brawley Union High School. I've been in 4-H for 8 years and am involved in many projects including horses and rabbits and outside of 4-H I'm involved in my classes and Associated Student Body.

From Jeanine Smith: Simply put, I bleed green! I have participated in many county, sectional, and state events, and held many chairmanships on all those levels. The animals that I raise or have raised for 4-H are sheep, dairy cattle, rabbits, covies and waterfowl and all of them have taught me dedication and responsibility. Four-H has

taught me so much throughout my years as a member. I owe many of my life successes to the 4-H program and to all my 4-H leaders.

My name is Naomi Klockmann from M&M 4-H and I have been in 4-H more than eight years. I am involved with the beef project and have been for four years. I enjoy planning and helping with activities such as the 2007 4-H Family Camp. Camp was a lot of fun this year and I hope that next year more 4-Hers will come.

My name is Jordan Yee; I am currently the President of the United Valley 4-H Club. My favorite projects include Market Goats, Cavies, and Photography and I am looking forward to being an All-Star this year.





Fingerprinting of Leaders

All adults (18 years and older) wishing to become 4-H leaders must submit to fingerprinting and must pass the background check, completed by the Department of Justice, before becoming eligible to be issued a 4-H Volunteer Leader card. Only card-carrying leaders are eligible for the 4-H Liability Insurance.

New Leaders: please call the 4-H office and ask for the "Request for the Live Scan Service" form. You then call the Sheriff's Office to get a "Live Scan" of your hand. This is done by appointment only. Do this as soon as you think you'd like to serve as a Leader. You are not cleared to work with youth until the Live Scan is complete, the background check is complete and the County Director has issued you the Volunteer Leader card. You may NOT work with any youth under the auspices of the 4-H program, other than your own children, until you have received your card.

The privilege of working with 4-H youth is a service taken very seriously by the University of California Cooperative Extension staff. The 4-H Volunteer Leader card is NOT automatically renewed each year and the County Director is the only individual within the county authorized to issue this card.



Message for all Horse Project Members

All horses used in the 4-H Horse Project must be owned or leased by the 4-H member 60 days prior to a Horse Show and 120 days prior to a Fair Show. For the 2008 Fair, that lease/own date is November 1, 2007. The horse must be registered with

your project leader and with the Imperial County 4-H Office.

The Horse ID Form and Horse Lease Agreement can be obtained from the 4-H Office or at the 4-H office website, <http://ceimperial.ucdavis.edu/>

Mark your calendars for an exciting state event, the State 4-H Equine Field Day. It is scheduled for Sat., November 10, 2007, location to be announced. You may check out more regional and state offerings by going to the state 4-H website, www.ca4h.org, then click on Statewide Program and Resources, then click on Equine Education.



New Round Robin Guidelines for 2008 Fair

- 1) Round Robin participants to complete written questions prior to actual showmanship contest in ring.
- 2) Questions will be compiled from project guidelines. This will be the only source of questions.
- 3) Species coordinators will be asked to supply the project guidelines. One guideline per specie competing in Round Robin will be collected and placed in a binder. One binder for Small Animals and another for Large Animals.
- 4) Project guidelines will be available from the 4-H office for any livestock project leader or member.

Questions about this new procedure? Attend the Sept. 20th Livestock Leaders meeting.



Congratulations to our 4-Hers!!

Sectional Field Day

(Held at Mt. San Jacinto Community College)

Intermediate Demonstration

Sectional Winners:

Samantha Holiman – Star Route 4-H Club

C.J. Lopez – Star Route 4-H Club

Senior Educational Display

Sectional Winner:

Jeanine Smith – Star Route 4-H Club

Intermediate Impromptu Speech

Sectional Winner:

C.J. Lopez – Star Route 4-H Club

Intermediate Judging Event

Sectional Winner:

C.J. Lopez – Star Route 4-H Club

State Field Day

(Held at U.C. Davis)

Intermediate Demonstration State Winners:

Samantha Holiman – Star Route 4-H Club

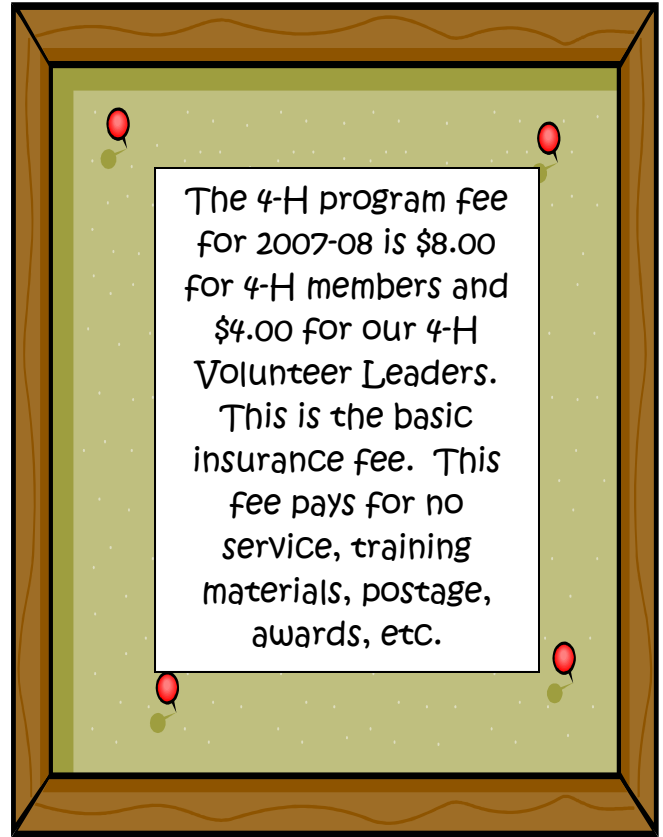
C.J. Lopez – Star Route 4-H Club

Senior Educational Display State Winner:

Jeanine Smith



Attention All:



The 4-H program fee for 2007-08 is \$8.00 for 4-H members and \$4.00 for our 4-H Volunteer Leaders. This is the basic insurance fee. This fee pays for no service, training materials, postage, awards, etc.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

Course

Rifle Discipline

Tulare, CA

Sat., October 13, 2007 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

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Sun., October 14, 2007 8:00 am – 4:30pm

Here's an opportunity for leaders seeking project specific training. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of rifle. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. To get more information or register for the class, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone him (661) 868-6216.



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE:**

4-H Enrollments Due
October 19, 2007

Here's advance notice . . . 4-H enrollment forms and insurance fees are due to the 4-H office no later than October 19th. Insurance fees are \$8.00 per member and \$4.00 per adult volunteer leader. Checks should be made payable to Imperial County 4-H Leaders Council. It is imperative all eligible participants (adult and youth) are enrolled and covered by the 4-H insurance. Thank you, community leaders for seeing to this important task.



Cooperative Extension provides reasonable disability accommodation for those who require such assistance. To make your request for accommodation, please call the 4-H office, 352-9474, at least two weeks prior to the event.



Officer Training

Saturday , September 29, 2007
9:00 am
Imperial Valley College
College Center

All clubs are invited to send their incoming officers to this training session. Well run meetings take training and practice. This session will get your young leaders prepared for their jobs.

Officer Book Training

Saturday , September 29, 2007
Immediately following the officer training
Imperial Valley College
College Center

Thanks to Star Route, McCabe and United Valley 4-H Clubs for taking on this event.



Last Day to purchase Livestock Projects
For the 2008 CA Midwinter Fair and
Fiesta

Beef – 120 days – ownership rule requires purchase and ear tagging by 11/01/07

Horse – 120 days – own or lease by 11/01/07

Feeder Calves – 60 days – own and ear tag by 12/31/07

Sheep/Swine – 60 days – own and ear tag by 12/31/07


Goats – 60 days – own and ear tag/tattoo by 12/31/07

Small Animals (Rabbits, Poultry, Cavies) – 60 days – own and tattoo by 12/31/07.





Record Book Round-Up

Keep an eye  out for places to put events and dates into your record books.

The areas of Personal Development Record (PDR) are as follows:

1. 4-H Projects Completed
2. 4-H Project Skills Activities
3. 4-H events attended
4. Leadership Development
5. Citizenship
6. Communication Skills
7. Honors and Recognition
8. Lifestyle Activities

September 22, 2007
Star Awards/Achievement
Night
Counts under the following:
#3 – If you just attended
#4 – Committee Member or
Committee Chairman
#7 – If you received a medal
and/or star

September 29, 2007
Officer Training/Officer
Book Training
Counts under the following:
#4 - Officer attending,
Committee Chairperson
or member, planned
group activity

October 6, 2007
4-H Showcase counts under
the following:
#2 – If you exhibited your
project
#3 – If you just attended
#4 – Committee Chairperson
or member
#6 – If you did a presentation
or talked to people about
4-H, represented 4-H in
some other way

We will be putting something in the monthly intercom each month to help you with the new record book formats.