Congratulations to the Class of 2015

4-H Graduating Seniors:

Alex Baran   Jonathan Soto
Alex Zamudio  Madison Tucker
Alexus Snowden  Maria Tamayo
Amy Diaz       Mason Mange
Anna Archer    Megan Smedley
Audrey Forrester  Natalie Gonzalez
Brittney Auza  Rylee Lopez
Carlos Lopez   Samantha Velasquez
Cassidy Galindo  Susan Chapin
Christian Ramirez  Trent Davis
David Gillmore   Danielle Torrez
Drake Irungaray  Will DuBois
Esmeralda Garcia
Ezequias parra

Dates & Deadlines

June
4th Leaders Council Meeting
6pm at the Farm Bureau
8th Record Book Training
13th  - South Section Meeting
15th-19th Sustainable You!
19th  - 23rd California Focus
20th Record Book Judging
20th Leaders Council scholarships Due
20th Emerald Star Projects Due
24th Achievement Night
24th Horse Classic
28th– 7th Washington Focus
30th Financials Due
30th State Record Book Quick Start Course Due

July
14th-15th Ca 4-H Cooking
Throw down at State Fair
23rd-26th 4-H State Leadership Con-

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Congratulations to the 2015-2016 All-Star Team

Shelby Dill
Joshua Trimm
Sara Jessica Ochoa
Mikalla McFadden
Camille Silva

The 4-H Imperial County All Star position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the Imperial County 4-H Program. 4-H All Stars are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service. They are selected to serve the 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service.
Save the Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Imperial County Achievement Night

Reaching for the Stars

Time:
6:00 p.m.

Location:
Hidalgo Society Hall
439 West K Street
Brawley, CA

Join in the Star Studded Night of 4-H Fun, Wonderment, Excitement and Sheer Delight

★ Introduction of 2015-16 All Star Team
★ Roll Call of Imperial County 4-H Clubs
★ Star Awards Recipients
★ County Project and Achievement Award Recipients
★ Honoring All Graduating Imperial County High School Seniors
★ and the outgoing 2014-15 All Star Team!

It’s Record Book Submission Time! All completed record books submitted to Clubs will receive a memento/gift and be recognized during Achievement Night.

Hosted by:
M & M 4-H Club
Magnolia 4-H Club
BRYANNE SANCHEZ

As the end of this 4-H year approaches, I’d like to thank every one of you for all of your support, knowledge, and effort. This has been by far my favorite year in 4-H, and I have loved every second of being an All Star. I have created so many lasting memories in 4-H this year that I will treasure for the rest of my life. We had so much fun planning and leading events for you all.

You were our motivation from Day 1. Our success began at registration day at the movies and just this past weekend we put on our first Color Me Green Run. The Jr/Teen Leader Retreats we hosted were a blast! The Knowledge Bowl was super exciting this year too! Garden Delights is becoming a favorite event also and I loved seeing all of your yummy food ideas. I especially enjoyed spending a weekend up in Mountain Center at the Teen Involvement Conference with so many of our local 4-Hers. Every 4-H event this year has been so lively and we love seeing everyone so enthusiastic! I hope you always show 100% effort and put all of your energy into what you do in 4-H. The possibilities are endless as to what you can see and do in the 4-H program. We’ve worked alongside so many of you, and we have seen the potential in YOU. So go out and let’s make the best better!

FAREWELL TO THE 2014-15 ALL STAR TEAM!

STEVEN JOHNSON

“My name is Steven Johnson I am 16 years old and I want to be an Imperial County All-Star.” This amazingly memorable year all started with one thought which was planted in me several years ago and grew and grew until it eventually became a reality. All of my past years of 4-h were extremely exciting and thrilling, but this year tops all of those years by far. Being an All-Star this year was filled with hard-work, dedication, persistence, and a lot of Dr. Pepper! I learned phenomenal things, but the one thing that I really needed to learn was organization and this was easily accomplished thanks to Linda our awesome All-Star advisor! I have definitely learned a heaping handful of skills and traits throughout this entire year, but the thing that makes this whole entire experience real and memorable is the people. Bryanne, Carlos, Linda, Shanna, and all of the Imperial County 4-h volunteers and members. Thank you for making this the most memorable and great year of my entire 4-h career! Bryanne, thank you for always being there when I forgot to take certain notes and most of all thank you for being such a great friend throughout this whole thing! Carlos, through all the things we’ve been through from the slugs at SLC to having so much fun at the color run nailing people with color and seeing a completely different side of you I know no matter what you say you’re going to miss us all! Linda thank you for teaching to be professional and most of all opening your home and your heart to all of us. Shanna, throughout our entire crazily scheduled year thank you for squeezing us in and teaching us to voice our opinions, And Thank you Imperial County for having us as All-Stars this year. I’m going to miss being an All-Star, but I’m glad I got to do what I did this year and I would do it ten times over!
CARLOS LOPEZ As an All-Star there are many great experiences that I have had this year. From SLC to Washington D.C., I have met many friends and learned many things. For example, at the beginning of the year the All-Star’s first event is to attend the State Leadership Conference. Since last year’s SLC was at UCSC we had nine hours to bond while traveling there; this year’s team is luckier because it is at UCI. While there we met 4-Hers from all over California and met two Canadian 4-H delegates. To this day we remain in contact with our friends in Canada. We also learned a great deal with the SLC workshops, some of which were specifically designed to help All-Star programs and improve team work. Then in April of this year I, along with Bryanne, traveled to Washington D.C. to represent California 4-H at the National 4-H Conference. We were two of five delegates from California 4-H and the first to be selected from our county in 18 years.

While there we met 4-Hers from over 40 states, Puerto Rico, and the Canadian Provinces. I had 17 members in my roundtable group, which was Energy Conservation, with 15 states, Puerto Rico, and Alberta, Canada being represented. We presented to the Department of Energy and all of us still remain in contact. I learned so much from the 4-Hers at National Conference it is a goal of mine to be a facilitator there in the future. While the conferences are fun I have to remind myself that all of this is a result of the teamwork between the three All-Stars and our advisors. Only as a result of the tremendous amount of time and effort put in by all the members of our team were we able to achieve such substantial success. I hope to see such success in next year’s All-Star team as well!

FAREWELL continued…

2014-15 Imperial County All Stars…. an Advisor’s perspective By: Linda Sanchez

At the beginning of July 2014 the All Star team of Bryanne, Carlos and Steven came together by doing a bonding activity. Their first “plan of action”? Come up and prepare a meal for their families, which consisted of a 3-course menu…. grocery shopping, cooking, serving and introductions — teamwork in action was the first strength that showed dominance as their strongest quality!

Leadership Conference in August was 5 full days of networking with 4-H members from throughout the State was super busy for the trio. Each attended a variety of workshops, made new friends, seeing whales, sun fish, seal lions up close and their popularity peaked the evening they shared their Healthy Living mementos, Eat Alfalfa Sprouts 4-Health.

Learning on each other’s strengths and recognizing each other’s talents was the key to their success.

Sitting in the background, watching the All Stars share their excitement, knowledge and experience about 4-H with our 4-H members was incredibly delightful.

Talking, sharing calendars and remembering to communicate with each other was the area that I noticed their biggest growth.

Always eager to figure out a way to connect with our 4-H members and sharing their gained knowledge was a big portion of monthly meetings.

Record keeping and books submissions, taking on leadership roles; attending County, Sectional and State events; and, having the bigger vision of all that 4-H has to offer was the KEY for this trio to be able to travel, be exposed to out of the ordinary events and being treated to some Awesome Dinners was all part of being an 2014-15 Imperial County All Star!

Slugs… actually, the Banana Slug ~will be a sweet memory for all four of us. Words cannot express our year of adventure, but most importantly…what a fun ride of a lifetime was had by all four of us!

My all time favorite Chinese proverb: I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.
Need help with your record book?

When? 6-8-15
Time? 5:30PM
Where? 4-H office 1050 E. Holton Rd. (bring your laptop)

Imperial County Record Book Judging
Will take place on June 20, 2015. 1050 E. Holton Rd. Your Club Community Leader may have a book submission deadline sooner than this date, so please contact him or her to make sure you get your book turned in on time.

Emerald Star Projects and Scholarship Applications are also due at this time. 2 VOLUNTEERS FROM EACH CLUB ARE NEEDED!

Shooting Sports - Save the Dates!

A once in a blue moon event is about to take place in California, a National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop. This event will be held September 29 – October 3, 2015 at Camp San Luis Obispo (San Luis Obispo County). It is open to staff and volunteer leaders who are at least 21 years of age. This training allows the participants to become certified in one of six different disciplines: archery, hunting, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, or shotgun.

Additional information will follow. If you have leaders who are interested, be sure they sign up for email updates by entering their names and email addresses at: http://ucanr.edu/maillists/joinlist.cfm?

#2participated #3Attended only #6 wrote an article

4-H Volunteers
Make a World of Difference

STATE LEADERS' FORUM
KEEPIN' IT FRESH
NOVEMBER 6-8, 2015 | SAN DIEGO
A big thank you to all the participants and volunteers who made the Inaugural 4-H Color Me Green Run a huge success! Be sure to mark it in your record books!

Sustainable You! Camp Staff

Just a reminder staff training will be: JUNE 13, 2015 8:00am-5:00pm here at the 4-H Office, 1050 E. Holtton Rd., Holtville, Ca.

We will have a snacks and lunch provided for you! Please wear comfortable clothes and be ready to work!

Start prepping now for the State Fair 4-H Throwdown!

The winning senior team is eligible to go to the National 4-H Food Challenge at the Texas State Fair! Three teams compete each round with a secret ingredient in each round! A panel of judges yet to be named will judge the 3 course creations!

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

The daily schedule:
Round One: 11am-1pm
Round Two: 1:30pm-3pm
Champion Round: 3:30pm-5pm

Start prepping now for the State Fair 4-H Throwdown!
Register now! http://ucanr.edu/4h-throwdown

#2 provide a display #3 attended #4 helped setup/cleanup #5 volunteer #6 wrote an article, or talked at your club meeting about the event #7 won award

PDR #3 Attended Only #2 Participated in Event #6 Wrote an article or gave a presentation about the event #7 won an award

#2 provide a display #3 attended #4 helped setup/cleanup #5 volunteered #6 wrote an article, or talked at your club meeting about the event #7 won an award

PDR #3 attended #4 helped set up or cleaned up PDR #6 gave a demonstration at event This is a leadership event #4 and its own project!!!
Congrats to all the Participants at Southern Section Field day!

South Section 4-H Field Day was held on May 16th at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA. This competition was open to all county 4-H youth members that qualified in various Public Speaking categories. Categories included: Demonstrations/Illustrated talks, Interpretive Reading, Prepared Speech, Educational Display and Interview contest. Members also had the opportunity to compete on a sectional level in walk-in events such as the judging event, the horticulture judging event and impromptu. Many Imperial County members that traveled to South Section 4-H Field Day took home top sectional honors. Clubs that participated include the Star Route 4-H Club, Southwest Valley 4-H Club and the Verde 4-H Club. The Results were as follows:

**Judging Event**
- Inter – Dillon Sanchez – Southwest Valley 4-H
- Sr. Jacob Sanchez – Southwest Valley 4-H

**Impromptu**
- Jr. - Benjamin Arroyave – Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Matthew Printy - Star Route 4-H

**Interview Contest**
- Jr. - Benjamin Arroyave – Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Caleb Chambers – Verde 4-H
- Inter – Rachel Chambers – Verde 4-H
- Sr. - Nathaniel Arroyave - Star Route 4-H
- Sr. – Rose Fiorenza – Magnolia 4-H

**Illustrated Talks**
- Inter – Kirk Johnson – Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Philip Minnick - Star Route 4-H
- Inter Team - Benjamin Arroyave / Matthew Printy - Star Route 4-H
- Sr. – Noah Minnick - Star Route 4-H

**Prepared Speech**
- Sr. – Nathaniel Arroyave - Star Route 4-H

**Educational Displays**
- Jr. - Benjamin Arroyave – Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Timothy Cochran - Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Philip Minnick - Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Matthew Printy - Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Dillon Sanchez – Southwest Valley 4-H
- Inter Team – Karissa Colace / Meghan Printy - Star Route 4-H
- Sr. – Rose Fiorenza – Magnolia 4-H

**Demonstrations**
- Jr. - Emarie Johnson - Star Route 4-H C

**Cultural Arts**
- Jr. - Emarie Johnson - Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Caleb Chambers – Verde 4-H
- Inter – Rachel Chambers – Verde 4-H
- Inter – Karissa Colace - Star Route 4-H
- Inter – Kirk Johnson – Star Route 4-H
- Inter Team - Benjamin Arroyave / Nathaniel Arroyave - Star Route 4-H

The next level of competition for these members will be at State Field Day on May 30, 2015 at UC Davis, the largest 4-H event in the State. There will be close to 1,500 in attendance for this intense day of state competition. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are walk-in events that are open to all 4-H members during the event. State Fashion Revue will also be held during State 4-H Field Day.