Welcome Back 4-H er’s!

September 2016

Win an iPad!!

Here’s your chance Imperial County 4-H’ers to win an iPad! Every 4-H member is eligible. All you have to do is be the highest BBQ ticket seller in the county with a minimum of 100 tickets sold! For more info please talk to your community leader!

LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING 9-22-16

At the Farm Bureau in El Centro at 6:00pm.
Fair Check Update
Updating Voting Reps & Officers
DNA & Ownership Deadlines/ Fair Entry Requirements

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING 10-6-2016

At the Farm Bureau in El Centro at 6:00pm.
Congratulations to the New Board members for the 2016-2018 term.

President: Yolanda Fiorenza
Vice President: Kim Grizzle
Secretaries: Wendy Wilson/Michelle Edgmon
Treasure: Becky Poloni

Check out
www.ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h
for a complete calendar

Look for the green check mark to help with your Record Book Personal Development Report (PDR)!

Grow with the Green
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
WHERE: FAIRGROUNDS (PLAZA DEL CULTURA BLDG.)
WHO SHOULD COME? EVERYONE!! WE WILL BE HAVING BREAK OUT SESSIONS FOR ALL OFFICERS, FUTURE CAMP COUNSELORS, JR. & TEEN LEADERS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING MORE ACTIVE IN 4-H!
TIME: 10:00 AM TO 2:00PM

You have been elected a club officer, you are interested in an officer position, or maybe you want to be more active in 4-H by taking on a leadership role with in the club or county (CALLING ALL FUTURE CAMP COUNSELORS!!)

WHAT NOW?? As a club officer, you have a very important leadership role. You and your fellow team members will serve as role models to other 4-H members. THIS TRAINING WILL HELP YOUR TEAM LEARN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH MEMBER OF YOUR TEAM AND HOW TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT YOUR DUTIES A CLUB OFFICER, JR./TEEN LEADER, OR CAMP COUNSELOR. (HOSTED BY THE 2015-2016 ALL-STARS & VERDE 4-H CLUB.
FOR QUESTIONS CALL THE 4-H OFFICE 760-352-9474

JUNK DRAWER ROBOTICS LEADER TRAINING
TIME: 10:30AM
WHERE: FAIRGROUNDS

Come learn all about Junk Drawer Robotics and receive a complete kit to get started with this project in your club!

Please RSVP to jlgarcia@ucanr.edu by September 15th. Space is limited and on a first come first serve basis!
**ALL STAR POSTER CONTEST**

Promoting the 4-H BBQ in the Community!

**Guidelines**

Choose a catchy theme or title, or maybe why 4-H is great!

Do NOT use well-known cartoon figures, as they are copyrighted. (Example: Peanuts, Dr. Seuss, Disney, Power Rangers, Spiderman, Superman, Sponge Bob)

**Poster Size:** No Larger than 18” x 24” (remember it needs to fit in a window or be displayed at a local merchant)

**Material:** Poster board for backing, only. Be creative with any art materials. No real food.

**On the Front of the Poster:**

40th Annual 4-H Barbecue/BBQ
Call: 760-352-9474 for tickets
Sunday, October 16, 2016
12:00pm to 5:00pm
$10.00 per ticket/plate

**Awards:**

Primary (all primaries with receive a special award!), Junior, Intermediate and Senior entries will be judged separately. County winners in each division will receive pins for their hats and a special prize courtesy of the All-Stars!

**Scoring**

A. INFORMATION GIVEN AND IDEA EXPRESSED (50 points)
1. Theme: Does the poster attract attention? 0-25 points
2. Simplicity: Is the poster limited to one idea & readable at a glance? 0-10 points
3. Originality: Does the poster convey an original idea? 0-15 points

B. ART, DESIGN, AND LETTERING (40 points)
1. Is the poster neat and attractive? 0-10 points
2. Dynamic, Eye-Catching, Original. Does the poster cause viewers to stop and read it? 0-10 points
3. Neat, easily read lettering. Is lettering neat and large enough to be read easily? 0-10 points
4. Use of color. Is poster neat and creative with colors? 0-10 points

C. CONSTRUCTION (10 points)
1. Materials and Texture: Are different textures or shapes used to add variety to the poster? 0-10 points
2. Durable enough to withstand handling & displaying in various settings? 0-5

**Deadline For Submission:**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 5:00PM**

Bring your completed poster to the Imperial County 4-H office, 1050 E. HOLTON RD. HOLTVILLE, CA 92250. Winners will be notified by Monday, October 2nd. Winning posters will be selected to be displayed in promoting the 4-H BBQ in public offices within Imperial County.

The Poster Contest is presented by the 2015-2016 Imperial County All Stars:
Addy Rubin
Keeley Poloni
Kirk Johnson
Rose Fiorenza

Need more information contact: 760-352-9474

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the 4-H Emblem is used do not place text or other images over or on top of it.
Below you will find the Fall Clover Calendar for each club to help promote 4-H at the El Centro Tractor Supply. Last Spring we earned $1,256.00 just by being present! Here are some ways to help when at the store:

* 4-H’ers can arrange to table at the store
* Help customers loading there items and or bagging
* Bake Sale at the Store
* Hosting small-scale demonstrations in the store

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Want to join the 4-H Drone Team? Call the 4-H office or email smabatti@ucanr.edu by September 15th!! The NYSD team will be presenting this experiment at the Bike Ride!
Challenge will explore how remote sensing can be used to solve real world problems while learning concepts like flight dynamics, forces of flight, basic computer coding, as well as following federal regulations while operating drones.

The 2016 National Science Challenge, Drone Discovery, explores the engineering design and flight principles of drones. The activities demonstrate how drones and remote sensing can be used to solve real-world problems.
Imperial County is proud of our #4Hgrown Alumni! Share the impact 4-H has had in your life by submitting a picture and story to smabatti@ucanr.edu to be featured in an upcoming Intercom! You may have seen the below picture circulating on Facebook this past month!

Pictured: Imperial County 4-H All Stars circa 1983-84 Daniel Poloni, Cherie Watte-Angulo, Becky Agnew, Lynee Pacheco, and Bill Ferguson.

Get Connected with Imperial County 4-H
Click on The Icon!

For update info on upcoming programs, pictures project ideas, volunteer resources, videos and so much more! Click the above icons or search Imperial County 4-H on your favorite media source!

Camp Staff Needed!
Calling all youth between the ages of 11-18! The 4-H All Stars need your help! We are looking for Day Camp Staff for our STEM Spooky Adventures on the Farm October 29th. If you are interested in leading fun Halloween themed science experiments, please come to our initial meeting during officer/leadership training Sept 17th at the Fairgrounds (Plaza del Cultura Bldg.) 10:00am—2:00pm

Spooky Schedule:
September 17th—Initial Meeting
October 23rd—Training (1pm-5pm)
October 29th—Spooky Adventures 10am-2pm
Ready to sign up? The process is as easy as 1,2,3:

**Step 1:** Find a club below and call the leader.  
All contact info can be found at [ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h](http://ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h) or call 760-352-9474.

**Step 2:** Attend the Club Meeting

**Step 3:** Enroll online at [Ca.4honline.com](http://Ca.4honline.com)

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**Countywide Projects**

**Skateboarding**— If you are interested, please email smabatti@ucanr.edu. All skill levels welcome. Leader Mark Fitzurka & Jr. Leader Justin Wilson— the first meeting will be listed in the October Intercom. Mark Fitzurka—mark.fitzurka@gmail.com; Shanna Abatti—smabatti@ucanr.edu

**Burrowing Owl Wildlife Project**— Calling all Youth and Adults interested in the local wildlife to join this exciting new project in collaboration with UC FarmSmart. Please contact Stacey Wills for more info scwills@ucanr.edu

**Fishing**—The first meeting will be listed in the October Intercom. All skill levels welcome. Leader Fabian Amparano can be reached at scwills@ucanr.edu

**SET (Science, Engineering & Technology) and iSprout for Primary (ages 5 to 8)**

Project Leaders: Young Ambassador Team (SEE BELOW ICYAP)

**Adult Advisor:** Linda Sanchez CONTACT VALLEYSOLUTIONS@SBCGLOBAL.NET

**On Your Mark, Get SET — for Primary!** Science, Engineering and Technology is the name of this countywide Primary project. Simple, extremely fun, hands-on experiments will be conducted so that primary members will use critical thinking skills in problem solving. iSprout—Focuses Primary members on becoming capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens. Activities throughout the curriculum focuses on the following four topics: Knowing Me; Knowing My Family; Knowing 4-H and Knowing My Community. Project limited to the first 20 primary members who register.

**Imperial County Young Ambassador Project (ICYAP)**

Linda Sanchez CONTACT VALLEYSOLUTIONS@SBCGLOBAL.NET

The project goal is to encourage youth, ages 12 and above, to further leadership development training and responsibilities to members who may not have yet earned a 4-H star rank. ICYAP will bring together 4-H members from clubs across Imperial County to focus on building leadership skills; community service activities; team building exercises; attend events & meetings with community leaders; understand citizenship concerns, and prepare our Valley’s 4-H youth to make a difference in their communities.

**HI-4-H** (leaders to be determined) email smabatti@ucanr.edu interested in participating or volunteering. For high-school 4-H er’s white water rafting, hiking, camping, minute to win it game nights, and much, much more!

**Beginning Quilting** The first meeting will be listed in the October Intercom. All skill levels welcome.

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**Sewing** The first meeting will be listed in the October Intercom. All skill levels welcome.

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**Dog**— If interested in the dog project, please contact Becky Poloni at drpoloni@roadrunner.com

**Small Animals**— If interested in the small animal project not offered by your club, please contact Yolanda Fiorenza at pisto8137@sbcglobal.net
The Merced County 4-H Shooting Sports training team will be offering a series of project leader and leader trainer classes in rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and archery offered from September to December in Central California. All classes will be in a Saturday and Sunday format.

9 AM – 4 PM At the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 N. Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. (see dates below)

Participants must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to lead any of the shooting sports disciplines at the project, club and camp levels.

The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost for each discipline is $35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday lite breakfast refreshments. Dry camping is available on site as is self-contained RV camping.

You may bring your own firearms and ammunition or archery equipment. However, everything will be provided if you want to use their equipment. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back home.

Driving directions to the classrooms and range are at http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to "Merced County 4-H Council" and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, 7 days prior to the class you are taking, and space is limited to 25 attendees. For more information, call Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu. For range and class info, contact is Dave Givens 209-614-1718 or dave@hammerstryke.com

Class Dates:

Rifle Leader
Sept 17th and 18th (Registration due Sept 9th)
Nov 5th and 6th (Registration due Oct 28th)

Shotgun Leader
Sept 17th and 18th (Registration due Sept 9th)
Nov 19th and 20th (Registration due Nov 11th)

Archery Leader
Oct 8th and 9th (Registration due Sept 30th)
Nov 5th and 6th (Registration due Oct 28th)

Pistol Leader
Oct 8th and 9th (Registration due Sept 30th)
Nov 19th and 20th (Registration due Nov 11th)

Muzzle Loading Leader
Oct 29th and 30th (Registration due Oct 21st)
Dec 10th and 11th (Registration due Dec 2nd)
Hi my name is Rose Fiorenza, and I will be one of the 4-H All Stars this year. I am 16-years-old and a junior at Calipatria High School. I have been in the Magnolia 4-H club for 10 years. In that time I have shown cavies, rabbits, poultry and a dairy heifer. 4-H has shaped me into the person I am today. It taught me what it means to be a good leader. This year, I would like to give back to the community. One of my goals is to expose members to all of the amazing leadership opportunities available in 4-H. I would like to help everyone break out of their shells and reach their full potential.

Keeley Poloni is the daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Poloni. She has been a member of the Holtville 4-H Club for 7 years. She participates in animal, public speaking, leadership and service learning projects. Her Service Learning Project, and now Emerald Star project, have been to help raise funds and awareness for the Humane Society of Imperial County. Since September of 2014, Keeley has raised over $9,000 to help support our local shelter. During her term as an Imperial County 4-H All Star, Keeley would like to continue supporting the Humane Society through fundraising events and by helping to promote their local activities. As an Imperial County All Star, Keeley looks forward to meeting new people and advocating for 4-H at the local, state and national level.

Hi. My name is Kirk Johnson. I’m 15-years-old and I am a 4-H All Star. I first joined 4-H as a 5-year-old. I wanted to become an All Star because of all the experiences and leadership you gain from it. My plan is to start an engineering project and start teaching little 4-H engineers throughout Imperial County so that we can have a broader spectrum of personalities throughout 4-H and, as an added bonus, new 4-H members in our community.

Hello. My name is Addyson Rubin and I am one of your All Stars this year. I’m a Junior at Holtville High School and have been in 4-H for eight years. My goal as an All Star this year is to provide more leadership opportunities for youth in order to prepare them for larger leadership roles in high school. I am so excited for this new year of 4-H!
A big thank you to everyone for coming and supporting the 4-H Kick Off at the Mall! It was a huge success!!

Leader tip of the month

Henry Ford said it best,

“If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always got.”

While it’s easier to just do the same thing you did last year, do you really want to? Sure, you can get by doing the same stuff. Why not make it count and do something truly innovative. Try a different project, add one new aspect to your project, engage new volunteers. We’re all in this to make the best better; doing so means being innovative and it starts with you—the leader.

Save The Date

4-H Bike Ride
Hosted by McCabe 4-H

REGISTRATION: 8:00AM
Bike Ride Starts at 9:00AM

LOCATION: McCabe School
701 West McCabe Rd. El Centro

IT’S FREE!!

6.5 mile bike ride starting west on McCabe Rd., to Silsbee Rd. (North), and we will go west on Ross and turn into SunBeam Lake!

DECORATE YOUR BIKES FOR THIS FUN RIDE

Visit http://ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h/Intercom/ enter your email in the subscribe box to ensure you receive your Intercom as soon as it is posted. You can also view old issues of the Intercom.
Join the SLC 2017 Planning Team!!

Applications are open

Do you love SLC and event planning? Then join the SLC planning committee and help us make the conference a success.

Application Requirements

- Currently enrolled as a 4-H Youth or Adult Volunteer
- Experience working in a youth-adult partnership on a committee
- Attend 3-4 in person meetings
- Participate in 3-4 conference calls

Attend SLC 2017 (you will have to arrive 1 to 2 days early as a part of the planning team)

Applications are open now for 4-H Youth and Adult Volunteers

APPLY NOW
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4_H_Events/SLC/SLC_Planning_Committee/

Applications are due September 22nd by 11:59pm

The Southern Area Program Development Committee of the California 4-H Management Board is currently recruiting for one youth member and one adult member. All youth and adults are eligible in becoming a member of the committee. Additional information about the CA 4-H Management Board can be found at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Management_Board/

Any interested youth or adult in representing imperial County on the committee needs to contact jwtrammell87@gmail.com. The Southern Area Committee is a volunteer committee serving under the direction of the Southern Area Director. The Southern Area Committee is responsible for helping to identify the needs of the 4-H Youth Development Program in the Southern Area and work to ensure that the programming needs are met for 4-H members throughout the area. The Southern Area Committee serves and carries out responsibilities under the oversight of the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. The committee is comprised of one youth member and one adult volunteer from each county within the Southern Area to work collaboratively to determine the best scope of work for that year.
Calipatria FFA will have some quality lambs, goats, and definitely pigs for sale from our Calipatria FFA Chapter. These are all animals 100% raised and bred by my kids. Our goal is to sell them very reasonably for the kids who don’t have the means to buy more expensive animals. Our pigs will be based between $200 and $250 depending on the number we have (we bred 4 sows specifically for our county fair). Last year my kids raised their own and they all placed in the top 6 of each class. We will have 3 lambs available priced between $175 and $200, along with multiple goats around the same price. The lambs and goats are good, quality, gold ribbon animals that, if fed well, should be middle of the class type animals or better. The pigs I have bigger hopes for because we went all out on the genetics to get some quality babies in. Also we are hoping if all goes well to have a raffle of one of each species goat, lamb and pig. We want to raffle off a top animal of each for the kids to show at fair.

Abatti & Wills Club Lamb Sale
10-22-2016
Preview: 11:00am – 1:00pm
Sale Begins: 1:00pm
Location: IMPERIAL HIGH SCHOOL
Agriculture Dept.
517 W. Barioni Blvd.
Imperial, Ca 92251
For questions contact Steve Wills at Hampman911@hotmail.com, 760-554-0424 or Stacey Wills at 760-554-6813 scwills@ucanr.edu

Youth Loan Programs: Designed to cover the expenses - such as animals, equipment and supplies that are affiliated with the 4-H or FFA youths' individual projects.
RaboBank—https://www.rabobankamerica.com/community/programs-and-resources
Cal Focus Trip By: Jacob Sanchez

This summer I attended the 2016 Cal Focus 4-H Conference. It was held in Sacramento June 17th through 21st. Our county sent a total of 19 members to the conference, representing three clubs. The two State Ambassadors from Imperial County, Bryanne Sanchez and Steven Johnson, also went to help put on the conference and they did a great job. When we arrived at the conference we definitely made our presence known. The Cal Focus conference was all about learning about State government.

At the conference, we created and passed bills. Sarah Grizzle, Emily Allegranza and I all wrote a bill to prevent wildfires. Later in the conference, we had to explain and defend our bill to get it to pass. We also elected our own government officials. I was elected as the party chair for the Grizzly Bear party. I then held elections for the other positions as part of my new job. Six of the eight representatives we elected were from the Imperial Valley. These representatives would run against those from the Golden Eagle party for the actual positions. After party elections I helped Seth Hilfiker with his campaign. I am proud to say that he won the position of Governor and 8 of the 11 positions came from imperial County. All but one of our party representatives were elected. We also got to tour the state capital, meet Assembly-member Eduardo Garcia and Senator Ben Hueso.

Before the conference, we worked hard and held lots of meetings to prepare a county highlights slideshow and a plan of action for our county. Some of the highlights we covered were: the Mexican border, Salvation Mountain, and the geothermal plants. Our plan of action is to decrease and possibly end bullying in our county with our presentation titled, “The Key to Kindness”. At the conference we had to present our plan of action to be approved for us to do in our county. Thankfully, due to our hard work and preparation, our project was approved. Our presentations also stood out because of all the effort we had put in. Now we will be giving an anti-bullying presentation to our local schools and teaching third and fourth graders about kindness.

After the conference, our whole delegation went white water rafting on the South Fork of the American River. We stayed overnight on the river and had a lot of fun swimming in it the next day. The next morning we got up early to go rafting. We learned all of the safety procedures and then set out on the river. I had a great seat in the front, where I got soaked. At the end of the trip, I was exhausted. The paddling was a lot of work, but I had a great time anyway.

If any 4-H member is considering attending this conference, I highly recommend it. It taught me a lot about government procedures and I got to participate in activities that actual government officials would. Also, since it is a state conference, I made a lot of new 4-H connections and met some very great people.

Sacramento and Washington D.C. trip Interview Applications are due to the 4-H Office on November 16, 2016.
Applications will be in the October Intercom and at ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h
4-H Thrive 2016-2017 Master Trainer & Project Leader Information
iSprout * iGrow* iThrive

Interested in bringing a fun and engaging educational experience to 4-H members in your county? The Thrive Educational Series offers age-appropriate curriculum for members at each level of their 4-H experience. For more information about how to get involved, order 4-H Thrive Educational Materials, or gain access to online resources visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Framework PYD/Thrive/4-H_Thrive_Educational_Series_Resources/

State Fashion Revue 2017, “The Road to Fashion”

The State Fashion Revue committee is excited to announce the five categories for 2017! Returning categories are Traditional and Upcycled for members in the Clothing & Textiles project (no change in rules). Consumer Science Purchased, $40 limit is open to all 4-H members; the category criteria have been updated. The first challenge is the Knit Challenge open to any 4-H member to make a garment out of knit fabric. The second is the Stripe/Print/Plaid Challenge open to members in the Clothing & Textiles project – choose 2 of the 3 designs to include in a sewn garment or outfit. Look for the 2017 service project announcement next month and event details as they are finalized. Please see the SFR website for information on the categories and joining the committee at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/.

ORB Internet Café Training  Online Record Book

Have a group of people interested in learning how to use the ORB system? You can bring in the ORB Internet Café Training to your county. This 3-hour workshop has been a popular way to get people excited about ORB and on the path to successful online record book keeping. For more information about how you can bring this workshop to your county, click here. Limited booking dates are available for the 2016-17 program year (5 available) on a first come, first served basis starting as early as September!!!

STATE 4-H CALENDAR OF

SEPTEMBER
9/16 National Horse Classic: Call for coaches deadline
9/16-18 Citizenship Weekend
9/22 SLC Planning Applications Due
9/22 Yoga for Kids Leader Training- Davis
9/23 Nat. 4-H Salute To Excellence Nominations Due
9/24 Yoga for Kids Leader Training- SLO

OCTOBER
10/1 Yoga for Kids Leader Training- Quincy
10/2-8 National 4-H Week
10/3 State Record Book Evaluators Application Due
10/5 2016 4-H National Youth Science Day
10/7 4-H and FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl Registration Due
10/8 Yoga for Kids leader Training- Ukiah
10/8 Yoga for Kids leader Training– Moreno Valley
10/15 4-H and FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl
10/21 Record Books for State Competition Arrive to State Office

10/24 4-H Youth in Action Awards
10/28-11/4 State Record Book Competition

NOVEMBER
11/2 National 4-H Conference Applications Due
11/4-6 Mindfulness Retreat
11/4-6 State Record Book Competition
11/11-13 State Leaders’ Forum

January
1/27-29 2017 Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT)

March
03/21 Legacy Awards/Youth in Action Awards Presentation

June
06/24-07/01 Citizen Washington Focus (CWF)
Scholarship & Award Opportunities

**Scholarship Guide**—Hispanic and Latino Students
New Scholarship guide available specifically for Hispanic and Latino students. Also see listing of useful scholarship and financial resources.

**Diamond Clover Award**—The California Diamond Clover is the highest achievement for which a 4-H youth member is recognized. All youth members who achieve the requirements are eligible to receive this award. Awardees receive the California Diamond Clover Pin or Necklace Charm, a certificate and a recognition letter from the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are accepted year-round. Applications are reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awarded quarterly. Find more information here.

**Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award**
The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Each Cooperative Extension Region (Northeast, South, North Central, West) will have its own Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer and Volunteer of the Year. These honorees become nominees for the national award. One candidate in each category will be named the national Honoree.

**Award Criteria and Nomination packet (PDF)**
Please submit complete nomination packets by September 23, 2016 at 5 pm to Gemma, gmminer@ucanr.edu.

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**State Record Book Competition 2016 Important Information & Dates:**

- **State Record Book Competition** will be administered electronically this year. Send your physical book (or a digital copy if allowed) to your County 4-H Office by their established deadline. Counties are then responsible for sending digital scans of Record Books to the State Office. Email Gemma Miner (gmminer@ucanr.edu) with any questions.

- **Seeking State Evaluators!**

  If you enjoy reading about all the great work 4-H members accomplish each year and you have access to a computer, please consider being a State Record Book Evaluator. Deadlines to know:

  - State Record Book Evaluators (judges) applications are due: October 3rd.
  - Record Books sent electronically to evaluators: October 28th.
  - Evaluator scores and comments due back to State 4-H Office: November 14th.

Apply to be a State Record Book Evaluator here.

**2016-17 Record Books**
The Record Book and manuals for Junior, Intermediate and Senior members will be the same as 2015-16. All units will be expected to come into alignment with the state book beginning July 1, 2016. All other supplemental forms not included in the state Record Book must be eliminated at that time. Two new versions of the Primary Member Report form were released on July 1, 2016. One is a basic report and the other follows and supports the iSprout curriculum.

**National 4-H Horse Classic: Call for Coaches**
Application Deadline extended to September 16, 2016!
The Senior State Winner (s) at the 2016 California State 4-H Horse Classic in the demonstrations and public speaking and the top four individuals in Horse Judging, Hippology and Horse Bowl will be given the opportunity to represent California at the Western National 4-H Horse Classic in January 2017 in Denver, Colorado. Interested in coaching one of these teams? Please visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/Western_National_Roundup/
Spring 2016 Spark Survey Highlights

Thank you to all the 4-H’ers who filled out their Spring 2016 Spark Surveys! Thanks to your participation, we are seeing evidence that 4-H is helping you prepare for a successful future.

Over 80% of 4-H’ers are growing in the 6 C’S

- 93% Understand the democratic process
- 87% Interested in science
- 75% Good communication skills
- 74% Goal management skills
- 65% Make healthy food choices
- 89% Positive attitude about physical activity
- 90% Engaged in the community
- 80% Report high self esteem
- 69% Confident in their science skills
- 94% Skilled in collaborating with a diverse group of peers
- 91% Appreciate the cultural diversity of their peers

#4HGo - Receive a $10 Target Gift Card

From October 1 to January 31, the first 200 4-H’ers that take all of their Fall 2016 Spark Surveys in ORB will receive a $10 Target Gift Card.

Rules:
- Eligibility limited to 4-H’ers who have NOT earned a gift card in 2016 by taking the surveys at State Field Day
- Gift cards will be mailed in November.

Spread the word! Use #4HGo and let your fellow 4-H’ers know how to “cast their vote” to let us know how 4-H is making a difference in their life.

* Grades 4-7  ** Grades 8-12
Source: Spark Surveys; Spring 2016
Verde 4-H is excited to announce their new officers for 2016-2017!

President- Adam Montes
Vice President- Ella Hoyt, Emil Schaffner
Secretary- Clarissa Montes, Annie Britschgi
Treasurer- Seth Hilfiker
Reporter- Addyson Rubin, Sydney Mange
Historian- Cambria Day
Healthy Living Officer- Abby Hester
Sergeant of Arms- John Chambers, Blaze Vessey

Respectfully Submitted by Addyson Rubin and Sydney Mange

Club News!

2016 Cal Focus Report
by Dillon Sanchez

I was a part of the Cal Focus delegation from Imperial County who went to Sacramento to attend this year’s conference. It was a great learning experience. As a part of Cal Focus, our group of eighteen Imperial County delegates had to create two presentations to present while we’re in Sacramento. Because of the size of our delegation, we split up into two groups and each did a presentation.

The first group did a presentation on our county and what we’re known for. We paired up and each took a photo in front of one important county feature. For example, one slide in the presentation was about our alfalfa export, since it’s a big part of our economy. We also had slides of Salvation Mountain and our irrigation system. The second group did a presentation for our Plan of Action, which explained what we plan to do after the conference to better our community. In our Plan of Action we focused on trying to minimize or eliminate bullying. We explained that we plan on talking to kids in third and fourth grade in our public schools, and other organizations. We based our bullying curriculum on a book called Simon’s Hook. We also explained how we got our funding and what we would use it on.

At Cal Focus we learned a lot about state government and took tours of our State Capital. Our delegation broke up into two groups, with one group meeting Senator Ben Hueso and my group meeting Assemblyman, Eduardo Garcia. Assemblyman Garcia spent about an hour with us, answering our questions and talking to us, about what it was like to have a job like his. He told us that his grandfather lives across the street from the swimming pool in Holtville. He comes to the Valley to do business every other week and sometimes weekly.

During the conference, the 86 CAL Focus attendees were split into groups. We were assigned districts (counties), political parties, and held a mock election. When candidates ran for office, some dressed up and passed out stickers. Our county delegate, Seth Hilfiker, knew he wanted
to campaign from the time we arrived in Sacramento, and wore American ties and socks. Seth’s
clothes, friendliness and talking to everyone helped him get elected as Governor. I was elected as the Su-
perintendent of Public Instruction (SOPI for short) and appreciated my campaign committee, who helped me
win my election. Our party, the Grizzly Bears won seven out of the eight positions. This was a really fun ac-
tivity. I got to give a campaign speech, talk to the Eagles’ party members as to why I was the best SOPI
candidate, get elected, sit up front at the head table at the closing session, and lead the retirement of the col-
ors.

Another fun activity was learning how a bill becomes a law, after it is passed by the legislature and
approved by the executive officer. We wrote and proposed bills and decided if we should pass or veto
them. When we were discussing bills, it was really funny to see one of our delegates, Emil Schaffner, talk
about a bill that involved trains. When he got ignored while trying to defend and pass the bill, he acted up-
set, and proposed and organized a walkout. So many delegates followed Emil’s walkout that we couldn’t do
business without them. The executive officer ended up having to invite all the protesters back into our bill
session and offer Emil a compromise. We were told that a “walkout” like that actually happens in the Senate
and Assembly from time to time.

The last night we were in Sacramento, we got to meet some interesting 4-H alumni at a special din-
ner. It was fun to hear their stories of how 4-H helped them in their college and adult life, and what 4-H was
like when they were in it.

On Tuesday afternoon, when CAL Focus ended, we drove 56 miles northeast of Sacramento to the
City of Coloma, where our river rafting camp was. We were all very tired. When we got there it was dark
and we all went to our tents and fell asleep, listening to the rushing water. When we awoke, we saw our
campground for the first time. We were camped on the South Fork of the American River’s edge at
EarthTrek Expeditions campgrounds. Our first breakfast was blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, milk and
fresh orange juice. The camp food was a lot better than the hotel food. After breakfast, some of us relaxed
by swinging in hammocks, some of us swam from rock to rock in the river, but the water was super cold! Mid
morning we had an educational session, listening to Mountain Man Steve share life in the early pioneer trap-
per days. We got to hold pelts from various animals like whitetail fox, beaver, and mink. He also shared with
us that he too was in 4-H when he was young and his son was a member too. We ended our morning with
Mountain Man Steve teaching us how to throw a hatchet. We all got 2 chances at throwing our hatchet and
trying to get it to stick in the wooden logs that were piled 6 feet high. He made me a special deal though. He
said that if I could break his hatchet, which was stuck in the wood, he’d buy me a car. I got super close with
my first throw, but sadly didn’t win a car.

Thursday morning, we woke early with excitement, today was our day to white water raft. We got in
three groups and my group “voluntold” me to sit in front. At first, I was not happy with my raft assignment,
but I quickly realized that I was outnumbered. Myself, along with our guide from Michigan, were the only
guys in the raft so we had to sit opposite each other. Our rafting experience was with level 1, 2, and 3 white
water rapids. Some parts of the river were calm and peaceful, which made rowing easier. Our guide shared
with us about the surrounding nature, and told us the names of various trees, birds, and flowers. Jumping
into the cool river and letting the rapids take you down the river was fun too. Lane Garcia, Kailah Alvarez,
my sister Bryanne, and myself, did this a couple times throughout the day. At noon, we paddled our rafts to
the water’s edge, tied them up to the trees or bushes and enjoyed a make your own sandwich lunch. Our
lunch was served without any paper products, so we used our hands as plates. White water rafting went
fast, and was really fun.

I really enjoyed the four days I spent at the CAL Focus conference. We worked really hard all year, met on
many Sunday afternoons, preparing for the conference and once we were there, our performance showed
that we were really prepared. We rose early every day and went to bed after 10 every night, and were in-
doors most of the time. We were always busy, and our time flew by. Ending our trip to Sacramento by
camping and enjoying nature for a couple of days was nice and relaxing. Cal Focus was a great conference
and I had a really good time there, but most importantly I feel I learned a lot and will better our community
through our Plan of Action bullying campaign too.
This year I was a part of the 2016 State Leadership Conference (SLC) delegation from Imperial County. SLC is a conference where youth 4-Hers get to participate in workshops, listen to cool speakers, and meet other county’s members to get new ideas about 4-H. It’s a great learning opportunity and focuses on making participants better leaders.

SLC is held at a different California college each year, and this year SLC was held at Humboldt State University which is at the north-west corner of California. Unfortunately our Imperial and San Diego delegation had to drive from one end of the State to the other. When you add in traffic, gas/food stops, and a truck fire, the total drive was about 28 hours!

Once we arrived we almost fell out of the car because of our stiff legs, but we checked in, ate dinner, went to an opening assembly, and watched the movie Monster’s University outdoors with the rest of SLC’s participants. I was glad they did this to let us relax the first night we got there. Then we went to our dorms we’re assigned and fell asleep.

When we woke up the next day we ate breakfast, which was very good, and got ready to go on our tours that we selected before coming. I signed up to go on a fire and light, glass tour in the morning and an Arcata bay and Long wharf cruise in the afternoon. The glass tour was very interesting. We got to see how they make bowls and cups. They melted the glass then formed it just right and let it cool. Then they showed us some of the glass they had already made, and it was very impressive. The afternoon tour was unfortunately canceled, and we went on a different tour to an old boat museum, which didn’t interest me much, but we saw a lot of older types of boats.

We got back from our tours and went to a meeting with our PAs (program assistants) which were kind of like our mentors the whole time we were there. They watched over and guided us which was nice. In all of our meetings we talked about how we could improve ourselves, and our leadership skills, and implement that leadership to our home county. The last thing for the night was a trinket trade and ice cream social. This was when we passed out the trinket we brought from our county, which was alfalfa seeds. We also received trinkets from other counties and ate ice cream. This was where we really got to meet everyone at the conference too. We then went to sleep in our dorms.

The next morning we got up and had another great breakfast. They also serve us lunch and dinner which were great too. Everyone’s favorite at each meal was the type of potato they served because they were all good and it was a new type of potato each day. There was an assembly after breakfast, and we heard a guest speaker giving us inspiration to never give up by telling us a story of hers. She wanted to get land back that the city took from her tribe. She kept insisting even though she was turned down many times and eventually she got her tribe’s land back. We went to educational sessions after the assembly where we would go into college classrooms and listen to different presentations to improve a certain skill or teach us how to do a helpful activity. Everyone got to choose between about 40 different sessions, and each person attended 2 or 3 depending on how long the sessions they chose were. I got to go to three since I didn’t pick a really long one.
The first one I went to was a public speaking session taught by two state ambassadors, one of which was Steven Johnson who’s a great public speaker. I got some great speaking tips from that session such as, slowing down your words so you can think about what you say. Also challenge yourself to never say the words: um, like, uh, or you know; even when you’re just talking normally. The second one I went to was also given by state ambassadors and was about how to handle stress. They taught us a breathing exercise to use, and told us to listen to music we like, or do something with our hands to take our mind off of whatever is bothering us.

The last session I went to was about Quidditch and incorporated a lot of leadership, teamwork, and fun. Quidditch was a game in the Harry Potter book series, but is being played a lot in real life now too. We split into four teams and got to coordinate and decide who plays what position. I was assigned keeper, or the one who guards the two hoops that act as goals. So my job was to stop the ball from going into a hoop after the other team threw it. Our team did pretty well and got second, but we were reminded it wasn’t about the game, it was about the team-building and leadership skills we developed. I hope I can try this activity in Imperial County now that I see the skills it builds while you have fun. Quidditch was my favorite session.

The last night of the conference was the SLC dance and its theme was a 50’s sock hop. We dressed up in a white shirt, white socks, and jeans. There was a big dance room, but there was also another room where people played cards or talked or played this cool game called Mafia. I’m not much of a dancer, so it was nice that you didn’t have to dance the whole night. Then we went back to our dorms when the dance was over.

The last day we were there was less eventful because it wasn’t a full day. We had to check out of our dorms and then went to a health fair. It sounds really boring and I thought it would be, but I was wrong. I started out by doing activities that take your mind off stress, like making a lanyard or doing crochet. Crochet is really hard and I now have a lot of respect for people who are good at it. Then I participated in yoga and almost mastered a hard position. I made a stress ball out of sand and a balloon, but played with it too much and it exploded on me. The coolest thing in the health fair by far was a stationary bike that blended a smoothie for you. Plus the smoothie tasted good. After the health fair we had a final PA meeting to review leadership skills we learned. Lastly, we had a closing assembly with another guest speaker that talked about accomplishing your dreams. Then we were released to go home and I was sad for two reasons. First because I had to leave, but also because it was another long car ride home.

SLC was a great conference that anyone could learn a lot of things from. I also liked how you learned things in a fun way and it was engaging if you’re willing to participate. I would recommend SLC to everyone because you can learn and develop your skills a lot. I also want to thank everyone who made this trip happen, whether they helped in organizing, funding, chaperoning, driving, encouraging or other ways, it helped us get there and back. I plan to repay the community with a leadership or health project that I learned while in Humboldt at SLC, so I can spread the awesome leadership information I got.
4-H & FFA Livestock Quiz Bowl
October 15, 2016
Grand National Livestock Exposition, Horse Show & Rodeo
Cow Palace in Daly City, CA
Registration Due October 7, 2017
Register now to participate in the 2016 Livestock Quiz Bowl! The winning 4-H and FFA teams will qualify to compete at the Livestock Quiz Bowl contest at the Western National Roundup in Denver, CO in January of 2017!
More information: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Livestock_Quiz_Bowl/

Mindfulness Retreat
November 4-6, 2016
Camp Ocean Pines
Cambria, CA
Registration is due September 1, 2016. Please see registration for details and descriptions on adult participation vs. adult chaperones. https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=18271
Contact Anne Iaccopucci at amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu with any questions.

4-H Project Leader Training – Yoga for Kids
If you are interested in leading a 4-H Yoga for Kids Project please register for a training session below. CA 4-H will provide 6.5 hours of on-site training by a Registered Yoga Teacher; program guides; and technical support following the training. Trainings are offered at five locations throughout California: Davis, SLO, Quincy, Moreno Valley, and Ukiah.
For more information or to register click here: https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=18337
Please contact Anne Iaccopucci at amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu for questions.

4-H Grown photo booth sign
Download the sign, mount it on poster or foam board, and use it in your social media posts. Please make sure to tag us @imperialcounty4h and @california4h

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