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10-11	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification For Archery/Red Bluff	4	Leland George 530-527-4200
10	Blossom Trail 4-H Horse Show/Copper Creek Arena/7:30pm/2,3	3	Dawn Stafford 288-1084
13	4-Fair Committee Meeting/4-H Office/6pm County Council & April Hi-C Meeting 4-H Office/7pm	4	Melanie Curtis 456-7562
17	Sectional Presentation Day/Hanford/3,6		Melanie Curtis 456-7285
24	4-H Mechanical Skills Day/Atwater/8:30am/2,3	3	Melanie Curtis 456-7285
24-25	2010 State 4-H Horse Classic Ed Contest/Reedley College/2,3,6		Jeanne George 530-527-3101
30	Livestock entries due/4-H office/4pm	1	Melanie Curtis 456-7285
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5	Still Exhibits: items due- Caruthers Fairgrounds/8:00 pm	1	Melanie Curtis 456-7285
8	Fresno County 4-H Fair/Caruthers Fairgrounds/2,3	1	Melanie Curtis 456-7285
21	Orders due for chicks & poult/4:30pm/4-H Office	4	Melanie Curtis 456-7285
22	Shooting Sport Pistol Certification Classes		
23	Stanislaus County Ag Center/Modesto/8:00am Safety First Shooting Association/Winton/8:00am	4	Jim Atherstone 209-993-7971

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Please send all articles to
Melanie Curtis at makwast@ucdavis.edu

FRESNO COUNTY 4-H FAIR

The annual 4-H Fair will be held **May 8th** at the **Caruthers Fairgrounds**. The 4-H Fair is an educational, enjoyable, and rewarding experience for Fresno County 4-H members. In order for the 4-H Fair to be a success, volunteer assistance (adult and youth) is important and necessary. Please consider volunteering to help. See the 4-H Fair book at <http://ucanr.org/4-Hfair> or contact the 4H office for more details or a hard copy of the book. Please call the 4-H office at 456-7285 if you would like to volunteer as a judge, clerk, or any of the following positions:

Junior Department Heads, a Jr. or Teen Leader with interest & expertise in a given area supervising and representing the dept.

Resource Leaders, in different project areas, they will be assisting and representing a department.

STILL EXHIBITS: Pre-entry is not required. There will be a \$1 per exhibitor entry fee. **All items will be due at Caruthers Fair by 8:00 pm on Wednesday, May 5th.** Judging will be done on **Thursday, May 6.**

LIVESTOCK: Entries are due **by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010 to the 4-H office.**

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Entry forms are available at the 4-H office and on the County 4-H website: <http://ucanr.org/4-Hfair>



Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office, (two weeks prior to the "scheduled" activity), at (559) 456-7285, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any special accommodations.

Fresno County 4-H Office

1720 South Maple Avenue
Fresno, California 93702
(559) 456-7285

Website: cefresno.ucdavis.edu

Words To Live By:

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

4-H FARM PROJECT • Seeding to Harvest

The 4-H Farm Project is project in which you can plant seedlings, watch your plants grow, harvest and then learn to prepare your produce. For example, you can plant tomatoes, harvest the tomatoes and then make things like pasta sauce. Gena Nonni & Doug Wakida will lead this team of 10 4-H'ers.

Doug and Gena will help guide members through the steps to planting and harvesting. They will also show them how to cook and prepare the harvest.

Those who are interested need to write a paragraph explaining why they would like to be involved.



Please send essays by April 15th to:
Doug Wakida, 3909 N. Clovis Fresno, CA 93727

Questions call:
Gerry Wakida or Doug Wakida at 291-6322

Submitted by Rachel Jorgensen

California 4-H State Leadership Conference

State Leadership Conference is coming, and coming fast! This year's theme is...OPERATION 4-H! Are you ready to listen like a cadet to the inspirational public speakers? Are you outgoing like a Lieutenant and want to socialize with new people? Or are you prepared like a General and ready for anything? If you like to have fun, meet new members, and are prepared for a challenge, then this is the place for you! To learn more about this amazing boot camp... I mean conference... talk to your county or visit the website at <http://www.ca4h.org/> or check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/California-4-H-State-Leadership-Conference



4-H & FFA Night with the FRESNO GRIZZLIES

Are you looking for a fundraising opportunity for your club? It's 4-H & FFA Night with the Grizzlies on Friday, June 18th. All ticket sales are pre-sale and participating clubs must sell a minimum of 25 tickets (although clubs can team up to meet the minimum). Your club buys the tickets for \$6.00 each and sells them for \$10.00 each, making \$4.00 per ticket. If you would like to participate please contact Melanie Curtis so she can submit your club contract and call Pat Wallach at 320-2534 to purchase your tickets. This is a great way to show our support for Agriculture here in the valley.

I hope to see you all there!

Submitted by:
Briel Mosekian, American Union 4-H

I am beginning my Emerald Star Project. My project is a donation drive for the VOSPCA (Valley Oaks SPCA) animal shelter located off the 99 freeway in Visalia, Ca. I really need all the support I can get to make this project a success. The reason why I chose VOSPCA for my Emerald Star Project is because of a teacher who talked about her volunteer experience and how much it means to the VOSPCA when someone goes out of their way to help. They are in need of many items.

The most needed are:

<p><i>Cat & Dog Food</i> <i>Small Animal Food</i> <i>Digital Thermometers</i> <i>Dishwashing Gloves</i> <i>Newspaper Slip</i> <i>Leashes</i></p>	<p><i>Kitten & Puppy Food</i> <i>Animal Treats</i> <i>First Aid Kits</i> <i>Cat Litter</i> <i>CASH</i></p>	<p><i>Kitten & Puppy Replacer Formula</i> <i>Rechargeable AA, AAA Batteries & Chargers</i> <i>Stainless Steel Hanging Cat Bowls</i> <i>Sweaters (All Sizes, That Means Big Too)</i> <i>Small Animal Bedding (Shavings, Carefresh)</i> <i>Grooming Clippers (Electronic Shavers)</i> <i>Toys - Dogs/Cats/Puppies/Kittens/Birds/ Rabbits/Guinea Pigs</i></p>
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Even if you cannot afford to give these items, even small change goes a long way. Starting Now through April, we will be collecting items for the VOSPCA. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 897-9288.

Thank you so much for your support! Ashley Abrahamson

Volunteer Help for Southern San Joaquin Valley Sectional Presentation Day

Saturday, April 17, 2010 (Kings County Host) Hanford

If you would like to help with this event, there are many opportunities for adults and youth. Judges are needed as we are expecting over 100 entrants. Youth members can receive credit for a sectional committee event. Please check the Kings County 4-H website for information about Sectional Presentation Day

http://cekings.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Sectional_Presentation_Day_2010.htm

This is the link to the volunteer help survey. Volunteers are needed for this event!

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4485&back=none>

Thank you! Denise Cuendett, 4-H Program Representative Kings County

2010 TULEQUOIA 4-H CAMP - COME AND ENJOY WHAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

4-H Camp Tulequoia will be held July 11- 16 at the YMCA camp grounds at Sequoia Lake. Here are 5 reasons why you should be planning to attend: #5, there's campfires each night with skits and singing; #4, the lake - location, location, #3, fishing, fishing, fishing; #2, enjoying free time activities of boating, crafts, swimming, volleyball, or hiking; and the #1 reason, you make new friends and it is so much fun!



The fees will be approximately \$225 for campers and \$135 for adult counselor. Adult counselors must be a card carrying 4-H leader and 25 years of age or older at the time of camp. 4-H campers must be a 4-H member, 9 years old or 4th grade by June 30, 2010 to those currently in the 8th grade. Registration forms will be out by March. Check your county website for application forms and also for pictures from the 2009 camp.

4-H Mechanical Skills Day

Hosted by Merced County 4-H

Castle Science and Technology Center •3460 N. Challenger Way, Atwater 95301

Registration: 8:30 am Time: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Come Participate in a Variety of Activities..... on April 24, 2010

- **Truck Tours** - see what is in those trucks! Up close and personal with a Tool Truck, a HAZMAT/ EMT vehicle, a Tow Truck, a tractor service Truck, a Garbage Truck, an electrical service truck, and others.
 - **In-depth Workshops** - select something to learn in one of the hands on in-depth workshops on Tractor Safety and Operation, Woodworking, Rocketry, Robotics, Small Engines, Bicycles, Welding, GIS/GPS, electric wiring a wall, or others.
 - **Challenges** - participate or watch one of the challenges, Mouse Trap Car - build and bring with you; Lawnmower tractor pull—get your project group to prep and pull the sled; Tool I.D. for everyone to try your Tool Time IQ; What Is This? Think you know everything? Test your knowledge on some mystery items and bring some of your own to add to the challenge game.
 - **Seminars/displays** - UC Merced engineering students and others will be sharing projects, research and studies about topics like Solar Energy, Electric Vehicle, RC Cars, Trebuchets, and more.
 - **Mini Sessions** - get a overview on these exciting mini sessions on computer Wood Carver, RC Airplanes, GIS/GPS, General Safety and first aid, Robotic Arms, tractor PTO Safety, and other topics.
- Prize drawings will be held must be present to win

Registration is available on-line at <http://ucanr.org/mechskillsday>

Contact the 4-H office for additional information about the event or challenges.

BLOSSOM TRAIL 4-H HORSE SHOW

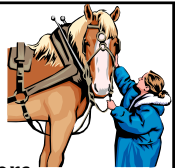
English and Western Show

Saturday, April 10th - Registration 7:30 Show Starts at 8:30

Location: Copper Creek Arena

Directions, show premiums and entry forms will be available on line and emailed to project leaders.

For more information or questions call Dawn Stafford at 288-1084



Giddy up with Sierra 4-H Trail Trials: Travelling Through Time

Organized by Katie Carroll and Carolyn Maxwell as an Emerald Star Project

- WHO:** Open to all 4-H members (do not need to be in the Horse Project) and 4-H adult leaders
- WHAT:** A fun trail course for members to practice their horse skills and have a good time up in the foothills
- WHEN:** May 1, 2010 9a.m.-12p.m. riders can show up at any time with the first rider going out at 9 and the last at 12. Course takes roughly 1 hour to complete
- WHERE:** Bert C. Weldon Memorial Farm at Sierra High School 33326 Lodge Rd. Tollhouse, CA 93667
- Divisions are:** (age as of 1/1/10) Senior(14&up), Junior(13&down), 1st year, adult leaders

Awards will be given for **1st - 6th place** with the 1st place winners in the member categories receiving a **belt buckle!**

Save money and pre register for **\$15** or register at the event for **\$20**. Both types of registration will include one lunch ticket.

Delicious snack items and lunches will also be available.

To pre register or view the rules for the trail trials visit: <http://ucanr.org/trailtrials>



Fresno Fair Market Chicken and Turkey Projects

Orders forms for chicks and poults are available at the 4-H Office or online at: <http://ucanr.org/poultryorder>. The deadline for orders will be Friday, May 21, 2010, 4:30 PM at the 4-H office, 1720 S. Maple, Fresno. Orders must be filled out completely with members name, address, and phone number. The below distribution dates could change so you will need to watch your email or call 456-7285 to verify date.

Market Chicken Project

Eight chicks at a cost of \$4.00 per order of eight.

Distribution Date: Monday, August 16, 2010, 4:00 PM

Distribution Location: Across the street from UCCE office at 1720 S. Maple, Fresno



Market Turkey Project

Four chicks at a cost of \$4.00 per order of four.

Distribution Date: Friday, June 11, 2010, 4:00 PM

Distribution Location: Across the street from UCCE office at 1720 S. Maple, Fresno

All checks are made out to: Fresno County 4-H Leaders Council. For more information contact Anne Cehrs at anne_cehrs@sanger.k12.ca.us or 559-618-0250.

Goat Achievement Test

The goat achievement test will be given at the 4-H Fair. There is a study guide available on the county 4-H website at <http://ucanr.org/goatguide>. There is a beginning (1st and 2nd year), intermediate (3rd and 4th year), and advanced level in boer, dairy, and pygmy goats. The test will be given next to the show ring all morning.

Costume Contest at the 4H Fair and Dog Field Day

There will be a costume contest for all species of animals involved in the fair and dog field day. Primary members may enter an animal in the costume contest. Check the 4-H fair schedule for the exact time. The costume contest will be held in the goat show ring.

DRY CREEK 4-H HORSE SHOW

March 20, 2010

High Point Results

Division	Western	English
Senior	Miranda Morris-Dry Creek	Brionna Vonah-Blossom Trail
Junior	Ashlyn Morton-Dry Creek	Alexandra Kokka-Blossom Trail
Green Horse	Miranda Morris-Dry Creek	Faith Evans-Dry Creek
First Year	Bryce Contreras-Fairmont	Morgan Byrom-Blossom Trail

Division	Gymkhana
Senior	KC Couch-Dry Creek
Junior	Dylan Samuelian-Dry Creek
Walk/Trot	Signe Vicki Lundstrom-McKinley

OVERALL HIGHPOINT: Bailee Soares-McKinley

Contact Cindy Schueler for award at 696-6484, dckds@pacbell.net

Agricultural Scholarships

The Central Valley California Women for Agriculture (CVCWA) is pleased to announce the call for scholarship applications! Contact the 4-H Office for an application or more information. The number of scholarships awarded may range from \$250 to \$1000, depending on CVCWA annual resources and applicant pool. High school seniors, residing in the Central San Joaquin Valley, pursuing a degree/career in agriculture and who are enrolled or plan to enroll as a full-time agriculture major (minimum of 12 units) for the entire 2010-11 academic year at an accredited community college or state institution are eligible to apply. Applicants should also demonstrate financial need, scholastic ability and achievements and community service in preferably agriculture related activities. Finalists must be available to participate in an interview with the CVCWA Scholarship Committee at a date to be determined. The student(s) selected to receive the scholarship(s) will be notified by mid May. Proof of enrollment or work in progress and verification of units will be necessary prior to receiving the award.

Meetings

WHEN: Tuesday, April 13th
WHERE: 4-H Office, 1720 S. Maple Ave. Fresno

4-Fair Committee Meeting..... **TIME: 6:00 p.m.**

WHAT: The 4-H Fair Committee will meet before the County Council meeting. We will be finalizing plans for the 2010 4-H Fair. Every species should be represented. Resource Leaders should make every effort to attend or to send a representative. If you have any questions or recommendations, please contact Melanie Curtis at 456-7562.

County Council **TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

WHAT: Policy and decision-making body for the Fresno County 4-H Program. Club representatives are strongly encouraged to participate. The meeting is open to all 4-H Leaders and will add to their knowledge of the 4-H Program.

The agenda will include:

- a. Standing Committees
- b. Master Calendar Planning for 2009-2010
- c. County Council Officer Nominations Committee
- d. Club End of Year
- e. Finance Committee Report

If you have any questions or recommendations, please contact Melanie Curtis at 456-7562.

April Hi-C Meeting **TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

WHAT: Community Service/Citizenship meetings for teens. All 4-Her's 7th grade & and above are welcome. For more information, contact Pauline Smoke at smoke_pauline@yahoo.com.