



Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development

April 2020

4-H Spirit Newsletter

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Events at a Glance

All events and meetings have been cancelled for the month of April

May 2020

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Area Presentations are moving to a virtual format.

http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/AreaPresentation/

June 2020

Events at a Glance

June 28-30, 2020

Camp Tweety

Time: 9 AM - 3 PM

Contact: Ira Jones
209-966-2417

Location: Camp Oakhurst,
Coarsegold

Corona Virus (COVID-19)

In response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and following UCANR guidelines on social distancing to minimize its spread, all in-person UCCE Mariposa 4-H Program club, council, and county level events are cancelled through May 3rd.

Telecommuting and Social Distancing

Due to the orders from California Governor Newsom, we find ourselves at a distance from each other. This gives us an opportunity to think creatively to solve many of the problems COVID-19 has created. One such problem is: how we will hold club meetings and council meetings.

Zoom meetings are a tool being employed, which allow large groups to communicate with each other by entering a conference through internet or telephone. Please contact our office if you would like to arrange for any kind of meeting using this tool.

Information Regarding 4-H Families and Animal Husbandry

Raising your 4-H animal can help you keep a bit of normal in your life during these times of Coronavirus Disease 2019

(COVID-19). The bond you share with your animal can help you feel happy, relaxed, less stressed and less anxious and is good for your health and wellness. ([National Institute of Health; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#))

In response to questions we are receiving, here is some pertinent information regarding caring for and raising your animals within the context of COVID-19.



- Regarding the Coronavirus and animals:
 - In the United States, there is no evidence to suggest that any animals, including pets, livestock, or wildlife, might be a source of COVID-19 infection at this time. However, because all animals can carry germs that can make people sick, it's always a good idea to practice healthy habits around pets and other animals. [[from CDC Animals and Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)]
 - The World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and Center for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that pets and other domestic animals are not considered at risk for contracting COVID-19 or transmitting the virus that causes COVID-19 (also known as 2019-nCoV). ([from American Veterinary Medical Association FAQ document](#))
 - The same guidance to reduce COVID-19 spread also is good practice for raising and caring for your animal, including washing your hands on a regular basis.
- Best Practices for 4-H Animal Projects
 - When 4-H Clubs have multiple families picking up their project animals from one location, please consider staggering each family's pick-up by 15 to 20 minutes.
 - In the case that all the 4-H Project animals are housed in one facility, a schedule should be created so families may sign up for a specific time slot to tend to their animals and facilitate social distancing.
 - Please remember not to financially overextend yourself for purchasing animals and feed. We do not know if Fairs will go forward this year.
 - As soon as we receive information from the Fairs, we will pass on that information to the 4-H Community.

State 4-H Field Day Going Virtual * * Register by May 13th at 5pm

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/sfd/>

State 4-H Field Day will NOT be hosted in person on May 30 at UC Davis due to the Corona virus pandemic.

Virtual contests

Register by May 13

[Virtual State Presentation Day \(May 18-31\)](#)

[Virtual Interview Contest](#)

[Virtual Photography Contest](#)

[Virtual Robotics Contest \(May 30\)](#)

[Virtual Film Festival](#)

[Virtual Plant Science](#)

Cancelled contests

[Cancelled State Fashion Revue](#)

Judging Contest

Entomology Contest

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Outdoor Booths

Our priority is ensuring the safety of the young people in the 4-H program, their families, and our community. The event will be moved to a virtual format (with a few contests being cancelled). The planning team is preparing materials and event structures to use virtually.

State 4-H Fashion Revue Update

The SFR Committee regrets to announce that 2020 State Fashion Revue, scheduled for May 30, will not be taking place. The committee plans to assemble a virtual fashion show featuring all County Winners. This would be a showcase, without evaluation or awards. Our hope is that members can complete their outfits once meetings and shopping trips are allowed, and counties will reschedule local fashion revues. County Winners will submit information via the UC survey system. Watch for more in the next Updates!

The 2021 SFR committee could really use more volunteers! Contact Sue at 2moores.sue@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

There is an urgent need in California for face masks. If you have basic sewing skills, you can make these washable masks. It's a great way to use up your stash of woven cotton fabric. Call your local hospital, care facility or fabric store to drop off the finished masks or give them to your family, friends, and neighbors. One yard of fabric plus 1/2 yard of interfacing is enough for 12 masks. See the [State Fashion Revue webpage](#) for complete instructions and links to the videos.

CalFresh Response to COVID-19

Last Updated: April 06, 2020

CalFresh Food Benefits

CalFresh food benefits are available to individuals and families who have been impacted by COVID-19. CalFresh provides monthly food benefits based on household income and expenses at the time of application. Even if temporary, individuals and families who have experienced a change in their circumstances may apply for CalFresh through one of California's 58 counties. Californians can visit GetCalFresh.org to apply or call 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD) to be connected to their local county social service office.

As part of the CalFresh COVID-19 response, we have enacted several measures to ensure individuals and families are able to continue meeting their nutritional needs: additional food benefits, administrative flexibilities, and emergency food support.

Additional Food Benefits

Emergency CalFresh Allotments

Existing CalFresh recipients will receive a supplemental payment to bring their benefits up to the maximum amount based on household size. Households already at the maximum amount will not receive an emergency allotment. Emergency allotments will be issued April 12 and May 10.

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

Families with children eligible for free or reduced-priced meals whose school facilities are closed will be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefits will be issued on EBT cards and can be used to buy groceries, just like CalFresh food benefits. Implementation date TBD.

Administrative Flexibilities

Report Waiver and Extended Certification Periods

Existing CalFresh recipients do not need to complete their March, April, or May periodic renewal to continue receiving benefits.

Interview Waiver

New CalFresh applicants do not need to complete an interview if they provide identity verification and other required proof, including proof of earnings if applicable, with their application.

Telephonic Signature

CalFresh has been granted flexibility to more easily accept signatures from CalFresh applicants over the phone.

EBT Online Purchasing Statewide

CalFresh recipients will be allowed to use their EBT cards to make online purchases and request grocery delivery at approved retailers statewide (i.e. Amazon and Walmart). Implementation date TBD.

Emergency Food

Emergency Food resources are available at local food banks and pantries throughout California. Find a [local food bank](http://www.cafoodbanks.org/find-food-bank) at <http://www.cafoodbanks.org/find-food-bank>.

State-funded food boxes are being provided to feed more than 900,000 families statewide in April and May and are available for pickup at any of CDSS' contracted food bank partners.

Federally Funded Emergency Food - California's Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) providers will receive additional federal funding to support operations, including an immediate \$12M in additional administrative support funding and \$36M in additional food support by July. Additional federal TEFAP funding is provided through the CARES Act and estimated to total ~\$54M for California's food banks.



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Virtual Area Presentation Day



The first step is to register using the NEW Presenter Registration Form.

Presenters: <https://form.jotform.com/200800753473046>

In this form you will need select a day and block of time to present via Zoom. **Presentations will begin in the second week of April and continue tentatively into the first week of May.**

Weeknights 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday (excluding Mother's Day and Easter)

1. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
2. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Please select the earliest time slot that works for you.

Please register even if you do not think you will be able to participate via Zoom. There are alternate plans for some cases.

We will still need evaluators, if you are able to evaluate virtually, please register using the NEW Evaluator Registration Form.

Evaluators: <https://form.jotform.com/200875707523154>

More information can be found here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/AreaPresentation/

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4-H Volunteer Leader Website

One of the most useful tools that have been developed at the State 4-H Office is the 4-H Volunteer Leader website. It is located on the State 4-H page under Volunteer Information. This web-page hosts volunteer voices to be updated monthly, a blog, on-line courses, and pointers to web-based curriculum resources. Check out the volunteer leader webpage at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Volunteers/>



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