



San Benito 4-H Newsletter September 2, 2021

4-Her's - We are back to meeting in person for 4-H events, club projects, meetings, and council meetings.

We appreciate everyone's support of each other during this crazy time in our lives with the increase in COVID cases with new variants. Take extra care to protect yourself. We can meet in person outside with no mask abiding by the COVID guidelines. We can meet in person inside wearing a mask to protect ourselves from the COVID virus.

4-H Council updates:

We had our first in-person meeting in over 1 ½ years! It was great to see everyone. We had quite a discussion on some topics. The 4-H council and membership approved the 4-H calendar (see below).

We also announced some changes to Sunrise breakfast for San Benito fair participants in 4-H & FFA. We are worried about the requirements for serving food during the fair with COVID. The Sunrise Breakfast committee presented a wonderful idea of dessert and donut breakfast. We will be sending out details in the near future on Sunrise Breakfast.

We are looking for a new I&R chairman as Danielle Nino has stepped down this year from this position. We would like to Thank Danielle for the many years of hard work as I & R chairman. If you are interested in this position please contact the 4-H office.

We received \$1,480 in donations this year on behalf of the John Ricotti scholarship. Carolina Ricotti passed away this year. The donations were made in her honor. We have renamed the John Ricotti memorial scholarship to John & Carolina Ricotti memorial scholarship. The scholarships will be given out in May to the 4-H high school seniors.

The 4-H council and membership voted to disperse excess funds from the 2020-2021 budget that were not used in last year's to various parties.

Here is the Breakdown:

Voted and Passed on August 23rd:

\$7500 - Retain in Endowment for future growth

\$11,000 - Clubs (\$1,000 to each club if dues current)

\$2500 - CloverBud / Membership Growth (needs chairman)

\$2000 - SB Fair 4-H Awards

\$6500 - Donation to Bolado Park - Fair Sponsorship

\$4000 - Earmarked for Emerald Star/All-Star/Grants

for improvements at Bolado

\$1,500 unrestricted for All Star, Emerald Star and Community Service projects.

No 4-H council meeting in September. Our next 4-H council meeting will be on October 25th at 7 pm upstairs at Veterans Hall. We are requiring everyone attending to wear a mask to help stop the spread of COVID.

Club Fundraiser opportunity:

Recology has an opportunity for the 4-H club to help at the fair earn some easy money. We monitor the garbage cans at the fair in the food court area. The 4-H members will remove the trash bags that are full and place it in the dumpster and replace the trash cans with a fresh bag. Your 4-H club will receive a nice donation for your labor. This is an easy way to fundraise for your 4-H club.

Fair week schedule:

Friday 3 pm - 10 pm - 10 volunteers

Saturday noon- 10pm - 8 volunteers per shift

Split into 2 or 3 shifts

Sunday noon - 10 pm - 8 volunteers per shift

Split into 2 or 3 shifts

The Recology company will provide vests, gloves, trash pickers and trash bags. Great community service while earning money for your club to spend on a holiday, new equipment, or club activity. Please contact Dee Slykas by Sept 4th if your club is interested at 831-245-9456 by calling or texting.

Fair Updates:

San Benito Fair:

The entry deadline for online entries for the fair is September 9th. Livestock youth will need to complete the YQCA training prior to completing livestock entries. Read the San Benito fair entry book for rules and requirements.

Dara Tobias will be posting fair updates on the San Benito Fair Facebook page.

We are having a live show with livestock market animals, breeding, dairy goats, dairy cattle, rabbits, and poultry.

Santa Cruz Fair: September 13th - 19th

The fair will only be open to the public from Wednesday to Sunday. We are being asked to wear a mask in the livestock area at all times to help the youth from the COVID virus. We will also have to wear masks inside the buildings.

New swine rule: No whips are allowed to be used during the swine show ring or sale ring. As a result of seeing an exhibitor beat the heck out of her hog with a whip at the 2019 fair, the fair staff has placed a new rule that hog whips will **NOT** be allowed in the swine show ring and sale ring. An exhibitor may use pig bats or crops, as well the old-school cane and PVC pipe. If you have questions or concerns regarding this new rule, please email the livestock committee chairman's at "SCCF Livestock Committee" at santacruzlivestockcommittee@gmail.com

If you are at the fair looking for something to do, we have the solution for you. We need help in the 4-H clover deli food booth. Here is the sign-up sheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-NzaYhWA1t_aOqCu8BHHrznbGA07rHW9mcG4_wtvqk/edit#gid=0

You will earn community service points in your record book towards your earning a star. We appreciate your help with our neighboring 4-H program.

Monterey Fair: Congratulations to all the youth that participated in the Monterey fair. We had a peaceful fair with an outstanding quality of animals. We invite you to visit the fair to see the still exhibits as well as the rest of the fair exhibits this week. The livestock will not be at the fair as we showed prior to the public attending for the safety of our youth.

2021-2022 Enrollment updates:

We are live with the new system! Register today. The livestock deadline is December 31st. We have new countywide projects, beekeeping, and record books. We are excited to introduce these projects. We have bee suits and accessories for the safety of the youth to participate in this project.

Here is the link for paper enrollment forms:

List of [San Benito County 4-H Clubs](#)

- YOUTH ENROLL IN [4-H ON-LINE](#)
- YOUTH [PAPER](#) ENROLLMENT FORMS.
- ADULT ENROLL IN [4-H ON-LINE](#)
 - COMPLETE LEADER [ONLINE TRAINING](#)
 - NEW LEADERS ALSO COMPLETE [LIVE SCAN](#)
- ADULT [PAPER](#) ENROLLMENT FORMS.

2021-2022 4-H ENROLLMENT FEE PAYMENT:

Payment options:

- CASH/CHECK DISCOUNT -Pay directly to your 4-H community club leader.
- ON-LINE *payment survey* system! - Additional \$10 processing fee will apply for credit card transactions.
- PayPal App. use "sbc4hcouncil@gmail.com" as a payee.
 - Add an additional \$10 processing fee to your credit card payment.

FIRST TIME 4-H YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (New 4-H membership)

- Paid within 30 days of registration = \$75
- If paid after 30 days of registration -see the payment schedule below for the month.

RETURNING YOUTH MEMBER ENROLLMENT FEE (cash/check discount)

- Early Clover Special: July 1st - September 30th = \$75
- Fall Clover: October 1st - November 30th = \$85
- Late Clover: Enrollment: December 1st to June 30th = \$95

RETURNING YOUTH MEMBER ENROLLMENT FEES (with credit card processing fee)

- Early Clover Special: July 1st - September 30th = \$85
- Fall Clover:: October 1st - November 30th = \$95
- Late Clover: December 1st to June 30th = \$105

NEW & RETURNING ADULT LEADERS ENROLLMENT FEE:

- Cash/check discount = \$30.00
- Credit card payment = \$40.00

Fee waiver assistance is available for families to cover the 4-H enrollment in financial need. A family will need to complete the 4-H fee waiver form. After completing the 4-H fee waiver form, turn it into your 4-H community club leader or 4-H office staff.

YMCA Petting Zoo- Wrap up

We would like to thank all the 4-H members and families that joined up at this event. We provided an educational learning event with goats, rabbits, and chickens for the youth attending YMCA. It is important to educate the public about our animals and the 4-H program. Great job everyone.

Office updates:

Our new schedule for 4-H staff:

Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm

Monday our office manager is in the office with no 4-H staff. Please drop off or pick up items from the office. The office is open from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

4-H Staff will be at the Santa Cruz fair so the office will not be open on Wednesday, August 15th. See you at the fair.

Sincerely,

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Schedule: Monday -Thursday

4-H County Website: http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/

San Benito 4 H Calendar

July 2021 - June 2022

July 2021

4th of July office is closed
23rd- 25th Virtual SLC

No Council Meeting
Meeting

August 2021

12th County Record books, officer books
19th County Record Book Judging

23rd - 4-H Council Meeting

September 2021

27th Proficiency Paperwork

No 4-H Council Meeting

30th State Record book- Submit Intent survey

October 2021

4th - 8th National 4-H Week _____
TBA - State Record Books due to 4-H office

25th - 4-H Council Meeting

November 2021

4th All Star application due to 4-H office
office

22nd 4-H Council Meeting

25th -26th Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2021

4th - Breakfast with Santa
12th - Awards/Holiday Dinner
24th - 31st 4-H office is closed
31st -Project enrollment for Fair Eligibility due online

No Council Meeting

January 2022

1st - 4th 4-H office is closed
TBA Youth Summit Conference

24th - 4-H County Council

24th Pre-sales Pancake Breakfast
tickets due

February 2022

28th 4-H County Council Meeting

March 2022

TBA County Presentation Day

3rd - Farm Agreements due

5th 4-H Safety Fair

13th Pancake Breakfast

28th - 4-H Council Meeting

April 2022

26th - 4-H Council Meeting

TBA - Fashion Revue

May 2022

5th - Farm Agreement- due 4-H

TBA - Salinas Valley Fair

23rd - 4-H Council Meeting

June 2022

TBA - State Field Day, UC Davis

27th - 4-H Council Meeting