



San Benito County 4-H Program Newsletter April 18, 2024

We are heading into Spring with new opportunities for our 4-H youth and families with countywide events and conferences. Our county 4-H program is teaming up with Santa Clara County 4-H program on conferences and 4-H camp in Felton.

★ 4-H Council officers - Urgent

- It's that time of year again. Our 4-H council officer positions are coming up in June. We will have to elect a new president and treasurer for the 4-H council. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month at the Veteran Building upstairs at 7 pm. The 4-H council does not meet in July, September, and December so we meet for 9 meetings a year. The 4-H council officer term is for two years. The meetings are about an hour to an hour and a half each time. The 4-H office staff works with the 4-H council officers as well as the rest of the 4-H council officers.
- If you are interested, please contact the 4-H office to be added to the March agenda as a nominee. We would like to have the new 4-H council officers in place by April to take the new officer position in August (no meeting in July).
- A special thank you to our current President Garrett Haertel and Treasurer April Mistretta for your many years of dedication to our 4-H program.

Upcoming activities & conferences:

All 4-Her's are encouraged to participate in the following activities and conferences. We have funds available to help with the cost of conferences & camps.

★ Self Defence & Kick Boxing training

- Gianna Gastello - Emerald Star project
- 4-Her's age 12 and up
- An instructor from Schleeters Academy of Martial Arts will teach classes on self-defense & kickboxing
 - Self-defense class will be taught to girls
 - Kickboxing class will be taught to boys
- Save the date, April 20, 2024

★ Horse Showmanship & Livestock Tack Swap Meet Event

- Kaylie Borland - Emerald Star project
- Horse showmanship workshop
- Tack swap meet
 - Come purchase used horse and livestock tack from former 4-Hers, FFA, and farmers in our community.
- Save the date, April 21, 2024
- For more information see the 4-H county website
 - https://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/

★ 4-H Record Book Training

Our 4-H state office staff have designed a new record book model. We are presenting this new training on this model. Join San Benito 4-H leaders and County Ambassadors for training on this new 4-H record book model.

- Date: May 5, 2024
- Time: 11 am to 3 pm
- Lunch provided
- Location: Hollister Veterans Hall
 - 649 San Benito St, Hollister
 - Upstairs
- **Registration:**
<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=42615>
- Great opportunity for a hands-on learning experience for the 4-H record book. The youth learn life skills through this process that helps them later in life.
- For more information see the 4-H county website
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★ 4-H Spring Fair Event

- Rabbit Fun Day show
 - Registration:
<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=42587>
- Poultry Show & Contest
 - Registration:
<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=40451>
- Baking Contest:
 - Registration:
<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=42603>

★ 4-H Summer Camp

- Santa Clara County's 4-H program has invited us to join them for a 4-H camp.
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- Camp is located in Felton!!!
- Overnight camp up to 150 youth
- 4-H Camp June 23rd to 27th
- Our 4-H program has funds available from the 4-H council to pay for the registration.
- **Registration:** ucanr.edu/camp24
- For more information see the 4-H county website
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★ Heritage Hog Scholarships:

- San Benito Heritage Hog
 - The flyer is attached for registration information & details
- Santa Cruz Heritage Hog
 - The flyer is attached for registration information & details
- This is an amazing opportunity to raise a hog while raising money for a fair foundation as well as receiving a youth scholarship.
- For more information see the 4-H county website
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Wrap Up Report:

★ 4-H Annual Pancake Breakfast

A big shout out to the Pancake Breakfast chairman & committee for an outstanding job!

We received many compliments on the great breakfast, customer service from the youth, and overall great job! Thank you to everyone who helped with this event. We will have a wrap-up report at the 4-H council meeting on Monday night, April 22nd.

★ County Presentation Day

We had 11 youth that presented at county presentations day on March 16th. We had a variety of presentations. The youth did an outstanding job. We look forward to the youth receiving a Gold and Blue to participate in the regional presentation. We have a public speaking project with Union 4-H that will help prepare you for presentation day. We look forward to more youth presentations next year.

★ 4-H Fantastic Poster Contest

The youth Fantastic Poster was showcased at the pancake breakfast event. We had less than last year submitted for this contest. The poster contest is a great opportunity for youth to learn about their spark. We look forward to receiving your poster next year. You can pick up your poster at the council meeting or your club meeting.

We are on the way to providing a positive experience for our 4-H youth & their families. We look forward to seeing 4-Her's at these events, conferences, 4-H camps, fairs, and club events.

4-H Staff:

Julie Katawicz will be out of the office on medical leave from June 4th to July 8th. The medical leave may be extended. If you have any questions please call Jenny Gomer at the office at 831-637-5346. She is in the office Monday & Tuesday from 8 am to 3:30 pm, and Wednesday from 8 am to 11 am. Your club leader and 4-H website are also a resource for help with the 4-H program.

If you have any questions, reach out to the 4-H office or contacts on the flyers.

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