



January 2025

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*28	Leader Council Meeting - 7:00pm	

February 2025

15	Last Day to Transfer clubs or add/drop Projects for Kern County Fair	
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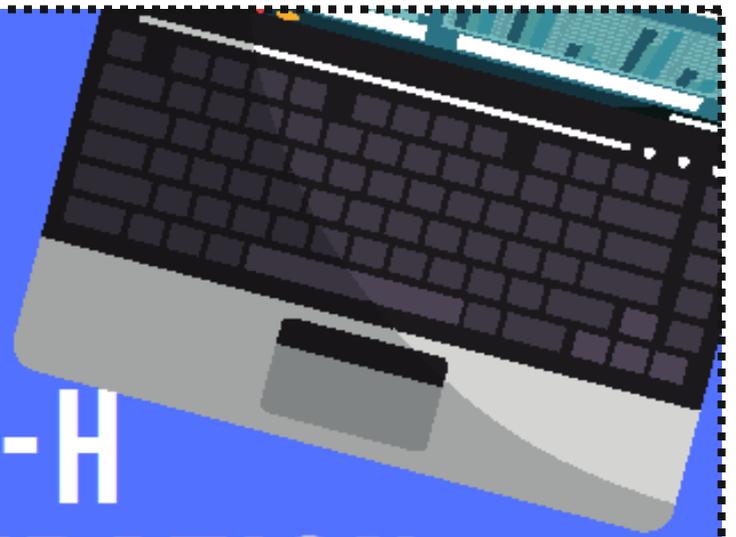
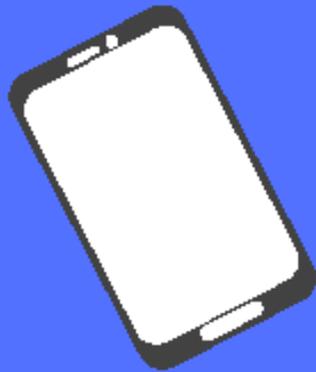
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Kern County 4-H

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*Meeting is at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA - Wheelchair accessible. Please contact UCCE Kern at 661-868-6200 if any special accommodations. Individuals who need to request an ADA accommodation in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities can contact your local 4-H Office to complete a 4-H ADA Accommodation Request Form: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/153972.docx>



4-H REGISTRATION QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

Please let us know if you are having any
questions about 4-H registration

**CALL GORDON RIGGS
661 868-6225
OR EMAIL
GBRIGGS@UCANR.EDU**

2024-25 PROGRAM YEAR FEES

\$75 YOUTH MEMBER

\$30 ADULT VOLUNTEER

IMPORTANT 4-H Online Enrollment 2024/2025 Program Year starts after July 1st Enrollment system for online registration

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Returning families already have an account set up in the system using the same email address as before. If you have been active any time in the last 5 years, ***DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.***

New families will need to select "**Sign Up**" and then follow the prompts to establish the new family account. Program fees can now be paid online using your credit card at <https://ucanr.edu/kern4hpayment>.

Helpful tutorial videos on how to use the new system can be found on our website at https://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/.

***Please contact Gordon Riggs at 661-868-6225 or gbriggs@ucanr.edu
for membership registration questions***

Make 4-H payments by credit card - see link below

[Use Your Credit Card to Pay 4-H Enrollment Fees Here](#)

[Handbook For New Families](#)

This guide was developed to help new families understand the 4-H program. Please share a copy of this with new families in your club. If you have feedback for updates to this guide, please submit them to Sue McKinney at ismckinney@ucdavis.edu or call 661-868-6235. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf>



Happy Holidays



2024-25 Kern County 4-H Community Club Leader Timeline



July 1, 2024 - Happy 4-H New Year! 4hOnline will open shortly for enrollment. ZSuite should be open July 18th.

July 17, 2024 -DUE! Awards packet including: pin and stripe order, star awards, leader recognition, and club seal calculation. DUE! Record Books for judging.

July 20, 2024 -County Record Book Judging. We need judges! Number needed depends on the number of books your club turns in.

July 23, 2024 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

August 1, 2024 -DUE! Year end club reports! This includes a complete Club Treasurer Book and Club Secretary Book. Record Books for members showing at the fair, enrollment dues and 4hOnline enrollment.

August 10, 2024 -Small Animal Field Day

August 24, 2023 - Achievement Night

August 27, 2024 -High 4-H and Junior High 4-H Meeting 6 pm.

August 27, 2024 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

September 2, 2024-Labor Day. UCCE Office Closed

September 14, 2024-Fair Clean Up Day. Kern County Fair September 18 to 30th.

October 22, 2024- High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

October 22, 2024-Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

November 1, 2024 -DUE! Club organization reports, Outreach Form, Enrollment dues for any returning member/leader who didn't show at the fair.

November 19, 2024 - High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

November 19, 2024 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

November 28-29, 2024 - Thanksgiving -UCCE Office Closed

December 25-31 through January 1st, 2025 - Winter Curtailment -UCCE Office Closed

January 28, 2025-High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

January 28, 2025-Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

February 15, 2025 -Deadline! All returning members MUST transfer clubs or add/drop project by this day.





Attention!

The dates in the calendar are subject to change. Always look at the first page of the newsletter to get up to date information on what's happening.

The Kern County 4-H Policy document outlines the policies set forth by the Kern County 4-H Leader Council. If your club does not meet the minimum guidelines the Kern County Fair gate 40 pass may be forfeited.



Current 4-H policy requires the following:

- Donate a minimum of **ONE** item to Each Silent Auction (worth \$25 or more). Silent Auctions will be held at 2 events each year.
- Support any other Fundraiser determined by the Leader Council
- Attend a minimum of **THREE** KC 4-H Leader Council Meetings
- Follow policies set forth in the 2024-25 Kern County 4-H Policy document



4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Merced County

Saturday, January 11, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 12, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the River Oaks Firearms Training Center in Winton, California. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are permitted to attend the course but must fully participate along with the adults. There is a \$35 fee for the course.

To register for the course click the survey link: <https://forms.gle/PbCfvT5fVbxfNgkW8>

ALL DETAILS FOR THE WORKSHOP ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LINK.

- Certification is not complete and participants are not authorized to lead shooting sports projects or activities in their discipline until they have submitted an application for certification to the California State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and received a certification letter from the California State 4-H Office.
- Attendance at a shooting sports workshop does not guarantee certification. The California 4-H Shooting Sports Program reserves the right to deny certification based on safety violations and/or an attitude or disposition that does not align with the mission, goals, approach, or methods of the program.
- Please note payment and required documents will not be taken at the range. Payment and required paperwork must be submitted to the office prior to the workshop

For information on the class content, contact Dave Givens dave@hammerstryke.com and for registration assistance, contact Courtney Fagalde at: cfagalde@ucanr.edu

The University of California Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources (UC ANR) is an equal opportunity provider.

ANNUAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR MEETING



TEHAMA SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION RANGE
26950 MANTON ROAD
RED BLUFF, CA
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Calling all Shooting Sports Instructor – this includes certified adult volunteers, certified teen leaders, shooting sports volunteers who support the project but are not certified in a discipline, and 4-H staff.

Attendance at this Mandatory 2-day session will extend your current 4-H discipline certification(s) by one (1) year, provided you did not already attend the meeting in Winton, CA.

QUESTIONS

REGISTRATION: NATE CAETON NWCAETON@UCANR.EDU

SHOOTING SPORTS: RUSSELL HILL RDHILL@UCANR.EDU

OR NATE CAETON NWCAETON@UCANR.EDU

[REGISTER](#)



ANNUAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR MEETING

This mandatory* meeting is a two-day event filled with:

- Program updates
- Discipline-specific networking
- Range time
- Special guest speakers
- Updates on the 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program
- National Championship information
- Information on Fundraising opportunities
- And more!

*Mandatory means that all shooting sports volunteers should make every attempt to attend. Every county engaged in shooting sports programming should have at least one representative in attendance.

Register Now

Please help us plan by registering early. Final registration deadline is March 24, 2025.

Fee: \$40 to cover materials, supplies, meals and drinks, and targets. Breakfast, snacks, drinks, and lunch will be provided on both days. You must secure your own lodging.

Fees can be paid online using a credit card or by check, payable to UC Regents, sent to the UCCE Shasta County office. Please contact staff for the registration form. We recommend contacting your county staff and/or 4-H club leadership to ask about providing support for your travel, lodging, and fees.

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Honors Earned



Tanah Duty of Glennville 4-H recently attained the level of Distinguished Expert in position air rifle shooting in her 4-H shooting sports project. She received her medal and certificate at Glennville 4-H's annual dinner at the Woody Community Center with 4-H families and the public in attendance. She is pictured with her shooting sports leader John Carter. In the many years that Mr. Carter has operated the air rifle program he has had only two other shooters receive the coveted title of Distinguished Expert. Tanah makes the third shooter in his group who achieved this level and the first female to do so.

Congratulations Tanah!

See article below about former 4-H Shooting Sports member at the 2024 Olympics

[Former CA 4-H shooting sports member won a silver medal in the Olympics for rifle shooting](#)



At the recent Hi 4-H meeting, the group put together Kynd Kits for the Veterans Health Administration. VHA is the largest integrated health care system in the United States, providing care at 1,293 health care facilities including 171 VA Medical Centers and 1,112 outpatient sites of care of varying complexity (VHA outpatient clinics) to over 9 million Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program.

VHA Medical Centers provide a wide range of services including traditional hospital-based services such as surgery, critical care, mental health, orthopedics, pharmacy, radiology and physical therapy.

<https://projecthelping.org/kits/>

Plant Science

MEDAL TEST

BRONZE

SILVER

GOLD



STUDY GUIDES

AVAILABLE NOW

[HTTPS://CEKERN.UCANR.EDU/YOUTH_DEVELOPMENT/
PROJECT_LEVELS_STUDY_GUIDES/](https://cekern.ucanr.edu/youth_development/project_levels_study_guides/)

4-H STEM Challenge



Introducing the 2024 STEM Challenge

It's here! The **2024 4-H STEM Challenge**, [*Food for Thought*](#), is now available. The 2024 kit provides young people with a hands-on experience as they explore food security and its impact on the world, empowering them to innovate and create positive change in their communities.

Developed by Council and 4-H educators from LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the new STEM Challenge is a collection of three activities that engage kids in learning about food production, the supply chain, and food waste, while equipping them with STEM-based skills.

Get yours today on Shop 4-H!

[**PURCHASE KIT**](#)



For 4-H project leaders

Welcome to the new 4-H program year! Here are a few resources to help you think about organizing a 4-H STEM-oriented project!

- [Project Leader Checklist](#) (right)
- [Project sheets](#) (below) are a guide for 4-H project leaders to develop their projects with meaningful content. These three are examples of the dozens available!

Project Leader Checklist

This checklist is designed to assist 4-H project leaders in preparing to implement their project(s) prior to meeting with youth (Revised 10/2017)

#	X	Item
1		Have you met your Club Leader(s) and discussed your plan for implementing your project(s)?
2		Have you completed all the steps for becoming a 4-H adult volunteer? (1. Filled out the application and paid fees; 2. Fingerprinted if a new 4-H adult volunteer; 3. Completed required online orientation)
3		Do you have a list of the youth who are going to participate in your project(s) and are they enrolled in the 4-H project(s) you are going to lead? (Your Club Leader or Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator can check for you)
4		Have you developed a project description and lesson plan for what will be covered on which dates and if there will be any cost for participants?
5		Do you have a UC ANR user agreement with the facility you will be utilizing? (Your county staff member must assist you in obtaining this document)
6		Do you have completed and signed youth and adult treatment authorization/health history form on hand for all participants? Youth: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf Adult: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf
7		Have you provided the dates, times, and location of your project meetings to the youth enrolled in your project?
8		Is there at least one additional adult that will be on site with you at each meeting?
9		If you are going to fundraise or secure grant support for your program, have you received approval from your county 4-H staff and County Director?
10		Is there ample drinking water available?
11		Have you reviewed the "4-H Project Leaders Digest" available online at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4462.pdf
12		Do you have "Annual Project Report" forms on hand for the 4-H members to keep track of their project participation? http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220272.doc



4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURES PROJECT



4-H THRIVE

Help Youth:

Light Their Spark

A spark is something youth are passionate about, it really fires them up and gives them joy and energy. Help youth find how this project excites them.

Flex Their Brain

The brain grows stronger when we try new things and master new skills. Encourage youth effort and persistence to help them reach higher levels of success.

Reach Their Goals

- how to plan an outdoor adventure outing
- the equipment and safety skills needed for an outdoor adventure
- to cook meals in an outdoor setting
- about issues and careers related to outdoor adventures

4-H Outdoors Adventure Project

4-H VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECT



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Reach Their Goals

Help youth use the GPS system to achieve their goals.

- Appreciation of nature
 - Plant growth and development
 - Science and nutrition
- In this project, youth will learn how to plan, plant, maintain and cultivate their own plant life for beauty, health and cuisine. This project will give youth an opportunity to learn that plants play a vital role for animals and humans providing food, shelter, fiber, medicine, oxygen, and beauty. Gardens will also provide the setting to teach and reinforce the concepts of:

4-H Vegetable Garden Project

4-H WOODWORKING PROJECT



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Reach Their Goals

- Woodworking's usefulness can be applied to many areas of life through learning how to safely use tools to build with wood. The woodworking project teaches the full scope of constructing a wood piece from design to completion.
- Learn how to use tools correctly and safely
- Design your project, including all steps from start to finish
- Develop a materials list
- Select wood suited for your project
- Use of hand and power tools to cut, shape, join and sand your wood

4-H Woodworking Project



United States Department of Agriculture

Farm Service Agency

Youth Loans

FACT SHEET

August 2019

Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individual youths ages 10 to 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed, and carried out by youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal youth organizations, or similar agricultural-affiliated groups.

The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

Who May Borrow

To qualify for a loan, the applicant must:

- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements; and
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.



How Loan Funds May Be Used

These loans can finance many kinds of income-producing agricultural projects. The loan funds may be used to:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment, and supplies;
- Buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and
- Pay operating expenses for the project.

How It Works

To apply, the applicant must submit completed plans and budgets signed by the project advisor and parent or guardian along with the FSA application for loan assistance.

These loans:

- Have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time cannot exceed this amount);
- Have an interest rate that is determined based on the cost of money to the federal government (after the loan is made, the interest rate for that loan will not change);
- Will be secured, in addition to promissory notes, by liens on the products produced for sale and on chattel property, including livestock, equipment, and fixtures purchased with loan funds; and
- Have a repayment schedule that varies depending on the type of project for which the loan is made. For example, if it involves raising livestock or crops, the loan is paid when the animals or produce are normally sold.

More Information

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or farmers.gov. Find your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

PASSION CREATIVITY INTELLECT CONFIDENCE

UNDERSTANDING

FUN

LOGIC

COMMUNITY

LEARNING

CAREERS

PERSEVERANCE

WORK ETHIC

LIFE SKILLS

COMPASSION

GIVING BACK

HEALTHY HABITS



FIND YOUR SPARK

DISCOVER MORE AT 4-H.ORG

Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!

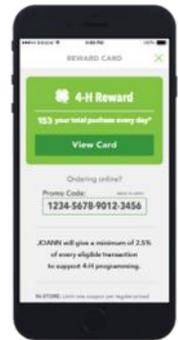
JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!

A minimum of **2.5% of every eligible transaction is donated to 4-H.**

Two ways to sign up:

1. Sign up online at <http://www.joann.com/4-H/>
2. Download the free JOANN app on your mobile device. Go to "More" and select "Loyalty Programs".

<http://4h.uca> Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!



Shop 4-H for California!

Thanks to the [California 4-H Foundation](#), we are now signed up for an affiliate program with Shop 4-H, the National 4-H shopping site. Items include t-shirts, curriculum, incentive items and more.

When you purchase anything using [our link](#), 5% of your purchase will be returned to California 4-H!

Online 4-H Treasurer Training Course

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new California 4-H Treasurer's Training in eX-tension. This course was developed by a sub-committee of the State 4-H Policy Advisory Committee and is designed to walk 4-H Club Treasurers through their important role. Access to the course and its unique enrollment keys (different from the required training enrollment keys) can be accessed directly by youth members and volunteers at

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Learning-Development>

The course has already been added to each county's eXtension portal as well.

You can direct any questions or report any issues with the course through our ticketing system at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27435>



Updated Leader Orientation

For New Leaders, please visit the link below

[New 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below

[Returning 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

LINKS YOU CAN USE!

4-H uniform page

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/>

California 4-H Uniform Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf>

Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies

<http://www.4hsupplies.com/>

California 4-H Branding Toolkit

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/

California 4-H Dress Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf>



Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!

The service of safe food should be a priority for all University of California (UC) events. Any activity where food is served (potlucks, luncheon meetings, etc.) has the risk for food borne illness. If a 4-H YDP group plans to serve food as part of an official 4-H YDP activity, the food preparation and service must be in compliance with all local (city and county) health department rules and state laws. In addition, it is imperative that all county based rules and regulations governing food service activities be observed, including securing appropriate permits. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: <https://www.servsafe.com/access/SS/Catalog/ProductDetail/SSECT6CA>



4-H WEBSITES

[Kern County 4-H Youth Development](#)

[Kern County 4-H Council](#)

<https://4-h.org/>

[Project Level Testing and Study Guides](#)

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE

<https://cekern.ucanr.edu/>

[Youth Development/Becoming a 4-H Leader/](#)



KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!

Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and 'like' us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It's the best way to keep up-to-date!