



The 4-H Connection



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Schedule of Events

October 2011

Date	Event/Location/Time	Contact	Phone
OCTOBER			
1	DEADLINE: Registration for 4-H Demonstrations at Ag-Fest, Mail to: International. Agri-Center, 4500 S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274	Kerissa Chapman	559-688-1030
2-8	National 4-H Week		
5	Tulare County Fair "Wrap Up" Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Tulare County Fair Jockey Club, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Tulare	Tulare Fair Office	559-686-4707
8	Porterville Chuck Wagon Breakfast, 6:00 – 10:00 A.M., Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 W. Teapot Dome, Porterville	Porterville Fair	559-781-6582
13	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
15	4-H Iron Chef Competition/4-H Demonstrations at <i>Ag Fest</i> , International Agri-Center, 4500 S. Laspina St., Tulare, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
17	Indoor Advisory Meeting, *6:00 – 7:00 P.M.	David Douglas	559-359-2334
17	Ag Advisory Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	JoWayne Lyons	559-594-4065
17	DUE OR POSTMARKED: 4-H Thrive Registration to Cooperative Extension Office, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
22	Make A Difference Day		
26	DUE: 4-H Club Enrollment to Cooperative Extension Office	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
29	4-H Thrive Volunteer Training, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
NOVEMBER			
5	Elbow Creek Pancake Breakfast, 7:00 – 10:00 A.M., Elbow Creek Grange, 13781 Ave. 328, Visalia	JoWayne Lyons	559-594-4065
5	2011 State 4-H Equine Field Day, Cal Poly Pomona		
6	Horse Project New Member/Parent/Leader Training Skills Day, Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 W. Teapot Dome, Porterville, 2:00 P.M. Check In	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
18	DUE: Agenda items for Leader Council by 5:00 P.M. Send to Scott Scheer, 1161 W. Merrill Ave., Porterville, CA 93257	Scott Scheer	559-783-2811
19	Kids Festival, Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
21	Leader Council Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Scott Scheer	559-783-2811
24-25	Cooperative Extension Office Closed		
28	DUE OR POSTMARKED: LCORT Registration to Cooperative Extension Office, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322
28	DUE OR POSTMARKED: Livestock Judging Day Entries to Cooperative Extension Office, 4437-B S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274	Leah Harrelson	559-684-3322



If you require a disability accommodation in order to participate in any of the 4-H YDP events, please contact Leah Harrelson at 559-684-3322, at least two weeks before the event.

KIDS FESTIVAL 2011

The Tulare County Office of Education Kids' Festival 2011 will be celebrating its 19th year as a major wholesome family Central California event! The event will be held on Saturday, November 19, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Adult admission is \$7.00, children 12-17 admitted for \$3.00, under 12 years of age are free.

There will be over 100 exhibits and booths with fun and games as well as prizes for the children! With displays inside and out, you and your family will have a full and fun day at Kids' Festival. The American Traveling Carnival will be featuring rides for the whole family set up inside and outside the convention center!

Enjoy the Headliner entertainment provided by the internationally famous Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls! Let them amaze you with trick roping. The Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls (www.rrcowboygirls.com) perform for the rich and famous as they travel the world and you can see them perform right here in our own Visalia Convention Center!

See displays and interactive technology and nutrition and healthy fun from Tulare County Office of Education as you share a day of traditional family fun and values.

In keeping with the educational theme, Redwood High School, Green Acres Middle School, Burton School District and their sponsor Food 4 Less has technology on display showing us interesting and enjoyable ways to make learning fun.

Hi 4-H has participated for the last twelve years and will be setting up an interactive booth. These activities are for all ages. It will be a very fun filled day for youth and adults. For more information visit the following website: <http://kidsfestival2011.com>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL TEENS (LCORT)

"Reeling in Success through 4-H"

When: January 27 – 29, 2012

Where: Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA

Who: 7th – 9th Grade 4-H'ers

Cost: \$140.00 – includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (starting Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast), snacks, and all registration materials and an LCORT t-shirt. (\$150.00 after December 1, 2011).

Registration: Due or postmarked to 4-H Office by November 28, 2011. Registration packet is available online at:

http://ucanr.org/sites/Tulare_County/4-H_Program



SEEKING 2013 LCORT YOUTH CHAIR APPLICANTS

If you are interested in applying to be a youth chair at the 2013 LCORT conference, contact Leah Harrelson at 559-684-3322.

HORSE PROJECT NEW MEMBER/PARENT/LEADER TRAINING SKILLS DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

New Member, Parent, Leader, Training Skills Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, 2011, 2:00 P.M. at Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 W. Teapot Dome, Porterville.



4-H Horse Project members will be provided instruction and practice on grooming, saddling, bridling, mounting and dismounting, demonstrated by this year's Junior and Teen leaders. Janice Gish-Snow, Horse Department Chair will update Leaders and Parents on requirements for the 2011-2012 Horse Project. This event is primarily for first year horse project members, but all 4-H members are welcome, as updated project information will be given that effects all levels of membership. All horse leaders should attend. Contact Leah Harrelson at 559-684-3322 with any questions.

AG-FEST – OCTOBER 15, 2011

Don't forget, come on out to the *First Annual Ag-Fest* on Saturday, October 15 at the International Agri-Center, 4500 S. Laspina in Tulare. This is a salute to the agricultural industry and the important role agriculture plays in our daily lives. 4-H members will be competing in the Iron Chef Competition from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., and 4-H Demonstrations starting at 12:00 – 3:00 P.M. Come out and have some fun and support the 4-H program!

56th ANNUAL 4-H CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, October 8, 2011, 6:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Location: Porterville Fairgrounds, 2700 W. Teapot Dome Ave., Porterville.

Donation: \$4.00 presale, \$4.50 on Saturday morning, 5 years and under free! Contact Porterville Fair Office for more information 559-781-6582.

ELBOW CREEK 4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, November 5, 2011

Time: 7:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Location: Elbow Creek Grange Hall,
Avenue 328/Road 138, Visalia

Donation: \$5.00/person – A portion of the sales will be used to promote 4-H Educational Programs.

For more information contact JoWayne Lyons, 559-594-4065.



2011 STATE 4-H EQUINE FIELD DAY

When: Saturday, November 5, 2011, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Where: Cal Poly – Pomona
Kellogg Room - Eucalyptus Lane, Pomona, CA

Who: All 4-H Horse Leaders, Members & Parents are invited to attend this annual educational event. Pre-registration is due Friday, October 21, 2011.

Tentative topics include a tour of the horse barn and breeding facility, horse conformation and judging, chiropractic for horses, equine dentistry, miniature horses and driving, de-sensitizing your horse with games, public speaking and demonstrations, showmanship and grooming, 4-H horse bowl and hippology, reining, horse project leadership training, running your own horse show, hunters versus jumpers, and much more. All participants must be 9 years of age or 4th grade or older. Please wear appropriate attire and footwear; no open-toed shoes. Bring rain gear, if forecasted.

Schedule:

9:00 A.M. - Registration & Check-in
9:45 A.M. - General Assembly & Welcome
10:00 – 10:50 A.M. - First Session
11:00 – 11:50 A.M. - Second Session
12 NOON - Lunch, with special presentation
1:00 - 2:20 P.M. - Third Session
2:30 – 3:20 P.M. - Fourth Session
3:30 P.M. - Closing Session, Evaluation and Door Prizes

This activity is a fundraiser for the statewide 4-H equine programs, curriculum, awards and events. The cost is \$20 per participant or \$5.00 off if group of 10 or more for \$15 per participant. The day of the event registration is \$25 each. For more information visit & registration:

<http://www.ca4h.org/projects/set/animal/equineeducation>



TULARE COUNTY FAIR "WRAP UP" MEETING

When: Wednesday, October 5, 6:00 P.M.

Where: Tulare County Fair Jockey Club

Contact the Tulare County Fair office for more information 559-686-4707.



HORSE DAY: A HANDS-ON APPROACH TO EQUINE TOPICS - OCTOBER 22, 2011

The UC Davis Animal Science Department introduces a new approach to Horse Day to be held at their Animal Science Horse Barn facility. It will be a day filled with hands-on workshops dedicated to continuing education for the horse owner and enthusiast. Tired of sitting in lecture halls and watching PowerPoint lectures? The new "Round Robin" venue will allow YOU, the attendee, to pick and choose those workshops that are of interest to YOU! A whole-group presentation will occur both at lunch time and at the end of the day. Whether your interests lie with reproduction, conformation or nutrition, there is sure to be something to attract you to the NEW Horse Day venue! This day gives you the chance to interact with the animals, talk to the experts and be more involved with the material. Come and join us for a day filled with new and exciting interactive information. Discounts offered for groups of 10 or more and a discounted price for children under 14. Please visit the following website for more information:

<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/horsebarn>



TULARE COUNTY 4-H ASPIRES TO HELP ITS MEMBERS "THRIVE"

Tulare County 4-H Adult Volunteers will have the opportunity to help members discover what it takes to set a trajectory toward achieving their full potential in life, or, in a word, to thrive.

Tulare County Adult Volunteer Trainers are providing a hands-on training for all adult volunteers, but especially Community Club Leaders and Leadership Development Leaders. Through this training, adult volunteers will learn how to guide the 4-H members through the 4-H Thrive model for change.

The program will be presented in four parts:

Spark – Youth will be encouraged to identify their “spark,” a personal interest, passion or talent. Each child’s spark is something that excites him or her and taps true passions. As part of the process, the youth will think about the people who support that spark, their “spark champions.”

Mindset–Youth development research has shown that people’s beliefs about their intelligence and talent – their mindsets – profoundly determine their life choices and influence their achievements. 4-H’ers will learn how their brains grow and develop. They will be encouraged to increase their capacity for a growth mindset instead of a fixed mind set. When 4-H youth believe they can improve themselves with effort, they more readily recognize their weaknesses, learn from mistakes and embrace challenges.

Indicators of thriving- As part of 4-H Thrive, the members will learn about and how to incorporate the six domains of thriving -competency, connection, character, caring, confidence and contribution, into their daily lives.

Goal-setting management – The youth will be guided to be intentional about setting a goal, establishing specific strategies to attain the goal and being equipped to switch gears if they come to an obstacle in their path. Prepared for such an eventuality will enable them to deal with challenges, overcome them and continue on the path toward the goal.

- What:** 4-H Thrive Volunteer Development
When: Saturday, October 29, 2011
Time: 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Who: Community Club Leaders, Adult Volunteers working with Junior and Teen Leaders and other interested Adult Volunteers

Light refreshments in the morning and lunch will be provided. No registration fee!

If you are a Community Club Leader or Leadership Development Leader or an interested 4-H Volunteer, please fill out the registration form below to take part in this exciting opportunity to extend to your Junior and Teen Leaders and beyond!

4-H Thrive Registration Due or Postmarked by October, 17, 2011	
Name:	_____
Club:	_____
Phone:	_____ Email: _____
Volunteer Role:	_____
Send to:	4437-B S. Laspina St. Tulare, CA 93274
Or Email to:	laharrelson@ucdavis.edu



AVIAN SCIENCE NEWS



October 8-9, 2011 – Seaside Feather Fanciers (Special). Location: Paso Robles Event Center, Paso Robles, CA. Contact Dave Anderson danderson@keygroupinc.com

December 3, 2011 – Pacific Coast Bantam Club (Special). Location: San Bernardino County Fairgrounds, Victorville, CA. Contact Juanita Hall at Juanita.hall1@verizon.net

Avian Science Day is postponed to late winter or early spring of 2012.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2011

Make a Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others with a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, *Make A Difference Day* is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. The next event is Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Millions have participated in this event and cared enough about their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

Your project can be as large or as small as you wish! Look around your community and see what needs to be done. Or let the Idea Generator help you find a project idea to help your community.

After participating Oct. 22, please send in an entry form so you will be counted among the millions of volunteers and be considered for an award. For more information, go to the following website:

<http://www.usaweekend.com/article/99999999/MDDAY/90917001/1003/Make-A-Difference-Day-Getting-started>



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE DAY**
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD



2010-2011 COUNTY RECORD BOOK WINNERS & MEDALISTS

Congratulations to all participants:

Name	4-H Club	Division/Award
Sebastyn Motty	Tulare	3 rd Grade/Winner
Joseph Koenig	Oakdale	3 rd Grade/Medalist
Brian Dreyer	Exeter 4-H	4 th Grade/Winner
Annie Jones	Exeter 4-H	4 th Grade/Medalist
Michaela Peyron	Pleasant View	4 th Grade/Medalist
Willow Werlhof	Prairie Center	4 th Grade/Medalist
Jonathan Dotson	Elbow Creek	5 th Grade/Winner
Christopher Hogan	Exeter	5 th Grade/Medalist
Hayley Fernandes	Oakdale	5 th Grade/Medalist
Michaelanne Pitman	Oakdale	5 th Grade/Medalist
Amanda Farquharson	Pleasant View	6 th Grade/Winner
Brenden Woods	Exeter	6 th Grade/Medalist
Taylor Motty	Tulare	6 th Grade/Medalist
Riley Sexton	Vandalia	6 th Grade/Medalist
Julia Pitman	Oakdale	7 th Grade/Winner
Benjamin Dotson	Elbow Creek	7 th Grade/Medalist
Andrew Brown	Exeter	7 th Grade/Medalist
Gabrielle Ribeiro	Oakdale	7 th Grade/Medalist
Sarah Vehrs	Springville	8 th Grade/Winner
Sarah Dreyer	Exeter	8 th Grade/Medalist
Baylee Cocagne	Tulare	8 th Grade/Medalist
Madeline Lewis-Whitfield	Pleasant View	10 th Grade/Winner
Breanna Butler	Oakdale	10 th Grade/Medalist
Artie Serna	Prairie Center	11 th Grade/Winner
Bailey Harden	Tulare	11 th Grade/Medalist
Jessica Kelley	Elbow Creek	Secretary/Winner
McKenna Pace	Exeter	Secretary/Winner
Kelsey Swall	Oakdale	Secretary/Winner
Samantha Cox	Prairie Center	Secretary/Winner
Michaela Salierno	Elbow Creek	Treasurer/Winner
Lily Bennett	Exeter	Treasurer/Winner
Jenelle Lopez	Oakdale	Treasurer/Winner
Alley Henry	Prairie Center	Treasurer/Winner

2010-2011 TULARE COUNTY ADULT RECOGNITION

The following people were recognized at County Awards Night for their outstanding and dedicated service to the Tulare County 4-H Youth Development Program. Congratulations!

Outstanding Leader:
James Clayton, Tulare 4-H

4-H Alumni:
Sherrie Munday, Tulare 4-H

Friend of 4-H:
Pete & Kim Alvitre, Biagro Western Sales

Distinguished Service:
Joe & Pat Luiz, Exeter Meats & Processing

2012 CALIFORNIA 4-H CAMPING CONFERENCE

“Save the Date!” - The **2012 California 4-H Camping Conference** will be held **March 23 – 25, 2012** at Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA. There will be hands-on training for adult and teen leaders who help plan and administer 4-H camping programs. More details to follow, check the state 4-H website at www.ca4h.org

STATE 4-H FASHION REVUE NEWS

The **State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee announces categories and service projects for **2012!** Entry categories returning from 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with \$100 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished. The Recycled category will not be offered at State Fashion Revue for 2012; counties may choose to include it at local events only. The \$15 Challenge was so popular in 2011, it will become the \$19.99 Challenge for 2012. It has the same rules (shoes and sales tax don't count, receipts required) but the limit is increased to \$19.99 to allow more creativity. We are adding a second challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity #7161, view A only, and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate with the tote bag. SFR will be coordinating two service projects. The Quilts for Wounded Warriors is returning because the American Legion needs more quilts. Statewide, 4-H created sixty quilts in 2011 and we look forward to even more in 2012. Our second service activity is the Million Pillowcase Project, for handmade or decorated pillowcases. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR>



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

The **National 4-H Conference** is a working conference in which youth and adults develop recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Canadian provinces.

Applications are now available at:
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>
For more information please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu

Important dates to remember:

2012 National 4-H Conference March 24 – March 29, 2012
October 31, 2011 Applications due
November 14, Notifications out to applicants
December 10, Team Meeting State Office
February 11, Team Meeting State Office

IMAGINE THIS...STORY WRITING CONTEST

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom presents - *Imagine This...Story Writing Contest*, sponsored by Walmart.

Deadline to enter is November 1, 2011. Go to www.cfaic.org/imaginethis for more information.

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE – NEW LEADER ORIENTATIONS!

All adults wishing to become a 4-H Volunteer for the 2011-2012 year must complete the 4-H Volunteer Orientation process, including fingerprinting by **December 1, 2011**. This includes all potential new leaders, whether it is for a project, transportation, or activity, and returning adults who have been away from 4-H for over a year (was not a 4-H leader during the 2010-2011 year)

This year, the New Leader Orientation must be completed through a new on-line process. Any adult who does not have on-line access can set up an appointment to come into the 4-H office to complete the online orientation during business hours. To complete the online orientation go to: http://cetulare.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Adult_Volunteer_Information



INCENTIVES & RECOGNITION

The **Everyday Young Hero Awards** are offered and awarded on a weekly basis to youth from around the world, ages 5-25, who exemplify commitment to service. If you know of a youth that is deserving of nomination for this award, visit: www.YSA.org/awards/hero today.

NYLC Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award – If you are or know of a service-learning program that is working to build youth leadership skills, please share this opportunity. The deadline to apply is **October 21, 2011**. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/n9fvNY>

The **NYLC Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award** is also concurrently being offered to recognize adults who have shown exemplary work in teaching youth to lead and serve others. The deadline to apply is also **October 21, 2011**. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/p5w9cX>

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** offer an opportunity to recognize volunteers who have made a significant difference in their community over the past year. If you would like to nominate someone deserving of this award, the deadline for submission is **November 1, 2011**. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/pb4Fbb>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The **2011-2012 Junior Master Gardener** program is offering a fundraising opportunity for any youth group to take part in at any point during the '11-'12 year. This is a green fundraiser that features Growums theme garden starter kits. An FAQ is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/121929.pdf> for more information.

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation - Community/School Projects Funded
<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com> Application deadline: **October 14, 2011**. The Toolbox for Education Grant Program, offered by Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, provides grants of \$2,000 to \$5,000 to public K-12 schools and school parent-teacher groups associated with public schools throughout the U.S. that develop projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Preference is given to funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) and landscaping/clean-up projects. This year the program is seeking ways to provide the tools that help educators and parent groups through these challenging times efficiently and with the greatest impact.

Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program – The deadline to apply is **October 31, 2011**. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/elis5T>. Individuals and groups working to make repairs and improvements to housing and community facilities in their neighborhood, as well as developing local parks and making greener spaces in the community are encouraged to apply for this funding opportunity. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, and services.



2011-2012 Calendar

(Dates and events will be updated as needed and subject to change if there are conflicts)

Year	Month	Date	Events
2011	July	10-15 14 – 31	4-H Camp Record Books Due to County State Fair
2011	August	15 13 18 25	Community Club Leader Dinner/ Leader Council Meeting 4-H Summer Classic Livestock Show Record Book Judging Treasurer Book Judging
2011	September	14-18 22 24 26	Tulare County Fair Officer Training Horse Achievement County Awards Night
2011	October	2 -8 8 13 15 17 26 29	National 4-H Week Porterville Chuck Wagon Breakfast Shooting Sports Committee Meeting Iron Chef Competition / 4-H Demos Ag Fest Indoor and Ag Advisory Meeting 4-H Club Enrollment DUE 4-H Thrive Volunteer Training (Tentative Date)
2011	November	5 6 19 21 24 – 25 28 28	Elbow Creek 4-H Pancake Breakfast 2011 Horse Project New Member/Parent/Leader Training Skills Day Kids Festival Leader Council Meeting Thanksgiving Break 4-H Office Closed DUE OR POSTMARKED – LCORT Registration to Cooperative Extension Office DUE OR POSTMARKED – Livestock Judging Day Entries to Cooperative Extension Office
2011	December	10 26, 27,30	Livestock Judging Day Winter Break 4-H Office Closed
2012	January	2 17 27-29	Winter Break 4-H Office Closed Indoor and Ag Advisory Meeting LCORT
2012	February	21 25	Leader Council Meeting Favorite Foods Day -
2012	March	19 24	Indoor and Ag Advisory Meeting Fashion Review and Presentation Day (Tentative)
2012	April	8 14 16 21 28 29	Easter Tulare County Field Day – Indoor exhibits & Small Animals(Dog, Rabbit, Poultry Pygmy Goat) Leader Council Meeting Sectional Presentation Day Dale Wimp Rifle Match 2012 Horse Achievement day (Tentative Date)
2012	May	5 – 6 12 16-20 21	Porterville Fair 4-H Horse and Dog Show Porterville Fair 4-H Rifle Match Porterville Fair Indoor and Ag Advisory Meeting
2012	June	2 18	Tulare County Trap Shoot (Tentative Date) Leader Council Meeting
2012	July	8 - 13	4-H Camp



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