The 4-H Connection

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Date	Event/Location/Time	Contact	Phone
MARCH			
4	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
4	**DUE:** 2010 State 4-H Shooting Sports Match Entries to Cooperative Extension Office by 7:00 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
4	**DUE:** Dale Wimp T-Shirt Logo Contest Entry by 7:00 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
10	Dog Committee Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Becky Terry	559-799-3883
12	**DEADLINE:** To fill vacant Indoor Department Chair & Host Coordinator Positions	Shari Connelly	559-684-3303
13	4-H County Presentation Day, Rockford School, 14983 Road 208, Porterville, 8:30 A.M. Registration Check-In	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
15	Record Book Workshop, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office, Topic: 14 & Up Summary Pages	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
15	Indoor Department Chair Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Carla Sousa	559-684-3321
15	Ag Advisory Board Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Jan Walker	559-310-5794
15	Indoor Advisory Board Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	James Searcy	559-782-0217
18	Horse Committee Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Jan Walker	559-310-5794
19	RSVP for Food Safety Training	Shari Connelly	559-684-3303
20	Woodlake 4-H Archery Match, Woodlake Antelope Archers Range, Woodlake, 9:00 A.M.	Michele or John Dow	559-564-2884 or 559-804-1769
22	**DUE OR POSTMARKED:** Fashion Revue Entry Forms	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
23	Food Safety Training, *7:00 – 9:00 P.M.	Carla Sousa	559-684-3321
APRIL			
1	**DUE:** State 4-H Horse Classic Entries	Jeanne George	530-527-3101
7	**DUE OR POSTMARKED:** 4-H Fair Entries	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
8	Horse & Dog Tests, 6:30 P.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
10	Fashion Revue, St. Paul's School, 6101 W. Goshen, Visalia, Registration begins at 8:30 A.M.	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
12	**DUE OR POSTMARKED:** Applications for 2010-2011 All Star, Emerald Star & Ruby Star to Cooperative Extension	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
16	**DUE:** Agenda items for Leader Council, by 5:00 P.M. Send to Janice Gish, 24313 Ave. 80 Terra Bella, CA 93270-9646	Janice Gish	559-535-0938
18	Horse Achievement Day, Porterville Fairgrounds, 300 E. Olive Ave., Porterville, Check-In 7:30 A.M.	Jan Walker	559-310-5794
19	Leader Council Meeting, *7:00 P.M.	Janice Gish	559-535-0938
19	Record Book Workshop, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office, Topic: My 4-H Story	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322
24-25	2010 State 4-H Horse Classic, Reedley College, Reedley	Jeanne George	530-527-3101
28	4-H Fair Set-Up, Livestock and Indoor, 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.		
29	**DUE:** All Fair Entry Exhibits due to Fairgrounds		
29	**Mandatory Health Check**, All Large Animal Species, 2:00 – 6:00 P.M., Tulare County Fairgrounds	Leah Spaulding	559-684-3322

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

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4-H FAIR HOST AND HOSTESSES FOR INDOOR BUILDING

The following is needed:

Friday, April 30
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – One club
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Two clubs
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Two clubs

Saturday, May 1
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. – Two clubs

Several clubs are needed to fill the above time slots for the Indoor Exhibit Building. See below for the other clubs that are hosting the building. A club needs to provide four 4-H members and one leader. The members may be dressed in the 4-H uniform or a club T-shirt. To sign up for one of the remaining slots, contact Shari, 559-684-3303, no later than March 12.

The clubs already scheduled to host are:

Friday, April 30
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Pine Flat 4-H

Saturday, May 1
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Tulare 4-H & St. Aloysius 4-H
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Pleasant View 4-H & Oakdale 4-H
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Springville 4-H & Elbow Creek 4-H

There is still a need for one more 4-H Building Host Coordinator for Saturday, May 1, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. This needs to be filled by a 4-H leader. Consult past newsletters for more information.

2010 TULEQUOIA 4-H CAMP – COME AND ENJOY WHAT EVERONE IS TALKING ABOUT

4-H Camp Tulequoia will be held July 11-16 at the YMCA camp grounds at Sequoia Lake. Here are 5 reasons why you should be planning to attend: #5, there's campfires each night with skits and singing; #4, the lake – location, location; #3, fishing, fishing, fishing; #2, enjoying free time activities of boating, crafts, swimming, volleyball, or hiking; and the #1 reason, you make new friends and it is so much fun!

The camper fees will be $225 and for adult counselors, $135. Adult counselors must be a card carrying 4-H leader and 25 years of age or older. 4-H campers must be a 4-H member, 9 years old or 4th grade by June 30, 2010 to those currently in the 8th grade. Registration forms will be out during March. Be checking the county website for application forms and also for pictures from the 2009 camp.

LAST REQUEST: CLUBS – YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

4-H events need the assistance of clubs leaders and older youth in order for them to happen. There is one indoor department chair position that still needs to be filled, and one Host Coordinator position to be filled.

Please respond to one of these positions no later than Friday, March 12. Call Shari, 559-684-3303, to sign up or email her at sconnell@co.tulare.ca.us. Consult past issues of the newsletter regarding information about the positions.

VACANT POSITIONS

The following is the vacant department chair:

☐ Electricity & Electronics/Metal Working/Robotics/ Small Engines/Woodworking

The following is still needed:

☐ **Host Coordinator**: Coordinate clubs hosting indoor building exhibits.

☐ Saturday, May 1, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Project groups that do not have a department chair will not be exhibiting at the fair.

4-H FAIR BOOKS

The 4-H Fair Book is on line at **http://cetulare.ucdavis.edu.**
If you have access to the internet, please download your own copy. **All entry forms are due or postmarked by April 7, 2010.** The community club leaders will have a limited number of books.

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

WHEN: Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m..

WHERE: Cooperative Extension Office
4437-B S. Laspina Street, Tulare

Each club needs to have at least three 4-H leaders who have been trained in food safety. In order for your club to hold any events/fundraisers involving the cooking/baking of food, there must be a 4-H leader in attendance at that event who has attended a Food Safety Training meeting and assisting with the coordination of the activity. Otherwise, your club will not be able to have any food fund raisers if the leaders are not trained.

Please RSVP to Shari, 559-684-3303 by March 19, if you plan on attending.

HORSE NEWS

Horse Achievement Day is Sunday, April 18, at the Porterville Fairgrounds, 300 E. Olive, Porterville. The schedule is as follows:

Schedule of the Day

- **7:30 - 8:00 a.m. - Check In**
- **8:00 a.m. - Mandatory Exhibitors Meeting**
- **8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Pre-Achievement Skills**
- **9:30 a.m. - Morning Classes begin**

Please contact your Horse Project leader if you have any questions.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOPS PLANNED

The Incentives and Recognition Committee is scheduling four workshops. Each workshop will focus on one part of the record book. All leaders, parents and especially members are encouraged to participate. Bring record books and forms with you, ready to work on them. If you do your record book forms on your computer and have a laptop available, bring it too! All meetings will meet one hour before the Advisory and Leader Council meetings. The schedule is as follows:

March 15 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Topic - 14 and Up Summary Pages. **RSVP Required by March 12. Call Shari at 559-684-3303.**

April 19 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Topic - My 4-H Story

May 17 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Topic – How to Organize Your Record Book.

WAS YOUR CLUB REPRESENTED AT THE LEADER COUNCIL MEETING?

The following clubs participated in the February 16, 2010 Tulare County 4-H Leader Council meeting:

Club	Participants
Burton	2
Ducor	2
Elbow Creek	1
Exeter	1
Oakdale	2
Pine Flat	1
Pleasant View	2
Pixley	1
St. Aloysius	1
Tulare	2
Vandalia	1

"HATS OFF FOR KINDNESS" 2010 FASHION REVIEW COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

The Fashion Review Committee is encouraging all Clothing and Textiles projects or clubs to participate in the countywide "Hats off for Kindness" Community Service Activity. 4-Hers, leaders and parents help by sewing plush hats, decorating in your style, make it fun! Your hat will be donated to a cancer patient so the entire hat must be soft and washable. For the pattern go to: http://www.headhuggers.org/patterns/spatt01.htm

All project groups and clubs can make them ahead of time and bring to the 2010 Fashion Review Event on Saturday, April 10th at St. Paul's school in Visalia. Machines will also be set up the day of the event to make hats. Clubs participating in making hats at County Fashion Review are asked to bring the required material, thread and supplies needed.

ELBOW CREEK 4-H CHALLENGES TULARE COUNTY CLUBS

Elbow Creek 4-H club is personally challenging all clubs in Tulare County to the "Hats off for Kindness" community service activity. The club that brings in the most hats at Fashion Review in April will win a prize sponsored by Elbow Creek 4-H club. There is plenty of time, so get your clubs involved and get sewing!

CALIFORNIA CAMPING CONFERENCE

When: April 23 – 25, 2010

Where: Nevada 4-H Camp, Stateline, Nevada

Fees: $120.00, includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials

Registration Due: No later than April 8, 2010 to State 4-H Office

The 2010 California Camping Conference serves as a valuable resource for camp administrators, camp staff (youth and adult), and Extension Staff in planning and implementing all types of camp programs. Conference topics include the new Camp Safety Manual addressing California Health and Safety Code requirements for camps; engaging fun activities for camps; archery certification, and camp staff training. Further information and registration brochure is available at the Cooperative Extension Office.

4-H FAIR CHANGES – INDOOR PROJECTS

The following are changes that you will see in the 4-H Fair Book for indoor building exhibits. These changes have been discussed at the Indoor Advisory Board meetings. Were you there to give your input?

Rules: Indoor exhibit entries that do not meet the stated rules will not be eligible for Champion awards.

Dairy Foods Science Skill-a-thon: Guidelines included along with 4-H fair entry form.

Beginning 4-H: Project is only for 1st year 4-H members in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Food Preservation: Number of items to enter is 5.

Indoor and Mini Gardens: The entry must have been planted by the individual. Suggested entries are potted plants that may have single or multiple plants in the container; dish gardens; hanging plants; terrariums; herb gardens.

Photography: 4-H member must designate on the entry tag if the camera is digital or film. There will no longer be a class for digital and a separate class for film.

There is no double matting of the prints, no frames, and no cut out mats.

Please refer to the 4-H Fair Book to view the complete description for this project.

Sugar Beets: All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor.

Vegetable Gardens and Crops: All exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor. No vegetable plants, such as tomato plants or potted vegetable gardens, will be judged. Please refer to the 4-H Fair Book to view the complete description for this project and for a description of the project exhibits.

4-H FAIR CHANGES and UPDATES LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Swine Project:
Exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H Swine Project and have ownership of the animal a minimum of 60 days prior to fair. Hogs will be classified as pure bred or cross bred. There will not be breed designated classes. Purebred hogs must present registration papers at scales at weigh in, to be entered in the purebred class. Weight classes will be determined after weigh-in.

***Top limit on Market Hogs is a maximum of 265 lbs. Hogs in the 266+ lb. range will not be allowed to be shown in market classes or sold at the 4-H Fair Auction. Participants whose hogs have fallen in the overweight category will be eligible to show in their respective showmanship class.**

Sheep Project:
Sheep Tail Docking - To qualify for exhibit, market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have ultra tail dock, such that it cannot be lifted from the exterior will be identified at the scales at weigh-in. After the 2010 4-H Fair, ultra tail docking will not be accepted for future Tulare County 4-H exhibition.

Dairy Project:
Exhibitors must provide proof of tuberculosis testing for all dairy breeding cattle over six (6) months of age with one of the following documents:

1. Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative TB test obtained within sixty (60) days prior to exhibition of all cattle to be sold, or
2. Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative TB test obtained within six months prior to exhibition of all cattle for exhibition only, or
3. Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative whole herd test for the animal's herd of origin (i.e., the herd where the animal has resided for a minimum 4-month period of time immediately prior to the exhibition) obtained within the twelve (12) months prior to the exhibition, or
4. A letter from CDFA verifying the completion date of a negative whole herd test for tuberculosis and specifying the official identification of exhibition animals from the herd.

Verification of TB testing documentation should be accomplished prior to unloading of exhibition animals on the fair premises.

TULARE COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES!

Four Tulare County Scholarships are available. Applications are due or postmarked by May 10, to the Tulare County Cooperative Extension Office. Applications and information are available online: http://cetulare.ucdavis.edu/4%2DH%5FProgram/Scholarship_Information.htm

2010 STATEWIDE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications must be postmarked by April 30, and sent to the California State 4-H Office. All required information must be included with the application to be considered. For a complete listing of scholarships available, visit: http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/

REACH FOR THE STARS

Tulare County All Star 2009-2010:
Now is the time to seriously consider applying to be a Tulare County All Star. You should begin to prepare for All Star selection by reviewing your achievements in 4-H, school, and community activities. This is an honor and provides an expanded opportunity to serve the program as developers and extenders within 4-H.

You must be 15 years of age by December 31, 2009, be eligible for or have earned the Gold Star rank, and have been a member of 4-H for three years inclusive to apply. All applicants must also be currently enrolled in 4-H. Applications and guidelines are available at the Cooperative Extension Office. The All Star award is the highest county honor given in the 4-H program. Evidence of leadership skills, communication abilities, and citizenship are criteria used in the selection process. All Stars take a leadership role in countywide activities. Prepare now and good luck! **Applications are due or postmarked by April 12th, 2010**. Interview dates to be announced.

Ruby Star 4-H Leadership Project:
Ruby Star is for older members who have achieved the rank of Emerald Star and/or All Star and wish to complete a leadership plan on a county level or above.

High school and older aged members are encouraged to work in a more independent environment. At this level, there must be overall guidelines, general direction, and assistance, but highly independent and individualized plans and programs. The plan of proposed leadership should be offered on a county, sub-sectional, sectional or state level. Ruby Star projects should generally be on a level above and beyond the type of leadership plans used for Emerald Star projects.

Applicant Requirements:
Ruby Star applications will be accepted two times during the year at the same time as the Emerald Star, September and April. Applications for June-October project are due April 12. Applications can be found on the Tulare County 4-H Web site or at the Cooperative Extension Office.

EMERALD STAR PROGRAM

April 12 is the date Emerald Star applications are due for June-October activities. The Emerald Star program is for any 4-H member in the 8th grade and above, who hold the Gold Star rank and nothing higher. An Emerald Star applicant must present a plan of proposed leadership to be completed during the following six-month period. They must complete this plan, submit a self-evaluation on the plan (after completion), and show good leadership qualities and overall 4-H work throughout the year. Further details and guidelines are available at the Tulare County 4-H website and the Cooperative Extension Office.

STANISLAUS CO. YOUTH POULTRY SHOW

When: Saturday, March 20, doors open at 7:00 A.M.
Where: Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA

Stanislaus County 4-H Poultry leaders are hosting a youth poultry show open to youth ages 5-18. Modesto JC Poultry department will host youth activities such as Poultry Judging, Poster Contest, Poultry Obstacle Course, Knowledge Quiz, Photo Contest and Showmanship.

Entries postmarked by March 5. Mail to: Anthony Rose, 6219 Griffin Rd., Turlock, CA 95382. Questions, call: 209-988-7762. Flyer, schedule and entry forms: http://groups.ucanr.org/Stanislaus4H/Livestock_Program/

STATE FASHION REVIEW NEWS

What's going on in your county in Sewing, Clothing & Textiles project, Fabric crafts, or Fashion Revue? We will have a display area at State Fashion Revue, for counties to share, being held at the 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis on May 29. Get the project members together from your county and create a display.

For more information contact Denise or Chenoa Van Gerpen at: dvangerpen@gmail.com.

- ***First Year Showcase***

Come show us what you have in your closet! This special interactive workshop is for first year participants in county fashion revues who did not qualify to enter State Fashion Revue. Come model your garment(s) at the First Year Showcase in a relaxed, non-competitive setting in Olson Hall, during State Field Day, on May 29. You do not have to qualify at your county event to participate, but you must be a first year sewer. All categories are welcome to participate and you will receive recognition for your participation. Check in by 9:30 a.m. in Olson Hall. The workshop is at 10:00 a.m. in Room 6. For more information contact Kylie Deal at: dmtigers06@yahoo.com.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS – ARCHERY WORKSHOP

A training course for the 4-H archery discipline will be offered as a workshop at the 2010 California Camping Conference. The conference will take place at the Nevada 4-H Camp in Stateline, Nevada (Lake Tahoe). Cost for the conference includes $120 and includes meals, lodging, and course materials. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs.

Registrations are due by April 8, 2010. To download a copy of the registration form, visit the Camping Website at: http://groups.ucanr.org/%5F4hbaseca/ and click on the bar that reads "2010 Camp Conference Registration Form".

For more information contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or email: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS

When: May 3 - 8, 2010, Jackson's Mill, West Virginia
May 11 – 15, 2010, Grand Junction, Colorado

Two National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Workshops will be held this spring, one in the western United States and one in the east.

If you would like additional information or registrations forms for one or both of these events, please contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or 661-868-6216.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION FOR ARCHERY

When: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 11, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline is being held in Red Bluff, California. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. In addition, on Saturday evening there will be an optional no host dinner and discussion about equipment.

The course will be held at Wetter Hall, 1740 Walnut Street, Red Bluff and at the Ishi Archery Club Range, Hwy 36 East, Red Bluff. Cost for the course will be $35 and includes morning refreshments, Saturday lunch and class materials. Dry camping is available at the range.

For more information, contact Leland George, State 4-H Archery Instructor at 530-527-4200 or: ljgeorge@clearwire.net. Please send "Training Request and Registration Form" with fees to Leland George, 21075 Hwy 36 West, Red Bluff, CA 96080. Checks to be made payable to Tehama County 4-H Council. Pre-registration is due April 2nd. Training Request and Registration Form available at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP RIFLE DISCIPLINE

When: Saturday, July 31, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 1, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

For a map and more information of the facility, visit the range website: http://www.5dogsrange.com

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINER COURSE – MUZZLE LOADING DISCIPLINE

When: Saturday, August 21, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 22, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road, Bakersfield

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of $40. To get more information or register for the class, contact John Borba at jaborba@ucdavis.edu or 661-868-6216.

2010 STATE 4-H LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The **State Leadership Conference 2010 "Operation 4-H"** is now online at: http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/. Financial assistance will be allotted on an "as needed and available" basis and is not transferable. Applications are due **May 15th**. Delegates may request up to $330 of financial aid. Please direct questions to Quang "Hogan" Tong at 530-752-5644 or email at: qtong@ucdavis.edu.

Contact the Cooperative Extension for more information.

Hello,
My name is Jazmine Jackson and I am a 2009-2010 California 4-H State Ambassador. State Leadership Conference is coming, and coming fast! This year's theme is...OPERATION 4-H! Are you ready to listen like a cadet to the inspirational public speakers? Are you outgoing like a Lieutenant and want to socialize with new people? Or are you prepared like a General and ready for anything? If you like to have fun, meet new members, and are prepared for a challenge, then this is the place for you! To learn more about this amazing boot camp... I mean conference… talk to your county or visit the website at http://www.ca4h.org/.

SLC 2010 Operation 4-H- July 29th- August 1st at UC Davis. Can you complete the task ahead?

STATE 4-H FIELD DAY

State 4-H Field Day is looking to partner with a 4-H group willing to serve lunch at the 2010 State Field Day on **May 29, 2010**. Interested clubs should contact Quang "Hogan" Tong - 530-752-5644 or qtong@ucdavis.edu.

STATE 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

The **2010 State 4-H Horse Classic** - Educational Contests Information, Rules and Entry Forms are now posted online at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp.
The event will be held on **April 24 & 25** at Reedley College, Reedley, California. Entries are due **April 1st**. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne George at 530-527-3101 or e-mail her at jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu.

CHAMPIONSHIP 4-H HORSE SHOW

The **Championship 4-H Horse Show** information and rules are online at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp. The dates are **June 25-27, 2010** at Santa Cruz County Fair, Watsonville, California. Entries are due **June 1**, with an Early Bird Special by **May 15th**. There are new classes being offered such as gymkhana walk/trot, versatility and elite showmanship.

CALIFORNIA 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Any regular 4-H member, age 9-19, is welcome to participate. Members do not need to be enrolled in a photography project to participate. There are no prior requirements to enter at this State level competition. Online registration is due by May 7, 2010. No late entries will be accepted. Entries can be dropped off from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the 2010 State Field Day on May 29th.

For more information and to register visit:
http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/

If you have any questions regarding the photography contest, please contact:
John Trammell
2010 CA 4-H Photography Contest Coordinator
CA 4-H Technology Leadership Team
techdude4h@gmail.com, (909) 844-1747

CALIFORNIA 4-H FILM FESTIVAL

If you have a love for video production, join us at this year's State 4-H Field Day for the first annual California 4-H Film Festival. The theme of this year's film festival is, "What does 4-H mean to you?" On May 29, 2010, videos entered by 4-H members from across the state will be played throughout the day. 4-H members ages 9-19 are allowed to participate and one grand prize for each category will be awarded. Videos must be postmarked by May 7, 2010.

For contest rules and information**:**
http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/

If you have any questions regarding the film festival, please contact:
Ashlyn Aiu, 2010 CA 4-H Film Festival Coordinator, CA 4-H Technology Leadership Team, aaiu@calpoly.edu

The California 4-H Technology Team will see you at the 2010 CA 4-H State Field Day on May 29, 2010!

4-H TRAIN-THE-TRAINER BABYSITTING WORKSHOP

The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering professional development training opportunities to all 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel on the 4-H Military Babysitting Curriculum at the following locations:

- **Kern County** National Guard facility, **March 27th**, 9:30-4:30
- **Monterey County** Stilwell Community Center, **April 17th**, 9:30-4:30
- **UC Davis State 4-H Office**, **June 5th**, 9:30-4:30

The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth to learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military afterschool sites. Participants will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. Bring a doll! For more information, contact Jeanne Christenson, jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.

2011 STATE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION

The **2011 State Ambassador Application** has been posted on the California State 4-H website. All interested members who qualify should fill out an application form, http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/. Applications are due by **March 31, 2010**. The State 4-H Office is also looking for qualified volunteers who are interested in being advisors for the 2011 State Ambassador Team. 4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning on July 1, 2010 and ending August 31, 2011. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term. Please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong, qtong@ucdavis.edu for more information.

2010-2011 CALIFORNIA 4-H TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP TEAM WANTED

Are you a 4-H member or volunteer with experience and interest in technology? Apply to the **2010-2011 California 4-H Technology Leadership Team (CTLT)**. The CTLT increases the use and awareness of technology in the 4-H program through workshops, providing IT support assistance to 4-H Clubs, and at statewide events. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age or older. Membership is a fourteen-month commitment, July 2010 through August 2011. The deadline to apply is **April 30, 2010**. More information is available at: http://www.ca4h.org/compcorps/

ATTENTION CLUB REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERESTED LEADERS AND YOUTH!

Important information and meeting dates for March:

- March 4 – Shooting Sports Committee Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office
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- March 12 – DEADLINE: To fill vacant Indoor Department Chair & Host Coordinator Positions
- March 13 – 4-H County Presentation Day, Rockford School, Porterville
- March 15 – Record Book Workshop, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office
- March 15 – Ag & Indoor Advisory Board Meetings, Cooperative Extension Office
- March 18 – Horse Committee Meeting, 7:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office
- March 19 – RSVP for Food Safety Training
- March 20 – Woodlake 4-H Archery Match, Woodlake Antelope Archers Range, Woodlake, 9:00 A.M.
- March 22 – DUE OR POSTMARKED: Fashion Revue Entry Forms to Cooperative Extension Office
- March 23 – Food Safety Training, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M., Cooperative Extension Office

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No matter how I say it, it will be hard to say goodbye on June 30 when I retire from the University of California Cooperative Extension, Tulare Co. Yes, that's right I am going to hang up my green clover after 33 years of being involved with the 4-H Youth Development Program. I started my career with the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, White Pine and Eureka counties, responsible for both the 4-H YD and home economics programs. The later part of 1980, my career brought me to Tulare County for the 4-H Youth Development Advisor position. I guess I should mention that I was also a 4-H member in San Joaquin Co. for 9 years. My blood has always been green and will always be even in retirement.

Through the years, I have been fortunate to work with wonderful volunteers and 4-H youth. Many of those youth now have their own children in the program. Tulare County does have the best! I have had a wonderful and exciting experience through my work with the camping program, the fairs, working with afterschool programs, presentation days, the Teen Survival Conference, and all the other events and activities. The memories are countless. What makes 4-H so special is the involvement of families. I have been fortunate to see youth grow and learn as well as parents and adults.

Upon my retirement, I will be venturing into a new phase of my life with my husband, Dave. He retired 3 years ago and was the 4-H YD Advisor in Fresno Co. Yes, even our family is very green! We will be moving, upon the completion of our home, to Whidbey Island, WA to enjoy what the Puget Sound area has to offer. We plan to spend time with family, travel, and just enjoy life in general!

I do want to thank so much the great 4-H staff team that I have had the pleasure to work with, Leah Spaulding and Shari Connelly. Leah will continue conducting the 4-H club program and will need all of your support during this transition period.

I will still be here for the next couple of months finishing up various projects. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 26, 2010, for a dinner celebration of my career with UCCE. It will be held in Tulare. If you know former 4-H families, please share this with them. More information will be coming.

Thank you all for being a part of my life and enriching it with wonderful times.

Go Green! – *Carla M. Sousa*

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