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WELCOME TO THE 2004-2005 - 4-H YEAR!

IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER	
September 1	Emerald Star Applications Due
September 7	4-H Council Meeting, CE Office ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
September 8	Emerald Star Interviews
September 17	Youth Talk Articles Due for October Newsletter
September 17	Washington Focus Applications Due
September 18	Sectional 4-H Council
September 20	Washington Focus Interviews at C.E. office
September 20	County-wide Advanced Citizenship meeting at 6:30 pm in Ag Multi-Purpose Room
September 21	New Leader Orientation at 7:00 pm in Ag Multi-Purpose Room
GET READY FOR OCTOBER!	
October 1-7 2004 is 4-H Week. All clubs are invited to participate in celebrating National 4-H Week. Suggested areas are: window displays, special programs, civic organizations, radio and T.V., attend church as a group.	
October 2	Achievement Night 7:30 pm – Hanford West High School Cafeteria. 4-H'ers will receive their county recognition pins for record book judging. The new All Stars will be introduced, along with Emerald Star recognition. Each club is asked to bring two dozen cookies for the reception afterward.
October 2 (Saturday)	4-H Sunday observance at St. Brigid's Church – 6 pm. Any member interested in participating in the church service, please call Cheryl Mattos at 582-4621.
October 9	Sectional Fashion Revue - Fresno

COUNTYWIDE CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Monthly countywide Citizenship meetings for those in 7th grade and up will be held the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the UCCE office. The topic of the first one on September 20 will be Junior/Teen Leadership. Any

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member who is considering being a Junior or Teen leader in the new 4-H year is encouraged to attend. The meeting will be in the Multi-purpose Room behind the office.

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KINGS COUNTY 4-H WASHINGTON FOCUS INFORMATION

Applications due at the C.E. Office September 17, 2004

Interviews: September 20, 2004 - C.E. Office in the evening

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Washington Focus provides opportunities for 4-H youth and adults to acquire and practice citizenship and leadership skills that can be applied to local situations and community projects.

Using the nation's capitol as a resource and classroom, 4-H members gain a greater understanding and appreciation of American history and our system of government. During this program, participants learn how to use new leadership techniques, building upon the dynamics of peer-group influence.

Upon returning home, 4-H youth are better prepared to provide leadership in their local 4-H programs and contribute as responsible citizens to community life. By employing democratic group action relative to many contemporary issues, they exert positive influences on other 4-H members and on their individual communities.

We anticipate similar dates and itineraries as last year. They were: "Heritage Trails" I & II \$1430 (June 19-26 & July 10-July 17); or "Global Journey" \$1975 (July 10-July 21); or "Road to Democracy" \$1655 (June 19-28). The dates and prices are only estimates.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- * Learn how a bill becomes law
- * Learn about 4-H activities in other states
- * Talk to legislators about coping with current issues
- * Develop a plan of action to implement upon returning home
- * Gain a new perspective on international relations and affairs
- * Develop leadership skills through assemblies, committees and workshops

CRITERIA

Youth:

- 16 years of age or older or completed 10th grade by the date of travel.

(To be considered to receive financial assistance from the Kings County 4-H Council, members must have completed at least two years in 4-H at the time of application, have completed at least one year in the 4-H Citizenship Project, be enrolled in the 4-H Citizenship Project for 2004-05, and submit their 4-H record book from the 2003-04 year.)

Adults:

- * Minimum of 25 years of age at time of travel to Washington Focus

The costs are subject to adjustments. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required on January 5, 2005. Balance of fee is due April 1, 2005.

RESTRUCTURING THE KINGS COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

The Kings County 4-H Council has been undergoing a restructuring process in the past few months. The following **KEY PROGRAM AREAS OF THE KINGS COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM** have been identified. Each area requires a number of adults and youth willing to be involved. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the CE Office.

1. Youth Leadership Development

- A. **All Star Program**
 - 1. Policies
 - 2. Application & Selection Process
- B. **Emerald Star Program**
 - 1. Policies
 - 2. Application & Selection Process
- C. **Club Officers**
 - 1. Training
 - Officers Training School
 - 2. Materials
 - 3. Awards
- D. **Junior/Teen Leadership**
 - 1. Curriculum & Training
 - 2. Events

2. Citizenship & Community Service

- A. Countywide Programs
- B. Washington Focus
- C. California Focus

3. Adult Volunteer Development

- A. Leader Orientation
- B. Community Leader Training
- C. Other Leader Training
- D. Leader Recognition
 - Leader Recognition Dinner

4. Other Awards and Recognition

- A. Policies, procedures and selection for:
 - 1. Record Books
 - Record Book Judging
 - 2. Club Seals
 - 3. Achievement Night

5. Visibility and Public Relations

- A. 4-H Week
- B. Media Coverage
- C. Pamphlets and handouts

6. Fundraising & Budgeting

- A. BBQ
- B. Sponsors Committee
- C. Audit Committee
- D. Budget Committee
- E. Other

CHANGES IN THE UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE

With the departure of Bruce Roberts as UCCE County Director and agronomy Farm Advisor, some staff changes are occurring in the Kings County UCCE office. The one that most directly affects the 4-H Youth Development Program, is that I have assumed the responsibilities of County Director of UCCE. I will still remain as the 4-H Youth Development Advisor as well, but on a part-time basis.

The restructuring of the county program, which began before we knew anything of this new development, proves to be very timely as we need to put in place ways in which the youth and volunteers in the 4-H program can provide the leadership for the program now and in the future.

I urge each of you think about what small part you can play in determining the present and future direction of 4-H in Kings County.

Peggy Gregory

RABBIT MEETING

Kathy Lugo will be having a countywide rabbit meeting on Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm at the CE Office multi-purpose room. This meeting is for all Kings County rabbit members or anyone interested in having a rabbit project. For more information, please call Kathy at 582-4760 in the evening.

CONTRACTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES

(Meetings, Parties, Field Days, Etc.)

All contracts and agreements for use of any facility by any 4-H group must come to the 4-H office for review and signature of the county director. The group insurance covering 4-H activities and events also requires that these contracts and agreements list the facility user as follows: "The Regents of the University of California" (not the 4-H club or leader's name). LEADERS AND MEMBERS MAY NOT SIGN AGREEMENTS.

Plan ahead! If the form includes a "Hold Harmless" clause, the County 4-H Office, and sometimes the State office, must review and approve it to insure that there are no provisions that would be detrimental to the interests of the University.

KINGS COUNTY 4-H JUDGING WORKSHOP

Saturday October 23, 2004

9:30 – 11:30 am

Hooper Residence, 9545 Iona Avenue, Hanford.
Refreshments will be served.

FUND RAISER FOR THE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL AND CLUBS

At the August County 4-H Council meeting, it was decided to participate in Gottschalks Charity Day on November 3. Tickets for the event are \$10 and all proceeds go to the organization that sells them.

Ticket holders will be admitted to the store for shopping, giveaways, refreshments, entertainment and demonstrations.

Each 4-H club may sell as many tickets as it wishes, but the proceeds from the first 20 tickets (\$200) are to be turned in to the County 4-H Council. All other proceeds are to be kept by the club. **Example: Sell 50 tickets, turn \$200 to the Council and keep \$300 for your club. Tickets are available at the UCCE Office. No tickets need to be returned to the county.**

SECTIONAL RECORD BOOK WINNERS

The following members submitted their record books for sectional judging with the following results:

Samantha Johnson, Beef, Sectional Winner
Cody Bradley, Leadership, Sectional Winner

CONGRATULATIONS!

Western Regional Leaders Forum 2005

"Strike it Rich"



*February 23 - 27, 2005
Sacramento, California*

The conference is located at the Sacramento Radisson Hotel.

500 Leisure Lane
Sacramento, California 95815
916-922-2020

Want up-to-date information about WRLF 2005?
Subscribe to the WRLF 2005 E-Mail List!

<http://ca4h.org/wrlf2005/>

Join 4-H leaders from 13 western states right here in California. Financial assistance will be available from

the Kings County 4-H Council. Start thinking about it

now.

CALIFORNIA FOCUS
June - Sacramento

Would you like to run for governor of California? Talk with your senator or congressman? Do you like advocating for a cause or persuading others? You can be involved in any of these activities during the 2005 California Citizenship Focus Program.

At California Focus, you become a registered voter in the state of Sierra Cascade and take on all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of citizenship. You learn how government works and enjoy the traditions and history of the Capitol. A visit with your elected officials is the highlight of the program.

California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capitol city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure.

Registration materials will be available at the CE Office. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit of \$100, are due in January.

Members must have completed the 8th Grade by the conference. The cost is about \$425.00 for youth and \$515.00 for adults.

The Kings County 4-H Council is offering six scholarships of 1/3 of the fee to each member attending California Focus. Members must be in at least their second year of 4-H and at least their first year of Citizenship this year and submit a completed record book for the 2003-04 club year to qualify. The scholarships will be awarded to the first six to submit their record book from last year and a completed application and request a scholarship. A waiting list will be maintained after the first six in case one of those does not attend. Members may only receive this scholarship once.

Chaperone costs will be paid for one person or split between two. Chaperones must have completed two years as a 4-H leader before attending at council expense. Other leaders may attend at their own expense.


County Director & 4-H Youth Development Advisor

LCORT 2005
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
OF REGIONAL TEENS

THEME: **Get Real... Making Leadership a Reality**

WHO: 4-H members in the 7th, 8th, and 9th Grades (one adult for each 10 delegates of each sex)

WHEN: January 28-30, 2005

WHERE: Wonder Valley in Sanger, California

COST: \$75 per delegate (approximate)

Registration forms are available at the CE Office and must be returned by December 6, 2004.

The fee includes registration materials, lodging for two nights, three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday, and snacks. Registration is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2005.

Goals for LCORT include defining and developing leadership skills, meeting and sharing new ideas with peers and having fun!

The Kings County 4-H Council is offering eight scholarships of \$37.50 each to members to attend LCORT. Members must be in at least their second year of 4-H this year and submit a completed record book for the 2003-04 club year to qualify. The scholarships will be awarded to the first eight members to submit their record book from last year and request a scholarship. A waiting list will be maintained after the first eight in case one of those does not attend. **Members may only receive this scholarship once.**

Chaperone costs will be paid for the number of leaders needed for our quota. Chaperones must be officially appointed 4-H leaders.



**“Painting Brighter Futures”
4-H State Leaders’ Forum 2004 Registration Information
November 5 - 7, 2004
Asilomar Conference Grounds–Pacific Grove, CA**

What color is 4-H? Without hesitation, most people (even non-members) would probably say “green.” However, green, and the agricultural images it evokes, is only one of the colors on the 4-H pallet. It also contains red, for the bonfire at a 4-H camp; blue, for the sky pierced by a 4-Her’s model rocket; and yellow, for the rising sun of leadership provided by County All-Stars and State Ambassadors. In fact, the 4-H pallet contains an infinite spectrum of colors with which we can paint brighter futures as we help youth develop citizenship, leadership, and life skills.

Keynote speaker Larry N. Swenson will provide the “base coat” for the conference. Larry, a former 4-Her from Minnesota, is the founder of Noel International, a training and consulting organization which emphasizes fun while teaching team-building and cultural awareness. The blend of educational workshops and social activities throughout the weekend will provide you with an opportunity to learn some new “brush strokes” and refine those you already have, while mingling with other 4-H volunteers and staffers from throughout the state. So, grab a smock, and come join us in painting brighter futures for the youth of California!

Conference fee information:

Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. After available rooms are assigned, names will be placed on a waiting list for cancellations, or you may need to find your own accommodations “off grounds.” Off-grounds delegates are responsible for paying their own lodging costs, and will need to purchase tickets for any meals they plan to eat on the conference grounds. Meal tickets may be purchased only from the registrar.

Rooms for four people are very limited. When the supply of 4-person/4-single bedrooms is depleted, later delegates will have the option of either a 4-person/2 double bed room, or of paying an additional fee for a two-person room (couple rate). All rooms are non-smoking.

Regular conference: Friday evening to Sunday noon.
Fees include lodging and meals. No refunds can be made after September 1, 2004; however, an alternate delegate of the same sex may replace a canceling delegate.

- Regular Conference (single room)
 \$380 (if paid before July 1, 2004)
 \$400 (if paid between July 1 - September 1, 2004)
 \$415 (if paid after September 1, 2004)

ALL FEES ARE PER PERSON---ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PRE-PAID

- Off Grounds (meal not included, indicate the meals you want provided below, and add their cost to your registration fee)
 \$65 (if paid before September 1, 2004)
 \$80 (if paid after September 1, 2004)

- Regular Conference (4 people/4 single beds or 2 double beds per room)
 \$200 (if paid before July 1, 2004)
 \$220 (if paid between July 1 - September 1, 2004)
 \$250 (if paid after September 1, 2004)

- (Meals*: Fri. D, \$16.00 Sat. B, \$7.25 Sat. L \$10.00 Sat. D \$16.00
 Sun. B \$7.25 Sun. L [on grounds] \$10.00
 Sun. L [box lunch] \$10.00)

- Regular Conference (2 people/2 beds per room)
 \$220 (if paid before July 1, 2004)
 \$240 (if paid between July 1 - September 1, 2004)
 \$280 (if paid after September 1, 2004)

*prices include tax

SEPTEMBER 2004

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
			1 <i>Emerald Star Apps DUE</i>	2	3	4
5	6 <i>LABOR DAY</i>	7 <i>Council Meeting 7 pm</i>	8 <i>Emerald Star INTERVIEWS</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Tulare County Fair</i>	16 <i>Tulare County Fair</i>	17 <i>Youth Talk Articles DUE</i> <i>Washington Focus Applications DUE</i> <i>Tulare County Fair</i>	18 <i>Sectional Council</i> <i>Tulare County Fair</i>
19 <i>End of Tulare Co. Fair</i>	20 <i>Advanced Citizenship 6:30 pm Washington Focus INTERVIEWS</i>	21 <i>New Leader Orientation 7 pm CE Office</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

WINDOW IN CE OFFICE, REFRESHMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS AT COUNCIL MEETING:

Armona 4-H Club

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

A New Leader Orientation will be held at the CE Office on Tuesday, September 21st, at 7:00 pm. Please encourage the attendance of new leaders, as it is absolutely necessary that they complete an orientation in order to be a 4-H leader.

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4-H COUNCIL BARBECUE **November 13th, 2004**



Tickets will be available at your September club meetings for the annual barbecue.

This is the only fundraiser for the Council, and the proceeds are used for the many awards and events during the year.

All members are encouraged to sell tickets for the lunch, which will be held at the fairgrounds at the same time as Judging Day.

Take-out meals are also available.

Please support the 4-H Council and all its does for 4-H members by selling your BBQ tickets. Tickets are \$8.00. Get them from your club leader.