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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT PATTY TRAINI

Just A Reminder... The **Annual Club Leaders “Fall Start-up”** meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26th, 7 pm, at the 4-H office. Club Leaders and Assistant Club Leaders welcome. This is the meeting where all forms and information will be distributed to enable clubs to get the new year started. Any questions, contact the 4-H office at 525-6801.

New this year, clubs will be assisting with data entry for new and returning members. The “enrollment leader” does not need to be the Community Club Leader. We will be doing a short training by appointment.

CLUB COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Council Executive Committee will meet on Monday, August 31st, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This is an important planning and scheduling meeting for the upcoming year.

The first full Leaders Council meeting will be October 5, 2009 and it is important that clubs send a delegate to these monthly meetings to keep abreast of countywide events, policies, and deadlines.

Our new 4-H year is already promising to be a very busy year. The responsibilities of the Community Club Leaders and Executive Council Members continue to grow as our clubs grow. The officers of the Executive Council this year are, myself as President; Vice President – Patty Baskin; Secretary – Jeanette Zaborsky; Treasurer – Brandi LoForti; Policy Secretary – Pam Atherstone; Past President- Julie Cascia; members of the Board of Governors are: Lisa Rivera, Cathleen Gaberel, Raydene Avila, Debbie Costa, Gail Alvine, Cindy Azevedo, Andrea Dooling, Jennifer Ambrosino, and Teri Gaarde. The Executive Council looks forward to continuing to work hard on developing policies to keep our program running smoothly.

We encourage all clubs to be represented at our monthly Leaders Meetings. Changes to improve our program are made at these meetings and your ideas and input are always important. We look forward to seeing you and everyone is welcome.

The meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Ag Center, starting in October. Please call the 4-H office if you would like more information.

Always 4-H,
Patty Traini

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NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

Attention club leaders: Most people who need this orientation don't get the Forecast, so please pass the word:



**Leader Orientation at Leadership Development Day
Saturday, September 19, 2009, 9:00 to 11:00 AM
Stanislaus Agricultural Center (Crows Landing Road at Service Road)
RSVP by club or individually to the 4-H Office, 525-6801**

Orientation is required for all new adult leader candidates and leaders that have been out of the program for a year or more. Candidates must have filled out the state enrollment form, including the green confidential form and the purple UC waiver, pay their enrollment fees, have their fingerprints cleared by DOJ, and taken a leader orientation. Only then are they appointed, cleared to lead 4-H activities, and protected by UC liability insurance.

Other orientations will be scheduled during the fall, but this is the best time to complete this requirement since fingerprinting will be included.

FINGERPRINTING REQUIRED. A MOBILE UNIT WILL BE ON SITE FOR THIS TRAINING!

All new leaders must clear *our* live scan fingerprint screening. (No matter that they've been printed by other agencies.) Free fingerprinting will be offered on September 19th only. Up to \$10 of the fee will be reimbursed for fingerprinting at other locations. New options for fingerprinting locations have been found and are on the instruction sheet new leaders are given at orientation.

**Applicants must use DOJ forms with our special 4-H number on it.
These are available from the County 4-H office.**

Before fingerprinting... Those with rough hands should use lotion 2 times a day for 2-3 days.



HI 4-H KICKOFF ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2009
2-4 PM—AG CENTER**

It's time to get together and meet fellow high school age 4-Hers. (9th thru 12th grade) This year we are having an Ice Cream Social after the Leadership Training Day. If you are participating in the training, plan to hang around and have some fun with the Hi 4-H group. For the rest, plan to join us.

Of course there will be ice cream sundaes with all the toppings! Other activities are being planned. You don't want to miss it!!



LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2009
9 AM—AG CENTER**

Leadership training day includes officer training, new leader orientation, 4-H record book format, ethics, and information for those considering running for office.

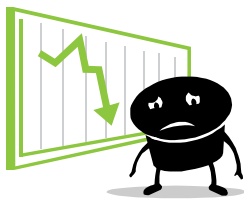
All officers for the 2009-10 club year should plan to attend. Other members and adults are also welcome.

In addition to the specifics of each office, everyone will get a primer in Parliamentary Procedure and the running of effective meetings.

Club leaders, make sure that all your officers are planning to attend and you have submitted their names to the 4-H office.

**RSVP NEEDED (Lunch provided).
Hi 4-H Ice Cream Social will follow.**

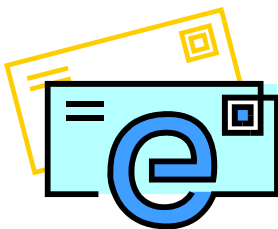
STAFF REDUCTIONS AT THE 4-H OFFICE



The State and County budget crisis has effected our staffing. The UC Cooperative Extension Office lost one secretarial position and Mary Currie, our 4-H secretary now has additional duties. JoAnn Ratto, 4-H Program Representative has been reduced to three days a week and will be working a second position starting in October. We will try to keep as much of the program going as possible, but our volunteers will be taking on an even larger role for events and activities. Expect this budget shortage to last at least two years. We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times.

IMPORTANT TO KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CURRENT

As we economize to deal with budget cuts, we will rely more and more on email. When you enroll this year, be sure to give us an email address you check frequently.



For 2010-11, your email address will be your user name for and needed to log in to the online enrollment system.

The mailed version of the newsletter will be smaller. We will be posting supplemental portions of the newsletter online and those that have signed up for electronic notification for the Forecast will be able to view. Expect to find event results in the online supplements.

You can sign up to be notified by email when a new issue of the *Forecast* is posted online at: <http://stanislaus4h.ucdavis.edu>

Choose Subscribe to the Forecast on the left menu. Past issues are also available.

Contact Mary Currie at macurrie@ucdavis.edu and/or JoAnn Ratto at jbratto@ucdavis.edu to update your email address.

Thank You

To leaders, parents, and members for your contribution toward a successful County Fair. Special thanks to Kim Machado coordinator for Clean Barn Judging, and Outstanding Exhibitor!

FARMYARD EXPERIENCE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

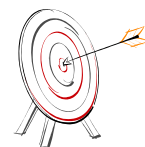
First Place: Sacred Heart Dairy
Second Place: Hughson Water Wheel
Third Place: Orange Blossom Llamas

Congratulations to the winners! Chairmen Karlene Bert and Cindy Azevedo want to thank everyone involved in making the 2009 Farmyard Experience another great success – planners, builders, day chairs, poster makers and all the 4-H Helpers at the Farmyard.

Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Courses

Archery—Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall Room E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto.

Saturday, November 7, 8 am – 4 pm & Sunday, November 8, 8 am – 2 pm. The cost will be \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and class materials. 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.**



For more information, contact Dan Burner 209-874-2732 (evenings) or dan_burner@yahoo.com Fees are due by October 23, 2009 and can be submitted to Dan Burner, P.O. Box 829, Waterford, CA 95386.



Shotgun - Ukiah Gun Club, Ukiah, CA Saturday/Sunday October 24 - 25, 2009, Cost \$30

Details and registration forms for each training are found online:

<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>

John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

PLEASE NOTE: Only certified leaders over 21 years old may lead Shooting Sports Projects.

COUNTY AWARDS RECEPTION

Saturday, October 10, 2009—7 pm

Ag Center Harvest Hall
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

This is an opportunity to meet and honor our countywide 4-H achievers including Record Book winners, County Fair Medals of Merit, Emerald Star recipients, and our 2009-10 County All Stars.

All 4-H members, leaders and families are invited to join in the celebration of the achievements of these 4-H members.

2009 Jr. Livestock Camp

Stanislaus County
Fairgrounds

October 10th: Dairy Cattle,
Meat Goats, & Beef

October 11th: Swine &
Sheep

Check-in Starts at 8 am

Free Admission, Free T-Shirts & Prizes Sponsored
by Associated Feed & Farm Supply

Flyers and registration forms are available at the
4-H Office or can be downloaded from this website:

[http://www.associatedfeed.com/index.cfm?
show=10&mid=28](http://www.associatedfeed.com/index.cfm?show=10&mid=28)

RSVP by October 5th to: Associated Feed
c/o Junior Livestock Camp—Kim Morris
P.O. Box 2367, Turlock, CA 95381
Or Call (209) 667-2708

Lunch will be available for purchase for \$6.50.

JoAnn Ratto
4-H Program Representative

Mary Currie
4-H Secretary

COUNTYWIDE MEETING DATES

Guide Dogs...meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at the UCCE 4-H office. It is a socializing meeting held to give puppies a variety of important adaptive experiences.

Horse Project Leaders.....meet on the first Thursday of most months, 7 pm, at the 4-H office. (September date change to 10th.) Discussion of events and activities for those in the Horse Project will be covered at these meetings. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th.

Large and Small Livestock Projects...meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Small Animal Projects at 6 pm; Large at 7 pm., at the 4-H office. This monthly meeting shepherds major livestock project interests, including the proficiency program and County Fair participation. First meeting is part of the September 17th Fair Review meeting.

Camp Committee...meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the UCCE 4-H office. Camp program development and staff training needs are planned. First meeting is September 15th.

FASHION REVUE CHALLENGE PATTERN ANNOUNCED SIMPLICITY VEST # 4762



Make an inVESTment in your future wardrobe with this year's challenge. Sew a lined vest, but don't forget to spice it up. It could be reversible, have pockets, frills or whatever fits your style. Start with Simplicity pattern #4762. You must use this pattern; no substitutions. The possibilities for personalization are endless! You can make it shorter or longer, add trim or appliques, and experiment with fabrics, colors or details. To alter the pattern for girls, move the buttons to the left side. If needed, add back darts or use the cinch and enlarge the front darts. Purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your vest.

Categories for Fashion Revue will be Traditional, Recycled, Consumer Science - Purchased, Wearable Art, and Challenge. The Needle Arts category is being discontinued due to low numbers and we are concentrating our efforts on categories with broader participation. 2010 State Fashion Revue will be held in conjunction with State 4-H Field Day at UC Davis.

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SEPTEMBER 2009

- 5 State Leaders Forum Room/Meal Reservations Due
- 5 Newman Fall Festival Breakfast, 7-11 am, Newman
- 7 Labor Day—Office Closed
- 10 Horse Project Leaders Mtg, 7 pm H-I—DATE CHANGE
- 15 FORECAST Articles Due
- 15 Camp Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm Conf Rm
- 17 Small Animal Leaders Meeting 6 pm, Conf Rm
Large Livestock Leaders & Fair Review Mtg., 7 pm
- 18 Entries due for Window Display
- 19 **Club Officer Training/Leader Training,**
9 am—2 pm Ag Center/Harvest Hall
- 19 Hi 4-H Kick-Off-Ice Cream Social, 2-4 pm, Ag Center
- 22 Emerald Star Meeting, Conf Rm, 6:30 pm

OCTOBER 2009

- 1 State Competition Record Books due to County
- 1 State Leaders Forum Registration Due
- 1 Horse Project Leaders Mtg, 7 pm Conf Rm
- 4 Window Displays in place
- 5 Council Exec Board Mtg, 6:00 pm Conf Rm
Hi 4-H Meeting, 7:00 pm Harvest Hall
Leaders Council Mtg, 7:00 pm Conf Rm
- 4-10 National 4-H Club Week**
- 10 County Awards Reception, 7 pm Harvest Hall**
- 11-12 Junior Livestock Camp—Fairgrounds**
- 15 FORECAST Articles Due
- 15 Small Animal Leaders Meeting 6 pm, Conf Rm
Livestock Leaders Meeting, 7 pm Conf Rm
- 20 Camp Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm Conf Rm

CAMP DINING HALL DEDICATION

Camp Sylvester dedication of Chance Hall,
Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 11:30 pm
Lunch at 12:00 pm. Tours until 2:30 pm
1 Dodge Ridge Road, Pinecrest, CA
RSVP or Call for more information:
Farm Bureau: (209) 522-7278
or Irene Ulm: (209) 402-9871

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