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Ventura County 4-H

January 2019

Come to Food Faire Feb. 2 and “Dine through the Decades”

What is Food Faire?

Food Faire is an annual event where 4-H’ers get to show off their culinary skills! Members’ entries are individually judged against a standard. Feedback is given to encourage growth, so members who have participated in prior Food Faires will likely see improvement in their scores each time they participate. Food Faire is a positive event where camaraderie and mutual support between participants is encouraged.

Other activities at the Food Faire include a blind taste-testing activity, tasting foods from different decades, judging food items and veggies, and an Iron Chef Competition! Members will also be able to participate in a community service activity.

The development of essential life skills is an important characteristic of 4-H programming. At the Food Faire, participants will also develop their interviewing and showmanship skills. Although job interviewing may be far in their futures, 4-H’ers may have interviews as youth when applying to be babysitters, camp counselors, community volunteers, for leadership roles, etc. So come to Food Fair to present your food, and know that it isn’t just cooking skills that are being cultivated!

This year’s theme “Dining Through the Decades”

In culinary culture, decades can easily be defined by popular dishes of the era. As much as bacon-wrapped everything has defined the 2000s, dishes like **gelatin mold salad** defined the 1930s. In this year's theme, members are encouraged to research and make popular, iconic American recipes. Have fun researching and exploring the food fads of generations past and be prepared to share your dish and new found knowledge of its history!



Food Faire is on Saturday, February 2 @ 9am—1pm @ Will Rogers Elementary School in Ventura. The entry fee is \$7 or \$8 if you want to participate in the Iron Chef Competition. Click [HERE](#) to register (deadline is January 28). You will receive an email with your interview time after you register. Food Faire is open to everyone in 4-H, even if you’re not enrolled in a food-related project!



Come to the Farm to See “Dr. Mike”!

This is a great opportunity for 4-H’ers with animals! Veterinarian “Dr. Mike” will be speaking in the large barn at **HAREC (287 S. Briggs Rd, Santa Paula) at 7pm on February 13.** Everyone is invited to attend! This event is hosted by the Large Livestock PDC. Michael Giacomuzzi, DVM owns *Humphrey, Giacomuzzi & Associates Equine Hospital* and serves as the head veterinarian at the Ventura County Fair.



4-H Events Calendar

- 1/18-20** Southern Area Youth Summit at Pathfinder Ranch. Have fun, 4-H'ers!
- Sun. 1/20** Equine PDC meeting @ Soule Park 8am
- Wed. 1/23** Small Animal PDC meeting @ UCCE. 5:45pm
- Wed. 1/23** Consumer Sciences PDC meeting @ UCCE. 6pm
- Wed. 1/23** 4-H County Council meeting @ UCCE. 7pm
Briggs and Santa Rosa Valley 4-H clubs will be hosting with refreshments and speakers!
- Sat. 2/2** Food Faire @ Will Rogers School, Vta. 9am-1pm
- Wed. 2/6** STEAM PDC meeting @ Coffee Bean, Vta. 7pm
- Wed. 2/13** Speaker: "Dr. Mike" @ HAREC Large Barn. 7pm

Fri. 3/8 Fashion Revue @ Will Rogers School, Vta. 5:30pm

COMING THIS SPRING*:

- Sat. 3/23** Presentation Day at HAREC 9am-1:30pm
 - Sat. 5/4** Southern Area Field Day @ Mt. SAC
 - Sat. 5/4** 4-H Adult Volunteers' Appreciation Event @ HAREC
 - Sat. 6/1** California 4-H State Field Day @ UC Davis
- ***Small and Large Animal Field Days** will also take place in the spring; the PDC chairs are looking for a venue to combine these events.

Event Locations:

UCCE – University of California Cooperative Extension, 669 County Square Dr, Suite 100, Ventura CA 93003

HAREC – UC Hansen Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 287 S. Briggs Rd, Santa Paula, CA 93060

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Rooster Ordinance

A new rooster ordinance was passed last month. Read about the new rooster ordinance here.

2019 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition



Submission Deadline: March 1, 2019

Essay Topic: Honey Varietals, State to State

Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal.

In your essay, please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

Please see the complete competition details.

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