Would you like to Represent 4-H?
Become a County Ambassador
By Reyna Lane, Loma Vista 4-H

On April 18th, I attended an information session on the County Ambassador program. If you are selected to be an Ambassador, you will represent and promote 4-H throughout the county along with other Ambassadors. You are also expected to participate in activities beyond the county level, such as Area Summits, as well as to lead a service learning project. It is a two-year program that replaces the All-Stars.

The most interesting thing I learned was that the Ambassador team members work together to design and carry out a Service Learning Project. They have a lot of freedom to select something that is meaningful to them, as long as they stay within guidelines described in the County Ambassador Handbook. The County Ambassador Handbook describes it this way: “Service learning connects meaningful community actions and service with learning, personal growth and civic responsibility.” The recent Public Speaking Workshop was one of those projects.

You must be 14 by July 1, 2019 to apply. The application process consists of a set of questions to answer about your participation in 4-H. They want to know why you are in 4-H and about things like your leadership experience. You need three letters of recommendation. Then you will be invited for an individual and group interview. (Find the app on the 4-H Resources page. Deadline to apply is May 13.)

You can follow Shelby and Emily, our current County Ambassadors, on Instagram!

**4-H Events Calendar**

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**HAREC:** 287 South Briggs Rd, Santa Paula

**UCCE:** 669 County Square Dr, Ventura

See Complete Ventura County 4-H Calendar

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**See Kent Short on Wed. May 8**

Are you raising market animals for fair? Then come to the farm on Wednesday, 5/8 at 7pm to hear Guest Speaker Kent Short, owner of Old Fashion Country Butcher in Santa Paula. He will speak about “Providing Quality Products.” According to this VC Star article, Kent butchers 95% of the animals from the fair which then go to Food Share. This event is hosted by the 4-H Large Livestock PDC.
Animals MUST be **Entered Online** by May 30

- Market animals (goats, lambs, swine and rabbits) **must be entered online between May 1 and May 30, 2019** to be eligible for tagging on June 1, 2019.
- Market animal, barrow show, showmanship, bred & fed, and champion of champions classes **must be entered online**.
- Adult/Sibling Wristbands and Parking Passes **must be ordered online**.
- No entries (other than club/chapter groups) or money will be accepted on June 1st. If you do not **enter online by 10 pm on May 30, 2019**, your animal will not be tagged and you cannot participate in the Junior Livestock Market Show and Auction at the 2019 Ventura County Fair.
- No animals will be tagged if they were not **entered online**. Goats and Lambs will be tagged onsite, swine will receive ear tags for each animal entered.

**Forms due at tagging on June 1, 2019:**

1. Exhibitor Code of Practice
2. Adult Code of Conduct
3. Summary Form
4. Independent Goat & Lamb Exhibitors must provide 2 pictures of their animal – side view and head view. Exhibitor must be in one of the pictures.
5. Swine exhibitors must provide 4 pictures of their animal – front, both sides, rear. Exhibitor must be in one of the pictures, ear notches must be visible in the head shot.

- All exhibitors must complete **Quality Assurance Training** online at [www.YQCA.org](http://www.YQCA.org) by July 15, 2019. Once the course has been completed, a copy of the certificate must be emailed to me at kleach@venturacountyfair.org

**HOP TO IT!** Don’t procrastinate! There are only 22 days left to **enter online**!

*Any questions? Please call Kim Leach at (805) 648-3376 ext. 105 or email kleach@venturacountyfair.org*
Ventura County 4-H
2019 Small & Large Animal Field Day!

Join us for knowledge bowls, small & large animal activities, showmanship clinics, poster and photo contests, community service activities, a veterinary science station, guest speakers, swine bowl, table settings, silent auction and much more!

You are invited!
Who: 4-H Members ages 5-19
Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019
Time: 9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.
Cost: $15.00 per participant (+ $7.50 for lunch)
Location: Santa Rosa Valley Clubhouse
11701 E. Las Posas Rd, Camarillo

Questions? Contact Amylynn Robinson
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Sign up now for 4-H Sustainable You! Summer Camp

Time to start planning your summer! Our annual 4-H Sustainable You! Summer Camp for 9-12 year olds will be offered June 24-28 at the farm. Please check out this page for more information. Click here to read about and watch a video of last year’s camp. What a deal—$75 for the entire week!

Looking for an informative farm day to learn about alpacas? Want to learn more about edible plants in nature? Mark your calendar for June 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to join me and my friend Nadja at Alpacas of Windy Hill. We are hosting a special Farm Day for 4-H as part of our Emerald Star Projects.

Alpacas are wonderful animals that are known for their fleece. The Alpaca Farm Day will have several interactive stations where you can learn about alpacas, their history, breeding, care and showmanship. There will also be a station to learn about alpaca fleece and see how their fiber is turned into yarn. This farm day will give you an opportunity to interact with an alpaca and kick-off the 4-H Alpaca Project for the 2019-2020 year.

Also included in the farm day are interactive stations to learn horticulture, take a plant identification quiz and learn about composting. We are also offering a community service activity and most importantly, a enjoyable day with your family. Bring a picnic lunch and get ready for some 4-H fun!

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Claire Boone at twodoesfarm@gmail.com
State Field Day & State Leadership Conference

2019 State Field Day, Saturday, June 1st at UC Davis. Fashion Revue and Presentation Day are only open to 4-H’ers who have qualified at county and area levels, but anyone can register to compete in the Interview Contest, Photography Contest, Film Festival, Robotics Competition, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. Registration Deadline for those events is May 15, but NO registration is required to participate in the Judging Contest, Plant Science Contest, Logo Contest, Entomology Contest, Primary Activities or Robotics Drop-in Activities.

State Leadership Conference: “Planet 4-H: Planting the Seeds of Change”, Thursday-Sunday, July 18-21 at UC Davis. You can still register until June 17. Late registration: $375 for 2 nights and $475 for 3 nights. Find out how you can get a travel stipend for $100 by visiting our Ventura County 4-H Resources page and clicking on “Travel Stipend Request.” See photos and read about Livia’s experience at SLC last year.

Help California 4-H reach its goal of 3,000 “hands raised”

- Visit: 4-h.org/raiseyourhand
- Fill out the form & vote for California 4-H
- Share the link to vote with your friends and 4-H lubs on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter!

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By Ashley Pyler

Dr. Mike Attracts Huge Crowd
By Ashley Pyler

Did you attend the Public Speaking Workshop at the farm on April 27 or Southern Area Field Day on May 4? Write a blog post about it and send to: VenturaCounty4h@ucanr.edu If you have pictures, please send those, too!

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