4-H Events Calendar

7/31-8/11 Ventura County Fair
Sun 8/11 4-H Fair Awards @ Clark LIVESTOCK Pavilion 1pm
Tues 8/13 Applications DUE for Management and Program Board Positions
Fri 8/23 DUE: Record Books & Club Summary Sheets @ HAREC by 4pm
Tues 8/27 Club Officer Training Option #1 @ HAREC 5:30pm—8pm
Mon 9/2 Labor Day—4-H office closed
Tues 9/3 Club Year-End Reporting DUE @ midnight
Wed 9/4 Club Officer Training Option #2 @ HAREC 5:30pm—8pm
Sat 9/7 Record Book Evaluation Day 8:30am-1:30pm
Sat 9/21 Record Book Interviews @ HAREC
Mon 9/23 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
Th 10/24 Science & Achievement Night @ HAREC 6pm - 9pm
11/1-9 Mindfulness Retreat @ Cambria Pines

HAREC: 287 South Briggs Rd, Santa Paula
UCCE: 669 County Square Dr, Ventura
See Complete Ventura County 4-H Calendar

Belt Buckle Sponsors Needed!

Last year at fair, Jacob Sigala (Briggs 4-H) won Supreme Grand Champion, 4-H Grand Champion, and Ventura County Bred and Fed Champion with his hog Foxy! Who will win this year? On that note...7 belt buckle sponsors are still needed for the 2019 fair! To help, email venturacounty4H@ucanr.edu

Seeking People with a Passion

On June 26, more than 50 people attended our last Council meeting at the farm!

The 4-H Futures Task Force presented the restructuring of Ventura County 4-H in a Google Slide presentation. They explained that the new model will allow people to focus on their passions and strengths and encouraged youth and adults to apply to one of the new positions by the August 13 deadline. The Management Board has 5 open “Director” positions: Budget & Finance, Fundraising, Communications & Outreach, Recognition, and Fair Liaison. The County Ambassadors will also serve on the Management Board.

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The Management Board gets to vote and they meet about four times a year.

The Program Development Board needs Key Leaders for 11 exciting 4-H program areas: Adult Leadership, Youth Leadership, Healthy Living, Adventure & Environmental Science, Equine, Shooting Sports: Archery, STEM, Animal Science, Consumer & Family Science & the Arts, and Civic Engagement. Many of these are brand new to Ventura County 4-H, so as the Key Leader, you can be creative and bring your own ideas! Just get your committee (friends) together and go for it! Whatever you do is 100% more than what we had before!

Serving as a Director on the 4-H Management Board or as a Key Leader on the Program Development Board is a great resume builder for youth and adults. If a youth would like to apply to any of these positions, he/she would just have to select an adult mentor to work with. The Director of Budget & Finance and the Adult Leadership Key Leader are the only positions not open to youth.

Do you know college students / recent graduates, your dad, neighbor, or someone who is passionate about STEM? Fundraising? Adventure? Social media? Bring them into 4-H and help make 4-H the best!

Please click here to see all the positions on the Management and Program Development Boards.

Cowboy Poetry Contest

Find your inner cowboy/cowgirl at the Ventura County Fair! Come join us for the Annual Cowboy Poetry Contest, Saturday Aug 10 at 12pm in the Ag building! There are 3 divisions: youth 7-12, youth 13-18 and adults of all ages. All poetry must be written and presented by the author. Poems should reflect an understanding of the western lifestyle, i.e. cowboys, ranching, livestock, history, family, friends, characters, etc. Poems should be no longer than 3 minutes for the youth divisions and 4 minutes for adults. Poetry will be judged on content, rhyme and meter. Check in must be by 11:45 AM. Contest will be accompanied by western music. Steve and Jackie Justus will present an additional prize of $50 to the 1st place winner of each category. The 1st place winners will also be invited to perform at the Western Music and Poetry Showcase at the Autry Museum of the American West! You are also invited to come and just enjoy the show! For questions or further information, contact PW Conway at pwcowboy@aol.com or text at (805) 794-8464.

Scholarship Opportunity for TEACHERS!
Deadline Aug. 15

The Ventura County chapter of California Women for Agriculture (CWA) strives to promote agriculture awareness and education within our community. In support of this initiative, CWA gives scholarships to ag educators for the "Ag in the Classroom Conference." The Ag in the Classroom Conference is an annual 3-day conference where any ag instructor can learn about teaching this important subject, and be provided with tools, tricks, and curriculum which will enable them to bring agriculture into their classrooms. When we help our teachers introduce the next generation to the importance of agriculture, we all will benefit for generations to come. Click here for application.

Kids had tons of fun getting dirty at 4-H Sustainable You! Camp.

CloverLines
Help make the 4-H Fair Booth the BEST!

Hello, this is the Ventura County 4-H Ambassadors here! For those of you that don't know, the Ambassadors will be having a booth in the Agriculture Building at fair this year and we want your help! There are 4 ways that you can help with our booth.

1) You can still **sign-up to volunteer in the booth for a 3 hour shift**. Spend some time talking to people about 4-H and why you are in 4-H. The only requirement is that there has to be someone 21 years or older in the booth. Here is the link to sign up [https://volunteersignup.org/8PJBJ](https://volunteersignup.org/8PJBJ)

2) We are hoping to **display old fair t-shirts** that clubs have been made over the years for their members to wear at fair. If you have a t-shirt from previous years that you would like to loan to the ambassador fair booth, please email me: sewright2002@gmail.com

3) We would also love to **display ANY pictures you have doing 4-H activities**. Whether it’s showing your animal or hanging out with friends at fair to a group picture of your friends at a 4-H activity or event, we would love to have it! Feel free to email them to sewright2002@gmail.com

4) Come to our 4-H booth and fill out a paper clover telling us your favorite part about 4-H. The paper clovers will be on display at the booth (or fill it out and bring it to us; you should’ve received the template in your email).

Thank you for participating in our booth at fair this year and feel free to email us with any questions! Shelby Wright sewright2002@gmail.com Emily Santos at lovelyangus03@gmail.com

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**Adults & Youth: Help out at the Fair!**

For every 4 hour shift you sign up for, you will receive 1 admission gate pass for the day you work. If you are under 14, you must have a parent with you. Available shifts:

- July 28, **Check in Baked Food entries** from 11am - 5pm
- August 12th (Monday) **Pick up Day**, 12pm - 7pm.
- July 31 - August 11 **Host/Hostess in the Youth Building** (help answer questions and protect exhibits). Shifts are 11am - 3pm, 3pm - 7pm, 7pm - 10pm, except Tuesday, 8/6 starts at 10am.

If interested, just email Peggy and tell her your contact info and what dates & shifts you would like to work. youth@venturacountyfair.org

**2019 4-H Species/Fair Chairs**

- **Beef**: Virginia Reyes 805-814-7223
- **Goats**: Maranda McLemore 805-905-9613
- **Sheep**: Herb Bunch 805-987-2929
- **Swine**: Bobby Cruz 805-660-2223
- **Small Animals**: Amylynn Robinson 818-429-5103
- **Rabbit/Cavy**: Tiffany Cook 805-750-4963
- **Pygmy Goats**: Deion Gerhard 818-269-7532
- **Youth Building**: Kitty Beckmann 805-279-9239
Upcoming Fair Entry Dates:

Sun 7/28 @ 10am—4pm: 4-H Table Settings (Tables were reserved last week)

Sun 7/28 @ 10 AM – 5 PM @ Youth Expo: Baked & Preserved Foods

Wed 7/31 & Wed 8/7 @ 11am-1pm @ Youth Expo: Glue-A-Shoe Contest; bring your Decorated Shoe to the Youth Building on either day.

Fri 8/2 @ 11am—1pm @ Youth Expo: Brush-Bots Contest—timed racing @ 2 PM. Build a brush-bot at home and bring to the fair to race.

Thurs 8/8 @ 11am—1pm @ Youth Expo: King Arthur Flour Baking Contest. Youth Competition is “Decorated Cupcake.” Bring your Ready-Made Entries to the Youth Expo Building; judging begins at 1:30 PM.

Mark your calendars! Come out & watch VC 4-H’ers compete & win at the fair!

Wed 7/31 @ 9am: Senior Division Breeding Sheep

Thurs 8/1 @ 9am: Senior Division Breeding Sheep, and at 6pm Supreme Champion Ewe & Ram Judging

Fri 8/2 starting @ 9am: 4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship, 4-H Club groups

Sat 8/3 @ 9am: Senior Division Dairy Goats, Best Doe of Show Judging

Sun 8/4 @ 9am in Ring 1: Pygmy Goats & Showmanship, Open Junior Breeding Sheep & Showmanship, Open Junior Breeding Cattle & Showmanship, Junior Division Breeding Pig Show & Showmanship, Wether Doe Dam Show and @ 2pm Junior Division Round Robin Showmanship.

Tues, 8/6 starting @ 9am in Ring 1: 4-H Market Lambs, 4-H Champion Judging, 4-H Club Groups, 4-H Market Goats, 4-H Champion Judging, 4-H Club Groups, and at 4pm Grand Champion Judging Market Lamb, Market Goat, and Bred & Fed Champions

Wed, 8/7 @ 9am 4-H Market Swine, 4-H Champion Judging, 4-H Club Groups, and at 4pm Grand Champion Judging Market Swine & Bred & Fed Champion, and at 7pm: Adult Showmanship (Watch 4-H parents, adults & alumni compete!)

Thurs, 8/8 starting @ 9am in Ring 1: 4-H Market Steers, 4-H Champion Judging, 4-H Market Steer Showmanship, Grand Champion Judging Market Steer and Market Heifer and Bred & Fed Champions

Fri, 8/9 @ 9am—3pm Junior Livestock Auction

Sat, 8/10, starting @ 9am in Ring 1: Showmanship: 4-H Market Lamb, 4-H Market Goat @ 9am in Ring 2: 4-H Market Swine

Saturday, 8/11 @ 9am: Round Robin Showmanship, and at 1pm 4-H FAIR AWARDS, and at 4pm: Pee Wee Showmanship

ALL THIS INFO AND MORE AT VENTURACOUNTYFAIR.ORG
It’s Record Book Time!
Record Book forms, State Record Book Manual, and County Evaluation rubric can be found here.
County Record Book resources (including a helpful Personal Development Report Guide) can be found here.
If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Boone.

Register for Club Officer Training
Club Officer Training is the best way to start the year for your club! All officers are welcome, but it is mandatory for all new officers and every treasurer. Please RSVP for each person planning to attend, so we will have enough materials and food. Dinner is provided for officers and club leaders/officer advisors. Additional dinners can be purchased for $4 each. Please note that the agenda is different on each night, so if you’re NOT a treasurer, you can arrive at 6:15 on 8/27 or leave at 7:15 on 9/4.

Option #1: Tuesday, August 27th 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
@ UC HAREC: 287 S. Briggs Rd., Santa Paula
Treasurer Training: 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Dinner: 6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Club Officer Training: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Option #2: Wednesday, September 4th 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
@ UC HAREC: 287 S. Briggs Rd., Santa Paula
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Club Officer Training: 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Treasurer Training: 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
REGISTER HERE TODAY!

4-H Office Information
Office Hours by Appointment Only
Closed on UC Holidays

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The Volunteer Retreat
Attention 4-H Volunteers! "e4: The Volunteer Retreat" is happening November 8-10, 2019 at the beautiful Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA. Come and ENGAGE – connect with other volunteers who work with youth; ENERGIZE – strengthen your positive youth development skills; EQUIP – gain resources from booth exhibits and the Project Skills Showcase; EMPOWER – share and learn new skills and ways to work with youth. Click here for more info! Registration is open now!