



January 2018

1	UCCE Office Closed - New Year's Holiday	
4	Horse Project Registrations Due	Kimberly Hill 661-747-8990
15	UCCE Office Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday	
16	Emerald Star Applications Due	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
*22	Horse Leader Meeting 6:00 pm	Kimberly Hill 661-747-8990
*23	Leader Council Meeting 7:00 pm	Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639

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3-4	Kern County Western Heritage Match	Tammy or Jeff Lindley 301-7094/301-9214
10	Kern County Shooting Sports .22 Pistol Match at Five Dogs Range	Tammy or Jeff Lindley 301-7094/301-9214
*10	New Horse Member Orientation - 7:00 pm	Kimberly Hill 661-747-8990
*15	Last Day to Transfer Clubs and add/drop projects for 2018 Kern County Fair participants	
17	Home Ec Field Day & Fashion Revue/Medal Testing Kern County Fairgrounds-Harvest Hall starts at 8:30am	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
*19	UCCE Office Closed - President's Day Holiday	
*26	Horse Leader Meeting 6:00 pm	Kimberly Hill 661-747-8990
*27	Project Medal Testing 5:30 pm	
*27	Leader Council Meeting 7:00 pm	Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639



Would you like your club featured in next month's newsletter?

Do you have a photo for the newsletter?
E-mail event info & photos to
cecern@ucdavis.edu

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!
Articles/photos for the next issue of
The 4-H Network
must be received by January 20th

Kern County 4-H
1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue
Bakersfield CA 93307-2851
Phone: 661-868-6200
Fax: 661-868-6208
or cecern@ucdavis.edu



*Meeting is at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA
Wheelchair accessible. Please contact UCCE Kern at 661-868-6200 if any special accommodations. Individuals who need to request an ADA accommodation in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities can contact your local 4-H Office to complete a 4-H ADA Accommodation Request Form: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/153972.docx>



The Kern County Hi 4-H recently held their December meeting/Christmas party at Rusty's Pizza. They played games, ate lunch and had a gift exchange. Members would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.



On December 16th members of Premier 4-H Club were honored to lay wreaths on the gravesites at the National Cemetery. Members had the honor of leading the crowd in the flag salute and leading the procession from the ceremony to the POW Memorial.

Kern County 4-H Dog Project

Dog Classes - meetings on Thursdays

When: January 11, 2018

Where: SPCA, 3000 Gibson Street, Bakersfield

Time: 6:00 p.m.

*For info: Claudia Burk at 661-393-1914
or 661-303-8343



CSUB Agriculture Night - Save The Date!

Regional FFA & 4-H Groups are Welcome

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 (7pm)

Icardo Center (CSU Bakersfield Campus)

Please send in tentative RSVP numbers so you can be added to the list before all the spaces run out!

Tickets Provided at No Cost!

Further details to come soon!

Questions? Contact Logan Belz
(661) 654-2361 or lbelz@csub.edu



Create new 4-H Camp Experiences!
Engaging Environment Based Experiences for 4-H Camp Programs

4-H/PLT CAMP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
JOB DESCRIPTION

Who Should Apply

This unique opportunity to engage in the development of new 4-H Camp Conference experiences is open to youth and adults. Be part of this team!

General Description

The *Project Learning Tree (PLT) - 4-H Camp Program Development Committee* is responsible for the design, development and delivery of enhanced Project Learning Tree training and materials in 4-H Camp programming. The intended outcome of this project will be the integration of selected PLT field based activities, focused on the ecology of CA forests, into existing camp programs resulting in strengthened environmental based learning for camp participants. This role includes working closely with Project Learning Tree leadership and 4-H staff to provide training, materials, and support to camp leaders.

We are currently recruiting motivated individuals, adults and teen leaders, who would like to be part of this dynamic committee. There are limited spots available. To register complete the application survey at this link:

<http://ucanr.edu/plt%204-h%20camp%20committee>



Those who are selected for the committee will be provided a voucher to attend the 2018 California Camping Conference for free. The conference will be held April 6 – 8, 2018 at Redwood Glen (Santa Cruz County).

For additional information, please contact Sandy Derby at stderby@ucanr.edu.

Save the Date!! The 2018 California State 4-H Field Day will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at UC Davis. This is largest and most comprehensive educational event for 4-H youth members (age 9-19) and 4-H volunteer educators, California State 4-H Field Day has more than 1,500 participants annually. Since 2002, 4-H'ers from throughout the state have come together to connect and compete in this statewide event, held annually on the campus of the University of California, Davis. The goal of the event is to provide a culminating experience for 4-H members in their year-long 4-H education in public speaking, textiles, plant sciences, photography, interview skills, and entomology. Please stay tuned for more information!

State Fashion Revue News 2018- Start your Service Projects today!

The service projects for 2018 State Fashion Revue are pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles and blankets for Project Linus. Ryan's Case for Smiles distributes pillowcases to children with life-changing illnesses. Project Linus provides handmade blankets to seriously ill and traumatized children. For more information, visit the SFR website and scroll down to the section for Service Projects.

The 2018 SFR categories are Traditional, Upcycled, Consumer Science Purchased \$40, See it, Sew it Challenge, and Retro/Vintage Inspired Challenge. For complete information, see the SFR website.

Counties – to assist the SFR Committee with communications, please take a few minutes to give us your contact information and Fashion Revue dates using the survey at <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21764>.

Thank you!

Join us in showing your 4-H pride!

The Management Board is selling 4-H Spirit and 4-H Directional yard signs to raise funds for 2017-2018 area events and conferences. Here is the [order form](#)

[Handbook For New Families](#) NEW!

This guide was developed to help new families understand the 4-H program. Please share a copy of this with new families in your club. If you have feedback for updates to this guide, please submit them to Sue McKinney at

lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu or call 661-868-6235.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf>

Looking for a qualifying Horse Show for the 2017–2018 California 4-H Horse Classic? Visit our [Equine Qualifier Events page](#). **Hosting a Qualifying Horse Show?** [Register](#) for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2018 California 4-H Horse Classic. Please submit show results on the [Classic Qualifying Show Results Sheet](#).



ORB Internet Café Training Online- Want to learn how to better use the CA 4-H Online Record Book? We will be hosting 2 online opportunities to learn ORB for staff, volunteers and youth members. This is the same training that we were offering live in counties over the past few years but now you can access from the comfort of your own home! Unable to attend either date? Not a problem, the training will be posted on our 4-H Youtube page following each training.

The live virtual trainings will take place on:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9am-noon (completed)

Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 9am-noon

Pre-registration is not necessary! Check out the [flyer](#) here for login instructions.

4-H Camp Enthusiasts - Save the Date!

The 2018 4-H Camping Conference will be held April 6 - 8, 2018 at Redwood Glen in the Santa Cruz Mountains between San Francisco and Santa Cruz. The camping conference is a biannual event which provides 4-H teen leaders, volunteers and staff the opportunity to improve their camping programs and meet others who are just as passionate about camp as they are. The conference is filled with enlightening workshops, engaging activities, and new programming ideas. Additional information will follow!

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Pistol Discipline Saugus, CA (Los Angeles County)

The Antelope Valley 4-H Shooting Sports training team will be offering a project leader class for Pistol Certification offered in southern California. Class will be Saturday, February 17, 2018, 7 AM –7 PM, at the Americana 1800 Adventure Club, 34401 San Francisquito Canyon, Saugus, 91390 in Los Angeles County <http://www.1800info.org/>. Participants must become a 4-H leader or member to receive certification to lead the pistol shooting sports discipline at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost for this pistol discipline is \$35 per person and includes a resource binder and Saturday lite breakfast refreshments. You are responsible for lunch so it is recommended you bring one. All equipment will be provided, if you choose, you may bring your own firearms, ammunition and eye and ear protection. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back home. Register by February 9, 2018,

To register, please complete and mail:

1. "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" located at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/SET_Projects/ShootingSports/
2. An adult or youth 4-H medical release form located at:
<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Policies/Forms/>
3. A \$35 check made payable to "AV 4-H Shooting Sports"

Send to: UCCE Los Angeles County, 335 East Ave K-10, Lancaster, CA 93535.

Registration is due by February 9, 2018 and class size is limited to 12 participants.

For more information call Sharon Carter 661-478-7998, or email her at sixcarter@sbcglobal.net.

Range and class info contact is Tedd Osgood at 818-535-3222 or tedd_osgood@hotmail.com.



Come join the fun!

2018 CALIFORNIA 4-H CAMPING CONFERENCE

April 06-08 2018 hosted at beautiful Redwood Glen

http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CampingConference_128/



Early Registration by February 15, 2018: \$160
Registration February 16 to March 23, 2018: \$185
Archery Certification is additional: \$35

REGISTER

All registration fees paid include meals, lodging, and all conference materials.

Conference Workshops Include:

- ⇒ Camp is for the camper!
- ⇒ Camp health and safety compliance
- ⇒ When stuff hits the fan...
- ⇒ Leading great campfires
- ⇒ The benefits of ACA accreditation
- ⇒ Building, evaluating and recognizing your camp staff
- ⇒ Improving your camp through evaluation
- ⇒ Camp activities with a science twist



The 2018 California Camping Conference will ignite your imagination for creating the ideal camp setting to encourage growth, participation and excitement for new educational opportunities and summer camp fun! We invite staff, youth and volunteers to join us for a weekend of hands on activities, shared information by some of the top presenters and collaboration with other summer camp enthusiasts.

LOCATION!

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Join us for our bi-annual California 4-H Camping Conference, hosted at beautiful Redwood Glen in San Mateo County, California

<http://www.redwoodglen.com/>

Guest Speaker, John Jorgenson

John Jorgenson is a Director at Camp Tawingo in Ontario, Canada. Camp Tawingo was founded in 1961 and comprises a summer camp, outdoor center, private school, and camping publications. John has provided leadership nationally and internationally for over 40 years at professional conferences, in publications and through workshops.

John is President of the International Camping Fellowship – a world-wide organization dedicated to bringing together the world of outdoor experience. He has presented to camping and outdoor education groups across the United States, Canada, Australia, Greece, Japan, Russia, Ukraine, Venezuela, Nigeria, Colombia, Mongolia, Turkey, Mexico, Hong Kong, China and Malaysia.



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California 4-H Equine Field Day



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 10, 2018

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Modesto Junior College

ACE Pavilion, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto

Who should attend?

4-H Horse Leaders, Volunteers, Members, Parents and all Horse Enthusiasts

About this event

- Sessions will include: gymkhana, showmanship, lameness, mini horses, driving, horsemanship, and educational contests.
- Tour the equine facilities at Modesto Junior College.
- You do not have to own a horse to attend!
- This educational event is a fundraiser for the Statewide 4-H Equine Programs.

Registration and details will be available soon at

[4h.ucanr.edu/4-H Events/4H Equine Field Day](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H%20Events/4H%20Equine%20Field%20Day)

For more information

Please contact DeAnn Tenhunfeld at dtenhunfeld@ucanr.edu or 530-750-1340.



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4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, March 10, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 11, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu



4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

If you have an interest in sharing your Shooting Sports skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports adult volunteer or teen leader? There will be a variety of 4-H Shooting Sports leader certification trainings offered this fall. The classes will be held over a Saturday and Sunday weekend format at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton, in Merced County (center state). This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to lead the shooting sports discipline of your choice at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday lite breakfast refreshments. Please bring your own lunch to the class. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back home. Driving directions to the facility are at <http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html>. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option. Numerous hotels are available in the area, contact Dave below for more info if needed.

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf> with an adult <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf> or youth <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf> 4-H medical release form and a \$35 check payable to "Merced County 4-H Council" and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday the week before your class (7 days prior), and **Space is limited to 20 attendees**. For more information call Dave at [209-614-1718](tel:209-614-1718) or Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dmcintyre@ucanr.edu.

Western Heritage – Jan 6 & 7th

Muzzle Loading – Jan 13 & 14th



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS – HUNTING PROJECT/ CALIFORNIA HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

Instructor: John Borba, phone 661-868-6216
Email: jaborba@ucanr.edu

This project covers the information required to take the California hunter education test and obtain your hunter safety certificate. The hunter safety certificate allows you to purchase a hunting license or hunt in other states that require proof of having passed a hunter education course. The project is open to junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members (no Cloverbuds). The six meetings will take place at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield. Students should bring a writing utensil and paper to each class.

At the end of this course, each student is expected to demonstrate proper safety procedures with firearms and pass the written exam with a minimum passing score of 80% or better. Failure to pass the written exam prohibits the student from obtaining his/her hunter safety certificate, and she/he must retake the entire course. State law requires that each student attend every session. Missing one or more class sessions automatically drops the student from the course. Being tardy for class is also grounds for dropping a student.

Class size is limited to 25 students. You must register for the course online by going to this link: <https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california/160> This will be a “traditional” course so you will need to look under the registration link for traditional courses in Bakersfield.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Session 1 – Monday, April 16, 2018, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Introduction to Hunter Education: Chapter 1
- Know Your Firearm & Equipment: Chapter 2

Session 2 – Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Basic Shooting Skills: Chapter 3
- Basic Hunting Skills: Chapter 4

Session 3 – Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Primitive Hunting Equipment: Chapter 5
- Be a Safe Hunter: Chapter 6

Session 4 – Monday, April 30, 2018, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Be a Responsible and Ethical Hunter: Chapter 7
- Preparation and Survival Skills: Chapter 8

Session 5 – Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

- Wildlife Conservation: Chapter 9
- Regulations: Pages 93 - 95
- Review

Session 6 – Monday, May 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (approximately)

- Live Fire (bring eye protection)
- Testing



SHARE YOUR SKILLS!

Join the Home Ec. Field Day Committee!

Home Ec. Field day will be on Saturday, February 17, 2018.

This is a large event, and it is so much more successful when a group of people are involved in the planning! Help is needed in ALL areas, and from older youth and adults!

Visit the registration website for all positions and descriptions:

[http://ucanr.edu/home ec field day](http://ucanr.edu/home%20ec%20field%20day)

Or Scan the Code





2018 Home Ec. Field Day Entry Form

Home Ec. Field Day
February 17, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.
Harvest Hall –Kern County Fairgrounds



You will determine the year you are by what year in cooking you are currently enrolled in. (For example you just finished your first year in cooking, and are starting your second; you are a second year cooking member.) You can find more detailed information you will need to follow within the various categories on the Home Ec.

Field Day General Information flyer. This flyer can be found on our county website in the events page.

ALL entries **MUST** have a table setting. (It does not have to be themed to match your food dish, **unless** you are choosing to enter in the optional 'Themed Category'). It is also mandatory that members include their recipe card and their menu planning sheet with their entry. These forms will be available for download on our county website, as well as be sent out via e-mail to members prior to the event...this is why it is so important to provide a valid e-mail address on your entry!

You can also register online at: [http://ucanr.edu/home ec field day 2018](http://ucanr.edu/home_ec_field_day_2018)

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Club: _____

Years in Food: (circle)

1st year- Fruit or Vegetable

2nd year – Grain Dish

3rd year – Dessert or Appetizer

4th year – Meat or Bean Dish

5th year & Above – Whole Meal



Please check if you would like to take part in the optional Coordinated Theme Setting

Send entry form to the 4-H Office-1031 S. Mount Vernon Ave.-Bakersfield, Ca 93307 or Fax: 868-6208

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 by 3:00 pm

When feasible, all efforts are to be made to encourage and provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities in 4-H Youth Development Program activities. Individuals who need to request special accommodations in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities please contact the Veronica Slaton at the 4-H Office at 661-868-6235.



Kern County 4-H Fashion Revue

Home Ec Field Day

Event Participant Information



Location: Harvest Hall, Kern County Fair Grounds

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Check In Time: 8:30 a.m.

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Registration Process: You must register for this event using an online survey at:

http://ucanr.edu/fashion_revue_2018

Divisions: Cloverbud *(May enter Consumer Education category ONLY! Will not be judged)*

Junior (9-10 years)

Intermediate (11-13 years)

Senior (14 –18 years)

Category for Outfit:

Traditional	Outfit/garment created by participant <i>(member must be in sewing project)</i>
Consumer Science Purchased	\$40 limit for everything showing including shoes, jewelry and accessories, but not sales tax. Receipts are required , with purchases made during the 2017-2018 4-H year. Receipts can be handwritten if from garage sales, thrift shops, etc. <i>(member does not have to be enrolled in specific project to participate)</i>
Upcycled	Involves taking at least one existing garment and turning it into a completely new, different, and usable garment. The outfit must also include an accessory made from something that wasn't originally an accessory. A before photograph is required showing the beginning garment. <i>(member must be in sewing project)</i>

Special Categories to get ready for the State 4-H Fashion Revue at UC Davis on June 2, 2018

See It, Sew It Challenge—Find a picture of a new garment or outfit in a magazine or other publication (not a pattern envelope.) Recreate that outfit to fit you. Provide the picture of the original garment and a retail price if you were to purchase the garment or outfit. *(member must be in a sewing project)*

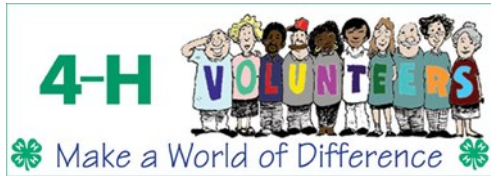
Retro/Vintage Inspired Challenge- Create an outfit that is inspired by a vintage design using new fabric and notions. Vintage is 20-100 years old, so use inspiration that is from 1900-2000. The entry must state the year or period of the design and include a drawing, photo or description of the inspiration of your outfit. At least one garment must be handmade by the member. Other parts of the outfit may be handmade or purchased but must represent the same era. *(member does not have to be enrolled in specific project to participate)*

A garment worn in one entry may not also be worn in a different entry.

*****BRING YOUR COMMENTARY, AND YOUR SPECIFIC
CATEGORY SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS/PICTURES WITH YOU TO HOME EC FIELD DAY!!!**

More information about the categories can be found here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

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Updated Leader Orientation

For New Leaders, please visit the link below

[New 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below

[Returning 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)



LINKS YOU CAN USE!

4-H uniform page

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/>

California 4-H Uniform Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf>

Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies

<http://www.4hsupplies.com/>

California 4-H Branding Toolkit

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/

California 4-H Dress Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf>

Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!

The State 4-H Office requires that every club have at least one 4-H leader trained in Food Safety. The more leaders in your club that are certified, the more convenient it is for your club. It is required that a certified volunteer is to be present at all bake sales/food booths to make sure proper food safety guidelines are handled. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/>



4-H WEBSITES

http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/

<http://www.areyouintoit.com>

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>

<http://www.4-h.org/fourweb>

<http://www.ca4h.org>

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE

<https://california.4honline.com>

4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE

<http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>

KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!

Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and 'like' us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It's the best way to keep up-to-date!

Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards!

Current & lifetime members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming.

Sign up online or via the JOANN app (in the app, look up Rewards Programs)

Check Us Out!!!


Kern County 4-H is stepping up our high tech skills!
We now have the ability to send out TEXT reminders about upcoming events, deadlines, meetings, updates, etc! If you'd like to sign up for our updates, please follow the steps below!



WHAT IS REMIND AND WHY IS IT SAFE?

Remind is a one-way text messaging and email system. With Remind, all personal information remains completely confidential.

Visit www.remind.com to learn

Kern County 4-H would like you to join  remind
Kern County 4-H Updates!

To receive messages via text, text @kc4hupdate to 81010. You can opt-out of messages at anytime by replying, 'unsubscribe @kc4hupdate'.

Trouble using 81010? Try texting @kc4hupdate to (510) 246-3493 instead.



*Standard text message rates apply.

Why raise a market hog?

Are you new to 4-H? Are you looking for a new, exciting market project? Well, the market swine project might be what you're looking for. We at the Stallion Springs 4-H love our market swine and here's why.

One reason to have a market swine project is that they are very marketable. People, generally, like to eat pork and finding a buyer won't be hard. The duration of the project is short, about 4 months. They don't take up much space and are generally pretty quiet.

Market swine are also easy to train and take care of. Grooming is quick and simple. Just a bit of soap, conditioner and a hair cut right before the show.

Lastly, pigs are personable. There are many different breeds and personalities. Pigs are also really smart; as smart as a 3 year old.

There are *some* less favorable attributes to the market swine project, like their smell (you get used to it). They are not the cheapest animal to raise and because of their intelligence they can become quiet stubborn. Also, unfortunately, because of their magnetic personality you may become attached and find it hard to say goodbye come auction day.

Despite the challenges and the hard work that comes with raising market swine, the amazing experience and the memorable animals make raising market swine worth it.

Please contact Leslie Loyd at ljloyd@excite.com for information.

