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Buena Vista Beginning 4H Project Syllabus

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Welcome to the Buena Vista 4-H Club! Beginning 4-H is a fun introduction to all things 4-H for new members. You will work with other young people and adult volunteers to make new friends, learn new skills, practice being a leader, work as a team player and give back to your community.

You will learn about:

- The 4-H pledge and motto
- Our club's projects and opportunities
- The 4-H uniform
- The 4-H record book
- Using the club Shutterfly site to keep track of upcoming events and project meetings and access 4-H documents and photos
- Earning 4-H star awards, achievement pins and stripes
- How to create and enter projects in a fair
- How to make a creative educational poster
- How to give Project Talks and 4-H Presentations

Project Expectations:

- Attend at least 80% of Beginning 4-H project meetings (6 out of 7 scheduled meeting)
 - If you will miss a meeting, please notify Mrs. DeCarli by phone ahead of time and plan to attend one of the two make-up meetings.
- Complete an Annual Project Report (APR)
- Create an educational poster, tie-dye shirt and craft to enter in the Salinas Valley Fair (SVF)
- Prepare and give a project talk at a community club meeting
- Prepare and give a 4-H presentation
- Most importantly, have FUN and make new FRIENDS!

Parent Involvement- We recommend one parent or guardian per family attend the Beginning 4-H meetings. We will cover information that will be helpful to enrich your family's experience in 4-H & help your child reach their full potential. Please note: parents/guardians are responsible of any unenrolled siblings that come to meetings. **Parent attendance is required at the Monterey County Fair meeting on September 1st.**

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Planned Meeting Schedule

MEETING #1: Friday, August 18th, 2017 @ 5:00 PM, DeCarli home

- Welcome Dinner from 5-6pm (optional but recommended)
- Introductions/ice breakers
- Beginning 4-H binder
- Project Information & syllabus
- 4-H Pledge/Motto/Motions at meetings
- 4-H Attire/Fair Attire
- Order shirts to tie-dye
- Medical forms
- Project talks & committee reports: what they are and how to do one
- Volunteer needed for project talk for September club meeting
- Upcoming Club & County Events

MEETING #2: Friday, September 1, 2017 @4PM, Monterey County Fairgrounds

- Meet at King City building at 4:00 pm Monterey County Fairgrounds
- **All members must have a parent present**
- Host the Building 4-5pm
- Tour of livestock area of the fair 5-5:30
- Volunteer for the food booth at MCF (optional)
- Flag ceremony at MCF rodeo: Line up around 5:30
- Bring MCF entries to Sept 12 club meeting for display, if applicable

MEETING #3: Monday, September 25, 2017 @ 6 PM, DeCarli home

- National 4-H week: October 1-7th
- Record Books – APRs and PDR: What are they?
- Record keeping to earn awards and stars
- Tie-dye shirts

MEETING #4: Monday, October 16, 2017 @ 6PM, DeCarli home

- Educational posters for fairs and field days
- Craft to be entered in Salinas Valley Fair (SVF) in May
- Upcoming Events:
 - Club Halloween Party

MEETING #5: Monday, January 22, 2017 @ 6PM, DeCarli home

- 4-H Presentations/Demonstrations
- Guest presentation by Elisabeth
- Explore topics for a 4-H Presentation

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- Upcoming Events:
 - Fantastic Field Day (Feb 3rd)
 - County Presentation Day (March 2nd)
 - Poultry and Rabbit Information Day (March TBD)
 - Fashion Revue (April TBD)

Make-Up Meeting #1: Monday, February 12, 2017

- Make-up Meeting, for those who need it
- Bring your binder (and laptop if possible) and work on records
- Overview of information missed at past meetings

MEETING #6 Thursday, April 26, 2017 @ 6PM, DeCarli home

- May Day activity for retired 4-H community volunteers
- **May Day gifts should be delivered on Tuesday, May 1st**
- Salinas Valley Fair opportunities
- Salinas Valley Fair (SVF) entry forms
- Club officer positions for next year

MEETING #7: Thursday, May 24, 2017

- Dinner at DeCarli Home
- Project wrap-up
- Game/Activity
- Record books – review progress and answer questions

Make-Up Meeting #2: Tuesday, May 29, 2017

- Make-up Meeting
- Bring your binder (and laptop if possible) and work on records
- Overview of information missed at past meetings

APR review – bring your completed APR for review and editing Tuesday, May 29th

APR signature—Mrs. DeCarli will be available to sign your Beginning 4-H APR June 4th all day or at the June 5th Club meeting. Other times by appointment.

Record Books Due: TBD (June, before 4-H camp)