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Imperial County 4-H Newsletter

THE CLOVER

The Fall Issue!



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IMPORTANT DATES

October 2020

- 1st - Leaders Council Meeting via Zoom
- 1st - 4-H Pumpkin Carving / Decorating Contest opens
- 2nd - National 4-H Week Poster Contest due to 4-H Office
- 4th-10th - National 4-H Week: Opportunity 4 All
- 10th - 4-H Stem Challenge - formally 4-H Science Day
- 16th - Pumpkin Contest Submission (Please see rules for more info)
- 22nd - New / Returning Leaders' Training 6pm via Zoom
- 23rd - Emerald Star Application Due
- 23rd - Pumpkin Contest Submission (Please see rules for more info)
- 24th - Emerald Star Interviews
- 25th - Monthly Record Book Training / Rehash
- 29th - Deadline for Beef Livestock ownership
- 30th - Pumpkin Contest Submission (Please see rules for more info)
- 31st - Halloween

November 2020

- 5th - Leaders' Council Meeting 6pm via Zoom
- 9th - Registration Deadline for all members
- 11th - Veterans' Day - 4-H office is closed
- 22th - Monthly Record Book Training / Rehash
- 26th - Thanksgiving
- 26th - 27th 4-H Office Closed
- 30th - Deadline for ALL adult volunteers to register and have training / fingerprinting completed



PUMPKIN CONTEST

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CONTEST

Rules

Between October 1st and October 30th our county will be hosting our first Pumpkin Decorating and Carving Contest! We will offer prizes for the best submissions. Everyone, including your parents and leaders can get involved!

Award categories:

A primary winner, Jr. winner, Sr. winner, and Adult winner will be selected every week. All entries, with the exception of the final contest, will be submitted as a picture of the entry. Entries must be submitted as a PUBLIC Instagram post by 12pm on listed due date, using hastag **#IC4HPUMPKINS** AND tagging our Imperial County 4-H page **@ImperialCounty4H** OR emailed to **ammart@ucanr.edu**. All entries must include your first name ONLY, club and age. Adult entries must come from a REGISTERED volunteer or parent of a registered member. Winners will be announced by 5pm the same day as submission. Only pumpkins entries listed in the destinated categories will be accepted on the due dates. All winners will receive 4-H Swag Bags by October 30th. Please see next page for the categories.



PUMPKIN CONTEST

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CONTEST

Themes & Due Dates

10/9 - Pumpkin decorating! Use an artificial or real pumpkin to showcase your style. Use lace, ribbon, paint, legos, etc. Decorate or paint your pumpkin in whatever way you want.

10/16 - Pumpkins in Pictures! Take a photo or draw pumpkins! Did you go visit a pumpkin patch last fall? Do you have an awesome decoration on your porch? Draw that or send in a picture for a chance to win.

10/23 - Pumpkin Carving! Safely carve a pumpkin that represents 4-H to you! Post or email a picture if your work!

10/30 - Pumpkin and Pies...or cakes, or cookies or main dishes! Do you love to bake or cook with Pumpkin? Here's your chance to showcase your talent! Submit a prepared recipe to the 4-H office between 10am and 12pm, along with a recipe and post your photo on Instagram. Be as creative as you want. One entry per person. Main ingredient must be pumpkin. Must submit at least 4 servings of your dish (i.e. 4 cookies, 4 slices of bread, enough food to feed 4).



LEADERS' TRAINING

4-H Leaders' Training

a workshop for new & returning
community & project leaders

Thurs, 10/22 6PM via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/95884574588>

Meeting ID: 958 8457 4588

join us to learn. . .

- The basics - what it means to be a leader and what is expected
- Fun ideas
- Important deadlines and policies
- Opportunities in our organization



RECORD BOOK REHASH & TRAINING

Monthly Record book Rehash

last Sunday of the Month
3pm via Zoom

October
10/25/20

November
11/22/20

join us to:

- Discuss where community 4-H events that took place during the month should be listed in your record book
- Discuss where any club events should be listed
- Help members with any questions they have about starting their books

Format will be open discussion for all to attend and participate



ENROLLMENTS

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Enrollment deadline is November 9th.

Please know that each club may close enrollments on or before this date in order submit all required forms to the 4-H office on November 9, 2020.

Enrollment Tips

To enroll, go to: <https://ca.4honline.com/>

For returning members, use the same email address you've used in the past.

- Enroll early.
- Make sure to add current contact information, including an email address. The County 4-H office contacts members via email for any updates and to share important information.
- Enter all important information, including ethnicity questions. This information is for data collecting purposes for our county.
- Make sure to add the main projects you know you will participate in.
- Parents: please do not register/enroll in the system unless you are planning to become a project leaders or assistant leader. Please know that no parent is obligated to register in order for their child to participate in the 4-H organization.

Enrollment fees: \$58 youth (5 to 19 yrs.)

Adult volunteers: \$24



COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

Countywide projects are available to every member in our county, no matter the club you call home. Space can be limited. Sign up with your club. Your Community Leader will then share that with the appropriate leader for the project. You can also contact the 4-H office at 442.265.7700 for more information.

Available

Imperial County Young Ambassadors Project (6th-8th grades) -

Linda Sanchez

Hi 4-H (high school members only) - Magnolia

RC Cars (all ages)- Magnolia, Eveleine Currier

Rocketry (all ages) - Southwest Valley, Geoff Holbrook

Epidemiology (all ages) - Southwest Valley, Courtney Holbrook

Horticulture (all ages) - Meadows, Johara Rodriguez

International Cooking (all ages) - Verde, Ayrón Moiola

Dogs (all ages) - Magnolia, Carly Ashurst

Public Speaking (all ages) - 4-H Office

While participating in any cross-club or countywide project, members must follow all rules pertaining to host club and by host leader.



COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

Imperial County 4-H

Countywide Dog Project

Hosted by:
Magnolia 4-H

Interested?
Contact us at:
magnolia4h.brawley@gmail.com



DOG PROJECT

What can you learn?

- **Learn major dog breeds and characteristics**
- **Study responsibilities of being a dog owner**
- **Demonstrate care, feeding, handling, grooming and record keeping**
- **Learn dog health regulations and first aid, simple treatments of ailments**



COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

RC CAR PROJECT



IMPERIAL COUNTY 4-H COUNTYWIDE
REMOTE CONTROL CAR PROJECT

HOSTED BY:
MAGNOLIA 4-H CLUB

INTERESTED?
CONTACT US AT:
MAGNOLIA4H.BRAWLEY@GMAIL.COM

What can you learn?

Learn about mechanics of your car
Learn about electronics of your car
Learn problem solving skills while
repairing your car
TEAMWORK



COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

HI 4-H

Imperial County 4-H

Hi 4-H Project

Hosted by
Magnolia 4-H Club

Interested?

Contact us at:

Magnolia4h.brawley@gmail.com

Are you interested in joining a project that brings together leadership and socializing? Are you a High School aged 4-H member? Then HI 4-H is the project for you!

As a group, you will discuss, plan and implement monthly activities. This project is open to all Imperial County 4-H High School aged members.

As teens, you have so many things competing for your time. We don't want to lose you! You offer leadership skills,

perspectives and unique problem solving skills.

Your tremendous energy mixed together with your desire to "chill" with your friends, offers a challenge when planning your projects. That's why this project works so well! We let you plan it!

You will utilize the leadership skills you have developed in 4-H to execute this project and have fun while doing it!



COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS



Registration is now open: Imperial County 4-H Young Ambassador Project (ICYAP)

Targeting 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Members

Project Leader: Linda Sanchez

Youth Project Leaders: Thacker Popejoy and Shelbee Rolfe

Proposed Organizational Meeting Startup Date:

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

The Imperial County Young Ambassador Project (ICYAP) is set up for countywide **Intermediate (6th, 7th and 8th Grade) 4-H members**, focusing on providing a hands-on experience in the design and implementation of a "Finding My Spark" project.

Once COVID-19 has been lifted and youth can actively come together for face-to-face meetings, plans are for ICYAP to bring together 4-H members from clubs across Imperial County to focus on building leadership skills; community service activities; team building exercises; attending events and meetings with community leaders; understanding citizenship concerns; and preparing our valley's 4-H youth to make a difference in their communities.

- ★ Required attendance/participation in the Parent and Member Organizational Project Meeting
- ★ Member Access to internet and virtual communications (emails, Band app, Google docs)
- ★ Complete a "Finding My Spark" Project
 - ✓ Poster
 - ✓ Oral Presentation
- ★ Trainings
 - ✓ Leadership Development
 - ✓ Business, Social and Personal Etiquette
 - ✓ Oral Presentation
- ★ Attendance Strongly Suggested
 - ✓ Imperial County 4-H Presentation Day
 - ✓ Southern Area Field Day
 - ✓ State 4-H Presentation/Field Day
 - ✓ Imperial County 4-H Achievement Night Recognition Dinner
- ★ Group to Implement a Club and/or Public Service-Learning Project
- ★ Complete Pre and Post Leadership Report for Project
- ★ Complete a 4-H Record Book
- ★ Project Fee: \$45.00 for first year members
\$25.00 returning members



GROW WITH THE GREEN

Registration for new youth members will be handled on a first come, first served basis.
Past YAP members will be given priority registration.

Need additional information? Contact Linda Sanchez, Project Leader (760) 355-2531



4-H VISA DEBIT CARD

we need your help... by registering for your 4-H VISA Debit Cards, you will help the Imperial County!

CALIFORNIA 4-H GROUNDSWELL VISA DEBIT CARD



THE CALIFORNIA 4-H FOUNDATION IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO HELP YOU AND YOUR LOCAL COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS.

THE PROGRAM

We are announcing the **California 4-H GroundSwell Visa debit card**, powered by GroundSwell. This is not your typical bank debit card! Everything about the program is designed to allow you to use your normal purchasing as a force for good.

The California 4-H Foundation has partnered with GroundSwell, a big-hearted social purpose company that's changing how nonprofits and their supporters can benefit each other.

It's good for you:

- Rewarding – Get amazing deals from national, local and online merchants immediately - no waiting to build points in order to save.
- Easy - You are boosting support to local 4-H kids without spending or doing more than you already do.
- Simple – Keep your current bank & set automatic deposits to refill the card. Use anywhere Visa is accepted.
- Relaxed - No sign-up, monthly or annual fees – no interest or late fees either!
- Secure – All your funds are FDIC insured on this reloadable debit card.
- Peace of Mind – You know your balance and stay on budget, with no extra effort.

It's good for your local 4-H program:

- All revenues raised from the 4-H Debit Card go directly to your local county 4-H program.
- Sustainable - Requires no extra effort from our busy volunteers and staffers.
- Supportive – If we all join in, we can make a huge difference each year! Your County VMO/Council and 4-H team will set goals and work with the community to allocate these unrestricted funds in your county.
- Inclusive - Parents, Volunteers, Alumni, Family, Friends, anywhere in the U.S., not just in your county, can get a card to support your local 4-H program!
- Generous - GroundSwell, as a social purpose corporation, is devoted to help organizations supporting great causes. We do that by channeling back large portions of our profit directly to the organizations we work with like 4-H.



**INCOME
EXAMPLE A**

200
CARDHOLDERS
SPENDING

\$1000
MONTHLY
GENERATES

\$2,000
EXTRA FUNDS FOR
YOUR COUNTY

A GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE FROM:



1700 MAIN ST. SUITE 203
WASHOUGAL, WA 98671
GROUNDSWELLCARD.COM
888.601.0050



4-H VISA DEBIT CARD CONTINUED

HOW DOES IT WORK

Merchants pay "interchange fees" to banks every time they accept a card as payment. As a social purpose corporation, GroundSwell directs a portion of these fees to support mission-driven nonprofits and organizations like 4-H. Because it happens from merchant fees there is no extra cost to you. We believe this "unseen money" is better spent on great causes, than supporting big banks as usual.

ROUNDUP

We also offer an option which allows you to help even more; RoundUp. This adds the extra cents you would normally get back in change and send it directly to your local 4-H program. You can add this "digital pocket-change" to all of your purchases to help support 4-H in your county. This is a tax-deductible donation, that helps fund your local county 4-H program. This tiny act adds up in a big way over time.

FOR EXAMPLE



When Mia uses her CA 4-H GroundSwell Visa Debit Card, her everyday purchases support her local 4-H program. The support comes from the transaction processing fees that the merchants pay, not from her wallet.



Each month, Mia spends about \$1,500 using her California 4-H GroundSwell Visa Debit Card. That means the local county 4-H receives \$15 from the merchant fees, and it didn't cost Mia anything! Thanks, Mia!



With 100 other 4-H supporters in the county spending the same amount each month, this would translate to \$18,000 of unrestricted funding going toward the county's 4-H program over one year.

4-H COUNTY TOOLKIT HELPS GET THE WORD OUT

In order to help your 4-H program get as many people to use the card and help generate meaningful funds, GroundSwell provides a digital County Toolkit to your local 4-H team. It is loaded with marketing goodness including posters, postcards, flyers, social posts, talking points, email templates, and more! Use these customized materials to encourage others to support a program you care about.

GROUNDSWELL'S COMMITMENT TO 4-H'S FUTURE

4-H changes lives and builds tomorrow's leaders – That won't change. How 4-H thrives with funding in the future – that will continue to change. Our card programs are set up to be successful for us only when they are successful for you; our partner. That means we work hand in hand with 4-H to achieve success. It's truly a partnership.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Reserve your card now!
<https://groundswellcard.com/ca-4-h-interest-page/>



LET'S SWEETEN THE DEAL

After loading your first \$500 on your GroundSwell Visa Debit Card we will in turn give you access to a world-class rewards program. You will get discounts and coupons for online and national retailers and dining locations, plus special low rates on travel, hotel and auto rentals that can save you hundreds.

A portion of the proceeds will be used to support 4-H educational programs. No endorsement of the product is implied or intended.

This card is issued by Axiom Bank, N.A., Member FDIC, pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. By using this card you agree to the Terms and Conditions stated within the Cardholder Agreement.

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WASHOUGAL, WA 98671
GROUNDSWELLCARD.COM
888.601.0050



ANNOUNCEMENTS - LIVESTOCK

Livestock Information

****PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF A SHOW. THIS CONCEPT STILL NEEDS TO BE VOTED ON AND APPROVED BY THE IV EXPO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THEN APPROVED BY IMPERIAL COUNTY AND OUR STATE. ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE 4-H PROGRAM YEAR IS NOVEMBER 9, 2020****

Presently, the IV Expo Livestock Committee is looking to present the following show concept to the IV Expo Board of Directors for a vote:

- Hold a grading show for youth who choose to raise an animal.
- Show will be terminal. No animal that enters the IV Expo property for the show will be allowed to leave nor will the animal be able to be sold to anyone other than the designated processor.
- Exhibitors will receive market price for the animal; the fair will create an online add-on process to allow for the community to contribute to the exhibitors.
- All animals will be classed based on weights; no breed classes.
- 4-H & FFA will show together unless numbers justify showing separate.
- DNA will be required.
- YQCA will be required.

The animals that can be considered “market” are still to be determined, along with many other decisions which still need to be made. Again, this is all predicated on the board approving the recommendations of the livestock committee and then that the County and State allow for the show. Ultimately the decision is not up to IV EXPO.

Please know that the IV Expo staff and board are doing everything they can to create some form of a show for our youth. We all recognize how important this program is and how much our members grow and learn from these projects. We will be sure to keep everyone posted and send official word once we receive it.

Should the show continue:

Links to request DNA kits and to follow through with the YQCA requirements:
<https://www.ivfairgrounds.com/livestock.html>

DEADLINES:

STEER: October 29, 2020

ALL OTHER ANIMALS: December 11, 2020



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pumpkin Carving / Decorating Contest

Between October 1st and October 29th our County will be hosting our first Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest! We will offer prizes for the best submissions! Make sure to read the information shared in this month Clover for more information!

4-H Spirit Yards Signs

Do you want to show that 4-H spirit?! In order to fundraise, your All Star Ambassadors are selling yard signs for only \$10! Get your sign today by calling the 4-H office at 442.265.7700. For purchases of 3 signs or more, you can have them delivered by one of the 2020-2021 Ambassadors! Post pictures of your yards signs with #IC4HSPiRiT, make sure they are public, so that we can randomly select winners throughout September and October! Winner will get prizes and gift cards. The more yard signs sold, the more prizes can be given away!

Career Spark Interviews

Join California 4-H every Thursday for our Career Spark Interview Series! Visit: http://www.sb4h.org/Career_Spark_Interviews/ to register and find out more information!!

This program is completely FREE and so informative!
#Career #careerexploration #Explore #4H #4HGrowsHere #4Hstrong

Shooting Sports

ATTENTION 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS!!!

If you are a 4-H member, leader, or parent, you want the latest information regarding trainings, matches, youth leadership programs, or anything related to 4-H shooting sports. The fastest way to get the most current information is to be signed up for the 4-H shooting sports mailing list or our facebook page. Enter your email address into the mailing list link below or like our facebook page and you will receive information about the program as quickly as we receive it and post it. Don't be left out of the loop!

4-H Shooting Sports Mailing List link
<https://ucanr.edu/maillists/joinlist.cfm?listnum=1926>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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follow our new
account on
instagram!

