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Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ 4-H Youth Development Program

March 2023

*28	Medal Testing - 6:00 p.m.	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
*28	Leader Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639
31	Cesar Chavez Holiday - UCCE Staff	

April 2023

14	Scholarship Applications Due	Sue McKinney 661-868-6235
*25	Leader Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639
28	Kern County Ambassador applications due	

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**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>*



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2022-23 PROGRAM YEAR FEES UPDATE:

\$65 YOUTH MEMBER

\$30 ADULT VOLUNTEER

IMPORTANT 4-H Online Enrollment Update!

2022/2023 Program Year

4HOnline 2.0 is now live and accessible for all 4-H families. It can be accessed here: <https://v2.4honline.com/>.

For help navigating the new interface, you can download and review the [4H Online Family Enrollment Guide](#).

[Handbook For New Families](#)

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 ismckinney@ucdavis.edu or call 661-868-6235. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf>

4-H Youth Development In-person Meetings Update

- These safety standards must be followed for all in-person UC 4-H activities.
- These protocols apply to all 4-H events that 4-H has responsibility, management, and control of. Host locations may have additional requirements. See link below for complete information.

[Basic Safety Standards for Meeting In-person](#)



2023 Kern County Presentation Day

Congratulations to
our Presentation Day
Gold Medal
Recipients

**Ava Wattenbarger and
Gia Wattenbarger
for their Team Educational
Display,
"The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin"**

They both did an excellent job and
are qualified for the Regional
Presentation Day

2023 Kern County Presentation Day





SCHOLARSHIPS

For Graduating

SENIORS

DEADLINE APRIL 15TH,
2023

APPLICANTS MUST BE CURRENTLY REGISTERED IN
THE 4-H PROGRAM AND BE A GRADUATING SENIOR
ATTENDING A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2023

Kern County 4-H Ambassador Candidate Application Due: April 28, 2023

What is an Ambassador?

A Kern County 4-H Ambassador is the highest star rank that can be achieved at the county level. Ambassador candidates show exemplary accomplishments in leadership, citizenship/community service, and public speaking.

An Ambassador has shown and continues to display the following criteria:

- Enthusiasm and commitment to the 4-H program
- Participation in Club, County, and/or Regional 4-H events
- Demonstrated outstanding leadership skills
- Active in citizenship and/or community service events
- A positive role model for all youth
- Willing to improve public speaking skills

The Honor of Becoming a Kern County Ambassador

The honor of being selected as an Ambassador is the highest award a 4-H member can attain in Kern County.

Ambassadors receive—

- ◊ \$50 reimbursement for business attire (with receipts)
- ◊ Scholarship to attend the CA 4-H State Leadership Conference (SLC) at UC Davis July 26-29
- ◊ \$300 College Scholarship if all requirements are met

After the completion of one year of service as an Ambassador, member will receive both their Kern County 4-H Ambassador *Star* and hat pin at Achievement Program, as well as be eligible for the College Scholarship.

Who Can Apply?

At the time of applying to become an Ambassador Candidate, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be between 14 – 18 years old and meet the 4-H membership requirements for the length of the term of service.
2. Applicant must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H prior to the year of application.

Membership does not have to be the most recent consecutive year.

3. Applicant has earned the rank of Gold Star OR the equivalency (see application for more details).

For more information, email Amy Andrews at amyandrews94@gmail.com

Full application available online at:

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/Kern22/files/134811.pdf>



Premier 4-H

Celebrates



Valentine's Day





4-H Motto:

"To Make the Best Better"

4-H Slogan

Learn by Doing

4-H Colors

Green and White

4-H Pledge:

I pledge

My Head to Clearer Thinking

My Heart to Greater Loyalty

My Hands to Larger Service and

My Health to Better Living

For My Club, My Community,

My Country and My World



4-H participants
are

**1.9
times**

more likely to
have higher
levels of
positive youth
development.



*The Positive Development of Youth: Comprehensive Findings from the
4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, 2013.
<http://www.4-h.org/about/youth-development-research/positive-youth-development-study/>



4-H youth are **1.7
times**

as likely to plan to
take courses or
pursue a career
in science, engineering
or technology.



*The Positive Development of Youth: Comprehensive Findings from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development, 2013.
<http://www.4-h.org/about/youth-development-research/positive-youth-development-study/>



2022-23 Kern County 4-H Community Club Leader Timeline

July 1, 2022 - Happy 4-H New Year! 4hOnline will open shortly for enrollment. Let the 4-H office know when you enroll to be granted access to view your club.

July 1-4, 2022 -Leader Council Fireworks Booth. Each club is required to work a minimum of TWO or more 3 hour shifts at the Fireworks Booth.

July 20, 2022 -DUE! Awards packet including: pin and stripe order, star awards, leader recognition, and club seal calculation. DUE! Record Books for judging.

July 23, 2022 -County Record Book Judging. We need judges! Number needed depends on the number of books your club turns in.

July 26, 2022 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

August 1, 2022 -DUE! Year end club reports! This includes a complete Club Treasurer Book and Club Secretary Book. Record Books for members showing at the fair, enrollment dues and 4hOnline enrollment.

August 16, 2022 -Community Club Leader Workshop @ 6 pm. At least one leader from each club must attend one session.

August 23, 2022 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

August 24, 2022 -Community Club Leader Workshop @ 3 pm. At least one leader from each club must attend one session.

October 25, 2022 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

November 1, 2022 -DUE! Club organization reports, Outreach Form, Enrollment dues for any returning member/leader who didn't show at the fair.

November 5, 2022 -4-H Field Day. Each club is required by Leader Council to donate a minimum of ONE item to the Field Day Silent Auction (worth \$25 or more).

November 29, 2022 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

January 24, 2023 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

February 15, 2023 -Deadline All returning members MUST transfer clubs or add/drop project by this day.

February 28, 2023 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

March 28, 2023 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.





April 25, 2023 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

May 23, 2023 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

June 27, 2023 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

June 30, 2023 -Last Day of 2022-23 Program Year

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July 19, 2023 -DUE! Awards packet including: pin and stripe order, star awards, leader recognition, and club seal calculation. DUE! Record Books for judging.

July 22, 2023 -County Record Book Judging. We need judges! Number needed depends on the number of books your club turns in.

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Attention!

The Kern County 4-H Policy document outlines the policies set forth by the Kern County 4-H Leader Council. If your club does not meet the minimum guidelines the Kern County Fair gate 40 pass will be forfeited.

- Donate a minimum of ONE item to the KC 4-H Field Day Silent Auction (worth \$25 or more)
- Work a minimum of TWO -3 hour shifts at the KC 4-H Fireworks Booth
- Attend a minimum of THREE KC 4-H Leader Council Meetings
- Follow policies set forth in the 2022-23 Kern County 4-H Policy document

ENTRY DEADLINE MARCH 17TH

4-H ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

Merced County 4-H is coordinating the 4-H Archery Tournament this Spring.

Entries are attached and will need to be signed by county 4-H staff verifying each participant is enrolled in the project before submitting.

Targets for Postal entries will be sent by March 30th to the county offices. In-person participants will receive their targets on May 29th at River Oaks Shooting Range.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
JOSE CAMPOS
jaccampos.ucanr.edu

[Merced County 4-H Archery Tournament Rules & Entry](#)

UC Davis Field Day 2023

Friday, March 3rd & Saturday, March 4th

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will be holding its 47th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on Friday, March 3rd (Parliamentary Procedure & Job Interview), and Saturday, March 4th (all other contests), 2023. FFA and 4-H students are invited to compete in 21 agriculturally based judging contests, ranging from livestock judging to farm business management. UC Davis students from a variety of majors coordinate the contests. Faculty, staff, and local community members volunteer their time to make this event possible.

For questions about registration or how to become involved, contact the Field Day Coordinator at caes-field-day@caes.ucdavis.edu or 530-754-0322.

<https://caes.ucdavis.edu/news/events/field-day>

2023 Contest Offerings:

- Agricultural Mechanics
- Agricultural Sales
- Agronomy
- Best Informed Greenhand
- Creed
- Dairy Cattle Judging
- Farm Business Management
- Farm Power and Machinery
- Food Science and Technology (State Final)
- Job Interview
- Light Horse Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Meat Judging
- Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
- Nursery/Landscape
- Parliamentary Procedure and Debate
- Poultry Judging
- Small Engines
- Vegetable Crop Judging
- Veterinary Science

Friday, March 3, 2023 - Job Interview and Parliamentary Procedure

Saturday, March 4, 2023 - All other contests





Project Leader Checklist

This checklist is designed to assist 4-H project leaders in preparing to implement their project(s) prior to meeting with youth (Revised 10/2017)

#	X	Item
1		Have you met your Club Leader(s) and discussed your plan for implementing your project(s)?
2		Have you completed all the steps for becoming a 4-H adult volunteer? (1. Filled out the application and paid fees; 2. Fingerprinted if a new 4-H adult volunteer; 3. Completed required online orientation)
3		Do you have a list of the youth who are going to participate in your project(s) and are they enrolled in the 4-H project(s) you are going to lead? (Your Club Leader or Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator can check for you)
4		Have you developed a project description and lesson plan for what will be covered on which dates and if there will be any cost for participants?
5		Do you have a UC ANR user agreement with the facility you will be utilizing? (Your county staff member must assist you in obtaining this document)
6		Do you have completed and signed youth and adult treatment authorization/health history form on hand for all participants? Youth: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf Adult: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf
7		Have you provided the dates, times, and location of your project meetings to the youth enrolled in your project?
8		Is there at least one additional adult that will be on site with you at each meeting?
9		If you are going to fundraise or secure grant support for your program, have you received approval from your county 4-H staff and County Director?
10		Is there ample drinking water available?
11		Have you reviewed the "4-H Project Leaders Digest" available online at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4462.pdf
12		Do you have "Annual Project Report" forms on hand for the 4-H members to keep track of their project participation? http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220272.doc

For 4-H project leaders

Welcome to the new 4-H program year! Here are a few resources to help you think about organizing a 4-H STEM-oriented project!

- [Project Leader Checklist](#) (right)
- [Project sheets](#) (below) are a guide for 4-H project leaders to develop their projects with meaningful content. These three are examples of the dozens available!



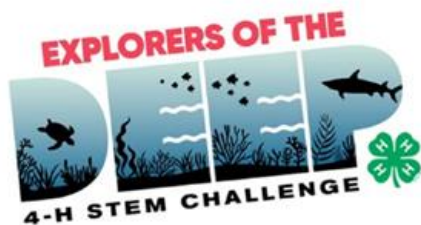
[Astronomy](#)



[Bird](#)



[Climate Science](#)



Explorers of the Deep

Explorers of the Deep, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with robots! Young people learn how to use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to explore Earth’s Ocean and how it relates to all life on the planet.

Explorers of the Deep activities can be done all at once or individually.

1. **Ocean Robot Test Tank** is an activity where youth learn how to “ballast” their ocean robot by adding weights to replicate the sinking and floating behavior of a real ocean robot. They will investigate data collected by ocean robots and learn about the value of ocean exploration.
2. **Ocean Expedition** is a board game where youth navigate their ocean robot around the world while learning key ocean concepts. Topics include aquaculture, climate change, innovation, human impact and the ocean ecosystem.
3. **Ocean Communicator** is an activity in which young people investigate challenges that ocean scientists, engineers and technologists are currently exploring. They design and advocate for innovations and technical solutions that inspire public action.

[Learn more about the 2022 4-H STEM Challenge](#)



Farm Service Agency

Youth Loans

FACT SHEET

August 2019

Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individual youths ages 10 to 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed, and carried out by youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal youth organizations, or similar agricultural-affiliated groups.

The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

Who May Borrow

To qualify for a loan, the applicant must:

- Comply with FSA’s general eligibility requirements; and
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.



How Loan Funds May Be Used

These loans can finance many kinds of income-producing agricultural projects. The loan funds may be used to:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment, and supplies;
- Buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and
- Pay operating expenses for the project.

How It Works

To apply, the applicant must submit completed plans and budgets signed by the project advisor and parent or guardian along with the FSA application for loan assistance.

These loans:

- Have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time cannot exceed this amount);
- Have an interest rate that is determined based on the cost of money to the federal government (after the loan is made, the interest rate for that loan will not change);
- Will be secured, in addition to promissory notes, by liens on the products produced for sale and on chattel property, including livestock, equipment, and fixtures purchased with loan funds; and
- Have a repayment schedule that varies depending on the type of project for which the loan is made. For example, if it involves raising livestock or crops, the loan is paid when the animals or produce are normally sold.

More Information

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or farmers.gov. Find your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

PASSION CREATIVITY INTELLECT CONFIDENCE

UNDERSTANDING

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PERSEVERANCE

WORK ETHIC

LIFE SKILLS

COMPASSION

GIVING BACK

HEALTHY HABITS



FIND YOUR SPARK

DISCOVER MORE AT 4-H.ORG

Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!

JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!

A minimum of **2.5% of every eligible transaction is donated to 4-H.**

Two ways to sign up:

1. Sign up online at <http://www.joann.com/4-H/>
2. Download the free JOANN app on your mobile device. Go to "More" and select "Loyalty Programs".

<http://4h.uca> Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!



Shop 4-H for California!

Thanks to the [California 4-H Foundation](#), we are now signed up for an affiliate program with Shop 4-H, the National 4-H shopping site. Items include t-shirts, curriculum, incentive items and more.

When you purchase anything using [our link](#), 5% of your purchase will be returned to California 4-H!

Online 4-H Treasurer Training Course

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new California 4-H Treasurer's Training in eX-tension. This course was developed by a sub-committee of the State 4-H Policy Advisory Committee and is designed to walk 4-H Club Treasurers through their important role. Access to the course and its unique enrollment keys (different from the required training enrollment keys) can be accessed directly by youth members and volunteers at

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Learning-Development>

The course has already been added to each county's eXtension portal as well.

You can direct any questions or report any issues with the course through our ticketing system at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27435>



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 service of safe food should be a priority for all University of California (UC) events. Any activity where food is served (potlucks, luncheon meetings, etc.) has the risk for food borne illness. If a 4-H YDP group plans to serve food as part of an official 4-H YDP activity, the food preparation and service must be in compliance with all local (city and county) health department rules and state laws. In addition, it is imperative that all county based rules and regulations governing food service activities be observed, including securing appropriate permits. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: <https://www.servsafe.com/access/SS/Catalog/ProductDetail/SSECT6CA>



4-H WEBSITES

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

<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!