

DECEMBER 2008

1	*DUE: Emerald Star Applications	
4	Downtown Christmas Parade	Kimberlee Claffy 661-868-6233
6	* New Leader's Orientation, 9:00 a.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
9	*Food Safety Training, 6:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
10	*Winter Camp Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	John Borba 661-668-6216
12	HI 4-H Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
24-26	UC Extension Office Closed	
31-1/1	UC Extension Office Closed	

*Meeting is at the Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue

JANUARY 2009

1	UC Extension Office Closed	
5	East Kern 4-H Leader's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.,	John Borba 661-668-6216
5	*New Leader's Orientation, 7:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
7	*Home Ec. Field Day workshop, 6:00 p.m.	Veronica Slaton 661-868-6235
7	*Winter Camp Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	John Borba 661-668-6216
8	*Horse Member/Parent Orientation, 7:00 p.m.	Meredith Hendricks 324-2255
15	*Market Goat Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Paul Hudson 661-845-9225
19	UC Extension Office Closed	
23-25	4-H Winter Camp, Tehachapi Mountain Park	
25	*Home Ec. Workshop, 2:00 p.m.	Kimberlee Claffy 661-868-6233
26	*Horse Leader's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Meredith Hendricks 661-324-2255
27	*Home Ec. Leaders Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Kimberlee Claffy 661-868-6233
27	*Leader's Council, 7:00 p.m.	Michele Kern 661-979-3584
29	*Rabbit Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Jana Goens 661-588-2094
30-2/1	LCORT	

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT FOR ALL 4-H FAMILIES
 HELP SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
 KERN COUNTY LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM*
 (Please see article on last page of this newsletter.)

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Kern County 4-H Family Night



Dora the Explorer



Bakersfield Condors vs. Las Vegas Wranglers
Sunday, March 1st, 2:00 pm

Premium Lower Level Rinkside **Only \$17** (normally \$20)
Lower Level Executive Seating **Only \$12** (normally \$16)
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_____ x \$6.00 Terrace = \$ _____

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Orders can be faxed to: (661) 324 - 6929

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Each year, Kern County 4-H members and leaders participate in a variety of events and activities. The success of these programs is due to the volunteer efforts of many dedicated 4-H leaders and parents. Please use the form below to let us know which committees you would like to work on this 4-H year. Not only will you make it possible to hold quality events for our members, you will also have fun working with other 4-H leaders throughout the county.

4-H COMMITTEES 2008-2009

NAME _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ PHONE _____

Please sign me up for the following 4-H Committees (check all that apply):

EVENTS OR SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AWARDS & RECOGNITION | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H FIELD DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H FIREWORKS BOOTH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BAKE DAY | <input type="checkbox"/> HOME ECONOMICS FIELD DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMP (WINTER) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRESENTATION DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMP (SUMMER) | <input type="checkbox"/> RECORD BOOK JUDGING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FASHION REVUE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) _____ | |

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUDIT | <input type="checkbox"/> NOMINATING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUDGET (COUNCIL) | <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BY-LAWS | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOLARSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FUNDRAISING | |

As additional opportunities become available during the year, information will be sent out in the monthly Kern County 4-H Newsletter.

The Cooperative Extension Office receives many requests each year for 4-H members to take animals or other project displays to an event, or participate in a Community Day either as a community service or to promote 4-H. If your club or project group would like to be notified of such events, please check here

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WINTER CAMP 2009 * TEHACHAPI MOUNTAIN PARK

4-H will have a fun-filled Winter Camp this year: **January 23-25, 2009**. Winter Camp is for ALL 4-H members, fourth grade and above. (NO CLOVERBUDS or younger family members.) Space is limited. Make your reservations early. ONLY PAID RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED. Reservations will be accepted (**no postmarks**) through January 9, 2009. No refunds will be given after January 12, 2009.

Two adult leaders per cabin are needed for chaperones. (There is no charge for chaperones.) Leaders must have completed orientation and fingerprinting process and be at least 21 years old. **Clubs must provide 1 adult chaperone for every five youth.**

Code of Conduct and Medical Release Forms are required and can be downloaded from the State website at: <http://ca4h.org> (under "4-H Resources" and "Electronic forms.")

ENCLOSED IS \$40.00, PLEASE RESERVE ME A SPOT FOR 4-H WINTER CAMP 2009.

Name	Club	
Address		
Telephone	Age	Male/Female Roommate Preference (1)
Make check payable to: Kern County 4-H Council		Mail Reservation, Code of Conduct & Medical Release to: Kern County 4-H Office 1031 S. Mount Vernon Avenue Bakersfield CA 93307

We are pleased that you will be attending the 2009 Winter Camp at **Tehachapi Mountain Park** in Tehachapi the weekend of **January 23 - 25**. Please be mindful that there will probably be snow, so plan accordingly. Here are your last minute instructions:

What to bring to camp:

- A positive and cooperative attitude.
- Plenty of **warm clothing and gloves**. Snow boots are strongly recommended. You may need to change clothes and shoes if you get wet in the snow.
- Slides, inner tubes, plastic sleds (be sure you do not bring skis, sleds, or toboggans with metal blades, etc.) any other play equipment for snow fun.
- A flashlight, **warm** sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, toilet articles, towel, soap, washcloth, etc. The cabins are heated, but they do get cold.
- Be sure to mark any items you bring with your name.
- Participants are asked to bring a bag of cookies to share for snack time.

DO NOT BRING ELECTRIC APPLIANCES – HAIR DRYERS, CURLING IRONS, ETC.

In case of emergency, and emergency only, the camp can be reached at 822-4632.

Code of Conduct:

Read and sign the Code of Conduct and be sure you understand what is expected of you while at camp. Member and Volunteer Code of Conducts can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/forms>

Medical Release Form:

Parents must sign the Medical Release Form. Minor and Adult Medical Release forms can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/forms/>

Bring the signed Code of Conduct and Medical Release Form with you to camp. You will not be able to stay at camp without these two forms completed and turned in.

Times:

Arrival time is **4:00 p.m.**, Friday, **January 23** Camp will end at **10:00 a.m.**, Sunday, **January 25**. Please pick up your campers by 10:00 a.m.

OLDER 4-H MEMBERS MAY NOT DRIVE THEMSELVES, OR OTHER MEMBERS, TO CAMP. DO NOT BRING CONTRABAND ITEMS TO CAMP (Silly String, Shaving Cream, etc.) WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT LUGGAGE.

PARENTS: PICK UP YOUR CAMPERS AT 10:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY MORNING. No early pickups, the cabins and camp must be cleaned before the campers can be released.

4•HERS COMBAT GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

The 4-H Million Trees Project (4HMT) began last spring as a seedling in the minds of Belmont, California 4-Her Laura Webber and her dad as they considered what they could do personally to combat global climate change. Over the next few months the idea developed, like a fast growing sapling, to become the 4-H Million Trees Project (www.4hmilliontrees.org.)

The main goal of 4HMT is to have 4-H youth across the country team together to plant one million trees. The plan is to build a network of 4-H clubs and units by working through the 4-H organization in each state. To quickly build a national network of clubs and units, project leaders will ask all 50 state directors to distribute the E-mail invitation to their County Reps/Agents, and ask each County Rep to forward an invitation via E-mail to their County Reps/Agents, and ask each County Rep to forward the invitations to the clubs and units in their county. Youth involved in the 4-H After School programs and Military 4-H are also invited to participate.

“The goal of this service-learning project is not only to plant one million trees to combat global warming,” said Project Leader Tom Webber, “but to teach 4-H youth that by working together they can make a big impact on their world.” There will be numerous benefits to the project. Along with addressing the climate crisis and teaching valuable life lessons to 4-H youth, the leaders and members of this project will learn to write grant proposals, prepare and give presentations to clubs, schools, foundations, companies, etc., develop a network with 4-H clubs across the nation, coordinate and maintain the website, manage communications and the project database, form partnerships with non-4-H organizations, write or encourage others to write articles about the project, get publicity on television, learn to interview and be interviewed, learn to be responsible leaders.

Trees are at the heart of this project. Project members figure that if each club plants and cares for at least twelve native and locally adapted trees per year over the next four years, the project can reach its goal. One million is a big number, so this will be a challenge, but these 4-Hers are dedicated to the project and want to do their part to help resolve the climate crisis.

Since the project started in March 2008, over 20,000 trees have been registered on the project website, planted by 6,600 4-H youth in 26 states. All 4-H clubs and units are invited to participate, and they just need to register their trees by filling out the convenient online form using the Registration page of www.4hmilliontrees.org.

If anyone is interested to help with, become a member of, has any ideas for, or support 4HMT, they are urged to contact the project at 4hmilliontrees@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.4hmilliontrees.org.



THE MAGICAL FOREST

IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD ELVES

Presented by the Bakersfield Association for Retarded Citizens (BARC) the Magical Forest is a winter wonderland of lights and festive displays atop the Stockdale Tower Parking Structure at California Avenue and Mohawk. The activities include Santa's Secret Shoppe, a forest of sights and sounds, tantalizing food, Santa at the North Pole, the Grinchmobile, Tinker's Village, the Magical Forest Express train and live entertainment.

If the idea of spending a few hours in this enchanted environment makes you start humming Christmas carols then you're the volunteer we need. BARC is looking for volunteers to work at the Magical Forest during its' run from December 5-28, 2008. The event is open Monday-Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 5-9 p.m. Volunteers are needed to work in various areas, including the ticket booth, Tinker's Village and Santa's Secret Shoppes, the photo booth and the café. If you are available to work in any of these areas, please contact **Karen Odle, Project Coordinator at 661-834-2272, ext. 278.** Volunteers will also receive a family four pack of tickets (2 adult & 2 children admissions) to the Magical Forest.

Join in the fun this holiday season and help BARC and their non-profit partners, Bakersfield Police Activities League, M.A.R.E., Houchin Blood Bank, Optimal Hospice Foundation, Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill and Teen Challenge continue to provide services to local families.

HOW DO I REACH MY

LOCAL 4-H OFFICE

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Kimberlee Claffy 4-H Secretary
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(Special Projects Only)

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4-H WEBSITES

<http://www.areyouintoit.com>

<http://www.fourcouncil.edu>

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

<http://www.ca4h.org>

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE

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

4-H CAFÉ RETIREMENT NEW
CHAIRPERSON SOUGHT!!!

Ms. Carol Jones is announcing her retirement as the 4-H Café Chairperson. Ms. Jones will be retiring after the 2008 Kern County Fair year. Also retiring will be co-chair Laurie Bennett, as well as Ron Bennett. We need someone to take this over! This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the 4-H Council, as well as a great way to get information out about 4-H! The 4-H Café is located in the Harvest Hall building at the Kern County Fair. This café has been a staple at the fair for 4-H families and fairgoers alike, let's not let this significant spot fold. If you are interested in becoming the new chairperson of the café please contact Carol Jones at 831-1740.

☘ CLOVER COUNTRY

National 4-H Council and EMI Music are producing a country music compilation CD called *Clover Country-Songs from Famous 4-H Alumni*. This innovative project, never before seen in 4-H's history, includes 11 hit songs from confirmed 4-H alumni who are all country music superstars. Artists include: Alabama, Luke Bryan, Glen Campbell, Johnny Cash, Vince Gill, Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Reba McEntire,

Dolly Parton, Sugarland, and Grammy-award winning songwriter. Hillary Lindsey who recently recorded her new song "The Clown" just for *Clover Country!* The CD is available in select retail outlets, and through the Purchase Now button on www.clovercountrycd.com

THE 2009 STATE FASHION REVUE
CHALLENGE PATTERN IS

SIMPLICITY APRON □ 9565



Start with Simplicity pattern #9565. Change it to suit your needs! Will you wear it in the kitchen, to barbecue, for woodworking, while you paint or for animal grooming? The possibilities are endless! For example, you could adjust the neck strap; make it shorter, longer, smaller or larger; change the pockets or

eliminate them; add trim or appliqués; experiment with fabrics, colors or details. Purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your apron. This pattern was chosen for the 2009 Challenge because it is suitable for beginners to advanced. Happy Stitching!

FARMERS MARKET SEEKS
EGG VENDERS

If you have a poultry project that produces quantities of fresh eggs and you need a place to sell them, consider the Farmers Market. The Farmers Market sells local fresh farm produce and they are in need of egg venders. For more information contact Roger Williams at 661-747-9243

2009 HOME EC FIELD DAY

In addition to last year's placemats, additional categories are being added to our annual Home Ec. Field Day. Judging criteria will soon be added to the website.

Sewn/Handmade Potholder or Hotpad
Sewn or Embellished Dish Towel or Tea Towel
Sewn/Handmade dishrag
Embellished bath towel set
Embellished pillow case
Sewn/Handmade usable kitchen or bath accessory of members choice

Embellishments may include a wide variety of things, **provided the item remains usable and washable.** Ideas include: fabric painting,

stenciling, sewn trims, crocheted edge or top, and embroidery (including red work).

Since this year's Fashion Revue Challenge is an apron, all apron categories normally offered at this event, will be moved to Fashion Revue.

HELP US RECYCLE!!!

The HI 4-H Group is doing a recycling project as a fundraiser! We would like you help!!! We are collecting **cell phones, ink jet cartridges, and laser jet cartridges.** You can drop these off at any time at the 4-H office!!! If you have any questions about this, please contact Veronica at 661-868-6235. Thanks for helping!!!

VOLUNTEER WEBSITE

The **volunteer leader website** is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu

FREE CANNING JARS AVAILABLE

There is a supply of larger type canning jars available at the UC Extension Office. If a 4-H Food preservation project group would like some for their canning project, contact the office at 661-868-6233.

4-H STORIES SOUGHT

The State 4-H Office is looking for **innovative and impactful 4-H stories.** Stories feature 4-H groups, projects or activities on the State 4-H Homepage (www.ca4h.org). The State 4-H Office will even write the story for you! If you have a story, please contact Emily Lane, State 4-H Office student assistant, at erlane@ucdavis.edu Current stories may be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/4HDelivers.asp>

The yearly calendar of upcoming 4-H events is posted online at:

<http://cekern.davis.edu/youth%5FDDevelopment>

WESTERN REGIONAL LEADER'S FORUM
Western Regional Leader's Forum (WRLF) will be hosted by Colorado State **February 25-March 1, 2009**. Online registration available beginning October 1, 2008. See website: <http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09>. This event is a volunteer leader forum full of hands-on workshops to enhance project development.

MILITARY MAIL

CHRISTMAS NOVEMBER 25

VALENTINES JANUARY 10

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Relay For Life

A Team Event to Fight Cancer



We are in the process of forming our 2009 Kern County 4-H Relay for Life Team, and would love to have you join us in this rewarding endeavor! There are many different ways to participate even before the event begins. You can register online at <http://www.relayforlife.org/bakersfieldca>.

Cloverbuds: Cloverbuds are welcome to participate when accompanied by an adult.

Fundraising: The above website includes a section on Fundraising tips. Other group fundraising opportunities will be developed over the next couple of months, including a couple of potential food booths.

Parade: *We have the opportunity to participate in the 2008, Downtown Christmas Parade, "Christmas as it should be." Rain or shine the parade will be held Thursday, December 4. 4-H members and families are welcome to help decorate the float, and walk behind it during the parade. Seating on the float is reserved for Cancer Survivors and those receiving treatment.*

Silent Auction: Last year's Silent Auction at Relay for Life was a huge success. This year we will be starting earlier, and encouraging anyone who is interested to make items that can be sold. Anything not purchased at the May event can be held back for a Bazaar to be held in the Fall of 2009. A large project such as last years purple ribbon quilt has yet to be finalized and your ideas are welcome.

Walkers: Sometimes we have more shifts to fill then we have people who have raised funds can handle. We will always welcome members and their families to fill in those extra shifts.

*Remember, anyone unable to attend the event in May is still welcome to participate in all other aspects of the event. If you have any questions please contact Kimberlee at 661-868-6233. **(With the parade just around the corner please contact Kimberlee as soon as possible if you are interested.)**

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The California 4-H International Exchange Program is looking for host families who are able to host teens from Costa Rica, Finland, and Japan for one month during the summer of 2009. Yes, Costa Rica is now included in our offering - are you ready to brush up on your Spanish? 4-H will also offer an outbound program to Australia in 2009. Information about the international exchange opportunities is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/index.asp>.

Is your county or club looking for an opportunity to participate in a **domestic exchange** with a 4-H club in another part of the U.S? **Lancaster County, PA** 4-H is hoping to establish a domestic exchange for 2009-10 or 2010-11 with an interested California 4-H group. Scenic Lancaster County includes Amish country and is centrally located close to Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Washington DC and Hershey. For those interested, please contact Sharon Sherick at ssherick@dejazzd.com.

4-H HAT ETIQUETTE

What you may put on your cap



Left Side

- Place the Bronze, Silver, Gold, or All-Star 2" from the front. Only the current Star Rank held may be worn.
- Place the Junior or Teen Leader emblem behind the star. This is worn only while the member is serving as a Junior or Teen Leader.
- Fasten the All-Star pin to the center of the All-Star emblem.

Right Side

- Place a year pin and stripe for each completed 4-H year behind the 4-H emblem, with the first year next to the 4-H Clover.
- Junior members wear a white stripe on a green background. Senior members wear a green stripe on a white background. Junior Leaders use a gold stripe on a green background and Teen Leaders use a gold stripe on a white background.

- Medals received in the California Incentives and Awards Program may be worn on either side of the cap. No other pins or ribbons are to be worn on the cap at any time. The 4-H cap should reflect the dignity of the 4-H Youth Development Program and not be cheapened by fastening to it every emblem, award, and ribbon won by the member. Some items not to be worn on the hat include buttons, fair medals, or all three stars at the same time.

Which, When, and Where?

- Wearing a 4-H cap is not a requirement for membership. If a member chooses to wear a cap the following guidelines should be observed.

Green or White?

- Junior members wear the green cap. A junior member is anyone in the 8th grade or below. Senior members wear the white cap. A senior member is anyone in 9th grade and above.

When to Wear?

- Girls may wear the 4-H cap anywhere girls usually wear hats -- 4-H meetings, events, public gatherings and in church.
- Boys do not wear the cap in church, at meals or at memorial services, indoors or outdoors, unless they are serving as color guards. Boys serving as color guards wear their caps until the flags are placed and they are seated. When saluting the American flag, remove your cap and hold in your right hand, over your heart.

Where to Get?

- Obtain 4-H caps from the local club leader who purchases them from Leslie Carman. The manufacturer sews the 4-H emblem on the right side of the cap. For information on obtaining a cap, scarf, or tie locally, contact the Extension Office at 661-868-6233.

BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

4-H members may enter the **2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest**. The 2009 essay topic is "The Dance Language of Bees." Essays are due February 13, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2009BeekeepingEssay.pdf>

STATE FASHION REVUE INFORMATION
 Announcing the **2009 Challenge category for State Fashion Revue** - Simplicity Apron pattern #9565. This pattern is unisex and is suitable for beginners to advanced. Start with this pattern and change it to suit your needs. Do you plan to wear it to barbecue, while painting or for animal grooming? Personalize your apron to fit, add trims or appliques and experiment with fabrics and details. Make or purchase an outfit to coordinate with your apron. **State Fashion Revue will be May 30**, as part of State Field Day on the UC Davis campus. Contact your county office for entry information for county and state fashion revues. The committee has openings for teens and adults to promote and organize State 4-H Fashion Revue. No sewing experience is required to be on the committee! If you are interested, please contact Sue Moore at samoore@ucdavis.edu or Kylie Deal at dmtigers06@yahoo.com

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD LEADERS
 Applications are available for the **District Leader** position with the 2009 California Focus Program. Young adults ages 18-25 who have completed one year of work or college preparation are eligible to apply for this internship. Applications are on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/intern/2008%20staff%20flyer.pdf> and are due **January 5, 2009**. This is a great opportunity to stretch your leadership skills by developing and carrying out this dynamic program. Come be a member of the California Focus team! More information is available from Pat English, 530-754-8520 or penglish@ucdavis.edu.

The **2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador** applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2009, have leadership and event planning experience, and ability to represent the 4-H YDP. 4-H State Ambassadors plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference, represent the California 4-H YDP, and conduct team projects. Applications are due **March 31, 2009** and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>.

The **State 4-H Horse Classic**, educational events for Spring 2009, and championship horse show in Summer 2009 are all currently being planned. The State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee is narrowing dates and confirming locations. Visit the web site regularly for updates <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. The 2008 results are posted and winners from all years are also listed. The 2009 information will be posted in December.

SOUTH CENTRAL
 LEADERSHIP
 CONFERENCE OF
 REGIONAL TEENS
 (LCORT)

For counties: Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Stanislaus, Tuolumne.



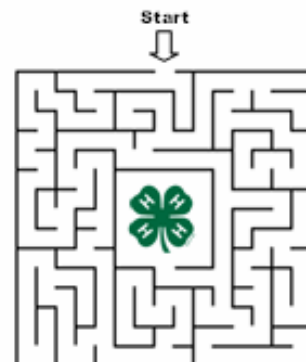
To define and develop your leadership abilities. To have an opportunity to meet and share ideas with other youth your age. To expand your perspective on the world around you and to have an enjoyable time.

January 30 - February 1, 2009
 Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA
 7th - 9th grade 4-Hers
 \$95.00
 "4-Hers to the Rescue! Find Your Inner Super Hero!"

Applications are available at:
<http://www.ca4h.org/conference/seconf/>

4-H Clover Maze

Can you make it to the 4-H Clover in the center of the maze?



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Transportation: Volunteers who drive during a 4-H event should remember that their automobile insurance coverage is primary and the university's insurance coverage is secondary. Arrangements for transportation of youth to 4-H events are the responsibility of the parents. County 4-H staff do not provide permission slips allowing members to ride with 4-H leaders or parents.

Fundraising: Any fundraising done in the name of 4-H must first be approved by the County Extension Office. The Club Event or Fund Raiser form needed for approval can be found online at:

<http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/files/11397.pdf>

Please keep in mind since 4-H receives Federal funding, the 4-H name or likeness cannot be used in conjunction with any games of chance, raffles, chances to win, cow pie contests, etc.

The Silent Auction conducted annually at Field Day, and other Door Prize drawings are acceptable as they are not games of chance. Everyone has the same odds of winning.

**BREEDER* LEADER □ FEEDER SEMINAR
FOR MARKET GOATS**

January 10, 2009, Herald California

There will be a BREEDER, LEADER & FEEDER seminar for Market Goats on January 10th 2009 at the Herald Barn in Herald, CA (just East of Galt) starting 9 am to 3:30 pm. This will be a hands-on seminar to help all of those who are involved in the Market Goat and Show Goat markets to help educate in selection, nutrition, feeding, grooming, dehorning & castrating, health, industry guidelines and marketing their goats. (A similar seminar was put on back in 2001).

There will be a session for the FEEDERS and for the LEADERS in which Joe Raff will evaluate wether goats of various ages to teach about selection, growth potential, skeletal makeup and muscular potential in the goats. We will also have a session for the BREEDERS in selection and for sires and dams to produce the best possible meat goats. Breeders are encouraged breeders to bring some of their own stock for evaluation on

the sires and dams to give them a greater knowledge as to the direction of their breeding programs.

GUEST EDUCATORS WILL BE:

- Joe & Nikki Raff of Texas
- Jan Carlson of UC Davis
- Kim Stackhouse of UC Davis
- Adam Mendonza of Bar-Ale Feed

Cost is \$5.00 per person, groups of 5 are \$20.00. Pre-Registration is due by 01/03/09

This Seminar is Sponsored by:
BAR-ALE FEEDS – Williams, CA

J & J Livestock – Wilton, CA

www.jandjlivestock.com

Sundance Kids – Stockton, CA

www.sdksundancekids.com

While Rail Ranch – Porterville –

www.whiterailranch.com

Beef Word Scramble

See if you can unscramble the names of these 10 beef breeds. (Check out the word bank if you need some extra clues.) Then, spell out the hidden message using the marked letters.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The University of California Cooperative Extension – Kern County office is looking to spread a little holiday cheer to the “unbefriended” elderly with the Kern County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

For further information please contact Sharon Crane at 661-868-6200.

Below is a list of multiply requested items:

Ladies: Slippers, hooded zipper sweatshirt (L, XL), sweatshirt (L), sweatpants (L), sweatsuit (M, 2X), scarf, toilet articles, underwear, socks with rubber grip, teddy bear, sweat pants (3), pullover top (3), hair ties, scrunchies, nail polish, poncho/shawl, bathrobe (M, L), moo-moo dress, slippers, loose fitting dress (M),

Mens: Zipper sweatshirt (XL XT), slippers (12), sweatpants (XL), sweatsuit (L, XL, XXL) socks, beanie, white undershirt (L), baseball cap, shirt (L), cologne/perfume, boxers or shorts (L), toilet articles

Either: Writing pads, envelopes, stamps, calendar, book markers, large print magazines, picture frames, candy, crayons, coloring books, books, large bath towels, watch, books on tape, tape recorder, muffler, socks, slippersocks, scarves, lotion, backpack, hairbrush, construction paper, colored markers, liquid glue, blunt scissors, blanket/throw, coloring fuzzy poster, bed sheets (twin), bed blanket (twin)