

Imperial County 4-H Intercom



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September 2009

4-H Office 760-352-9474

4-H Leaders Council Meeting

Sept. 3, 2009. 6:00pm training, 7:00pm meeting Farm Bureau auditorium, 1000 Broadway, E.C. Agenda items include: new registration process and fees, 4-H BBQ and the 4-H SET Initiative. Training at 6pm will cover the new enrollment procedures (A repeat of material covered at Aug. 27 Comm. Club leader meeting.)

4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting

Sept. 17, 2009, 7:00p.m. @Farm Bureau auditorium, 1000 Broadway, El Centro.

CALLING ALL OFFICERS!!

Officer Training

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2009

Time: 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Place: LDS Church – corner of 8th Street and Ross – El Centro

ALL officers should plan on attending. Parents and leaders also encouraged to participate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Deadline for 4-H enrollment: NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Insurance costs: Youth fee is \$12 and \$6 for leaders. Don't let the date pass you by – No enrollment means no entry to the Fair for 4-H livestock/still exhibit participants in 2010.

STAR AWARDS/
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Date: September 19, 2009
Time: 6:00p.m.
Place: Frank Wright Middle
School Cafeteria
885 N. Imperial Ave. Imperial
Sponsored by:
M&M, Magnolia,
United Valley



Upcoming Events:

Attention Leaders – A Learning Opportunity!
Leaders Forum – November 6-8, 2009 @ Asilomar, CA
This year's event theme: **4-H Past, Present, Future**
List of workshops and registration materials are available on the CA 4-H website: www.ca4h.org
Conference registration is due by Sept. 1, 2009

Leaders: Now is a great time to recruit new leaders for the upcoming year. **Remember, every adult who wishes to work with 4-H members must be issued a leaders card.** To earn the card, the adult must be cleared through the DOJ fingerprinting requirement and must attend a Volunteer Leader Orientation. Call Jennifer at the 4-H Office to begin the process.

September

03 – Leaders Council Meeting – 7pm
07 – Labor Day – Office Closed
12 – Officer's Training – 9am-11am
17 – Livestock Leaders Meeting – 7pm
19 – Star Awards/Achievement Night

October

01 – Leaders Council Meeting – 7pm
04-10 – National 4-H Week
15 – Livestock Leaders Meeting – 7pm
17 – Prepare Meat
18 – 4-H BBQ/Poster Contest
21 – Citizenship/Emerald Stars Apps. Due
22 – Citizenship Interviews
24 – Volunteer Leader Field Day
30 – Last Day to Buy Horse/Beef



"SHOWCASE" YOUR SKILLS!

October 4-10, 2010 is National 4-H Week. Several years ago the Leaders Council sponsored a 4-H Showcase at the Imperial Valley Mall. Members were encouraged to bring their projects (either actual projects or educational displays), set them out for public viewing and be present for several hours to answer questions about the project and about 4-H in general.

We are seeking a 4-H member to serve as a chairperson for this event. Responsibilities would include facility arrangements and communication with the 4-H audience to garner support and participation.

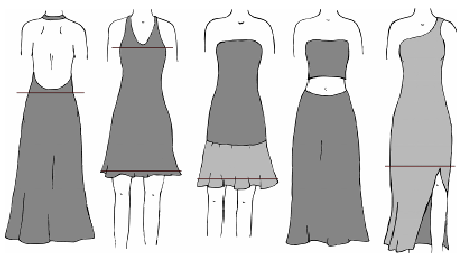
Please contact Jennifer at the 4-H office no later than September 11 if you are interested. This would make an excellent Emerald Star project.

4-H MEMBERS EVENT DRESS CODE

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending 4-H events.

Clothing

- All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events.
- Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
- Excessively baggy or tight clothing, and clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
- Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.



Love Horses? Want to know more about them? Want to do more than showmanship? Then join the Valley Wide Horse Knowledge Project! We will meet monthly, learn and compete against each other and then hit the road to compete against other counties. We will also load our project with fun times like trail rides and the hottest new game with horses....horse soccer! If interested call Courtney or Betty Miller at 996-1869 &/or 996-3070.

4-H Participation Makes a Difference!

Those of us involved in the 4-H YDP have long known that participation in 4-H programs makes a difference in the lives of youth. Now we have evaluation data that supports these long held claims. Data collected in a national longitudinal study of 4-H and non 4-H youth provides strong evidence that when the strengths of youth are aligned with healthy positive youth development practices youth thrive (Learner, 2007, 2008, and 2009). (Several youth from Imperial County 4-H participated in this study)

Here are some of the highlights of the national study:

- Youth who were in 4-H for at least one year by eighth grade were 3.5 times more likely to contribute to their families, themselves and their communities.
- 4-H youth ranked 41% lower in risk/problem behaviors measures than youth who participated in other out-of-school time activities.
- 4-H youth were more behaviorally and emotionally engaged in school.
- Youth who participated in 4-H at least twice per month:
 - Showed greater confidence
 - Reported higher grades
 - Were 1.6 times more likely to plan to go to college
 - Scored higher on civic identity and engagement measures
 - Had a greater ability to express opinions on community issues
 - More likely to help neighbors and bond with adults and teachers
- Youth who participate in 4-H are more likely to participate in science, engineering, and technology activities, projects and programs, and:
- Report they plan to take science, engineering and technology courses after high school
- Pursue careers in science, engineering and technology
- Perform higher than their peers in science and engineering subjects

*The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development <http://ase.tufts.edu/iaryd/> ;waves four, five and six data.

