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San Benito County 4-H Updates

November 20th, 2015 4-H Updates

1. **Holiday Dinner-December 6th**
   Mark your calendars! The Holiday Dinner will be on December 6th at 5:00 at the Vets' Hall. Please bring one canned food item per person, one toy per family, and a dozen cookies. Please RSVP here: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=16670
   See the flyer below for more details.

2. **2016-2017 All Star Applications**
   The 4-H Office is now accepting All Star Applications through **November 20th**. You can access the application under "County Forms" here: http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/ Please note: the document referenced in the application, "How to Apply for All Star," is currently under review and therefore not available at this time. It is anticipated to be available sometime after the Youth Leadership and Recognition meeting on October 14th. Upon its publication, applicants will receive a copy of the updated form requesting their signature.

3. **November Council Meeting**
   The November Council Meeting will be held on November 23rd at 7:00 at the Vets' Hall. Please review the agenda below and contact Emily Whiteley if you have any additions or corrections. Any agenda updates need to be submitted by 12:00, Friday the 20th.

4. **Carcass Contest**
   Everyone is welcome to attend the San Benito County Fair Beef Carcass Contest dinner event on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Heritage Room at Bolado Park. Contest awards are generously provided by the San Benito County Cattlemen's Association and dinner is sponsored by the 4-H Council and the Ag Boosters. Please RSVP to kbianchi@sbhsd.k12.ca.us by November 27, 2015.

5. **Committee Binders**
   If you were on a committee last year, please turn in your committee binders to the office by December 1st so that they can be updated for the new year.

6. **Update on Bill Coates**
   Bill is recovering from the surgery, getting appointments lined up to start chemo and radiation.
   A menu schedule for meals for the family has been set up and can be accessed here: Mealtrain.com/y6ny9y

7. **A Message from the All Stars**
   The San Benito County All Stars would like to thank everyone for attending the 2015 All American Achievement Night. We are blessed to have such active members in our county and enjoyed the opportunity to reward them for all their efforts. If you weren't able to attend, contact Emily at the 4-H Office for your officer gifts (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and historian only) or your club leader for your general packet. Thank you to everyone once again.

Sincerely,
2015-2016 San Benito County All Stars.

8. **New Record Book Manual—Adult Partners' Guide**
   It's here! The long-awaited companion to the new Record Book Manual can be accessed here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/225147.pdf Be sure to check out the helpful "What's Changed" sidebars on each page!

9. **Eligibility Update**
   Please be aware that the State 4-H office is no longer using grades as the basis for eligibility and is now strictly going by age. This will include any conferences, as well as judging categories (Junion 9-10; Intermediate 11-13; Senior 14-19).

10. **Disaster Preparedness**
    In preparation for the predicted El Nino, the SBC Office of Emergency Services will be hosting several workshops on what to do prior to the rains. You can also sign up for CodeRed emergency alerts which will send a notification via text message of any emergencies or disasters effecting our county. For more information, please see the flyers below.

11. **Tack Box Missing From Fair**
    The tack box was located under the Heritage Room and is a large rectangular wooden box with black handles and a long-necked master lock. If anyone happened to take it home by accident or has any information regarding its whereabouts, please contact Shelley at 831-628-3501.

12. **South Central Section Representatives**
    Our county needs two adult representatives to attend the quarterly South Central Sectional Council Meetings. The next meeting is on February 13th, 2016 at the UCCE Tulare 4-H Office. For more information, please contact Judi Johnson at jj2x@att.net or 831-636-8178.

13. **Thank You Notes to Council**
    Remember, if you received a gift card or award at the Fair Awards Ceremony or if you went to SLC this summer you need to write a thank you note to Council. If you have not already done so, please turn your thank you notes in to the 4-H Office. Please note: The new Record Book Manual states that thank you notes no longer count as a communication credit in your Record Book.

14. **Veterans Building Use**
    As we begin our new 4-H year, please remember the following when using the Veterans Memorial Building:
    -Make your room reservation requests using the URL link: http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?id=124
    -Bring your RSVP with you to the meeting in case there is confusion or a room gets double booked

-Let the Vets Office know if your plans change, don't just assume you can move your meeting to another date or another room
-Return the key to McKinnon by 12:00pm the next day so it is available for the next renter
-Take out the trash
-Turn the AC/Heat off

15. Room Reservations

To assist scheduling meetings that the 4-H Office, Bolado Park and the Veterans Memorial Building, we have developed on-line survey's for you to request reservations. Complete the appropriate reservation request for your desired facility and a staff member from that facility will confirm your reservation. To ensure accuracy and timeliness phone, email or in person requests will no longer be accepted.
4-H Conference Room Reservation Requests: http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?id=125
Bolado Park Reservation Requests: http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?id=123
Veterans Memorial Building Reservation Requests: http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?id=124

16. Meeting Locations

Please remember to leave your club and project meeting locations just as you found them. This includes cleaning up any spills or messes made during your presence at these locations and making sure tables and chairs are set up according to specifications before you leave. By leaving the location clean after a meeting, you are representing the program well and respecting the buildings that we are able to use.

17. Club Reporters

Are you your club's reporter and don't know what to do? As part of your office, I would encourage you to submit club or project reports to the office for inclusion in the weekly newsletter. Just send your reports to: emcwhiteley@ucanr.edu Not a reporter, but still want to submit updates? That's great—feel free to email them to me as well! Remember, if you are not a reporter and submit a club or project update, then you can receive a Communication credit for your Record Book for every article you submit!

18. New State Presentation Manual

The new State Presentation Manual is now available! There are new categories and requirements, so be sure to take a moment to look it over. You can find the manual here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf

19. New 2015-2016 Record Book Manual

The 2015-2016 Youth Record Book Manual is now available! Please take the time to review this updated manual as there are some changes for next year's Record Books. Also, be sure to look for the Adult Volunteer Record Book Manual that is due to be released in October. The new manual can be seen here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/218972.pdf and the updated forms can be found on this page:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/

20. Club Record Book Pins Available at the Office

Clubs can purchase their club level Record Book pins from the Office for $4.60 each. These pins are awarded to members who received a gold seal on their Record Book at the club level. Please contact Emily Whiteley if you are interested in these pins for your club.

21. State 4-H Newsletter-October Issue

The October issue of the State 4-H newsletter is now available here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220677.pdf. Please take a moment to take a look at it and learn more about opportunities in the program at the state level. San Benito County is featured on pages 1 and 6!

22. Participation Guidelines

This year's county Participation Guidelines have been posted to the county website and can be found here: http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/files/218206.pdf

23. Submitting to the Updates

If you have an announcement, need or opportunity you would like to promote in the 4-H Updates, please email Emily Whiteley at emcwhiteley@ucanr.edu by 12pm every Friday with "copy ready" information, and I will gladly include your information into the weekly 4-H Update.

24. Office Hours for the Weeks of November 23rd and 30th, 2015

Please refer to the weekly update for office hours.

Wednesday 11/25:	Open 9:00-5:00
Thursday 11/26:	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
Friday 11/27:	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
Wednesday 12/2:	Open 9:00 – 5:00
Thursday 12/3:	Open 9:00 – 2:30
Friday 12/4:	Open 9:00 – 5:00

The office will also be closed on: December 24 – January 1

Have a great week,

Emily Whiteley
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Attachments:
Attachment 1: Holiday Dinner Flyer
Attachment 2: Code Red Flyer
Attachment 3: Be Prepared for the El Nino Flyer
Attachment 4: November Council Agenda

The 2015-16 San Benito County All Stars invite you to The Annual 4-H Holiday Dinner

- It will be held December 6 at 5:00pm at the Vets Building
- There will be food, games, and fun
- Please bring:
  - one canned food item
  - one toy per family
  - a dozen cookies to share
- Clubs are welcome to donate a gift basket for the drawing
- RSVP to: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=16670

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For more information, contact the Office of Emergency Services at 831-636-4168 or go to:
www.cosb.us/county-departments/oes

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Please Join Us...

With predictions of a wet winter we hope you can join us to get tips and resources to help you and your family prepare and stay safe.

Staff from Public Works, Fire Law Enforcement, Red Cross, the National Weather Service, along with staff from San Benito County Office of Emergency Services will be presenting and available for questions

BE PREPARED FOR EL NIÑO

When & Where

Monday, November 16th - Council Chambers at San Juan Bautista City Hall, 311 Second Street, San Juan Bautista, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 17th - Board Chambers at San Benito County Administration Building, 481 4th Street, Hollister, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 18th - the Gym at Southside School, 4991 Southside Road, Hollister, 6:30 PM

Learn About:

- El Niño Forecast
- Emergency Preparedness Kits
- Sandbag Distribution
- What to do Before, During and After a flood
- How the city and county is preparing

Sponsored by the San Benito County Office of Emergency Services.
For more information contact
831-636-4168

San Benito County 4-H Council Agenda

November 23rd, 2015 7:00 PM Veterans Building

1. **Call to Order** — Brent Shepard
2. **Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge**
3. **Additions to the Agenda**
4. **Minutes (previous meetings)** — Audrey Liddle
5. **Correspondence** — Audrey Liddle
6. **Treasurer's Report** — Lois Pape

7. **Club, All Star, and Emerald Star Reports**

Ausaymas	Bitterwater	Cienega	Fairview	Paicines Clover
Pacheco	San Juan	Santa Ana	Sunnyslope	Union
All Stars				

8. **Youth Presentations**
   a. Fairview 4-H Activity Grant Request
   b. Juliana Figone Revolution of Responsibility

9. **Committee Reports**
   a. Travel Committee — Susan Stricker
   b. I & R: — Lisa Tobias

10. **Staff Reports**
    a. Youth Development Advisor/County Director — Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty
    b. 4-H Program Rep — Emily Whiteley
11. **Old Business**
    a. Carcass Contest — Lisa Wright
    b. South Central Section Representatives — Judi Johnson
    c. Travel Application — Travel Committee
    d.

12. **New Business**
    a. 4-H Foundation Funds — Lois Pape
    b. Council Committees — Emily Whiteley
    c. Sunrise Breakfast — Emily Whiteley
    d.
13. **Announcements**
    a. Office closed-November 26th-27th
    b. Breakfast with Santa-December 5th
    c. Holiday Dinner-December 6th
    d. Enrollments for Fair eligibility due to office-December 31st
    e. Office closed-December 24th-January 1st
    f. Council Meeting-January 25th
    g. LCORT-January 29th-31st
    h.

14. **Adjournment**

Next Council Meeting: January 25th, 2016 / 7:00pm / Veteran's Memorial Building

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