



San Benito County 4-H Updates

December 4th, 2015 4-H Updates

1. **Holiday Dinner-December 6th –This Sunday!**

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. See the flyer below for more details.

2. **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.

3. **Lights On Christmas Tree**

Congratulations to the All Stars for winning 3rd place on their Lights On Christmas Tree. Please see below for a picture.

4. **LCORT Information for Delegates**

The Travel Application is now available and needs to be turned in to the 4-H office by December 11th. You can find the application here:

<http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/files/226379.pdf> .

Please reference the delegate FAQ for a packing list here:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/218312.pdf> . In 2016 county delegations are encouraged to bring new or gently used board games for donation to Wonder Valley. These will be used by youth groups throughout the year, including a special summer camp for burn victims.

San Benito County Council is providing the bus again this year. More information about pick up/drop off will be available soon.

5. **Project Enrollment Deadline—December 31st**

If you are planning on exhibiting an animal at a fair this year, you need to be signed up for that animal project by December 31st. Please contact Emily to verify which projects you are currently enrolled in. If you need to enroll in a new project, don't forget to leave enough time before the deadline to collect the necessary signatures. Please use this form to add a project and turn it in to the office by December 31st:

<http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/files/169026.pdf> Because of holiday hours, if the office is not open, you can put the form in the drop box on the outside of the conference building.

6. **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!

7. 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 (Junior 9-10; Intermediate 11-13; Senior 14-19).

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Veterans Memorial Building

The main hall, kitchen and stage of the Veterans Memorial Building will be unavailable for the months of January and February due to new floors being installed. Please make plans accordingly and remember to make your reservation requests at least one week prior to needing the facility.

13. 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

14. 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>

15. 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.

16. Club Reports:

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November was a busy month. Our club participated in many activities. We donated and served hot chocolate at the Small Steps program. We collected canned food and purchased turkeys and Thanksgiving dinners for six local families. We also participated in the Downtown Association's Tree Decorating contest and the Lights-On Parade. We also have a committee putting together table decorations and gift baskets for the upcoming Holiday Dinner. -submitted by Brittany M., Club Reporter

Fairview:

In November our club made Christmas ornaments and decorated a Christmas tree that was donated to a less fortunate family. We also decorated a truck and trailer and rode in the Lights on Parade which we had a blast doing. In December we had a secret Santa gift exchange at our monthly club meeting and signed Christmas cards for soldiers. Our club will be attending the annual Holiday Dinner which we have made a gift basket and table decorations for. We also purchased new toys which we will donate LIVE ON TV with KSBW Share your holiday on Friday Dec 11 @ 5:15 LIVE ON KSBW. This month we will be assembling our "No Sew Doll" community service project that was brought to us by Meghan. A congratulation to Emmy for 2nd place and Juli for 6th place in the San Benito Fair Carcass Contest. Fairview 4-H and our families would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New year. -submitted by Billy M., Club Reporter

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-December Issue

The December issue of the State 4-H newsletter is now available here: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/226280.pdf> . Please take a moment to take a look at it and learn more about opportunities in the program at the state level.

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. New 4-H Program Representative to Start January 5, 2016

I am pleased to announce that Niki Chiunti will be joining the UCCE San Benito County team as our new 4-H Program Representative on Tuesday, January 5. Niki comes to us with seven years of experience as a 4-H Program Representative in San Joaquin County and several more years as a volunteer. We are excited to welcome Niki to the county and are confident she will do an excellent job of meeting our needs and providing support to the program. Niki can be reached at 831-636-5346 x 13. Her email will be forthcoming.
-Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty

25. Farewell to Emily

I'd like to publically thank Emily Whiteley for serving as the interim 4-H Program Representative for the past nine months. Her last day in the office will be Friday, December 18. Emily has been an excellent colleague and contributor to the program and we will miss her. Good Luck Emily! -Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty

26. Office Hours for the Weeks of December 7th and 14th, 2015

Please refer to the weekly update for office hours.

Wednesday 12/9: Open 9:00 – 5:00
Thursday 12/10: Open 9:00 – 2:30
Friday 12/11: Open 9:00 – 5:00

Wednesday 12/16: Open 9:00 – 5:00
Thursday 12/17: Open 9:00 – 2:30
Friday 12/18: Open 9:00 – 5:00

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

27. New Office Hours

The UCCE San Benito County Office will have new hours beginning January 5, 2016. Please make note of these changes.

Weeks 1 – 3 of the month:

Tuesday: 8:30am – 5:00pm: 4-H
Wednesday: 1:00pm – 5:00pm: Administration
Thursday: 8:30am – 5:00pm: 4-H and Administration
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm: Administration

Week 4 of the month:

Monday: 12:30pm – 5:00pm: 4-H and Council Meeting (7:00pm – 9:00pm)
Wednesday: 1:00pm – 5:00pm: Administration
Thursday: 8:30am – 5:00pm: 4-H and Administration
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm: Administration

Have a great week,

Emily Whiteley

Interim 4-H Program Representative

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Holiday Dinner Flyer

Attachment 2: All Stars' Christmas Tree

Attachment 2: Code Red Flyer

Attachment 3: Be Prepared for the El Nino Flyer



*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

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

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, 4814th Street, Hollister, 6:30 PM

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

Sandbags: • Southside Yard
• Airport
• Fire Station Union +
airline.



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