



*San Benito County  
4-H Newsletter  
November 9, 2016*

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**1. Bill Coats- Services November 14<sup>th</sup>**

It is with great sadness that I share the passing of Bill Coates, UC ANR Emeritus Pomology Advisor for 30 years and 18 year 4-H volunteer who lost his fight with cancer November 6, 2016.

**The service for Bill Coates will be Monday, Nov 14, 4PM at the Gilroy Presbyterian Church. Reception following.**

Even as we feel sorrow for the Bill Coates' family, we are happy to share a great idea from one of the Dads in the Union 4-H Club:

Please write a letter, poem, positive thoughts or pictures about your memories of Bill during the many years he served 4-H. Please forward all items to Sandra Green, Union 4-H Community Club Leader to be put together in a book for the family. Please get this in to Mrs. Green no later than December 15 as a special Christmas gifts for the Coates family. Thank you, He will be greatly missed.

## 2. **#Giving Tuesday**

4-H will be participating in Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media. This event takes place the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. The UC ANR and 4-H raised \$13k last year. We are looking to do better this year. We need your help to reach the 4-H global goal.

## 3. **Holiday Dinner – December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Come One! Come All to San Benito County 4-H Holiday Dinner on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

We are asking each family to bring:

- a. Canned food good
- b. Unwrapped gift
- c. Dessert.

We look forward to each 4-H club bringing:

- b. Creative holiday centerpiece
- c. Prize basket

The festivities will include a Holiday dinner, friendship and laughter!

## 4. **Holiday 4-H club dinners and parties**

Thank you for being courteous to other member's family's religious beliefs and calling your club party or dinner "**Holiday**" not **Christmas**.

## 5. **4-H Birding Citizen Science Project – Starting in December:**

4-H Junior and Teen Leader Opportunity!

Beginning in December, Youth Development Advisor Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty will once again offer the 4-H Birding Citizen Science Project that will run December through June on the 4th Saturdays of the month (more details to follow), and I am interested in having junior and teen project leaders.

If you are a 4-H member in the 6th through 12th grade, have an interest in hiking, wild birds, habitat investigation and leading fun educational activities, please email me by November 11th at [lschmittmcquitty@ucanr.edu](mailto:lschmittmcquitty@ucanr.edu) so I can engage you in the planning and implementation of the project.

Once project details are determined, a second announcement about enrolling/registering for the project will be sent.

## 6. **Snow Camp- Sign up by Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

Santa Cruz County 4-H members would like to invite San Benito County 4-H members and leaders to participate in Snow Camp. Snow Camp will be held February 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> at Nevada 4-H Camp in Tahoe. Cost is \$160 including meals and lodging in cabins at the Nevada 4-H camp. Come join the fun and

read about all the actives available while registering at:  
[http://cesantacruz.ucanr.edu/Youth\\_Development/Camps - Conferences/](http://cesantacruz.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/Camps_-_Conferences/). We can except up to 85 leaders and members.

**7. Livestock Enrollment Deadline – December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

If you are planning on showing an animal at the San Benito County Fair, you must complete your 4-H enrollment by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Register at <https://california.4honline.com>.

**8. Sustainability Committee:**

The Sustainability Committee will be meeting on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7 – 8 PM at the Vet's Building Room #204. The purpose of this committee is to compose a policy to be presented to Council for governing the endowment gifted to San Benito County 4H by Georgia Wapple Frazer. This will be the first of several meetings, and will start with the county treasurer presenting a brief history of the endowment, our current financial situation, and projections for the future. We will then begin discussing policy options. All of this will then to be taken back to our clubs and committees for continued discussion. The Wapple Frazer Endowment funds our county programs and any changes that are made are likely to affect all San Benito County 4H members. It is highly recommended that every club and committee have adult and youth representatives attend. Questions can be directed to Rachel Taylor – County Treasurer (rachel@tayloraccounts / 831-313-3573).

**9. All Junior and Teen Leaders Requirements:**

All junior and teen leaders must sign up and participate in leadership project, so sign up today if you have not already signed up!

**10. Enrollment Coordinators and Members**

Go into 4-H on-line and register now. Here is the link:  
<https://california.4honline.com>. If you need help registering online or require paper enrollment, please call the 4-H office.

Enrollment Coordinators be sure to confirm the members before December 31<sup>st</sup> so, the 4-H office can approve the member's enrollment. The 4-H office will print the pending enrollment list and member that have not re-enrolled for every club by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The information will be in your club box. We look forward to you helping to clean up the enrollment issues for your club.

**11. Lab Top Computers- Available to Use**

We have lap top computers in the 4-H office available for check out to clubs to hold an enrollment night at your 4-H club meeting.

**12. New 4-H Office Hours:**

Wednesday: 8:30 to 5:00pm  
Thursday 8:30 – 5:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**13. Holiday Schedule for 4-H Office:**

4-H Office Closed – November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day

4-H Office Closed- November 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving

4-H Office Closed- December 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> – for Holidays

**Happy Holidays from the 4-H Staff!!**

