San Benito County
4-H Newsletter
January 31, 2018

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1. Sunnyslope 4-H Updates

Sunnyslope 4-H is off to a running start in 2018 as we continue to add new members and projects! We spent the holidays giving back to our community. Our club adopted a family in need and provided them with all the holiday trimmings. We also collected and purchased toys to donate at KSBW Share Your Holiday. Some of our members were even on TV! We enjoyed putting together a camping themed basket to raffle at this year's Holiday Social. At the social we made holiday banners that we later took to convalescent homes to help spread the holiday cheer. Sunnyslope 4-H had the Grand Champion Christmas Tree for the second year in a row at the Light's on Parade tree decorating contest! Our Outdoor Adventure Project took a hike to Fremont's Peak where they were able to see out to the Monterey Bay and all over Hollister and Gilroy. Our club also has a new Equine Project that started meeting last month. Our club members participated in a Winter Social where we went bowling in Gilroy. We enjoyed playing, socializing, and eating pizza. Sunnyslope began the process of planning and hosting this year's Pancake Breakfast. Last, but not least, we look forward to hearing from our recently returning members about all they experienced at this year's Bay Coast Youth Summit!

Valentino Cross
Sunnyslope 4-H Reporter

2. Joanne Fabric Store Event

Joanne Stores will be hosting a 4-H event making Valentine Cards with 4-H, Saturday, February 3rd from 11 am – 2 pm

Save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards!

Current & lifetime members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to support 4-H programming. Here is the link to register http://www.joann.com/4-h-form/.

3. **4-H Snow Camp**
   We will be having a snow camp meeting on February 4th at Live Oak Grange,
   4pm. If you have not attend the previous snow camp meeting this is an opportunity for you to pay your registration fee, turn in medical forms. We also would like to invite families to swap snow cloths at this meeting. The teams will be planning the evening actives for snow camp.
   If you have any questions, email dianesampson88@gmail.com.

4. **County Presentation Day**

   Calling all 4-H members!

   Do you want the opportunity to develop an important skill while at the same time earning credit for your Record Book, as well as receiving participation gifts? Then look no further than Presentation Day! This event allows you to polish your public speaking skills as you present and receive feedback on your presentation. County Presentation Day will be on March 10th at Tres Pinos School. The deadline to register online is March 1st. Don't forget to review the Presentation Manual to see which types of presentations you can choose from (http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf). Presenters who receive a gold seal at County can move on to the Sectional level. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Whiteley (email: weslynn@razzolink.com or text (831) 313-   9652).

   If this is your first year participating in Presentation Day, please think of joining Union's Public Speaking Project. The purpose of this project is to offer coaching for members as they prepare their presentations for Presentation Day. Covering subjects such as writing introductions and conclusions, stance, and answering questions, this project offers helpful opportunities to learn and practice as members prepare their presentations for the event. Meetings will be held on the following dates: January 26th, February 9th, February 16th, and March 2nd. The meetings (except for the one on the 2nd) will be from 4:00-5:30 at the Whitley's home. A follow-up meeting will be held after Presentation Day, though the date has not yet been set. If you want to practice your presentation before Presentation Day, Union's Public Speaking Project will be hosting a mock Presentation Day on March 2nd beginning at 4:00. Contact Emily Whiteley for more information as well as the location.

   4-H Leaders, does your club or project have a fun, hands-on community service project? Do you have an unusual project that more members should know about? If there is a simple, hands-on activity that can promote your project, we'd love to incorporate it into Presentation Day! The Presentation Committee is looking for a community service activity, as well as a project-related activity for members to work on while points are being tallied. If you have any ideas or your club or project is interested in hosting an activity, please contact Emily Whiteley by February 26th.

   For more information go:
   http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Events_and_Conferences/Presentation_Day/.

5. **Adult Leader Training**
   We have some misunderstanding about the adult leaders training for returning and new adult volunteers.

   Returning Adult Leaders:
   Course Overview:

The Returning Volunteer Training is designed to give volunteers returning for the 2017- 2018 program year. The information to prepare them for service in 4-H. This training has 3 components that are designed to be completed in sequential order. The course does not need to be completed in one sitting and will pick up where you left off when you return to it. The overall training will take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

Who Should Attend: Adult Volunteers Returning for the 2017-2018 Program Year.

Technical Note: This training works best using the Mozilla Firefox Browser.

New Adult Leaders:
Course Overview:

The New Volunteer Training is designed to give new volunteers basic information to prepare them for service in 4-H. This training has 4 components that are designed to be completed in sequential order. As you complete each section, lessons in the next section will appear.

The course does not need to be completed in one sitting and will pick up where you left off when you return to it except for the Orientation Video which is an actual video.

The overall training will take approximately 3 hours to complete.

Who Should Attend: New Adult Volunteers

All adult leaders must complete the online leaders training by February 28th!

If the leaders online training is not completed by February 28th your 2017-18 enrollment record will be purged. You will have to complete the adult leader process by starting over.

New Adult Leaders will have to complete the following steps:
- Complete the interest adult leader survey
- Interview with the 4-H office
- Re-register your 4-H enrollment in 4-H online
- Re-process the live scan
- Complete the adult leader online training

Let prevent this from happening by completing the leader online training!

An adult leader has three different ways to complete on the adult leader training.
- Complete training on line at https://campus.extension.org.
- Create Account, **County Code: San Benito and Enrollment Key: SanBenito**
- Santa Cruz 4-H office is offering "GROUP" adult leader on-line training at the 4-H office in the conference room on February 11th at noon for new leaders and returning leaders at 1:00 pm. Address: 1430 Freedom Blvd, Ste E, Watsonville
- State Webinar **Volunteer Training Zoom Webinar:**
  To further assist volunteers and county-based staff to complete the required trainings by February 28, 2018 we will be offering Zoom based courses. We will offer multiple Zoom courses in late January and February, that will be delivered and administered from the State 4-H Office. Participants need to INDIVIDUALLY pre-register at least 1day prior to the desired training date using the following links:

  - **Sunday, February 11, 2018**
  - Start Times: 12PM-New Volunteers
  - 1PM Returning Volunteers
  - Registration URL:
  - https://ucanr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5T0Mn9uYQiq793F_akb-pw

> **Saturday, February 24, 2018**
> Start Times: 9AM-New Volunteers
> 10AM Returning Volunteers
> Registration
> URL: https://ucanr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GldTJfr1R3qKOofW8UaLoQ

> **Monday, February 26, 2018**
> Start Times: 6PM-9PM-New Volunteers
> 7PM-9PM Returning Volunteers
> Registration
> URL: https://ucanr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qjgi4VLaQCCxalZZqmPDyg
> Documents needed for the training can be downloaded below: They can be either printed and hand written during the training or filled in using the Adobe Acrobat Reader that can be downloaded free at https://get.adobe.com/reader/
> eXtension Webinar Quiz http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/275734.pdf
> Foundation of Positive Youth Development Reflection Guide http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/275756.pdf\

- Thank you for all the support, leadership, and guidance you provide the youth in our 4-H program. We could not have a 4-H program without the leadership of volunteers and youth. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort you put into this program.

6. Pancake Breakfast Tickets

We have provided each 4-H club with pancake breakfast tickets to sell. We are encouraging all 4-H families to sell at least 10 tickets per 4-H members. The proceeds go to your 4-H club and spread the word about the amazing 4-H program. The top 10 sellers for the pancake breakfast tickets will receive special prizes!

If you need additional pancake breakfast ticket's or interest in participating on the committee contact Dawn Thomas at dawnthom@razzolink.com.

7. Straw Volunteer Project – Community Service

The STRAW Program, Point Blue Conservation Science has invited the 4-H families to participate in the planting at Gonzales Ranch on Saturday, Mach 17th. This a great way to provide community services and earn credit in your record book while working towards earning your next star raking. Thank you in advance to all the 4-H families that help with this event. For more information email Jennifer Benson, *Restoration Project Manager at jbenson@pointblue.org.*

8. I&R Committee

We will be sending out the senior scholarship forms to all high school senior in the next few weeks.

9. **2018 4-H Farm Agreement**
   - 4-H farm agreements are posted on the 4-H website: http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/files/277513.pdf.
   - 4-H members will turn in the completed farm agreements to 4-H office. You may place your farm agreement in the drop box at the 4-H office outside the conference room.
   - Sue Dike, Farm Chairman will collect your payment of $10 per animal prior to your animal arriving on the farm.

10. **Computer Science Project:**

Santa Clara County 4-H running a new computer science project in the spring time will partnership with Google called CS Pathway. We'd like to invite members from San Benito county 4-H to join us. If you are interested contact Curtis at 4h@curtis.in.

where: 1553 Berger Dr., San Jose (Santa Clara County extension office)
when: Wednesdays 6 pm-7:30 pm,
who: ages 9 and older
what: computer science project, with one group learning Scratch (block based   visual programming) and another group learning Python (text-based programming, for those with prior programming experience)

One of our goals is to help prepare leaders in 10 counties to start their own computer science projects for next program year, so we'd love to get in touch with interested folks in our neighboring counties especially. If you are interested contact me directly with questions at 4h@curtis.in.

11. **Bay Coast Youth Summit C- Wrap Up**

We are proud of the job our teaching team did at Bay Coast Youth Summit lead by Aryanna, Madison, and Bonnie the 2017-18 All Star. They all did a great job leading seasons on "Science and Engineer Program". The teaching team provided many fun and engaging challenges for everyone to participate in at the conference. We also had the largest participate from San Benito County 4-H program. We look forward to a teaching team and 4-H members participating next year!

12. **Announcements and Deadlines:**
   - February 4th -9th – 4-H Rep will be out of office – 4-H office is open
   - February 16th -20th Snow Camp
   - February 26th County Council Meeting
   - February 28th Last Day to complete online leader training
   - March 1st Presentation Day online application Due
   - March 10th County Presentation Day
   - March 17th Straw Volunteer Project
   - March 23rd Pancake Breakfast Tickets are Due
   - March 26th County Council Meeting

13. **Submitting Updates:**

If you have an announcement or opportunity you would like to promote in the 4-H community, please email me at jkatawicz@ucanr.edu or 831-763-8015. The newsletter comes out the following Monday after the 4-H county council meeting.

14. 4-H Program Representative Contacts Information and Office Hours:
Julie Katawicz at 831-637-5346 x13 or jkatawicz@ucanr.edu
Office Hours:
Wednesday: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
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Attachments:
San Benito County website:
http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/
State Newsletter:
http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Happy-New-Year-California-4-H-ers--January-4-H-Updates.html?soid=1126432148776&aid=Rgnsyc6ottc