



San Benito County 4-H Newsletter July 2020

We hope this newsletter finds all of the 4-H Families in good health! We are taking precautions to help keep our 4-H families and staff healthy. We have received approval to hold in person meetings with a maximum of 8 youth and 2 adult leaders on July 10th after all leaders complete the following requirements due to COVID-19 procedures:

1. Complete the reading on procedures for hosting meeting and protecting the families against the spread of COVID-19
 - a. COVID-19 Phase 2 Safety Protocol checklist for 4-H adult leader volunteers
 - i. Link: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/328136.pdf>
 - b. COVID-19 Phase 2 Information for 4-H program and 4-H leader volunteers
 - i. Link: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/328135.pdf>
2. After reading the information, fill out the survey
 - a. Survey link:
<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=30579>
3. All leaders will have to provide material and cleaning supplies for the meeting. Your 4-H club may budget for the cost of the cleaning supplies for 4-H meetings. Please check with your 4-H club leader about the coverage of cleaning supplies.
4. All leader holding a meeting, please make sure to follow the following 5 Basic Mitigation Protocols to insure the safety of our 4-H families and your family:
 - Do not come to participate in any in-person 4-H activities if you are sick or have COVID19 symptoms (frequent cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell) or if you or someone you have been in contact with is diagnosed with COVID-19.

- **Maintain six feet of distance between people at all times.**
- **Wear face coverings (cloth or paper masks, cloth bandanas, etc.) when six feet of separation between people cannot be maintained.**
- **No group meetings/gatherings/events with more than 10 persons.**
- **Maintain sanitary practices – frequently clean and disinfect workspaces and equipment, wash hands often, and use hand sanitizer.**

5. We have also posted the information on the front page of our 4-H county website under COVID-19 training for 4-H leaders.

We encourage online meetings using zoom or other media resources. We have many online resources to assist leaders with project meetings. We are happy to schedule the zoom meeting and send the link to the 4-H leader to disturb the 4-H members. Please send your email request to the 4-H office at jkatawicz@ucanr.edu with the date and time of the meeting at least two days prior to meeting.

The UCCE & 4-H physical office still remains closed until further notice. UCCE staff including 4-H staff are working remotely. We are scheduling a meeting to help serve the 4-H community by appointment only. Please email jkatawicz@ucanr.edu or (831) 205-3180 for assistance with the 4-H program.

We are going to implement the “4-H Way” by continuing our plan to get our mission of learning experience and fun for our 4-H youth. We have many outstanding resources on the 4-H website to help with ideas and instruction for online 4-H project meetings. Check out our 4-H online resources at http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Online_4-H_Project_Resources/.

What a crazy ending to our 4-H year! We still have a few items that need to be completed for the 2019-2020 4-H year. We have just completed the enrollment for the 2nd part of the year. Your 4-H club will be receiving an invoice for any additional 4-H enrollment fees due to the 4-H council. We have received our final invoice from the 4-H state office this last week. We also will need to complete the secretary book, treasurer book and historian books. Please email Julie at jkatawicz@ucanr.edu if you are missing any bank statements. I will be obtaining the June bank statements for the clubs this next week. I will send them out to the 4-H community club leaders. We have all the forms for these books on the 4-H county website under forms tab. Books are due to the 4-H office in conference by 5 pm on August 6th. Links: http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/.

4-H county Record Book - The 4-H office will be receiving the 4-H county record books on August 6th until 5 pm in the conference room. You will drop off the record books and club books. We will pass the record books to the chairman for the judging team. Please check with your club leader for the deadline on 4-H club record book judging.

2020- 2021 Enrollment- We have just started our new 4-H year. It is time for the enrollment process and leader online training videos. We are encouraging everyone to register before August 31st to save money on registration fees. Here is the registration fees:

We have 3 tiers fees, two payment options **PayPay App. use "scb4hcouncil@gmail.com as payee** or **ON-LINE payment survey system!** Additional fee will apply for credit card transactions for enrollment fees. You may also pay your 4-H club leader directly with cash or check. We have fee waivers for families facing some financial difficulties at this time.

2020-2021 - Returning Youth Member Enrollment Fee with cash/check discount schedule:

- Early Bird Special: July 1st - August 31st = \$70
- Regular: September 1st - October 31st = \$80
- Late Enrollment: November 1st to June 30th = \$90

2020-2021 - New Youth Membership \$70

2020-2021 Returning Adult Leader Enrollment Fee with cash/check discount schedule:

- Adult Volunteer Membership (renewal or new): \$24.00
- Enrollment links: http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Get_Involved/.

4-H Project Ideas:

We are all struggling to be creative with new project ideas for the youth in our program. I would like to share some ideas that may help you with the youth in your project:

- Create a short 60 to 90 video about their project. Post on the 4-H club website. The youth can work together to come up with new ways and ideas to promote and learn about their 4-H project

- Provide a supply list for the youth to work from home on a project. Host a zoom meeting to share their project and experience creating this project.
- Break the groups into smaller groups for in person meeting up to 8 youth and 2 adults on skill levels. Such as beginning, intermittent and advance this will help to keep the interest of the youth while expanding their skills.
- Speak to the youth to find out their interest for new ideas for the 4-H project year.
- County online project resource page:
http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Online_4-H_Project_Resources/

We encourage everyone to share new ideas and methods for 4-H project year. We are all embarking on new projects under the current circumstances. Thank you for your creative ideas and leading our youth to a brighter future!

Fair Updates:

We have received notice that all three local fairs have been cancelled. The fair managers are working on ways for our 4-H members to show via virtual shows and virtual auctions. We are all adapting to a different way of life this year but the good news is that we still have some form of fairs!!

We ask that you visit the fair website for more information about the livestock shows and entries. We ask that you contact the fairs with additional information.

San Benito Fair:

All livestock leaders with 4-H members showing livestock at the San Benito County Fair will need to pick up the pre-tagging material from the fair on July 16th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

“Tag Pick Up Thursday July 16 from 4:00-7:00pm: Leaders please email your tag order to dara@sanbenitocountyfair.com or call 831-628-3421 by 12:00pm on July 16th and we will package your tags ahead of the pickup time. Your order should include the number of hog tags, number of lamb tags and number of goat tags you need, listed separately. They will be ready at tables in front of the Fair office. You will drive up to the table, to sign for your tags and take them. If you do not call ahead you will drive up and order your tags and park and we will take them to you

once they are packaged. You will not leave your car and we will minimize contact for safety purposes.”

See attached flyer on the procedure from fair manager for picking up tags.

New Fundraiser: Our 4-H program has teamed up with Cobalt Solar on a fundraiser for the San Benito county 4-H program. The proceeds of the donation from Cobalt Solar System will benefit the 4-H program to help set up “Forever 4-H fund” to help offset the cost of 4-H office staff that is now required for us to raise by our state office. We have talked about ways to help not put the burden onto the 4-H families through fundraising. We have teamed up with Cobalt Solar System as our first fundraiser.

Here are the details of the fundraiser from Cobalt Solar Systems:



“Cobalt Solar has designated San Benito 4-H as one of the beneficiaries of their donation campaign. For each solar installation where a homeowner designates San Benito 4-H, a donation of \$500 will be made. You can contact Cobalt Solar at Contact: Nani Saffer, nani@cobaltsolarsystems.com or 831-524-2543. UC neither supports nor endorses said vendor.”

Emerald Star Project - Now is the time to plan a new Emerald Star project. We can be creative in different ways to reach our community online. Think of a project we can all do at home and drop off after the shelter in place is lifted or delivered now to people in need of cheering up, or supplies. We have such an amazing group of youth and families in our program. I can not wait to hear your ideas. Emerald Star application:
http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Awards_Programs/Emerald_Star/

SLC (State Leadership Conference) Update:

SLC (State Leadership Conference) will be held virtually - Vision 2020 SLC, July 24-26.

“The State Ambassador and the members of the SLC planning team are working diligently to create an engaging and interactive on-line experience. Schedule and registration will be announced within the next few weeks from the state 4-H office.”

Update on Statewide & National 4-H events:

Changes to 4-H state and national events (as of 5/27/2020):

Due to the restriction from the CDC and Governor of California due to COVID-19 the 4-H state office is making the following changes for the coming year:

Virtual Events:

Virtual State Fashion Show will be held later in the summer, date TBA.

State Leadership Conference will be held virtually, July 24-26

Horse Education Contests will be held virtually. Date TBA.

4-H Horse Classic - This is being rescheduled as a virtual contest. It will not require a Qualifying Horse Show to participate. A checklist for county leaders is being developed as guidance on who can participate. Currently postponed, date TBA.

Canceled:

Citizenship Washington Focus- Canceled for 2020

Leadership Washington Focus- Canceled for 2020

California Focus - Canceled for 2020

California State Fair - Canceled for 2020

Postponed:

Volunteer training-Backstage Pass Fun with a Purpose - Postponed to Fall 2020

April 29-May 10 Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover campaign is postponed until further notice.

Rescheduled:

National 4-H Conference - Rescheduled to Sept. 26 - Oct. 3, 2020

Camping Conference - Rescheduled to 2021

Guidance for Event Planners

We are always interested in new ways to improve our 4-H program. Please send us suggestions by email to jkatawicz@ucanr.edu. We would be happy to share your creative ideas of new projects.

Stay strong, safe and enjoy your summer,

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TODAY IS GOING TO BE
THE BEST
TOMORROW WILL BE
EVEN BETTER

San Benito County Fair Livestock Leaders and Exhibitors

LEADERS LIVESTOCK TAGGING INFORMATION



For the 2020 Virtual San Benito County Fair Livestock Show and Sale we will only be allowing Market Animals or Poultry and we will only allow one (1) sale item per exhibitor. Turkeys, chicken meat pens and rabbit meat pens are considered a sale item.

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Tag Procedure: Leaders will make arrangements to safely tag their students animals, using proper distancing, masks and ppe. You will ensure the tagging sheets are properly completed and take photos of the tagged animal. Be sure the majority of the animal and any distinguishing features can be seen in the photo.

Tag Return Procedure: Leaders or designated assistant will package all completed tagging sheets, all broken or unused tags and all photos (printed or on one digital storage device) and return to the Fair office;

NO LATER THAN 4:00pm on FRIDAY JULY 31, 2020

We will not accept individual submissions from parents or exhibitors. One person must deliver the tagging information to the office for the entire club or chapter.

Entry Process: Entries will be accepted on paper forms only this year.

PAPER ENTRIES ARE DUE ON JULY 31, 2020 by 6:00pm

in person or Postmarked with a USPS Postmark. Metered mail date is not accepted.

Classes, entry fees, 2020 rules and an abbreviated guidebook containing updated virtual show, sale and delivery information will be available on July 10th.

YQCA Certification is required even with the virtual platforms please be sure to encourage your students to complete it as soon as possible.



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Dear Market Livestock Award Donors,

We are reaching out to you with another unprecedented change in our traditional Fair experience. Our market livestock show is scheduled to be an online experience this year and we will not have any breeding or feeder shows. We have begun working with Walton Webcasting to set up a platform for our exhibitors to upload video of them, in uniform, showing their animals. This will give them an opportunity to have a judge evaluate their entry and place it in a format that will eventually identify the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. The animals will be weighed at the Fairgrounds before trucking to the processor. Those weights will be forwarded to Walton and they will break classes so the animals will be competing with similar size animals, as in a live show. We do not know the dates the shows will be webcast yet, but, as soon as we do, we will post them and provide links to the show on our social media pages and our website. This process will also include an online Market Auction hosted by Stock Show Auctions. The exhibitors will upload a photo of their project animal and the Auction will be open for bidding and add ons for several days. Buyers will be allowed to make a custom purchase and have it processed for pick up at Freedom Meat Locker.

We know this is not the way any of us want to see our Fair happen, and we know that this process is causing disappointment for many exhibitors and their families. We are disappointed too. We are working hard on many fronts to move up hill on sliding sand. We are looking at over 70% revenue losses on the grounds this year and restrictions for any events we may be able to have are so difficult to overcome with our small staff we are having to cut back more extremely than we ever imagined we would. We also know that many of you and your businesses are in a similar struggle to keep your businesses open.

On a positive note, we have had requests from community members to donate to our Livestock awards. In an attempt to make that available, we are opening our Fair awards program with a slightly different look this year. If you are interested in donating to awards for the Market Livestock show exhibitors, your donation of any amount will go into a pool with all other donations. When we reach the final date to accept donations, August 14th, we will know the amount we have to spend to purchase awards. To minimize production and mailing expense we are attempting to reach you all by email and social media posting. If we have to mail letters or documents we will reimburse that cost from the donations before determining the final amount to spend on awards. Our awards committee will then research awards that are fun and still fit in the budget. We do not guarantee buckles or any specific awards. We will not be able to take a donation for any one award. All award donations will be part of the pool and will be spent entirely on the awards program expenses; postage, purchasing items and shipping.

Thank you for your continued support of the San Benito County Fair and Fairgrounds and our youth exhibitors. Please share this letter with any other interested donors, and contact us if you have any questions; 831-628-3421 or dara@sanbenitocountyfair.com. Return the bottom portion with your donation and check or call the office to make a credit card payment.

2020 MARKET LIVESTOCK AWARD POOL DONATION

***Donations must be received in the office by Friday August 14th*
to be available for awards**

Donations received later will be returned or you may designate them for general operations support.

Name: _____

Donation amount: _____

Checks made payable to the 33rd DAA can be mailed to PO Box 780 Tres Pinos, CA 95075.
Please consult your tax professional to determine the benefit of your donation.

