



**San Benito County**  
**4-H Newsletter**  
**August 10, 2020**

We hope this 4-H Newsletter finds you in good health and spirit. Our world and 4-H program has changed in many ways this year. We have many outstanding 4-H leaders and families working on adapting to the new way of life in our world and 4-H program.

*We would like to encourage families to stay in 4-H! We all value the 4-H program, friendships and leadership the youth gain in this program. We encourage you to help provide a positive experience in our 4-H program by being creative and expanding our learning styles this year. Let's make this a great 4-H year together!*

We encourage your family to complete your 4-H enrollment today for the 2020-2021 4-H program year. ***If you are interested in showing livestock, poultry or rabbits at fairs in 2021 then you will have to enroll in 4-H by December 31, 2020!!!!***

**2020- 2021 Enrollment-** <https://california.4honline.com/>.

On July 1, 2020, we started our new 4-H year for 2020-2021. It is time to re- enroll in the 4-H program and leaders will need to complete this year returning leader online training.

We have 3 tiers fees, **three payment options:**

- PayPal App. use "scb4hcouncil@gmail.com" as payee
- 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.
  - 4-H enrollment fee waiver form: <http://cesantacruz.ucanr.edu/files/154287.pdf>

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/](http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Get_Involved/).
- Online returning leaders training at <https://campus.extension.org/>.
- **Enrollment Key: SanBenito**

**We understand that many families are not happy with the lack of in person meeting for 4-H projects. I do not blame you or your 4-H leaders, we are following the California Governor ordinance, UC Risk Managements guidelines and CDC requirements due to COVID-19. Our goal as a 4-H program is to protect the families and follow the ordinances per our Governor, CDC and UC Risk Management (which 4-H is under).**

We are a strong group of people that will be even stronger with adapting our 4-H program to new ways of delivering our 4-H program for the youth in our community.

We have been approved to host meetings with up to 10 people including 2 adults. 4-H office staff filed an appeal to increase our 4-H project and 4-H club meeting size to accommodate more people in an outdoors meeting setting. We received a denial at this time to our appeal.

We are suggesting holding the meetings for beginning, novice and advanced levels in your 4-H projects. The advantage to this way of learning is the older youth stay engaged and leaders find renewed energy and way to lead the 4-H projects. We are asking more people to set up and help the current 4-H project leader with this new way of 4-H project programming. We greatly appreciate all of our 4-H leadership and family members in our amazing San Benito 4-H program!

#### Suggestions:

- As teen leaders work with your project leader to host and lead projects for the beginning members in your project while your 4-H project leader works with another group of youth in the novice or advanced 4-H project group.
- Host meeting at the same location and time in different areas led by leaders to stay within our requirements of 10 people per meeting area.
- You may look at holding the meeting at a park or a leaders house with acreage to be able to spread out when hosting a meeting.
- We can also use online learning tools to help create projects.
  - Send the youth a list of items needed to complete the project at home.
  - Host a zoom meeting and have all the youth create the project at home while attending the zoom meeting.
  - Everyone can help each other with issues that arise, laugh and interact with each other while creating a 4-H project.
- Here are some resources for online and 4-H projects: [http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Program/Online\\_4-H\\_Project\\_Resources/](http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Online_4-H_Project_Resources/)
- We can bring back the fun to 4-H by hosting outdoor meetings in a creative way.

Prior to holding your first 4-H meeting leaders must complete read and complete the survey on COVID-19 procedure to host a 4-H meeting. 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  
.Link: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/safety/files/328135.pdf>
2. After reading the information, fill out the survey  
. 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](mailto: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](mailto:jkatawicz@ucanr.edu) or (831) 205-3180 for assistance with the 4-H program.

### ***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!!

Monterey County Fair is working on a live livestock show for 4-H and FFA exhibitors with no public. We are waiting for the final approvals from the powers of government and CDC. The fair manager will update us if we can have a live livestock show!!

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.

**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/](http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Awards_Programs/Emerald_Star/)

We are always interested in new ways to improve our 4-H program. Please send us suggestions by email to [jkatawicz@ucanr.edu](mailto: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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