



San Benito County

4-H Newsletter

January 31, 2022

COVID Updates:

Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases the 4-H state office has issued a mandatory statement regarding indoor meetings and events. The 4-H program cannot hold indoor meetings, activities, or events until further notice.

As a result, we are unable to host the Pancake Breakfast event and all 4-H meetings are to be held by zoom or outdoors following COVID protocol.

Pancake Breakfast:

Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases and health concerns for the 4-H families and community the Pancake Breakfast is **CANCELED** on March 13th. We received a mandated order from our 4-H state office that we cannot hold indoor events. We can look into hosting this event at a later date once we receive confirmation that the mandated order has been lifted from the 4-H state office.

Poster Contest:

We are hosting the Poster Contest at Samantha Slykas Safety fair on March 5th.

- Families can pick or club leaders can pick up the blank poster boards at Cheryl's house.
- Posters are to be dropped off at Cheryl's house by March 2nd or the 4-H office by 5 pm. (4-H office address 3228 Southside Rd, Hollister)
- Posters will be judged and displayed at the Safety fair for the public to enjoy.
- We will have the poster at Cheryl's house to be picked up after the event and judging.
- See attached flier for more information

Safety Fair - March 5th at Vets Building in the courtyard.

- Samantha Slykas is hosting this event.
- Event set up starts at 11 am and the event starts at noon.
- We will have a 4-H booth **outside** in the courtyard.
- Samantha asked for volunteers to help with the setup, event, and tear down.
- Community service and general kindness opportunities
- email Samantha for additional information at pslykas@gmail.com

Presentation Day- March

- We are switching gears to hosting an outdoor Presentation Day event in March.
- We are still working out the details for the date and location with the recent shutdown of indoor events.
- We will need judges, outdoor room monitors, and volunteers for the tally room.
- If you are interested in helping, please email Emily at e.whiteley42@gmail.com
- We will have more details soon on presentation day.
- Presentation day manual: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-H/files/2193.pdf>

All-Star extension to April 6th:

- Due to the crazy open and shut downtime in our lives, we have not received All-Star applications for this next year.
- Meaghan Ricker, Mikayla Wenzlik & Samantha Slykas past All-Stars volunteered to speak to your 4-H club at a meeting about the All-Star program to encourage other youth to apply for this year's All-Stars. They also will speak about the Emerald Star program.
- Email contact:
 - Meaghan: tricker64@icloud.com
 - Mikayla: cherylwenzlik@gmail.com
 - Samantha: pslykas@gmail.com
- **All-Star information:**
[https://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H Program/Awards Programs/All Star Program/](https://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H%20Program/Awards%20Programs/All%20Star%20Program/)
- **Emerald Star information:**
[https://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H Program/Awards Programs/Emerald Star/](https://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H%20Program/Awards%20Programs/Emerald%20Star/)

- **All-Star applications are due to the 4-H office by April 6th.** You may drop off the applications early. The 4-H office is open every Wednesday from 8:30 am to 5 pm or email your application to jkatawic@ucanr.edu. I will pass the application on to the I&R chairman.

Countywide 4-H projects:

We have some amazing 4-H leaders that have answered the call to lead countywide projects for our youth. 4-H members may participate in the following countywide 4-H projects:

- **Rocketry** - Aileen Ehn, Fairview 4-H
- **Bee** - Rachel Taylor, Union 4-H
- **Outdoor Adventure** - Tim & Amy Butler, Union 4-H
- **Book club** - Tim & Amy Butler, Union 4-H
- **Poultry** - Michel Borlad, Bitterwater 4-H
- **Cavey** - Michelle Borland, Bitterwater 4-H
- **Vet science** - Michelle Borland, Bitterwater 4-H
- **Horses** - Michelle Borland, Bitterwater 4-H
- **Swine** - Michelle Borland, Bitterwater 4-H

We are still interested in offering more countywide projects. If you are interested in leading or participating in a countywide 4-H project then email the 4-H office at jkatawic@ucanr.edu.

Livestock enrollment deadline changes (requesting feedback from everyone):

We discussed at the January 4-H county council meeting changing the livestock deadline and enrollment fee to one flat price. We would like feedback from the club leader and the 4-H community.

Members and leaders complete the survey by February 21st:

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=36553>

We discussed three options for the 4-H enrollment deadline for **returning members**:

- Option A:
 - Returning 4-H members must enroll by August 1st to be eligible to show livestock at fairs as well as enrollment fees paid.

- Option B:
 - Returning 4-H members must enroll by September 1st to be eligible to show livestock at fairs as well as enrollment fees paid.
- Option C:
 - Returning 4-H members enrollment stays the same as the current rule. Enroll by December 31st to be eligible to show livestock at fairs.

New Members:

We have some families that get excited after the fair and sign up for 4-H. We need new families in our program, so I am proposing the following two options for NEW members only:

- Option A:
 - New members only can enroll until November 30th to be eligible to show livestock at the following year's fairs.
- Option B:
 - New members only can enroll until December 31st to be eligible to show livestock at the following year's fairs.

Enrollment fee for 2022-2023:

- Option A:
 - Flat rate fee for enrollment
 - enrollment fee for 2022-2023 - \$100
- Option B:
 - Tier enrollment fees for enrollment:
 - Tier 1 \$100
 - Tier 2 \$110
 - Tier 3 \$120

We do have fee waivers with partial and full enrollment fees for families needing assistance in paying the enrollment fees. The 4-H council covers the fee waiver part of the enrollment invoice.

Countywide Picnic with old fashion games in July:

We need to bring back the fun to 4-H. We received a suggestion to host a countywide 4-H family fun picnic with old fashion games in July. If you are interested in helping to plan this event please contact the 4-H office. We will have more information once a committee has been set up and started to plan the details of this event.

2021-2022 Enrollment updates:

We have a new 4-H enrollment system! Register today at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.

Enrollment information and links. Can also be found on our 4-H county website.

- YOUTH ENROLL IN [4-H ON-LINE](#)
- YOUTH [PAPER](#) ENROLLMENT FORMS.
- ADULT ENROLL IN [4-H ON-LINE](#)
 - COMPLETE LEADER [ONLINE TRAINING](#)
 - **Enrollment Key: SanBenito**
 - NEW LEADERS ALSO COMPLETE [LIVE SCAN](#)
- ADULT [PAPER](#) ENROLLMENT FORMS.

New and Returning leaders, we are having issues with our online leader training system. After completing your online leader training, please forward a copy of your certificate to the 4-H office by email: jkatawicz@ucanr.edu. We appreciate your help in recording your completed training. We are asking leaders to complete the leader training by December 23rd.

4-H Office updates:

The physical office is open

Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm

Work remote by available by phone or email

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Sincerely,

Julie Katawicz,

4-H Youth Development Program Rep

jkatawicz@ucanr.edu

Mobile (831) 205-3180

Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday remotely

Wednesday- 4-H office from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

4-H County Website: http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/



4-H
Youth
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM

Fantastic 4-H Poster Contest 2021

The Poster Contest is open to enrolled 4-H members, ages 9 – 19. Poster must have been created in the 2020-2021 program year. Age categories: Junior members (ages 9 – 10), Intermediate members (ages 11 – 13), and Senior members (ages 14 – 19). This exhibit will be displayed at the Pancake Breakfast. Medals will be awarded, using the Danish judging system.

Rules and Guidelines:

- 1) Topic should be 4-H related.
- 2) Foam boards (20 x 30 inches) are provided by 4-H Council, or you may purchase your own board, but the finished poster needs to still be the same size. Can be laminated. Contact your club leader.
- 3) Name, age, and club should be neatly printed on the back. If it is a project specific poster, put the number of years the member has been part of that project.
- 4) Photos, drawings, stickers, die cuts, and cardstock may be used – created by hand or computer printed. **No** dimensional (3-D, pop-up) objects. **No** copyrighted characters (Spiderman, Sponge Bob, etc.).
- 5) Use of 4-H clover: You **must** use the specific 4-H clover and the “18 USC 707” must legibly appear either to the right of the base of the stem or below the lower right leaf of the clover. For more info and colors that are allowed, go to http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/ on the State website. **No** image can be placed or screened over it.
- 6) No team/group entries, and only one poster/entry per member please.

*****Blank posters can be picked up at Cheryl Wenzlik’s house at 1210 Sequoia Ct on her front porch. Or you can get your own poster at the Dollar Store. Poster sizes must abide by the above specifications.**

*****Posters must be turned in on or before Thursday, March 4th at Cheryl Wenzlik’s house at 1210 Sequoia Ct. Leave them in the box on her front porch.**

The posters won’t be displayed this year at the pancake breakfast, but they will still be judged and you will get a pin for your hat. Hopefully you can display them at fair in the fall or present them in a zoom club meeting.

Poster Scorecard:

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| Effective Title – explains what the poster is about..... | 5 points |
| Suitable Subject – timely and age appropriate | 5 points |
| Attracts Interest – gets viewers to look | 10 points |
| Holds Interest – gets viewers to study..... | 5 points |
| Conveys Message – accomplishes purpose..... | 10 points |
| Depth of Message – evidence of learning..... | 10 points |
| General Appearance – simple, balance, orderly | 5 points |
| Workmanship – neat and well-constructed | 5 points |

Questions: Incentives and Recognition committee member or Danielle Nino (831-801-8720).

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March 5th 2022



“Safety Fair For All Ages”

Location: Veterans Memorial Building

Time: Noon till 3pm

Join Samantha Slykas with important topics to share with the community. She will be covering bullying, stranger danger, fire safety, animal protection, family services, environmental hazards, and much more. If you like to host a free booth, please email pslykas@gmail.com before Feb. 16th. We ask that you please assist Samantha in spreading the word about this event. Her goal since she was 13 years old is to continue this event with success of making a difference in family's safety and well-being.

Will you be a part of that?

Save the date: March 5th 2022 Noon- 3pm.

Location: Veterans Memorial Building



“Knowledge is the Key.”

Join our *FREE* event to learn more of what services is offered in your community. We will have guest speakers, and activities for families. Some topics we will cover are: Bullying, mental health, harassment, environmental hazards, animal safety, self-defense, and much more.



2022 Dates To Remember

*Always watch for updates posted
as new information becomes available*

- **May 26, 2022 Market Beef Tagging and Weigh in for Rate of Gain**
4:00-6:00pm Bolado Park Scale.
 - **July 1 – July 12, 2022 Tags for Goats, Lambs and Hogs** are ordered by each leader, one order per club/chapter, in an email to:
entry@sanbenitocountyfair.com
 - **July 13, 2022 Tags for Goats, Lambs and Hogs** are picked up by leaders, one per club.
4:00-6:00pm at Fair Office
 - **July 29, 2022 Completed tagging sheets, photos and unused tags** due to Fair office by 4:00pm.
- Tagging deadline IS the ownership deadline. If your animal is not owned and tagged by the listed date, it is not eligible for the 2022 Fair.**
- **Tuesday September 27, 2022 Livestock weigh in at the 2022 San Benito County Fair!**
 - **Wednesday September 28 through Friday September 30 Livestock shows**
 - **Saturday October 1, 2022 Junior Livestock Auction**
 - **Friday November 18, 2022 - Leaders pick up Auction seller's checks at the Fair office.**

Please do not hesitate to call or email the department chairs individually with species specific questions or the office for general questions

831-628-3421

dara@sanbenitocountyfair.com

San Benito County Fair Livestock Department



Reminder

Auction seller's Checks for the 2021 Sale are dated November 19, 2021

BANKS WILL NOT CASH CHECKS
6 MONTHS PAST ISSUE DATE

The 33rd DAA will charge \$30 to reissue any lost or stale dated checks.

Updated for Market Animal Exhibitors

On December 14, 2021 the Board of Directors of the 33rd DAA voted to support the Livestock committee's recommendation to implement Minimum and Maximum weights for San Benito County Fair market animals.

This will ensure a consistent market product for our buyers and provide clear, industry relevant goals for our exhibitors raising market livestock. If an animal does not meet this weight range, it will be determined not market ready and will not sell.

Underweight animals may stay for exhibitors to participate in a feeder class and if entered, showmanship.

Animals over the maximum weight will be reloaded and must go home on weigh in day.

Market Steers/Heifers - 1050# to 1450#

Market Hogs – 215# to 275#

(this rule is already in place for hogs)

Market Goats – 65# to 110#

Market Lambs – 110# to 155#

The Board of Directors also heard the recommendations from the Livestock committee and voted on the following definition of a large/small animal for eligibility of a San Benito County Fair market entry to show and sell.

- Large animal is defined as a Market Steer/Heifer, Market Hog, Market Lamb or Market Goat
- Small animal is defined as Pen of Market Rabbits, Pen of Market Chickens or Market Turkey

With this vote they also updated the local rules to;

- Allow exhibitors from Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties to show and sell one (1) market animal regardless of size. Small animals only sell top 5 places, sale of small animal is not guaranteed.
- Allow exhibitors from San Benito County to show and sell 1 large market animal and one small animal. Small animals only sell top 5 places of each species, sale of small animal is not guaranteed.
- Current rules state top 5 of each small animals sell. This does not guarantee an opportunity to sell for small animal exhibitors unless they place in the top 5 of their species.