



San Benito County 4-H Newsletter March 1, 2022

See's Candy fundraiser:

We are excited to announce the **See's Candy fundraiser for Easter**. The proceeds will support the 4-H program. We are asking the 4-H families to share the See's Candy fundraiser link on social media. See's Candy company handles all the details of payment and delivery. Our 4-H families just advertise using social media and promote the sales of our See's Candy fundraiser. Fundraiser ends March 25th and our goal is to raise \$3k.

San Benito County 4-H Youth Program fundraiser link:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sanbc_san_benito_county_h_youth_program79/candy?h=Jul_Kat8813

Poster Contest:

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

- Posters are to be dropped off at Cheryl's house by 9 am on March 5th or at the Safety fair by 11:30 am at Vets Building. 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. We also welcome help at the 4-H booth with baby lambs, chickens and spinning wheels of prizes.
- 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

- Presentation Day event, March 12th upstairs at Veterans Building.
- Registration is open until March 6th. Registration online at <https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=36707>.
- Email Emily at e.whiteley42@gmail.com with any questions.
- Presentation day manual: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/UC4-H/files/2193.pdf>

Three amazing opportunities:

We are looking for representatives from each club to join the discussion and process of improving our 4-H program on the following committees:

- 1. Proposed changes to the 4-H enrollment deadline for 2023 and future**
 - a. The meeting will be held on March 16th at 7 pm in the 4-H office conference room. We look forward to your participation.
 - b. This committee will discuss and present to the 4-H council the changes regarding registration deadlines and livestock rule for San Benito 4-H program.
 - c. We have the results from the survey that 52 families participated and 10 clubs. We will share these results with the committee
 - d. We are looking forward to improving our 4-H program by reviewing the current requirements to show at the fair in regards to registration deadlines.
- 2. Countywide Picnic with old fashion games in July:**
 - a. We will be meeting on March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the 4-H office conference room.
 - b. We are looking to host a committee to plan and schedule a countywide picnic on July 9th at Historical Park in Tres Pinos.

- c. Our goal is to bring back the fun with an open house to invite the public and 4-H families. We will be hosting a countywide 4-H family fun picnic with old fashion games.

3. Fundraising committee

- a. We will be meeting on April 13th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H office conference room.
- b. We are inviting a team of leaders, parents and teen members to bring your ideas and strategies to fundraise for the 4-H program.
- c. Fundraising will help offset the cost of the 4-H program. We also have an opportunity to promote our 4-H program in the public.

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/
- **Emerald Star information:**
https://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Awards_Programs/Emerald_Star/
- **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 jkatawicz@ucanr.edu.

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

Thank you for your support of the 4-H youth,

Julie Katawicz,
4-H Youth Development Program Rep

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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/