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December, 2019

Dates & Deadlines

December

- 7th – El Centro Christmas Parade
- 13th – Riffle Training
- 14th – Calexico Christmas Parade
- 14th – Christmas in a Small Town – Imperial
- 24th – 25th 4-H office closed

January

- 1st – Happy New Year; 4-H office closed
- 2nd – Leader's Council Meeting
- 16th - Livestock Leader's Meeting
- 17th – 19th Southern Youth Summit
- 20th – 4-H Office closed
- 20th – Cattle Field Day
- 20th – Small Animal Pre-fair and Plant Show
- 22nd – Pre-Fair for Sheep, Market Goats and Pygmy Goats
- 25th – SAILA –Yuma County Fairgrounds

Check out <http://ceimperial.ucanr.edu/4h>
for a complete calendar

January Events might be updated in Jan. 2020
Follow us @ImperialCounty4H on Facebook
Updates will reflect on Imperial County Facebook



A GLOBAL GIVING MOVEMENT
DECEMBER 3, 2019

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Black Friday. Cyber Monday. **#GivingTuesday**

Set a reminder for Tuesday, December 3 for #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals to celebrate generosity worldwide.

#GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Kick off the holiday season with us and support California 4-H!

Thanks to a generous gift through the California 4-H Foundation, the first \$25,000 in donations to 4-H will be matched!



See our [#GivingTuesday Toolkit](#) for social media images and information so you can spread the word to 4-H supporters in your area.



CHRISTMAS PARADE



Calexico Christmas
AROUND THE WORLD Parade

Saturday, December 14, 2019

**Historic Downtown
Calexico at 10:00 am**

FEATURING THIS YEAR:
SCBOA Band Competition
Drumline Competition
Drill Team Competition
Marching Band Competition
Drumline Competition and
Award Ceremony start at
the end of parade at
Rockwood Plaza

Christmas Festival
will be immediately
after finishing
the Christmas Parade
of Calexico at
Rockwood Plaza.

LOS VIGILANTES Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association CNH Calexico Neighborhood House CALEXICO

For additional information call 760 768 2176

**31st Annual
Christmas
in a
Small Town**

December, 7th

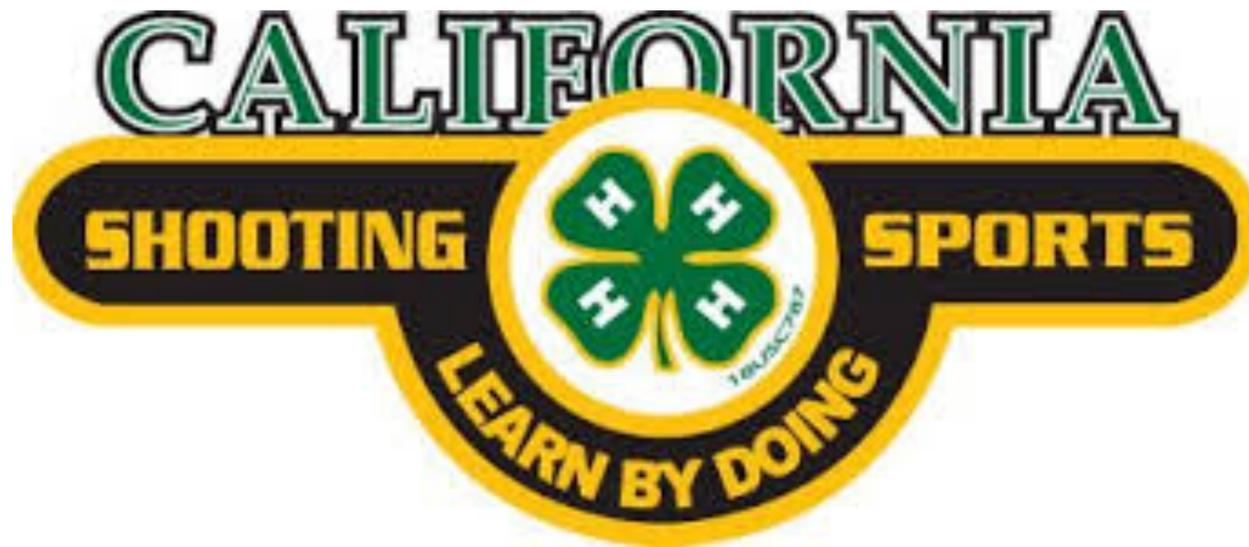
**9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Downtown Imperial**

**Santa - Shopping - Pony Rides
Crafts - Fun - Food - Face Painting**

Imperial Chamber of Commerce
612 South J Street, Suite 7, Imperial, CA
760-355-1609 www.imperialchamber.org

Join Your City Parade to Show Your Support to 4-H!

El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Los Vigilantes
74th Annual Christmas Parade
"The March of the Toy Soldiers"
Saturday, December 7, 2019



4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Certification 2-Day Workshop – Rifle

Friday, December 13, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

at

Imperial County UC Extension Office
(1050 E. Holton Road, Holtville, CA)

&

Saturday, December 14, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

at

Border Tactical Range
(925 N. Imperial Avenue, El Centro, CA)

You will need to bring the following items with you:

1. Safety glasses.
2. Ear plugs or ear muffs.
3. Pack lunch for Saturday.
4. You may bring your own rifle if you like. However, it must be a .22 caliber long rifle in good working condition with iron sights only.

(Once on site you will be required to complete an emergency “Medical Release” form and a “Liability Waiver” from Border Tactical.)

You will need to participate in both days in order to receive a certificate to lead the project. For further information contact John Borba at 661/868-6216 or email: jaborba@ucanr.edu

Washington Focus 2020 *Deadline for Registration* *Registrations are now OPEN 12/15/2019*

Registrations for the 2020 Washington Focus trips are now open. Dates, costs, and links to more information and registration are listed below.



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

(AGES 15-19*)

Citizenship Washington Focus (Conference Only)

**** June 25-July 4, 2020**

\$3,149

Citizenship Washington Focus (Conference + Extended Trip)

**** June 25-July 7, 2020**

\$3,999

Hosted at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, Citizenship Washington Focus gives youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need in order to become outstanding leaders. The extended trip includes more educational opportunities in Gettysburg, PA, Philadelphia, PA, and Baltimore, MD.

* Delegates must be at least 15 years of age by time of travel.

**This trip will begin at the California 4-H State Office in Davis, CA.

**CWF event page and
Registration**



LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

(AGES 12-14*)

July 26-July 31, 2020

\$2,399

Hosted at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, Leadership Washington Focus is a 5-day trip is packed with educational adventure as participants tour our nation's Capital and learn life-changing leadership skills in a conference setting. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just one mile from the Washington, D.C. border.

* Delegates must be at least 12 years of age by time of travel.

LWF event page & Registration

**Apply to be a Chaperone:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Chaperone_Information/**

**Or ask the county 4-H office for
more information**



4-H Cattle Field Day
Open to members
9-18 years old

Need registration online at
<https://bit.ly/336GUNd>

Imperial County Cattle Field Day Sign-Up Cattle Field Day

January 20, 2020

7am - 12pm

**@ Phillips Cattle Company
in El Centro**



Small Animal Pre Fair and Plant Show

(Same Day)

1/20/2020

@ Tractor Supply

4-H Fair Online Entries Open December 15th to January 15th !

Visit

<http://www.californiamidwinterfair.com/>

DNA is due to fair office for Swine, Sheep, Goats, & Feeder Calves. If it is not turned in by the close of business (Dec. 16th) you will not be able to enter your animal into the fair.

Entertainment

Livestock

**Junior
Fair
Board**

Carnival



**Competitive
Exhibits**

Sponsorship

**Guest
Services**

Concessions



4-H Show Uniform Guidelines Exhibitor

Handbook:

The official uniform to be worn during livestock shows and auctions consists of white shirt, white skirt/pants, the appropriate tie or scarf, and the appropriate 4-H hat (white or green). **No other hats will be allowed.** Jacket is optional, you can find them at showjacket.com

Hats and Scarves: Ask your leader first they may have inventory on hand! Otherwise you can purchase at [http://4hsupplies-com.3dcartstores.com/](http://4hsupplies.com.3dcartstores.com/)

Show Jacket (Optional): <http://showjacket.com>



TIP: Start shopping for your white pants NOW. Ask club leaders about white exchanges and when uniform hat, tie, and or scarf can be ordered

Shout Out! - ICYAP Makes Its Mark

Introducing the Imperial County Young Ambassador Project (ICYAP)

By: Oliver B. Popejoy, Mt. Signal 4-H Club

Myself, along with twenty other youth members from grades 6th, 7th, and 8th from all over Imperial Valley, are members of the inaugural year of the Imperial County Young Ambassadors Project (ICYP). This countywide 4-H leadership development project was created by Mrs. Linda Sanchez formerly Imperial County 4-H All Star advisor, under the leadership and guidance of Mrs. Yu Meng, our County 4-H Youth, Family & Community Advisor. Hayden Hulsey, a 2018-19 Imperial County All Star and President of McCabe 4-H Club is our Youth Advisor and project mentor. We have six 4-H Clubs represented from across our Imperial Valley in our project.

Our Thursday, September 26, 2019, our project formation meeting was held in the Imperial County Farm Bureau's conference room. At that point, we were a solid group of 13 children with around-about 10 parent-helpers signed up to support us. We discussed a lot of things that evening - we are officially formed as a County-wide 4-H Project. The many things we needed to accomplish for the year were discussed and then we came to a consensus as a group regarding the ways we intended to accomplish them. Basically, we threw-out lots of ideas for group and individual project work possibilities. The tone was set - the future projects we would be working on would take a lot of work to accomplish, but it was also going to be a lot of fun.

On Thursday, October 24, 2019 we held our first Zoom meeting. For those of you who don't know what Zoom is, many of us didn't either until then; Zoom is an online meeting software solution that provides remote conferencing services. That evening we talked about the (voluntary participant) Emerald Star project we hoped to be doing this year. After much lively discussion, our newly formed mini-group decided we wanted to formally retire U.S. Flags that have been damaged in service to our community as our Emerald Star Project. Once that was settled, we talked about the expenses of doing such a project, how we'd collect these worn out and tattered flags, the desired date for our ceremony and figured out who might be able to teach us the proper way to carry-out the official retirement of flags ceremony. We were tasked to send final thoughts and notes for our formal application, which was done and we are now approved. Nice!

On Sunday, November 3, 2019, we had an organizational, business-as-normal YAP meeting, then ended it with a team-building exercise. By this meeting, a few more youth had signed up for our project and our project size is now at a solid 20 in membership. After the collection of materials and group discussion, we went over our "Spark Project" packet for presentation day; a survey to define our personalities based on the numbers we chose along with the fruit-words chosen to describe ourselves; and discussed our upcoming County events, and which one we will be assisting with. Then it was YouTube time. We were asked to search for a "how-to" link for a certain type of painting called Acrylic Pour Painting. The paint was pouring, the smiles were big and the artistic spread was major. I made four (4) different paintings myself. Each of them very different and nice looking. Mrs. Sanchez told us that, "If we are careful and don't ruin your canvas pouring, my plans are for you to enter your creations into this year's fair." I'm excited about that! Mrs. Sanchez explained that the purpose of this activity was to learn how to work as a team by researching, discussing, and figuring out how to accomplish an activity that we knew nothing about. We did have a few hiccups in the beginning, but we ended up figuring out that we need to network with each other as a whole group then break off into our smaller groups. After the team-building exercise, many youth headed out; but a good chunk of us stayed and helped clean up the Grizzle's backyard as a thank you for letting us use their home for our project meeting. It was a really fun meeting and I am looking forward to our next bonding and leadership activity.

On Thursday, November 14, 2019 our ICYAP members trained and served as room monitors, for our County 4-H's inaugural, "Presentation Day Training 101" event held at Ben Hulse Elementary School. Other youth, from across our County volunteered along with us, making for a substantial group of room-host-helpers. We were informed about the evening's activities and given instructions for how to accomplish our expected duties during the upcoming presentations. As attendees we were given green folders that explained the kind of presentations we'd be attending as well. Yes, we were there to work, but we were also there to learn. Once room monitor training was over, we were called into the multipurpose room to eat a sack-dinner provided by the chefs of Star Route and Verde 4-H Club's cooking projects. It was delicious! Thank you chefs! During our break, I conversed with other 4-H members working the event, including a few of our County Ambassadors. Next, we were told the room numbers that corresponded with our assigned presentations. We each saw three (3) presentations that evening. ICYAP provided room monitor hosting duties simultaneously. I attended the Educational Display, Demonstrative Speech and the Illustrated Talk presentations that evening. I was lead room monitor for Clara Walker's demonstration about making her homemade chicken feed. I found that style of presentation very interesting and fun. It is definitely something I would like to do. The hands-on part of it was nice to watch and her explanation of the materials used and what needed to happen was just very cool to me. Because of her, I plan to do a demonstration style speech in April. After the third presentation's end, we gathered again in the multipurpose room for the Cultural Arts and Impromptu presentations - along with final thoughts for us all to consider as we started work on our own presentation development.

Most recently, on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 our project held another Zoom meeting. Top on our agenda was learning about and how to set up our project budget. We discussed our income and anticipated expenses - noting actual costs for our project polos and our team-building exercise as well as anticipated expenses for our upcoming Southern Youth Summit trip and many, many more. We went over our proposed annual project budget, line-by-line. This adult/youth partnership exercise was an eye opening exercise for all of us. Mrs. Sanchez shared that plans are to be transparent with our project money - both income and expenses so that we can adjust our budget when we need to.

We've already accomplished a lot as a group in a very short period of time. That said, we have a lot of work ahead of us, most importantly, a lot of fun ahead of us too! Meantime, until our next update, if you have a flag(s) in need of retirement, (torn, aged, faded, etc.) please contact us at ICYAPProject@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays to You! From the Imperial County 4-H Young Ambassador Project