


University of California
Agriculture and Natural Resources ■ 4-H Youth Development Program

April 2025

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| 26 | Rabbit and Cavy Show—See flyer on page 14 | Brenda Smith 661-822-1461 |
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Kern County 4-H

**1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue
Bakersfield CA 93307-2851
Phone: 661-868-6200
Fax: 661-868-6208
or cekern@ucdavis.edu**



*Meeting is at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA - Wheelchair accessible. Please contact UCCE Kern at 661-868-6200 if any special accommodations. Individuals who need to request an ADA accommodation in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities can contact your local 4-H Office to complete a 4-H ADA Accommodation Request Form: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/153972.docx>



4-H REGISTRATION QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

Please let us know if you are having any
questions about 4-H registration

CALL GORDON RIGGS
661 868-6225
OR EMAIL
GBRIGGS@UCANR.EDU

2024-25 PROGRAM YEAR FEES

\$75 YOUTH MEMBER

\$30 ADULT VOLUNTEER

IMPORTANT 4-H Online Enrollment 2024/2025 Program Year starts after July 1st Enrollment system for online registration

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Returning families already have an account set up in the system using the same email address as before. If you have been active any time in the last 5 years, **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**.

New families will need to select “**Sign Up**” and then follow the prompts to establish the new family account. Program fees can now be paid online using your credit card at <https://ucanr.edu/kern4hpayment>.

Helpful tutorial videos on how to use the new system can be found on our website at https://cekern.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/.

Please contact Gordon Riggs at 661-868-6225 or gbriggs@ucanr.edu for membership registration questions

Make 4-H payments by credit card - see link below

[Use Your Credit Card to Pay 4-H Enrollment Fees Here](#)



Updated Leader Orientation

For New Leaders, please visit the link below

[New 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below

[Returning 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

[Handbook For New Families](#)

This guide was developed to help new families understand the 4-H program. Please share a copy of this with new families in your club. If you have feedback for updates to this guide, please submit them to Sue McKinney at lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu or call 661-868-6235.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf>



Medal Testing

APRIL 30TH &

MAY 13TH

5:30 -7 PM

STUDY GUIDES ARE HERE:

[HTTPS://CEKERN.UCANR.EDU/YOUTH_DEVELOPMENT/PROJECT_LEVELS_STUDY_GUIDES/](https://cekern.ucanr.edu/youth_development/project_levels_study_guides/)



Kern County 4-H Office - 1031 South Mt Vernon Ave



KERN COUNTY 4-H HOME EC FIELD DAY

Are you into fashion? or would you rather be cooking? Please join us for the Kern County 4-H Home Economics Field Day and Fashion Revue. Don't sew? There are many ways you can participate in the Fashion contests. Do you dabble in cooking. Make a favorite dish or make a whole meal. Bake a cake. Learn about table setting and nutrition.

Participate in Home Economics Field Day.

Saturday, April, 12 2025, 1 PM
Deadline to register is April 7th at 5 pm

1031 South
Mt Vernon Ave





KERN COUNTY 4-H

FASHION REVUE

Fashion Revue Categories

Traditional*

Consumer Science Purchased \$50 Limit*

Uniquely Upcycled*

Favorite Decade Challenge

Softie Challenge

Leather Creations

Needlework

More information about Categories are here:

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H-Fresno/files/405766.pdf>

Members may enter two categories at the State Fashion Revue at UC Davis.

- The 2 highest point score winners at State Field Day in the Senior Division of these categories will qualify for the FCS National Championship & Conference.

Saturday, April, 12 2025, 1 PM



KERN COUNTY 4-H

FASHION REVUE

Saturday, April, 12 2025, 1 PM

1:00 PM- Check-in
1:30 PM- Judging begins
3:00 PM- Fashion Show
Awards immediately following the Fashion Show

Questions: Sue McKinney 661 868-6235
Please review all information for 2025 carefully

Pre-registration **REQUIRED** by Monday, April 7th 5:00 pm
(commentary due, in 3rd person, only for entries that will be modeled)
Must submit commentaries by email by April 7th to:
ismckinney@ucanr.edu

Fashion Review at a glance 2025

Register here to participate in Fashion Revue

Commentary Help Guide 2025



KERN COUNTY 4-H

FASHION REVUE

State Field Day Information

Please follow this link for more information about State Field Day.

[HTTPS://NA.EVENTSCLOUD.COM/WEBSITE/81915/SFD-FASHION-REVUE/](https://na.eventscLOUD.com/website/81915/sfd-fashion-revue/)

This information will also be important for our county Fashion Revue

Prizes for all categories will be awarded.

Deadline for entries is April 7th at 5 pm.

*try to get your entries in sooner than April 7th
so I can get the best prizes!

Saturday, April, 12 2025, 1 PM



KERN COUNTY 4-H

FAVORITE FOODS DAY

Do you love to cook? You do not need to be in a cooking project to try out your new recipe on us!

We have several categories to choose from when deciding what to cook:

- Fruit or Vegetables
- Grains
- Dessert or Appetizer
- Meat or Bean Dish

Saturday, April, 12 2025, 1 PM

Favorite Foods Day Booklet
Register here for Favorite Foods Day

KERN COUNTY 4-H



BAKE DAY

Is Baking your Favorite Thing?

If you would just like to bake something yummy we have a category for that also. Bake a cake or pie or some other tasty item. Use a mix or make it from scratch.

Check out the Bake Day contest on the survey entry form.

Prizes for all categories will be awarded.

Deadline for entries is April 7th at 5 pm.

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Saturday, April, 12 2025, 1 PM

[Register here for Bake Day contest](#)



KERN COUNTY 4-H

HOME EC FIELD DAY

We need judges for these contests. We need adults to judge the Fashion Revue categories and Teens really love to judge the food categories. So please give me a call at 868-6235 to sign up for judging. Without judges we would need to cancel, so please help us here.

Saturday, April, 12 2025, 1 PM
Deadline to register is April 7th at 5 pm

1031 South
Mt Vernon Ave





Kern County 4-H Scholarships!

For deserving 4-H members who are graduating high school seniors or college freshmen.

Application Due

April 23, 2025

Scholarship Amounts

- One - \$450
- One - \$300
- Two - \$250

Link

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/Kern22/files/134809.pdf>



4-H County Ambassador Program

The 4-H County Ambassador Program is a leadership development opportunity for older youth.

They serve as role models for their fellow 4-H members, their county, and their community.

County Ambassadors develop and annual plan of action that includes choosing and developing three leadership competencies and completing one service learning project. The six leadership competencies include:

Advise, Advocate, Mentor, Plan, Promote, Teach

A scholarship is awarded the members who successfully complete their plan of action.

Applications are Due April 25, 2025

Link to the 4-H County Ambassador Application:

[4-H County Ambassador Application](#)

A poster for a Rabbit & Cavy Show. It features a large yellow circle in the center. Inside this circle is a smaller pink circle. Inside the pink circle is a black line drawing of a rabbit's face, looking forward with whiskers and a small heart-shaped nose. Above the rabbit's head, the words "RABBIT & CAVY SHOW" are written in bold, pink, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the poster is a light cream color, decorated with small yellow and pink triangles scattered around the top and sides of the central yellow circle.

RABBIT & CAVY SHOW

04-26-2025 Kern Ag Pavilion

Facebook:
Kern County 4-H Rabbit and
Cavy Project

Kern County 4-H

Livestock Clinic May 10, 2025

Kern County Fairgrounds



8:30 Registration
9:30 Event begins

Free Event
All exhibitors welcome!
4-H, FFA or Independent

Swine

Adam Mendonza
No Limit Genetics

Cattle

Frankie Imhof
Imhof Cattle

Lamb

Laura Colbert
Colbert Club Lambs

Goat

Jim, Pam, Tyson
Brem Livestock

Contact:

Debbie Zittle 661-331-1855

T.J. Marchant 661-912-3227

15 YEARS OF PROVIDING
VALUABLE INFORMATION TO
OUR LIVESTOCK YOUTH



2025 YQCA

In Person Workshop

June 7th, 2:30 doors open at 2:00
at the Kern County Ag Pavilion

For youth ages 9 and over, showing
any species

To Sign Up:

- Create or Update your YQCA Account
- Register
- Pay \$3 to YQCA
- Take the Pretest
- Scroll to find the June 7th session at the Kern County Ag Pavilion
- Sign up by June 3rd
- Attend the training

[https://www.yqcaprogram.org/login/
index.php](https://www.yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php)

2025 Kern County 4-H Community Club Leader Timeline



January 20, 2025 -Martin Luther King Birthday UCCE Office Closed

January 28, 2025-High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

January 28, 2025-Leader Council Meeting 4-H meeting 7 pm

February 15, 2025 -Deadline! All returning members MUST transfer clubs or add/drop project by this day.

February 17, 2025 -Martin Luther King Birthday UCCE Office Closed

February 25, 2025-High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

February 25, 2025 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting 7 pm. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

March 15, 2025 Presentation Day- UCCE Office

March 25, 2025- High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

March 25, 2025- Leader Council Meeting meeting 6 pm

March 31, 2025 -Cesar Chavez Birthday - UCCE Office Closed

April 12, 2025 Fashion Revue UCCE Office

April 22, 2025- High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

April 22, 2025- Leader Council Meeting 7 pm

April 23, 2025 -DUE! Scholarship Applications

May 10, 2025 -Livestock Clinic KC Fairgrounds

May 27, 2025- High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

May 27, 2025 -Kern County 4-H Leader Council Meeting. All clubs are required to attend (or send a representative) a minimum of THREE Leader Council Meetings each year.

June 16, 2025 - Juneteenth -UCCE Office Closed

June 24, 2025 - High and Junior High 4-H meeting 6 pm

June 24, 2025 - Leader Council Meeting 7 pm

July 1, 2025 - Happy 4-H New Year! 4hOnline will open shortly for enrollment. ZSuite should be open July 18th.



Attention!

The dates in the calendar are subject to change. Always look at the first page of the newsletter to get up to date information on what's happening.

The Kern County 4-H Policy document outlines the policies set forth by the Kern County 4-H Leader Council. If your club does not meet the minimum guidelines the Kern County Fair gate 40 pass may be forfeited.



Current 4-H policy requires the following:

- Donate a minimum of **ONE** item to Each Silent Auction (worth \$25 or more). Silent Auctions will be held at 2 events each year.
- Support any other Fundraiser determined by the Leader Council
- Attend a minimum of **THREE** KC 4-H Leader Council Meetings
- Follow policies set forth in the **2024-25** Kern County 4-H Policy document

**2025
California 4-H
State 3D
Championship
Hosted by Tulare County 4-H**



**Saturday, April 12, 2025
Check in @ 9:00 am**

**Springville Archery Club Range
Bear Creek Road
Springville, CA 93265**

SEE LINK BELOW LINK FOR ARCHERY REGISTRATION AND RULES

[2025 California 4-H State 3D Championship Tulare County](#)



- **Anyone**
Kynd Kits are designed to be used by anyone. Individuals, families, and any sized groups can use Kynd Kits to make an impact on the community no matter where they are.
- **Anywhere**
Kynd Kits can be built wherever you are. Everything you need to build something for someone in need is included in your kit.

Kynd Kits are volunteer projects in a box. Everything you need to do a meaningful project for someone in need is delivered right to your door.

[Check out Projecthelping here](#)

Plant Science

MEDAL TEST

BRONZE

SILVER

GOLD



STUDY GUIDES

AVAILABLE NOW

[HTTPS://CEKERN.UCANR.EDU/YOUTH_DEVELOPMENT/
PROJECT_LEVELS_STUDY_GUIDES/](https://cekern.ucanr.edu/youth_development/project_levels_study_guides/)



Introducing the 2024 STEM Challenge

It's here! The **2024 4-H STEM Challenge**, [*Food for Thought*](#), is **now available**. The 2024 kit provides young people with a hands-on experience as they explore food security and its impact on the world, empowering them to innovate and create positive change in their communities.

Developed by Council and 4-H educators from LSU AgCenter, North Dakota State University, Penn State Extension, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the new STEM Challenge is a collection of three activities that engage kids in learning about food production, the supply chain, and food waste, while equipping them with STEM-based skills.

Get yours today on Shop 4-H!

[PURCHASE KIT](#)



For 4-H project leaders

Welcome to the new 4-H program year! Here are a few resources to help you think about organizing a 4-H STEM-oriented project!

- [Project Leader Checklist](#) (right)
- [Project sheets](#) (below) are a guide for 4-H project leaders to develop their projects with meaningful content. These three are examples of the dozens available!

Project Leader Checklist

This checklist is designed to assist 4-H project leaders in preparing to implement their project(s) prior to meeting with youth (Revised 10/2017)

| # | X | Item |
|----|---|--|
| 1 | | Have you met your Club Leader(s) and discussed your plan for implementing your project(s)? |
| 2 | | Have you completed all the steps for becoming a 4-H adult volunteer? (1. Filled out the application and paid fees; 2. Fingerprinted if a new 4-H adult volunteer; 3. Completed required online orientation) |
| 3 | | Do you have a list of the youth who are going to participate in your project(s) and are they enrolled in the 4-H project(s) you are going to lead? (Your Club Leader or Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator can check for you) |
| 4 | | Have you developed a project description and lesson plan for what will be covered on which dates and if there will be any cost for participants? |
| 5 | | Do you have a UC ANR user agreement with the facility you will be utilizing? (Your county staff member must assist you in obtaining this document) |
| 6 | | Do you have completed and signed youth and adult treatment authorization/health history form on hand for all participants? Youth: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf Adult: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf |
| 7 | | Have you provided the dates, times, and location of your project meetings to the youth enrolled in your project? |
| 8 | | Is there at least one additional adult that will be on site with you at each meeting? |
| 9 | | If you are going to fundraise or secure grant support for your program, have you received approval from your county 4-H staff and County Director? |
| 10 | | Is there ample drinking water available? |
| 11 | | Have you reviewed the "4-H Project Leaders Digest" available online at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4462.pdf |
| 12 | | Do you have "Annual Project Report" forms on hand for the 4-H members to keep track of their project participation? http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220272.doc |

4-H Outdoor Adventures Project



4-H THRIVE

Help Youth:

Light Their Spark

A spark is something youth are passionate about, it really fires them up and gives them joy and energy. Help youth find how this project excites them.

Flex Their Brain

The brain grows stronger when we try new things and master new skills. Encourage youth effort and persistence to help them reach higher levels of success.

Reach Their Goals

Outdoor adventures are recreational activities that take place in the beauty of the great outdoors. Youth may participate in a variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, biking, boating, and camping. Youth learn to successfully and safely participate in these activities. Youth may learn:

- how to plan an outdoor adventure outing
- the equipment and safety skills needed for an outdoor adventure
- to cook meals in an outdoor setting
- about issues and careers related to outdoor adventures

4-H Outdoors Adventure Project

4-H Vegetable Garden Project



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Reach Their Goals

In this project, youth will learn how to plan, plant, maintain and cultivate their own plant life for beauty, health and cuisine. This project will give youth an opportunity to learn that plants play a vital role for animals and humans providing food, shelter, fiber, medicine, oxygen, and beauty. Gardens will also provide the setting to teach and/or reinforce the concepts of:

- Appreciation of nature
- Plant growth and development
- Science and nutrition

4-H Vegetable Garden Project

4-H Woodworking Project



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Reach Their Goals

Woodworking's usefulness can be applied to many areas of life through learning how to safely use tools to build with wood. The woodworking project teaches the full scope of constructing a wood piece from design to completion.

- Learn how to use tools correctly and safely
- Design your project, including all steps from start to finish
- Develop a materials list
- Select wood suited for your project
- Use of hand and power tools to cut, shape, join and sand your wood

4-H Woodworking Project

Youth Loans



Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$10,000 to eligible individual youths ages 10 to 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed, and carried out by youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal youth organizations, or similar agricultural-affiliated groups.

The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

Who May Borrow

To qualify for a loan, the applicant must:

- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements; and
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.

How Loan Funds May Be Used

These loans can finance many kinds of income-producing agricultural projects. The loan funds may be used to:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment, and supplies;
- Buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and
- Pay operating expenses for the project.

How It Works

To apply, the applicant must submit completed plans and budgets signed by the project advisor and parent or guardian along with the FSA application for loan assistance.

These loans:

- Have a maximum loan amount of \$10,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time cannot exceed this amount);
- Have an interest rate that is determined based on the cost of money to the federal government (after the loan is made, the interest rate for that loan will not change);
- Will be secured, in addition to promissory notes, by liens on the products produced for sale and on chattel property, including livestock, equipment, and fixtures purchased with loan funds; and
- Have a repayment schedule that varies depending on the type of project for which the loan is made. For example, if it involves raising livestock or crops, the loan is paid when the animals or produce are normally sold.

More Information

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or farmers.gov. Find your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.



Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!

The service of safe food should be a priority for all University of California (UC) events. Any activity where food is served (potlucks, luncheon meetings, etc.) has the risk for food borne illness. If a 4-H YDP group plans to serve food as part of an official 4-H YDP activity, the food preparation and service must be in compliance with all local (city and county) health department rules and state laws. In addition, it is imperative that all county based rules and regulations governing food service activities be observed, including securing appropriate permits. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: <https://www.servsafe.com/access/SS/Catalog/ProductDetail/SSECT6CA>



Online 4-H Treasurer Training Course

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new California 4-H Treasurer's Training in eX-tension. This course was developed by a sub-committee of the State 4-H Policy Advisory Committee and is designed to walk 4-H Club Treasurers through their important role. Access to the course and its unique enrollment keys (different from the required training enrollment keys) can be accessed directly by youth members and volunteers at <https://campus.extension.org/login/index.php>

The course has already been added to each county's eXtension portal as well. You can direct any questions or report any issues with the course through our ticketing system at https://ucanr.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3IMZgqb6yXT6jSR



LINKS YOU CAN USE!

[California 4-H Uniform Guidelines](#)
[CA 4-H Uniform Guidelines](#)

[Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies](#)
[Leslie Carmen 4-H supplies](#)

[4-H Statewide Website](#)
[Statewide 4-H Program](#)

[CA 4-H Resource Center](#)
[CA 4-H Resource Center](#)



Shop 4-H for California!

Thanks to the [California 4-H Foundation](#), we are now signed up for an affiliate program with Shop 4-H, the National 4-H shopping site. Items include t-shirts, curriculum, incentive items and more.

When you purchase anything using [our link](#), 5% of your purchase will be returned to California 4-H!

4-H WEBSITES

[Kern County 4-H Youth Development](#)

[Kern County 4-H Council](#)

<https://4-h.org/>

[Project Level Testing and Study Guides](#)

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE

<https://cekern.ucanr.edu/>

[Youth Development/Becoming a 4-H Leader/](#)



KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!

Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and 'like' us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It's the best way to keep up-to-date!