

# Fresno County 4-H Guidelines

Newsletter for 4-H Families in Fresno County

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### Deadline

4-H News articles due for Newsletter– May 20th  
Please send articles to-  
tlnewton@ucanr.edu

### Words To Live By:

**"You don't have to be perfect to be amazing." - Unknown**



Our programs are open to all potential participants. Please contact the Fresno County UCCE office (two weeks prior to the activity), at (559) 241-7519, if you have any barriers to participation requiring any accommodation.



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## Fresno County 4-H Leader's Council & Committee Meetings

**Fresno County Leadership Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

Join ZOOM Meeting



<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/99405534394?pwd=edUzhrxfZdY7jVlpWDut7PQNRVb4Gn.1>

Meeting ID: 994 0553 4394 Passcode: 328368

**Clover Fest Follow Up Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM**



Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/96700714405?pwd=cai1Hxpw7MeqSqhRpFIlodYxbQDwbX.1>

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*All members, parents and leaders are invited to participate in any of the ZOOM meetings listed above. Your input and active participation will be appreciated!*

## 4-H Sheep & Goat Show

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**

By participating in this event, you and your lamb/goat will gain valuable experience in preparing for the Fresno and Caruthers Fairs.

More information will be available in the next issue of the Guidelines.



## Achievement Night

**Save the Date!!!!**

**Sunday, September 20th**

**Alli-V**

**2588 South Brawley, Fresno**



## 2026 Fresno Fair Premium Book Has Been Posted



The Big Fresno Fair premium book for livestock has been posted on the fair website. **NOW** is the time to read it carefully as a number of rules and guidelines have been changed. The biggest change to be announced is the maximum weight of animals.

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=FresnoFair&f=2026\\_Handbook\\_Changes\\_Final.pdf&cb=obf81568](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=FresnoFair&f=2026_Handbook_Changes_Final.pdf&cb=obf81568)

**Changes for 2026:** Animals that exceed the maximum weight limit will be placed in a market class for grading purposes only and will not be eligible for champion awards. These classes will be shown the same day as showmanship.

**Changes for 2027:** All market animals must not exceed maximum weight limits. Exhibitors whose animals exceed these limits will not be permitted to show or sell the animal in a market class. If an exhibitor has only one animal at the show and it exceeds the maximum weight, the exhibitor may show in a showmanship class. If the exhibitor has no other animals at the fair, the overweight animal may remain on the grounds until after showmanship. However, exhibitors who have additional animals entered in the show must remove the overweight animal immediately following weigh-in.

**In addition:** Grooming stands and grooming equipment along with chairs are NOT permitted in aiseways or in front of fire exits. Parents and exhibitors may only sit in designated areas or in the food tent. Pen space may be used for tack and is where grooming and chairs may be set up.



## CLOVER FEST

***Help make Clover Fest 2026 a success!  
Clover Fest is Fresno County 4-H's premier fundraising event!***

***Saturday, May 30 at 5:30 PM  
Alli V located at 2588 South Brawley, Fresno***

***Your Help is Needed!***

- Live Auction Donations:*** Seeking items with a minimum value of \$500. Experiences such as special dinners, several night's stay at a mountain cabin or coast house or a special activity are great items to consider. The committee will also accept cash donations to help purchase, at a reduced cost, items that will then be sold during the live auction. Please contact Susanne Carroll regarding any Live auction items that you can provide! Hurry...time is running out! Susanne Carroll (559)269-9959.
- Silent Auction Donations:*** Seeking items with a minimum value of \$50. Each club is asked to donate at least one Silent Auction item. Theme baskets should be wrapped in cellophane and a bow and contain a list of items included. **Silent Auction items should be dropped off at the 4-H Office by 3 PM on Wednesday, May 27th.** Questions? Contact Susanne Carroll (559)269-9959.
- Dessert Auction Items:*** Seeking items to sell at the Dessert Auction. Each club is asked to donate 2-3 dessert items that will feed at least 8 people. No refrigeration is available and the items will be displayed outside, so please donate desserts that **DO NOT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION** and can handle the heat! **Items should be dropped off at the 4-H Office on Friday, May 29th by 3 PM, or taken to the Alli V on Saturday, May 30th from 10 AM to Noon.** Questions? Contact Shari Nunes (559)790-4290 or Rosie Puentes (559)630-5093.

For more information, donor letters, dessert forms, how to purchase tickets/table and more, visit our webpage at:

<https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/clover-fest-fundraiser>

- Set-Up and Clean-Up help is needed:*** All hands on deck are needed to set-up (both youth and adults) the morning of Clover Fest beginning at **9 AM!** Lunch will be provided. Clean-up will begin at **10 PM**, at the conclusion of the event. If you plan to attend the event, please plan to stay and help with clean-up. With lots of hands, Clean-Up progresses quickly.
- Needed!!!!*** Pop-ups are needed for the Silent Auction. If you have a Pop-Up Tent and are willing to share it, please bring it to the Alli V the morning of event. Please put your name and phone number on the pop-up and also on the cover/container for the pop-up.
- ALSO Needed:*** 4-H Club t-shirts are needed for the backdrop behind the stage area. If you are willing to share, bring your t-shirts to Set-Up and include the owner's name inside the shirt.
- Clover Fest News Flash!*** Ice Cream, you scream...the 4-H Club that provides the items with the highest earnings from all auction proceeds will win an ice cream sundae party!

**Your support of the Annual Clover Fest fundraiser helps to ensure the future of the 4-H Program! Thank you for your support!**



## WANTED- 4-H Summer Campers!

June 23-27, 2026

Camp Keola at Huntington Lake  
Theme: Welcome to the Wild West!

*Fun Starts here!!!*

**Registration is NOW OPEN!**

Join us Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Camp Keola located on BEAUTIFUL Huntington Lake. Adult Camp Counselors are needed! Clubs are required to provide one adult for every five campers. (1:5 ratio). Adults may split weeks when possible. All adults must be current active 4-H volunteers. *Campers must be age 9 by June 22, 2026, not older than 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates.*

### 5 Reasons Why You Don't Want To Miss It!

- #5 Campfires each night with skits, songs and FUN!
- #4 Free time activities of boating, crafts, swimming, hiking, and more
- #3 Fishing, fishing and more fishing!
- #2 Beautiful facilities on Huntington Lake
- #1 New friendships to last a lifetime!



**Adult & Junior Counselor Fee -\$300.00      Campers Fee -\$440.00**  
**For details and forms go here:**

<https://ucanr.edu/site/fresno-county-4-h/4-h-summer-camp>

Scholarship requests must be submitted to the 4-H Office by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Any family having a financial need for assistance may apply. Scholarship application form is available on the Camp Keola Events Page (link above). Notification of scholarship awards will be communicated to families the following day. **Registration forms and payment due to your Club Leader by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.** CCL's please turn in all forms with payments at your first convenience after May 25<sup>th</sup> **no later than June 1st.**

## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS– ARE YOU CERTIFIED?

*Required to participate in the BIG Fresno Fair & The Caruthers Fair*



All youth planning to participate in the BIG Fresno Fair and/or the Caruthers Fair showing an animal must receive an annual certification from the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This requirement is mandated by the California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) and the Division of Fairs & Expositions (F&E). Certification can be obtained through online training or at an approved instructor led training. The YQCA certification is good for one year and only needs to be completed once annually regardless of the number of species shown. Those not certified through this youth education certification program on the issues of animal welfare, food safety and character education are not eligible to participate at any California fair. The Big Fresno Fair and the Caruthers Fair requires the YQCA certification to be completed at time of project entry as your certification number will be required as part of the online entry process.

ONLINE VS. INSTRUCTOR LED YQCA TRAINING: For both online and instructor-led training, you are required to register in advance on the <https://yqcaprogram.org/> website. Online training costs \$12 per exhibitor and may be completed at anytime prior to entry deadline for the fair.



## Livestock Achievement Program



Nearly 70 livestock project members came out to Reedley College on April 18th to “show what they know” at Livestock Achievement Day. It was a huge success and a busy day for everyone! A special thank you to the many adult helpers and livestock fitting demonstrators who made the event possible. Awards for Livestock Achievement Day were presented during the awards ceremony at the 4-H Fair at Reedley College on Saturday, May 9th , at 1:15 p.m. Awards will appear in the next issue of the Guidelines.

## The Vegas Shoot Results

Avery from Lone Star 4-H participated in the Vegas Shoot on March 27th & 28th 2026. The Vegas Shoot is the largest indoor archery tournament in the world and has over 3,000 competitors from all 50 states and over 50 countries!

Avery earned a spot on the podium taking home an incredible 3rd Place finish in the Cub Female Bowhunter Division! Along with earning her spot on the podium, Avery was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the NFAA and the Easton Foundations.



**Congratulations!!!**

## State Leadership Conference 2026

*Theme: Cosmic Impact: Launch Your Spark*

*July 23-26, 2026 at UC Davis*

*Ages: 11-19 year old*

Registration is now open! Last day to register is June 15, 2026

Please note the registration deadline dates and fees-

May 1 - 21, 2026	\$345
May 22 - June 1, 2026	\$395
June 2 - June 15, 2026	\$445



### **Tracks include:**

- \* Animal Science and Agriculture
- \* Civics & Leadership
- \* Healthy Living
- \* Shooting Sports Leadership
- \* STEM

4-H youth, 11-19 years old, can attend this inspiring experience packed with hands-on workshops, dynamic speakers, and sessions that build your leadership, communication, goal setting, and life readiness skills. It's time to grow, connect, and lead with confidence!

Learn more about the conference on the Event Website :

<https://na.eventscloud.com/website/55587/>

Fresno County 4-H Sponsoring Committee offers significant scholarships towards cost of attending.

Please contact the 4-H Office for additional information and answers to questions– 559-241-7519

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- 4H -To Make The Best Better Socks
  - Top Hand Award, Record Books or Seniors
- 4H- Color Tie-Dye & 4H Sock
  - Projects, Volunteers, Creative, Community Service
- Projects/Teams -
  - Wildlife, Livestock, Dairy, Cotton, Floral, Ento. etc.
- Livestock Awards -
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### Blossom Trail 4-H Leadership

It is that time of year again...Blossom Trail Officer applications are now open! This past year Blossom Trail had 27 students serving in leadership roles. Seven student members were on the Executive Board which is made up of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and Reporter. Twenty student members served in appointed officer positions which include photographers, spirit coordinators, community services officers, refreshments officers, and more. Blossom Trail’s goal is to get as many of its members as possible into officer positions of some type. This is our goal because leadership instills values of hard work, commitment, and aides in learning to work collectively with others. And, the more invested in your club you are, the more people you know and the more fun you have! If you are a part of Blossom Trail, don’t forget to apply today!

By: Blakeleigh Snell (BT Reporter)

### Blossom Trail Elections



On Monday, May 4, 2026, Blossom Trail held its annual executive board elections.

Congratulations to the  
2026-2027 Executive Board!

*President:* Gatlin Snell

*Vice President:* Blakeleigh Snell

*Treasurer:* Jeremiah Valorosi

*Recording Secretary:* Harrison Sellenrick

*Newsletter Editor:* Lena Valorosi

*Reporter:* Katrina Wooten

*Corresponding Secretary:* Emery Ramming

## The Central Valley Regional Presentation Day Event

was held April 1st and 2nd and brought together 7 counties with 55 scheduled presentations. Thanks to the collaboration, teamwork, and dedication of our county representatives, volunteers, evaluators, and families, we had a very successful event.

We would like to congratulate all of our participants for the hard work, preparation, and confidence they demonstrated through their presentations. Your efforts truly reflect the leadership and communication skills that make the 4-H program so special.

We are especially excited to recognize our Gold and Blue award recipients, who now have the opportunity to advance and represent our region at the State Presentation Event on May 23rd. Congratulations to all participants on an outstanding job!

### Demonstration

Trevor R., Fairmont 4-H	Int.- Gold	Environmental Presentation
Rojan K., Fowler 4-H	Jr.- Gold	Purple in a Jar

### Educational Display Talk

Augustine R., Sierra 4-H	Int.- Gold	The Form of a Pigeon
Roxanne H., Sierra 4-H	Int.- Gold	Basketball Plays

### Illustrated Talk

Kashlynn M., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Blue	The Spark of Achievement
Faith L., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Gold	Sharks 101
Jeremy C., Fowler 4-H	Sr.- Blue	The Hidden Risks of a Vegan Lifestyle
Jina K., Fowler 4-H	Sr.- Gold	Microplastics and the Human Body
Lindy K., Reedley 4-H	Int.- Gold	The 12 Olympians Explained
Allison J., Renegades 4-H	Sr.- Gold	The Works of Shakespeare
Faith L. and Kashlynn M., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Gold	From Livestock to Leadership
Daniel M., Kingsburg 4-H	Jr.- Gold	Fun Things to do in Central Sierra Nevada Mtns.

### Improv Speech

Anneke C., Kingsburg 4-H	Int.- Red
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### Interpretive Reading

Ziva C., Blossom Trail 4-H	Jr.- Gold	My Brother is a Doodler
Faith L., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Red	The Highwaymen
Trevor R., Fairmont 4-H	Int.- Blue	Prisoner of Cell 25 by Michael Vey
Cormick R., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Gold	Pearl Harbor Address
Eleanor S., Fowler 4-H	Jr.- White	The Giving Tree

### Job Interview

Makayla R., Fairmont 4-H	Int.- Blue	Stable Hand Asst.
Ronan R., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Red	Wildlife Sanctuary Intern
Trevor R., Fairmont 4-H	Int.- Blue	Stable Hand Asst.
Cormick R., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Blue	Bookstore Asst.

### Share the Fun Skit

Adaline O., Cormick R., Faith L., Kashlynn M., Makayla R., Ronan R., Trevor R., Fairmont 4-H	Sr.- Gold	Prepping for a Phenomenal Presentation Day
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April 22, 2026

## THE BIG FRESNO FAIR NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

The Big Fresno Fair is seeking a select group of Fresno County high school students to serve as Junior Fair Board members for 2026.

The Junior Fair Board program is designed to give young adults the opportunity to develop leadership skills, engage in community service, and gain firsthand experience with the business operations of the 21st District Agricultural Association. Participants will work closely with Fair staff throughout the year.

Junior Fair Board members will assist with a variety of fair-related activities, with the greatest level of involvement taking place during the 2026 Big Fresno Fair, scheduled for October 7 through October 18.

This program fosters community involvement and pride by allowing students to contribute to the largest and longest-running annual event in the Central San Joaquin Valley. Responsibilities include community and school outreach, pre-fair setup, and active participation during the Fair itself—supporting the Fair Education Program, and other attractions.

Organizers emphasize that the Fair's primary mission is education, and the Junior Fair Board plays an important role in creating meaningful and engaging learning experiences for participants.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be between 13 and 19 years old
- Live in Fresno County
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher

The application deadline for the 2026 Junior Fair Board is June 1, 2026.

For more information or to request an application, visit the Fair's official website at [www.fresnofair.com](http://www.fresnofair.com).

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