



# Santa Cruz County 4-H Program

February 10, 2021

Dear 4-H Families,

We have faced some tough challenges over the last 14 months from COVID, wildfires, evacuations due to flooding, shelter in place to learning over zoom.

The 4-H program has also felt these challenges. The 4-H staff with the 4-H community club leaders have been working on some new strategies to improve our 4-H program by bringing back the “4-H FUN”!

*We are proud to introduce a NEW countywide 4-H club monthly meeting. Our 1st meeting will be held March 9th at 6:30 pm so mark your calendars.*

The new 4-H countywide monthly meeting will replace your individual 4-H club meetings.

We have established a few ground rules to the new structure of 4-H Countywide Monthly club meetings.

1. Each 4-H club will remain with their own individual 4-H bank accounts. We are **not** commingling the funds into one bank account.
  - a. The 4-H club treasurer for each 4-H club will send out the 4-H treasurer report to their 4-H club members only.
  - b. If we have to vote on spending money from an individual 4-H club bank account the 4-H members of that club will vote in private. We will break you into a breakout room over zoom.

2. The 4-H minutes from the previous meeting will be sent out countywide to all the members in our 4-H program with the agenda for the upcoming meeting.
3. 4-H members will remain registered in the individual 4-H clubs.
  - a. Member will exhibit at the fairs under their 4-H club
4. 4-H projects will remain open in each 4-H club with their members participating in the projects unless that 4-H club hosts a countywide 4-H project.
5. A new 4-H club will host the 4-H county wide meeting each month. We will assign a new club at the end of each meeting.
  - a. 4-H club leaders and staff will help with the agenda.
  - b. the 4-H office will send out the meeting information, previous month meeting minutes and agenda a week prior to meeting.
6. **NEW 4-H countywide 4-H club meetings will be held on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.**
  - a. Your 4-H club may choose not to participate in the countywide meetings by still holding the individual 4-H club meetings.
  - b. Meeting will host about 15 minutes of business content
  - c. 4-H Fun active for members of all ages will participate in for about half an hour after the business part of the meeting has concluded.

The benefit of new style 4-H club meetings is the youth will meet and interact with youth outside of their main 4-H club. Youth will develop new friendships, participate in games and bring back the 4-H Fun in our program.

All 4-H clubs may hold project meetings up to 10 people (including 2 adult leaders) outside only practicing COVID restrictions and guidelines as of February 1, 2021.

We are working on many new exciting events to be held in person with maximum participation allowed following the COVID restrictions and guidelines. Stay tuned for the details of the March 9th zoom meeting.

**Aptos 4-H club will be hosting the first 4-H Countywide Club Meeting on March 9th at 6:30 pm by zoom. We are very excited to see everyone at the March zoom meeting!**

