



## **Santa Cruz County 4-H Newsletter March 23, 2021**

**The next 4-H Countywide club meeting by zoom meeting is April 13th at 6:30 pm.**

If you would like to have a topic added to the 4-H council agenda, please email or text the 4-H office. Our activity for the 4-H meeting will be a scavenger hunt. The Zoom meeting link will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

### **4-H Spring Fair committee meeting April 6th at 6:30 pm by zoom**

We can not host a spring fair for the general public instead we are planning a Spring Fair for 4-Hers and families. We are looking for 4-H members, leaders, and parents to join our committee. We will be discussing a plan to host a Spring Fair in May or June. Bring your ideas for the 4-H Spring Fair such as active booths, poster contest, baking contest, etc. Join the committee on April 6th at 6:30 pm by zoom. We will send out a zoom link closer to the meeting with the agenda

### **Mekyla Dairy Goat Awareness for Kids project:**

Mekyla is proud to announce her Dairy Goat Awareness for kids series in a 4 part video. She raised dairy goats for several years. She will introduce youth to the joys of raising goats, milking, cheese making, and showmanship. Stay tuned for the first video on March 28th. (we will post on the 4-H website). Dairy goats have wonderful personalities and provide milk and cheese to many homes in our community. We would invite you to join the Dairy Goat project and make some goat cheese!



*Thank you to all the 4-Hers hosting an Emerald Star project! I look forward to the next proposal for an Emerald Star project. I encourage you to think outside the box for your Emerald Star project.*

If you are interested in submitting your application <http://cesantacruz.ucanr.edu/files/124631.pdf> then send the completed application to the 4-H office at [jkatawicz@ucanr.edu](mailto:jkatawicz@ucanr.edu).

### **New Leadership/Interview Project:**

We have been invited to participate in a new interview project with Cornell Institute on Aging (CITRA) program. Youth will work with 4-H leaders and 4-H staff on how to interview a senior in our community. The benefit for the youth is improving their interview skills, creating interview questions, and learning from seniors life experiences. The youth will summarize their findings from the interviews with seniors. We will get together for a presentation and group discussion after the interviews are completed. The benefit to our seniors that participating is they get to share their life experience with youth. The project must be completed by June 30th. If you are interested in participating please contact your leadership 4-H leader or 4-H office by email at [jkatawicz@ucanr.edu](mailto:jkatawicz@ucanr.edu).

### **New 4-H Ag Business Project**

Our 4-H program has a new 4-H Ag Business project. The youth are visiting local agriculture businesses and farms in our community. The youth will learn about different aspects of running a business as well as different types of agriculture. Thank you to Corralitos's leader for offering and leading this project. We look forward to an update at the next 4-H countywide club meeting.

### **COVID-19 Meeting requirements & Office updates:**

**As of March 1st, we can now meet inside & outside in person up to 25% capacity of the room or area outside up to 100 people including 2 adult leaders.** We still have zoom meeting links available. Please email the 4-H office if you need a zoom link for your 4-H meeting.

Our 4-H office will be working remotely until June 30, 2021. You may contact the 4-H office by email or phone at [jkatawicz@ucanr.edu](mailto:jkatawicz@ucanr.edu) or (831) 205-3180.

Our 4-H statewide conference will be virtual this year through August 1, 2021.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our families.

- Here are some resources for online and 4-H projects:

[http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Program/Online\\_4-H\\_Project\\_Resources/](http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Online_4-H_Project_Resources/)

1. We have also posted the information on the front page of our 4-H county website under COVID-19 training for 4-H leaders.

We encourage meetings in person up to current covid regulations, zoom, or other media resources. We have many online resources to assist leaders with project meetings. We are happy to schedule the zoom meeting and send the link to the 4-H leader to distribute the 4-H members. Please send your email request to the 4-H office at [jkatawicz@ucanr.edu](mailto:jkatawicz@ucanr.edu) with the date and time of the meeting at least two days prior to the meeting.

***We are waiting for an update on the virtual conference dates for Youth Summit Conference and State Leadership for 2021.***

### **Tech Talk Seasons:**

We understand the difficulty many 4-H families, 4-H leaders, and staff are facing changing our 4-H program to a virtual platform. We have an opportunity to form tech support with training sessions from January 2021 to June 2021 from Scott Mautte with our 4-H state office staff. I have personally worked with Scott for the last 6 years. He is a tech genius. We can all gain many new skills to help our 4-H youth and expand our 4-H program in our community.

The platform of tech talk is a space for leaders, teens, adults, and 4-H staff, from beginners to experts to get personalized help in working through the challenges they are facing delivering 4-H in a virtual environment. This time is informal and the content will be created by participants from the questions and challenges we are facing in the virtual delivery.

Hosted monthly from January to June 2021

2nd Tuesday 7 pm - 8 pm

4th Saturday 10 am - 11 am

Registration: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=32650>

See the flyer posted on our 4-H county website for more information under events.

### **Happy Easter,**

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