



Tulare County 4-H

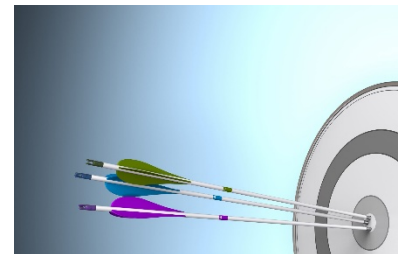
Nationals for Springville Archery!



Left to Right: Corey Gill, Ethan Scheer, Jackson Lowery, Bruce Heuer, Andrew Vasquez, and Jason Gill

Making History

With lots of hard work, dedication, and determination, these four 4-H shooting sports members traveled to Grand Island, Nebraska for the 4-H National Shooting Sports Competition from June 22-27th. The team made history with podium appearances for Ethan in 10th place in the Field Round and Andrew in 3rd place (bronze medal) in the 3D Round. Overall, California Compound Archery placed 6th with individual placings of Andrew being 8th, Bruce 16th, Ethan 24th, and Jackson 93rd! There were a total of 124 individuals and 32 teams in Compound Archery.



A meet and greet event was held on July 31st at the River Island Country club in Springville. Here, families, sponsors, and 4-H County Staff presented awards and celebrated the four competitors. They were formally invited to the opening ceremony of the Tulare County Fair on September 10th at 12pm.

A special shout out to the project leaders, Corey and Jason for navigating so efficiently through every obstacle that was thrown at them. Another special shout out to the parents who also traveled to Nebraska, cooked meals, provided drinks and snacks, and stuck it through during a drastic rain storm. Lastly, a very heartfelt thanks to all of the sponsors who helped make this possible. The 4-H community is proud of all of the accomplishments from everyone involved!

It's Not Good-Bye, It's Catch Ya Later



Rochelle Mederos, Tulare County's 4-H Community Education Specialist located at the UC Cooperative Extension office has departed from the CES role as of August 1st. She will be transitioning into a new role of College and Career Readiness for Kings County Office of Ed. Rochelle's last day was filled with lots of laughs and lots of food for an office potluck that was held to send her off with a full heart and stomach. Rochelle has dedicated the last 11 years to building the Tulare County 4-H program with an impressive 12 clubs in addition to after school programs throughout the county. Recently, Rochelle helped implement a

garden for youth at Castle Rock Elementary School in Woodlake among many other tasks and accomplishments. The department and community will deeply miss Rochelle's consistent guidance, but the community can look forward to her still being involved with 4-H through volunteer work. Join us in wishing Rochelle the best on her new journey!

Rest Assured, the 4-H Office Staff are Here

The 4-H CES position is expected to be posted on the Tulare County careers website by the end of October. In the interim, Shari Connelly, Office Lead, and Shelley Magana, Office Manager will be overseeing all things 4-H. If there are any questions or concerns, Shari and Shelley will be the primary contacts. Once club meetings are set up, let the 4-H staff know so they can attend if availability permits and get to know you all more! Additionally, if you didn't already know, a new county director for

4-H OFFICE

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[4-H Youth Development Program](#)



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4-H Youth Development Program

Tulare County Cooperative Extension, Leonel Jimenez started in February of this year! He is eager to learn and help continue to grow the 4-H program and support youth development throughout Tulare County.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification

Get certified in youth mental health first aid virtually via Zoom. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches adults working with youth how to identify, understand and respond to an adolescent (ages 12-18) who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Courses are led by certified Youth Mental Health First Aid trainers.

Time commitment

- Courses will be held virtually over 2 evenings. Both courses are required to receive certification.
- There are 1-2 hours of online pre-work required to be completed prior to the start of the instructor-led sessions.

Cost

- The cost is free however there is a \$125.00 cancellation fee charged to the county if cancelled within 48 hours of the course and \$25.00 cancellation fee charged to the county if cancelled more than 48 hours prior to course.
- You may reschedule your courses at no charge if space is available.

New Year, New Enrollment

As the new fiscal year has begun, it is time to submit project plans to club leaders so youth can start enrolling in projects under clubs. If project plans haven't been submitted, please submit those as soon as possible to club leaders! As always, if any assistance is needed, the 4-H office staff is available for support. Club leaders will let their 4-H community know when projects are ready to be enrolled in and then families can start to enroll new and returning youth in ZSuites. All of this information can be found on our website [4-H Youth Development Program](#) but please note, we have had a website platform transition recently and are still working through the new changes. 4-H staff can be contacted about any questions or concerns regarding the website.

Ignite by 4-H 2026

If you are interested in attending the Ignite Summit March 25-29th, 2026 at Washing Hilton, Washington DC here are the steps needed to take.

1. Fill out the interest form and let the 4-H County staff you are interested in attending. [California 4-H Ignite Interest Form](#)

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

**RSVP BY: ONE WEEK
PRIOR TO COURSE START**

Link

<https://bit.ly/Register-YMH>

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

September 22 & 24, 5 - 8 pm

October 14 & 15, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

November 18 & 19, 5 - 8 pm



2. Submit a scholarship request [Scholarship Application](#)
 3. Coordinate with County staff in purchasing tickets.
 4. Attend Fall Info Meetings with Ryan Cleland, UCANR's Ignite Coordinator. Please note, only one meeting is necessary to attend as all meetings will have the same information.
- [Thursday, August 21 – 6:00 PM](#)
 - [Thursday, September 11 – 6:00 PM](#)
 - [Thursday, September 18 – 6:00 PM](#)

Program Tracks:

Teens will explore their passions, build skills, and discover career paths through six exciting tracks:

- **AgriScience** – Explore food systems, sustainability, and ag innovation
- **Community Accelerators** – Learn to lead local change through service and entrepreneurship
- **Healthy Living** – Focus on wellness, nutrition, and teamwork (includes 4-H Soccer Tournament)
- **STEM** – Hands-on robotics, coding, space science, and engineering
- **Animal Science** (New) – Veterinary science, livestock, equine topics, and animal systems
- **Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)** (New) – Civic leadership, advocacy, and policy (starts March 24)

Registration Details

Closes: October 31

Early Bird Deadline: September 15

Track	Teen Rate	Adult Rate
Ignite	\$1,200	\$1,650
CWF @ Ignite	\$1,375	\$1,825

- *Regular rates increase by \$175 after September 15.*

4-H Resources

[CA 4-H Resource Center](#)

[New Family Guide-8671.pdf](#) |

[Powered by Box](#)

[4-H Achievement Program Information](#)

