



NEWSLETTER – 2

October 6, 2023

Hello Fellow Badger Creek 4-H'rs,

Our club year is now back in full swing and projects are starting to meet. We have begun receiving enrollment reports and we are excited that the ZSuite system seems to be working without problems. At this month's club meeting we approved and adopted the budget for the club year. As always, your leadership team and project leaders are working hard to deliver a great 4-H experience for everyone; we truly couldn't do it without them. Please take a moment to read through the newsletter and mark your calendar with all the upcoming events.

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1. Spirit Wear



Spirit Wear will be available through this month and at the November Club Meeting after which it won't be available again until sometime in the Spring right before the Fair. So, if you're interested in purchasing Spirit Wear then See Amber at the enrollment table at the November Club Meeting.

2. Annual Costume Event – November 6th Club Meeting



Mark your calendars and get your costumes ready for our Annual Costume event at our **November Club Meeting**. Please wear your costume or dress up in a Thanksgiving outfit for that meeting and join us in a costume parade where there will be a prize for each age category. Costumes will be scored on an individual basis using creativity, originality, complexity and theme. Please keep in mind that this is an independent activity. As a reminder the age groups are:

- Primary (5-8 years old)
 - Junior (9 & 10 year olds)
 - Intermediate (11-13 year olds)
 - Senior (14 and older)
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3. Markofer's Annual Fall Festival – Animal Expo



*****ATTENTION ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBERS AND PROJECT LEADERS*****

Badger Creek 4-H has been asked by Markofer Elementary School's PTO to host an Animal Expo at their Annual Fall Festival on **Friday, October 20th from 5-8 PM**. We will be setting up in the **baseball diamond** and need families who are willing to participate to bring their own animals, pens and cages. Animals and equipment can be **loaded in** between **3-5 PM** and **loaded out** from **8-9 PM** in the rear parking lot. We would love to

have members from the Dogs, Cats, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Multi-species and Swine project out there to talk about their animals and their projects. To help facilitate this effort a sign-up list has been created

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4AADAD2DA2F85-44387561-animal>

This is a great opportunity for our club to do outreach in the community and to help support a wonderful PTO.



If you'd like to pre-order anything from the Harvest Grill then items can be purchased on the PTO website through Friday, October 13th. Harvest Grill items are pre-order ONLY and will NOT be available to purchase on the night of the event.

<https://markofer.ptboard.com/formvw?store=4068&form=8>

4. Sacramento County 4-H Achievement Night – Oct 26th 6–8 PM



Mark your calendars and join us on Thursday, October 26th at the Sacramento County 4-H office from 6–8 PM for an exclusive night of achievement recognitions. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/C4557btvfmvdXLBy9>. We look forward to seeing you all there to help support our achievement recipients and our County ambassadors.

5. Project Sign-ups



Project sign-ups are underway and projects are beginning to meet. If you signed up for a project and have not yet heard from the project leader then please reach out to them to confirm that they received your sign-up information from the Google Forms since these forms are not linked to the ZSuite enrollment system.

6. Enrollment



Enrollment is open and all the steps you need to get started can be found on our club's website under "[Club Enrollment Information](#)" or you can click here

<http://badgercreek4h.weebly.com/club-enrollment-information.html>.

The club leader team are all actively trying to get everyone enrolled as soon as possible so we can be in compliance with county requirements for project meetings. If you need assistance with membership fees or any help completing the enrollment process then please reach out to the club leader team and we'll be happy to help get your member enrolled.

Once you've completed all three steps your enrollment will be listed as "Pending". Once the county office approves everything, they will then mark your status as "Active" and you will receive an email through the ZSuite system. Please let us know if you have any questions.

7. UC 4-H Handbook for Families



New and returning families often have lots of questions about our organization and what it means to be a part of it. This handbook has lots of great information to help maximize your families 4H experience. Please check it out! [UC 4-H Handbook for Families \(ucanr.edu\)](#)

8. Club Webpage



Our club website has been revamped to make it easier to navigate. On our club website you'll be able to find club meeting dates, enrollment information, and other way to stay connected. Please check it out <http://badgercreek4h.weebly.com/>

9. Instagram & Facebook



For a more inclusive experience please consider following us on Instagram and liking us on Facebook. Through Instagram and Facebook you can stay in touch with updates and live content from Rylee your Social Media Officer and from your Club Leadership Team. We are here to help support you and your growing future.

10. Remind Text Group



We love all the direct messages [aka DM's] that we get from all of you throughout the year, but we can't send mass text messages through our personal devices, so we have been utilizing the Remind App to send out short but sweet mass messages to all of you. The messages typically sent out through the Remid App are reminders about meetings, fundraisers, and events such as community service opportunities and Fair announcements.

If you haven't joined our Remind text group then please consider doing so by sending a text to **81010** and in the message, window type in **@badgerc** and hit send. Another way to get added is to open or download the Remind App and add Badger Creek 4-H.

11. Email List and Personal DM's



We are slowly working on revamping our email list to include current members and their families while still keeping in touch with alumni family and community supporters. We realize that everyone has a flood of daily emails and we want to limit the number of emails we send out to help minimize what you receive and also to highlight the important things happening in our club. If you are not already on our email list or would like to add additional family members to the email list then please email us at badgercreek4h@gmail.com and let us know. If you are receiving our emails and would no longer like to be on the email list then please email us and let us know; we will remove your email at your request.

If you need a more immediate response then please text us directly as we tend to answer text messages much faster than emails.

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12. National 4-H Week – First week in October 2023



4-H has a rich history in across the US starting with the first National 4-H week in 1945.

Results of this first National 4-H Week in 1945 indicated it had been a very effective means on the part of leaders and members alike, of reviewing the year's work, setting

goals for the ensuing year, and focusing the attention of the public on 4-H and its values in the development of young people and to general community and national welfare.

For more information about National 4-H week and the National 4-H History Preservation Program please visit

https://4-hhistorypreservation.com/History/National_4-H_Week/#:~:text=After%20the%20war%2C%20when%20the,volunteer%20as%204%2DH%20leaders%2C

13. Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign – Oct 4-15



Tractor Supply and 4-H started the bi-annual Paper Clover fundraiser in 2010 to raise money and awareness for local 4-H clubs. Ninety percent of campaign donations are used to support 4-H youth in the state where the donation is made, while the remaining 10

percent supports national 4-H programming. The Paper Clover contributions fund educational programs and provide all 4-H members with the opportunity to engage in enriching camps, conferences and community projects in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, agriculture, healthy living and civic engagement. To read more about this campaign then please view the News Release [here](#)

<https://corporate.tractorsupply.com/newsroom/news-releases/news-releases-details/2023/Tractor-Supplys-Paper-Clover-Campaign-Reaches-20-Million-Donation-Milestone-for-4-H/default.aspx#:~:text=Tractor%20Supply%20and%204%2DH,supports%20national%204%2DH%20programming.>

14. Volunteer with us – New volunteer orientation 6:30–9 PM



Parents, community members and project Leaders welcomed.

Signing up to be a 4-H Volunteer does not mean you have to be a project leader. Volunteers are needed

in a wide range of capacities such as committees, fundraisers, project meeting help, and chauffeurs to name a few. We are uniquely prepared to meet you where you are and to any extent that you're willing to volunteer with us.

New Volunteer Orientation is coming up and we would like to invite you to join us.

- Wednesday, November 1st 6:30-9 PM

To RSVP for the New Volunteer Orientation please complete this form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekGgZ3vpkgyWBZALOh_On4KCYyKkH1PuQgA-QHab161b261w/viewform

The new volunteer intake steps can be found on our club's website [here](http://badgercreek4h.weebly.com/volunteer-with-us.html)

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**A minimum of 2 appointed 4-H adult volunteers must be present at all 4-H club meetings, project meetings, and events. Consider becoming a volunteer to ensure that your 4-H club can make this happen.*

15. Returning Volunteers



Each year our returning volunteers are asked to complete the returning volunteer online training through the UC eXtension. If you're a returning project leader or volunteer and you have not completed your returning online training then you must do so before

your enrollment can be activated. The online training can be found here <https://campus.extension.org/login/index.php>. If you don't have the enrollment key then please let us know.

16. National Day of Giving – Nov. 28th



Mark your calendars for this year's National Day of Giving on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023. More information is coming soon.

17. Diner Night Out – Pizza Bell



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came out last night to our Pizza Bell Dinner Night Out Fundraiser. We aren't sure yet how much we raised, but it was really great to see such a fantastic turnout and to have all of your support. Stay tuned for more Dinner Night Out opportunities. Our Fundraising Committee thanks you.

18. Next Club Meeting – Mon, Nov. 6th 7 PM



Please join us for our next club meeting on Monday, November 6th at 7:00 PM at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

That's all we have at the moment for the October Newsletter. Additional information will go out as we receive it so we can keep you updated and in the know. If you see anything in this newsletter that requires a correction then please reach out to us.