

My 4-H story

My name is [REDACTED] I am 10 years old. I am a Fifth grader at [REDACTED] Elementary. I live in Greenfield California with my brother, mom, and dad. Some of my interests are showing animals, outdoor activities, cooking, and hanging out with my pets. My plans for the future are being an Agricultural Animal Science teacher.

I joined 4-H because I heard about it and I like being active and I also heard about all the great opportunities. This is my second year in 4-H. I took Leadership, Fishing, Golf, Metal Works, and Swine. My favorite project was Swine. I liked this project because I get to have a connection with my pig. The three goals I accomplished were getting my pig to fair, making weight, and getting ribbons for my entries. There are a couple things I would do differently. First, I would keep my monthly agendas. Second, I will spend more time with my future pigs.

In Swine I learned how to show. My pig's name was Chavo. I got group 1 and in showmanship I didn't get placed. Before the fair we had a showmanship clinic at LA Hearne. Then I got nervous at the fair, but I got over it. I would like to give thanks to Mitch Moss, Trish Frudden, Chip Kosty, Esther Kosty, Aren Umbarger and our leader Laura Hernandez. They help me a lot throughout those months. Sometime I had feed problems, like if my pig was not eating Mitch Moss would help me a lot with that. Trish would help me with my pig's weights. When I would forget my pig's weights I would ask her and she would know how much my pig weighed every time. Chip and Aren would help me weigh my pig on weigh days I really liked that. Esther and Laura would help me, if my pig was sick or if I needed help on showmanship. I could always count on all of them.

I did another fair, it was the San Benito Fair. My pig's name was Bella, she was a Blue Butt. My pig Bella taught me to never give up because she was more difficult than my other pigs. In market she got Last place, but I know she tried her best. In Showmanship I got 3rd place. That fair was awesome It was nice an peaceful in the morning. My friend James Maxwell took me and [REDACTED] to go eat at a Breakfast that a 4-h group did. They had a lot of good food and drinks. James showed me his lamb. He taught me a little bit of how to show a lamb too. At the San Benito Fair there was a lot of different rides there and activates.

My next project was Fishing, we only had one meeting though. In fishing they showed us how to throw the rod and the basic safety of fishing. I almost caught a fish, but it almost took my rod. Fishing was really fun we went fishing to a lake. All the fish were under the Dock. My Brother had to fix my rod because it was not that strong to real in the fish.

My next project was Golf. In golf we learned the basic rules of golf. It was fun because you get to be active and with all your friends. In golf we learned what a fairway wood, a putter, a driver, an iron, a hole in one, Bogie, Birdie, Eagle, and a putting green is. Golf has been a good experience for me because I get to have fun with my friends and it is a nice peaceful sport.

My next project was Metal Works. In Metal works we learned how to make designs with basic tools. The tools I used were Tin Snips, Tin Puncher, Angle for Measuring, Tin Patterns, Rubber Mallet, and Aluminum Sheeting. It was fun because I got to make my own Design.

My next project was Leadership. They showed us how to be a better citizen in my community and how to be more organized. The most fun part was the first meeting because we got to go swimming at our leader's house. In the pool me and my friend David Gonzalez fought with noodles in the pool. We were pretending we were playing with swords. I would like to give

thanks to Stephanie Domingos and Mary Blair Hughes for all the help through the year. In 4-h a was a Officer. My position was being the Monitor . At every general meeting I had to set up the Del Rey Elementary school Cafeteria for the meetings. In leadership we once made table decorations for The Monterey County Fair out of lollipop sticks and fair animal pictures my animal was a pig, a pig is one of my favorite animals.

In 4-H I did a presentation on Avocado or not? In my presentation, I got gold at County and Sectionals. At State Field Day I got gold, State Field Day was very hard. There was a lot of competition there. I practiced a lot to get to State. At state presentation. I meet a lot of new people . Met a 4-Her from orange county. At State Presentations I went on stage to play Trivia. I didn't do so good but I tried my best. The winner got a Starbucks Card.

In 4-H there are a lot of activities some of the activities that I attended are the 4-H dance and Achievement Night there were both at the same place and one after one other. First was Achievement night at Achievement night I got Recognize for gold seal record book winner in swine. After was the 4-H Dance that was when the fun began. For dinner they had Pizza and salad it was really good. There was two other members from our group. They had a photo booth too it was really FUN!!!! We took over 10 pictures. There was lot of cool songs. They had a DJ they were awesome!!!!!! We played games, Danced , and had a good time!!!! There was NO parent, they had to leave. There was no parents allowed. It was awesome.

4-H has really help me feel confident in myself because I am doing something that I am good at and I enjoy it. Since I don't have much leisure time at all, 4-H has helped me learn that I need to plan things out ahead of time and know when all my really helped me become the person that I am today and I like that about myself. It has also helped me become more involved in my

community with lots of volunteers opportunities. I have been on a few committees and they have been a good learning experience. Most ask for an essay about something important in your life. I didn't have to think hard to know that I would write about the impact 4-H has had on my life. The life skills and knowledge acquired through 4-H will be an asset to me whatever I choose to do in the future. Also, I would like to have to opportunity to become a 4-H All Star!!!