



News & Views

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



2011 SLO COUNTY 4-H PRESENTATION DAY!



Presentation Day is being held on **Saturday, February 5, 2011**, on the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering Building. Entry forms are available at slocounty4h.org under the *Applications* heading. **ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE** in the 4-H OFFICE by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011**. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with opening ceremonies starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you aren't going to do a presentation, please consider coming to Presentation Day to cheer on your fellow 4-H'ers and learn about all of the different projects that are offered in SLO County.

As always, 4-H'ers who receive a gold medal at County Presentation Day will be eligible to advance to the sectional competition. The 2011 **Sectional 4-H Presentation Day** is being hosted by Santa Barbara County and will be held on **Saturday, March 26, 2011**, at **Olga Reed School in Los Alamos**. Details will be provided to eligible presenters.

~ **SAVE THE DATE** ~

Saturday, April 30, 2011



**FOOD & ARTS CELEBRATION
and
FASHION REVUE**



at Laguna Middle School, San Luis Obispo

More information to follow soon on the county website www.slocounty4h.org and in next month's newsletter.

SLO County's 4-H website is:
<http://www.slocounty4h.org>
State 4-H website: <http://www.ca4h.org>
SAFETY NOTES: <http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/>

National & State 4-H News

For more information from the STATE 4-H OFFICE, visit
<http://www.ca4h.org/News/>

- Are you looking for a good way to enhance your leadership and civic engagement skills while you meet other 4-H members from across the state and nation? Find out more about the California and Washington Focus Programs on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/>. County teams are starting to form this fall with sign-ups due January 10. Start planning now to attend:

California Focus, June 17 – 21 in Sacramento

Washington Focus #1

June 26 – July 4, Road to Democracy - WA, D.C.; Williamsburg, Jamestown/
Yorktown

June 26 – July 2, Heritage Trail I – Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus #2

July 10 – 19, Global Journey - Washington, D.C, Philadelphia, & New York.

July 10 – 16, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C.

Financial assistance is available.

Contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

- Your 4-H club can assist families of the deployed National Guard and Reserve, information is available to make it easier for you to spread the word about the Our Military Kids program. For more information on this valuable resource please visit <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>
- The world is shrinking!! This isn't the opening line of a science fiction story. It's true! We live in a global community. In our inter-related world, events in one country affect others and we have many more opportunities to interact with people from around the world. Find out how you can begin to prepare yourself to be an active citizen in a global world by participating in the **4-H International Exchange Programs**. In 2011, California 4-H members and families will host students from **Costa Rica, Japan and Norway**. In addition, 4-H members and leaders can travel outbound to **Australia**. Information about the 4-H programs is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/> or by contacting Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or at 530-754-8520.
- The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!" is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered.

You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.

- *To access a computer or websites call the 4-H office 781-5943.*

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4-H NEWS



4-H and Agriculture at the California Mid-State Fair

By Vivian Robertson, CEO, Paso Robles Event Center

Greetings from the California Mid-State Fair!

Well, we just finished up an amazing 2010 Fair and are already working on planning for 2011. Even though it seems quite early, I wanted to provide all of you with an update on a policy change recently adopted by the Board of Directors pertaining to the Livestock Department for next year. So many of you make plans and purchase animals early and this change may affect your selection of animals. Pass the word on to all of your parents and exhibitors!

The 2011 market show will be a terminal show. There will be no live pick up allowed for market animals that go through the Junior Livestock Auction. This includes lambs, hogs, meat goats, meat birds, and meat rabbits. Steers have been and will remain as a terminal destination. Buyers will have two (2) options upon purchase of animals during the Junior Livestock Auction: custom harvest; or consign for resale. Please keep in mind that we will continue to have the option that upon completion of market show competition, animals (excluding champions) may be pulled from the auction within one (1) hour after completion of showing. The fee for this process is \$25.00 and must be done in the Livestock Office.

Thanks to all of you who helped make the 2010 Fair the golden success it was. Many thanks are directly extended to: Heritage Foundation for funding the installation of hardwiring for internet service to run the show/entry program from the Livestock Office to the Livestock Pavilion; Albertson's for their continued support of the 4-H Youth with a tremendous donation to 4-H; and Harris Ranch Beef for shutting down their harvest plant Monday morning to accommodate and process the steers. The same thanks also goes to Superior Meat and Yosemite Meat. Please join us as we applaud all of our friends for their generous contributions to the Fair.

The Board of Directors, management, and staff of the California Mid-State Fair continue in our endeavors to preserve and promote agriculture. When we talk about agriculture and youth, the 4-H and FFA livestock programs are truly an integral part of the Fair. The support generated from this community undoubtedly provides encouragement to our young people in their mini-enterprise projects, and more so, in learning valuable lifetime entrepreneurship skills.

See you at the Fair ... **July 20 – July 31, 2011!!!**

If you have any questions, please contact the Mid-State Fair office at (805) 239-0655.

4-H SLO County Management Board Minutes Summary – November 17, 2010

Former 4-H All Star, Anthony Aguirre, attended the *National Junior Horticulture Association Competition* in Cleveland, Ohio on October 8-11, 2010. The states that placed in the top three in Anthony's category were: California, Maryland, second place, and Kansas, third place. Anthony also placed third in the individual competition. Next year's competition will be held in San Diego, California.

This year we have seven 4-H All Stars: Hannah Andrade, Cerro Alto, Denise Carigo, Cerro Alto, Savannah Levisay, Cerro Alto, Sara Fellbaum, Los Alegres, Olivia Andrade, Cerro Alto, Sebastian Andrus, Pozo, and Brianna Birks, Estrella. The 4-H All Star Advisor is Karen Ludwig.

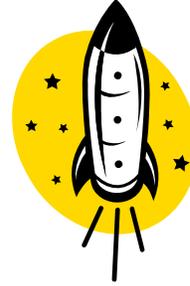
Ashlyn Aiu is working to re-establish Collegiate 4-H at Cal Poly. She actively is looking for an adult advisor and alumni support group. One of her goals is for Collegiate 4-H to offer a new event or program to teen 4-H members.

Record book judging will be a two-day event next year, and is scheduled for August 19-20, 2011. JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director, will work out the details.

Visibility Director, Evelyn Ruscki, reports visibility, in part, will be provided by the new All Star team, using such sources as live broadcasts on the radio and participating in other county and community events. She is also talking to CAT Country radio about Mark and Becky being the "Voice of 4-H Field Day" at this summer's event.

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

It's a Rocket Launch!



February 19, 2011

Would you like to learn about rocket propulsion and what makes a rocket trajectory stable? Then come join us!

For the first hour you will learn about rockets and assemble rocket models.

For the second hour you will launch your rocket and see what kind of results you get.

The event is *open to all ages, however, members 13 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

There are two ways to participate:

1. Purchase and assemble a rocket kit before the event—there won't be enough time to assemble a kit at the event (*Estes-type* rocket kits are available at local hobby stores for \$10-\$40); **OR**
2. Make a rocket at the event (materials will be available onsite for \$5.00—enough for two rockets).

Date/Time: Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 3:00-5:15pm

Location: 8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero

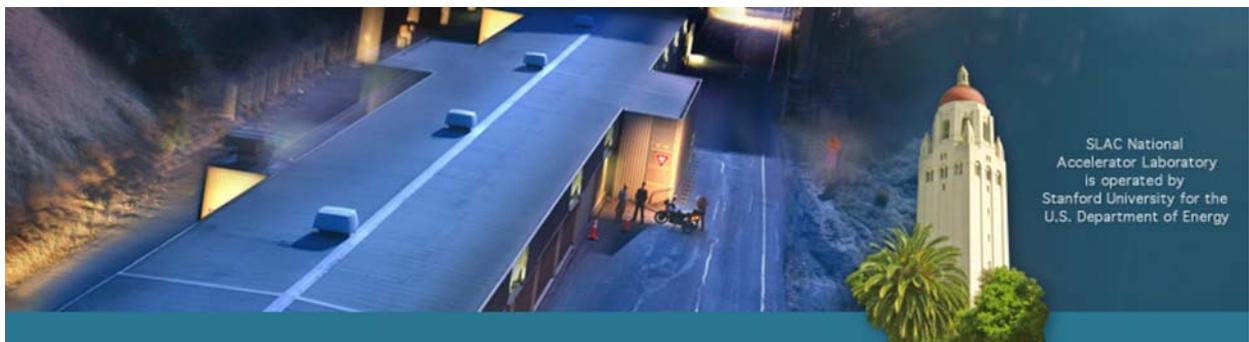
RSVP: By February 11, 2011 to chansen@co.slo.ca.us

(RSVPs are **greatly** appreciated; however, drop-ins will be welcomed)

Questions: Contact Dennis Derickson at ddericks@calpoly.edu or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Field Trip to SLAC (Stanford Linear Accelerator Center)

Estrella 4-H Club would like to organize a field trip to the **Stanford Linear Accelerator Center** (SLAC) on the Stanford University Campus on **either the third Friday of February or March**, depending on interest. SLAC is a multipurpose laboratory for astrophysics, photo science, accelerator and particle physics research, and *includes a two-mile linear accelerator—the longest in the world.* There will be a tour of the facility, which will last approximately 1-1/2 hours. Adult chaperones/carpoolers, age 25 and up, are needed. If you're interested in participating in this field trip, please call Angela Vinther, Community Club Leader of Estrella 4-H Club, at 237-0899. For more information about SLAC, go to <http://www6.slac.stanford.edu>



4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Event Chair for 4-H Field Day & Chicken-Q



We're still looking for someone chair our annual countywide **4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q** fundraising event this year. You will have the support of 4-H office staff, as well our 4-H Clubs and families, who work make it a success. If you (*or a few of you*) are interested in taking on this busy and exciting position we'd love to talk to you—just call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

We'd also like to form an **Activities Committee** for 4-H Field Day. If you'd like to **chair or participate** on an Activities Committee, please give the 4-H office a call.



Planning starts early so we hope to hear from you soon!

Open Positions on 4-H Management Board

We're looking for volunteers to fill two open positions on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board: **Fundraising Director** and **Section Council Delegate**.



The **Fundraising Director** is responsible for providing leadership to and managing the fundraising efforts of the board on behalf of the 4-H program. The Director also chairs the Fundraising Committee, which is responsible for short and long range goal setting, planning, and program implementation related to fundraising.

The **Section Council Delegate** represents San Luis Obispo County on the South Sectional 4-H Leaders' Council and serves as the link between the council and the SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board. The Leaders' Council meets four times a year and assists in coordinating Sectional events that are leader planned; such as TIC, Field Days and the State Leaders' Forum.



If you would be interested in applying for one of these positions or if you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

2011 California Citizenship Focus

June 17 – 21, 2011

California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure.

As citizens of the fictitious "Sierra Cascade", Cal Focus delegates register to vote, conduct a political campaign, elect constitutional offices, analyze the needs and issues of their district, and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make their bill a law. Legislative appointments at the Capitol will allow delegates to meet face-to-face with their senators and assembly person to discuss current issues, learn how proposals are funded, and advocate for issues critical to them and their fellow constituents. Delegates also prepare and present a "Plan of Action" to implement back home in their respective communities.

Enrollment is open to all 4-H members that have completed the 8th grade and adult leaders 25 years of age or older. The registration fee is **\$485** for teens and **\$590** for adults. Registration forms and additional information are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/> and in the 4-H office. Completed registrations along with a \$150 deposit are due in the county 4-H office no later than Friday, **January 7th**, with the remaining balance due by March 15th. Please make all checks payable to "SLO Co. 4-H YDP". If you have any questions, please call Julie Magjore, 4-H Administrative Assistant, at 781-5941.

4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology

2011 Winter Workshops: February 5, 2011 from 9:00am – 4:00pm (locations around California)

For 4-H volunteers and teen leaders. Workshops are FREE! Lunch is provided.

Improve your abilities as a 4-H project leader! Meet 4-H volunteers and teen leaders from around the state! Find out about new 4-H science and engineering curriculum! The workshops emphasize experiential and inquiry-based learning, providing practical examples of incorporating hands-on activities that invite youth exploration, promote active questioning, and application to the real world.

Nearby Sites & Curriculum

Yolo County (UC Davis) – There's No New Water!, Youth Experiences in Science, and Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science

Merced County – Junk Drawer Robotics

Santa Cruz County (Watsonville) – TechXcite: Discover Engineering

Kern County (Bakersfield) – There's No New Water!

Registration due January 24, 2011 at <http://ucanr.org/set>

For more information, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu or (530) 754-8519.

More Science, Engineering & Technology Opportunities....

4-H SCIENCE Video Challenge

All 4-H professionals, staff and volunteers are invited to produce their own digital video for front-line educators and volunteers to better implement 4-H science programs. The purpose of this contest is to build a vault of films to show great 4-H facilitation and learning in practice. We seek films that will help others know what inquiry-based learning looks like in real life.

Due January 31, 2011 <http://www.4-h.org/videochallenge/>

Field Day Event on May 28, 2011. Registration due by May 6, 2011.

Start thinking now about the photography contest and film festival being planned for the 2011 State 4-H Field Day on May 28, 2011 at UC Davis. The California 4-H Technology Leadership Team will release the themes for both events in January 2011. Both are open to all 4-H members (age 9 through 19). For more information, please contact:

Photography Contest, John Trammell at techdude4h@gmail.com and Film Festival, Ashlyn Aiu at

singthislouder@gmail.com <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>



For a complete list of 4-H SET Ideas and Opportunities go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/> (scroll down to *SET E-News Archives*)

4-H SLO SCIENTIST NEWS

New SLO Scientist II Groups Starting in January!!

Are you in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade and have an interest in Science and having fun participating in terrific hands-on science related activities? Would you enjoy learning about wind power and electricity? Then our new SLO Scientist II Youth/Adult Science Club may be for you!! We will have groups starting later in January and there are still openings in San Luis Obispo and Los Osos. If you are currently a 4-H member, you can even include SLO Scientist II as a 4-H project! What a terrific opportunity! For more information about our exciting new SLO Scientist II programs and to reserve a space in one of our groups, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist II project coordinator at 781-5944 or by email: dnhdauer@charter.net. And for information about our other 2011 SLO Scientist groups starting in San Luis Obispo, Los Osos and Santa Margarita, please contact Heather at the above number. Have fun being a SLO Scientist!!

BE A 4-H SLO SCIENTIST VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR! TRAINING OFFERED IN JANUARY

San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Clubs are looking for adult volunteers and teen leaders to help facilitate hands-on science activities for their enthusiastic members. This is a great opportunity to become involved with children and adults in the community!

The SLO Scientist Club is made up of seven to ten teams – one 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade student and one adult (a parent, grandparent or other significant adult in the child's life) – and meets together two evenings a month to explore such topics as earthquakes, soil and water, chemical reactions and food and plant science. SLO Scientist Clubs meet locally, every other week. Materials are provided.

You don't need to be an expert in the field of soils, agriculture or earthquakes, since the program emphasizes giving kids real experiences to help them learn how to observe, investigate and experiment and to begin to "read the stories" that their experiments and the world around them have to tell. A training session for volunteer facilitators will be offered in San Luis Obispo during the later part of January.

If you have a 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade student and would enjoy participating together in hands-on science activities, you and your child may want to be a part of the SLO Scientist program as a science team. For more information about volunteering for this terrific program, please contact Heather Dauer, San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist project coordinator, at 781-5944.

4-H Forestry Adventures in Santa Margarita

This fall, the 4-H SLO Scientist Oak Woodland Study Group had a lot of fun learning about tree biology as well as forestry tools and techniques. The group meets at Santa Margarita School as a pull out field science study opportunity for 5th and 6th grade students interested in exploring a variety of topics on the Learning Among the Oaks Trail at Santa Margarita Ranch.

Participant Alexis Whiteford shared this comment about her experience, "It was very interesting to learn about the job of foresters. Foresters use a lot of neat tools to help with their job. Foresters look at trees that are going to be cut down and they measure the height, age and width of growing trees. By measuring the trees, foresters can tell how fast a tree is growing each year."

This oak woodland field study opportunity is offered in conjunction with the UCCE's Learning Among the Oaks Program supported by grants from the California Wildlife Conservation Board. The current group is at capacity and will resume studies with a new topic in February. For more information, please contact LATO Coordinator Beverly Gingg at 549-9319 or bjingg@smcf.org

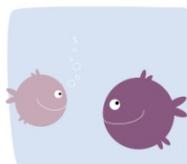


Pictured: 4-H SLO Scientist Oak Woodland Study Group ~ Forestry Session II / Nov. 15, 2010 on the Learning Among the Oaks Trail

4-H NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



Coming Soon: 2011 4-H Youth Camp!



“LIFE IN A WATER WONDERLAND” MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 8, 2011

Camp Rancho El Chorro, San Luis Obispo

Camper registration is open to San Luis Obispo County 4-H Members in 4th through 6th grade.

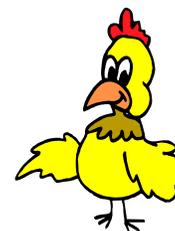
This year, the 4-H Youth Camp Planning Project will be offering **six scholarships for 50% off** the \$65 registration fee for camp! Information on how to apply for a scholarship and general registration information will follow in the February edition of News & Views.

Horse Written Level Testing
Wednesday, February 9th,
at 6:00 pm
UCCE Auditorium,
2156 Sierra Way, SLO



Please RSVP by Monday, February 7th, by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943 so that we can make sure to have enough copies of the tests available.

POULTRY LEVEL TESTING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
at the American Legion Hall
in Templeton



Please RSVP by Monday, February 21st, by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943 so that we can make sure to have enough copies of the tests available.

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Evelyn Ruscki, 4-H Visibility Director, is asking 4-H Members to bring in basic toiletry or "Teen Friendly" items to the 4-H office by Thursday, February 10th for an event later that month to benefit SLO Communities Bridging Poverty which is a group of individuals and non-profit agencies in San Luis Obispo County that have come together to provide a bridge from poverty to possibility for those currently living in poverty in the county. **LIST OF ITEMS they are looking for are:** New, unopened toiletry items for men, women and children are needed. Following are some suggested items they are looking to have donated during the Toiletry Drive:

Shampoo/Conditioner	Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Deodorant	Brushes/Combs
Shaving Cream	Packaged Razors
Bar Soap/Body Wash	Hand Cream/Body Lotion
Laundry Detergent	Toilet Tissue
Diapers/Diaper Rash Cream	Baby Wipes
Baby Wash/Shampoo	Baby Powder
Childrens' Toothbrushes	Children's Toothpaste

4-H VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & CLUB NEWS

HEALTHY LIVING KEY LEADER



The 4-H office is currently seeking applicants for an exciting new position: **Healthy Living Key Leader**. The 4-H YDP *Healthy Living Key Leader* is a 4-H volunteer leader who serves as a middle manager and who has the overall responsibility for the development and delivery of programs to 4-H members in accordance with the *Healthy Living Mission Mandate*. 4-H *Healthy Living* and the *Healthy Living Mission Mandate* encompass a holistic approach, including **healthy eating habits, physical fitness, and emotional and social wellbeing**.



The Healthy Living Key Leader is responsible for the development and function of the *Healthy Living Program Development Committee* and for working with the chairpersons of event/activity committees in the Healthy Living area. The key leader functions as a critical linkage between Healthy Living event/activity committees, the Healthy Living Program Development Committee and the 4-H Youth Development Advisor. He or she works closely with the Home Economics Key Leader to ensure that 4-H food and nutrition programs incorporate Healthy Living principles.

For a complete position description and application, please contact Julie at the 4-H office at **781-5941**, or email jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us More info on 4-H Healthy Living is available at: www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving

Estrella 4-H Club spent Sunday December 5th at Sclaris from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. collecting for the Food Bank. The girls collected 5 heaping full shopping carts of food.—*Angela Vinther, Community Club Leader*

On November 10th **Cerro Alto 4-H** donated a large amount of food to Loaves and Fishes in Atascadero. With the holidays near we wanted to have a canned food drive for families in need. We decided that we would give our collected food to Loaves and Fishes. At our November general meeting members brought canned food to donate. Some of the Cerro Alto 4-H members met later at Loaves and Fishes to deliver the food. We gathered lots of food for the local families and our community. It was lots of fun and we plan on doing it again! *Submitted by: Faith Patterson* In picture: (left to right) Calista Twaddle, Sophie Johnston, Emily Patterson, Carly Donk, Faith Patterson, and Christopher Twaddle



The **Huasma Valley 4H** group WELCOMED the WOUNDED WARRIORS on their RIDE 2 RECOVERY to Arroyo Grande, Wednesday, October 6th at the South County Regional Center. As the soldiers arrived, they were greeted with cheers and many folks waving flags. The Wounded Warriors were especially pleased to see the 4-H kids there!

One of the biggest concerns of our country is treating the mental and physical issues our troops face upon returning home. Ride 2 Recovery incorporates cycling as part of that treatment. Since it's inception, Ride 2 Recovery has helped thousands of veterans, who have in turn ridden thousands of miles. *Submitted by: Cheryl Tolan, Rabbit Leader* Pictured: Jenna Pankey and Wyatt Pankey of Huasma Valley 4H, Wounded Warriors and Welcome Home Soldier Group



4-H CLUB NEWS

Tara Covell, President of **Cambria 4-H Club** said that she wanted to be a 4-H Clover for Halloween this past year. So she went to work. Using heavy cardboard and with a little help from her parents she cut out the two sides of the clover, then made the strips wide enough so she could fit inside. They taped everything together. Then reinforced with lots more tape. When that was complete they used batting for padding and covered with green felt, added a trim of four H's.

Tara drew the clover herself and was very involved in the making of her costume. She was very proud to wear her clover to school. She hopes to also use it at upcoming 4-H events as the Clover Mascot. This is one enthusiastic 4-H member.



On Saturday, October 23rd the **Cerro Alto 4-H Fishing Group** had a meeting. It was held at the Atascadero Lake Pavilion at 3 p.m. We fished by lure from the shore. Our leader, Rodney Brock, gave the members new fishing lures. We also got paperwork to be able to keep our records throughout the year. Our first meeting was AWESOME!!! *Submitted by Jonathan Nunez*

Cambria Arts and Craft group had a unique project that they worked on for their December project. Giant Coulter Pine Cones were donated to the group. These pine cones are found only in the hills at the highest points around Cambria. They are very large and very beautiful. Our group made them into Christmas trees. We had a lot of fun decorating them. We also donated one to the local Christmas Tree auction. The auction brought \$225.00, the money was donated back to the Cambria 4-H Club. *Submitted By: Tara Covell*



The **El Camino 4-H Club Swine Group** project raised pigs & sold them during the Jr. Livestock Auction at the Santa Barbara County Fair this past July. With the money they made, some members decided to donate part of their earnings to different charities. Such charities were Woods Humane Society, Heifer International, St. Jude's Children Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Jack's Helping Hand, and Millie's Foundation. The following members participated: Ethan Suprinski, Enzo Suprinski, Matt Soucek, Jack Moore, Janeen Moore, Jenna Moore, Noelle Laird, Jennifer Laird, Tony Pierce, Danny Pierce, Brooklyn Van Eck, Jennifer Johnson, and Paul Tompkins. These members donated a combined total of \$2,460. The members felt good about giving back to the community. *Submitted By: Matthew Soucek, Teen Leader*

4-H CLUB NEWS

The report for **Huasna Valley 4-H club** is as follows: The Christmas parade was very fun. We had many animals and a great float entered into the Arroyo Grande Parade of Lights. The annual "Turkey Trot" on 11/23/10 that the horse group rides, was rained out and will be rescheduled until after the New Year. A Thanksgiving basket was given to a very thankful family in need. Our Sewing group modeled the pajama pants they made at their last meeting. Horse Entry level testing was completed by 7 members on 11/16/10. *Submitted by: Seth Hardesty*



The **Cerro Alto Marine Science Project** met for the first outing on Nov.20,2010 at the Cal Poly Research Pier in Port San Luis. They were led by Leslie & Bill Rebik and met up with two Graduate students. The group walked out to the end of the pier where they saw the research boats. This was also where the Grad students often went scuba diving and collected specimens. They saw the lab where sea water specimens were tested. After breaking into two groups they got to see sponges, red and purple urchins, sea stars, sea cucumbers, oysters, scallops, mussels and sea slugs.



The new **Cerro Alto 4-H Mountain Biking Project** met in October and November. At the October meeting we met at leader Susan Donk's house, where we practiced our technical riding in the backyard with a single track trail, jumps, and a ladder bridge. We went off jumps, had fun riding, and took a picture. Then we went inside and Jeremy Donk gave a presentation on bike parts, gear, lingo, and resources. Carly Donk also gave a presentation on first aid and how to fit your helmet. Members were given a bike shop scavenger hunt.

At the November meeting we went to Johnson Ranch in SLO, which is a mountain biking/walking trail. Johnson Ranch is open space land, and two dads also joined us. Logan Jennings gave a presentation on how mountain biking started, we reviewed safety and trail etiquette, then we took off on the ride. The ride was very fun and some more advanced bikers even did the loop again. So far no injuries just a great workout! The ten members are looking forward to learning and riding more. *Submitted by Carly Donk*





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SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2011

JANUARY 2011

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- 14 Young Achiever Nomination Forms Due
- 14-16 TIC Conference, Mountain Center, CA
- 23 Horse Project Play Day, Wranglerettes Arena Atascadero
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FEBRUARY 2011

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- 9 Horse Written Level Testing, UC Auditorium SLO
- 10 4-H Toiletry Drive Items Due in 4-H Office
- 19 4-H SET Rocket Event, Atascadero
- 21 Poultry Level Test RSVPs Due Date
- 26 Poultry Level Testing, Templeton, CA

MARCH 2011

- 20 Horse Western/English Pleasure Field Day at Wranglerettes Arena
- 26 Sectional 4-H Presentation Day, Los Alamos

APRIL 2011

- 9 Tentative Date Primary Member Field Day
- 10 Horse Gymkhana Field Day
- 30 Food & Arts Celebration & Fashion Revue

MAY 2011

- 6-8 4-H YOUTH CAMP (Grades 4-6) Rancho El Chorro
- 7-14 Western Regional Leaders Forum
- 15 Horse Mounted Level Testing
- 28 State 4-H Field Day Events, UC DAVIS

JUNE 2011

- 11 4-H FIELD DAY & CHICKEN-Q

JULY 2011

- 10-17 Santa Barbara Co Fair
- 20-31 CA Mid-State Fair