



2011 Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue April 30, 2011



The *Food & Arts Celebration* and *Fashion Revue* events are scheduled for **Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo**. All **entry forms** for *Food & Arts Celebration* and *Fashion Revue* are **due April 8, 2011**. The Home Economics and Expressive Arts Program Development Committee has instituted a number of key changes for both of these events, which follow. The intent of the changes is to simplify entry forms and categories and better align them with 4-H Field Day and nomenclature used at the State 4-H level.

New Age Classes for *Food & Arts Celebration*

The following classes are now aligned with 4-H Field Day and are closely aligned with the State Field Day:

Primary Member: 5 years old or in kindergarten through third grade as of December 31, 2010

Junior: 9 – 12 years of age as of December 31, 2010

Intermediate: 13 – 15 years of age as of December 31, 2010

Senior: 16 years of age and/or have not reached age 19 by December 31, 2010

Posters or Collages and Place Settings are now Open categories. 4-Hers who are entering a place setting, will enter it in this category. All 4-H members are eligible to enter a poster or collage in the *Food & Arts Celebration* event. 4-H members participating in the *Fashion Revue* event, who are entering a poster or collage, are to enter it in the *Food & Arts Celebration* event.

Plant Science

The entry form for Plant Science has been streamlined for easier use and to be aligned with the Plant Science division in 4-H Field Day. Details are outlined in the Plant Science entry form and guidelines.

Expressive Arts is a new category name. The projects that will be under this category are Arts & Crafts, Leather Craft, Photography, Scrapbooking, and Non-wearable Needle Arts.

Non-wearable Needle Arts

Non-Wearable needle art items are to be entered in the Expressive Arts category under Arts & Crafts. This will include items such as doll clothes, table cloths, and doilies, etc.

Quilting

All quilting exhibits must be brought to the 4-H office on **Thursday, April 28, 2011**, between 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. The entry form has been modified for more streamlined use. 4-Hers can enter only quilt exhibits in this category.

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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/>

- **UC Davis CA&ES Field Day March 5, 2011, 7:15am - 6:00pm** <http://www.ca4h.org/files/66944.pdf> UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences are hosting the 35th annual CA&ES Field Day on March 5, 2011. Over 3,000 FFA and 4-H members (age 14 and older) will participate in 26 contests. High school aged 4-H members are invited to participate and/or observe the contests held on the UC Davis campus. This event will also serve as the California 4-H State Qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Judging, Dairy Cattle Judging, and Poultry Judging contests.
- **2011 Range Camp Applications now Available** April 22nd is the application deadline for "Range Camp", a week-long camp experience for students ages 15-18 who have an interest in the science and management of natural resources in California. Range Camp runs from June 19th-24th at the University of California's Elkus Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay. More information and application forms can be downloaded from <http://casrm.rangelands.org/HTML/rangecamps.html> (bottom of page). Cost is \$400. Camp scholarships are available from agriculture and conservation organizations in many counties. Contact Marc Horney at Cal Poly, SLO for more information: (805) 756-7543; mhorney@calpoly.edu
- **State Field Day: State Presentation Day Signups**
All members who have qualified for State Field Day Presentation and other events may register at: <http://ucanr.org/statefdr>. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event. Please see <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/> for more information or contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu
- **Judges needed for State 4-H Field Day!**
As part of the State 4-H Field Day experience, we need judges. **Counties who send members to State 4-H Field Day are required to provide judges.** For every 5 members that are sent in we ask that a county provide 1 judge. In past years it has been difficult to gather all the required judges. State Field Day coordinators **will be holding counties accountable for sending judges.** We ask that judges register at: <http://ucanr.org/sfdjudge>. Please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu for more information.
- Applications are now available for the **2011-2012 4-H State Ambassador Team.** The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP). 4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the 4-H YDP in roles that promote leadership through education and service. The deadline to apply is **March 25, 2011. Interviews will be held in Fresno, Davis, and San Diego.** Following the interviews there will be an information session for members and parents who would like to apply to be a State Ambassador starting at 5 PM. This is open to any future applicants. Please RSVP with Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu For more information please visit our website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>

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Richard P. Enfield,
4-H Youth Development Advisor

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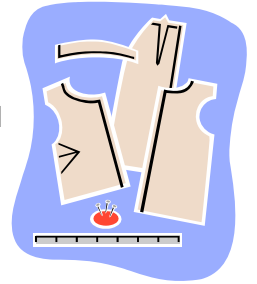
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Fashion Revue

Many of the changes in this year's *Fashion Revue* event have been instituted to align SLO county's event more closely with the State Fashion Revue. New this year, wearable needle arts garments are to be entered in the *Fashion Revue* event under the Traditional category. This will include items such as knitted vest, crochet hat, etc. Also new this year, are the Embellished Wearable Art-Embellished and Clothing Accessories categories.

Garments are due to the 4-H Office Thursday, April 28, 2011, between 8:00 am – 5:00 pm



New Age Classes for Fashion Revue

The following classes have been designated for the *Fashion Revue* event to align the county classes with the State Fashion Revue, providing opportunities for more county winners to enter State Competition:

Primary Member: 5 years old or in kindergarten through third grade as of December 31, 2010

(This is not a new class. However, primary members may not enter the State Competition.)

Junior: Age 9-11 as of December 31, 2010

Intermediate: Age 12-13 as of December 31, 2010

Senior: Age 14-18 as of December 31, 2010

For More Information, contact Deb Geaslen at 598-6083 or Julia Stanfill at 528-1557 for the *Food & Arts Celebration* event and Maria Andrus at 238-0604 for the *Fashion Revue* event.

Food & Arts and Fashion Revue Volunteers & Judges Needed

Please circle one from the list below to indicate how you would like to volunteer and return this form to the 4-H office or fax it to Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Johnston at 438-4287 as soon as possible.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration Tabulation Volunteer Check In Tabulation Runner <u>Food & Arts Judging</u> Food Place setting Cake Decorating Animal Food & Nutrition Arts & Crafts Scrapbooks Photography / Digital Photography Non-wearable Needle Arts Mini Gardens & Floriculture Posters & Collages <u>Open Categories</u> <u>Place Setting</u> Posters and Collages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Quilting</u> Quilting <u>Fashion Revue Judging</u> Construction Modeling Door Facilitator <u>Activity Groups</u> Leader Guide Science Arts & Craft Judging Contest Community Service/Cards for Cancer Citizenship/Flag |
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Name _____

Contact Phone _____ Best time to contact you _____

Email _____

Please explain your experience in the chosen judging category.

SCIENCE DAY CAMP

June 20-24, 2011
Cal Poly Campus, SLO

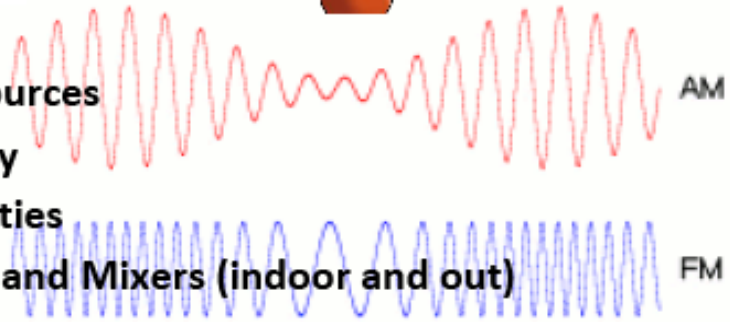
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TOPICS, ETC.

- Robotics
- Alternative Energy Sources
- Laser Target Assembly
- Amateur Radio Activities
- Fun Games Activities and Mixers (indoor and out)



The Fine Print

1. Camp will be held Monday thru Friday from 9:00a-4:30p
2. Camp is limited to 30 registrants, grades 8-12 (as of school year 2011-2012)
3. Cost is \$90.00* (lunch is not included-- youth may bring their lunch or purchase it on campus)
*The 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology (SET) Committee will sponsor \$30 of the cost for each 4-H member who registers, lowering the cost to \$60
4. Registration deadline is April 22, 2011, or until filled
5. Registration Form is available online at slocounty4h.org



4-H NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Time to Register for the 2011 4-H Youth Camp!



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

Camp Rancho El Chorro, San Luis Obispo

2011 Youth Camp Update: *Don't forget about the Youth Camp Scholarship Fundraiser at Tastee Freeze in Atascadero on Monday March 7th and Monday April 4th from 3-8 pm.*

Registration for the 2011 Youth Camp: Life in a Water Wonderland is **OPEN**. This year promises to be a fun and fabulous weekend for those 4th, 5th and 6th graders who attend. Remember that there is an early registration special for the 1st 20 campers, a 4-H sports water bottle! So come and join us May 6th through May 8th at Rancho El Chorro and discover Life in A Water Wonderland. Special notice to leaders and parents. We are looking for Cabin Parents for the weekend. So yes you too can come and have some fun. We will need a minimum of 3 women and men to help our teen counselors. Adults need to be registered with the 4-H office as an adult volunteer before camp begins on May 6, 2011 and there is a \$35 camp registration fee to help cover costs. Please contact Camp Director, Maria Andrus at 238-0604 or jandrusfamily1@att.net for all the details.

Camper registration is open to San Luis Obispo County 4-H Members in **4th through 6th grade**. Registration forms are available through your Community Club Leader, in the 4-H office, and online at slocounty4h.org under the subheading “Registration Forms and Applications”. Registration forms along with the **\$65 registration fee** are **due by Friday, April 8th**, in the 4-H office, but the sooner we receive them, the better! ***EARLY 4-H YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION SPECIAL!*** *The first 20 campers to register for camp this year will receive a personal 4-H sports water bottle. So hurry and get your registration form into the 4-H office today! Bottles will be distributed at Camp Check-In on Friday, May 6th.*

Camp scholarships available!

New this year, the 4-H Youth Camp Planning Project is offering **six (6) scholarships for 50% off the \$65 registration fee for camp!** Two scholarship recipients will be selected from each of the three grade levels: 4th, 5th, & 6th. Scholarship applications are available through your Community Club Leader, in the 4-H office, and online at slocounty4h.org under the subheading “Registration Forms and Applications”. Camp scholarship applications are **due Friday March 18, 2011** in the 4-H office (2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or via fax (805) 781-4316). Applications will be reviewed by the members of the Youth Camp Leadership Project and recipients of the scholarships will be notified on Friday March 24, 2011. If you have questions about the scholarship application or camp itself, contact Camp Director, Maria Andrus at 238-0604 or jandrusfamily1@att.net WE’LL SEE **YOU** AT CAMP!



HORSE FIELD DAYS @ WRANGLERETTE ARENA

Sunday, March 20: Western & English Horse Field Day

Sunday, April 10: Gymkhana Horse Field Day

Registration forms and more information at www.slocounty4h.org



REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE in the 4-H office on Friday, March 11th!

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

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**.



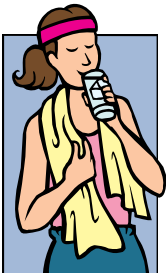
The **Fundraising Director** is responsible for providing leadership to and managing the fundraising efforts of the board on behalf of the 4-H program. The Director also chairs the Fundraising Committee, which is responsible for short and long range goal setting, planning, and program implementation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

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

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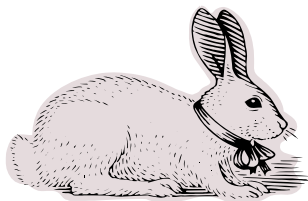
4-H FIELD DAY SILENT AUCTION BASKET TIME AGAIN!



Ken Dewar, our 4-H Management Board Assistant Director will be organizing another successful SILENT AUCTION at this year's 4-H FIELD DAY with your help!

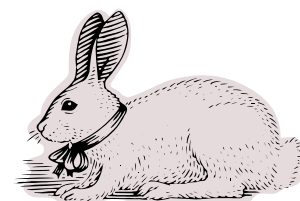
Each 4-H club is asked to provide a minimum of **TWO** Silent Auction baskets (*and you can submit more items for the auction too*) plus an Adult Volunteer to assist during this year's event. *Remember: the better the gift basket's theme/design—the more funds we can raise for our county 4-H events!*

For more information regarding the Silent Auction, call Ken Dewar at 441-0531, or the 4-H office at 781-5943. Let's meet this year's challenge and create some gift baskets with great themes for the 2011 SILENT AUCTION at **4-H FIELD DAY** on **June 11, 2011**. **Silent Auction Baskets will be due in the 4-H office on Friday, June 3, 2011.**



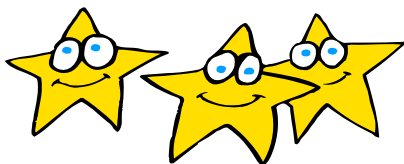
27th Annual Double Youth Rabbit Show

sponsored by Cerro Alto 4-H
Saturday, April 9, 2011
Cal Poly Farm Shop - 9 am



There will be Breed Judging and Showmanship and the show is open to youth 18 years and under. The day will be fun and educational. It is also a great opportunity to see a variety of breeds, and buy your first rabbit or an additional furry friend to take home. **Call the Cerro Alto 4-H leaders for more information.**

Leslie Bryson - 466-2264 or Lois Williams - 461-0178



*Are you a Leader? Do you like the Spotlight?
Do you want to become a 4-H ALL STAR?*

REACHING OUT FOR 4-H ALL STARS! The All Star Rank is the highest rank which a 4-H member may attain at the county level. Being a San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Star provides an opportunity for high school members to receive recognition for outstanding service. The All Stars serve as Ambassadors for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program; they represent 4-H at County, Sectional, and State activities; they coordinate certain county-wide activities; and they serve as positive role models for youth!

To be eligible for the County All Star rank, a 4-H member must:

- be 14 years of age or older by January 1, 2011, but not 19 years of age prior to 1/1/11
- been a participant in 4-H for 3 years or more
- have attained a Gold Star rank by 4/15/11
- demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment

Each candidate for the All Star rank will be required to submit an All Star application and participate in an individual and group interview. All Star applications may be obtained online at www.slocounty4h.org or from the 4-H office, call 781-5943 for your application. **DUE DATE: APRIL 15, 2011**

4-H NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

2011 International Exchange One-month Summer Hosting Program

California 4-H is looking for families who would like to host an international student in their home for one month this summer. The international students range in age from 12 and 19 and come from Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway. Students are placed in homes with a youth of the same gender and within two years of age.

Applications are being accepted now. Applications for Norway need to be completed by February 28, Costa Rica by March 30 and Japan by May 1. Placements for the Japan program are on a first-come, first-served basis. The application provides information to help ensure good placements with families and teens sharing common interests.

You don't need a fancy home or a separate bedroom to host – just a desire to make room in your lives for a new friend. And you don't need to spend a lot of money or time traveling the state – the students are not here as tourists. They are here to live with your family and participate in your normal summer activities. The costs are minimal. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

Please consider offering this priceless educational experience to your family. Teens that participate in exchange opportunities are better prepared for life in a global society. Through this first-hand experience they gain a deeper understanding of another culture and gain insight into the values and lifestyle of their own family and community.

For additional information go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/> . or Pat English, California International Exchange Coordinator, at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu



SHOW CLINICS 2011
SATURDAY, MARCH 26th
At Farm Supply's San Luis Obispo Store
224 Tank Farm Road



Show Clinics most beneficial for 1st time junior livestock exhibitors. *Presented by Farm Supply & Nutrena.*

SCHEDULE:

PIGS: 7:30 a.m.— 9:30 a.m.

BEEF: 10:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

SHEEP: 12:30 p.m.— 2:30 p.m.

GOATS: 3:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Each specie clinic will cover: Animal Selection, Feed & Nutrition, Ingredient Feed I.D., Project Preparation

RSVP: (805) 543-3751 or email: events@farmsupplyco.com

Specify what specie clinic you would like to attend. (Please arrive 20 minutes prior to clinic to register).
Clinic is outside, please dress warmly. Clinics are FREE. Leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.

4-H NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

4-H SLO Scientist Facilitator John McCabe Honored at School Board Meeting

The Atascadero Unified School District Board of Trustees recently recognized 4-H SLO Scientist volunteer facilitator John McCabe for his many years of outstanding contributions to local children in the area of science education at Santa Margarita School. Principal Deborah Bowers made the presentation at the AUSD Board's Feb. 1 meeting. For the past eight years, John has enthusiastically served as a 4-H SLO Scientist facilitator for North County children and their families involved in the 4-H SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Program. Areas of study have included watershed exploration, local geology and earthquake preparedness, soil science and oak woodland wildlife.

John McCabe was also recognized as an asset to the University of California Cooperative Extension's Learning Among the Oaks Program at Santa Margarita School. 4-H is a key partner in the successful LATO Program and it was through this association that John McCabe has become a favorite trail guide for kids who love learning about geologic history at the "Land Under the Sea" LATO trail station (shown in photo). One member exclaimed, "You gave us fossil fever!!!"

At the Feb. 1 Board meeting, LATO Program Director and 4-H volunteer leader Beverly Gingg expressed gratitude for John McCabe's exceptional contributions as well as those of fellow LATO volunteer docent Carol Sinsheimer and Santa Margarita Ranch owners Karl Wittstrom, Doug Filippini and Rob Rossi. Santa Margarita Ranch owners, LATO partners and many volunteers have given Santa Margarita a unique opportunity to learn about local oaks, the diversity of wildlife found within the oak woodland ecosystem and ranch conservation practices. Santa Margarita School faculty and staff have been enthusiastic supporters allowing the use of classrooms for our hands-on science activities.

Please note that the LATO Trail is on private property of the Santa Margarita Ranch and access is restricted to approved docent-led educational activities. For more information, please contact Beverly Gingg, LATO Program Director, at 549-9319 or bgingg@smcf.org

Photo caption: Longtime 4-H SLO SCIENTIST Facilitator and also a LATO Trail Geology Docent John McCabe captures students' attention at the "Land Under the Sea" station along the LATO Trail at Santa Margarita Ranch.



EMERALD STAR PROGRAM: The Emerald Star Program offers 4-H members the opportunity to develop leadership skills beyond the club level. *It is not a pre-requisite to apply for the All Star rank.* **To apply for an Emerald Star, you must:**

- be 14 years of age or older by January 1 of the current project year
- hold the rank of Gold Star

An Emerald Star Project Plan must be submitted for approval prior to starting the project and must be evaluated at the completion of the project. You must also be prepared to handle any financial costs required to complete the project.

You can submit an Emerald Star Project Plan anytime during the project year (July 1—June 30). Keep in mind that if you wish to obtain your Emerald Star by SLO Co. 4-H Achievement Night on October 1, 2011, the project must be completed by August 31, 2011. ***(Article continued on Page 10)***

4-H SLO SCIENTIST & CLUB NEWS

Los Osos 4-H and SLO Scientist Team Up at Exploratorium!

By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

On Saturday, February 5, Monarch Grove School in Los Osos held the ever-popular "Exploratorium," an annual event held to showcase a variety of hands-on and educational activities offered by community members to students and families. This year, the Los Osos 4-H Club, along with 4-H SLO Scientist participated together in full force!

4-H SLO Scientist volunteers offered a selection of fun hands-on science activities including the wheat berry grinding activity to make a course flour from our curriculum entitled, "It Came from Planted Earth," the exciting balloon/bottle activity showing an example of a chemical reaction from "Chemicals Are Us," and the opportunity to learn about soil erosion and water run-off through our mini-creek bed and large watershed model as part of "From Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Explorations." While parents received information about our terrific 4-H programs, kids had a great time participating in the array of science-related activities!



Many thanks to Los Osos 4-H members Carly Ortiz-Lytle, Haley Langford, Gavin Langford and 4-H volunteers Dave Dauer, Margaret Ortiz and Donna Langford for their help in facilitating our SLO Scientist hands-on activities throughout the event and offering valuable information to families about our terrific 4-H program.



The **Cerro Alto Breadmaking and Baking Group** met on Thursday, February 10th. Sigrid Derickson, from the Rio Rancheros 4-H group gave a presentation on Cal Focus. Cal Focus is a 4-H leadership program that teaches members about the state government process. Members travel to Sacramento and take on the roles of political leaders. Sigrid is organizing a community service project with ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) so she can attend Cal Focus in the summer time. Community service is one part of the requirement to attend Cal Focus. At the next meeting on March 7th, they are going to make 150 dinner rolls for ECHO in Atascadero.



At this month's Breadmaking and Baking project meeting they were taught the steps, ingredients, and procedure on how to make Snickerdoodle cookies. Snickerdoodles are a white, sugar cookie rolled in cinnamon sugar. They are easy to make and taste delicious! *Submitted by Jeremy Donk*

Photo caption: Sigrid Derickson gives presentation on CAL Focus and ECHO. Cerro Alto members sit by placemats they created to give to the Country Care Convalescent Home.

EMERALD STAR PROGRAM: *(continued from Page 9)*

Emerald Star projects will be evaluated for their value to the SLO Co. 4-H Youth Development Program, to the community, their practicality and feasibility. Project plan examples may include: an event or activity involving three or more clubs, a community activity involving a group to serve the need of an individual or an educational purpose, or a major expansion/revision of a currently existing event/activity.

Emerald Star Project forms are available online at www.slocounty4h.org and at the 4-H office at 781-5943 or via email contact: dharris@co.slo.ca.us If you have questions, please contact JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director at 528-8232.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Shown below is the **Nipomo 4-H Officer Team** presenting a check to Solid Rock Ranch. Solid Rock Ranch is located in Nipomo and provides long term foster care for boys and girls in an agriculture environment. Nipomo 4-H held a dessert auction in December and donated \$375 to Solid Rock Ranch.



On January 20th the **Cerro Alto 4H Swine Group** met at San Gabriel Elementary. Kris Jankovitz began the meeting with the groups being split into groups to study swine anatomy. She also discussed and gave the group information on "The Proper Pig". The T-Shirt design contest will take place at the next meeting using the fair's theme, Mountains of Fun.

Most importantly, the **Swine Taco Feed Hoover tickets are on sale. Who doesn't love tacos? Tickets are \$10.00 and you will enjoy your meal on March 23rd at Hoovers or pick up your meal and enjoy at home! The proceeds will be used for the Swine Group during the fair, so support Cerro Alto Swine 4-H by having a night off of cooking dinner! Please contact a swine member for your ticket or e-mail kjankovi@calpoly.edu or call (805) 709-0409 for your delicious dinner!** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m. *Submitted by: Dawson Cruz-Strobridge*

The **Cerro Alto 4-H Mountain Biking Group** learned how to fix a flat on a bike, some safety tips, & what to bring when you go on a long bike ride. It was a lot of fun. At the end of the meeting we got really cool biking jerseys that were donated by adventureCorps, Inc. In Jan., we went to Montana de Oro to enjoy a relaxing ride on the bluffs, there were lots of wild life, like birds, a few bunnies, & we even got to see a baby rattle snake. After we were finished with the 4 mile trail, we regrouped and a couple of kids decided to go on the Hazard Peak trail. It was a beautiful day and the coolest bike ride I have ever been on. *Submitted by Josh McEwen*

On January 11, the **Cerro Alto 4-H Adventure Group** went to the Monarch butterfly national park. We were met by docents and park rangers that taught us all about the butterflies and their habitat. We were able to look through telescopes that enabled us to view clusters of butterflies. (There's a new vocabulary word for you, cluster - it refers to the butterflies that are hanging on a branch, grouped close together and they look like dead leaves.) It was an amazing experience! Then we went to The Dinosaur Park in Shell Beach where we ate lunch and made place mats for Valentines Day that were going to be given to a care home for their party. As we continued our adventure we were able to see how sprawling San Luis Obispo is while we hiked the Lemon Grove trail on Madonna Mountain. What a perfect day! *Submitted by: Alyssa Hall, Cerro Alto 4-H*

On Sunday January 23rd San Luis Obispo County 4-H held a Horse Play Day for San Luis Obispo County 4-H horse members. It was held at Wranglerette Arena in Atascadero. Thirty five 4-H members played team and individual games on horseback. We played games such as the Ribbon Race, Pony Express, and barrels. Cerro Alto 4-H had nine riders participate. We had lots of fun and can't wait for the next 4-H horse events at Field Day and the Mid State Fair. *Submitted by Faith Patterson, Cerro Alto 4-H*

Cerro Alto 4-H members pictured left to right-
First row: Dawson, Amber, Cameron and Emily
Back row: Olivia, Katie, Faith, Candance and Jenna



On January 22nd at 9am the **Cerro Alto Fishing Group** met at Morro Rock for a day of fishing. It was a beautiful sunny morning. The fishing leader Rodney Brock told the members they were going spear fishing first; than they were going salt water fishing. While fishing Kailey Nutt caught her first fish, a rock cod, it was a very exciting moment for her, congratulations. The meeting was a wave of a blast! *Submitted by: Cole Cruz-Strobridge*

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SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2011

MARCH 2011

- 11 Horse Field Day Forms Due
- 18 Youth Camp Scholarship Forms Due
- 20 Western/English Pleasure Horse Field Day at Wranglerettes Arena
- 26 Sectional 4-H Presentation Day, Los Alamos
- 26 Farm Supply's Show Clinics, SLO

APRIL 2011

- 8 Youth Camp Registration Forms Due
- 8 Food & Arts and Fashion Revue Forms Due
- 9 CERRO ALTO 4-H RABBIT SHOW, Cal Poly, SLO
- 9 Children's Day in the Plaza, SLO
- 10 Canyon Country Dog Show, Santa Rosa Park, SLO
- 10 Gymkhana Horse Field Day, Wranglerettes Arena
- 15 All Star applications Due
- 28 Fashion Revue Garments & Quilts Due in 4-H Ofc
- 30 Food & Arts Celebration & Fashion Revue, SLO

MAY 2011

- 6-8 4-H YOUTH CAMP (Grades 4-6) Rancho El Chorro
- 7-14 Western Regional Leaders Forum
- 14 Horse Mounted Level Testing (**DATE CHANGE**)
- 21 LEADER APPRECIATION & TRAINING DAY, SLO
- 27 Field Day Sign up Forms & Chicken Q \$ Due
- 28 State 4-H Field Day Events, UC DAVIS

JUNE 2011

- 3 SILENT AUCTION BASKETS DUE in 4-H OFFICE
- 11 4-H FIELD DAY & CHICKEN-Q
- 20-24 SCIENCE DAY CAMP, CAL POLY CAMPUS

JULY 2011

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

AUGUST 2011

- 10 Record Book Judges Training
- 12 2010-2011 RECORD BOOKS DUE in 4-H OFFICE