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**. Forms can be obtained from [www.slocounty4h.org](http://www.slocounty4h.org) under **Registration Forms and Applications** on the right hand column. 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

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/

- **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](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 Homey 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](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/](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. **Counts 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](http://ucanr.org/sfdjudge). Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu for more information.

- **Help Staff the 4-H Booth at the California State Fair:**  
  The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair (July 14-31). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share their experiences as well as the wide range of project and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in 4-H! We encourage you to bring small 4-H projects (robots, rabbits, arts & crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a “feel” for the variety of experiences available to 4-H participants. Examples of Service Projects also make for good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to share with visitors to our booth — these are a great way to showcase our amazing 4-H youth and volunteers.

  *Parking Passes and Fair Admission Tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2 hour shift.* A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Each shift must have two adults in the booth at all times.

  To sign up, please visit:  

Please submit articles and photos by the 15th of each month to:  
Denise Harris, Editor  
4-H Office  
2156 Sierra Way, Suite C  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
(805) 781—5943 / dharris@co.slo.ca.us

Richard P. Enfield,  
4-H Youth Development Advisor

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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:

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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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Contact Phone_______________________________ Best time to contact you___________ Email_____________________________________________________________________
Please explain your experience in the chosen judging category.
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SIGN UP FOR 4-H FUN AT 4-H FIELD DAY!

4-H Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Paso Robles Event Center. We hope every 4-H member will participate!

The 4-H Field Day Handbook is available online at www.slocounty4h.org under Applications. The Handbook contains event guidelines, entry criteria, the day’s tentative schedule, contact information for questions, as well as instructions to easily enter your still exhibit in the Mid-State Fair. Entry forms are also available online. If you don’t have access to a computer, your Community Club Leader has a few copies or you may request a copy by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. Please submit your entry forms and fees directly to your Community Club Leader. Your Community Club Leader will let you know the entry deadline date.

FUN 4-H Field Day activities and opportunities will include:

ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP AND STILL EXHIBITS. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to showcase information and skills they’ve learned as a club and project member. It also provides animal science project members a chance to practice showmanship skills in a fair-style environment. Please check the Handbook for instructions and check-in times. (NOTE: If you plan to show an animal or enter a still exhibit at 4-H Field Day please make sure you can stay until after 2:00 p.m. This is because the event is promoted to the public as ending at 2:00 p.m., therefore, animals and exhibits must remain in place until the event officially ends).

Special Notes: 1) Please remember to bring animals to the event groomed and ready to show. Although they may be touched-up on the fairgrounds, washing or clipping is not permitted. 2) Please help us prevent the spread of club lamb fungus. Before you come to Field Day, please check your sheep thoroughly for any signs of fungus. Because it is very contagious and easily transmitted, if fungus is identified at anytime during 4-H Field Day, the infected animal and it’s pen or trailer mates will need to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

SILENT AUCTION. Please take a look at the wonderful items donated by each of our clubs and make a bid (or several) from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

CLUB SHOWCASE. Show and tell the public about your 4-H Club via a display (see page 9 of the Field Day Handbook for details).

LEVEL TESTING. will be offered in Large Animal Science and Poultry (see pages 8 and 9 for details and sign-up information).

SET ACTIVITY. There will be a Science, Engineering & Technology activity for all to enjoy beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Commercial Bldg. # 2 (see Page 10).

CHICKEN-Q. Served from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. As most of you may know, the Chicken-Q is our annual county fundraiser. Proceeds are used to support our program and countywide events. Therefore, please sell tickets in advance of the event and invite your friends to join us. If you need more tickets to sell, please contact your Community Club Leader. (Chicken-Q tickets will also be sold at the event at the Information Booth).

Many volunteers (adults and youth) are needed to make this event a success. Your Community Club Leader has volunteer sign-up sheets for each of the activities and areas. Remember, you don’t have to sign-up for the whole day--just an hour or two! So, if you can help, please let us know....and SIGN UP!

4-H Field Day is FUN and we hope to see you there!
Registration Ends April 8th 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

_Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!_ The last day to register for the SLO County 4-H Youth Camp, Life in a Water Wonderland is Friday April 8, 2011! You know you don’t want to miss out on all the fun. A few water bottles are still available so don’t delay, **REGISTER TODAY!** And don’t forget the last Tastee Freeze Fundraiser for Youth Camp is coming on Monday, April 4th from 3-8 pm in Atascadero. Come enjoy an afternoon snack or pick up a chili dog or two for dinner and support the Youth Camp scholarships!

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.

WE’LL SEE YOU AT CAMP!

SAVE THE DATE—MAY 14th for PRIMARY MEMBER FIELD DAY
SLO County 4-H All Stars present: Primary Member Field Day on Saturday, May 14 at the UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, time = TBD.

All SLO County 4-H primary members (ages 5—8) are welcome to come share a fun day with the 2010-2011 4-H All Stars! We will be making an arts & crafts item that primaries can showcase at 4-H Field Day on June 11th. More information will follow in the May issue of News & Views.

HORSE FIELD DAYS @ WRANGLERETTE ARENA
Sunday, April 3: Western & English Horse Field Day
Sunday, April 10: Gymkhana Horse Field Day
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](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving)

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**If you could improve the health in your 4-H club, where would YOU start?** The 4-H Healthy Living Advisory Committee wants to hear about what is currently taking place within your county and club programming, and how the healthy living components and practices of California 4-H can be strengthened. To put it simply, you get to decide what programs, resources, and activities will benefit your 4-H community. To represent SLO County and have your voice heard, visit [http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5768](http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5768)

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**NEW TO 4-H: THE PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVE LIFESTYLE AWARD**

As part of 4-H’s involvement with the Let’s Move campaign, 4-H National Headquarters has started a group to take the President’s Challenge together - and you’re invited to be part of it! The President’s Challenge is for one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). **4-H is answering this call by setting a goal with Michelle Obama to have 100,000 4-H members and their families complete their PALA.** The Presidential Active Lifestyle Award recognizes those individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six consecutive weeks, five days a week (60 minutes for youth, 30 minutes minimum for adults). Signing up for the 4-H group is simple. All you have to do is register. It’s quick, and there’s no cost to participate!

HOW TO JOIN:

1) Go to [https://www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php](https://www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php)
2) Fill out the registration form.
3) When you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on the groups tab and join the 4-H group.
   - Your Group ID Number: **96548**
   - Your Group Name: **National 4-H Program**
4) After registering, start logging your activities. As you log activities you’ll be able to track your progress toward winning a President’s Challenge Award or Medal.

Good luck!

**The President’s Challenge -- [www.PresidentsChallenge.org](http://www.PresidentsChallenge.org)**

**Let’s Move Campaign -- [www.letsmove.gov](http://www.letsmove.gov)**
4-H NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE!!

4-H Leader Appreciation & Training - May 21, 2011

4-H Leader Appreciation and Training is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011. It will be held in the UCCE Conference Room at 2156 Sierra Way, in San Luis Obispo. Our goal is to provide a time and place for volunteers to meet each other, keep abreast of county opportunities and resources, and learn new information and skills. Each and every 4-H adult volunteer is welcome and encouraged to attend!

The day’s activities are still being finalized; however, the 4-H Adult Leadership Committee is busily lining up guest speakers to present new and interesting topics and information. In the works are...

- **4-H Thrive!** offers opportunities for youth to realize their true and full potential through the Step-It-Up-2-Thrive process.
- Learn more about the **4-H SLO Scientists Program with a hands-on activity** and hear about exciting sessions available to grades 3rd-5th; and new this year, grades 6th-8th as well. 4-H members receive project credit too!
- **Ethics.** Understand how to ensure animals are raised humanely and safely and ways to successfully pass that information on to our members. It’s the right thing to do.
- **4-H All Stars** will present presentations on the All Star Program, CAL FOCUS and WASHINGTON FOCUS.
- The **Round Table** is a popular and time-honored way to meet other 4-H volunteers and learn from each other.

Be sure to read *4-H News & Views* next month for more information, including the day’s schedule. We hope to see you there! If you already know you plan to attend, please RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943.

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.**

ATTENTION DOG PROJECT MEMBERS: Canyon Country 4-H club will be hosting a 4-H Dog Show on Sunday, April 10th at Santa Rosa Park beginning at 9:00 a.m., at SLODOG’s Annual A Dog’s Day event. Classes offered will be Obedience: Sub-Novice Primary (5-8 yrs.), Junior (9-12 yrs.), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.), Senior (16-19 yrs.), Novice and Grad-Novice. In Showmanship: Primary (5-8 yrs.) 1st Year Member, Junior (9-12 yrs.), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.) and Senior (16-19 yrs.).

Entry forms have been sent to all registered 4-H Dog Project Leaders via email or mail. **Pre-Entry is required and must be received by 4/2/10.** No entries will be accepted after this date. Entry fees will be $5.00 per class. SLODOG will also be offering the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. If you are interested in taking the CGC test or have questions regarding the Dog Show, please contact Christy Friedmann, Canyon Country 4-H Dog Leader at 438-5851. **NOTE: DOG LEADERS, IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ENTRY FORMS, PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTY IMMEDIATELY.**
**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**

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**Volunteer Opportunities at the Santa Barbara County Fair Auction**

If you are a member or adult volunteer of a 4-H club that attends the Santa Barbara County Fair and you sell animals through one of the auctions, then this message could be for you.

I am the Coordinator of the Volunteers and the Hospitality events for the auctions. It would be great to have some people to train to take over the positions. We will be splitting them into two jobs to make it easier. The Hospitality job would be great if a couple of people would like to work together on it.

**A quick summary of the jobs:**

**Volunteer Coordinator** — fills the jobs that are necessary for the auctions to happen, and makes sure all participating groups (and independent exhibitors) have a job/jobs.

**Hospitality Coordinator** — contacts all the BBQ people, the water and soda people, ice, and the maintenance crew. Does the shopping for items needed. Oversees the crews with directions and answering questions.

I am creating binders for both positions that will have information for contacts and schedule. It would be great to have those interested in taking over, to help this year so you will have an idea of what the job is about and if questions come up, then I will be there to answer them... or at least help you find the answer.

Please contact me, Jana Ljepava at jilafairjobs@gmail.com
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.

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**Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship to attend the 2011 California 4-H State Leadership Conference**

**Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship**: The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is the grateful beneficiary of donations received in memory of Walter Christensen, an early and long-time leader of Edna 4-H Club. His family has asked that the monies be used for scholarships for 4-H members to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference. This year, we are happy to offer a scholarship to one dedicated 4-H member.

**Details about the Conference**: The California 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held at UC Davis from July 28 - 31, 2011. The conference "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience, with the goal of helping youth to reach their full leadership potential. It also provides an excellent opportunity for youth to give input into statewide 4-H activities. More information about the conference is available online at [http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slcl](http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slcl/).

**Eligibility/Application Process**: 4-H members 14-18 years of age as of 7/28/11 are eligible to apply. *Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship Applications* are available online at [slocounty4h.org](http://slocounty4h.org) and in the 4-H office. The 4-H Youth Development Management Board will designate a committee to select the scholarship recipients. Completed applications must be received by the 4-H office by **May 30, 2011**. Please note, scholarships cover registration costs only, and transportation will be the responsibility of the member. However, depending on availability, chaperoned transportation may be offered.
4-H SLO SCIENTIST NEWS

Sciencing with SLO Scientists I and II!
by Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

Our very active 4-H SLO Scientist members have had some amazing and unique opportunities to have fun with science in their individual groups. From wind power to chemical reactions to snailing activities, each 4-Her, along with his or her favorite adult who come together to form a science team, have had some totally awesome hands-on experiences in science.

Our San Luis Obispo group, led by Julie Fallon and Gary Corsiglia, have enjoyed two sessions in learning to use scientific inquiry processes using...believe it or not...snails! Yes, and we call this program "Sciencing With Snails!" Switching gears, the group plans to begin its next series of activities in "Imagineering," our fascinating set of experiences in the study of structures and design.

In Santa Margarita, our SLO Scientist group, led by John McCabe, have taken structure activities to incredible levels also with "Imagineering," using surprisingly common household materials in fun, and at times, competitively designing ways. Science teams are given spontaneous problems to discuss and resolve creatively. In a completely different format, our SLO Scientist Oak Woodland study group, coordinated by Beverly Gingg and led by volunteer guides, have had unique opportunities to hike through the lovely Santa Margarita oak woodlands while learning about fungi, lichens and invertebrates as well as fascinating aspects of oak rangeland ecology.

Our equally enthusiastic Los Osos SLO Scientist group, led by volunteer facilitator, Lauren Brown, meets to have fun with a variety of chemical reactions in "Chemicals Are Us." Sessions include experimenting with a variety of baking/chemical ingredients as part of "Chemistry in the Kitchen" and amazing chemical changes when using common household products such as baking soda and vinegar. Goggles provided!

Our newest side to SLO Scientist, SLO Scientist II, geared toward middle school age youth, is also off & running with 2 groups meeting in Los Osos and SLO. "Power of the Wind," led by Lauren Brown in Los Osos includes sessions of fun and educational activities involving wind turbines, making wind powered boats considering sail size, design and friction and rotational balance. A good-sized SLO Scientist II group meets in SLO. Gary Corsiglia has created several sessions of totally fun hands-on activities related to the fascinating aspects of Electricity.

If you're interested in finding out more about joining a SLO Scientist group, starting SLO Scientist group within your club or becoming an adult volunteer facilitator, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, at 781-5944.

***Please stop by our booth at Children's Day in the Plaza at SLO’s Mission Plaza on Sat., April 9, between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. We’ll have information about the program as well as some of our science activities for kids to participate & the 4-H All Stars will be on hand offering some fun games & providing information about SLO County 4-H opportunities. We'll also have a booth set-up at the Rancho El Chorro Outdoor Education Open House, on Sat., April 16, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The open house is a 40th anniversary celebration of the outdoor education facility.

4-H MEMBER NEWS

RECORD BOOKS.
The buzz, the thrill, the REASON.

We all know why 4-H members complete a Record Book. Right? Well, if you’re not entirely sure, take a look at these reasons for starters.

By completing a Record Book, 4-H members ...
- Take time to think about the work they did over the past year and all they have accomplished. What new skills did I learn? What new experiences have I gone through? What did I learn from them?
- Set goals for the next program year, as well as long term goals and plans. What do I need to do now in order to achieve my goals? What steps are involved to get there from here? When and How will I start?
- Track their participation in 4-H activities and keep a record of achievements. Record Books are a great resource for listing accomplishments on future applications or documents. Wow, I did so many things — how would I have remembered everything if I hadn't kept a written record?
- Learn about and practice the art of identifying, creating, classifying, communicating and preserving records in a standard format. Not only is this an art, but it is a skill that will come in handy throughout your life (Ask anyone.)

Oh, and did I mention achieving Star Ranks?! These are just a few of the benefits of completing a 4-H Record Book. If you would like to learn more, please come to a training session offered by JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director for San Luis Obispo County.

Note: The same information will be provided on each date.

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
7 pm — 8 pm
UCCE Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, SLO 93401
- Or -
Friday, May 13, 2011
7 pm — 8 pm
American Legion Hall
805 S. Main St., Templeton 93465
2011 Rocket Event

Twenty-six hearty 4-H members and their families braved the wet weather February 19 to learn about, build and launch rockets. We were also happy to welcome members from the Santa Barbara County 4-H program who are members of a club-based rocket project in that county. While making a rocket, members learned about propulsion and what it takes to make a launch trajectory stable. In addition, a few members brought along rockets they had already built—including one 5’ tall! After everyone had a rocket built the launch site was prepared and rockets propelled skyward!

We want to thank 4-H SET Committee member, Dennis Derickson, for taking the lead on this event and hosting it at his home, as well as committee chair Brian Aunger and SLO Scientist Facilitator and committee member Gary Corsiglia for providing knowledge and assistance.

CHAPARRAL 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

On March 5, 2011, three members of Chaparral 4-H traveled to UC Davis to participate in the 35th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day.

Hannah Johnson, Joseph Parker and Tristian Wycuff took part in the livestock judging competition, where they judged cattle, hogs and sheep. There were twelve classes, three of which you were required to give oral reasons on placement. This was the team’s first official competition and they placed first in the State. Along with that honor, the team placed first overall on hogs and sheep. Not to mention they did very well as individuals. The team will be traveling to Kentucky in November to represent California at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Competition.

Call for Volunteers and 4-H Members to Serve on Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees

Would you like to join a Statewide 4-H Advisory Committee? There are many to choose from (Policy, Incentives and Recognition, Citizenship/Service Learning, 4-H Int’l Exchange, Equine Education, Animal Science Education, Camping, 4-H Technology Leadership Team, Healthy Living, and Shooting Sports).

Each committee is made up of 4-H members ages 14 and up, adult volunteers and county and state 4-H YDP staff. The committees meet face-to-face various times of the year, and may schedule conference calls and utilize email to conduct committee business. The term is 12 months, starting July 1. Travel to meetings may be reimbursed by the State 4-H YDP Office. Open recruitment for committee membership takes place every spring, with applications due by May 31, 2010. Details and an application is available at ca4h.org under the Administration drop-down menu.
SCIENCE DAY CAMP

June 20-24, 2011
Cal Poly Campus, SLO

Sponsored by Cal Poly and the IEEE San Luis Obispo Student Branch

IEEE is a professional association for the advancement of technology

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 OPPORTUNITIES

4-H CLUB SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT
Apply for funding to support your community!

It’s never too early to start planning for next program year...especially if early planning leads to financial assistance! Is your club addressing a current issue in your community? Does your club have a new idea that will help solve a local problem? Other 4-H clubs and groups have been awarded money to carry out their projects. You can see their ideas at [http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Service-Learning_RFP/](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Service-Learning_RFP/)

If your 4-H club has the ideas and the manpower and need some money to make your project happen, submit an application through the Service-Learning RFP Program. You can apply for financial assistance up to $5,000 for your service-learning project. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and applications are due September 15 each year.

Service-Learning Defined

“Service-learning combines service objectives with learning objectives with the intent that the activity create change for both the recipient and the provider of the service. This is accomplished by combining service tasks with structured opportunities that link the task to self-reflection, self-discovery, and the acquisition and comprehension of values, skills, and knowledge content.” - National Service-Learning Clearinghouse

“Service-learning is a method through which citizenship, academic subjects, skills, and values are taught. It involves active learning - drawing lessons from the experience of performing service work. There are three basic components to effective service-learning:

  The first is sufficient preparation, which includes setting objectives for skills to be learned or issues to consider, and includes planning projects so they contribute to learning at the same time work gets done.

  The second component is simply performing service.

  Third, the participant attempts to analyze the experience and draw lessons, through such means as discussion with others and reflection on the work.”

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Second Annual California 4-H Photography Contest

The Second Annual California 4-H Photography Contest will be held during the 2011 CA 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis on May 28, 2011, from 8:30am-6:00pm. Online registration is now available at [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/) and the deadline is May 6, 2011. We had a great turnout last year, and hoping the same this year! If you have questions, call John Trammell at (909) 863-8912 or email jwtrammell@ucdavis.edu
The members of the **El Camino 4-H** group did a Community Service Project at their February meeting. In addition to a dessert social, the members made St. Patrick’s Day door hangers for the Wyndham Residence, senior housing. The door hangers were handed out for St. Patrick’s Day to the seniors. *Submitted by: Janeen Moore, Club Reporter*

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**CERRO ALTO GOAT GROUP MEETING**

On February 12th the **Cerro Alto Goat Group** held their February meeting at our leader Debra Lamouria’s home. Two presentations were given by members. The first presentation taught us about the goat stomach and the second presentation was about milk fever. We went over goat terms and vocabulary, and then talked about what we learned in our goat level testing books. *Submitted by: Emily Patterson*

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**4-H SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HORSE LEVEL TESTING**

On February 9th San Luis Obispo County 4-H Horse Group members met at the San Luis Obispo County 4-H office for written level testing. Level testing is a day where 4-H members in the county meet at a designated place and take a test on a specific 4-H project. The testing started at 6:00 P.M. Once all of the tests had been graded, members received their test back with a pin for their hat, if they passed. The entire process took approximately two hours to complete. **13 members of the Cerro Alto 4-H Horse Group** took the test and all of us passed. There are 4 levels to complete in the horse project. Each level is comprised of a written test and on a different date, a riding test on the member’s horse. It was lots of fun and I can’t wait to do it next year! *Submitted by: Emily Patterson*

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The Cerro Alto Horse Group at Level Testing February 9, 2011 Photo:
Back row, left to right: Melissa Mannon, Dawson Cruz-Strobridge, Tracy Johnston-Leader, Candance Johnston, Faith Patterson, Sophie Johnston, Katie Adams, Olivia Robasciotti
Front row, left to right: Cameron Strobridge, Emily Patterson, Jenna Winslow, Amber Quick, Lauren Tarica, Kayler Penland
The Cerro Alto 4-H Mountain Biking Project met on Sunday, February 27. We discussed the importance of brakes. Then Carly Donk gave a presentation about the differences of disk and rim brakes. We watched a video on how to fix and repair brakes, and then went in the garage and looked at our brakes making sure they were working well. After learning how to fix and repair brakes, we all went outside to ride on the Donk’s track and jumps.

Also, we have teamed up with the SLO Bike Kitchen to collect and donate used tubes so they can be recycled. The used tubes are chopped up to make playground turf, or other new uses. The next time we meet is March 20th. We will be volunteering to work on trails in Morro Bay with the CCCMB. After we complete our trail work, we will then ride on the trails. We are excited for our next meeting, and can’t wait to volunteer with the CCCMB and ride.

Submitted by: Dean Menigoz

Photo caption: Dean Menigoz and Jeremy Donk work on their brakes and tires.

Several members of Santa Margarita 4-H represented their club at County Presentation Day at Cal Poly on February 5, 2011.

David and Genevieve Aguirre did a presentation on elephant seals. Bernadette Aguirre gave a talk about bulbs. Anthony Aguirre explained how horticulture judging works. Connor Anderson demonstrated how to make a root beer float.

Three members did interpretive readings: Alexis Aguirre presented an excerpt from “The Secret Garden,” Mikaela Jensen read the poem “The Sheep” and primary member Kerrigan Jensen read the poem “Last Night I Dreamed of Chickens.”

Submitted by: Mikaela Jensen, Reporter, Santa Margarita 4-H
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