4-H Leader Appreciation & Training Day
May 21, 2011
8:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

4-H Leader Appreciation and Training Day, scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011, from 8:30a to 2:30p in the UCCE Auditorium Conference Room at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO, provides a time and place for volunteers to meet each other, keep abreast of county opportunities and resources, and learn new information and skills. It also gives us an opportunity to recognize and thank our leaders for the great things they do all year long.

Each and every 4-H adult volunteer is welcome and encouraged to attend!

We’re pleased to announce guest speakers have been lined up to present new and interesting topics:

- **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** by participating in a hands-on activity, as well as the variety of sessions available to 3rd-5th graders...and new this year 6th-8th graders as well. All while receiving project credit!
- **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 Citizenship topics using Presentation techniques and format.
- The **Round Table** is a popular and time-honored way to meet other 4-H volunteers and learn from each other.

Please **RSVP by Wednesday, May 18, 2011**, to the 4-H office at 781-5943 or chansen@co.slo.ca.us

(We need to make copies and order food so it helps to know how many will be attending.)

We hope to see you there!
National & State 4-H News

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

- **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.

- **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:**
  http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6119

- **The California 4-H Program is seeking host families for Japanese and Costa Rican boys for a 1 month exchange this summer.** Boys ages 10 – 15 can host a Japanese boy from July 22 to August 18. Placements are made on a first-come, first-served basis with early applicants able to select their student. Boys ages 14 – 19 can host a Costa Rican boy from June 17 – July 16. Interested families can learn more by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or on the web at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/

  Past host families are available for additional information.
PRIMARY MEMBER FIELD DAY

This fun-filled day is being hosted by the 2010-11 San Luis Obispo County 4-H All-Stars.

WHO: All SLO County 4-H Primary Members (Ages 5-8 yrs. old)

WHEN: Saturday, May 14th, 2011

WHERE: UCCE Auditorium
        2156 Sierra Way, SLO

TIME: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

COST: *FREE! :o) If you wish to enter your craft for 4-H FIELD DAY, bring a $1.50 entry fee

RSVP by Wednesday, May 11th,
by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943

There will be games to play, crafts to make, and snacks to eat. We will also be doing some gardening, so wear clothes that can get dirty.

NOTE: The craft made at Primary Member Field Day may be entered for 4-H Field Day being held on Saturday, June 11th, at the Paso Robles Event Center. *You will need to pay a $1.50 entry fee & fill out a Still Exhibits Entry form for your entry. The forms will be provided. (Parents can stay or leave, but must pick up 4-H members at 12:30 p.m.)
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 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, 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 by your 4-H club’s deadline.

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.

NEW! CITIZENSHIP/COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY. Ranchita Canyon 4-H Club is sponsoring a “Pocket Flag Project.” 4-H members can work together to fold and package flags for members of the military. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or until finished.

NEW! “FARM OLYMPICS” ACTIVITIES. Morro Bay 4-Club is hosting fun project-related activities and skill competitions, to include Stick Horse Barrel Racing and Farm Minute-to-Win-It games.

10:30 a.m. — 1:30 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 Poultry and Large Animal Science, including Horse (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!
4-H NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

4-H THRIVES!

4-H Thrive is an opportunity to provide youth with concrete tools that more intentionally and consistently help them to reach their full potential. 4-H Thrive is not a new program, but rather a progression in 4-H Youth Development theory and practices. California is on the cutting edge of this progression by being the first state to integrate Thrive into the 4-H program.

On April 1-3, a team of SLO County 4-H Thrive Master Trainers travelled to Buellton for an intense three day training on 4-H Thrive. The team will be using what they learned to educate and inspire SLO County 4-H adult volunteers and teen leaders on the concepts of Thriving and how they can be used to help 4-Hers achieve their full potential.

The Thrive team will be leading an introductory session during Leader Appreciation and Training Day, Saturday, May 21st, at the UCCE auditorium, with more comprehensive workshops to come. If you have any questions regarding 4-H Thrive, visit www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/ or contact Thrive team member Julie Maggiore at the 4-H office, 781-5943 or jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us

Photo: Thrive team members Sierra Bryant, Larry Rose, and Leia Larson practice non-verbal communication by demonstrating how to harvest and eat oranges to a vitamin-C dependent alien species.

Three 4-H Youth Coordinate Meals For ECHO

Sigrid Derickson, Alexis Aguirre, and Anthony Aguirre recently completed a service-learning project that they committed to as a result of their attendance at the 4-H California Focus Conference in Sacramento, CA. This 5 day conference entailed the implementation of a service project by each delegation in their county. The San Luis Obispo delegate’s project was called The Homeless and Hungry Service Learning Project. In this project the three youth contacted four 4-H groups talking about their service project. That was only one out of the two steps in completing their community service outreach. The second step was to provide a meal for ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization), a program that helps feed the people in need. The three Youth plugged themselves in to the program and provided not one, but two meals for the program. They fed over 100 people combined. They have a feeling of accomplishment in not only feeding 100 hungry individuals in the North County but in educating many 4-H’ers about the problem of hunger in our community.
**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 ALL STAR APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO WED., MAY 25TH, 2011**

**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 5/25/11
- 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. **EXTENDED DUE DATE: MAY 25, 2011**
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/slc/](http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/)

**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.

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 NEWS & 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/

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 creates 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."

Developed by the Corporation on National and Community Service as part of their briefing materials for national community service.

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 represents an incredible opportunity for 4-H members! Cal Poly and the student branch of the IEEE Club (a professional association for the advance of technology) have put together an amazing schedule of activities. In addition to robotics (which includes access to a robotics lab and materials), topics such as alternative energy sources, lasers, and amateur radio activities will be explored with hands-on activities and friendly competitions. In addition to science, there will be games and socials so participants can get to know each other and have fun.

WHERE: CAL POLY CAMPUS
AGES: GRADES 8-12 (as of school year 2011-2012)
COST: $60 for 4-H Members (see registration form for details)
REGISTRATION: MAY 16, 2011, or until filled
NO. OF REGISTRANTS: LIMITED TO 30
REGISTRATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT slocounty4h.org

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?!

If you would like to learn more, please come to a North County Record Book Training Session offered by JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director for San Luis Obispo County.

WHEN: Friday, May 13, 2011 7 pm — 8 pm
WHERE: American Legion Hall 805 S. Main St., Templeton 93465
An All Chemical Fajita Dinner
By Meredith Stevens, Los Osos SLO SCIENTIST 4-H

On our last day of the SLO SCIENTIST “Chemicals Are Us” meeting, we had an all chemical fajita dinner. Lauren Brown, our leader, gave us an index card with everything he wanted us to bring and a question written on it for us to answer. For example, “what are carbohydrates and where do they come from?” Lauren had us break up into groups to prepare the food then we ate it with pleasure. Lauren went over the questions to make sure we learned that chemicals are everywhere. We had a great time and learned a lot.

On Mar. 26, 2011 two members, Amanda Chaffe and Mary Hambly, from Chaparral 4-H went to Sectional Presentation Day in Los Alamos, California and came home with a gold. Their presentation was on “How to make ROOT BEER.” These two will be advancing to the State Finals in Davis, California on May 28, 2011. Submitted by, Amanda Chaffe, Chaparral 4-H Cooking

At Templeton 4-H’s Advanced Sewing Group’s Sew Day on March 19th, we made about 46 Norwegian Chickens and 18 tissue cozies. They were all made from scraps of material either from previous projects, or kids brought some material scraps from home. There were 16 girls that participated in that Sew Day (almost the entire group). People started coming at about 10:00 a.m. They came and went as they needed to, but most girls stayed the entire time which was about 3:30p.m. We will be selling the chickens and tissue cozies at our General Meeting. All of the money we raise, will go to the Red Cross Japan Relief Fund. These cozies and chickens are good gifts for any occasion. Submitted by: Nicole Meindl
**4-H NEWS**

**4-H All Stars and SLO Scientist Team up for a winning day at Children’s Day at the Plaza!**

*By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator*

It was a gorgeous, sunny, yet fairly cool day in San Luis Obispo on Saturday, April 9, and the perfect weather to be in Mission Plaza for families to experience the array of booths and activities at the annual Children’s Day at the Plaza. San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Stars, Olivia Andrade, Savannah Levisay, Seb Andrus, Brianna Birks and Hannah Andrade along with All Star advisor Karen Ludwig were out in full force to give pertinent information about our local 4-H organization, answer questions from kids and families and offer a fun assortment 4-H “visibility” items...including hundreds of 4-H green and white helium balloons!

Children and families also had the opportunity to “have fun with science” by taking part in some cool hands-on activities from our SLO Scientist program. Many thanks to Chelsea Dauer and David Dauer for their help with our terrific watershed activities and our wheat berry grinding activity, and to Seb Andrus for his enthusiastic assistance with our balloon/bottle chemical reaction activity. With the waves of delighted event-goers who visited our booths at an almost non-stop pace throughout the day, it was great having the enthusiasm and support of our tremendous 4-H All-Stars and volunteers.

**For information about joining a SLO Scientist group, starting a SLO Scientist group within your local 4-H Club or volunteering to become an adult SLO Scientist facilitator to lead our fun hands-on science activities to youth and adults together, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5944.**
On March 13th, the Cerro Alto 4H Marine Science Project met with their leaders Leslie & Bill Rebik at Sinsheimer Pool for a "Discover Scuba Day!" The scuba instructors from SLO Ocean Currents Dive Shop supplied the equipment. They had the entire group watch a basic scuba video before starting. The video taught them the signs used underwater, such as "Ok," "Watch me," "Go up," "Go down," and "Out of air." The group got geared up with tanks, masks, regulators, fins and vests. When they had gotten comfortable in the water with their equipment they swam all over the pool testing their new skills and using their sign language. Everyone had a great adventure and can wait to learn more about scuba and Marine science!

Submitted by Katie Adams, Cerro Alto 4H

(Photo of group using the "OK" sign with leader Leslie Rebik)

Estrella Horse Project Members Host BBQ at Horse Field Day Event

On Sunday, April 10th, the Estrella Horse Project members held a barbecue at the Wranglerettes Arena in Atascadero during the Gymkhana Horse Field Day. Kiah Williams, Isaiah and Leanna Meade, Sydney Vinther, Tegan and Camryn Curren and Jazzy Harriss, along with some of their parents were present along with our leader, Angela. Angela worked the grill and the kids worked behind the counter taking orders and money. We sold hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and candy. After all our hard work, we got to eat lunch and watch some of the Gymkhana events. We raised about $200 for county horse and had a lot of fun doing it. Special thanks to the Wranglerettes for letting us use their space. Submitted by Kiah Williams
On April 9th at the Cerro Alto 4-H Goat Project meeting, we learned about how to show our goat. If we didn’t have a goat, we got one to practice with. We learned how to keep your eye on the judge and how to always face the judge. We also saw some new kids (goat babies). We were introduced to the Dairy Goat Proficiency Program Guide (that may not be what it was called exactly) and we were informed we will need to have our 4-H outfit for 4-H Field Day in June. It was a great meeting and everyone had so much fun. I have attached a couple of pictures from when we practiced showing the goats. That was my favorite part!

Submitted by: Kailey Nutt, 1st year 4-H member

A Special Gift for Canyon Country 4-H Sewing Group

Canyon Country 4-H Sewing Group members received a very welcome surprise, when Santa Maria Sewing Center, in Pismo Beach, donated ten sewing machines to the group.

With 20 group members, leader Kasey Rosecrans had her hands full trying to share just 2 sewing machines. Community Club leader, Jo Ann Overbey sprang into action. She quickly contacted several businesses and soon she was headed to the club meeting with 10 machines carefully tucked in her vehicle.

Our members were thrilled to see the beautiful machines. Just knowing how much more smoothly their meetings would be going brought lots of smiles!

Canyon Country 4-H sends out a big “Thank-you” to Santa Maria Sewing Center for donating machines for our members, and to Main Street Embroidery for donating the needles and bobbins.
Canyon Country 4-H Community Service

Canyon Country 4-H Community Service has been very busy with several projects lately!
In January members of Canyon Country 4-H made Valentine’s Day Cards for the residents at Vineyard Hills Health Center. We decorated the cards, wrote messages inside, and delivered them to the ladies and gentlemen at V.H.H.C.

Canyon Country’s “Pop a Top for Ronald McDonald House” collection drive is in full swing. We are calling on everyone to remember to save all pop tops and turn them in to the County 4-H office. Please remember to save the pop tops to help families at Children’s Hospital of Central California!

The year-end report for Toys-4-Tots is in! San Luis Obispo County’s donations were up by 6%. Thank you to everyone who donated a toy for this great charity!

Here at Canyon Country 4-H, we’re all about Community Service! Remember, always lend a hand to everyone you meet. Community Service begins with YOU!

Thank you,
Submitted by: Jesse-Ray Morring, Community Service Jr. Leader, Canyon Country 4-H
Santa Margarita 4-H is excited to have a newly formed Horse Project. Seven members have signed up so far. Pictured in the back row, left to right are: Stephanie Bradley, Johnny Bradley, Mikaela Jensen, Katherine Bradley, and Project Leader Leia Larson. Front Row, left to right, are: Megan Johnson, Rebecca Bradley, and Amelia Mulder. Submitted by: Mikaela Jensen, Reporter, Santa Margarita 4-H

Several members, parents and grandparents of the Santa Margarita 4-H Club gathered together for our annual Enchilada Fundraiser. The group made well over 1,700 enchiladas! This is a club tradition that dates back more than 30 years. Submitted by: Mikaela Jensen, Reporter, Santa Margarita 4-H
**SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2011**

### MAY 2011
- **6-8** 4-H YOUTH CAMP (Grades 4-6) Rancho El Chorro
- **13** Record Book Training, Templeton, 7PM
- **14** Primary Member Field Day, UCCE Auditorium, SLO
- **14** Horse Mounted Level Testing
- **16** Science Day Camp Applications Deadline
- **21** LEADER APPRECIATION & TRAINING DAY, SLO
- **25** 2011-12 ALL STAR APPLICATIONS DUE
- **27** Field Day Entry Forms & Chicken Q $ Due
- **28** State 4-H Field Day Events, UC DAVIS
- **30** W. Christensen Scholarship Application Due

### JUNE 2011
- **3** SILENT AUCTION BASKETS DUE at 4-H Ofc
- **11** 4-H FIELD DAY & CHICKEN-Q, Paso Robles Event Center
- **20-24** SCIENCE DAY CAMP, CAL POLY CAMPUS

### JULY 2011
- **10-17** SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FAIR
- **20-31** CA MID-STATE FAIR

### AUGUST 2011
- **10** Record Book Judges Training
- **19** 2010-2011 RECORD BOOKS DUE in 4-H Ofc
- **27** Record Book Judging Day, 4-H Office