4-H Field Day 2011 Memories

4-H Field Day is now just a memory. But a good memory—not only because of the fun, camaraderie and experience that was gained—but because the event itself symbolizes the community spirit, cooperation and volunteerism that is 4-H. Participation was strong, with nearly 800 animal showmanship and still exhibit entries. Members also participated in a variety of activities throughout the day, including Science, Community Service, Judging, Citizenship, Large and Small Animal Science Level Tests, and hands-on project skills in our first ever “Farm Olympics.”

4-H Field Day is a volunteer effort; in fact, about 200 are needed to make this event happen. Unfortunately, in this limited space, it’s not possible to name each individual. However, we can identify the tasks they accomplished and thank them for the time, thought, and planning that went into their execution: To our Key Leaders—who often wear a second hat as Division Chair at Field Day—and Program Development Committees for their work throughout the year to strengthen their program areas for all countywide events, including Field Day. To the Division Chairs and Judges who provide a structure for entries and their evaluation. And to 4-H Management Board members who manage Awards, Parking and Safety, Silent Auction, Cash Management, and Visibility. Each of these leaders contributed to making the day a success.

Albertsons boosted fundraising efforts by providing food and supplies for our Chicken-Q (through its generous donation of gift certificates over the past few years) and its staff graciously assembled our huge order and even lent a hand by delivering a portion to the fair grounds. Thank you Albertsons!

We also want to acknowledge and thank the following individuals and clubs for their efforts in key areas:

Each of our 4-H Clubs for creating and donating fun/beautiful/unusual/exciting gift baskets for the Silent Auction. The baskets raised $3186, which will be used to support the program and county events next year.

Cathy Mott and El Paso de Robles 4-H Club for helping with set-up Friday afternoon.

Kim Mott and Cerro Alto 4-H Club for managing the snack bar and providing a wonderful variety of food and drinks.

Jennifer Kranich and Ranchita Canyon 4-H Club for transporting the HEAVY soda fountain and managing the soda booth. Every time I walked by all hands were a flurry of activity.

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National & State 4-H News

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

- Military youth are invited to a special overnight workshop focusing on the reintegration and reunion phase of the deployment cycle. California Operation: Military Kids will hold a Boots Off! Camp for military youth ages 9-18, July 22-23 at the Port Hueneme Youth Center at Naval Base Ventura. The camp is open to youth from any branch or component and the cost is only $15. The event will feature insightful activities, meals, a sleepover and lots of fun. To learn more or to register, visit: http://ucanr.org/bootsoff. For more information, contact Gwenetta Cook at 785-313-3289 or at gwenetta.cook2.ctr@us.army.mil

- The California 4-H Youth Development Program is seeking host families for Japanese adult chaperones who will accompany a delegation of students to California for 1 month this summer. Chaperones stay with two different families for 2 weeks each and enjoy the family’s summertime activities. Families who host chaperones are not required to have children in the home. Are you interested in sharing your home and culture with an adult from Japan? To learn more, contact Pat English at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

- Record Book Forms for the 2011 year state competition will be available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/. Senior 4-H members (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31 of the program year for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition. There is no restriction on the number of times a 4-H member may be declared a state winner, but a state winner may only be awarded the cash prize twice. There is no restriction on the number of times a 4-H member may be declared a state medalist. Previous state record book winners are eligible to compete again. Questions may be sent to Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu

- The 2011 Golden Clover applications and nomination forms are now available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/. Nominations and applications will be due by September 30, 2011. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. The selection committee reserves the option of moving applications to another category if they feel it would be a better match. Applications are evaluated on how well the applicant meets the description of the category and overall participation within 4-H. Group applications consisting of youth and adults need to demonstrate strong youth-adult partnerships. Questions can be sent to Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu

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Loretta Mazzo and Templeton 4-H Club for managing the food service tables and serving over 1700 meals with efficiency and a smile.

Ranchita Canyon 4-H Club for hosting a “Pocket Flag” Citizenship activity, where members folded flags to be given to service men and women to wear in their pockets. The club also sponsored the cost of this activity.

Alexis and Anthony Aguirre for managing the Horticulture Judging activity.

Nipomo 4-H Club Industrial Arts Project for making and donating the stanchions used in the Commercial Building.

Tammy Haas and Morro Bay 4-H Club for creating and hosting “Farm Olympics,” a variety of activities where members could learn and practice hands-on project skills. Hats-off to the members who formed a committee to plan and execute these fun games and challenges.

Ed Sorrow and Creston 4-H Club for managing the Chicken-Q, Walt Nielsen, Les Stemper, and Mike Sanchez for loaning their BBQ pits, and the gentlemen who worked their magic with the chicken. It’s quite a feat to arrange for and transport the necessary food and supplies, gather and clean pots and pans, and cook and BBQ over 1700 meals. KUDOS to Ed and his team.

The many adults and youth who signed up to help with Food Preparation in the morning and Kitchen Clean-Up in the afternoon, and to staff the Silent Auction and Visibility Booth. Their work was essential and much appreciated.

Finally, Henry Newman of Cerro Alto 4-H Club for signing up to help with parking. This is significant because Henry is the first person to volunteer in this capacity in over five years. He started at 6:30 a.m., worked for two hours and then left for his regular job. Good job Henry!

As you can see, this event represents a true countywide effort. Thanks to everyone for your time and generous spirit.

On a final note, it’s never too early to begin thinking about next year’s 4-H Field Day. Each one of our youth, leaders, projects groups and clubs is invited and encouraged to let us know if you have an IDEA or would like to HOST A TASK OR ACTIVITY. In fact, why not talk about it at your next meeting. Your input and participation is vital—and it’s what 4-H Field Day is all about!
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4-H FIELD DAY ANIMAL SCIENCE & STILL EXHIBIT WINNERS

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San Luis Obispo County 4-H was well represented at State 4-H Field Day in various ways. The event was held at UC Davis on May 28 and is the final advancement for members to give their presentations after qualifying at Sectional Presentation Day. Several activities were available nearby during the day including a Plant Identification & Judging Contest, Photography Contest, Judging Contest, Fashion Revue and voting for next years’ Field Day Logo Contest. In addition, there were booths for SET Robots, Cards for Soldiers, Entomology, Million Trees and the P.A.L.A. There was an increase of members from SLO giving presentations. Unfortunately, after the Fashion Revue, the awards ceremony was rained out; therefore, the awards were sent to the county 4-H office to be distributed to the 4-H club participants.

Judging Contest results (members who placed in the top 20% of the in their divisions)
- Junior: Destin Copple and Emily Patterson
- Intermediate: Dawson Cruz, Sophie Johnson and Jenna Winslow
- Senior: Anthony Aguirre, and Candace Johnston

Spencer Caserio won Best of Show in the Photography Contest.

Two SLO County 4-H’ers placed in the Plant Identification & Judging Contest. Genevieve Aguirre placed 2nd, in the Intermediate division. Isabelle West placed 4th in the Senior division and will be a part of the California Horticulture team and compete at San Diego in October at the NJHA convention.

Members who received a Gold Seal on their Presentations:
- Spencer Caserio, Cambria 4-H
- Carlos Plummer, Cambria 4-H
- Candace Johnston, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Sophie Johnston, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Nicholas Lopez, Cerro Alto 4-H
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- Amanda Chaffe & Mary Hambly, Chaparral
- Allison Bruce & Destin Copple, Los Osos
SLO County 4-H  
2011 Life Skill Scholarships

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board is happy to offer **three scholarships** in the amount of **$300 each**. The scholarship areas are:

1. **Citizenship/Community Service**
2. **Leadership**
3. **Life Skills**

If you are a current 4-H member in SLO County who is planning to attend college this fall, you are eligible to apply for one of these scholarships. In addition to general 4-H and academic information, the applicant is asked to address the following:

**Citizenship/Community Service:**
1. What types of citizenship/community service involvement did you participate in during your 4-H career?
2. Describe two or three citizenship/community service activities that were most significant to you. Explain how you think your citizenship/community service activities will influence your life in the future.

**Leadership:**
1. What leadership skills have you developed through your 4-H career and how were they developed?
2. Describe how you think your leadership skills will influence your life in the future.

**Life Skills:**
1. What life skills have you developed through your 4-H career and how were they developed?
2. Describe how you think these life skills will influence your life in the future.

To obtain an application, go to [slocounty4h.org](http://slocounty4h.org) and click on Registration Forms & Applications or call the 4-H office at 781-5943. Scholarship applications are due in the 4-H office no later than Friday, **August 19, 2011**. Postmarks will not be accepted. Good Luck :o)

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Community Service Award

The Community Service Program Development Committee wants your nomination(s) of an outstanding 4-H youth, adult or family to receive a 2011 **Community Service Award**. To clarify, a 4-H adult is defined as a certified 4-H adult volunteer and/or leader. Similarly, a 4-H family must have at least one youth member or certified adult volunteer to be eligible for the award. (Adults and families who do not fit the above criteria may be better suited for nomination as a Friend of 4-H award candidate.)

**Nominations can be submitted by any 4-H member or volunteer.** If you know a 4-H individual or family who continuously gives of themselves, now is your chance to help them receive the recognition they deserve! The nominations will be reviewed, and then one award will be presented in the Youth, Adult, and Family categories at 4-H Achievement Night in October.

**How to nominate someone:**
Please write a half-page to one page letter explaining why you think your nominee deserves the award. In order to maintain fairness in the selection process, **do not** include your nominee's name in the letter. Then, on a separate piece of paper, write your name, address, and phone number, along with the name of the person or family you are nominating.

**You may nominate as many 4-H individuals or families as you would like.** Nominations are due in the 4-H Office by **July 29, 2011**. Mail: 4-H Office, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, email jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us or fax 781-4316. If you have any questions regarding the **Community Service Award**, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Committee Chair, at 466-1216.
**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

**Youth Leadership Key Leader**

We are recruiting for the position of **Youth Leadership Key Leader.** This position serves as a member of the 4-H Program Development Board and is responsible for developing and delivering educational programs to 4-H members such as Officer and Jr/Teen Leader Training as well as other leadership development events and activities. The 4-H Program Development Board is responsible for overall program planning for SLO County and for many countywide events. The board meets twice a year and members participate in a joint meeting with the 4-H Management Board once a year. **If you are interested in applying for this position or if you have any questions, we hope to hear from you soon! Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.**

**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.**
Leader Recognition Award - State 4-H Leaders’ Forum

The SLO Co. 4-H Adult Leadership Committee is seeking nominations of outstanding adult volunteers to receive the 2011 Leader Recognition Award. The award is a scholarship to attend the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove on November 11-13. The scholarship covers the conference fee, lodging, and meals (approx. $240). This year, five nominees from San Luis Obispo County will be selected to receive the award.

The State 4-H Leaders’ Forum offers volunteers an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of other 4-H volunteers, share ideas, and learn new skills in their choice of fun workshops—all in a beautiful ocean side setting. This year’s forum, “The Magic of 4-H - Transformation”, will inspire leaders to initiate transformation in their home club or project groups.

Award Nomination Criteria:

1) has been a leader for two years and has reenrolled for the new program year;
2) evidence of outstanding teaching/leadership skills;
3) has not received this award in the last three years.

Clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H members may all nominate leaders for this wonderful award. Leaders may even elect to nominate themselves. If you are nominating someone, please check with them to make sure they will be able to attend the Forum! Leader Recognition Award Nomination Forms are available through your Community Club Leader and online at slocounty4h.org. Nominations are due July 22 in the 4-H Office. If you have questions, please call Evelyn Rockwell at 466-4383.

Leaders need not be recipients of the Leader Recognition Award to attend the State Leaders’ Forum. All 4-H leaders are eligible and encouraged to attend. More information about the forum is available online at http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/ Register by September 1, 2011, to receive a discounted rate.

4-H SLO Scientist Teams up with Summer Library Program for some “Sciencing With Snails” Fun!

As part of the San Luis Obispo County Youth Summer Library Program, our very own SLO Scientist facilitators are offering a totally cool hour session of “Sciencing With Snails” filled with fun hands-on science activities related to...yes, really...snails! Many county libraries are offering sessions in June, July and August. The libraries holding sessions in July are: Los Osos, Creston, Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo and Cayucos Library will offer “snails” in August. (Oceano, Shell Beach, Nipomo, Cambria and Morro Bay libraries held these activities in June.) Please contact your local library for details and the specific date and time a session is to be offered at each location. Reserve a spot and have fun this summer experimenting with the snail smorgasbord, snail races and more!
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4-H NEWS & CLUB NEWS

The 4-H members of SLO County voted at 4-H Field Day and the Theme for the 2012 4-H CAMP KIND (formerly known as Youth Camp) is...SAFARI! So, save the dates of Friday, May 4 to Sunday May 6, 2012 and plan on attending.

For you teens out there interested in becoming a Camp Counselor, planning meetings will start on September 22 at 6:30 pm at the 4-H office in SLO. For more information about 4-H Camp, contact 4-H CAMP KIND Director Maria Andrus at jandrusfamily1@att.net or 238-0604.

4-H CAMP KIND (Kids In Nature’s Domain)

Save the Date!
4-H Leader Appreciation & Training Event
Saturday, October 22, 2012

NOTE FROM THE MID-STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK OFFICE:
There is a Change in Policy for BEEF: The change in policy is as follows:

“BEEF ANIMALS CAN BE BEDDED ON STRAW OR SHAVINGS.”

Please share this change in policy with your Beef Project 4-H Members and Project Leaders.

Summary for 4-H Year: Carrisa Plains 4-H has had a great year so far. We have already proved, through this year and the last, that we are one of the most dedicated clubs. Although our group is small, we seem to get a lot accomplished. In October, we participated in National 4-H Week. We also made Thanksgiving Day baskets, and Samaritan Boxes. The Samaritan Box is a community service project we do every year. Each member is responsible for getting a shoebox full of stuff that any little boy or girl would like. In January the club started its Scolari’s fundraiser. Each member was assigned a month to sit in front of Scolari’s and sell sodas and hotdogs. The swine group started off its year by going to a show clinic in February. At our general meeting in March, we discussed a fundraiser for Corn Fed. We sell caps, beennies, T-shirts, and sweatshirts to earn money. On April 3rd, the swine group had their pig sale. It was different this year because it was earlier in the month and not in Carrisa Plains. However, it was a good sale, a lot of people came and every pig was sold. The general meeting in May was mostly about 4-H Field Day and the Chicken BBQ on June 11th. Also in May was the King City Fair. Although our group could not bring pigs, we got champion lamb and placed fourth or higher in the rest of our classes. At the next meeting on June 5th our record books were due. Sandy, our club leader, wants to enter all of our record books into the State contest. I believe that as a club, Carrisa Plains 4-H is ready for the 2011 California Mid-State Fair.

CARRISA PLAINS, there’s nothing plain about it ...

Submitted by: Bryson Twisselman
SANTA MARGARITA 4-H ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS: Santa Margarita 4-H held Officer Elections at their General Meeting in May. Julie Forte will serve as the new President for the 2011-2012 4-H Program Year. Johnny Bradley was voted in as Vice President. Alexis Aguirre will serve her club as Secretary. Ryan Flores will begin a two-year term as Treasurer. Genevieve Aguirre and Stephanie Bradley will share the role of Reporter. Mikaela Jensen will be the new Communications Officer. Caitlin Hopkins will serve as Sargent of Arms and Connor Anderson will be the Sunshine Officer. Submitted by: Mikaela Jensen, Reporter

CAMBRIA 4-H News: On April 30th, Cambria 4-H attended the Food & Arts Celebration in San Luis Obispo. Our members entered items from their projects representing Food & Nutrition, Arts & Crafts, Photography and Bicycle. Everyone had fun and learned a lot by doing community service, learning about windmills and U.S. flags and making earrings.

On May 28th, several Cambria 4-H club members participated in State 4-H Field Day in Davis. Spencer Caserio gave a presentation on High Dynamic Range Photography. He also entered a photograph and was awarded Best of Show. His picture is now hanging up at the State 4-H office and is also on the State website www.ca4h.org. Carlos Plummer gave a presentation on Perfect Painting: Simple Rules for Better Photography. Claire and Grace Doherty, along with Kyle Plummer, also attended the event. They enjoyed watching the presentations, performing community service, and judging logos. They had an awesome time and are looking forward to next year’s State 4-H Field Day!

On June 11th, Cambria 4-H participated in the SLO County 4-H Field Day. Members entered their dogs and still exhibits and earned ribbons for their work. Members who attended 4-H Field Day also had an opportunity to participate in community service by writing letters to soldiers, judging and testing knowledge of plant specimens and cavy breed identification. This year many members especially enjoyed learning about engineering with a hands-on bridge building construction experiment before the bridge building contest. It was a great opportunity for members to meet up with 4-H friends from other clubs, meet new friends and exhibit their projects they worked on this year.
Heaven Can Wait, Equine Sanctuary for Healing and Learning held an Open House on their lawn Sunday, June 12. The Estrella Horse Project Group has been active in supporting them through the years and Sunday was no exception. The group assisted at the silent auction, and sold raffle tickets. There were also vendors and good food (excellent tri-tip cooked by Chris Overbey). But the highlight was the face painting clown who doubled as a mini-horse painter. Drumm Overbey joined Sydney Vinther, Chloe Walters, Leanna and Isaiah Meade, Tegan and Camryn Curren, Kiah Williams and Jazzy Harris who all took part in holding the Mini’s and keeping them calm while many children painted them. Then it was their turn and the result was very colorful. Anyone wanting more information on Heaven Can Wait should contact our project leader, Angela Vinther at 296-8994. 
Submitted by Sydney Vinther, Horse Project Teen Leader

Huasna Valley 4-H "Horse Survivor" Project Group camped and partnered in with multi-user trail groups who attended the first "Carrot Fest" at Montana De Oro May 13-15, 2011 working clearing, snipping, moving brush off the trails. It was a fun mix of different multi-user trail groups who attended; hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and state parks employees. Kathy Longacre, SLOPOST President (San Luis Obispo Parks, Open Space & Trails Foundation) did a great job organizing the whole weekend and feeding us fabulous food! A continental breakfast was served and then we were given safety training instruction from the CCCMB (Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers) with our tools. Everyone worked very hard in their "Crew Groups" on Saturday. We hiked the trail with our tools and worked clearing, snipping, moving brush off the trails. We rode our horses every day. It rained Saturday night and the tent campers got a little wet, but not their spirits! We had a great 4-H hands-on learning experience to repair a broken fender/stirrup on the trail using our paracord braces we made at Christmas! It came in handy! Sunday we rode with hikers and bikers over the trail that we cleared the day before. We all gave ourselves a pat on the back when we rode past our trail that we worked on! It is so important to give back time and energy to our trails that we all enjoy!

Canyon Country 4-H LOVES 4-H FIELD DAY continued
We learned how to build a bridge that could hold lots of weight, and we ate delicious BBQ chicken lunches! It was lots of fun to see so many 4-Hers all in one place!

We all did very well with our projects, and we even had a Best of Show in Plant Science and a Best of Show in Small Animal Posters.

Canyon Country 4-H members want to say a big “Thank you” to everyone who volunteered, and worked so hard to make this a great 4-H Field Day. We loved it!

Submitted by: Jesse-Ray Morring, Canyon Country 4-H Arts & Crafts Jr. Leader

Stepping Stone from 4-H Field Day Photo submitted by Canyon Country 4-H Club
SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2011-2012

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