Welcome Maria Andrus as New 4-H Youth Leadership Key Leader

We are happy to announce that Maria Andrus has accepted the position of Youth Leadership Key Leader. Maria has a strong background in the 4-H, both at the club and county level. She has served as a club project leader, county committee member, Fashion Revue chair, and for the last two years, has lead the countywide 4-H Youth Camp project and organized Youth Camp at El Chorro.

As Key Leader, Maria will serve on the 4-H Program Development Board and chair the Youth Leadership Program Development Committee. The committee is responsible for planning events related to youth leadership, such as Officer and Jr/Teen Leader Training (scheduled for October 23, 2011—more on that event in future News & Views). In addition to this event, Maria has some new and creative ideas she plans to incorporate within the Youth Leadership program to help youth develop their leadership skills. We welcome her enthusiasm and look forward to supporting her in her new role.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Sherry Martinez and express our appreciation for the work she has done as Youth Leadership Key Leader for the past six years. Sherry and has done a terrific job organizing annual training events as well as leading Youth Leadership-related sessions in adult leader training events.

4-H National Youth Science Day
October 5, 2011

The fourth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day will take place on October 5, 2011, This year young people across the nation will become scientists for the day. In this year’s experiment, Wired for Wind, youth will engage in the engineering design process of renewable wind energy technology. In this three-part experiment, youth will design and build their own wind turbines, play with blade pitch variables, and map a potential wind farm site in their own state.

This summer learn more about this year’s National Youth Science Day and download the experiment guides at http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/NYSD/2011_4H_NYSD/ or at http://www.4-h.org/NYSD/
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/

- 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

- 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

- Get ready for the Revolution of Responsibility! 4-H’ers are changing the world and improving their communities today. In support of this community development work, the State 4-H Office will consolidate the Requests for Funding (RFP) for Service-Learning, Healthy Living, SET, and Legacy into one application. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding up to $1,000 to support service-learning projects related to their club or project activities. As of July, an online application will be available and applications are due October 15. Projects must have a service-learning emphasis and can be related to 4-H SET, Healthy Living, Citizenship, Leadership or project work with the goal of creating positive change in the community and increasing the visibility of 4-H. Contact Pat English for more information, 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. 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. Questions may be sent to Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu

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MEMO

TO:  All 4-H Members and 4-H Adult Volunteers

FM:  JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director

SUBJ: RECORD BOOKS DUE, AUGUST 19th

   RECORD BOOK JUDGES TRAINING, Wednesday, August 10, 2011

   RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY on Saturday, August 27, 2011

Record Books that are to be judged at the County Level are due in the 4-H office Friday, August 19, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. This is also the deadline date for: Treasurer Books (mandatory), Secretary Books, and Reporters Books. Any of the above 4-H club books not turned into the 4-H office by this date and time will not be judged. No Exceptions!

Record Book Judges Training will be held on Wednesday evening, August 10, 2011 starting with a lite dinner served at 6:30 p.m. and Training will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the UCCE Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo. The Auditorium entry door is on the Parking Lot Level.

RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011. Check-in: 8:30 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. upstairs near the 4-H office.

Overview for Record Book Judging starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the UCCE Auditorium

Judging starts at 9:30 a.m.
   - Judges must be able to stay all day
   - No children please.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

We look forward to seeing and reading about all of the activities that you have participated in this past 4-H Program Year 2010-2011.

RSVP by Friday August 5th the 4-H office at 781-5943 for Wednesday August 10th Record Book Judges Training so we can plan on food and materials for the Training Session.

Thank You!

AUGUST 2011
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 UC Auditorium 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, 2011, UC AUDITORIUM, SLO

Save the Date!

4-H OFFICER AND
JR/TEEN LEADER TRAINING
Sunday, October 23, 2011
San Luis Obispo Veteran’s Hall, SLO

The 2011-12 Youth Leadership Committee is Forming Now! We are looking for both youth members and adult leaders to help in the planning and conducting of County Leadership Events and activities, including Jr./Teen Leader & Officer Training in October and Officer Job Fair in May. Those interested in joining the committee, contact Youth Leadership Key Leader, Maria Andrus at jandrusfamily1@att.net or 238-0604. Committee meetings will start the beginning of September.
**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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**Friend of 4-H Award**

Each year the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board is proud to honor an individual or individuals, business or other organization, that has helped and been a friend of the SLO County 4-H Program during the year.

Past winners of the **Friend of 4-H Award** have included:
- Mark and Becky of CAT Country Radio
- Farm Supply Co.
- Albertsons
- San Miguel Flouring Mill
- San Luis Obispo Silver Streaks

If you know of a special person or business that has contributed to SLO County 4-H (multiple clubs or the whole county), why not nominate them for the 2011 Friend of 4-H Award? Nominations can be made by any 4-H member, club, adult volunteer, or office staff.

If you would like to nominate someone, simply write a letter explaining how they have contributed to 4-H and why you think they deserve the award. Letters are due in the 4-H office no later than **August 19, 2011**. The winner will receive a plaque presented in their honor at 4-H Achievement Night in October. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

- **Saturday, 10/1/11**
- **4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**
- SLO Veteran’s Hall
- **7:00 p.m.**
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

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.
2011 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum
“The Magic of 4-H – Transformation”

The 2011 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove on November 11-13, 2011. The 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.

The nomination deadline for the 2011 Leader Recognition Award has passed, but it’s not too late to register for the State Leaders’ Forum. All 4-H leaders are eligible and encouraged to attend. More information about the forum is available online at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/ The registration fee of approximately $240 includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging. Register by September 1, 2011, to receive the special discounted rate.

A Snail Circus and More...Summer fun “Sciencing with Snails” at Local Libraries

4-H SLO Scientist has teamed up with ten San Luis Obispo County libraries to offer fun and fascinating hands-on activities from our SLO Scientist curriculum, “Sciencing with Snails.” Children, ages 4 to 12, have come with a favorite adult to learn about snail behavior under certain circumstances using the scientific processes of observing, comparing and predicting while participating in some cool activities including snail races, snail food preference (smorgasbord) and snail escape artists!

Many thanks to our SLO Scientist volunteer facilitators Julie Fallon, Gary Corsiglia and John McCabe for leading these groups and 4-H volunteers Chelsea Dauer and Janine Fallon and Carlos Plummer, Cambria 4-H member, for their help with the activities during the sessions.

“Sciencing with Snails” will be offered at one more library in August. If you’re in the Cayucos area and would like to participate in a fun hour session of sciencing with snails, please meet at the Cayucos Library on Wednesday, August 17 at 12:00 PM. We appreciate this special opportunity to offer our fun hands-on science activities to kids and families around the county as part of San Luis Obispo County Libraries’ Summer Youth Program!
On Saturday, June 5th, kids from Preschool through Grade 5 had a chance to participate in San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program’s and the San Luis Obispo County Summer Library Program’s “Snail Olympics” at the Cambria Library. Lead by Heather Dauer, a local scientist from SLO 4-H, snails went to the test in activities such as “Feed Tests” and “Snail Races.” Participants learned about what kinds of food the snails would eat, how fast they can pull a “Hot Wheels”, how they move, and more. One thing we all learned is that snails come in many sizes, shapes and colors. It was a fun opportunity for kids and was very educational.

Pictured at right, Morris the snail in pursuit with a police car.

-Written By Carlos Plummer
Reporter, Cambria 4-H

**STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY Correction to last month’s article:**

The newsletter Editor was notified that:

**NOELLE MENIGOZ of Cerro Alto 4-H Club also received a GOLD Medal at State Presentation Day.** Our apologies for the omission in July’s newsletter.

**Shandon 4-H Members Volunteer at Shandon Memorial Day Barbeque**

*By Maiya Clark, Shandon 4-H Reporter*

On May 29, members of Shandon 4-H helped out at the Shandon Memorial Day Barbeque put on by the Shandon Valley Lions Club. The annual event always takes place at the Crawford W Clarke Memorial Park. 4-H’ers helped set up tables, serve food, sell sodas and raffle tickets, and put away chairs at the end. Many members helped out, and the event was a huge success. Even the volunteers got in on the food and the fun.

Photo: Cameron Morones and Patty Clark help put away chairs.
Canyon Country 4-H Community Service

Canyon Country Community Service has been very busy this month! We have been collecting donations of pop tops and toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House.

Our “Pop-a-Top for Ronald McDonald House” collection drive is still going strong. We want to remind everyone to continue to collect those pop-tops. They’re everywhere! Tell a friend or family member to save their pop-tops. Going to the beach? Pop-a-top! Going to the Lake, park, or Grandma’s house? Pop-a-top!

So far our county-wide collection efforts have been very successful. We have collected garbage bags full of pop-tops, to take to the Ronald McDonald House next to the Children’s Hospital of Central California. There, the pop-tops will be turned in for redemption and used to provide a “home away from home” for families with sick and injured kids. (One less thing for a family to worry about)

Remember to Pop-a-Top for Ronald McDonald House, and bring those pop-tops to our county office!

Canyon Country 4-H members also attended the California Mid-State Fair’s 2011 Media Event. At this event on July 13, 2011, Albertsons presented a check to San Luis Obispo County 4-H. The check, for $10,000, will be used for our county events and expenses. There were lots of 4-H members from many clubs. Our club had members, Jesse-Ray Morring, Anthony Peach, and Jeremy Kelly there to help set up, serve food and drinks, and accept the check. Thank you Albertsons! 

(Pictured below is Karen Ludwig, our 2010-2011 All Star Advisor and more 4-H members from other 4-H clubs.)

Respectfully Submitted, Jesse-Ray Morring, Canyon Country 4-H Junior Leader
EL CAMINO 4-H Club Presentation Night:
El Camino 4-H group held their 4th annual Club Presentation Night on May 20th. During the night, the members had a potluck dinner and did presentations. It was a great way to get credit for presentations in a casual environment. Members and their families heard presentations from: Graceanne Garza “Viena Gene in Rabbits,” Janeen Moore “Lemonade,” Jenna Moore “Southern Spice Girl Chili,” Sarah Plymale “Rabbits,” Ethan Willems, Josh Kubel, Carson Estrada and Jack Moore “Beef Meat Cuts.”

Submitted by: Janeen Moore

EL CAMINO SWINE GROUP HELPS at AG ADVENTURE CAMP: Members of the El Camino 4-H Swine Group helped out for the day at the Ag Adventure Camp in Nipomo. They met with four groups of boys to teach them about pigs. Presentations included basic swine terms, swine breeds, 4-H Showmanship and pork by-products. The campers were surprised to learn that parts of pigs are used for medicine, juice in boxes, plywood and bubblegum. They were also able to interact with two of the 4-H pigs that were brought to the event. The Swine Group will also attend the Girls Camp on June 30th. Submitted by: Janeen Moore

EL CAMINO 4-H RABBIT GROUP:
Members of the El Camino 4-H Club attended the Santa Barbara County Fair hoping to come back with a ribbon.

Following Rabbit Judging and Showmanship, everyone in the Rabbit Group received a ribbon on July 9th and celebrated by posing for a photo.

Submitted by: Graceanne Garza
JOIN A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA YOUTH/ADULT SCIENCE CLUB
Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program

Several teams, each team consisting of one 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grader and one adult (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or other significant adult in the child’s life) meet as a group two evenings a month to explore topics like the ones listed below!

As a 4-H SLO SCIENTIST, you will learn to use the tools needed to explore and investigate the physical world in which you live! Through this youth/adult club, we emphasize:

- Teaching children how to BE scientists, giving them real experiences to help them learn how to observe, investigate and experiment;
- Providing a fun, safe environment for adults to learn from kids, kids to learn from adults, and everyone can learn from the world around them;
- Fostering family dynamics of mutual respect;
- Have fun with hands-on experiences in science!

Cost: $25.00 for a child only!
($5.00/Supplies; $20.00/Insurance)
***Space is limited, so please call early***

For more information about how you can join a 4-H SLO Scientist group, or to become a volunteer facilitator to lead a 4-H SLO Scientist group, please call Heather Dauer, San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, at 781-5944.
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