4-H Leader Appreciation & Training Day

October 22, 2011
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

4-H Leader Appreciation and Training Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the UCCE Conference Room at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO. Lunch will be provided.

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

This event provides a time and place for volunteers to meet each other, learn new information and skills, and keep abreast of county opportunities and resources. It also gives us an opportunity to recognize and thank our leaders for the amazing things they do all year long.

We’re pleased to announce that wonderful 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, and the variety of sessions available NOW to 3rd-5th graders...and new this year... 6th-8th graders—all while receiving project credit!
- **Ethics.** Learn ways to make sure animals in our care are raised humanely and safely and methods to successfully pass that information on to our 4-H members. It’s the right thing to do.
- **4-H All Stars** will present Citizenship topics using a variety of Presentation techniques and formats.
- Participate in the Round Table; a popular and time-honored way to meet and learn from fellow 4-H volunteers.

*Please RSVP by Friday, October 14, 2011, to the 4-H office at 781-5943 or chansen@co.slo.ca.us. (We need to know how much food to order and copies to make.)*

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/

- National 4-H Council has announced the annual Youth in Action awards opportunity. If you know of a 4-H youth between the ages of 14-19 who has made a significant impact in their community, consider nominating him or her today. A youth who is nominated will also need to apply for the award at http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action-awards/ by November 1, 2011. An application and more information is available at: http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/2011/.

- The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee announces categories and service projects for 2012! Entry categories returning from 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with $100 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished. The Recycled category will not be offered at State Fashion Revue for 2012; counties may choose to include it at local events only. The $15 Challenge was so popular in 2011, it will become the $19.99 Challenge for 2012. It has the same rules (shoes and sales tax don’t count, receipts required) but the limit is increased to $19.99 to allow more creativity. We are adding a second challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity #7161, view A only, and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate with the tote bag. SFR will be coordinating two service projects. The Quilts for Wounded Warriors is returning because the American Legion needs more quilts. Statewide, 4-H created sixty quilts in 2011 and we look forward to even more in 2012. Our second service activity is the Million Pillowcase Project, for handmade or decorated pillowcases. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/.

- The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults develop recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Canadian provinces. Applications are now available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/
For more information please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at gtong@ucdavis.edu Important dates to remember: 2012 National 4-H Conference; March 24 – March 29, 2012; October 31, 2011 Applications due; November 14, Notifications out to applicants; December 10, Team Meeting State Office; February 11, Team Mtg State Office
Youth Leadership Workshop

October 23, 2011, 10a-2p

On Sunday, October 23, 2011, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Maria Andrus, Youth Leadership Key Leader, will present a workshop for all 4-H Club Officers and Junior/Teen Leaders. The workshop will be held at Veteran’s Hall, located at 801 Grand Avenue in San Luis Obispo. Lunch will be provided.

4-H members who serve as a Club Officer or Jr/Teen Leader, or who are considering taking on one of these roles in the future, are encouraged to attend. Attendees will discover their leadership style and how to make it work for them. JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director, will present a short session on the differences between a Junior Leader and a Teen Leader and will present and explain the Leadership Development record book form. Officers will learn the responsibilities of their positions and EVERYONE will discover fun, creative ways to get 4-H members active and involved in their meetings. (Project Leaders are also welcomed and encouraged to attend this workshop.)

Please RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943 or to dharris@co.slo.ca.us by Wednesday, October 19, 2011, so we can have the right amount of food and copies on hand. (If you forget to RSVP, please come anyway!!) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Maria Andrus at 238-0604, or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

4-H Club Treasurer's Training

TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM!

Sunday, October 16, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
OR
Thursday, October 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Victoria Weatherly-Nilsen, 4-H Management Board Treasurer, will host two Treasurer Training workshops; the first on October 16, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., and the second on October 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. (You only need to attend one of the workshops.) Both workshops will be held in the UCCE Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way in SLO.

This training is mandatory for all new Club Treasurers and Treasurer Advisors (the adult mentor who will be working with the Club Treasurer). New Community Club Leaders are also strongly encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943 or chansen@co.slo.ca.us. However, if you forget to RSVP please come anyway!! If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office or Victoria Weatherly-Nilsen at 929-6258.
New Year, New Record Book Forms!

As we begin a new school year and 4-H program year, please be aware that record book forms have changed. The State 4-H office has published new, revised versions of the PDR (Personal Development Report), APR (Annual Project Report), and Jr/Teen Leader Report. Don’t worry...... The changes are relatively small and just ask that you log your hours along with the other information you have already been tracking. New Record Book Forms are available in the 4-H office and online at slocounty4h.org. Besides the PDR, APR, and Jr/Teen Leader Report, all of the other forms (including project-specific county forms) will remain the same (woohoo!)

Presenting....... The Online Record Book!

Are you a “technology person”? Do you live on Facebook, Twitter, or by text message? If so, you’re going to love the latest development in 4-H Record Books: the Online Record Book (ORB). The ORB is designed very similar to Facebook, so it’s interactive and helps you keep in touch with your online 4-H community. Throughout the year, you can log your activities in the ORB and it will automatically categorize them into the correct sections of the PDR. When you are ready to complete your Record Book, you simply type up your 4-H Story, make revisions, and print. The Online Record Book is completely voluntary, so if you prefer to keep with the “old-fashioned” way of record keeping, that’s just fine.

To learn more about the Online Record Book, view the Member Online Record Book Training Video at: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/

If you’d like to start using the ORB, have your parent contact Denise Harris at the 4-H office, 781-5943, for a 4hOnline family password.
The President’s Volunteer Service Awards

The President’s Volunteer Service Awards are part of a nation-wide program that recognizes youth for volunteering in their communities. Bronze, silver, and gold medals are awarded based on hours of service. SLO County 4-H is proud to be a part of this program to encourage volunteer service and civic participation.

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about working towards an award in 2011-2012. Because the President’s Volunteer Service Award requires a log of community service hours, it is best to fill out your application throughout the year and not procrastinate until the last minute.

New applications for the 2011-2012 program year are available online at SLOCATION4H.ORG under the subheading “Registration Forms and Applications”. They will also be available at Achievement Night on October 1st, and in the 4-H office (781-5943). For more information, contact Citizenship and Community Service Key Leader Karen Ludwig at 466-1216. *Please note that we are no longer processing applications for 4-H leaders, only 4-H members age 19 and younger.

The Revolution of Responsibility

The Revolution of Responsibility is described as “… a movement for positive change in every community in America. 4-H youth are a living, breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles, and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. That takes uncommon commitment.” 2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California, an important milestone for an organization that is deeply connected to communities throughout California. Core to the 4-H experience is service learning, which takes the form of youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by leading, collaboration through collaborating, and the importance of civic engagement by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities.

The Revolution of Responsibility Centennial Campaign will celebrate the power of California 4-H youth taking action through an ambitious statewide program that will fund 1,000 service learning projects at $1,000 each through the end of 2013. It will also provide an opportunity to re-connect with an estimated one million past 4-H participants living in California, engaging them as volunteers, donors, and advocates. Learn more at http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RoFr/

Under the guidance and mentorship of their adult leaders, 4-H youth will identify a need in their community, develop a plan to address that need, find community partners who will support their work, and carry out their plan to achieve success. Projects will be implemented with a focus on three national program initiatives: Science, Engineering & Technology, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. These programs are central to the health and vibrancy of our communities and provide 4-H members with opportunities to lead the charge in addressing critical issues facing Californians today.

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is dedicated to fostering an environment where youth and adults work together as equal partners to gain new skills and create positive community change. 4-H groups can apply for up to $1,000 to identify, plan, and carry out a service-learning project in their community. An open application process has review dates of October 15, 2011; January 15, 2012; and April 15, 2012. To apply, go to: http://ucanr.org/Join/
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

FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR NEEDED

We’re looking for a volunteer to fill an open position of Fundraising Director on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board.

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.

If you would be interested in applying for the position, or if you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Canyon Country 4-H Pop-Top Collection Drive

Don’t forget to save those Pop-Tops! Our county is well on its way to collecting a record number of pop-tops for the Ronald McDonald House next to The Children’s Hospital of Central California (C.H.C.C.). All Pop-Tops collected will go towards helping families with sick and injured kids at C.H.C.C.

Remember to save each and every pop-top you can — make this a great year for many families needing a place to stay near the hospital.

Collecting and donating these pop-tops will also count toward your Community Service hours for your record book.

Remember to Pop-a-Top for the Ronald McDonald House.

It’s the right thing to do!
Great news everyone! If you’re currently a project leader, a family member who’s considering leading a project, or a 4-H member who would like to be a Junior or Teen Leader for a project, then this training event for “Exploring Your Environment” is for you!

On November 18 and 19, 2011, Drs. Cynthia Barnett and Keith Nathaniel, 4-H Youth Develop Advisors for San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties, respectively, will provide a “train-the-trainer” event in our area.

The curriculum topic is “Exploring Your Environment.” This is new curriculum designed for middle school aged youth to learn about the environment. Each section of the curriculum focuses on an environmental question or issue and has a corresponding activity that allows you to jump right into real-world issues that affect your life.

The Earth’s Capacity curriculum guide focuses on environmental issues such as transportation choices, waste management, composting, recycling, and natural resources, and the Ecosystems Service curriculum guide provides youth the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities that focus on our ecosystems, climate change, life cycles, ecological footprints, and living a sustainable life.

You can ink November 18 & 19 on your calendar now, even though the location and exact hours of the training are TBD. We’re looking at a south county venue so members of Santa Barbara County 4-H Program can participate as well. More details will be coming, so look for them in next month’s 4-H News & Views, at slcounty4h.org, or through your Community Club Leader. If you’d like to reserve your spot, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 or email chansen@co.slo.ca.us.
COUNTYWIDE AERONAUTICS PROJECT OFFERED TO 4-H MEMBERS

Open to all San Luis Obispo County 4-H Clubs and open to all ages of members with interest in flight

Learn about:
NAVIGATION, GEOGRAPHY, WEATHER, FUNDAMENTALS OF FLIGHT, MAINTENANCE AND CAREERS IN AVIATION

RSVP BY: 10/14/11

Please call: 
MICHELLE GRACEFFA OF CERRO ALTO 4-H (805) 466-4096 OR (805) 769-6868
7th Annual Beef Play Day

November 5th will be a special day devoted to the care and raising (and showing!) of beef cattle. Don’t miss this year’s special guests and get some hands-on experience to go with many handsouts you can take home and use for demonstrations, education displays at Fair, boards for Exhibit Day, and more. Leaders and parents have their own unique section, too. Every year’s program is different, plus you get credit for a Countywide Event if you’re going for your stars!

7th Annual Santa Barbara County 4-H Beef Play Day @
The Spanish Ranch, New Cuyama
Saturday, November 5th, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

$10 per 4-H Member (Pre-Paid)
$10 per Leader/Parent (Pre-Paid)
$20 at the door for 4-H Member or Leader/Parent
Advance Registration Required
Contact Pam Doiron @ 805-245-9434 or doiron@spanishranch.net

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Hi, my name is Monir Boutros from Cambria 4-H Club. I want you to know about the Best Buddies Challenge. This fundraiser was held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Hearst Ranch warehouse in San Simeon. The fundraiser raises money to help people with intellectual and developmental challenges. People came to bike, run, walk and enjoy the food and concert.

I represented 4-H by volunteering to help. I helped by storing the riders luggage and passing out medals as the riders came past the finishing line. I even got to have a picture taken with Olympic Gold Medalist Carl Lewis!! You should volunteer next year. Submitted by: Monir Boutros Cambria 4 H Reporter

Canyon Country 4-H rocks the 2011 Mid-State Fair!

It’s hard to believe it, but the 2011 California Mid-State Fair has come and gone. Canyon Country 4-H members made memories that will last a lifetime, and brought home a bunch of awards too!

Beginning with Jesse-Ray Morring spending 3 nights camping at the Fair front gate, and being awarded two season passes for the 2012 Fair, Canyon Country 4-H’ers really did well.

Our own Rachel Lovato won Grand Champion market broilers with her poultry project. Jesse-Ray Morring had two Best of Breed rabbits with his Netherland Dwarf and Mini Satin. Even our leaders got into the winning streak! Gardening project leader Carol Spoeneman won the horticulture sweepstakes with her wonderful plants, too.

Canyon Country 4-H Horse, Swine, Dog, Gardening, Sewing, and Arts and Crafts groups had multiple winners also.

All in all, the 2011 California Mid-State Fair was wonderful, and will go down in history as a very successful year for the hard working members of Canyon Country 4-H Club!
Edna 4-H Celebrates 85 Years!

Edna 4-H club recently celebrated its rich heritage at its 85th Anniversary Reunion held at Trinity Hall in Edna, San Luis Obispo. Over 200 4-H past and current members, leaders and friends gathered together in 4-H spirit to reconnect with old friends, share memories and celebrate the birth of a club that has enriched the community and lives of thousands of youth since the 1920’s. The festively decorated hall displayed 4-H historian books and memorabilia from the past to the present. These items were perused throughout the day by members past and present. The celebration also included a delicious barbeque, Program, and Western Dance in the evening. During the Program, as the oldest 4-H club in the County, we were honored with the presentation of State and County Resolutions from Debbie Arnold, District Rep. for Senator Sam Blakeslee and County Supervisor Paul Teixeira in recognition of all our achievements and excellence. Throughout the afternoon, Community Service was done with a fun “guess the weight of the cow and calf” to donate to fight cancer. The club is still active with close to 80 members boasting a variety of projects and enthusiastic leaders committed to making the best better. The event was hosted by the club and a hard-working committee who along with the local event sponsors are owed much appreciation and gratitude for a very fun and successful reunion.

Top Photo: Club Presidents receive Resolutions; Middle Photo: 3 Family Generations of 4-H Members; Bottom Photo: Edna Reunion BBQ
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*Remember to attend this year’s 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT on Saturday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. and cheer on your fellow 4-H’ers for their achievements this past 2010-2011 4-H Program Year!*