2012 SLO COUNTY 4-H PRESENTATION DAY!

Presentation Day is being held on **Saturday, February 11, 2012**, on the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering Building. Entry forms are available at [slocounty4h.org](http://slocounty4h.org) by clicking on “Registration Forms & Applications”. **ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE** in the 4-H OFFICE by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012**. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you aren’t going to do a presentation, please consider coming to Presentation Day to cheer on your fellow 4-H’ers and learn about all of the different projects that are offered in San Luis Obispo County!

As always, 4-H’ers who earn a gold medal at County Presentation Day will be eligible to advance to the Sectional competition. The **2012 Sectional 4-H Presentation Day** is being hosted by San Luis Obispo County 4-H and will be held on **Saturday, March 10, 2012**, at Cal Poly. Details will be provided to eligible presenters.

4-H Primary Members — “Let the Adventure Begin!”

Hey Primary Members (Ages 5—8)! Mark your calendars for **Primary Member Field Day on May 12, 2012**. SLO County is excited that you are starting your 4-H adventure, and to help get you going we will be having multiple activities planned for you on this day. Many of the crafts that you make at this fun filled event will be able to be entered in upcoming events such as 4-H Field Day, and the Santa Barbara County and Mid-State Fairs. **This event will be taking place on Saturday, May 12th, 2012 from 9-11 a.m. at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo.** Let’s get going and “Let the Adventure Begin!” This event is sponsored by the 2011-2012 SLO County 4-H All Stars: Mary Allen-Edna 4-H, Sierra Bryant-Templeton 4-H, Graceanne Garza-El Camino 4-H, Morgan Hartig-Los Osos 4-H and Jack Moore-El Camino 4-H.
National & State 4-H News

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

- The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will hold its 36th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on March 3rd, 2011. The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2012 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to http://www.ca4h.org/registration. Select the event (2012 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link “Get Access Code”. Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes. After your chapter is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to “UC Regents” and mailed to:
  Attn: Francesca Ross
  College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
  One Shields Avenue
  Davis, CA 95616

  Deadlines:
  February 10: Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due
  February 10: Registration closed
  February 17: Payments must be postmarked – We are now enforcing a $25 late fee for payments postmarked after the 17th. For questions email fieldday@ucdavis.edu or visit http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday.

- Quilts for Wounded Warriors Service Project is continuing for 2012 State Fashion Revue, as our American service personnel remain in harm’s way. These quilts are given to the injured while they are in transport or in the hospital and are taken home upon their release. These labors of love will give comfort and awareness that people care as they connect with our soldiers and become a part of the healing process. State Fashion Revue (SFR) invites you to participate. You can make a completed quilt measuring 45”x 81” to fit gurneys and beds, or you can choose to make a square(s), 12 ½”x 12 ½”. Red, white, and blue fabrics are preferred. Over 60 quilts were completed in 2011 and our goal is to break that record this year. We are also accepting donations to help with the cost of finishing quilts. Bring your quilts or squares to SFR on May 26 at UC Davis or contact teacher-c2@yahoo.com or maryengebreth@comcast.net for other options.
“Dive into Fun with 4-H”

Start Getting Ready for the 2012 County Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue

The Food and Arts Celebration (FAC) and Fashion Revue (FR) events for 2012 are scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Laguna Middle School. Completed entry forms for both events must be submitted or mailed (postmarked) by Friday, April 6, to the 4-H Office. Quilting projects or garments must be brought to the 4-H office by Thursday, April 26, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Updated entry guidelines for the FAC and FR are being posted this month, January 2012, and entry forms are scheduled for posting in February (2012).

About FAC 2012...

There is something for every 4-Her at the FAC. Here are just a few notes about this event for 2012.

- 4-Hers in animal projects can participate in the FAC three ways. They can enter an animal poster, an animal food or treat they have made (with recipe), or a human food (with recipe), related to their animal project.
- 4-Hers entering a food item (human or animal) must bring a 3 x 5 recipe card with the recipe and a complete listing of all ingredients.

The scrapbooking page requirement has been lowered to six pages, and there is no page size requirement.

For photography, 4-Hers cannot enter a photograph that has been professionally mounted. The cut matting may be purchased, but the mounting must be done by the member entering the photograph.

Rotational activity groups during the FAC and FR include a judging contest and community service/citizenship activity, and 4-Hers can count each one in their PDRs. Also, the FAC and FR are counted as two separate events attended.

About the State Fashion Revue Challenge for 2012...

Once again, the State Challenge Category will be offered as part of the FR for 2012. This year, SLO County will participate in the challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. 4-Hers may sew a tote bag from Simplicity pattern #7161 (View A only), and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate it with the tote bag. Simplicity discontinued this pattern as of January 2012, so project leaders needed to get this pattern before then. For more information or if a sewing project leader needs a copy of this pattern, contact Fashion Revue Coordinator Maria Andrus at 238-0604.

The State Fashion Revue will be coordinating two service projects this year: Quilts for Wounded Warriors and the Million Pillowcase Project for handmade or decorated pillowcases. Again this year, our 4-Hers will be able to drop off their finished state community services items at the Food and Arts Celebration/Fashion Revue when they register in the morning.

Volunteers Needed for FAC and FR Events...

HELP! HELP! HELP! It takes about 120 adult volunteers to put on the Food and Arts Celebration and Fashion Review. Please recruit as many volunteers that you can from your clubs and submit the names and phone numbers to the 4-H Office so the event coordinators can make contact. A Volunteer Form will be posted on the County 4-H website in January.

If you have questions about the FAC and FR, call Julia Stanfill at 528-1557 or Deb Geaslen at 598-6083.
If you have questions about the Fashion Revue, call Maria Andrus at 238-0604.

A BIG ‘THANK YOU” TO OUR COUNTY HOME ECONOMICS AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO MAKE THESE TWO EVENTS HAPPEN.

Committee Members are:

- Maria Andrus, Maggie Carigo, Denise Carigo (Pozo 4-H member), Heather Copple, Destin Copple (Los Osos 4-H member), Erin Dewegeli, Debbie Geaslen, Kathy Hendrickson, Diana Howell, Morgan Hartig (4-H All Star Representative), Tracy Johnston, Kathy Righetti, Cindy Silva, and Julia Stanfill.

HAVE A GREAT 4-H YEAR!
2012 SLO Co. 4-H Horse Program Calendar:

**Play Day**: January 15, rain date January 22 – to start at 10:00
Location: Wranglerette Arena, Atascadero
Entry forms available NOW at slocounty4h.org

**Gymkhana Clinic**: February 19, rain date February 26 – Noon to 4:00
Location: TBD

**Written Level Testing**: February 28, 6pm Level One, 7pm Levels 2-4
Location: UCCE Auditorium, downstairs from the 4-H office

**Gymkhana Field Day**: March 4, rain date March 25 – to start at 10:00
Location: TBD

**Western/English Field Day**: April 22 – to start at 9:30
Location: TBD

**Mounted Level Test**: June 3 – level 2, 3, 4 to start at 9:00 am, level 1 at 10:00 am

If you have questions, please talk to your Horse Project Leader or call Julie at the 4-H office, 781-5941. Happy Horsing!

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**JOIN 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/](http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/)

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 January 15, 2012; and April 15, 2012. To apply, go to: [http://ucanr.org/join/](http://ucanr.org/join/)
2012 California Citizenship Focus
June 15 – 19, 2012

California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California’s capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure.

As citizens of the fictitious “Sierra Cascade”, Cal Focus delegates register to vote, conduct a political campaign, elect constitutional offices, analyze the needs and issues of their district, and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor’s signature to make their bill a law. Legislative appointments at the Capitol will allow delegates to meet face-to-face with their senators and assembly person to discuss current issues, learn how proposals are funded, and advocate for issues critical to them and their fellow constituents. Delegates also prepare and present a "Plan of Action" to implement back home in their respective communities.

Enrollment is open to all 4-H members that have completed the 8th grade and adult leaders 25 years of age or older. The registration fee is $550 for teens and $650 for adults. Registration forms and additional information are available at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/ and in the 4-H office. Completed paper registrations along with a $150 deposit are due in the county 4-H office no later than Friday, January 13th, with the remaining balance due by March 15th. Please make all checks payable to “SLO Co. 4-H YDP". If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

State 4-H Record Book Competition Winners in SLO County

Two senior SLO County 4-H members who were successful at our county level competition entered the State level Record Book competition; Anthony Aguirre of Santa Margarita 4-H and Olivia Andrade of Cerro Alto 4-H. The State competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. Record Books are judged against standard criteria. Those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, leadership and citizenship development are selected as State Medalists and/or State Winners. State Medalists receive a certificate and lapel pin. State Winners receive a certificate, lapel pin, and a $250 cash award

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Anthony Aguirre who received the State Winner Award and to
Olivia Andrade who received the State Medalist Award!

NOTE: The State 4-H office is putting together a team of people to help identify, develop, and deliver training modules for the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB). We are currently in the process of creating a Statewide club and project for which you would receive credit. If you have been using ORB and would like to contribute to the design and presentation of ORB trainings for the State via webinars and conference calls, please contact Scott Mautte at 530-752-9388 or by email at scmautte@ucdavis.edu for more information.
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

Asst. Board Director AND Fundraising Director NEEDED

The 4-H Youth Development Management Board is searching for two individuals to fill open positions on the board: Asst. Board Director and Fundraising Director.

The Asst. Board Director is responsible for the duties of the director in his/her absence, serves as the initial board member to handle leader complaints and, if needed, organizes an Ad-Hoc committee to address the complaint, and recruits and coordinates regional council representatives. This position also serves as the liaison with the 4-H Program Development 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 either position, or if you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Members
Leslie Rebik, Board Director
Shawn Callaway, Past Board Director
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director, Asst. Board Director (until filled)
JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director and All Star Advisor
Victoria Weatherly-Nilsen, Treasurer
Evelyn Ruscki, Visibility Director
Debbie Geaslen, Secretary
Jody Birks, Section Council Delegate
4-H All Star Members
Collegiate 4-H Representative
4-H S.E.T. OPPORTUNITIES

BECOME A 4-H SLO SCIENTIST VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR!

IT CAME FROM PLANTED EARTH
We all enjoy food, but where does it come from? You will take a journey in the world of agriculture and discover how soil, water, plants, and animals are important for your survival.

San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Clubs are looking for adult volunteers and youth leaders to help facilitate hands-on science activities for their enthusiastic members. This is a great opportunity to become involved with other adults and children in the community!

- A SLO Scientist Club is made up of seven to ten teams with each youth and a favorite adult participating together in various activities
- Explores such topics as earthquakes, soil and water, chemical reactions, food and plant science
- Meets two evenings a month
- Materials are provided
- You don’t need to be an expert in the field of scientific topics

NEXT TRAINING SESSION for VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 from 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.
UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

For more information about this terrific program and to sign up for the January 19th Volunteer Facilitator Training Session contact Heather Dauer, San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5944

Beyond Duck, Cover & Hold
You will shake, rattle, and roll as you explore earthquakes, seismic waves, and seismograms. Discover if your community is ready for an earth moving experience!

From Ridges To Rivers: Watershed Explorations
Where does water come from? Where does it go? Go with the flow in activities that splash you with great ideas and fun!
2012 POWER OF THE WIND 4-H FIELD DAY ACTIVITY

Many of you have explored the Power of the Wind at the Food & Arts and Fashion Revue or during a 4-H SLO SCIENTIST session. For those of you who haven’t, the 4-H Power of the Wind curriculum material and supplies may be checked from the County 4-H Office or ordered online at: http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum. Some of you may have also experimented with how much power you can get out of a pinwheel design when we conducted the National 4-H Youth Science Day on October 5th at the Farm Bureau’s Great Ag Adventure. You can see what other 4-H youth across the county did on National 4-H Youth Science Day at http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/science-experiments-projects/plan-science-day-event/event-gallery. At this year’s 4-H Field Day you will have the opportunity to evaluate the power you get from your own pinwheel design and compare it with others when we test entries for the 2012 Pinwheel Power Prize during the noon time science activities.

You can experiment and perfect your own pinwheel design before 4-H Field Day by constructing a test apparatus like the one in the diagram below and using it to evaluate your ideas. Remember to make notes about your results so you can see which of your designs work the best. If you get started soon you could also make a presentation about your experimental approach at the 2012 Presentation Day.

Here is some engineering knowledge to get you started testing your own pinwheel design:

**WORK:** Force acting through a Distance

**EXAMPLE:** Lifting a known weight a given height is work; \( \text{work} = \text{weight} \times \text{distance}. \)

**POWER:** Work done over a period of time

**EXAMPLE:** The power pinwheel blades extract from the wind can be measured by how fast it can lift a known weight a given height. \[ \text{Power} = \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{\text{Weight} \times \text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} \]

**EXPERIMENT:** An organized method of testing.

**EXAMPLE:** You can compare different pinwheel designs by measuring the time it takes each design to lift the same weight, the same height, with the same breeze from a fan.

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**2012 4H Field Day Pinwheel Power Test Apparatus**

Your pinwheel entry should produce the most power when you test in with this apparatus.
Countywide ENGINEERING Project
Offered by Santa Margarita 4-H Club:

3 R’s Engineering Project:
Rockets, Robots, and Radios!

This project will consist of three, two hour meetings:

1/7/12 – ROCKETS (build and launch Estes rockets)
   Location: 8735 San Rafael Rd, Atascadero
   Time: 3:00–5:00 p.m.
   Cost: Please bring $8.00 for rocket materials

2/24/12 – ROBOTS (program and compete with small robots)
   Location: Cal Poly Electrical Engineering Department, Bldg. 20A-200
   Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.
   Cost: Please bring $5.00 for pizza

3/16/12 – RADIOS (learn about and build radios)
   Location: Cal Poly Electrical Engineering Department, Bldg. 20A-200
   Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.
   Cost: Please bring $5.00 for pizza

To join this project you must be registered to attend the first project meeting on January 7, 2012. Please contact Dennis Derickson, 4-H Project Leader, immediately at ddericks@calpoly.edu

CAMP K.I.N.D. T-SHIRT DESIGN & TACO DINNER FUNDRAISER

Attention all 4-Hers! The staff of Camp K.I.N.D. is pleased to announce, there will be t-shirts at Camp this year, but we need your help. We are looking for two designs to add to the shirt. The first is a design for the name of the camp, “Camp KIND” (Kids in Nature’s Domain). The second is for this year’s theme, Savannah Safari. Each design needs to be a black line drawing on white paper and can not use a copyrighted image, such as something from the Lion King. Please submit your entries to the 4-H office by February 17, 2012. Any questions, contact Camp Director, Maria Andrus at jandrusfamily1@att.net or 238-0604.

Mark your calendars for our CAMP KIND TACO DINNER FUNDRAISING EVENT which will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012 from 5-7pm at Hoover’s Beef Palace at 401 N. Main Street, in Templeton. Come and join in the fun!
Learn about science, engineering and technology in your 4-H Club and projects.

Where to start!??
Here are suggestions if you want to become involved with science, engineering, and technology in your 4-H Club and projects.

1. Determine what topic you and your fellow 4-H members are most interested in. What sparks your interest? Is it exploring nature, building robots, veterinary medicine, gardening, or something else?
2. Find an adult 4-H volunteer who is willing to lead a project and work with you as a junior or teen leader.
3. Search for existing curriculum and materials. Many 4-H SET curricula are available with a focus to help youth explore science, engineering, or technology. FREE curriculum is available at http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Curriculum/ Low cost curriculum is available at http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/
4. Identify people in your community who are also interested in this topic. Arrange field trips and guest presentations.

Strengthen an existing project with science, engineering, and technology!
Every project in 4-H can benefit from the addition of science, engineering, and technology concepts. For example, incorporate bio-security into animal science, fiber science into clothing/textiles, or nutrition and chemistry into food projects.

Connect with citizenship and service learning!
There are many ways you can extend your science, engineering, or technology project with service! Think about ways you can provide a benefit to your local community about something you’ve learned. Perhaps you can identify local issues and present a science demonstration at a city council meeting. Or develop a project to label storm drains and help protect your watershed. Or work with scientists at local schools, colleges, or companies to help them with their research!

Make plans to participate in the 4-H National Youth Science Day during National 4-H Week next October! For more information, please visit www.ca4h.org
The 2012 South Section 4-H Leaders’ Retreat is scheduled April 13-14, 2012, at the Planes of Fame Museum at the Chino Airport. The conference begins Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. and ends Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 p.m. The conference cost is only $40 and includes all conference materials, session, entertainment and meals (Friday evening fry and ice cream social, Saturday continental breakfast, snacks, drinks, lunch, Saturday BBQ dinner and entertainment).

Registration is due March 1, 2012 (after March 1, add $5.00 to the registration cost). NOTE: Ten $20 vouchers were given to each county by the South Section Leaders’ Council and will be given to San Luis Obispo County registrants on a first come-first serve request basis.

This event provides an opportunity for our county volunteers* to share ideas with and gain new information from other leaders in South Section counties (San Luis Obispo, Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara). There will be an exciting guest speaker, in addition to hands-on workshops. Sessions are now being planned and are expected to address a variety of topics, including how to incorporate Leadership Development and Citizenship into projects, Community Service activities, new project curriculum, record books, and more.

A tour of the museum will be offered for those arriving by 4:00 p.m. Friday. There will also be a Silent Auction Saturday evening (donations for the auction are gratefully accepted).

For full conference details, registration forms, motel information and more please go to http://ss4h.org or contact Michele Grainger at craftychelebelle@gymail.com. To request a SLO County $20 registration voucher, or arrange for possible carpooling or room-share, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

*4-H youth members 14 or older are welcome to attend, but must have an accompanying certified adult volunteer chaperone in attendance.
4-H NEWS & 4-H CLUB NEWS

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE in the 2012 4-H FIELD DAY HANDBOOK!

There is Advertising Space available in the SLO County 2012 4-H FIELD DAY HANDBOOK. This event will have animal showmanship, level testing, arts & crafts displays, 4-H S.E.T. displays and much more! Attendance at 4-H FIELD DAY is usually 500 people or more!

Advertising Prices for this year are:

- Quarter Page $25.00
- Half Page $50.00
- Whole Page $100.00

To place your ad, just submit complete artwork and text, or your business card to the 4-H office at 2156 Sierra Way, Suite # C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. You can also send your ad via email to: dharris@co.slo.ca.us

Please have your ad formatted in a .pdf, .jpg or MS Word document format. ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Please have checks made payable to: SLO CO 4-H YDP Ads for the 4-H Field Day Handbook are Due on Wednesday, February 29th, 2012. If you have any questions, just call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

FAMILY DAY at the Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival
Saturday, January 14, 2012

No Pre-registration—First Come, First Served $3.00 Fee for Adults Entering Museum Event Topics include:

- Introduction to Birding and Habitat
- Learn to Track
- Rubbing Noses with Reptiles
- Kayaking in the Bay ($10 Rental charge applies)
- Bird, Learn, Make & Take
- Puppet Show
- Bird for a Day
- Critter Crawl
- Meet the Raptors at the Vet’s Hall (Free for Festival Participants/$2.00 donation for General Public

For more Information visit:
www.morrobaybirdfestival.org
Or Contact Jan Surbey at 772-7273 or jansurbey@earthlink.net

Morro Bay 4-H Club News

In September members from our club participated in Coastal Clean Up. They worked in teams picking up debris on the beach in Morro Bay. During National 4-H Week in October members had a 4-H information table at Spencer’s Fresh Market during farmers market. They talked to members of our community about what 4-H is and does. Member, Amanda Weddle from the goat project brought some soap she made from goat milk to give to anyone interested. Also in October during National 4-H Week, members Sydney Harrison, Adi & Stella Mahan, Amanda Weddle, Emme & Lacey Haas, led the flag salute at the Morro Bay Planning Commission Meeting and later that evening Amanda, Lacey & Emme spoke to the community about 4-H. On November 5th members from the beef project attended Santa Barbara County Beef Play Day held in New Cuyama at the Spanish Ranch. It was a chilly but fun day. The day started with registration, then we played a get to know each other game. Over the course of the day we learned about showing, marketing, banking, auctioneering, writing a buyer letter, and we made our own rope halter to take home. Over all it was a great day with a yummy lunch hosted by the the Santa Barbara County 4-H and Dorian Family. Submitted by Lacey and Emme Haas

Morro Bay 4-H Club Reporters

Photo submitted by Morro Bay 4-H regarding Santa Barbara County 4-H Beef Play Day in New Cuyama
On Monday, October 24th the Cerro Alto Leadership Development project met at leader Kim Mott’s house. We started my introducing ourselves with our names and a fun fact about us. This helped us get to know everyone. Then we filled out the first portion of our leadership development forms. Also, we talked about where we would like to hold our future meetings. After this we made a circle and played the question game. This was a funny and challenging icebreaker. The meeting was a fun way to get the know people and to set goals for the 4-H year ahead.

Templeton 4-H Walks to Cure Lupus—The Alliance for Lupus Research had a 3K walk around Atascadero Lake on October 22, 2011. As the name would suggest, this event was a fundraiser to earn money for lupus research. The event raised about $11,000 altogether, all of which goes directly towards lupus research. Led by Jaime Umphenour, Templeton 4-H had about 11 representatives and we raised about $450! Member Delaney Drake raised $200 and member Devin Cunha held the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance. There were over 200 people in attendance and the event was very successful. :) Submitted by: Devin Cunha

Templeton 4-H’s Advanced Sewing Group Sets Up and Decorates Legion Hall for Veterans’ Thanksgiving Dinner
By: Fannie Osran
The Advanced Sewing Group decided to help out with the Thanksgiving dinner by setting up and decorating. Held at the Legion Hall in Templeton and put on by Templeton 4-H every year, we show our appreciation of our brave Veterans by serving a Thanksgiving Dinner for them and their families. Setting up all the tables was not an easy feat, yet Aspen Bryant, Season Bryant, Carly Goldstein, Charlotte Graves, Marina Graves, Fannie Osran, Taylor Pilg, and Ashlynn Schaffer accomplished their task with a smile on their faces the whole time. These 4-H’ers learned how to properly set a place setting, create a cute pumpkin and squash centerpiece, and most importantly, had fun doing it! Templeton 4-H would like to thank the Advanced Sewing Group for setting up the Legion Hall for this important event.

Los Alegres 4-H club is hoping everyone will have a warm and filling holidays. This is some of the food we collected to give to families in need for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our donation to “Coats 4 Caring” is starting to pile up. Last year we collected 65 coats. We hope to triple that this year with the addition of sleeping bags and blankets. Submitted by: Jayme Moreno, Reporter

At Canyon Country’s 4-H Food meeting in October 2011, "Fall Themed Sugar Cookies" were baked and then sent to the troops. (Pam Morring sent them off to the troops) Pictured above are: Nina Fairchild, Jamie Fritzley, Jenni Morris, Amy Morris, Rio Rosecrans, and Jessica Holton.

The Huasna Valley 4-H Cake Decorating group got together on December 4th, and for their project meeting they created and decorated gingerbread houses. Some were from kits, and others made from scratch, but all of them were very creative. The project leader, Pam Snodgrass, led the group and showed them various icing techniques and a few theme ideas. Everyone had a great time and spent nearly four hours creating unique gingerbread houses. The photo is the first place winner, Mikaela H.’s gingerbread mansion (complete with a birdbath, chimney, indoor lighting, stained-glass windows, and coconut ‘snow’).

Submitted by Olivia Snodgrass, Reporter
Outdoor Adventures
By: Dallas Duffy

For the first Outdoor Adventure Cerro Alto group meeting, the group went to the San Marcos Ranch north of Paso. First we played very entertaining icebreaker games, because this was the group’s first meeting not everyone had met each other. Then everyone went into a confusing corn maze to look for clues for a word puzzle; the answer wasn’t what we expected it was GHOSTS AND GOBLINS. Then we had some tasty snacks to fill our tummy’s. There were homemade and store bought things to snack on. After the snacks, the group went into a haunted mine, the underground mine had spooky creatures and spiders who only left you alone if you screamed at them. After the mine everyone split up into little groups and explored the rest of San Marcos Ranch. They had a stone rimmed pond with a swan, a mini race track lined with bales of straw and little electric cars to drive around, a gigantic pumpkin patch, you could jump in a bounce house, climb up to a tall, tall tree house and there was an adorable mini donkey and mini horse you could pet. What a wonderful Outdoor Adventure! I wonder what we will do next!

Holiday Fun and Games with Cerro Alto 4-H

On December 1st the Cerro Alto 4-H Club held its 4th general meeting and annual Christmas Party. The club collected “Toys for Tots” and wrote Christmas cards for the soldiers as they waited for the meeting to get started. The meeting was started by President Candace Johnston. After which the Song Leader Katie Adams led the group in singing “Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town”. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were led by Sgt. at Arms Kaela Cooper and Emily Hall. Next, Secretary Jenna Winslow gave the secretary’s report and Treasurer Sophie Johnston gave the treasurer’s report. Reporter Ashley Bentley then read an article about Cerro Alto collecting more than 120 pounds of food for Atascadero Loaves and Fishes at the last general meeting. Our wonderful project leaders then gave the dates of their next meetings which we are all looking forward to, and the members gave project reports. Lastly, we had Mrs. R’s corner before all the fun started!

The party finally started with lots of fun games! First, we started a game of Forbidden Word, and then a game of Simon Says. Mrs. Rockwell reminded everyone to guess a number for the Candy Jar Guessing Game. Next, we played a game of Six Corners and the winners of Simon Says were the first to be excused for cake. The Christmas Party Chairs, Pearl Morrison and Emily Patterson, did an amazing job in planning the Holiday Extravaganza. The members all had a blast at the general meeting and can’t wait for our next meeting on January 12, 2012 at San Benito Elementary School at 7:00pm.

In December, members of the Nipomo 4-H were able to take part in putting on a Christmas party organized by volunteers of the community, for foster children in San Luis Obispo County. The club donated money and purchased toys that they stuffed in almost 100 stockings, to be passed out to the children by Santa Claus. A few members were also able to attend the party, held at Cuesta College on December 10th. They helped set up and decorate, and participated in the many activities, such as cookie decorating and card-making. The party was a great success, and a lot of kids were made very happy that day.

Submitted by: Mikayla Nations  Pictured are: Mikayla Nations and Monique Camacho getting stockings ready for Santa to pass out.
Canyon Country 4-H Supports our Troops!

Throughout 2011, Canyon Country 4-H members have been supporting our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our members have made handcrafted cards and written notes of appreciation to the men and women serving our country near and far. Our cooking group has baked dozens of cookies to send with the cards to our troops, always wondering what happened to the boxes full of cookies and cards every month.

On December 14th we finally found out what the Canyon Country 4-H “Cookies and Cards” effort had done. At our regular monthly meeting that night, a surprise guest appeared! San Luis Obispo county native, Staff Sergeant Joseph Ontiveros of the United States Air National Guard showed up to our meeting as a guest speaker!!

SSgt Ontiveros’ unit was the recipient of our “Cookies and Cards” program. He told us a little bit about his background, his mission, and his unit. He explained how the cookies and cards were met with smiles and laughter and were read and enjoyed. (He also told us that dozens of cookies were gobbled up in minutes)

SSgt Joseph Ontiveros, American Hero, told our members that receiving greetings and goodies from our club had reminded his Unit that the people back home really did care about them and wished them well. He let us know that our efforts had made a real difference to the men and women of the United States Military and, that they were there to make sure our Country remained free and our citizens safe. Canyon Country 4-H “Cookies and Cards” program really works!  Submitted by:  Jesse-Ray Morring, Canyon Country 4-H Vice President

Canyon Country 4-H Community Service
Christmas Door Decorating!

Canyon Country 4-H Community Service Group wants to wish everyone a happy 2012!

Boy was 2011 a busy year for our Club, and December was no exception!

On Saturday December 3rd, our group gathered at Bayside Care Center in Morro Bay for our annual Christmas Door Decorating. Thirty plus members and parents gathered with cookies and smiles to greet the residents of this beautiful facility. With wrapping paper, scissors, and tape in hand, we wrapped the doors to every resident’s room like a big Christmas present. We believe that every person inside each room is a gift and a blessing, and we don’t want them to forget it!

The next day our members went to Vineyard Hills Health Center and wrapped their doors too! We worked very hard and had lots of fun.

Throughout 2012, Canyon Country 4-H will continue to support activities at Bayside Care Center and Vineyard Hills Health Center.

Because at Canyon Country 4-H, we’re all about Community Service!!  Submitted by:  Canyon Country Community Service Jr. Leader, Jesse-Ray Morring
# SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2012

## JANUARY 2012
- **7** Rockets Engineering Project, Atascadero, CA
- **10** Horse Play Day ENTRIES DUE
- **15** Horse Play Day, Wranglerette Arena, Atascadero
- **17** Program Dev. Board Mtg, Upstairs Conf Rm SLO
- **18** 4-H Management Board Mtg, UC Auditorium, SLO
- **20** Young Achiever Nominations Due into 4-H office
- **20-22** TIC Conference, Pathfinder Ranch, Mountain Center, CA
- **22** RAIN DATE for Horse Play Day, Wranglerette Arena

## FEBRUARY 2012
- **11** County Presentation Day, CAL POLY
- **19** Horse Gymkhana Clinic, Loc: TBD
- **24** Robots Engineering Project, CAL POLY

## MARCH 2012
- **4** Horse Gymkhana Field Day, Loc. TBD
- **10** Sectional Presentation Day, CAL POLY
- **16** Radios Engineering Project, CAL POLY
- **24** Large & Small Animal Level Testing, UCCE Auditorium, SLO
- **31** Cerro Alto Rabbit Show, CAL POLY

## APRIL 2012
- **15** Canyon Country 4-H Dog Show, Santa Rosa Park, SLO
- **21** All Star’s 4-H Member Art Show, UCCE Aud. SLO
- **22** Horse Western & English Field Day, Loc: TBD
- **28** Food & Arts Celebration/Fashion Revue
  Laguna Middle School, SLO

## MAY 2012
- **4-6** 4-H CAMP KIND, Rancho El Chorro, SLO
- **12** All Star’s Primary Member Field Day, UC Aud., SLO