Step-it-Up to THRIVE Training
Saturday, February 25, 2012

Thriving is a forward, purposeful motion towards achieving one's full potential. It is an orientation towards life that is marked by balance, meaning, and learning from experience. When a person is thriving, he or she seeks out resources that foster their talents, interests, and aspirations, and ultimately contributes to the common good.

California 4-H is on the cutting edge of youth development by being selected as the first state to implement the Step it up 2 THRIVE program. Through a generous grant from the Thrive Foundation for Youth, 4-H Thrive curriculum training is in full swing throughout the state!

Here in San Luis Obispo County, our four person Thrive Master Trainer Team is ready to share this exciting new curriculum with adult leaders a.s.a.p. so that our 4-Hers can get moving on the path to Thriving. A county-wide Thrive Roll-Out will be held on Saturday, February 25th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the UCCE Auditorium. It is a required training for all adult leaders of Leadership Development projects, as 4-H Thrive will be the new curriculum for Leadership Development project groups throughout California. Thanks to the Thrive Foundation for Youth, we already have enough full color iThrive curriculum books for every Jr. and Teen Leader in SLO County!

If your club does not currently offer a Leadership Development project, please send an adult volunteer representative or your Community Club Leader to take part in this dynamic training. We are confident that once you experience the Thrive curriculum for yourself, you will want to offer a Leadership Development project in your 4-H club.

If you have any questions regarding 4-H Thrive, or to RSVP for the Thrive Roll-Out, please contact Julie Beaver at the 4-H office, 781-5941, or jbeaver@co.slo.ca.us

We can’t wait to get started Thriving together :o)

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 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!”
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 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.calaged.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.

- State Leadership Conference - Support Group Applications
  Deadline: February 24, 2012
  The support group is an opportunity for teens to assist with the planning of the 2012 4-H State Leadership Conference. During the conference, the support group acts as a resource to the planning staff by serving as group facilitators, delegation hosts, logistical support, and State Ambassador assistants (among other roles). Serving as a member of the support group is a great opportunity for older members to take on a leadership responsibility at the state level, and provides valuable experience for youth who intend to apply for the 4-H State Ambassador team. Applications are available online at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/

Please submit articles and photos by the 15th of each month to:
  Denise Harris, Editor
  4-H Office
  2156 Sierra Way, Suite C
  San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
  (805) 781-5943 / dharris@co.slo.ca.us

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No endorsement of named products and/or companies is intended, nor is criticism implied of similar products and/or companies which are not mentioned. Persons with special needs wishing to attend a program should contact the 4-H Office in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.
HELP BUILD LEADERS FOR TOMORROW

CHARTER a NEW 4-H CLUB

4-H Clubs in San Luis Obispo County are thriving. In fact, youth membership in our county passed the 1600 mark this year. State-wide enrollment figures aren’t available yet, but SLO County usually ranks in the top two. This year we may be number one! This kind of success doesn’t just happen. It happens because of the talent and excellence of our team of volunteers and the commitment and contribution of our members and families. Thank you for making us shine.

Growth is happening throughout the county, with each of our 28 clubs going strong and welcoming new members. Indeed, we find ourselves in the enviable position of needing to charter new clubs and recruit new Community Club Leader(s) to lead them, especially in the Atascadero/Templeton/Paso Robles area.

If you would be interested in chartering a new club in San Luis Obispo County (and especially in the areas mentioned) or learning more about the process, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943. We’d like to talk with you soon and help you prepare for a club start-up for the 2012-2013 program year.

The qualities that describe a 4-H member.

The larger the word, the more frequent it appeared!

From the 4-H Facebook group responses in Fall 2010.
Show Clinics 2012

Clinics most beneficial for 1st time junior livestock exhibitors
Presented by Farm Supply & Nutrena

Sat., March 3rd at the Santa Maria Store
1920 N. Broadway
Pigs:  7:30am-9:30am
Beef:  10:00am-12:00pm
Sheep:  12:30pm-2:30pm
Goats:  3:00pm-5:00pm

Each specie clinic will cover:
- Animal selection
- Feed & Nutrition
- Ingredient Feed I.D.
- Project preparation

RSVP:  805-543-3751 or email events@farmsupplyco.com
Specify what specie clinic you would like to attend.
(Please arrive 20 minutes prior to clinic to register)

Clinic is outside, but under shelter. Please dress warmly. Rain or Shine, clinics will go on!
Clinics are FREE.
Leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.
4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Opportunity for 4-H Members Enrolled in a Qualifying Livestock Project to be Entered in the California Mid-State Fair

The SLO County California Women for Agriculture (SLO CO CWA) is offering Project Scholarships to 4-H members who are enrolled in a qualifying livestock project and plan to take their project to the California Mid-State Fair. Under the program SLO CO CWA members will work to assist participants by providing financial and educational assistance, as well as emphasizing the importance of accurate records and budgeting. Seven (7) scholarships are available, one in each of the following species categories: Market Steer ($400), Replacement Heifer ($400), Market Lamb ($250), Market Goat ($250), Market Hog ($250), Meat Bird ($100) and Meat Rabbit ($100). For details regarding qualifying criteria and to obtain a scholarship application, please contact Sandra Rowlett, 4-H Project Scholarship Committee Chair, at (805) 475-2422 or carrisa1@tcsn.net.

2012 Western Bonanza Junior Livestock Show

The 2012 Wild Wild Western Bonanza Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for February 17-19, 2012, at the Paso Robles Event Center. This is a student-run event, making this livestock show one of a kind! Cal Poly students dedicate hours of hard work to make the Western Bonanza a first class show and a memorable family experience! The Western Bonanza is a fun filled weekend for exhibitors, families and guests! Friday night, attend the Western Bonanza Social. Dinner, demonstrations and activities will kick-off a great weekend! Participants have the opportunity to fine-tune their show skills, while visitors have the chance to observe top quality showmen. Pick up supplies and equipment at the trade show along with custom Western Bonanza apparel! All entries are due February 1, 2012. For more information, a show schedule or entry forms, please go to http://www.westernbonanza.calpoly.edu/

NOTE: The 4-H Youth Development Program recognizes that there are many animal exhibition opportunities in which young people can show their project animals. Jackpot and prospector shows, such as the Western Bonanza, are one such opportunity. However, the ownership and project participation entry requirements of jackpot/prospector shows and the handling of premium funds are not consistent with UC and 4-H YDP policies and practices. The 4-H YDP places an emphasis on learning and practicing animal project lessons and this emphasis forms the basis for 4-H YDP projects and educational goals. Please be aware that 4-H YDP is not sponsoring this event and is not responsible for any of the activities or outcomes associated with it; therefore, coverage under the 4-H accident/illness insurance program and protection under UC’s liability program will not be extended to participation in this show. Additionally, youth may not participate in this show as a 4-H YDP member, although s/he may participate as an individual. Members cannot wear a 4-H uniform or other representation of 4-H at the show and their participation cannot be recognized as a 4-H experience or be reported in their PDR.
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](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving)

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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
CAMP K.I.N.D. NEWS

2012 4-H CAMP K.I.N.D.
(Kids in Nature’s Domain)
“Savannah Safari”
(May 4 - May 6, 2012)
Camp Rancho El Chorro

Camper registration is open to all San Luis Obispo County 4-H members in 4th – 6th grade. Registration forms will be available through your Community Club Leader, in the 4-H office, and online at slocounty4h.org under the subheading “Registration Forms and Applications.” Registration forms along with the $65 registration fee are due by Friday, March 30, 2012 in the 4-H office, but the sooner we receive them, the better! **EARLY 4-H YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION SPECIAL!** The first 25 campers to register for camp this year will receive a special Camp K.I.N.D. goodie. So hurry and get your registration form into the 4-H office today! These gifts will be distributed at Camp Check-In on Friday, May 4th.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

This year the 4-H Youth Camp Planning Project is offering six (6) scholarships for 50% off the $65 registration fee for camp! Two scholarship recipients will be selected from each of the three grade levels: 4th, 5th & 6th. Scholarship applications will be available through your Community Club Leader, in the 4-H office, and online at slocounty4h.org under the subheading “Registration Forms and Applications.” Camp K.I.N.D. scholarship applications are due Friday, March 16, 2012 in the 4-H office 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or via fax (805) 781-4316. Applications will be reviewed by the members of the Youth Camp Leadership Project and recipients of the scholarships will be notified on Friday, March 23, 2012. If you have questions about the scholarship application or Camp itself, contact Camp Director, Maria Andrus at 238-0604 or jandrusfamily1@att.net   WE’LL SEE YOU AT CAMP!

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 K.I.N.D.” (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 K.I.N.D. 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!
COUNTYWIDE 4-H S.E.T. PROJECT NEWS

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 on line 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; work = weight x 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. Power = \( \frac{Work}{Time} = \frac{Weight \times Distance}{Time} \)

**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.

Your Pinwheel Design MUST be held together at the center with a Corn Skewer

Body of the apparatus is made with any screw top Plastic Bottle

Install a freely turning Wooden Dowel Rod in the center of the bottle

Dowel Rod may be between 3/8" and 3/4" in diameter.

Nail

Drill two holes in the end of the Dowel Rod to fit the corn skewer prongs

Bottle Cap has a hole in the center so the Dowel Rod turns freely

Cut a hole in the side of the bottle so a String can wind on the dowel

Mark the String at two places a known Distance apart so you can time long how long it takes to move the Weight the distance

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Multi-Species Written Level Testing Opportunity  
Saturday, March 24, 2012  
UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo

The Large and Small Animal Science Committees are happy to offer a Multi-Species Written Level Testing opportunity at the 4-H office on Saturday, March 24, 2012. We hope that this additional opportunity will encourage 4-Hers to expand their knowledge of various livestock species and aim for Level Testing Mastership – in which special recognition is given to those 4-Hers who have passed a level in all four large animal species: Sheep, Swine, Beef, and Dairy or Meat Goats.

In addition to the species mentioned above, we will also be offering Poultry Level Testing and the written component of Horse Level Testing for those horse project members who are unable to test on February 28th.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 16, by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. In addition to your name and club, please state the specie(s) and level(s) that you will be taking.

February 4-H Horse Events:

**Feb. 19th** – Gymkhana Clinic at Wranglerette Arena,  
Noon – 4:00 pm, rain date 2/25,  
Registration forms available at [slocounty4h.org](http://slocounty4h.org)

**Feb. 28th** – Written Level Testing, 4-H Auditorium, SLO  
6:00 pm – Level One  
7:00 pm – Levels Two through Four  
RSVP with name and level by 2/24, 781-5943
2012 South Section 4-H Leaders’ Retreat  
“COME FLY WITH 4-H”  
April 13-14, 2012, in Chino, CA  
REGISTRATION VOUCHERS AVAILABLE!!

The **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](http://ss4h.org) or contact Michele Grainger at [craftychelebelle@gmail.com](mailto:craftychelebelle@gmail.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 OPPORTUNITY**

### 4-H Incentives & Recognition Committee

The 4-H Management Board is seeking both adults and teens to share their insight as members of the **Incentives & Recognition (I&R) Committee**. The I&R Committee makes decisions pertaining to the various awards and scholarship programs in SLO County 4-H, including but not limited to **Record Books** and **Record Book Judging**.

The Committee is responsible for delivering Record Book training to ensure that 4-Hers’ books reflect their **citizenship**, **leadership**, and **life skill** development through 4-H. **We are especially seeking computer savvy teens and/or adults to help introduce the new Online Record Book (ORB) option to SLO County.**

I&R Committee members should have a good working knowledge of the SLO County 4-H awards program through personal experience as a 4-H member or leader. New ideas and an enthusiastic spirit are also highly desirable. If you are interested in joining the 4-H Incentives & Recognition Committee, please contact Julie Beaver at the 4-H office, 781-5941, or jbeaver@co.slo.ca.us

**DON’T WAIT! – Committee members will be selected this month with the goal of holding our first meeting on February 29 at the UCCE office.**

### State 4-H Office Recruiting Youth and Adults for ORB Training Team

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. They 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. Also, if you would like more information about this team, please check out the Position Description at http://www.ca4h.org/files/134533.pdf
**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.

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**Golden Clover Awards  Deadline: May 31, 2012**

The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a $500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/
Register now for a series of training webinars for the 4-H Online Record Book during the month of February to help 4-H youth and volunteers become familiar with the system. The 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) is a record keeping tool that helps 4-H members compile their annual 4-H Record Books. It also provides an arena for 4-H members to share their experiences with other members in their 4-H Club.

Space is limited to the first 150 people to register for each webinar. The webinars will be facilitated by Scott Mautte and Steven Worker at the California State 4-H Office. To register for the webinars, go to http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/

Trainings offered will be as follows:

**Introduction and Logging-In**
February 9, 2012 @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Paper v. Electric: Navigating the Forms in the ORB (PDR, APR, Story)**
February 16, 2012 @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Youth Functions, Forms, and Privacy Settings**
February 23, 2012 @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Project & Club Leader Functions and Approving Forms**
March 1 @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Estrella 4-H Club’s Busy December

**Estrella 4-H** had a busy month. We were in the Paso Robles Lighted Christmas parade. We rode on a float with Heaven Can Wait. There was a carousel and a Ferris wheel on our float. It won the Sweepstakes prize, so we were able to show it again at the Vine Street Showcase. We also went to Vineyard Hills Rehabilitation Center and put on a Christmas party for them. We brought snacks and goodies. They enjoy it when we come and socialize with them. The Horse group also had their own Christmas party and we each brought our horse. We rode together, did a secret Santa gift exchange while eating pizza. We then adjourned the meeting. We spent the night. Then, the next morning after cleaning stalls and feeding our horses we had time to ride again. Our next general meeting will be January 2nd at 6:00pm at the Lions Club in San Miguel. *Submitted by CorriAnne Cook, Reporter*

Adobe Nipomo 4-H group had a blast participating in the Santa Maria annual Christmas parade of lights! They spent hours decorating the float with no budget needed. As a result, they won 1st place with a cash prize of $200. They also got 1st place last year. Congratulations Adobe Nipomo 4-Hers!!!

On January 3rd, the **Cerro Alto Horse group** met at our leader Tracy Johnston’s house. Everyone had a presentation prepared to show the group. We learned all kinds of things such as, how to blanket a horse, how to tack up a horse, how to clean a water trough, what to wear for an English class, and much more! After all 12 presentations had been given we went into the kitchen and had a snack. It was a fun and educational meeting! *Submitted by Emily Patters, Cerro Alto Horse project* In the Photo is: Beth Andrade, first year Cerro Alto Horse Project member

On Thursday December 22nd, a group of **Cambria 4-H** members attended Casa De Flores assisted living home to give some Christmas joy by singing Carols and sharing cocoa, cookies and conversation. *Submitted by: Monir Boutros, Reporter*
Estrella at Family Day in Morro Bay

Members of the Estrella Science Project gathered at the Museum of Natural History in Morro Bay on Saturday, January 14 to participate in the Family Day Winter Bird Festival. We started out with an introduction to birding and habitat, learning how to use binoculars to find birds. We saw many shore birds and a beautiful Red Shouldered Hawk who was kind enough to pose for us.

We then moved on to “rubbing noses with reptiles”. A wide variety of snakes and lizards were passed around including several Boa Constrictors and Corn Snakes. Some of us were nervous at first, but learned to be comfortable handling the critters.

The day ended with some participating in the “critter crawl” looking for bugs, insects, spiders, reptiles and birds around the Morro Bay State Park grounds. It was a really interesting and fun day.

Cerro Alto Child Development Project: The meeting was very successful in that we learned about different types of jobs relating to the care of kids. The two teen leaders, Annie Jankovitz and Sara Seay, were asked to prepare a lesson plan for a certain month. This will be fun! Other members listed specific jobs relating to children in alphabetical order and then we did a crossword puzzle using the job names. The meeting was fun and although our guest speaker didn't show up, we still learned a lot about children. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting!

Cerro Alto Dog Project: Our Dog Meeting was held on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at Atascadero Lake Park. Teen Leaders showed up at 1:15 and practiced recall and heal pattern off leash with our dogs. New members showed up at 2:00 and immediately we broke up into two groups, large dogs and small dogs, and altogether we practiced recall and heal pattern on leash. Then we worked on showmanship and obedience and what to expect for shows. We discussed that the stand-for-exam has been changed to sit-for-exam. The new members were taught the L and T shaped patterns. We planned a date for our Mock Dog Show, April 8, but we are still discussing the date before we confirm it. Finally, we talked about presentation day and what to bring and how to prepare for it, but also what to expect from it. The Dog meeting was fantastic and we hope to see you at our next meeting! Submitted by Sara Seay

Several Chaparral 4-H members, Mia & Maya Cortez, Peter, Mary & Wyatt Hambly, Clinton Marsh, Daniel & Makenzie Meehan, Scotty and Sophie Preito, & Michael Slason volunteered at the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum. These members volunteered for 2 hours cleaning, dusting, vacuuming, raking leaves, and tidying up for the Paderewski Festival. The members worked hard and have been asked to come back and help again. Members of Chaparral 4-H will return on Jan. 28th for another clean up and community service project. Submitted by: Codie Wilshusen
### SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2012

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