2012 4-H YOUTH 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 are available online at slocounty4h.org under the “Registration Forms and Applications” link, through your 4-H Community Club Leader or in the 4-H office. 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 KIND REGISTRATION SPECIAL: The first 25 campers to register for 4-H YOUTH CAMP KIND this year will receive a special 4-H YOUTH CAMP KIND goodie. So hurry and get your Registration form into the 4-H office today!

The Early Registration gifts will be distributed at Camp Check-In on Friday, May 4th.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!

This year the 4-H YOUTH CAMP KIND Planning Project is offering six (6) scholarships for 50% off the $65 registration fee for 4-H YOUTH CAMP KIND! Two scholarship recipients will be selected from each of the three grade levels: 4th, 5th & 6th. Scholarship applications are available through your Community Club Leader, in the 4-H office, and online at slocounty4h.org under the “Registration Forms and Applications” link. 4-H YOUTH CAMP KIND 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.

The Scholarship Applications will be reviewed by the members of the 4-H 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 4-H Youth Camp KIND, contact Camp Director, Maria Andrus at 238-0604 or jandrusfamily1@att.net

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THIS YEAR’S FUN FILLED CAMP!

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!”
National & State 4-H News

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

- 4-H State Ambassador Applications - Deadline: March 31, 2012
  The California 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides members with the opportunity to serve as a representative of the 4-H program, plan the annual CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, and implement a service-learning project during their 14 month term. Youth members ages 16-18 are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2012-2013 State Ambassador team are available online at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/.

- The 2012 California Camping Conference, planned for March 23-25, 2012 at YMCA Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA, inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. The weekend conference offers staff, volunteers, and teen leaders the opportunity to learn new practices, acquire new skills, and network with others from all over the state. The fee is $130 per person and includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials. The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. If you plan to take the archery certification there is an additional $30 fee for class material. Archery is a full twelve hour course. For more information about the conference visit the 4-H Camp website at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Camps/Conference/ To register online visit: http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7206. Registration deadline is March 9, 2012.

- 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop—RIFLE DISCIPLINE
  A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. The workshop will be April 14 & 15, 2012 from 8am-5pm each day. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. **There is no cost for the course.** To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborra@ucdavis.edu For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://tcDSA.org/

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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 1700 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.

Attention 4-H Project Leaders…. …announcing NEW 4-H PROJECT SHEETS

4-H Project Sheets, created by 4-H staff and experienced volunteers, are designed to help 4-H leaders determine meaningful content and lead youth in hands-on activities. Additionally, 4-H youth and their families may use these sheets to decide which project they might be interested in.

Visit www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets to learn more about bread-making, foods and nutrition, livestock judging, global education, gardening, and many other 4-H projects. And be sure to keep this link handy because more projects sheets will follow!
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.
“Dive into Fun with 4-H”
Get Ready for the 2012 County Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012

The Food & Arts Celebration (FAC) and Fashion Revue (FR) events for 2012 are scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012 at Laguna Middle School on Los Osos Valley Road in San Luis Obispo. Completed entry forms for both events must be submitted or mailed (postmarked) by Friday, April 6th, to the 4-H office. Quilting projects and garments must be brought to the 4-H office on Thursday, April 26th, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Updated entry guidelines and entry forms for the FAC and FR have been mailed to all 4-H Community Club Leaders and are also posted at www.slocounty4h.org at the Registration Forms and Applications link. Guidelines for all 2012 FAC entries and the FR have been updated so please review them carefully.

Fashion Revue & Textile Arts...
The FR event for 2012 has been expanded to bring all of the sewing entries under one umbrella and now will be referred to as “Fashion Revue & Textile Arts.” The FR entry divisions will now include: Traditional garments, Wearable Art-Embellished garments, Clothing Accessories, Non-Wearable Textile Arts, Quilting, and the State Challenge. All FR entries are to be brought to the 4-H office on Thursday, April 26, 2012, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. By bringing all sewing entries together, we will be able to better utilize the skilled sewing judges and highlight the accomplishments of our 4-Hers in textile arts as well as fashion. See the FR packet for more details.

Simplified Entry Forms and Process...
Two new entry forms are being introduced this year for the FAC and FR events. The entry process is now simplified, and 4-H members may now submit all FAC entries on a single-sheet form and all FR entries on another single-sheet form. Instructions for filling out the entry forms with sample forms are posted online with the FAC and FR Guidelines.

Volunteers Needed for FAC and FR Events...
HELP! HELP! HELP! It takes about 120 adult volunteers to put on the Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue events. Please recruit as many volunteers as you can from your 4-H club and submit the names and phone numbers to the 4-H office so the Event Coordinators can make contact with the volunteers. A Volunteer Form is posted on the county 4-H website at www.slocounty4h.org also at the Registration Forms and Applications link.

If you have any 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.
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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**Fundraising Director NEEDED**

The 4-H Youth Development Management Board is searching for an individual to fill the position of **Fundraising Director.**

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 this position, or if you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

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**STATE 4-H OFFICE ADVISORY COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT**

Open recruitment for 4-H statewide committee membership takes place every spring and is now open! 4-H members, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteers, 4-H YDP partners and collaborators, and County 4-H YDP staff are all invited to apply. **Applications are due to the State 4-H YDP Office** postmarked by **May 31, 2012.** Committees meet face-to-face various times of the year, and may schedule conference calls, and utilize email to conduct committee business. **For more information and to download an application, go to: [http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/](http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/)** Please note that the application is on the last page of the document. Applicants need to fill out the application completely, sign and get a County Cooperative Extension 4-H staff signature. Applicants also need to include a summary describing:

1. Why they want to serve on that particular committee.
2. What strengths and experience they will bring to the committee.
3. What experiences do they have that relates to the Advisory Committee’s subject area that they are applying for? **(Please review each committee description for additional items that may be requested for the application.)**
28th Annual Double Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show
Sponsored by Cerro Alto 4-H and
the Countywide Cavy Project Group
Saturday, March 31, 2012
Cal Poly Farm Shop at 9:00 am

There will be Breed Judging, Showmanship and a Costume Contest! The show is open to youth 18 years and under. The day will be fun and educational. It is also a great opportunity to see a variety of breeds and buy your first rabbit or an additional furry friend to take home. For more information about the Rabbit Show call Leslie Bryson at 466-2264 or Lois Williams at 461-1078. For more information about the Cavy Show call Erin Huard at 709-4457.

Are you a Leader? Do you like the Spotlight? Do you want to become a SLO County 4-H ALL STAR?

REACHING OUT FOR 4-H ALL STARS! The All Star Rank is the highest rank which a 4-H member may attain at the county level. Being a San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Star provides an opportunity for high school members to receive recognition for outstanding service. The All Stars serve as Ambassadors for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program; they represent 4-H at County, Sectional, and State activities; they coordinate certain county-wide activities; and they serve as positive role models for youth!

To be eligible for the County All Star rank, a 4-H member must:
- be 14 years of age or older by January 1, 2012, but not 19 years of age prior to 1/1/12
- been a participant in 4-H for 3 years or more
- have attained a Gold Star rank by 4/15/12
- demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment

Each candidate for the All Star rank will be required to submit an All Star application and participate in an individual and group interview. All Star applications may be obtained online at www.slocounty4h.org or from the 4-H office, call 781-5943 for your application. DUE DATE: APRIL 20, 2012

2012 4-H FIELD DAY
SILENT AUCTION BASKET TIME AGAIN!

Ken Dewar will be organizing another successful SILENT AUCTION at this year’s 4-H FIELD DAY with your help!

Each 4-H club is asked to provide a minimum of TWO Silent Auction baskets (and you can submit more items for the auction too) plus an Adult Volunteer to assist during this year’s event. Remember: the better the gift basket’s theme/design—the more funds we can raise for our county 4-H events!

For more information regarding the Silent Auction, call Ken Dewar at 441-0531, or the 4-H office at 781-5943. Let’s meet this year’s challenge and create some gift baskets with great themes for the 2012 SILENT AUCTION at 4-H FIELD DAY on June 9, 2012.

Silent Auction Baskets will be due in the 4-H office on Wednesday, June 6, 2012.
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 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; 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 = \( \frac{\text{Work}}{\text{Time}} = \frac{\text{Weight} \times \text{Distance}}{\text{Time}} \)

**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 it 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.**
- **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.**
- **Drill two holes in the end of the Dowel Rod to fit the corn skewer prongs.**

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Multi-Species Written Level Testing Opportunity
Saturday, March 24, 2012  9:00 a.m.—12 Noon
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 UCCE Auditorium on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. 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.

March 4-H Horse Event:

Mar. 4th — 4-H GYMKHANA FIELD DAY
Wranglerette Arena, Starts at 10:00 a.m.
Registration forms available at slocounty4h.org
RAIN DATE = March 25th
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 or contact Michele Grainger at 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.
Los Osos 4-H Members Join “The 4-H Revolution of Responsibility!” with their Emerald Star Project

The 4-H 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."

Two members of Los Osos 4-H Club, Nalani Haueter and Justine Potter along with their Adult Coach Leslie Kasanoff, applied for $1,000 Revolution of Responsibility grant to carry out an Emerald Star service-learning project in the community called “Tie Blankets for Children” and they were granted those funds this past month! Together, and with the help of other 4-H members, they plan to create 100 tie blankets to give to children that have been hospitalized. Their goal is “to help provide comfort to the children by providing homemade blankets and to raise awareness in the community and with 4-H members about childhood illness.”

Nalani and Justine are planning to have their “Tie Blankets for Children” service-learning project at this year’s Food & Arts Celebration on Saturday, April 28th and at 4-H CAMP K.I.N.D. in May. They selected this project “because we were both in the sewing project last year and we wanted to use the skills we learned to help people in need. We hope that the children will feel comforted by the blankets.”

You can request a Revolution of Responsibility grant for your service-learning project by visiting http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/ for more information. The next Review date deadlines are: March 15, May 15, and July 15, 2012. Remember to contact the 4-H office for a “Letter of Support” that will be needed for your "R of R” Online Application.

Best of Luck to Nalani and Justine as they complete their Emerald Star Project this year.

ORB (Online Record Book) WEBINAR TRAINING

REGISTER NOW

Register now for a training webinar for the 4-H Online Record Book on March 1st at 7:00 p.m. to help 4-H youth and volunteers become familiar with the ORB 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 in a 21st century environment.

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/

The March Training Session offered will be:

Project & Club Leader Functions and Approving Forms
March 1 @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

NOTE: All of the February and March Training Sessions have been ARCHIVED FOR VIEWING at: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/ if you missed any of the sessions.
The 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) -- A Growth Mindset Perspective
(Excerpts from the featured article of the 2/8/12 Monday Morning Memo)

"An innovation is one of those things that society looks at and says, if we make this part of the way we live and work, it will change the way we live and work."
Dean Kamen

The new 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) is an amazing tool that unites deeply rooted 4-H traditions with modern technology, providing youth the opportunity to learn record-keeping and 21st century skills, simultaneously. To date, over 2,000 youth, volunteers, and staff across the State are using the ORB system. But progress doesn't go without its own set of challenges... Here are a few suggestions for how we can all embrace a growth mindset when using ORB:

1. **Be positive!** Go into it with an attitude of wonder and discovery rather than shock and dread. Our attitude affects our situation more than we realize, and whatever we express is highly contagious to those around us.

2. **Use ORB as a way to challenge yourself to learn new things.** For many of us, this type of social media technology is unfamiliar and scary - that's perfectly normal. ORB is a fun and safe way to learn new skills, grow and stretch.

3. **Look at the challenges as opportunities, not obstacles.** Technological start-ups tend to have many glitches when launched, which programmers call "bugs". When people start using a new system, there is usually a surge in the number of identified bugs, since the pool of people who are "testing the system" has increased. Even though an extensive beta-testing period was done, ORB is no different. As a user, channel any frustration in a positive direction by filling out a bug report, which enhances the system and helps us all develop improvements to the system. When you fill out a bug report -- we hear you and are responding to you and working with the programmers, every day. Please rest assured that the remaining bugs will be squashed, swatted, squelched, smashed, and otherwise eliminated from your experience as quickly as we can.

The Record Book is an amazing tool that has helped young people learn the skills of record keeping, reflection, and goal setting. The Online Record Book (ORB) is a great opportunity to build on this by allowing youth to develop much needed 21st century skills that will enhance their journey on the path towards reaching their full potential. This platform also gives us yet another opportunity to flex our brain and operate out of a growth mindset.

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 (ORB). 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. Meetings will be by conference call so anyone can participate! Also, if you would like more information about this team, please check out the Position Description at http://www.ca4h.org/files/134533.pdf
Cerro Alto 4-H Swine Project  Our last swine meeting was on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at San Gabriel School. New members arrived at 6:00 and Kris gave a PowerPoint on structural soundness of a pig. 2nd year members and up arrived at 7:15 and had to bring a picture of last year’s pig and say what we really liked about the pig’s structure. Kris talked about our annual Hoovers Beef Palace fundraiser. We got our tickets and we are our selling tickets to everyone, so I hope your doing that! Finally we discussed the rules for a new shirt design. This year’s Mid-State Fair theme is ”The Great American Road Trip”. Get drawing swine group if you want to see your design on this year’s shirt. We ended our meeting with picking presentations on what to talk about in our upcoming monthly meetings. We had a fun time!  Submitted by: Sara Seay

Scraps of paper, stickers, and stamps are all you will see at Adobe Nipomo 4-H’s Scrapbooking meetings. You will also see learning and creativity. The 4-Hers are completing their books of memories to enter into shows for people to see their masterpieces. Michaela Hicks said the thing she loves the most about scrapbooking is being able to express her passion for art. Kyla Brown-Silva said what she loves all the pictures when it comes to scrapbooking. Until next time this is Stephanie Fields, Adobe Nipomo 4-H Reporter.

On February 13th the Cerro Alto 4-H Child Development Group had their monthly meeting. They talked about a babysitter’s check list for information from the parents when you are babysitting, medical releases for if an emergency while your babysitting would happen, and plans for when your home alone. A presentation was also given by Katie Adams about child milestones from 1 month to 30 months. They learned alot and had a fun February meeting!  Submitted by: Brianna Soto

On January 24th the Cerro Alto 4-H Beef Project Group met for its third project meeting. At the meeting, we discussed plans to buy blocking chutes, blowers, and wheelbarrows for this year’s fair with money from our fundraiser at G&H Automotive. Older members read feed tags and new members read a paragraph on a beef breed. We also talked about Western Bonanza. We all had a great time and we are looking forward to our next meeting on Feb. 19th.  Submitted by: Cameron Strobridge

On a recent rainy Saturday afternoon, the Cerro Alto 4H Outdoor Adventure Group met at the Crux Climbing Gym in SLO. Everyone watched a video on "How to put on Climbing Gear". Then information on safety and "How to Belay a Climber." Once all the climbers were properly geared up, the first climbers started on the rock walls. Then the climbers ventured on to the more difficult Rock Walls with the "Auto-Belaying System."Many climbers reached the tops and got to Ring the Bells on various different rock walls. Parents, members and families were all invited to climb and everyone had fun. This was a good way to get exercise even when its raining!  Katie H. Adams, Cerro Alto 4-H
4-H CLUB NEWS

On Saturday, February 11th, 4-H members had the chance to show what they know at the annual 4-H County Presentation Day. Individual Cambria 4-H presenters, from left to right, are Kyle Plummer (How to Make a Movie), Spencer Caserio (Panoramic Photography), Carlos Plummer (Jr. Park Ranger Program), and Tara Covell (The Evolution of Horses), who all won Gold Medals for their Presentations. In next photo, left to right, are Healthy Living Group presenters Kyle Plummer, Carlos Plummer, Claire Doherty, Grace Doherty, and Meg Stern, who also won Gold Medals for their “Share the Fun” skit about making healthy food choices. Photos provided by: Lilliana Plummer. Article submitted by: Carlos Plummer, Cambria 4-H

On February 2nd the Cerro Alto 4-H Club held its 6th General meeting at San Benito Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Club President Candace Johnston. Kaela Cooper and Emily Hall then led us in the flag salute and 4-H pledge. Next, song leader Katie Adams led us in singing “Skidamarink a dink a dink”. The Treasurer’s report was presented by Sophie Johnston. Ashley Bentley and Cameron Strobridge gave the Reporter’s report. Club leaders’ reports and project reports were then given. Karen Ludwig talked about upcoming Presentation Day on Feb. 11 and the vice president talked about the upcoming Farm Supply Swine clinic on March 3rd in Santa Maria. Then it was off to Mrs. R’s corner where Club members, wearing Cerro Alto Club shirts and jackets, modeled to remind us to order Club apparel.

The members in this year’s Cerro Alto 4-H Club Share the Fun skit presented their skit for the group. We were all kept laughing throughout the performance! Emily and Kaela read the fines. The meeting was then adjourned. We all had a good time and look forward to our next meeting on March 1st. Submitted by: Cameron Strobridge

The last meeting of the Huasna Valley 4-H Club’s Entomology Group was at the Butterfly Grove in Pismo Beach, where they had a chance to learn about the life cycles of butterflies. They were able to experience the life of a monarch butterfly firsthand, and observe the butterflies through telescopes. The Entomology group leader, Sandi Dewar, organized this fun field trip. Submitted by Olivia Snodgrass, Huasna Valley 4-H Reporter
Canyon Country 4-H is ALL about Community Service!

Canyon Country 4-H has been very busy these past few months! In December, we visited the Bayside Care Center in Morro Bay and Vineyard Hills Health Center in Templeton, where we did our annual Christmas Door Decorating. We had a great turn out for this event, and several members and their parents spent hours wrapping the resident’s doors like Christmas presents. We had a lot of fun, and made tons of smiles along the way. We want to make sure that the men and women that live in the facilities know that they are never forgotten!

Next, we wrapped up our 2011 Pop-A-Top Collections for Ronald McDonald House of Central California. We collected **170 pounds** of Pop Tabs off of aluminum cans in 2011. County wide, we broke the record for the most pop tops collected by a group or organization! A big thank you to all our 4-H clubs in San Luis Obispo County! You made a big difference to families of sick and injured kids all over California by collecting those pop tops! **Now let’s see if we can break the 2011 record in 2012 — by collecting even more pop tops!** There is still a collection box in the County 4-H office.

As December came to an end, so did our **Toys-4-Tots toy collection drive.** Our County 4-H clubs collected more than **300 toys** for kids all over the County! We made sure that no one was left without a toy for the holidays! Just by donating a toy worth $10, hundreds of kids had a great holiday, and Toys-4-Tots had a great year! Last but not least, Canyon Country 4-H continued to bake cookies and send them to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our cooking group, and our members, donated delicious baked goods to our men and women deployed overseas to make sure they know how important they are to all of us. Our goal is to send boxes to the troops every month. Thanks to our cooking group members, we have been meeting our goals! With the start of 2012, Canyon Country 4-H looks forward to serving our community for another year of fun Community Service projects! After all, Canyon Country 4-H is ALL about Community Service!

Submitted by: Jesse-Ray Morring, Canyon Country 4-H Community Service Junior Leader

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Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald Foundation: Through the county 4-H website, members of the Chaparral 4-H learned about how they could step up and make a difference to help the Ronald McDonald Foundation. In August 2011, Mary and Wyatt Hambly challenged the members of our group to collect Pop Tops from soda cans and bring them to the next meeting, and they would turn them in. One member of the group, Aiden Kerr, took that challenge to heart, and went back to school and asked his fellow classmates at Kermit King Elementary School to do the same. He even decided to offer prizes to classmates that brought in the most. When he arrived at the September general meeting, he brought in the pop tops he and fellow classmates had collected, totaling 4,000 pop tops. The group was very proud of his efforts and congratulated him. Mary and Wyatt asked the members of the 4-H group to step up to the challenge like Aiden had, and continue to bring in Pop Tops. As of the December meeting, the Chaparral 4-H group has collected 6,000 pop tops and will donate them. While pop tops don’t necessarily provide much cash value, they do help off set the costs of operating the Ronald McDonald Foundation. 100 Pop Tops will provide about 3.5 cents to the organization.

So the members efforts will have raised $210 for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. It costs the house $40 a night to provide lodging to the families getting medical services at hotels nearby the hospital. The Foundation asks families to donate $10, and the difference between the cost to the foundation and the contribution from families can be made up through charitable contributions and Pop Tops is one way to help make up the difference. While collecting Pop Tops will not cure cancer, it does help them operate. Chaparral 4-H is very proud to share the efforts that Mary and Wyatt Hambly, along with Aiden Kerr’s have provided to an important organization.

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