2012 Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue
"Dive into Fun with 4-H"

The 2012 Food and Arts Celebration (FAC) and Fashion Revue (FR) events, scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Laguna Middle School, are rapidly approaching. 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.

FAC 2012 Has Something for Every 4-Her...
Here are just a few reminders about this upcoming event.

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 who is entering the photograph.

All 4-Hers may enter the Open Divisions of Place Setting and Poster or Collage. 4-Hers in Shooting Sports/Archery projects also may enter a craft related to their project.

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. For more information, or if a sewing project leader needs a copy of this pattern, contact Fashion Revue Coordinator Maria Andrus at 238-0604.

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Purple Up! For Military Kids
April marks the nation’s “Month of the Military Child,” a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, California’s Operation: Military Kids (OMK), part of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, invites 4-H members to join us for the 2nd annual “Purple Up! For Military Kids.”

We are encouraging everyone across the nation and especially California to wear purple on Friday, April 13th, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue. OMK hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes. Remember to send us your “Purple Up!” photos or post them on the California Operation: Military Kids Facebook Page, http://www.facebook.com/CAOMK, where military youth and families from across the state will see them.

4-H State Leadership Conference – Financial Aid Applications
Applications will be released at the end of March and due at the end of April. Applications will be available at: http://www.ca4h.org/ Programs/Conferences/SLC/. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

4-H State Leadership Conference – Registration
Conference registration will be released mid-April and due in June. The complete registration packet will be posted at: http:// www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

California State Fair, Youth Art & Design Expo
Deadline: April 13, 2012
The Youth Art & Design Expo highlights the creative talents of California’s youth. The competition is open to all California youth, ages 5-18. There are many categories to enter in four shows: Fine Art, Crafts & Hobbies, Fashion & Textiles, and Media. There are no prerequisites for entry. Send in an Entry Form, an Entry Fee of $8, and an image of your artwork or craft on a CD. Winning entries are delivered or shipped to the fairgrounds and will be featured in a formal exhibit from July 12-29 during the California State Fair. All entry materials are available online at www.bigfun.org. For more information contact Michelle Johnson, at (916) 263-3189 or mejohnson@calexo.com.

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State Community Service Projects Open to all 4-Hers...
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, all 4-Hers can participate in one or both of these projects. They also can drop off their finished state community services items at the Food and Arts Celebration/Fashion Revue when they sign in at the FAC/FR events in the morning. These items are not judged.

Volunteers Still Needed for FAC and FR Events...
Please sign up to volunteer at the FAC/FR Event this year. We need adult volunteers to serve as judges, oversee groups of 4-Hers as they move through the activity rooms, help in the activity rooms, and/or help serve a low-cost lunch. Older 4-Hers also can help in several ways. A Volunteer Form is posted on the County 4-H website for your use. Or, you can contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Sharon Bruce, directly by phone at 805-704-7524 or by email at mysoulwaits@charter.net

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, Tamara Johnson, Kathy Righetti, Cindy Silva, and Julia Stanfill.

SEE YOU THERE!

SLO COUNTY 4-H CAMP K.I.N.D. LOGO DESIGN WINNER

Congratulations to Amanda Silva of Adobe Nipomo 4-H! She is the design winner in the t-shirt logo design contest for this year's camp theme, Savannah Safari. Her imaginative design will be featured on the back of this year's camp t-shirts. Thank you to all who entered and be on the look out for next year's theme to be announced this summer. You could have your design featured next year!
- Maria Andrus, 4-H Camp Director

Announcing Cavy Level Testing!!

Cavy Level Testing (Level 1 only) will be offered at 2012 Field Day! All members, 9 or older, can take the test regardless of project membership. The Cavy Level Test Study Guide is available online at www.slocounty4h.org

The Countywide Cavy Project is a fun and exciting group that teaches youth about these funny and adorable furry little creatures. The group is thriving and will continue to grow in the coming years. If you have questions about Cavy level testing or would like more information about the Countywide Cavy Project, please contact Erin Huard, Countywide Cavy Project Leader, at critterscaviary@gmail.com.
4-H FIELD DAY NEWS

DEMONSTRATE SKILLS and JOIN IN THE FUN at 4-H FIELD DAY!!

4-H FIELD DAY is scheduled for **Saturday, JUNE 9, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the Paso Robles Event Center.

Throughout this past year 4-H members have learned many new project skills. They are now invited to exhibit some of their project work and demonstrate those skills at 4-H Field Day. We hope all our 4-H members will choose to participate!

4-H Field Day is a fun-packed and educational day for 4-H members and their families. It is also the day our county holds its annual fundraisers; the **Chicken-Q** and **Silent Auction**. The proceeds from these two fundraisers are used to support our program and countywide events throughout the year. So please take a look at the wonderful items donated to the Silent Auction by each of our clubs. We are also asking you to **sell Chicken-Q tickets in advance** of the event and **invite your friends** to join us. If you need more tickets to sell, please contact your Community Club Leader. (Chicken-Q tickets will also be sold at the event at the Information Booth.)

In addition to **Still Exhibits***, **Animal Showmanship***, **Level Testing (Large Animal, Poultry and Cavy)**, the **Club Showcase**, and **Science Activities & Design Contest (Power of the Pinwheel)**, a number of new entries and activities are being offered this year:

- **New Heritage Boards** entry (Citizenship) in Still Exhibits
- **New Quilting** entry in Still Exhibits
- **New Cavy Level Testing**
- A **Community Service Activity**
- A **Judging Activity**
- And back by popular demand, **Morro Bay’s Farm Olympics**, fun project-related activities and skill competitions

Details about each of the new entries and Community Service activity are available in the **4-H Field Day Handbook**, available online at [www.slocounty4h.org](http://www.slocounty4h.org) under **Applications**. The Handbook also contains event guidelines, entry criteria, the day’s tentative schedule and contact information for questions. **Entry forms are also available online.** If you don’t have access to a computer, you may request a copy by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. Please **submit your entry forms and fees directly to your Community Club Leader by your 4-H club’s deadline**.

As you can see, many volunteers (adults and youth) are needed to make this event a success. Although many clubs and individuals are already involved in the planning of Field Day, many more volunteers are needed that day. Your Community Club Leader has volunteer sign-up sheets for each of the activities and areas, so **please get involved**! (Remember, you don’t have to sign-up for the whole day--just an hour or less.) **So, if you can help, please SIGN UP!**

**We hope to see you there!!**

*If you plan to show an animal or enter a still exhibit at 4-H Field Day please make sure you can stay until 2:00 p.m.** Bring your animal groomed and ready to show (although they may be touched-up on the fairgrounds, washing or clipping is not permitted). Also, help **prevent the spread of club lamb fungus**—see details in the 4-H Field Day Handbook.
Calling All 4-H Primary Members (Ages 5-8)  
“Let the Adventure Begin”

The SLO County 4-H All Stars are excited that you are starting your 4-H experience! They have planned multiple activities for you on this day!

**WHEN:** Saturday – May 12, 2012

**WHERE:** UCCE Auditorium – 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo  
(Auditorium Entrance is at the parking lot level)

**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

This day will be filled with Games, Snacks, and FUN while making projects that you can enter for 4-H Field Day, the Santa Barbara County Fair and the Mid-State Fair. *(Remember to bring $1.50 per craft that you want to enter into 4-H Field Day as you will be filling out the 4-H Field Day entry form at this event.)*

In order to plan for supplies for this event, **please RSVP by returning the attached form or by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943 with the information.**

**RSVP Due Date is Friday – April 27, 2012**

Name: __________________________

Club: ____________________________

Age: ____________

Phone #: ________________________

Any food allergies?  
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We hope to see you there!
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 Denise** at the 4-H office at 781-5943, or email dharris@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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Call for Volunteers and 4-H Members to Serve on Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees

Let your voices be heard by—join a Statewide 4-H Advisory Committee!

There are many to choose from (Policy, Incentives and Recognition, Citizenship/Service Learning, 4-H International Exchange, Equine Education, Animal Science Education, Camping, 4-H Technology Leadership Team, Healthy Living, and Shooting Sports). Each committee is made up of 4-H members ages 14 and up, adult volunteers, recent alumni, and county and state 4-H YDP staff. The committees meet face-to-face various times of the year, and may schedule conference calls and utilize email to conduct committee business. The term is 12 months, starting July 1. Travel to meetings may be reimbursed by the State 4-H YDP Office.

Open recruitment for committee membership takes place every spring, with **applications** due by **May 31, 2012**. Details and an application are available at [http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/](http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/)
ATTENTION DOG PROJECT MEMBERS: Canyon Country 4-H club will be hosting a 4-H Dog Show on Sunday, April 15th at Santa Rosa Park beginning at 9:00 a.m., at SLODOG’s Annual A Dog’s Day event. Classes offered will be Obedience: Sub-Novice Primary (5-8 yrs.), Junior (9-12 yrs.), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.), Senior (16-19 yrs.), Novice and Grad-Novice. In Showmanship: Primary (5-8 yrs.) 1st Year Member, Junior (9-12 yrs.), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.) and Senior (16-19 yrs.).

Entry forms have been sent to all registered 4-H Dog Project Leaders via email or mail. **Pre-Entry is required and must be received by 4/7/12.** No entries will be accepted after this date. Entry fees will be $5.00 per class. SLODOG will also be offering the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. If you are interested in taking the CGC test or have questions regarding the Dog Show, **please contact Christy Friedmann, Canyon Country 4-H Dog Leader at 438-5851.** NOTE: DOG LEADERS, IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ENTRY FORMS, PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTY IMMEDIATELY.

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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.

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4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Tulare, CA

**Saturday, April 14, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
**Sunday, April 15, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the Rifle Discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. 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: jaborba@ucdavis.edu (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz or Ventura Counties).

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: [http://tcdsa.org/](http://tcdsa.org/)

**NOTE:** You must be an Approved 4-H Adult Volunteer in order to sign up for this course. If you have any questions contact the 4-H office at 781-5943.
Are you a Leader? Do you like the Spotlight? Do you want to become a 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

HORSE FIELD DAY at WRANGLERETTE ARENA
Sunday, April 22: Western & English Horse Field Day
Entry Forms are due on Monday, April 16, 2012.

4-H Golden Clover Awards
Our county is very fortunate to have many individuals who deserve to be recognized and honored publicly for the work they do. The 4-H Golden Clover Awards were created to recognize these individuals and their outstanding achievements in a variety of areas. Please take the time to nominate and shine a light on the persons you know who have contributed so much of themselves, their time and talents to make the 4-H program in San Luis Obispo County one of the best in the state.

Award: Recipients in each category are awarded $500, and receive a medallion, pin, and recognition on the 4-H website. Winners will be announced at the 4-H State Leadership Conference and State 4-H Leaders’ Forum. (The two categories awarding 4-H staff do not receive a monetary award, but do receive all other recognition.)

Eligibility: Regular 4-H members, 4-H volunteers, 4-H groups, and 4-H program staff may apply or be nominated in any applicable category.

Deadline: May 31, 2012 to the California 4-H Youth Development Office.

Details/Application: For details about each of the award categories, sponsors and eligibility, as well as a 2012 Application, please go to http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/ or call the 4-H office at 781-5943.
Please take a moment to visit the revamped 4-H SET Website at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/. The 4-H SET website offers information, free curricula, and resources for 4-H members and volunteers.

Hosted by Cal Poly and Sponsored by the IEEE, San Luis Obispo Student Branch

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June 18-22, 2012

TOPICS, ETC.

• Robotics
• Alternative Energy Sources
• Laser Target Assembly
• Amateur Radio Activities
• “Take-the-Project Home” Examples
• Fun Activities, Games and Mixers
(indoor and out)

The Fine Print
1. Camp will be held Monday thru Friday from 9:00a-4:00p
2. Camp is limited to 30 registrants, grades 7-10 (as of school year 2012-2013)
3. Cost is $150.00* (lunch is not included—youth may bring their lunch or purchase it on campus)
   * The 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology (SET) Committee will sponsor $40 of the cost for
   the first 15 4-H members to register, lowering the cost to $110
4. Registration deadline is April 27, 2012, or until filled
5. Registration Form is available online at slacounty4h.org

APRIL 2012
4-H SLO SCIENTIST NEWS

4-H SLO Scientists Spring into Action
With Chemistry, Robotics, Watershed Explorations, Soil Science and More!
By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

With our six local youth/adult science clubs meeting around the county this winter and spring, 4-H SLO Scientist members are definitely having fun participating in some terrific hands-on science activities in a wide range of scientific topics, while practicing the scientific thinking processes of observing, communicating, comparing, organizing, relating, inferring and applying.

Our two North County groups are both getting a new look at the critical subject of water through “From Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Explorations.” Needless to say, part of the experience is, in fact, making mud shakes and dirt cups...the edible variety! Field trips to our local watershed areas as well as the large inground watershed model at the Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School in San Luis Obispo are planned by our volunteer facilitators, John McCabe and Cindy Wood.

Who doesn’t think of Chemistry as an integral part of the science world? Our San Luis Obispo SLO Scientists are taking part in a variety of chemistry-related activities with “Chemicals Are Us,” and are experiencing and learning about chemical reactions utilizing basic household products. A favorite 90-minute session is “Kitchen Chemistry” during which time the science teams experiment with ingredients to make muffin...once again, the edible kind! Volunteer facilitators, Julie Fallon and Gary Corsiglia lead this enthusiastic group of SLO Scientists, each of whom attends with a favorite adult.

The SLO Scientist II group, which also meets in San Luis Obispo, is in the beginning stages of Robotics. In their second year as a SLO Scientist club with members at the middle school level, facilitator Gary Corsiglia is delighted to lead activities in this amazing topic in which members are experiencing and learning about design, construction, and operations as applied to this exciting field of technology.

Making predictions, lots of observations and organizing come into play during the two evenings of “Sciencing With Snails,” the topic of our Los Osos SLO Scientist group. The activities in “Snails,” led by our facilitator, Faylla Chapman, are more fun than a snail smorgasbord and snail races! Wait...these ARE some of the activities in which the group has participated! The group will be switching gears to begin “It Came from Planted Earth,” and will enjoy hands-on soil science activities related to agriculture. A favorite session is “From Field to Table” in which participants grind wheat berries to a coarse flour and actually add them to a special muffin recipe, accompanied by a delicious sweet butter, also made-from-scratch by the kids and “favorite adults” together.

An after-school opportunity is provided by facilitator Beverly Gingg with the “Learning Among the Oaks” and “Oak Woodland Wildlife” program, also part of our 4-H SLO Scientist program. Located at the oak woodland preserve adjacent to Santa Margarita School, this oak woodland provides a wonderful learning opportunity for oak naturalist and wildlife enthusiasts. A focus on the diversity of diets and the adaptations found in the animal kingdom has been emphasized, with sightings of some totally amazing wildlife!

For more information about joining a 4-H SLO Scientist group, or adding SLO Scientist as a project within your existing club, or finding out about becoming an adult volunteer facilitator to lead a local group, please contact 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, Heather Dauer at 781-5943.
4-H SLO SCIENTIST PHOTOS

Photos for the Article on Page 10
2012 South Section 4-H Leaders’ Retreat
"COME FLY WITH 4-H"
April 13-14, 2012, in Chino, CA

REGISTRATION VOUCHERS AVAILABLE!!

THERE’S STILL TIME TO REGISTER AND ATTEND the South Section 4-H Leaders’ Retreat on 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).

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).

The special guest and speaker will be Sandy Cohen, California State 4-H Leaders’ Council President. And sessions will include **On Line Record Books; **Thrive; **Photography; **Garden Delight; **Fashion Revue; **Weaving; **Cake decorating; **Science for Beginners; **Geo Caching; **Knowledge Bowl; **What your county can do for you! by Keith Nathaniel; **Opportunities available for adults, as well as youth, above the county level; **Citizenship Focus programs, as well as Conferences available for youth.

In addition, the Planes of Fame Air Museum will be providing a free tour of the hangars and facilities for those arriving by 4:00 p.m. Friday, and there will also be a tour available to showcase some of the industries of the area.

For full conference details, registration forms, motel information and more please go to http://ss4h.org or contact Bernardine Marquez 909-362-3492 or Deb Hilak at 909-986-4816.

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.
When I joined Cerro Alto’s Aeronautics project, I didn’t think I could actually pilot a Cessna 152! But that’s just what I got to experience on February 26 at the SLO Regional Airport. Through the guidance of our project leader, Michelle Graceffa, I applied for, and received, a scholarship for a “Discovery Flight” from the SLO 99’s, a local chapter of an international women’s aviation organization. With Michelle as the flight instructor, we communicated with Airway Control Tower, taxied around, took off, flew over Los Osos Valley to Los Osos, Morro Bay, Montana de Oro, Diablo Canyon, Avila Beach, and circled back to SLO where she did the landing! It was really cool to learn how to steer the plane on the ground with two rudder pedals, and in the air with the yoke, which is the wheel that controls the different kinds of flaps. I learned how to read the gauges on the instrument board like the Airspeed indicator, Gyroscopic compass, Artificial horizon and the Altimeter. I felt like a professional pilot wearing a headset with the big, cushioned mic pressed up close to my mouth through which Michelle and I communicated to each other and the tower.

After the 30 minute flight, we went to the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower. There I learned how the airways are monitored, how the ATC communicates with incoming and outgoing planes, and how they read their radar screens. It is quite the multi-tasking job (and one in which I’m now really interested!)

The discovery flight was such a fantastic opportunity and definitely heightened my interest in pursuing aviation in some form. This just shows the variety of awesome experiences you can have through 4-H and how it can lead you to a possible future career! ~ Submitted by: Alexis Aguirre, Santa Margarita 4-H Club

During the month of February, Cerro Alto’s 4-H Baking and Breads group held their monthly meeting and made Snickerdoodle cookies, which were delicious! We also learned about measurements and using the electric mixer. Our community service project was to collect cookies and donate them to our local convalescent home and the ECHO shelter in Atascadero. They were very thankful and appreciative of our donations. Submitted by: Marhya Rivera-Orosco, Cerro Alto 4H
Twenty-two 4-H San Luis Obispo County members of the Horse Project met at the Wrangerlette Arena in Atascadero on Sunday, February 19, for a Gymkhana Clinic presented by Jennifer Thomas. Riders learned Gymkhana patterns like Clover Leaf Barrels and Single Stake. Everyone got a few turns to ride each pattern at a walk, trot and lope, if they chose to. It’s important to walk each pattern to learn it as a rider and teach your horse or pony. Riders and horses will show what they learned at the San Luis Obispo 4-H Gymkhana Field Day to be held on Sunday, March 4, at the Wranglerlette Arena. Come out and see how these 4-H kids can ride!

Pictured - Amber Quick on Sunni
Submitted by Amber Quick, Cerro Alto 4-H

On February 28th, the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Horse Group members met at the 4-H office in San Luis Obispo for Written Level Testing. There were twenty four 4-H members taking a mixture of Level 1, 2, and 3 tests. It was a successful evening and everyone passed their test! The Written Level Testing was run by the Cerro Alto Jr. and Teen Leaders - Sophie and Candace Johnston, Jenna Winslow, and Emily and Faith Patterson. Congratulations to everyone who took the test! Submitted by Emily Patterson Left picture (Level Testing Written) includes the Cerro Alto Jr./Teen Leaders, and Level One 4-H members. Right picture (Level Testing 2-3) includes the Level Two and Three 4-H members.

On Sunday March 11th, Cambria 4-H members gathered for lunch at the Main Street Grill before walking down Main street to pick up trash along the side of the road. We picked up several bags of trash that consisted of napkins, plastic wrappers, cups and most of all cigarette butts. We ended our walk at the Rainbow Bean, where we enjoyed ice cream and conversation.

Submitted by: Monir Boutros, Reporter

Pictured from left to right (front row) Stella and Carla Camestro, Arabella Staufenberg. 2nd row Pink dress Ruby and Triston Nevin, Monir Boutros, Meg Stern, Don Camestro and Bruce Staufenberg. Back row: Sara Nevin Savannah and Glenda Lyon.

On Saturday, March 10, ten members of the Santa Margarita 4-H Club, Bernadette, David, Genevieve, Alexis, Isabelle, Kerrigan, Mikaela, Sigrid, Gudrun, and Annalisa were present at 4-H Sectional Presentation Day held at Cal Poly. They advanced to this level after receiving gold at County Presentation a month earlier. Members gave illustrated speeches and a skit before judges and spectators. It was fun day for San Luis Obispo County kids to come together with kids from Santa Barbara County.

Submitted by: Santa Margarita 4-H Reporters
Ranchita Canyon 4-H’s most common community service events seem to be Pancake Breakfasts and Crabfeeds! Ranchita Canyon 4-H’ers often go to help serve at the Paso Robles Grange Pancake Breakfasts and various Crabfeeds in the area. On March 10th we had an opportunity to serve at both events on the same day! At the Rotary Crabfeed, Riley and Chassey Coehlo, Austin Domingos, Justin Nored, Raegan and Rorie Lomanto, Michelle and Omar McPherson, and Colleen Wiest were joined by Class Act Dancers to help serve the food and clean up after the event. We all had a blast! As for the Grange Pancake Breakfast, Michelle and Omar McPherson, Emma and Clarisse Dart, Colleen Wiest, Chase and Brodie Sievers, Paige and Cody Autry, and Jerahmy Kelley were working hard, but they know it’s for a good cause! What human being can resist adorable 4-Hers?! Not the Pancake Breakfast customers! Ranchita Canyon 4-Hers know that community service is fun!

Name a 4-H club that has a club Cookie Auction every year! **Ranchita Canyon 4-H Club**, of course! The Cookie Auction is a fundraiser, our club uses the money that we earn to buy supplies for our projects. In March, we had a quick general meeting and got straight into the bidding. Lester Rougeot, our auctioneer, was there and was super confident about making our club some money! David Bowen, our pig leader, gave our club a pep talk and we ended up making a lot of money! Woo-Woo David! While all of the parents were bidding, kids could go to the back of the Grange and buy plates of Chocolate Fondue from the Kids’ Table. A BIG “Thank You” to the Ellart Family for putting together the Kids’ Table! Almost all of the kids in the club got up and carried the goodies to our auctioneer. A BIG “Thank You” to Gelene Coehlo for helping to get those goodies gone! There was not a single cookie crumb not sold! Way to go Ranchita Canyon 4-H Club! Submitted by: Raegan Lomanto

**Pop a Top for Ronald McDonald House!!**

**Canyon Country 4-H is STILL collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Central California!**

In 2011, San Luis Obispo County 4-H Clubs came together and collected 170 pounds of pop tops for the Children’s Hospital of Central California, the Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for countless families with sick and injured children. Collecting pop tabs off of aluminum cans of all kinds provides free nights for families!

Last year San Luis Obispo County 4-H collected just over 170 pounds of pop tops! With a matching donor – that meant that 340 pounds worth!

Last year went so well, the donor decided to provide another matching donation.

So, COME ON 4-H’ers! Let’s beat our own record!

Remember, pop tops come on all kinds of things – cat and dog food, soup, canned fruit, tuna, and juice and soda cans!

So, when you see a pop top, think... You can help a family!!

**Jesse-Ray Morring**
**Canyon Country 4-H**
**Community Service Junior Leader**
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**Congratulations to all of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H’ers who received a Gold Medal at Sectional Presentation Day and are now advancing to State 4-H Presentation Day on May 26th!**

**JUNE 2012**

| 4-6  4-H YOUTH CAMP (Grades 4-6) Rancho El Chorro |
| 12 Primary Member Field Day, UCCE Auditorium, SLO |
| 25 Field Day Entry Forms & Chicken Q $ Due |
| 26 State 4-H Field Day Events, UC DAVIS |

**JULY 2012**

| 6   SILENT AUCTION BASKETS DUE |
| 9   4-H FIELD DAY & CHICKEN-Q |
| 11-15 Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria Fairpark |
| 18-29 CA Mid-State Fair, Paso Robles Event Center |

**AUGUST 2012**

| 15 Training for Record Book Judges 7 p.m. |
| 17 2011-12 RECORD BOOKS DUE in 4-H OFFICE |
| 17 2011-12 Treasurer, Secretary and Reporters Books Due in 4-H office |
| 25 2011-2012 RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY |