Hooray for Albertsons!!
Continues to Support SLO County 4-H!

The 4-H program in SLO County is once again the happy (and grateful) recipient of a very generous donation of gift cards from Albertsons. The presentation took place in July at the Paso Robles Event Center just prior to the kickoff of the Mid-State Fair. A number of 4-H members attended the presentation and volunteered to help at the event, and we want to thank them for being such positive ambassadors for 4-H!

As many of you may know, Albertsons has donated gift cards to SLO County 4-H for the past six years!! We have and will continue to use those cards all year long to support activities, events and training programs for all our club members to enjoy and learn from. The gift cards are used to buy food and supplies for the Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue, Presentation Day, Youth Camp, Leader Appreciation & Training, Officer and Junior/Teen Training, Record Book Training and Record Book Judging, Primary Member Field Day, and 4-H SLO Scientists Program. In addition to these activities, we buy food and supplies for the annual Chicken-Q held at 4-H Field Day. The Chicken-Q is our county’s biggest fundraiser, therefore, an ability to purchase these items at Albertsons means our budget goes a lot further and the money we raise is greater.

By using Albertsons gift cards our county is able to put its cash resources towards awards and scholarships, conferences for 4-H youth and leaders, curriculum, SET activities, outreach activities, hall rentals and other items that support and enrich our program. It is through the support of our community and donations from generous organizations like Albertsons that help 4-H to provide young people in SLO County with the tools they need to thrive and succeed throughout their lives. Thank you Albertsons!
Western Region Leader Forum – March 21 – 24, 2013 in Hawaii

The conference site is the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Resort. It is a beautiful hotel located on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. You will need to register at the hotel before you register for the conference so you will have the confirmation code required to avoid the surcharge for those who choose to attend WRLF and stay at another place. Reservations at the Marriott may be made at 800-848-8100 or by using the local number 808-922-6611. We have reserved a block of rooms which you will need to refer to when you register by giving the code, WR4A, to the person taking your reservation.

Registration for the forum may be completed by going to:  
http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/

DEADLINES:

Deadline for Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - $375  
Deadline for Hotel room Rate of $179 is February 21, 2013 - $425

Announcing the New Highest California 4-H Youth Award!

The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/  
Rationale:  Most youth serving organizations have a highest honor — Boy Scouts have Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts have the Gold Award, Camp Fire USA has the WoHeLo Award. While the 4-H State Ambassador Program is a very high honor, it is a working honor and is prohibitive to many who may be deserving of a highest youth award.
4-H CALENDAR EVENTS NEWS

4-H MEMBERS: Save the Date!
For the 4-H 2011-2012 Program Year
ACHEIVEMENT NIGHT

Saturday, October 6th, 2012
At the Veteran’s Hall, 801 Grand Ave., SLO
at 7:00 p.m.

2012-13 Officers & Jr./Teen Leaders:
Save the Date!
4-H OFFICER AND
JR./TEEN LEADER TRAINING
Sunday, October 28, 2012
At the Veteran’s Hall in San Luis Obispo

Attention 2012-2013 TREASURERS:
SAVE THE DATE
Two Sessions to Choose From:
4-H TREASURER TRAINING
Sunday, October 21, 2012, 10:00am to 12:00noon
OR
Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
At the UCCE Auditorium,
2156 Sierra Way, SLO
National Youth Science Day
OCTOBER 10, 2012
Get ready to take the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge!

The 2012 4-H National Youth Science Day experiment will be a 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge! This annual youth science event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, and will bring 4-H'ers together from all around the nation to complete a single, innovative experiment. This year’s challenge will introduce youth to engineering concepts as they program a self-directed robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill. Developed by The Ohio State University and Ohio State Extension, this unique experiment will engage young people in finding a solution to an environmental challenge, using engineering design skills.

**FREE 4-H ECO-BOT CHALLENGE KITS ARE AVAILABLE TO SLO COUNTY 4-H CLUBS**

We encourage 4-H Clubs to participate in National Youth Science Day by organizing an activity around the experiment. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 to request a **FREE Eco-Bot Challenge** kit if your club will be participating in 4-H National Youth Science Day. Each kit contains enough supplies for 10-15 youth, as well a youth and leader guide.

Participation in 4-H National Youth Science Day is meant to help spark an early passion for science, engineering and math and to encourage young people to consider these paths of study and future careers.

The experiment will test their ability to:

- Build an autonomous robot using household materials
- Design and construct a programmed environment for a working robot
- Develop a hypothesis and carry out a test
- Collaborate and offer modifications to produce an optimized solution
- Generate links among engineering, technology, science, math and society

To visit the new 4-H NYSD website and download the 2012 Youth and Facilitator Guides as well as other key resources, visit [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD)
SLO County 4-H
2011 Life Skill Scholarships

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board is happy to offer three (3) scholarships in the amount of $300 each. The scholarship areas are:

1. Citizenship/Community Service
2. Leadership
3. Life Skills

If you are a current 4-H member in SLO County who is planning to attend college this fall, you are eligible to apply for one of these scholarships. In addition to general 4-H and academic information, the applicant is asked to address the following:

Citizenship/Community Service:
1. What types of citizenship/community service involvement did you participate in during your 4-H career?
2. Describe two or three citizenship/community service activities that were most significant to you. Explain how you think your citizenship/community service activities will influence your life in the future.

Leadership:
1. What leadership skills have you developed through your 4-H career and how were they developed?
2. Describe how you think your leadership skills will influence your life in the future.

Life Skills:
1. What life skills have you developed through your 4-H career and how were they developed?
2. Describe how you think these life skills will influence your life in the future.

To obtain an application call the 4-H office at 781-5943. Scholarship applications are due in the 4-H office no later than Friday, August 17, 2012. Postmarks will not be accepted. Good Luck :)
4-H SLO Hikers are back! 4-H SLO Hikers are back and ready to hike the beautiful terrain of San Luis Obispo County! 4-H members — invite your family and friends to participate in a fun, health-benefiting hike. We will be doing our first hike at the Bob Jones Trail, also known as the “City to Sea Bike Trail,” near Avila Beach. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 15 at the East Trail Head, off Ontario Rd. This 5 mile leisurely hike (walk some, or walk all 5 miles) will include various stops along the way. Once we reach our destination, Avila Beach, we will rest, have healthy snacks and rest some more before beginning our trek back. Take part in this great opportunity and let’s explore and hike the Bob Jones Trail together!

See flyer for more information or visit our Facebook page [http://www.facebook.com/4HSloHikers](http://www.facebook.com/4HSloHikers)

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Nelson at (805) 781-5944 or cinelson@co.slo.ca.us

Also, any 4-H club Jr./Teen leaders who would be interested in manning a booth at SLO’s Thursday Night Farmer’s Markets for one hour in August and September or help plan the 4-H SLO Hikers on September 15, please contact Christine Nelson at (805) 781-5944. Thank you!
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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San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program

**County 4-H Management Board Brief**

The 4-H Management Board met June 20, 2012. The Program Year 2012-2013 Budget was approved. Jody Birks and Evelyn Rockwell were appointed to audit the 2011-2012 Treasurer’s Records. Seven 4-H’ers have been selected as All-Stars for 2012-2013. An official announcement and introductions will take place at Achievement Night on October 6, 2012. There were 757 entries at the 2012 4-H Field Day, down slightly from 769 last year. The Silent Auction raised $3,947.00. Fifteen clubs sold 100% of their Chicken-Q tickets. The cost of participating in the International Network League continue to increase, therefore, the Young Achiever Program will be restructured next year to be an in-house program. 4-H office staff will work out the details. There are no changes to the Mid-State Fair livestock schedule this year. There will be a vet’s station on-site. On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Fair, the Junior Livestock Association reported that all chickens and turkeys will be processed, the top weight for goats will be 110 pounds, and all animals must in by 6:00 p.m.

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**Attention All Volunteers!**

Don’t miss the opportunity to Wake up the **Possibilities** that can happen in a 4-H Minute! It’s time to get registered for the **2012 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum**! This year’s forum is scheduled for **November 9-11, 2012 at Asilomar Conference Center**. The theme Wake up the possibilities itself is motivation for all 4-H Volunteers to attend and bring back inspiration for their individual clubs as well as San Luis Obispo County 4-H as a whole! Visit [http://ucanr.org/slf2012](http://ucanr.org/slf2012) for registration information and Wake up to the **Possibilities**!
Community Service Award Nominations for a Youth, an Adult Volunteer and a Family

The Community Service Program Development Committee wants your nomination(s) of an outstanding 4-H youth, an adult and a family to receive a 2012 Community Service Award. To clarify, a 4-H adult is defined as a certified 4-H adult volunteer and/or leader. Similarly, a 4-H family must have at least one youth member or certified adult volunteer to be eligible for the award. (Adults and families who do not fit the above criteria may be better suited for nomination as a Friend of 4-H award candidate.)

Nominations can be submitted by any 4-H member or volunteer. If you know a 4-H individual or family who continuously gives of themselves, now is your chance to help them receive the recognition they deserve! The nominations will be reviewed, then one award each will be presented in the Youth, Adult, and Family categories at 4-H Achievement Night, October 6th, 2012 at the SLO Veteran’s Hall 801 Grand Ave, SLO.

How to nominate someone:

Please write a half-page to one page letter explaining why you think your nominee deserves the award. In order to maintain fairness in the selection process, do not include your nominee’s name in the letter. Then, on a separate piece of paper, write your name, address, and phone number, along with the name of the youth, adult or family you are nominating.

You may nominate as many 4-H individuals (youth and adults) or families as you would like. Nominations DUE DATE in the 4-H Office EXTENDED to: Friday, August 17, 2012.

Mail to: 4-H Office—K. Jerdin, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, email kjerdin@co.slo.ca.us, or fax 781-4316.

If you have any questions regarding the Community Service Award, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Committee Chairperson, at 466-1216.

Friend of 4-H Award Nominations

Each year the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board is proud to honor an individual or individuals, business or other organization, that has helped and been a friend of the SLO County 4-H Program during the year.

Past winners of the Friend of 4-H Award have included: Mark and Becky of CAT Country Radio; Farm Supply Co.; Albertsons; San Miguel Flouring Mill; San Luis Obispo Silver Streaks.

If you know of a special person or business that has contributed to SLO County 4-H (multiple clubs or the whole county), why not nominate them for the 2012 Friend of 4-H Award? Nominations can be made by any 4-H member, club, adult volunteer, or office staff.

If you would like to nominate someone, simply write a letter explaining how they have contributed to 4-H and why you think they deserve the award. Letters are due in the 4-H office no later than August 17, 2012. The winner will receive a plaque presented in their honor at 4-H Achievement Night on October 6th.

If you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943.
Los Osos SLO Scientists End the Year With a Farm Tour

The Los Osos group of SLO Scientists studied "It Came from Planted Earth" this year and had a variety of sessions about seeds, plant parts, soils, water, and crops from field to table. They grew vegetables, planted seeds in various soils, watched drip irrigation work, ground up wheat into flour and made butter. Along with all this, they received vegetable starts from Debbie Deis, owner of Deis Family Farm and giant pumpkins from Joe Sabol of Cal Poly and SLO pumpkin contest fame. The last day was a field trip to the Deis Family Farm where students and parents partied and saw all the various crops Debbie plants and sells, her small but popular vegetable and flower stand, her chickens, and her floral arranging business, D &D Floral.

Student Tyler Weipert said “I had a great time in the class. I think receiving the plants and watching them grow was the best part of our class! I can't wait until my pumpkin becomes visible and I look forward to harvesting my vegetables.” Amalia Eulate, another student, said “I learned that drip irrigation is the best type because it is most efficient and does not waste water. I learned that horse poop makes good fertilizer. My favorite part of the class was.....the whole thing!” Phoebe Adams, adult co-partner, said “....this class was a tremendous joy to participate in. We look forward to more SLO Scientist classes.” Leader Faylla Chapman said that the students and the parents were very interested in the whole plant process and how growing crops tied into their daily lives in the past and also present day. She was delighted to be able to do the trip to Debbie’s farm so that everyone was able to see what they learned put into action.

For more information about joining a 4-H SLO Scientist Group as a project within your club, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5943.
2013 SLO COUNTY 4-H YOUTH CAMP K.I.N.D. STAFF
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE 8/31/12 by 5:00 p.m.

Are you interested in helping out with next year’s 4-H Youth Camp K.I.N.D.? The theme is Space Adventures! The dates are already set for May 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2013 at Rancho El Chorro in San Luis Obispo.

For those interested in becoming a San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Camp K.I.N.D. Staff Member remember that applications for each of the staff positions: YOUTH DIRECTOR, TEEN COUNSELOR, and new this year the COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING* are due August 31, 2012! You don’t want to miss out on all the fun! *This year 4-H YOUTH CAMP K.I.N.D. is excited to be introducing the additional staff position of Counselor-In-Training (CIT). This is a Pilot Program for 2013 CAMP K.I.N.D. Everyone is anticipating that the CIT positions (4 are available to be filled) will be a success this year and for future youth camps in SLO County.

Youth Director: (1 position) 10th grade or above with at least 1 year of Teen Counselor experience
Teen Counselor (12-14 positions available) Members in 9th grade and above can apply
Counselor-In-Training (CIT) (4 positions available) Members in 8th grade can apply.

If you have any questions about the Camp Staff Application, contact Maria Andrus at 238-0604 or Krysti Jerdin at 781-5941. The Camp K.I.N.D. Staff Application form is posted on the www.slocounty4h.org website under Registration Forms and Applications.

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Pozo 4-H has recently elected new officers and exhibited their projects at the Mid-State Fair.

The new officers for the club are Colton Nauta as President, Travis Hallett as Vice President of Communications, Ryan Michels as Vice President of committees, Tyler Fielding, Treasurer, Jordan Johnson as Secretary, Alexis Whiteford as Reporter, Karly Michels and Jack Gearhart as Sergeant in Arms, and Christina Rogers and Blake Simonin as Snack Officers. The new officers were elected at the last general meeting and will serve for the 2012-2013 4-H program year. The Past President, Patrick Wagster adds, “I wish the new slate of officers good luck and hope they enjoy and learn as much as I did.”

Pozo 4-H members had rabbits, chickens, dogs, horses, goats, steers, replacement heifers, still exhibits, and hogs at the Mid-State Fair. We hope everyone came by and saw our members show their animals to support 4-H. Our members were happy to talk to about their animals to those who stopped by the barns during the Fair. Submitted by: Alexis Whiteford
SLO County 4-H Delegates Attend 2012 California Focus

Maiya Clark and Jane Clark, Shandon 4-H club members, recently represented San Luis Obispo County as delegates to the 4-H California Focus Conference held in Sacramento June 15 – 19, 2012. California Focus is a state-wide 4-H citizenship program for high school members to study the historic, economic, cultural, and political aspects of the State of California. While in Sacramento, 4-Hers learned about and observed the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of our State government.

Conference goers registered to vote in a mock state called Sierra Cascade. Delegates campaigned and were elected to be Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and other positions that correspond to offices in our State government. They also learned how a bill becomes a law by writing their own bills, having a public hearing for the bills, and voting on the bills in a mock Senate.

Besides learning about the government, conference attendees got to act in our California government by meeting with their district representatives. Maiya and Jane met with our State Assemblyman, Katcho Achadjian, and our State Senator, Sam Blakeslee, to talk to them about 4-H, its community service involvement, and community issues that 4-H’ers can work to improve, from teaching little kids to brush their teeth to making sure that students still have access to arts education after budget cuts in schools.

While at CA Focus, conference attendees got to do some really fun activities, like seeing the Broadway play Wicked and exploring Old Town Sacramento.

If your 4-H club is interested in learning more about California Focus, Maiya and Jane Clark are available give a short presentation on CA Focus to your club. Please contact Denise at the 4-H office at 781-5943 to arrange a presentation.
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