4-H Leader Appreciation and Training Day

Saturday, March 9, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
(8:30a Registration)

4-H Leader Appreciation & Training Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2013, from 9:00a-12noon in the UCCE Conf. Rm., located at 2156 Sierra Way in SLO. Registration will begin at 8:30a. Drinks and appetizers will be provided.

This annual event provides every adult volunteer with an opportunity to meet each other, learn about program updates and resources, and share ideas and information. This year’s focus will be a Roundtable format, where leaders can ask questions and learn from each other, and take away new ideas and approaches that work! We will also be celebrating the 100-YEAR CENTENNIAL of 4-H in California! Research shows that the 4-H Youth Development Program plays a special and vital role in the lives of America’s young people and is a Launchpad for healthy and productive lives. EACH ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTES TO OUR SUCCESS!

In addition to the Roundtable, we will share Revised Officer Book Criteria and a Revised Record Book Check List form, announce a New Club Officer Position for 2013-2014, and provide state-wide program updates and current countywide event information.

All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please RSVP by Friday, March 1, 2013, to the 4-H office at 781-5943 or chansen@co.slo.ca.us. (We need to make copies and order food so it helps to know how many will be attending.)

We hope to see you there!

SPECIAL NOTE:
The 4-H Office Staff will be out of the office Monday, February 11th through Wednesday, February 13, 2013 in attendance at the STATEWIDE 4-H CONFERENCE “Creating a Thriving Organization for the Next 100 Years!”
National & State 4-H News

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

- California 4-H $1,000 for 1,000 Service Learning Projects
  2013 Revolution of Responsibility -
  http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RoR/
  2013 Application Deadlines: March 15, May 15, July 15, September 15, and November 15, 2013
  Applying for a Revolution of Responsibility grant is not the only way to support your service learning efforts. Click on this link to see a listing of upcoming grant opportunities that can provide local support for service learning projects.

- The Friends of the California State Fair announced that they will continue their scholarship program for the 2013-2014 academic years. California college students and graduating high school students are eligible and must submit an application by Friday, March 8, 2013. The scholarship applications are available now at www.bigfun.org. For more information contact Jake Rowe at jrowe@calexpo.com

- The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will hold its 37th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on March 1st and 2nd. The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2013 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. Visit http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Animal/SLJC/ for state qualifying guidelines.

To register, go to: http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/
Select the event (2013 UC Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link “Get Access Code”. Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. After your club is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to “UC Regents” and mailed to: Attn: Courtney Rhodes, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616

Deadlines:
February 8: Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due
February 8: Online Registration closed
February 15: Payments must be postmarked – We are now enforcing a $25 late fee for payments postmarked after the 15th

- For questions email fieldday@ucdavis.edu or visit http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday

Please submit articles and photos by the 15th of each month to:
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Richard P. Enfield,
4-H Youth Development Advisor

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Lemos Feed & Pet Supply and King Feeds are excited to announce the Lemos Academy for the SLO County 4-H Poultry & Cavy Projects!

They will be hosting the event Tues., February 5th, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., at their store in Atascadero located at 8405 El Camino Real.

There will be guest speakers covering a range of topics related to health and nutrition. If interested in participating in this free event, please contact your Project Leader. Pre-registration is appreciated as dinner will be provided at the event. Please feel free to contact our Atascadero location with any further questions about the Academy at (805) 466-5378.

They look forward to seeing you there!

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE in the 2013 4-H FIELD DAY HANDBOOK!

There is Advertising Space available in the SLO County 2013 4-H FIELD DAY HANDBOOK. This event will have animal showmanship, level testing, arts & crafts displays, 4-H S.E.T. displays and much more! Attendance at 4-H FIELD DAY is usually 500 people or more!

Advertising Prices for this year are:

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

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

Please have your ad formatted in a .pdf, .jpg or MS WORD document format. ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Please have checks made payable to: SLO CO 4-H YDP Ads for the 4-H Field Day Handbook are Due Friday, February 22, 2013. If you have any questions, just call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Cal Poly Department of Animal Science will be hosting a Swine Field Day on April 6th at the San Luis Obispo campus. The field day will include workshops on nutrition, animal selection, and showing techniques.

In addition to the clinics 4-Her’s will have the chance to look at and purchase a project pig from the Cal Poly Swine Farm. For more information please contact Mandy Myers at 756-2440.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOK JUDGING DATES for your Calendar:

- Record Book Judges Training: Wed., 8/14/13
- 2012-13 Record Books Due into the 4-H office on: Fri., 8/16/13
- 2012-13 Record Book Judging: Sat., 8/24/13

FEBRUARY 2013
3– 2– 1 BLAST OFF! Registration for the 2013 SLO County 4-H Youth Camp K.I.N.D. (Kids in Nature’s Domain) is now Open! We are looking for 4-H members in Grades 4-6 who want to join our crew and go on a fabulous Space Adventure through the universe!

4-H Youth Camp K.I.N.D. will be held Friday, May 3rd (check-in late afternoon) until Sunday, May 5, 2013 (check-out around Noon). Camp will be held at Rancho El Chorro Outdoor Education Facility off of Hwy 1 across from Cuesta College. This year campers who send in their Pre-Registration form by February 15th will receive last year’s registration rate of $65! Regular registration is $70 and forms are available on the county website: www.slocounty4h.org So hurry and don’t wait to start your Space Adventure! Any questions about Youth Camp can be directed to Camp K.I.N.D. Director, Maria Andrus at 238-0604 or via email at jandrusfamily1@att.net

Light Your Spark and Get a $20 Gift Card

4-H Thrive is awarding $20 gift cards to every 4-H member that completes all SPARKS Score Questions (including the “Bonus” ones) and adult volunteers that complete observation tools in the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB). S PARKS Score Questions appear twice a year; you must complete both time points to be eligible for these gifts. In addition, these same individuals will automatically be entered into a drawing to win a new iPad Mini. The current SPARKS Score Questions and adult observation tools must be completed in ORB no later than February 15, 2013 to be considered. The second set will appear in ORB beginning May 1st, these must be completed by August 31, 2013.
http://www.ca4h.org/4hbook/
Three Open Positions on the 4-H Program Development Board:

- Community Service/Citizenship
- Healthy Living
- Small Animal Science

We are currently recruiting for three open positions on the 4-H Program Development Board: Community Service/Citizenship, Healthy Living and Small Animal Science.

The 4-H Program Development Board is made up of eight members who serve as “Key Leaders” in their respective program area(s). The board meets at least twice a year (September and January) and is responsible for the overall direction, development and delivery of quality educational programs and events to 4-H members in our county. In addition, each member of the board serves as a “Key Leader” in their area of responsibility and as a resource to 4-H members and 4-H leaders. The 4-H Youth Development Management Board provides oversight.

The Small Animal Science Key Leader (Poultry, Turkeys, Cavies, Dogs, Rabbits, Small Pets and Animals) serves as chair of the Small Animal Science Program Development Committee and is responsible for educational programs and events related to small animals (e.g., Small Animal Science Divisions at 4-H Field Day, Small Animal Science Level Testing).

The Healthy Living Key Leader is responsible for the development and delivery of programs related to Healthy Living. This is a holistic approach, which includes healthy eating habits, physical fitness, the capacity to recognize and direct emotions, and the ability to develop and maintain positive social interactions and relationships. The Healthy Living Key Leader will also work directly with the iTHRIVE Master Training Team.

The Community Service/Citizenship Key Leader is responsible for the development and delivery of programs related to 4-H Community Service and Citizenship, as well as encourages and strives to develop young people who are engaged and informed of their role in civic affairs and intentionally connected to their communities. In addition this position promotes county and statewide events (e.g., Presidential service Award, Cal Focus, Washington Focus and International Exchange Programs).

For a complete position or application, please contact Krysti at the 4-H Office 781-5941 or kjerdin@co.slo.ca.us

4-H Program Development Board Members
Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership Key Leader
Brian Aunger, Science, Engineering & Technology Key Leader
Lisa Rockwell-Harpster, Large Animal Science Key Leader
Julia Stanfill, Home Economics & Expressive Arts Key Leader
Maria Andrus, Youth Leadership Key Leader
Two OPEN Positions on the:
4-H Youth Development Management Board

We are currently recruiting for two positions on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board: Board Secretary and Visibility Director. The purpose of the 4-H Management Board is to oversee the management aspects of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. Oversight includes policy making and implementation, as well as, management responsibilities in the areas of awards, finances, fund-raising, leader complaints, liaison with fairs, liaison with regional and local councils, and visibility. The members of the board work closely with one another and with the 4-H Youth Development Advisor. The board meets five times year, on the third Wednesday evening of January, April, June, September and November.

The Board Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at each board meeting and providing a short summary of meeting highlights (usually 200 words or less) for publication in the 4-H newsletter.

The Visibility Director is responsible for managing and providing leadership to the visibility and public relations efforts of the SLO County 4-H YDP. Although experience in the areas of public relations, visibility or marketing would be helpful, it is not required for this volunteer position. Program Visibility may include submission of newspaper articles and coordination of 4-H public events throughout the county. This interesting and challenging position serves a two-year term as a member of the 4-H Management Board.

If you would be interested in applying for one of these positions, or if you have any questions, we hope to hear from you! Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Have Fun with Science in San Luis Obispo
Join one of our two 4-H SLO Scientist Projects!

Are you a 4-H member in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade who would enjoy participating in hands-on science activities? Two 4-H SLO Scientist groups will begin in February and we still have a few openings in both groups! Just bring your favorite adult and participate together as a science team with other youth/adult science teams!

Our SLO Scientist group, geared for 3rd through 6th graders, will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun “From Ridges to Rivers” watershed exploration activities. Our SLO Scientist II project, for 4-H members at the middle school level, will offer fascinating hands-on activities related to Robotics! SLO Scientist will meet on several Tuesday evenings and SLO Scientist II will meet on several Wednesday evenings through May at the UCCE auditorium in San Luis Obispo.

For more information about joining one of our SLO Scientist groups as a project, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, at 781-5943.
January 12, 2013: Harmony Headlands
*Time: 10:00am - 11:45am; Location: Parking Lot off HWY 1, Harmony

February 23, 2013: Lopez Lake
Interpretive Hike (Ranger Led Hike)
*Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm; Location: Lopez Lake’s Registration/Ranger Office

March 16, 2013: Cerro Alto
Moderately Strenuous
*Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm; Location: Cerro Alto Trailhead

May 4, 2013: Johnson Ranch
Interpretive Hike (Ranger Led Hike)
*Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm; Location: Johnson Ranch Trailhead, San Luis Obispo
*All hikes are subject to change or be cancelled due to weather conditions. Please check Newsletter and Facebook page for updates.

For more information about upcoming hikes, directions, cancellations, and updates, please visit our 4-H SLO Hikers Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/4HSloHikers and subscribe to our newsletter at http://cesanluisobispo.ucanr.edu/; click “Nutrition, Family & Consumer Science” and click 4-H SLO Hikers.
Christine Nelson (805) 781-5944, UCCE
San Luis Obispo County 4-H is now on Facebook!

“Like us” at http://www.facebook.com/SanLuisObispoCounty4H

If you have any stories or photos you would like posted on the SLO County 4-H Facebook page you can e-mail them to kjerdin@co.slo.ca.us but please remember this is only for Facebook. If you have a story or announcement for News & Views, you will need to e-mail dharris@co.slo.ca.us by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month’s newsletter!

4-H NEWS

Save the Date: State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25 at UC Davis

Come help celebrate the centennial and participate in numerous activities and competitions for the entire family. The Event packet is now posted online http://www.ca4h.org/files/158809.pdf and more information is available here: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/ Check it out! Any questions contact Sarah Watkins, spwatkins@ucanr.edu

4-H MyPlate Challenge at 2013 State Field Day

In 2011 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) unveiled the federal government’s new food icon, MyPlate, to serve as a reminder to help consumers make healthier food choices. 4-H is challenging YOU to show how you’re making YOUR plate, MyPlate. We invite you to submit a photograph illustrating how you’re creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. 4-H members do not need to pre-qualify at a county event. More details about this contest can be found at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge/

San Diego County 4-H is now on Facebook!“Like us” at http://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoCounty4H

If you have any stories or photos you would like posted on the SLO County 4-H Facebook page you can e-mail them to kjerdin@co.slo.ca.us but please remember this is only for Facebook. If you have a story or announcement for News & Views, you will need to e-mail dharris@co.slo.ca.us by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month’s newsletter!

FARM SUPPLY COMPANY

CHICKEN/TURKEY and RABBIT CLINICS

Saturday, February 23rd at their Santa Maria Store (1920 N. Broadway)

Chickens: 8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. 
Turkeys: 10:30 a.m. — 12 Noon
Rabbits: 1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

RSVP: (805) 543-3751 or Email: events@farmsupplyco.com

NOTE: Clinics are Free. Leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.

2013 California Citizenship Focus
June 14-18, 2013
Applications Available February 1, 2013

http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/
Shooting Sports Project Leader Course
Rifle Discipline
Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club
557 ½ Lakeview Road
Watsonville, CA
Saturday, March 9, 2013 – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 10, 2013 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Upon successful completion of this course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club or county level or serve as county trainer to certify project leaders in the shooting sports discipline of rifle. This course is also open to 4-H teen leaders (high school aged youth). For more information, or to register for the class, contact Randy Turnquist at randy@randyt.com or phone 831-566-2590. Please discuss the course fee with the instructor which could be up to $25 depending on if you wish to print your own course material or have him do it. (Please note that the rifle discipline is not an approved project in Santa Cruz County).
For more information about the class facility visit this website: www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org

Shooting Sports Workshop
Muzzle Loading Discipline
5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA
Saturday, March 23, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 24, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of $40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

SLO County 4-H Horse Project Members: SAVE THESE DATES!

4-H Program Year 2012-2013 4-H Horse Project Upcoming Events!
February 16th Gymkhana Play Day
February 21st Written Level Testing
March 3rd Gymkhana Field Day
March 16th English/Western Clinic
April 20th English/Western Field Day
TBD — Mounted Level Testing

Please check with your Horse Project Leader, or Horse Project Resource Leaders Tracy Johnston/ Jennifer Thomas for more details or contact Krysti Jerdin at the 4-H office at 781-5941.

Citizenship Washington Focus  June 23-July 2, 2013

Delegations can look for orientation dates and locations in February.
Washington Focus, an educational conference offered at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C, gives youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need in order to become outstanding leaders. Additional travel days include visits to Gettysburg, Philadelphia and New York City. For more information visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/WF/

4-H State Leadership Conference 2013 – July 25-28, 2013 at UC Davis
Celebrating 100 years of California 4-H. This year’s theme: There’s no place like 4-H
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. For more information visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/
Preparation for 2013 Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue Underway

Plans for the coming Food & Arts Celebration (FAC) and Fashion Revue (FR) for 2013 continue to move forward, following the Information Night put on by the County 4-H Home Economics and Arts Committee in October. Committee members provided the latest information and answered questions about these two coming events, scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, at Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo.

Key Dates to Remember

Key dates for the FAC and FR are as follows:
- Entry forms for the FAC and FR are to be turned into the county 4-H office by **Wednesday, March 27, at 5 p.m.** (or postmarked by that date).
- All sewing items for the FR are to be brought to the county 4-H office (the main auditorium downstairs) by **Wednesday, April 24, at 5 p.m.**
- All items for the FAC and posters for the FR are to be submitted when 4-Hers register at the event from **8:00 to 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, at Laguna Middle School.**

Centennial Challenge...an Added Feature for 2013

The California Centennial Challenge will be a special feature of the FAC and FR for 2013 only, which is the 100th year of 4-H in our state. The Centennial Celebration awards will be given in addition to the regular awards that are given each year at the FAC and FR. There will be a special Centennial award for each Division offered at the two events. 4-Hers who wish to enter the Centennial Challenge will check that option as well as the regular submission(s) on the FAC and/or FR entry forms. In addition, the 4-Hers will provide a 3x5 card to include the historical significance and relationship to the theme when they submit their entry at the events. More details about the challenge will be included in the FAC and FR Guidelines that will be posted in January.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NEEDED...

It would be most appreciated if Community Leaders would designate a Volunteer Coordinator from their club to help gather and submit names of adult volunteers for the FAC and FR. It takes about 130 adult volunteers to make these two events an exciting and successful experience for their participating 4-Hers, and we need all of the help we can get. Please submit the name of your Volunteer Coordinator (with phone, email, and mailing address) to the county 4-H office.

If you have any questions, contact Home Economics and Expressive Arts Key Leader Julia Stanfill at 528-1557 (justanfill@sjcoe.net) or the Fashion Review Coordinator Maria Andrus at 238-0604 (jandrusfamily1@att.net).
Rain or Shine
Submitted by Alison Maxwell

As rain pounded on throughout the week, everyone listened in to the KSBY News and KPRL Radio, waiting to hear the decision about the Paso Robles Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1st. Finally, the news spread; the parade would go on rain or shine!

Early Saturday afternoon, the day of the parade, members of Templeton 4H met at the Templeton Legion Hall to decorate their parade entry. For the last two years, with the help of Amanda Van Huss, the Dog Project Leader, the Templeton 4H entry had won first place in its division. Hoping to win for the third year in a row, the group decided to decorate two floats. It was raining as the members gathered under the porch of the legion hall. We walked to the side parking lot knowing that the decorating had to happen rain or shine. A few minutes into decorating, the rain stopped, and the clouds parted. The group worked for almost three hours to decorate two floats.

On the first float, we strung lights from stakes placed around the sides of the trailer and placed hay bales down the middle of the trailer bed. On a stacked bale we placed a baby Jesus in a cradle. This float represented Christmas Past. On the second float, we also placed hay bales down the middle of the trailer bed. At the back of the float on both sides of the hay bales, we placed we placed a Christmas tree decorated with red bows, garland tinsel, and colored lights. Around the trees we place colorfully wrapped gifts and a rocking horse. This float represented Christmas Present.

After every decoration was up, the generators in the back of the trucks that would pull the floats were turned on and both floats lit up. Everyone cheered, then we all ran for home to eat a quick dinner so we could meet on Spring Street for a final check of the lights and decorations before the parade began.

4-H Members Give back to the Community

All throughout December, El Camino 4-H donated to others in need this holiday season. Volunteers from El Camino rang bells for the Salvation Army to encourage donations from the public. We were able to fill a cardboard box the size of a washing machine with toys for Toys for Tots. Club members rang bells in front of K-mart from 10:00 to 6:00 on December 7. Eight members and four adults worked 2 hour shifts. We were all more than happy to give to others less fortunate and give them the gift of a great Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

Submitted by: Kathryn Howell, El Camino 4-H Reporter
December 5, 2012 Templeton 4H General Meeting  
Submitted by: Alison Maxwell

Templeton 4-H kicked off its December General Meeting by showing members the second place ribbon the club earned for their hard work and great decorating skills on two floats entered in the Paso Robles Christmas Parade. Templeton 4-H was also honored with a letter written by a local War Veteran thanking the club for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner served to veterans at the Templeton Legion Hall.

The December meeting is always special because it shows how dedicated the club is to donating to worthy causes. Many members signed up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Also, the Legion Hall was packed with contributions for good causes such as Coats for Kids, pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House, and Supplies for Soldiers. The most incredible donation was to the Hope for the Holidays food drive. Club member, Bethany Willy, who is involved with the SLO County Food Bank, was very surprised by the canned food donations. The table was completely covered with donations, but the most surprising donation came from the Mackel family who donated 300 cans of food! Bethany was not sure how she was going to get all of those cans to the Food Bank. A special “Thank You” to the Mackel family for their generous donation.

The Family Theatre Project did their demonstration. They showed their new acting skills by showing the club how to act with their body language, expressions, and vocalization. They had the club laughing by standing like a statue, then acting out a word given to them by their project leader, Clair Fundaro (Mrs. Fun), and by improvising to the question, “What are you doing?” The Family Theatre Group also announced auditions for Charlie and The Chocolate Factory on Saturday, March 2nd. Information can be found at www.familytheaterproject.org.

The club officers did roll call and gave reports, then the project leaders made their announcements. Next came announcements about upcoming events. They reminded members that Presentation Day will be Saturday, February 9th at Cal Poly. Entries for this event are due January 28th. They also announced activities such as SLO Scientists for third to sixth graders, and SLO Hikers. Information on these and other fun 4H events can be found on the SLO County 4H website.

The Recreation Leader, Gillian Umphenour, had the club laughing with a game of “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?” A Dad and a fifth grade club member answered many Christmas related questions. It turned out that the Dad WAS smarter than a fifth grader! Congratulations, Dad!

We finished the meeting with cookies donated by the members. Everybody had a great time.

Santa Margarita 4-H Christmas Party

On December 15, the Santa Margarita 4-H club had a Christmas party that was a blast at the Paso Robles Bowl. The bowling was enjoyable and we worked in groups to compete against each other to see who is the best bowler. We gave each other nicknames like Mrs. Bieber, or Lambgirl to make it fun. In each game we had around five to seven players per group, as well as some of the parents. It was awesome to see everyone cheer each other on and have a great time. In addition to bowling, we had a gift exchange between all the 4-Hers that brought gifts. Some gifts ranged from candy canes and candles to a big stocking about the size of a kid. It was so nice to see all the people that brought home cooked desserts and favorite foods. Thanks to all who came and I hope for the same amount of happiness next year as well.

Submitted by Caitlin Hopkins, Santa Margarita Reporter
CAMBRIA 4-H Activities:

SEPTEMBER 2012
Cambria 4-H members participated in Coastal Clean-up.
Cambria members participated in making a Scarecrow for the Cambria Scarecrow and Harvest Festival. The scarecrow’s name was Heidi Haystack was presented in front of the store Among Friends.

OCTOBER 2012
National 4-H week- Cambria 4-H members gave presentations to their class about their 4-H Club.
The officers from the Cambria 4-H participated in the Officers/Jr. Teen Leader Training.

NOVEMBER 2012
The Cambria 4-H members participated in the Veteran’s Day celebration honoring our local Veteran’s at a lunch and distributed Roses to our local Cambia veterans.
The Cambria 4-H members participated in Operation Package packing small packages with food items for the Cambria’s military and toys for the children in the war zone.

DECEMBER 2012
The Cambria 4-H members participated in Hospitality Night by distributing s’mores and popcorn on this evening to passersby. The Cambria 4-H participated in the local Lion’s Club Christmas Party and worked with the children to make bell necklaces, candy cane ornaments, and Christmas cards.

There were 2 articles displayed in The Cambrian newspaper in the months of November and December 2012.

Cambria 4-H members are trying to get ready for Presentation Day in February. A few of our 4-H members participated in the SLO 4-H HIKERS walk at Harmony Headlands on January 12th.

Submitted by: Angelina Perez, Cambria Reporter

Huasna Valley 4-H: We had a very busy month of December at Huasna Valley 4-H! Our members participated in the Arroyo Grande Parade of Lights. We had a lot of fun decorating a float, included a live band and even a few project animals. Members also gathered to sing carols and share some “goodies” before our club Holiday meeting which consisted of a nice dinner, games and our secret ornament gift exchange. Thank you Sandi Dewar for providing such a wonderful dinner! Submitted by: Jenna Pankey, Reporter
Morro Bay 4-H Dustin Limon was recognized with the Young Achiever Award at the County Achievement Night on October 6, 2012. In addition, all Morro Bay 4-H officer record books were awarded gold medals and the club was recognized as a gold seal club.

The Morro Bay 4-H was chosen to be the recipients of the Church of the Latter Day Saints annual Service Day project. There was a great turn out for the service work day at the Morro Bay 4-H Farm on October 20, 2012. Approximately 40 volunteers from the Church of Latter Day Saints, Boy Scouts and 4-H helped paint the sheds, mow weeds, spread wood chips and dig post holes. The farm looks GREAT!

The Morro Bay 4-H participated in a number of holiday related activities. They did Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 8 at Albertson’s in Morro Bay and on December 15 at Spencer’s in Morro Bay. On November 11, the Morro Bay 4-H handed out flyers for the Hope for the Holidays Food Bank Coalition. The Morro Bay 4-H Holiday Potluck was on December 4, 2012. The Sign Language Project signed a holiday song and there was a gift exchange.

Submitted by Amelia Richardson, Morro Bay 4-H Club

On December 9th, from 2-4pm there was a County-wide 4-H Horse Showmanship Clinic. We learned how to properly groom and clip a horse for a show. We learned how to prepare for a show on a 2-month timeline. And that we should make a check list for our show to make sure we have everything. We also learned how to clean and care for your tack. We learned that your whites need to fit, be ironed, and clean with no stains. We were taught that there are different kinds of braids for specific breeds of horses. We practiced how to do our showmanship routine and everybody had a good time. A big thanks to Denise Hansen and Jill Von Ilten of Huasna Valley 4-H Club. We are look forward to our next horse event which is the Horse Expo on January 19th from 10-2.

Submitted by Ainsley Delmore, Age 10, Pozo/Cerro Alto 4-H
The **Cerro Alto 4-H Clothing and Textiles group** collected needed supplies for the North County Humane Society. Courtney, Gabriella, Kira, Kayla, Marhya, and Serena from the Clothing and Textiles group created a service project to help a worthwhile group in our community. In the hopes that people were doing a post-holiday clean out, the group left 61 grocery bags (donated by Trader Joe’s) on people’s doorsteps with a list of items needed by the Humane Society. A week later they went around the neighborhood collecting donations left outside. They were so amazed by how generous people were in helping this no-kill cat shelter. Thanks to all the contributors who helped make their project a success.

**Los Berros 4-H:** Our Community Service for December was to collect coats. We donated the coats and sweaters to “Coats for Caring.” Since it’s very cold right now, we hope the donated items will help less fortunate people keep warm. *Submitted by: Jayme Moreno, Reporter*
# SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2013

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