San Luis Obispo County is looking for 15 4-H members (adults and/or youth) to sign up for this event on Tuesday, December 3rd at the Santa Barbara Public Library in Santa Maria. Sign up today if you can be 1 of our 15 members.

Internet Café Workshop

The ORB Internet Café is provided to give **4-H Members, 4-H Project Leader Volunteers & County Staff** both individualized and group instruction on using California 4-H’s Online Record Book System. The café is designed as a 3-hour workshop that combines presentation, hands-on practice and group discussion. Participants will need to bring a laptop or tablet with them to the café. The following topics will be covered:¹

Note: Logging into the Online Record Book (ORB) will not be covered in this training, please work with your County 4-H Office prior to the training to secure your login information for ORB if you currently have not accessed the system.

- Overview of the Features & Functions in the Online Record Book (Record Book, Social Media, Evaluation)
- Navigating the forms in the Online Record Book: (PDR, APR, 4-H Story)
- Project & Club Leader Functions and Approving Forms
- Maximizing your ORB experience—How to use ORB to be efficient and save time (Print Feature, Expression Pages, Collection of 4-H Works etc.)

**ORB INTERNET CAFÉ REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013

**WHERE:** SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY—SHEPARD HALL
421 SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET, SANTA MARIA, CA, 93454

**TIME:** 6 PM – 9 PM

**COUNTY CONTACT:** SHERRY MILLS—SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  SMMILLS@UCANR.EDU
KRYSI JERDIN—SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  KJERDIN@UCANR.EDU

**REGISTER:** http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveyNumber=15586

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

4-H curricula: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Curriculum/
4-H project sheets: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Project_Sheets/
Service learning: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Support/RofR/

• 2013 State Horse Field Day, November 16th in the Chino Hills
  9:00am-4:00pm
  Registration is due November 11.
  Register here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/State_Horse_Field_Day/
  This year’s field day will be filled with workshops, demonstrations and tours as we travel to multiple ranches in the Chino Hills. Chino Hills is filled with equestrian centers that are side by side and within walking distance of each other.

• 4-H Archery Leader Certification
  February 1, 2014 – 9am-5pm February 2, 2014 – 9am-12pm
  33 Browns Valley Road Corralitos, CA
  If you have an interest in sharing your archery skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Archery adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H archery leader certification training held February 1st & 2nd in Corralitos, CA (near Watsonville). The class will be offered Saturday, February 1st, 9 AM – 5 PM, and Sunday, February 2nd, 9 AM-12 noon, at the Corralitos Community Center, 33 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos, in Santa Cruz County. You must become a 4-H adult volunteer or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $35 per person to include a resource binder, and Saturday breakfast & lunch and Sunday breakfast. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. If you are already a certified volunteer archery leader and would like to become a trainer, contact Jeanne at 530-524-7278 or email mtlassenlover@gmail.com to discuss options.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Santa Cruz County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 1432 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076. Registration is due Friday, January 17th and space is limited. For more information call Stephanie at 831-763-8015 (Mondays & Wednesdays only) or email her at sfon-tana@ucanr.edu or contact Jeanne at the contact information above.
EXCITING 2013-2014 EMERALD STAR PROJECT!

San Luis Obispo County has an excellent Emerald Star/Community Service project going on right now! “Treats for Our Troops” is supporting our men and women serving in the armed services outside of the United States and their families. It means a lot to these men and women, and is a boost to their morale to know that people are thinking about them and supporting them back home. So far we have sent boxes to Afghanistan supporting an Army Cavalry unit there with much needed personal care items. We received pictures from the troops there thanking us for the gifts – that was really special!

Our 4-H members are learning to give of their time by shopping, organizing, collecting and teamwork in packaging of these items. They will get a sense of accomplishment that they gave of themselves to support someone who is far away from home and family. Leaders can take this opportunity to talk about community service and citizenship and how important these things are in our own community and beyond and how community service can be a regular part of our lives.

The committee sends out boxes each month and the boxes for November will contain Holiday cards and letters of encouragement along with personal hygiene supplies with a special request for bars of soap. Please bring the letters and cards unsealed as they need to be screened before sending. To help keep the county office as organized as possible, it would be best if your club could bring the items packed (but not taped) in a Large Flat Rate box – Priority Mail, these are free and available at all post-offices in the county.

If you would like a complete list of things to send, please contact Ashley at ourbeautifulrose@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the “Treats for Our Troops” project last month!

We look forward to seeing what San Luis Obispo County 4-H members can do!!

Pictured above: Private Robert Tolan, Army Calvary
Inviting all SLO County 4-H Dog Obedience Project Members

Lemos Academy

Thursday November 7th
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Lemos Feed & Pet Supply
8405 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA 93422

Guest Speakers

What is the B.A.R.F. Diet?
Jim McKinney, Primal Pet Foods

Proper dental care for your dog
Charmaine Howell of Howell’n Good Doggie Dentals

Dog training and K9 Behavior Tips
Kathy Kropp, Good Dogs, Templeton

Grooming tips
Jackie Gardner, of Grooming by Jackie, Los Osos

Pre-registration is appreciated as refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP to Aimee, the Atascadero store manager,
at 466-5378
no later than Wednesday, November 6th
4-H SLO HIKERS ANNOUNCEMENT

VALENCIA PEAK
MONTAÑA DE ORO
Saturday, November 16th
10am–12:30pm

Valencia Peak Trail, Montaña de Oro State Park

**Details:** All 4-H members and the public are welcome to join us for a 4 mile hike at Montaña de Oro State Park at 10:00am! The Valencia Peak trail has breathtaking views of California’s rugged coast and the Seven Sisters. The trail is a ridge between two canyons that run through grasslands and travels up to the coastal peak.

**Directions:** From the intersection of Los Osos Valley Road and South Bay Drive in Los Osos, drive 2.5 miles southwest to the Montaña De Oro State Park entrance and continue about 2.6 miles to the visitor center on the left. Drive another 100 yards to the trailhead parking area on the left. *(This hike is sponsored by the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program in SLO County.)*

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It is the policy of the University of California (UC) and the UC Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources not to engage in discrimination against or harassment of any person in any of its programs or activities (Complete nondiscrimination policy statement can be found at [http://ucancr.edu/sites/annstaff/files/169224.pdf](http://ucancr.edu/sites/annstaff/files/169224.pdf))
Hello 4-H Families!

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program is now using an online registration program called 4hOnline for our enrollment process. **For instructions on how to enroll online in your 4-H club for the 2013-2014 4-H Program Year, please go to the county website: www.slocounty4h.org, and click on the Registration Forms and Applications link.**

**NOTE:** After you log into https://ca.4honline.com you will need to use the email address that is on file with the County 4-H office. This is usually the email address where you receive the 4-H newsletter. *If your email address does not work—try using it in ALL CAPS as it is case sensitive.* If you are having trouble logging into the 4hOnline system, contact the 4-H office at 781-5943 or via the email address: dharris@co.slo.ca.us

**Also Note:** The 4hOnline System will prompt you to print out the Youth Medical Release forms (two pages); Adult Project Leaders will have to print out the Medical Release forms as well; fill them out and turn them into your 4-H Community Club Leader along with the $34.00 Insurance Fee for Youth Members; $12.00 for Adult Project Leaders. **Fee Payments are not online—please give your insurance fee payment to your 4-H Community Club Leader.**

It is important that you **do not create a new profile if you are a Re-Enrolling 4-H member** as you already have a database profile in 4hOnline. Please see the instructions on how to re-enroll.

We have held trainings for your 4-H Community Club Leader and/or Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator (VEC) for your 4-H club for this new online registration site: **https://ca.4honline.com**
Hi, I’m Jesse-Ray Morring, Community Service Teen Leader for Canyon Country 4-H. As 2013 comes to an end, our 2013 Pop-A-Top for Ronald McDonald House of Central California does too.

This year our sponsorship of the Pop-Top Collection has a generous matching donor. That means that every donation we make, say 120 pounds of pop-tops, becomes 240 pounds!

These pop-tops, and the money made from them, go directly to the Ronald McDonald House of Central California. (Right next door to the Children’s Hospital of Central California) Every penny goes to provide rooms and care for the families whose children are in the hospital.

Take a side trip one day. Drive up Hwy 41 to Fresno and go to Children’s Hospital Blvd. (Not too far from Yosemite, drop by on your way there!) Stop in and say hello to the dozens of volunteers that help out at Ronald McDonald House! You can see what our pop-tops can do!!

Please, please collect all Pop-Tops and call the 4-H Office at (805) 781-5943, or Jesse-Ray Morring at (805) 286-8505. (I’ll even meet you to pick up your donations).

Popping a Top for Ronald McDonald House is fun Community Service and it’s the right thing to do.

Thank-You,

Jesse-Ray Morring
Canyon Country 4-H
Community Service Teen Leader
Hi there! This is Jesse-Ray Morring reporting in from the front lines of the 2013 Toys-4-Tots Collection Kick-off meeting! I’m the Toys-4-Tots 4-H Ambassador, and I need your help to make this a great year!

The United States Marine Corps Toys-4-Tots Collection drive for San Luis Obispo County had its kick off meeting Sunday, October 20th at 1 pm. We met at Barbara Wolcot’s house in SLO to discuss the routes and dates for this year’s toy collection. Barbara Wolcot has worked for years as Executive Director for the Toys-4-Tots, California Central Coast division. It’s her job to coordinate collections in our County, each year. Volunteers who distribute boxes, money collectors, and pick up and deliver toys meet, with her to make sure things run smoothly so hundreds of kids in our county have a very, Merry Christmas.

Toys-4-Tots began in 1947, when a group of Marine Corps reservists, banded together and collected 5,000 toys for local kids that had none. The logo for Toys-4-Tots was designed as a donation by the Walt Disney Studios in 1948.

As of 2012, the Toys-4-Tots program had collected and delivered over five hundred million toys!

We will have a collection box in the 4-H County Headquarters office. All toys collected go to various locations in our county and end up helping kids everywhere. All toys collected in SLO County are given to kids in SLO County. When the need is filled, they go where they’re needed. This means that we fill requests for the kids in our city, and then in San Luis Obispo County. When all requests for toys in San Luis Obispo County, are filled, the remaining toys will go to other nearby cities and counties!

Please bring all 4-H Toys-4-Tots donations to our box at the County Office by December 20th. If you can’t get them there – call 286-8505 and we’ll pick them up. We want to make a 4-H county-wide effort to show how many toys our clubs bring in. Together, our clubs can show what a 4-H outpouring can do.

Have each club member donate one new unwrapped toy, with a value of $10 to a club meeting before December 20th (The toys can be on sale, just be valued at $10 originally). Then when your club collection is finished, call for pick-up, or take them to the 4-H office!!

We will keep you all posted on our efforts and our final count!
We will have special recognition for clubs with the largest, per ratio to club size, donations received!

Ready, set, go get those toys!!
** SLO COUNTY 4-H SMALL ANIMAL SKILL DAY **

Calling all Small Animal exhibitors for a day of fun, learning new skills and perfecting old skills.

**What:** Small Animal Skills Day

**Who can participate:** Cavy, Dog, Poultry, Rabbit, Pets and Small Animal project members

**When:** Saturday, January 25th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** National Guard Armory
6105 Olmeda Ave
Atascadero, CA

**Activities:** Showmanship, Level Testing, Costume Contest, Small Animal Poster contest, Arts & Crafts-Repurpose your Project (take something from your project that you no longer use and recycle it into something else—useful or decorative), Community Service Project, and more.

Further information and entry forms will soon be available on the County website.

*Hot Dog lunch will be provided for a small cost.*

If you would like to be involved in the planning of this event, please contact Tamara Johnson at (805) 438-4113 or Tkjohnso@kcbx.net
It wasn’t a typical school day for over 1,200 4th grade students from around the county who had the opportunity to attend the 11th Annual Great AGventure held at the Paso Robles Event Center on Wednesday morning, October 2. The educational event featured a wide array of booths, displays and hands-on activities related to the field of agriculture offered by local growers, ranchers and other experts. Each class of students, which included 25 to 30 children and their teacher, had the opportunity to learn and experience first-hand the importance of many aspects of agriculture in San Luis Obispo County.

Brian Aunger, our 4-H S.E.T. (Science, Engineering and Technology) Key Leader, presented fascinating information in conjunction with this year’s 4-H National Experiment, “Maps and Apps.” After a brief presentation and introduction to the field of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) the children were invited to actually pinpoint specific locations on poster-sized scale topographic maps in order to collect information related to their own lives and locations including: “What Kind of Pet do You Have and Where?” “Where is Your School?” “Where is Your Bus?” (to determine their route at the fairgrounds back to the bus) and “Where is Your School?”

Many thanks to Brian for his terrific presentation and hands-on activities offering so many children the wonderful chance to learn about the importance of Geographic Information Systems used to gain information critical to our lives and environment.
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, November 23, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 24, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. 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: jab-orba@ucdavis.edu

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the Pistol Discipline will be held at the Fresno County Peace Officer Range, 7633 N. Weber, Fresno, CA.

Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a level 1 pistol instructor and can lead a pistol project. The cost for this course is $30.00 to cover the instruction binder each participant will receive. Participants will need to bring their own eye and ear protection and are encouraged to bring their own .22 rim fire pistol and/or own air pistols if they have them. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Sammy Ashworth at sdashworth@gmail.com or (559) 707-0755.

Please fill out and bring the document listed below.

http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fresno-County-Peace-Officers-Association/101825493227619

https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-4-H-Shooting-Sports/359716147438695

SAVE THE DATE!

Leader Appreciation & Training Event
Saturday, January 25, 2014
UCCE Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
Attend the Introduction and Training Session
To Become a 4-H SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator!

Would you enjoy leading children and adults together in hands-on science activities? If this sounds like fun, you could become a SLO Scientist Facilitator to lead or co-lead a 4-H youth/adult science group! Several 4-H members in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade come with a parent or other favorite adult to participate together as science teams in activities related to subjects including chemistry, watershed explorations, earthquake preparedness and local geology, or plant and soil science.

You don’t need a background in science to lead our groups…just a desire to facilitate a small group of children and adults together “doing science” a couple times per month. An introduction and informative training session to our terrific program will be held in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday afternoon, December 4, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Teen leaders are also welcome to attend.

For more information about the SLO Scientist program, becoming a Volunteer Facilitator to lead one of these groups and to reserve a space for our training session, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5943.
Start the New Year off with an Exciting New Project:
Be a 4-H SLO Scientist!

Beginning in late January and early February, several new 4-H SLO Scientist groups will be forming throughout San Luis Obispo County, in Los Osos, San Luis Obispo, Grover Beach and Santa Margarita. If you’re in 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade and enjoy science and hands-on activities, then you’ll love the SLO Scientist program. In San Luis Obispo, our SLO Scientist II group, geared toward 7th and 8th graders, will participate in exciting science activities at Cal Poly!

You’ll come with your parent, or other favorite adult, and participate together as a science team with other youth and adults to form a small group of science teams who have fun “doing science” together. Each group is led by a wonderful 4-H SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator. Joining a SLO Scientist group is a terrific way for families to connect in doing fun and worthwhile activities together and learning about the world around you!

For more information about joining a SLO Scientist group, further details about the program, and to reserve a space in one of our local groups, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, at 781-5943.
The County 4-H office needs your help! We need a Countywide Presentation Day Adult Volunteer to work with the Presentation Day youth committee to host our two Presentation Day events in 2014. We just need an adult who likes working with established procedures and you will be trained by our existing adult volunteer to show you how to host our two events:
County Presentation Day, February 8, 2014
Sectional Presentation Day, March 8, 2014
Please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 if you can help us out!

Countywide Engineering Project:

Contact:
Dennis Derickson
ddericks@calpoly.edu
805-756-7584 office
805-712-9168 mobile

We will have 4 meetings in 2014:
Saturday, Jan. 11: Rockets at 8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero, CA 3-5PM.
We will be assembling and launching Estes-type rockets.

Thursday, Feb. 20 and Friday, March 14 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM:
Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby
Activity: We will learn how to use the Arduino microcontroller.

Thursday, April 10: We will learn how to program scribbler 2 robots and potentially enter the scribbler robot contest on Saturday, April 12 during Cal Poly’s open house.
A Dam and Drizzly Morning for Unstoppable Coast Cleanup Volunteers!
Morro Bay 4H members were among the many volunteers that participated in the 29th Annual California Coastal Beach Cleanup that was held September 21, 2013. Volunteers picked up a total of 4,625 lbs. of trash and 1,086 lbs. of Recyclables throughout all the county beaches.
The Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo, (ECOSLO) is a nonprofit organization that partners with the California Coastal Commission to organize the Local cleanup each year.  Submitted by:  Julianna Johnson

4H Members pictured from left to right:
Emme and Lacey Haas, Katy Doot, Nicole Piedmont, Marion Dixon, Olivia Brumit, Julianna Johnson and Edward Piedmont.

HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS—SAVE THESE DATES FOR YOUR UPCOMING HORSE PROJECT EVENTS:

Jan. 11 - Play Day (weather permitting)
Jan. 18 - Horse Expo – Nipomo (Rain or Shine)
Feb. 1 - Large Animal & Horse Written Level Testing - UCCE Auditorium, SLO
Feb. 9 - Cambria Trail Ride
March 1 - SLO County 4-H Horse Project Gymkhana Clinic
March 12 - Horse Project Level Testing (Written) - UCCE Auditorium, SLO
March 22 - SLO County 4-H Horse Project Gymkhana
April 12 - SLO County 4-H Horse Project English/Western Clinic
May 3 - SLO County 4-H Horse Project English/Western Field Day
June 6 or 7 - SLO County 4-H Horse (Mounted) Level Test
### SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2013 –2014

#### NOVEMBER 2013
- 8-10 State Leader’s Forum, Sacramento
- 20 4-H Management Board Mtg., UCCE Aud., SLO

#### DECEMBER 2013
- 3 Online Record Book Training Workshop at Santa Barbara Public Library in Santa Maria, CA

#### JANUARY 2014
- 11 4-H Horse Play Day (weather permitting)
- 14 4-H Program Dev. Board Mtg.
- 15 4-H Mgmt. Board Meeting, UCCE Aud., SLO
- 17 Youth of Distinction Nominations Due
- 18 4-H Horse Expo, Nipomo (Rain or Shine)
- 25 Small Animal Science Skill Day, Atascadero Armory
- 25 Leader Appreciation & Training Event, UC Aud., SLO
- 29 SLO Co. Presentation Day Entry Forms Due

#### FEBRUARY 2014
- 1 Large Animal & Horse (Written ) Level Testing, UC Aud., SLO
- 8 County Presentation Day
- 9 4-H Horse Cambria Trail Ride
- 26 Sectional Presentation Day Entry Forms Due

#### MARCH 2014
- 1 4-H Horse Project Gymkhana Clinic
- 3 Camp K.I.N.D. Registrations Due in the 4-H office
- 8 Sectional Presentation Day
- 12 4-H Horse Proj. Written Level Testing, UC Aud., SLO
- 22 4-H Horse Proj. Gymkhana Field Day

#### APRIL 2014
- 4-6 CAMP K.I.N.D., Rancho El Chorro, SLO
- 12 Children’s Day in the Plaza, SLO
- 12 Canyon Country Dog Show, Santa Rosa Park, SLO
- 16 Jt. Mtg. MB & PDB Meeting, UCCE Aud., SLO
- 26 Food & Arts Celebration, Laguna Middle School SLO

#### MAY 2014
- 3 4-H Horse English/Western Field Day
- 31 County 4-H Field Day
- 31 State 4-H Field Day, UC DAVIS Campus

#### JULY 2014
- 9-13 Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria Fairpark
- 16-28 California Mid-State Fair, Paso Robles Event Center

4hOnline Enrollment continued year-round—Contact 4-H Community Club Leader