SLO COUNTY 2014 4-H PRESENTATION DAY!

SLO County’s 4-H Presentation Day is being held on Sat., February 8, 2014, on the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering Building. Entry forms are available at slocounty4h.org by clicking on “Registration Forms & Applications”. ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE in the 4-H OFFICE by Wed., January 29, 2014. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you aren’t planning on doing a presentation, please consider coming to Presentation Day to cheer on your fellow 4-H’ers and learn about all of the different projects that are offered in San Luis Obispo County!

As always, 4-H’ers who earn a Gold Medal at County Presentation Day will be eligible to advance to the Sectional competition. The 2014 Sectional 4-H Presentation Day is being hosted by our county and will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Cal Poly. Details will be provided to eligible medalists.

“Be Distinctive” in 2013-2014!

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program is excited to announce our annual awards program — “4-H Youth of Distinction”, formerly known as the Young Achiever Award! Like the Young Achiever Award, 4-H Youth of Distinction (YOD) will focus on honoring 4-H members who demonstrate leadership skills in their 4-H clubs, schools and community, while also providing an opportunity for nominees to talk about how they incorporate their interests into 4-H projects, and reflect on their 4-H goals and accomplishments. The addition of these questions is an exciting and meaningful step that the San Luis Obispo County 4-H program is taking to engage and participate in the iThrive curriculum!

The 4-H Youth of Distinction award works on a Nomination basis, and 4-H members can be nominated by any adult volunteer, with the exclusion of family members. Note: All 4-H YOD nominations must be approved by the nominee’s 4-H Community Club Leader.

Nomination forms must be received in the 4-H office by Friday, January 17th, 2014.

The 4-H Youth of Distinction award recognizes 4-H members from three different Grade Groupings: (6th, 7th), (8th, 9th) and (10th, 11th, 12th). Nominees will be evaluated; and up to 25 youth will be selected to receive the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth of Distinction Award!

A letter providing detailed information along with the nomination form has been sent to all SLO County 4-H Community Club Leaders and the nomination form can also be accessed on our website http://www.slocounty4h.org by clicking on “Registration Forms & Applications”.

University of California, U.S. Department of Agriculture and San Luis Obispo County Cooperating.
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/

• State 4-H Horse Classic Planning Team
  Application deadline: January 15
  Want to help plan the 2014 State 4-H Horse Classic? Apply here: http://ucanr.edu/classic-planning-team
  All applications are due by January 15th and the planning team will be determined by 4-H staff and will be announced the first week of February.

Thrive Contest
  Deadline: January 6
  4-H Members: We want to know what Thrive means to you! The State 4-H Office is having a contest to find our favorite pictures of what iThrive means to our young people. You can send a drawing, painting, photograph, sculpture of any of the thriving concepts: Sparks, Mindset, Goal Management, the 6 Cs, Thriving, or Well-being. We will pick our 5 favorites: 1 for sparks, 1 for mindset, 1 for GPS, 1 for the 6 Cs (thriving) and 1 for well-being. Each winner will get a $25 gift card! The deadline is Jan. 6, 2014. Send art entries to:
    iThrive
    UC ANR
    California State 4-H Office
    2801 Second Street
    Davis, CA 95618

• Save the Date: 37th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day
  This year’s event will take place on March 7th and 8th. 4-H can participate in all 24 different contests! Registration must be completed online at: <http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/>.
  After you register, 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
    For more information contact:
    fieldday@caes.ucdavis.edu,
    or visit: http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday
The Emerald Star Project “Treats for Our Troops” continues to support our men, women and working dogs serving in the armed services outside of the United States and their families. It is NOT TOO LATE to participate! This project will be continuing throughout our 4-H year.

Recently we added Military Working Dogs to the service members 4-H members can support. This has been a very popular addition! We have even had the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s K-9 unit interested in helping out.

We sent six boxes out in December that had presents, games, Christmas cards, beanies, puzzle books, snacks and personal care products. We continue to receive donations from our 4-H clubs! 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 especially during the holidays.

The committee sends out boxes each month and the boxes for January will contain letters of encouragement, personal care items, dog toys and dry dog snacks, and things for the cold weather like plain dark colored beanies and hand warmers. This is a good time to send chocolate because it will definitely not melt!

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 tightly) 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 County Line, Huasna Valley, Los Osos and Nipomo Foothill for your generous contributions to the “Treats for Our Troops” project this month! We look forward to seeing what the rest of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H members can do!!
DATE CHANGE for this SAVE THE DATE!
Leader Appreciation & Training Event

DATE CHANGED to Saturday, MARCH 29, 2014

UCCE Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
TIME: 8:30-9:00 Registration
Program starts at 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.

ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE in the 2014 4-H FIELD DAY HANDBOOK!

There is Advertising space available in the SLO County 2014 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 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 21, 2014.

If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office at (805) 781-5943.

SAVE THE DATE!
Cerro Alto’s 30th Annual Rabbit Show will be held on Saturday, MARCH 1, 2014 in the Ag/Hort Pavilion at the Paso Robles Event Center!
4-H Small Animal Skills Day

January 25th, 2014  9-3pm

National Guard Armory, Atascadero
Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, Dog Care, Small Animals & Pets
$5 per 4-H member for unlimited participation!
Register by January 3rd.

**Showmanship clinics and competition
*(Dogs will have a clinic only)*
*a round robin competition for the showmanship winners!*

**Level Testing for each species

**Trash to Treasure contest

**Posters

**Costume Contest at lunch

**Community Service project

**Participant raffle: the more activities you complete the more chances you get!

**Jeopardy!

Showmanship ribbons will be awarded in each division to 8th.
Prizes will be given to the winners of each division in the costume contest, posters and Trash to Treasure.
Level testing pins will be sent to those passing tests.
In addition, each participant in each category will receive a raffle ticket to enter a prize giveaway.

Questions?  Contact Tamara Johnson at 438-4113 or tkjohnso@kcbx.net

**Lunch will be available
$2
Hot dog
Water bottle
Chips, fruit
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 4-H 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
Large Animal Written Level Testing Opportunity
Saturday, February 1, 2013
UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo

The Large Animal Science Committee is happy to offer an opportunity for Written Level Testing at the 4-H office on Saturday, February 1, 2014. We encourage 4-Hers to take this opportunity and expand their knowledge of various livestock species. In addition to Sheep, Swine, Beef, and Dairy or Meat Goats; Horse written level testing will be also offered to those 4-H members enrolled in the Horse Project.

Please RSVP by Friday, January 24, by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. In addition to your name and club, please state the specie(s) and level(s) that you will be taking.
4-H SLO HIKERS 2014 CALENDAR

January 18, 2014: Santa Margarita Lake
Ranger-led moderate hike
Time: 1:00pm — 3:00pm
Location: Santa Margarita Lake Regional Park parking lot

February 22, 2014: Elfin Forest, Los Osos
Interpretive hike led by Professor Ruppert from Cuesta College
Access for all — For wheelchair access, please park at the end of 16th St. along the boardwalk. Please call 781-5944 for more information before the hike.
Time: 10:00am — 11:30am
Location: Elfin Forest trailhead at the end of 11th street

March 22, 2014: Bishop Peak, SLO
Moderately strenuous hike
Time: 10:00am — 12:00pm
Location: Bishop Peak trailhead at the top of Highland Dr.

*All hikes are subject to cancellation due to weather conditions. Please check Newsletter and Facebook page for updates.

Visit our 4-H SLO Hikers Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/4HSloHikers!

Christine Nelson (805) 781-5944, UCCE
CHAPARRAL 4-H TOYS for TOTS 2013

Chaparral 4-H is doing Toys for Tots. Over the last two general meetings, the box has been overflowing. Many people are bringing 1 to 2 gifts. A few kids from our group did a presentation on the history on Toys for Tots and how it originated. It was nice because I think it helped understand how important donations are during this time of year for Toys for Tots. All of the toys collected from Chaparral 4-H will be distributed to local kids for Christmas.

Submitted by: Paige Autry  (Chaparral 4-H Club members pictured above)

4-H SLO County Horse Project Members participated in the Toys for Tots Trail Ride on Sunday, November 17, 2013, hosted by the Atascadero Hosemen’s Club. The ride began at the Atascadero Mutual Water Maintenance Yard and ended at Hoover’s Beef Palace in Templeton. After a 2+ hour ride north along the Salinas Valley River bed, riders enjoyed lunch before loading up for home or riding the trail back to the beginning point. It was a fun way to participate in the Toys for Tots Toy Drive and ride with friends. Pictured: 4-H members, family and friends getting ready to ride. Heading out on the trail.  Submitted by Amber Quick, Cerro Alto 4-H

The County 4-H Office Staff would also like to thank the following 4-H clubs for their Toys 4 Tots donations dropped off at the 4-H office: CANYON COUNTRY 4-H, MORRO BAY 4-H, POZO 4-H, and LOS OSOS 4-H.

We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!
2014 SLO COUNTY
4-H COUNTYWIDE ENGINEERING PROJECT

CONTACT:
Dennis Derickson of Santa Margarita 4-H Club
Email: ddericks@calpoly.edu
Office: 805-756-7584
Cell: 805-712-9168

This 4-H Countywide Engineering Project will have 4 Meetings:

1. Saturday, Jan 11: Rockets
   at 8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero, CA 3:00 PM — 5:00 PM
   We will be assembling and launching Estes-type rockets.

2. Thursday, February 20 and
3. Friday, March 14 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
   Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby
   Activity: We will learn how to use the Arduino microcontroller.
   See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arduino for a description of this small computer. Arduino is a single-board microcontroller to make using electronics in multidisciplinary projects more accessible.

4. Thursday, April 10 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
   Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby
   We will learn how to program Scribbler 2 robots and potentially enter the Scribbler Robot contest on Saturday, April 12th during Cal Poly's Open House event in Mott Gymnasium starting at 10:00 a.m.
4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Near Auburn, CA (Location: TBD)

Saturday, March 15, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 16, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held near Auburn CA, official location TBD. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a volunteer and can lead a rifle project at the club level. The cost for this course is $30.00 to cover the instruction binder that each participant will receive as well as lunch on Saturday. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. Participants should bring their own eye and ear protection of desired. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Eric Vander Linden at evl@cebridge.net or 916 257-4796 (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County).

Please fill out and bring the documents listed below. The training request form will need to be signed by your county staff prior to participating in the training.

http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf
http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4758.pdf
http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf

Registration is due Friday, February 22nd and space is limited.

4-H Archery Leader Certification
February 1, 2014 – 9am-5pm
February 2, 2014 – 9am-12pm
33 Browns Valley Road Corralitos, (near Watsonville) CA

Registration due Friday, January 17th 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. This class is being hosted by Santa Cruz County 4-H. 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 due Friday, January 17th and space is limited. For more information call Stephanie at 831-763-8015 (Mondays & Wednesdays only) or email her at sfontana@ucanr.edu or contact Jeanne at the contact information above.
Announcing New 4-H SLO Scientist Projects
In Grover Beach and Los Osos!

Two new SLO Scientist groups will be offered beginning early in February...one in South County and one which will meet in Los Osos. If you're a 4-H member in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade, live in these areas, and enjoy having fun learning about science through cool hands-on activities, then you'll want to check out becoming a SLO Scientist! If you have friends who aren't currently in 4-H but would also like to join SLO Scientist as their 4-H Club, that can happen!

Several teams, each team consisting of one 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grader and one adult (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle or other significant adult in the child’s life) meet as a group two evenings a month to explore specific science topics. So kids, grab your favorite adult...adults, grab your favorite kid...and join a SLO Scientist group!

For more information about this terrific program, to reserve a space, or to inquire about other SLO scientist groups around the county, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, at 781-5943.

Family Programs Featured at Local Bird Festival

Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival gears up with more activities for families over the Martin Luther King weekend. This year a family program opens Saturday, January 18 at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. offering a range of activities from fun, short birding hikes to a puppet show, kayaking on the bay and more. Events are free to children. Admission for adults is $3.00.

Pacific Wildlife Care will offer two shows featuring live raptors—owls, hawks and falcons on Saturday afternoon. Educational birds that can’t be rehabilitated due to injury will be on view to demonstrate the role of raptors in the environment. Meet a Red-tailed Hawk, a Great Horned Owl and other raptors up close and personal. The hour-long shows are held at Morro Bay Veteran’s Hall on Surf Street at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. A donation of $2 is requested for adults and $1 for children under 12.

Another Bird Festival program open to the public spotlights Peregrine Falcons. On Sunday, January 19, Glenn Stewart of the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Program presents an hour-long illustrated program, the Peregrine Recovery Story, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Morro Bay Community Center. Bring a camera to photograph the live falcon. A small fee ($2) will be charged to adults and $1 for children 12 and under. No pre-registration is necessary for these programs.

For more information go to the Morro Bay Bird Festival website: www.morrobaybirdfestival.org, or visit the Festival Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/MBWBF
San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board Welcomes:
Lisa Rockwell-Harpster and Chris Wassenberg

Some of you may know Lisa Rockwell-Harpster as a long time 4-H’er or from the Program Development Board, as our County Large Animal Science Key Leader! Lisa has decided to step into a new 4-H role as Management Board Treasurer. We feel lucky to have her passion for 4-H and her expertise with numbers — WELCOME LISA!!

The Management Board is equally excited to welcome its newest member to 4-H, Chris Wassenberg. Chris is enthusiastic about being involved in his local community and educating youth. Chris is a professor in the field of Horticulture and Crop Sciences at Cal Poly and the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is fortunate to have him in the position of Assistant Board Director! WELCOME CHRIS!!

SANTA MARGARITA 4-H CLUB PHOTOS — See Article on Page 15

Bernadette and Genevieve unwrapping a LOT of butter for the Santa Margarita Lion’s Club annual Homemade Toffee Fundraiser. (See Santa Margarita 4-H Club article on page 15)

Destiny, Amelia, Ana and David putting together over 150 boxes to package the Santa Margarita Lion’s Club annual Homemade Toffee fundraiser. (See Santa Margarita 4-H Club article on page 15)
December General Meeting and Cookie Auction

The Estrella 4-H had its general meeting on December 2, 2013. Our members and families were in attendance, as well as members of the community and a group from the San Miguel Lions Club.

During this meeting we had one of our cookie auctions. We had homemade cookies, candy, cakes and pies for auction. We made $716 dollars on the auction. But we also received surprise from the San Miguel Lions Club by a donation of $1000 dollar and a month’s free rent. Here is a photo of the members and the San Miguel Lions Club members in attendance. Submitted by Cody Zack, Estrella Club Reporter

On December 15, 2013 the Cerro Alto Outdoor Adventure group when to see the Cambrian Pines Lodge lighted gardens. Our families joined us for the wonderful night as well. We walked around and looked at all the beautiful lights. Then we found our way to the gift shops and market. We really enjoyed the lights and the lighted scenes.

Photo(from left to right): Katie Adams, Alyssa Hall, Catie Neeley, Ty Fansler, Nunez’a, Brittney Tierney, Matthew Tierney

For Cerro Alto’s Leadership Development group, we went to our leader’s house and talked about 4-H Fun Facts like California is the only State to have a 4-H Club Hat and studies show that 4-H members do better in school and are more motivated to help others. We also talked about the SLO 4-H Hikers and how we might participate in it. Our next meeting is on January 28th at 6:30 p.m. Submitted by: Jasper Lansky

The Cerro Alto Horse Project members met at Tracy Johnston’s house on Monday, December 16. We learned all about checking our horses for sand colic, how to ride the Level 1 Riding Test, reviewed the Horse Level Written Tests, and made the cutest fleece infant hats for pre-mature babies for Community Service. Horse Meetings are always full of great learning and fun and all about horses and 4-H friends. Submitted by Amber Quick, Cerro Alto

Cerro Alto 4-H Market Goat Project had their meeting on November 14th, 2013 at the leader’s house in Atascadero. They talked about the Salinas Valley Fair, camping and getting a list of Goat Breeders and upcoming sales. They also watched a Goat DVD on How To Make A Good Goat Pen. And then, Alyssa Hall read a newspaper article she had written. The members had a lot of fun playing a game called “I Love My Neighbor.” They made a difference for the elderly, by making Christmas cards and collected money for a local family-in-need for the holidays. It was a great evening, and they had yummy cookies made by Ty Fansler. Submitted by: Matthew Tierney, Teen Leader
Over the past months Nipomo 4-H has been busy with activities and Community Service Projects. The club officers participated in a Celebration of Life at the Madonna Inn by baking refreshments for a retired CHP officer that gave over 30 years of dedicated service to the Central Coast communities. Nipomo 4-H came in second in the Albertson’s “Thank You Card” drive, for their generous donation to SLO County 4-H. The officer team decided to design a window display at the Nipomo Library for National 4-H week, which was well received and brought awareness of 4-H to Nipomo families. The club participated in the Nipomo Oktoberfest and sold baked potatoes. Members and their families attended County Achievement Night and Nipomo 4-H had an outstanding group of members who received awards for their ongoing 4-H efforts, such as; Youth of Distinction, County Winner and Project Medalists. The membership put on a Halloween Party where everyone had a great time dancing, playing limbo and eating all the goodies they wanted. But the really special part of the evening was the photo booth that each member was able to get a picture taken to capture the fun moment in costume with their 4-H friends. Lastly, the officers participated in the Jr./Teen Leadership Training held at the Vet’s Hall in San Luis Obispo. The Nipomo Officer Team is a new group of leaders that really had a fun time at the training. They learned about their new officer roles and what is expected of them. They took part in team building games that has already brought the officers closer as a unit. They are still learning many things about each other and the way a good 4-H club is ran, especially the importance of a Club Budget, our Mission Statement, Motto and the 4-H Pledge.

Submitted by: Amanda Silva, President

Leadership Training - Photo from left to right: Trent Sparks, Chris Kight, Amanda Silva, Alondra Arias, Elizabeth Brunick & Gloria Contreras

Santa Margarita 4H Club Kicks off the Holiday Season with a lot of community service. In the month of November we joined the Santa Margarita Lions Club to help them with their annual Homemade Toffee Fundraiser. On November 9th 4H members Bernadette, David, Genevieve, Amelia, Destiny and Ana helped the Lions Club members make up over 150 boxes, unwrap several pounds of butter and bag up the homemade toffee. The money raised from this fundraiser helps the Santa Margarita Lions Club with several different services including taking a trailer around to all the schools so they can check out the student’s eye sight. During our last 4H meeting in November, the entire club donated new and used jackets, sweatshirts and sweaters for the Coats for Kids Drive. We also collected new unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots toy drive. Both the Coats for Kids and the Toys for Tots were done as part of the clubs community service project. On the 30th of November we joined the CHP and Wal Greens to help out with the ChiPS -For Kids toy drive. 4H members Ana, Olivia and Patrick went down to WalGreens in Atascadero and help the CHP Officers collect new unwrapped toys for children in our local communities. During December, the Santa Margarita 4H club will be helping out the Salvation Army with their annual Salvation Bell Ringing. All club members are encourage to come and sign up to help. We will be ringing the bells the week of December 9th -16th in Santa Margarita. Also in December as part of the Community Service project, club members will be making homemade cards for the local convalescent homes around Atascadero. One of our club members, Erica, has announced that she would like to lead a service project. She is looking for members to help her sew and collect items for over 100 homemade bags for Foster Kids. Our club is also participating in a SLO County 4H Emerald Star service project, “Treats for Our Troops”.

Submitted by: Ana Cavaletto

Santa Margarita 4H Club Reporter  [ See photos that accompany this article on Page 13 ].
### SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2013 – 2014

#### JANUARY 2014
1. **3** Registrations Due for Small Animal Skills Day
2. **11** 4-H Horse Play Day (weather permitting)
3. **11** Rockets Countywide Eng. Project, Atascadero
4. **14** 4-H Program Dev. Board Mtg.
5. **15** 4-H Mgmt. Board Meeting, UCCE Aud., SLO
6. **17** Youth of Distinction Nominations Due
7. **18** 4-H Horse Expo, Edwards Barn, Nipomo
8. **18** 4-H SLO HIKERS Event, Santa Margarita
9. **24** Lg. Animal Level Test RSVPs Due
10. **25** Small Animal Science Skill Day, Atascadero Armory
11. **29** SLO Co. Presentation Day Entry Forms Due

#### FEBRUARY 2014
1. **1** Large Animal & Horse (Written) Level Testing, at the UCCE Aud., SLO
2. **1** Farm Supply’s SHOW CLINICS – 2 Locations
3. **8** County Presentation Day, Cal Poly
4. **9** 4-H Horse Cambria Trail Ride
5. **14** RSVPs Due for 4-H Record Book Workshop
7. **21** 4-H Field Day Handbook Ads Due Today
8. **22** 2014 Record Book Workshop, UCCE AUD., SLO
9. **22** 4-H SLO HIKERS Event, Los Osos
10. **26** Sectional Presentation Day Entry Forms Due

#### MARCH 2014
1. **1** Cerro Alto’s Annual Rabbit Show, Paso Robles Event Center
2. **1** 4-H Horse Project Gymkhana Clinic
3. **3** Camp K.I.N.D. Registrations Due
4. **8** Sectional Presentation Day
5. **12** 4-H Horse Proj. Written Level Testing, UC Aud., SLO
7. **22** 4-H Horse Proj. Gymkhana Field Day
8. **22** 4-H SLO HIKERS Event, Bishop Peak, SLO
9. **29** Leader Apprec. & Training Event, UCCE Aud., SLO

#### APRIL 2014
1. **4-6** CAMP K.I.N.D., Rancho El Chorro, SLO
2. **10** Robots Countywide Eng. Proj., Cal Poly
3. **12** Children’s Day in the Plaza, SLO
4. **12** Canyon Country Dog Show, Santa Rosa Park, SLO
5. **16** Jt. Mtg. MB & PDB Meeting, UCCE Aud., SLO
6. **26** Food & Arts Celebration, Laguna Middle School SLO

#### MAY 2014
1. **3** 4-H Horse English/Western Field Day
2. **31** County 4-H Field Day, Paso Robles Event Ctr.

#### JULY 2014
1. **9-13** Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria Fairpark
2. **16-27** California Mid-State Fair, Paso Robles Event Center

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