4-H Leader Appreciation and Training Day

Saturday, March 29, 2014
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
(Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.)

RSVP by 3/19/14 — 781-5843

UCCE Conference Room
2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo
Entrance to Auditorium is at the Parking lot level

Snacks and Lunch will be provided
Courtesy of Albertsons

This annual event provides every 4-H adult volunteer with an opportunity to meet each other, learn about program updates and resources, and share ideas and information. This year’s training will include a “Roundtable Discussion,” where leaders can ask questions and learn from each other, and take away new ideas and approaches that work in our county 4-H program! 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 ADULT VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTES TO OUR SUCCESS IN 4-H!

In addition to the Roundtable, we will share information on these areas: 4-H Management Board and 4-H Program Development Boards and their importance to the county 4-H program, the National 4-H Initiative—Healthy Lifestyles, updates on the Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue, SLO County’s 4-H Record Book Changes, and Diversity in our county 4-H program. There will be fun icebreakers as well!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! - RSVP to the 4-H Office 781-5943
**National & State 4-H News**

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

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

**State 4-H Future’s Task Force.** As you may know, the State 4-H office has convened a Task Force that is charged with analyzing our current sectional and state programming and organizational structure and developing recommendations to strengthen, grow, and sustain the 4-H Youth Development Program for the next 100 years. We are still requesting additional recommendations through **March 10th**. Please either complete the online survey tool [http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11848](http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11848) or download and complete a word version from our webpage [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/4-H_Futures_Task_Force/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/4-H_Futures_Task_Force/). Also join us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on information and join in our discussions: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/148321398700801/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/148321398700801/)

**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/](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

**Deadlines:**
- **February 7:** Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due and online Registration closed  
- **February 14:** Payments must be postmarked – A $25 late fee for payments postmarked after this date will be enforced.

Please register as soon as possible to ensure space for your teams. For more information contact: [fieldday@caes.ucdavis.edu](mailto:fieldday@caes.ucdavis.edu), or visit: [http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday](http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday)

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**Katherine E. Soule, Ph.D.**  
Youth, Families, & Communities Advisor

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No endorsement of named products and/or companies is intended, nor is criticism implied of similar products and/or companies which are not mentioned. Persons with special needs wishing to attend a program should contact the 4-H Office in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.
Project "Treats for our Troops" is still going on and will be through the month of April so that treat boxes can arrive there by the end of May. It is not too late to participate! This project continues to support the men, women and working dogs serving in the military services outside of the United States and far away from their homes and families. For a complete list of items you can send feel free to contact Ashley at ourbeautifulrose@gmail.com

The interest in helping the "working dogs" has been really great! These dogs are trained from a young age, often by the same handler for a minimum of eight months before they are given to their soldier to work. They stay with the same soldier for at least a year and sometimes never leave that first soldier, sometimes they will go and work with another soldier somewhere else. "Scout dogs" are often equipped with special vests with devices that record sound and cameras that record images. These dogs send back very important information to their soldier that sometimes is a matter of life or death. Dogs have been a part of armies since before 600 BC check out Wikipedia for more information. The working dogs used after World War II, in the Vietnam War, were often euthanized when the dog was done serving his country. Today, thanks to a law signed by President Clinton in 2000 the dogs can be adopted and the soldier's often take the dogs back to the United States with them, in other words the dogs are not euthanized anymore!

In January we sent out six boxes filled with soaps both laundry and personal bars, personal care items, instant coffee, nuts snacks and jerky, letters of encouragement, pictures of our members with their 4-H projects (two of these soldiers are former 4-H members themselves!), hard candies, a football and board games. If your club wants to send candy that is chocolate, this is a good time to do it because it is much cooler there right now, in fact very cool! To help keep the clutter to a minimum, your club can package your items in a large Priority Mail flat rate box that you can get for free at your local post office and bring them to the County 4-H office. We will re-pack and ship them out for you.

Thank you to County Line, El Camino, Huasna Valley, Los Osos and Nipomo Foothill 4-H clubs for your generous donations!

(Pictured L to Rt): Cavalry soldier getting our care packages and letters; Devin and Isi in Afghanistan (Scout Dog) 1 yr old; Devin and Isi being trained in May 2013.
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!

2014 RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 22, 2014
THE SAME INFORMATION WILL BE PRESENTED AT EACH SESSION:
10:00 a.m. — 12 NOON
1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Location: UCCE Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, SLO
Entrance is at Parking Lot Level
RSVP by 2/14/14 call: (805) 781-5943

Details will be shared on the 3 Record Book forms: Annual Project Report (APR), Jr/Teen Leader Report and Personal Development Report (PDR) forms. We will also review the County Record Book Judging Check Sheet that was revised January 2014.

Lemos Dog Academy
Submitted by: Alison Maxwell

On November 7, Lemos Feed and Pet Supply held a Dog Academy for 4-H Dog Project members around the county. The event took place at the Atascadero store, and many members from Templeton 4-H attended. After having pizza, members went to one of four stations. One was about your dog’s dental health and how you can prevent tooth decay. Another was about dog training, where everyone learned the signs of behavior in dogs from the trainers from Good Dog Training. Members learned how to properly shampoo and groom their dog and how to clip its nails without having problems. The last station was about proper nutrition. A representative from Primal Foods explained to members which is the best dog food to keep their dogs healthy. Every member also received a bag of goodies for their pets at the end of the academy.

2013-2014 All Stars Update:
During the last few months, the All Stars worked on a float for the SLO and Paso holiday parades to promote 4-H. They got second place in the Paso parade on December 7. They decorated a float with hundreds of lights, a Christmas tree, presents, and a few other 4-H members accompanied the All Stars. They would like to give a big thanks to Danielle Huseby and her family for all the hard work they put in on the float. Now they are looking forward to planning and helping with Presentation Day on February 8th and Primary Member Field Day on March 22nd.
Lemos Academy
Poultry & Small Animal Seminar

Tuesday, March 11th
Refreshments at 5:30 pm
Program Starts 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Atascadero Junior High School
Multi-Use Cafeteria Room
6501 Lewis Avenue, Atascadero CA 93422

Guest Speakers
Katie Mc Isaac-L.A. Hearne Feed Company
Barbara Bullock-Central Coast Feather Fanciers
Barbara Miller-Jerry Wilson Associates representing Oxbow

Please RSVP your attendees to Aimee at Lemos Feed & Pet Supply
805-466-5378
M-F 9-6, SAT 9-5, SUN 10-5
or via email to joe@lemospet.com
4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Be a Part of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program Development Board:
Large Animal Science and Youth Leadership Key Leader Positions Are Open!

Large Animal Science Key Leader:
The Large Animal Science Key Leader is a member of the Program Development Board and who has the overall responsibility for the development and delivery of programs to 4-H members in the Large Animal Science area. The Key Leader is responsible for the function of the Large Animal Science Program Development Committee and for working with the chairpersons of event/activity committees in the Large Animal Science areas. The Key Leader functions as a critical link between the Large Animal Science event/activity committees, the Large Animal Program Development Committee, the 4-H Office Staff, and the Youth Families and Communities Advisor.

The event/activities that come under the Large Animal Science category are: 4-H Field Day, Large Animal Event Opportunities, Showmanship Clinics, and Level Testing Programs

Youth Leadership Key Leader:
The Youth Leadership Key Leader is member of the Program Development Board, who has the overall responsibility for the development and delivery of programs to 4-H members in the Youth Leadership area. The Key Leader is responsible for the function of the Youth Leadership Program Development Committee and for working with chairpersons of event/activity committees in the Youth Leadership area. The Key Leader functions as a critical link between the Youth Leadership event/activity committees, the Youth Leadership Program Development Committee, the 4-H Office Staff, and the Youth Families and Communities Advisor.

The event/activities that come under the Youth Leadership category are:
- Club Officer Training/Junior Teen Leader Training
- County Leadership Development Events and Activities
- Presentation Day (County and Section)
- Youth Leadership Conference
- National 4-H Week
- Other Activities/Events/Programs as Developed

Program Development Board Key Leader Positions require a two (2) year commitment and the ability to attend scheduled Program Development Board Meetings. For a complete position description, application and or any questions contact 4-H Program Representative, Krysti Jerdin at 805-781-5950 or kjerdin@ucanr.edu
Show Clinics 2014

Clinics most beneficial for 1st time junior livestock exhibitors
Presented by Farm Supply & Nutrena

Sat., Feb. 1st – TWO LOCATIONS
Paso Robles & Santa Maria Stores

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Each specie clinic will cover: Animal Selection, Feed & Nutrition, Ingredient Feed I.D., Project Preparation and more.

RSVP: 805-543-3751 or email events@farmsupplyco.com
Specify what specie clinic and location (Please arrive 20 minutes prior to clinic to register).

Clinic is outside, but under shelter. Please dress warmly. Rain or Shine, clinics will go on!
Clinics are FREE. Leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.
4-H SLO HIKERS 2014 CALENDAR

2014 Winter 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

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The January 11th 4-H Science Rocket Launch this year was hosted again by Dennis Derickson in west Atascadero. In the spirit of 4-H, Dennis adapted to the weather and used pressurized water rockets instead of regular model engines. After an introduction to the science behind rocket flight, Dennis was assisted by Jim Nett in several demonstrations of why the force of the rocket propellant should always be directed straight down at launch. The launch device was not releasing the pressurized soda bottles evenly letting some fly off at an angle. Great fun to watch!...from a distance. :-) Dennis and Jim also demonstrated what engineers often do – consider how to improve a design. S.E.T. Key Leader, Brian Aunger, was on hand to record the data from the experiments.

After the adjustments to the engineering of the launcher, participants were off on their first experiments. During the initial discussion, the group thought about how much water would be the best amount to get the highest flight from the soda bottle rockets. Each 4-H member did several trials with different amounts of water and found that too much or too little made for short flights. You can explore why this may be at this NASA web link: http://exploration.grc.nasa.gov/education/rocket/BottleRocket/about.htm

Next, it was discussed how tuning weight and the center of gravity, or rocket fins, and the drag on the bottles, made them fly better and higher. The large plastic soda bottles were literally turned into rockets! Now everyone could customize their own bottles to a rocket design. Each launch tested developments of the best fins and everyone’s own rocket design to compare. A huge thank you to Dennis, Jim and Brian for making the 4-H Countywide Rocketry event a great success!

The next 4-H Countywide Science Engineering events are scheduled for February 20th and March 14th between 5:30 and 7:30 pm in the lobby of Cal Poly Building 20A. Both events will be about programing a micro controller which could be used to control a robot. You can learn more about the controller at the web link: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arduino.
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 3 more Meetings:

1. Thursday, February 20 and
2. 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.

3. 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 NEWS

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 Shooting Sports Workshop - Archery Discipline
Boulder Creek, CA

March 21 – 23, 2014

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the Archery Discipline will be held at YMCA Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA (Santa Cruz County). The workshop will be held in conjunction with the 2014 California Camping Conference. Participants must attend the entire training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as an archery volunteer and can lead an archery project for a 4-H club or 4-H camp. The fee for the course is $175 before March 7 and $185 after March 7. The cost includes course materials, two nights lodging, and meals for Saturday and Sunday.

To register and pay for the course visit the web link at:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Conference/Registration/

For conference information visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Conference/

For facility information and directions visit: http://www.ymcasv.org/ymcacampcampbell
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 781-5941.

The 4-H Office staff would like to welcome Heather Dauer as our new part-time Administrative Assistant in the SLO County 4-H Office. She will also be continuing her role as the 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, organizing our 4-H youth/adult science programs around the county.

Heather is excited about being a part of the 4-H Office Staff! Her experience as SLO Scientist Project Coordinator has well-prepared her to become involved with our overall terrific 4-H youth development program. As a parent involved with her three children in the Los Osos SLO Scientist program, she experienced first-hand the tremendous value of the program, offering fun and educational experiences in science-related fields through hands-on activities. As a youth, Heather was a member of the Goleta 4-H club in Santa Barbara County and enjoyed participating in 4-H Home Furnishings and Sewing Projects.

Heather can be reached directly in the 4-H office at (805) 781-5941, or via email at: hdauer@co.slo.ca.us

CONGRATULATIONS HEATHER & WELCOME!
California 4-H Uniform Contest  Proposals due April 18, 2014, 9pm.
If you’ve always complained about the uniform, now is your chance to have a voice in changing it!
In response to 4-H members’ and volunteers’ input and desire to explore options for a new uniform, the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is facilitating the process to adopt a new uniform. It is important to all that the new uniform maintains 4-H tradition but is an updated, comfortable, and easy uniform for today’s youth. The new uniform should make 4-Hers recognizable. The new uniform must continue to allow 4-Hers to exhibit their recognition pins and emblems. The uniform must meet the needs of certain projects. For instance, certain animal projects require boots, long pants, and/or long sleeves. Uniforms should also be affordable for all members. The policy on 4-H attire will remain the same and states that, “There is no uniform requirement in the 4-H YDP and a uniform cannot be required for participation in any 4-H YDP sponsored activity, event, meeting or occasion. 4-H YDP staff will inform other sponsoring organizations that the 4-H YDP does not require uniforms.”

4-H Uniform Contest Rules: Currently enrolled 4-H members may enter the contest.
Proposals are due by April 18, 2014, 9 pm. Multiple entries from one member are allowed.
Submissions will be evaluated by an ad hoc sub committee appointed by the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory (I & R) Committee. This committee will be comprised of three youth members, one adult volunteer and one staff member. The ad hoc group will make recommendations to the I & R Committee who will then prepare multiple uniform options for voting by all registered members and adults.
You do not need to be present at State Field Day for your uniform idea to be selected.
The evaluation committee and the I & R Committee reserve the right to take features of one uniform submission and combine it with features from another submission.

Members will be recognized for their selected and winning contributions in the Updates Newsletter, on the State 4-H Website and through our social media networking platforms.

How to Enter
Submit your proposal electronically by 9 pm, April 18, 2014. A proposal must include a written description of the proposed uniform and may also include sketches and/or photos of the proposed uniform that can be uploaded onto the contest survey site. Submit your proposal here: http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=12195
Submissions will be evaluated using the following criteria:
Affordability and Availability. Uniforms have to be affordable to all members. The uniform pieces must be generally available or easily produced.
Serviceability and Comfortableness. Uniforms need to be comfortable and functional for all 4-H activities, from showing livestock to giving presentations.
Adaptability. Uniforms should be adaptable for weather and project needs. For instance, there could be long and short sleeve options. There could be different options for younger members (e.g., green hat) and older members (e.g., no hat, but need something else that displays pins and emblems).
Professional Appearance. Uniforms should be easily recognizable and easy to keep clean.
Ability to Exhibit Recognition/Awards. Uniforms should allow for the display of pins, emblems, etc.
Traditionalism. Uniforms should incorporate the 4-H colors and the 4-H emblem. The 4-H colors are white, to symbolize purity, and green, to represent growth. The 4-H emblem is the green clover with four white Hs.

Voting Process:
Voting will begin at State Field Day, May 31, 2014 and will end on June 15, 2014 at 9 pm.
Photos or sketches of the uniform options will be displayed at State Field Day and also posted on the State 4-H Website on May 31, 2014.
Voting will be by survey in the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB). This will ensure that there is only one vote by registered youth member or adult volunteer.
At State Field Day, you can vote by going to the computer lab to log into your ORB page. It will be important for you to know your log-in and password to ORB. If you do not know this information, please follow the instructions on the ORB Login Help reference: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/121045.pdf. If you still need assistance, contact your county UCCE office for support.
If you will not be attending State Field Day, you can still vote by log-in to your ORB page from any computer, until June 15 at 9 pm. If you also take your ORB surveys in the computer lab, you will receive a $10 gift card for completing your surveys that day. (All other ORB survey incentives still apply).
**4-H CLUB NEWS**

The **Cerro Alto 4-H Dairy Goat Group** of Atascadero did a community service project to benefit **North County Paws Cause**. Paws Cause is a volunteer group that works to improve the lives of cats in the North County by trap-neuter-release (TNR) of feral cats, assistance for low income pet owners, and rescue and adoption. Dairy Goat Group members collected cat food, kitty litter, and bedding. They also donated raw goat milk to feed orphan kittens. For more information about Paws Cause, go to [www.northcountypawscause.org](http://www.northcountypawscause.org) or call 226-8311.  

Submitted by: Cosette Gibler  
Pictured in photo from left to right Ava, Emily, Cathy Enns from Paws Cause, and Cosette.

**Nipomo 4-H** has been busy serving in the community. In November, members provided Thanksgiving dinner at St. Joseph’s church for those in need, and also held a canned food drive to donate to Nipomo Food Bank. In December, members shared their Christmas spirit donating toys to Toys 4 Tots, collecting toys for Chips For Kids, caroling at Arroyo Grande Care Center, and wrapping gifts for seniors at Merrill Gardens. We were also able to sell refreshments at the holiday boutique at the Edwards Barn. We have been having a great time meeting our neighbors and helping those around us.  

Submitted by: Nicholas Barnett and Dakota Nations

**Cerro Alto’s Oceanography Project group** met on Sunday, December 15th at Scott and Kathy’s house. Hope, Chase, Katie, Madison and Quinn all attended the meeting. We had a lot of fun learning about the different parts of a boat, specifically a Hobie Cat boat. Some of the boat parts are the boom, which attaches to the mast; the rudder, which steers the boat; and the tiller, which is the handle to control the rudder, and a few other parts. We used Scott and Kathy’s hot tub to learn about water and air displacement and the materials a boat can be made of. We learned that when you are facing forward to the front of the boat, left is Port, right is Starboard. We learned how to tie a few different types of knots. Two of the knots we learned to tie are called “figure eight knot” and “bitter end knot.” At the end of the meeting, we all said “thank you.” Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26.  

Submitted by: Quinn Eigenhuis

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SLO County 4-H held a **Horse Expo** at Edwards Barn in Nipomo on January 18th. Several 4-H members learned about Horse Breeds through a special Parade of Breeds, which included Friesian, Icelandic, Rocky Mountain, Quarter Horse, Miniature, Pony of America, and more. One rotation taught members how to prepare treats for horses - molasses & oat cookies. At another rotation, members learned how to take horse vital signs, such as, temperature, heart rate, and learned information you need to know before you call the vet. Also, a Cal Poly student led a discussion about education in Equine Science. Members also tested their knowledge through Feed & Tack Identification. Thanks to Angela Thompson for hosting and coordinating the Expo.  

Submitted by Amber Quick & Madison Warren

Photo at Right: 4-H Members Making Horse Treats
Canyon Country 4-H Community Service is Awesome!

What a great year Canyon Country 4-H members had! 2013 was filled with fun times, and great friends. Canyon Country members made cards for seniors and troops, baked cookies to send overseas, and collected pop-tops and canned food.

Our "Cookies and Cards" went to Afghanistan, to help bring a tasty bit of home to the troops serving our country. (It was fun to be able to help let them know we are thankful for their service)

Canyon Country 4-H members collected pop-tops and toiletries to send to the Ronald McDonald House of Central California. We got together with our clubs to send the most donations ever!

We had a canned food collection at our November meeting, to donate to the Food Bank. It was a really great feeling to help other families.

At our December meeting, we all brought toys for our "Toys-4-Tots" toy collection. We had so many toys, they were flowing out of the boxes!

Canyon Country 4-H members and Community Service go together like cookies and milk! Together, we can all make a difference!

Jesse-Ray Morring
Canyon Country 4-H
Vice President and Community Service

San Luis Obispo 4-H ROCKS the Pop-Tops!

The 2013 "Pop-a-Top for Ronald McDonald House" collection campaign was our most successful yet. Together, our county 4-H clubs collected a whopping 217 pounds! (That's up 45 pounds from 2012) This was a joint effort that proves we really succeed when we all work together!

When you add together matching donation from Clovis Recycling, that's 434 pounds of Pop-Tops that go towards providing a "Home away from Home" at the Central Valley Ronald McDonald House. Families with ill and injured children at Children's Hospital of Central California, can stay at the Ronald McDonald House, free of charge thanks to every Pop-Top collected!

Thank-you to everyone that collected a Pop-Top, and remember to keep collecting them!

Our 2014 "Pop-a-Top for Ronald McDonald House" campaign is under way.

Let's all work together to make this year's collection the biggest one ever.

Remember - - -collect those Pop-Tops!!

Jesse-Ray Morring
Canyon Country 4-H
Community Service Teen Leader
# SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2013 –2014

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