4-H PRIMARY MEMBER FIELD DAY — March 14th, 2015
"Exploring the World of 4-H!"

Did you know that as a Primary 4-H Member there are many 4-H projects you can join? Do you like Rabbits, Poultry, Arts & Crafts, Pygmy Goats, Plant Sciences, Rocketry, Healthy Living activities?

Explore how you can join in many projects in your — 4-H Club, your community, your country and your world...

Let’s Follow the Green Brick Road!

Come & “Explore the World of 4-H” with the 2014-2015 County All Stars!

Who: 4-H Members Ages 5-8 are invited to join us on this fun adventure!

When: Saturday, March 14th 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Where: University of California Cooperative Extension Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo

We need you to RSVP by Friday, March 6th, to the 4-H Office so we can order supplies and snacks for everyone! Call (805) 781-5943 or email Denise Harris at her email: dharris@eo.slo.ca.us with your Name, 4-H Club Name and Age and we will look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 14th!

We hope you will join David, Genevieve, Mikaela, Jordon, Nicholas, Janee and Jesse-Ray for this morning of FUN!

THE 4-H PLEDGE
I pledge ... my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.
National & State 4-H News

For more information from the STATE 4-H OFFICE, visit http://www.4h.ucanr.edu

4-H Curricula: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Curriculum/
4-H Project Sheets: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Project_Sheets/

- Open Recruitment: Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees for 2015-2016
  Recruitment is open for the 2015-16 Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees. These advisory committees offer insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H Youth Development Program, and are comprised of 4-H youth members, volunteers, and staff. This includes the 4-H State Shooting Sports Advisory Committee. If you are interested, visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Advisory_Committees/

- CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE DAY—March 18th, 2015
  www.cdfa.ca.gov/agday

- Registration has opened for the Animal Science Bio-Security Symposium! May 27-29, 2015 | School of Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis
  The Animal Science Symposium is a train-the-trainer professional development approach for 4-H staff, key 4-H volunteers on important topics and skills related to bio-security and animal health.
  Registration is Due May 1, 2015
  http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-h_events/symposium/

- 2015 State Record Book Competition:
  The requirements, process, guidelines, and forms to enter the 2015 State Record Book Competition will be posted in early March at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/

- 39th Annual Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day
  March 6 — 7, 2015
  The UC Davis Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day consists of 24 judging events and leadership contests that are all facilitated by current UC Davis undergraduate students.
  Register: http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/

- You See Davis Day (YSDD) 2015—April 25th, 2015
  YSDD us an event hosted by Collegiate 4-H at UC Davis. This event is for high school aged members (ages 14-19) who would like to tour the campus, the town, and ask questions about college life. $20.00
  Register at: http://ucanr.edu/ucddays
4-H SHEEP EXPO

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

SHEEP EXPO
Saturday, March 21st, 2015

9:30 am to 3:00 pm Santa Margarita KOA Campground
(Directions on the bottom)

REGISTRATION FORM
(available at http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Club_Forms/)

DUE Friday, March 13th with $10 registration check
This includes a Hot dog lunch, chips, drink, and a cookie.
There are only 100 spots for this event so send your entry early.

Make checks payable to “Santa Margarita 4H Club” Mail or deliver with registration form to:
2156 Sierra Way # C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, Phone: 781-5943, Fax: 781-4316

Name ___________________________ Club ___________________________

Phone #(s) _______________________ Email __________________________

Activities/Events: This is an event where you do not need your lamb. There will be rotations, you will be learning about procedures and general knowledge relating to the sheep project. Topics that will be presented: GENERAL SHEEP CARE, KNOWLEDGE, CONFORMATION, FEED/NUTRITION, SHOWMASTIPAND FITTING. At the end of the event, Sheep Level Testing will be offered if you would like to stay and test your knowledge. If you want to stay and take the level test please check which level you are going to take. Level 1 ______ Level 2 ______ Level 3 ______

All 4-H members are welcome to attend the event, regardless if you are in a sheep project. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate, as well.

NOTE: In the event of rain or wet conditions, please wear rain foot wear and a warm coat. We will be out of the rain but in and out of outdoor buildings.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________

If you have questions regarding the Sheep Expo, please contact event chairperson Tracy Johnston 438-4287 or Johnstonkt@msn.com or the 4 H office, 781-5943

DIRECTIONS TO Santa Margarita KOA campground:
- From Hwy 101 North and South:
  - Take Exit 211 for Santa Margarita Lake.
  - Go 1.8 miles through the town of Santa Margarita.
  - Turn Right on Estrada Ave./Highway 58.
  - Estrada Ave. becomes “J” St which turns into W. Pozo Rd.
  - Continue straight on W. Pozo Rd. for about 7 miles.
  - (Follow signs to Santa Margarita Lake. Do not turn left on Hwy. 58)
  - Turn Left on Santa Margarita Lake Rd.
  - Go 1/2 mile up the hill. The KOA will be on your right.
The **Food & Arts Celebration (FAC)** and **Fashion Revue (FR)** Guidelines are posted on the new county 4-H website along with the FAC and FR Entry Forms.

**Entry Forms are due on Friday, March 27th.**

Many parents/4-H Volunteers are needed to put on a county-wide event — please consider taking a moment to review the attached letter to Volunteers and submit your application to the 4-H office. This letter is also available in full size on the new county 4-H website:  

[http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/)

If you have any questions about the FAC: Contact Julia Stanfill at 528-1557  
FR: Contact Ginger Behnke at 391-2057 or the 4-H Office at 781-5943.
4-H FAMILY FUN DAY — SATURDAY, APRIL 18th

FREE EVENT!
Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board

4-H Family Fun Day is a Free Event for all 4-H members and their families to participate in!
The County 4-H Program Development Board and 2014-2015 All Stars are planning fun activities for the day.
Mark your 2015 calendars now!

Join us for 4-H FAMILY FUN DAY!
April 18th 10am–2pm
RANCHO EL CHORRO OUTDOOR SCHOOL
Across from Cuesta College at Hwy 1
3350 Education Dr., SLO, CA 93405

Sorry, pets are not allowed at this event. Thank you.
Countywide Engineering Projects Announcement

2014-2015 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:

ROCKET LAUNCH:
1. Saturday, Jan 10th, 2015 at the Derickson’s Home:
   8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero, CA
   3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ELECTRONICS I:
2. Friday, February 20th, 2015 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
   Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby
   (Electrical Engineering Department Headquarters)

ROBOTICS I:
3. Thursday, March 19th, 2015 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
   Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby

ROBOTICS II:
4. Thursday, April 9th, 2015 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
   Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby
Large Animal Testing for 2014-2015 4-H Program Year

Large Animal Level Testing (including Horse) will be offered at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, 93401 on March 28th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. (Drop in any time during those hours).

If you are going to attend, please RSVP by email to dharris@co.slo.ca.us OR call the 4-H Office at (805) 781-5943 and provide your Name, 4-H Club, the large animal species and Level that you want to take. There are study guides on the new county website located at: http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Large_and_Small_Animal_Level_Test_and_Study_Guides/ that you can study from, but it is also suggested you study the 4-H curriculum books. Good luck and see you there!

Tracy Johnston
Large Animal Science Key Leader, 4-H Program Development Board
Johnstonkt@msn.com or 438-4287
Hello 4-H Volunteers, Parents and Youth!

The county 4-H Youth Development Program needs VOLUNTEERS for our upcoming countywide events.

If you can volunteer to help with planning or on the day of the event, please contact the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943. FAC/FR event has its own form, but other events need volunteers too!

CAN YOU HELP US?

You can also contact us via Email at: dharris@co.slo.ca.us

Thank you.
Our most recent donation was delivered to the SLO Women’s Shelter on January 30th! Special thanks to all the supportive 4-H members who gave such generous donations this past month. The deadline to bring items into the 4-H office for the April donation is Tuesday, March 31st, 2015.

For the next few months, we’ll continue to support the SLO Women’s Shelter, which is a nonprofit organization committed to providing shelter for victims of domestic violence and child abuse and helping them get a new start (see more at http://www.womensshelterslo.org/). This is a great opportunity for all the 4-H members in San Luis Obispo County to give of themselves and see how much their generosity benefits those in need!

Donations can include: non-perishable food items, toiletries (toothbrushes & toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.), pet food, towels, craft supplies, laundry detergent, small kitchen appliances (dishes, silverware, pots & pans, glasses, microwaves, toasters, etc.), used cell phones, new bedding (pillows, blankets, sheets, etc.) and clothing/household/craft/grocery store gift cards.

Community Club Leaders or 4-H members may drop off items at the box provided at the County 4-H Office. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Olivia Snodgrass of Huasna Valley 4-H at the email address of: sunnysgirl41@gmail.com
On February 7, 2015 4-H members from around the county gathered at Cal Poly for the annual San Luis Obispo County 4-H Presentation Day. Presentation Day is an event where 4-H members can show their knowledge through various presentations, demonstrations, and interpreted readings. At the end of the day as awards are given out clubs present skits that they have prepared. Among the participants of this exciting day were Santa Margarita 4-H members Bernadette Aguirre, Rebecca Bradley, Analisa Cavaletto, Gudrun Derickson, Annika Jensen, Kerrigan Jensen, Mikaela Jensen, Leland Pambrun, Camille Pambrun, and Harper Pambrun. Analisa, Gudrun, Leland and Mikaela all received gold on their individual presentations and Bernadette with Rebecca received gold on their group presentation. They will all be going to Sectional Presentation Day in March.

The Share the Fun skit-”Some of Our Favorite 4-H Things” written by project leader Sara Derickson was performed by 4-H members Analisa, Bernadette, Gudrun, Leland, Camille, Harper, Annika, Kerrigan, and Mikaela. The group also received gold and will be moving on to Sectional Presentation Day that will be held on March 7th at Cal Poly. If the members receive gold during Sectionals, they will be able to continue to State Presentation Day which will be held at the U.C. Davis college campus in May. We would like to congratulate these members on their achievements and wish them good luck on their future presentations and hope they have fun and a good experience.

Submitted by: Analisa Cavaletto, Santa Margarita 4-H Club Reporter

Back Row: Sara, Share the Fun Project Leader; Analisa, Bernadette, Mikaela, and Gudrun
Front Row: Camille, Harper, Leland, Kerrigan and Annika
Over thirty 4-H County Horse Project members took to the arena on Sunday, February 1, to compete in the SLO County 4-H Gymkhana Field Day. Spectators enjoyed fast paced and controlled walk/trot riders riding patterns from Cloverleaf Barrels to Bi-rangle Poles. The day ended with a fun competition of the paired ribbon race where two riders on horseback held a ribbon between horses/riders while riding the Single Stake pattern. Much thanks to the Wranglerette Arena, Tracy Johnston, Michelle Mitchell, Jennifer Thomas, and to all the parent volunteers that made this Field Day successful and fun!
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program

Contact the 4-H Office at (805) 781-5943 if you would like more information.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Rifle Discipline
Saturday, March 14, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 15, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lincoln Rifle Club – McBean Park Indoor range
Lincoln, CA (Placer County)

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held in Lincoln, CA at the Lincoln Rifle Clubs indoor range in McBean Park. 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. The cost for this course is $40.00 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 can bring their own eye and ear protection if desired but is not necessary. To register please visit http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14587. The application for certification will need to be approved and signed by the county staff prior to attending this class.

For questions about the course, to download the application for certification and the medical release forms please go to http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=230011&g=25577. To receive additional information, contact Eric Vander Linden at shootingsports4h@gmail.com or 916 257-4796. Please bring your completed medical release form with you on the first morning of class. Registration is due Friday, March 6th and space is limited.

The position of San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program Development Board
Shooting Sports Key Leader position is OPEN.

Contact 4-H Program Rep., Krysti Jerdin at (805) 781-5950 if you would like more details about the position and an application.
4-H VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Be a part of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Middle Management Boards:

4-H Management Board —> Secretary Position is Open!

Program Development Board Key Leader Positions are Open!

--> Youth Leadership Key Leader

--> Shooting Sports Key Leader

These Leader Positions require a two (2) year commitment and the ability to attend scheduled Program Development Board & Management Board Meetings.

For a complete position description, application and or any questions contact our 4-H Program Rep, Krysti Jerdin at 805-781-5950 or kjerdin@ucanr.edu

In the 4-H Survey, you asked for a new website and it is now located at:  

http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/
A fun Community Service Project was coordinated by Hope Fardanesh of Templeton 4-H at the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Small Animal Field Day in Atascadero on Saturday, January 31st. At the Field Day, over 100 4-Hers from ages 6 to 19 attended and many made multiple dog toys at the Community Service table. Prior to the event, Hope coordinated the collection of blankets from the 4-H clubs in the county and the preparation of the blanket strips for the Dog Toys. At the end of the Field Day, 178 Dog Toys were made for the Woods Humane Society!

On the following Saturday, Hope and I delivered the Dog Toys to Baleigh at Woods’ front desk. Since it was a rainy day, she said the dogs were bored inside and would really enjoy the toys!

My sister and I love animals and were happy to be part of a project to benefit rescue dogs. We appreciate the great work the Woods Humane Society does for our county.

Submitted by: Blake Fardanesh

THANK YOU to all of our county 4-H clubs for their creative and thoughtful Thank You cards for the $10,000 ALBERTSONS donation.

The 4-H Office Staff will be presenting them to the ALBERTSONS Paso Robles Store Managers this month.

Your appreciation was well represented throughout the 4-H Community!
Huasna Valley 4-H Horse Group
“Youth Mentoring Day”

The Huasna Valley 4-H horse group hosted Youth Mentoring Day at the Poorman Ranch in Arroyo Grande on January 24th, 2015. At this event, disadvantaged youth were paired with 4-H members and their horses for a day of fun activities. They learned how to groom, tack, ride and un-tack a horse safely. They also had the opportunity to make a picture frame craft and take a picture with a horse and volunteer 4-H member. A pizza feast lunch was enjoyed by all. The project leaders of this event, Beverly Poorman and Jill Von Ilten, received a lot of positive feedback from everyone involved.

Article submitted by Noah Snodgrass, Huasna Valley 4-H Reporter

The Ranchita Canyon 4-H group had an annual group meeting on February 2nd, 2015. It was a great time to get to hear what each project has/ will be doing this month!

The Swine group from Ranchita Canyon 4-H club, went down to Bakersfield on February 7th, 2015 to take a sneak peek at our breeders pigs. It is a great look into what types of pigs are raised and where our pigs are from. We should be going down sometime late March early April to actually pick out the pigs in which we will be presenting at the 2015 California Mid-State Fair.

Local Santa Margarita 4-H Youth Qualifies for President’s Volunteer Service Award via The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program

Erica Best, of Santa Margarita 4-H Club applied for a state-level honor with the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards and although she was not selected for this award, their Committee stated that Erica qualified for the President’s Volunteer Service Award based upon the number of volunteer hours indicated in her Prudential Spirit of Community Award application.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), recognizes middle level and high school students across America for outstanding volunteer service.

“The recipients of these awards demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities,” said John Strangfeld, Chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. “By recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community.”

Erica Best was nominated as a local honoree whose application was advanced for state-level judging. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria including personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

In addition to granting President’s Volunteer Service Awards on behalf of President Barack Obama, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards selected State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists and Certificate of Excellence recipients.
**4hOnline Enrollment continued year-round—Contact 4-H Community Club Leader**

**NEW 4-H WEBSITE URL:**  
http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/

### SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar — 2015

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