Youth Leadership Development Workshop

February 20th, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
277 South Street, Suite # T SLO

OPEN to 4-H Members in 7th — 12th Grades

Learn valuable leadership skills at the Youth Leadership Development Workshop! Meet other leaders in your county, learn about leadership opportunities, and overall have a lot of fun! Lunch will be provided also!

Contact Dagmar for any questions at 805.781.5941 or via Email at: dderickson@ucanr.edu

This is a great experience for Club Officers, Junior and Teen Leaders, and Leadership Project members! No leadership experience required!

RSVP Here!
http://goo.gl/forms/Zr8O0BjbuQ

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SLO County’s 4-H website is:
http://ucanr.edu/slo4h/
https://www.facebook.com/SLO4H
SAFETY NOTES: http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/

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

SOUTH SECTIONAL NEWS: Go to link for exciting activities
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Councils/Sectional/South/

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

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

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• State Ambassador Applications for the 2016-2017 Year are Due on 2/16/16! Learn more on how to become a State Ambassador at:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/

• EQUINE FIELD DAY: Feb. 20th, 2016 at Fresno State Agriculture Pavilion from 10:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. For more information go to:
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/4H_Equine_Field_Day

• 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM: May 23-25, 2016 and it will take place at the UC Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine. The symposium is a Train-the-Trainer Professional Development approach for 4-H Staff, Key 4-H Volunteers on important topics and skills related to animal welfare and animal health. The event will provide foundational training on the new Animal Welfare Proficiencies. The Symposium is NOT OPEN to 4-H Youth Members, but a CAREER FAIR will take place during the evening of May 23rd. 4-H Youth are invited to attend to learn about potential careers in the animal science and Ag Industries. For more information visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/

• STATE LEADERS FORUM will be held November 11-13, 2016 at the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa in Sonoma County for Information visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLF/

• Planning a Service Learning Project in your Community? Use the Service Learning Toolkit to help you plan your project.
http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Citizenship/service_learning/Toolkit/

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By John Sims, UC ANR
AA Compliance Officer
DISTINCTIVE LEADERS in 2015-2016!
The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program is excited to announce our countywide awards program — “4-H Youth of Distinction!”
The 4-H Youth of Distinction (YOD) award focuses on honoring 4-H members who demonstrate leadership skills in their 4-H clubs, schools and in the community.

The 4-H Youth of Distinction Award is achieved via a nomination basis. 4-H members are nominated by any adult volunteer, with the exclusion of family members. Note: All 4-H YOD Nomination Forms must be approved by the nominee’s 4-H Community Club Leader. Nomination forms must be received in the 4-H office by Friday, February 26th, 2016.

The 4-H Youth of Distinction Award recognizes 4-H members in three different categories/grades: (6th, 7th), (8th, 9th) and (10th, 11th, 12th). Nominees will be evaluated; and up to 20 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 will be sent to all SLO County 4-H Community Club Leaders and the YOD Nomination form can also be accessed on the county website http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Club_Forms/

4-H Food Safety Permit – Required
As many of you already know, anytime a 4-H Club, 4-H Member, or 4-H County Event is offering FOOD for SALE, a Food Safety PERMIT is REQUIRED! The 4-H Office has this permit on file, and is happy to provide it upon request. Please contact any member of the 4-H Staff to obtain a copy of this Permit at (805) 781-5943. Please note that this permit must be visible at events where food is being sold. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Krysti Jerdin, 4-H Administrative Assistant, 805-781-5950

The 2016 Fashion Revue Committee has finalized the 2016 Fashion Revue Information Packet and Entry Form with this year’s theme: “PROUD TO BE GREEN”

They have been sent to your 4-H Community Club Leaders and to the Clothing and Textile Project Leaders.

These documents are also posted on the 4-H website: http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Club_Forms/

The Food & Arts Celebration packet will be posted soon and we will notify your 4-H Community Club Leaders.
Large Animal Testing for 2015-2016 4-H Program Year

Large Animal Level Testing (including Horse) will be offered at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, on **February 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon**. (Drop in any time during those hours) — and again on **April 9th from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** at the same location.

If you are going to attend, please **RSVP** by email to kjerdin@co.slo.ca.us OR call the 4-H Office at (805) 781-5950 and provide **your Name, 4-H Club, the Species 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/](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
ROCKETRY & GENERAL ENGINEERING MEETING
COUNTY WIDE S.T.E.M. PROJECTS

Everyone in the County is Welcome! No experience needed.

Rocketry Meetings...

Saturday, Feb. 20th
Location: 19500 Walnut Ave., Santa Margarita (Garden Farms)
2:00 – 4:00 pm
What makes a rocket a rocket, “The Engine”.
What kinds of engines are in rockets and how do they work.
Review and Start Project Rocket Kits

Saturday, Mar. 19th
Location: 19500 Walnut Ave., Santa Margarita (Garden Farms)
2:00 – 4:00
Safety Check on all Flying Project Rockets
Help with “Big Boy Rocket”
Launch our Rockets

Saturday, Apr. 16th
8:00 – 10:00 Travel to TCC Event (Tripoli Central California)
Located near Fresno
10:00 – 2:00 Launch Rockets, Bring a Lunch
2:00 – 4:00 Travel Home

General Engineering Meetings...

Friday, Feb. 19th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Location: Building 20A Lobby at Cal Poly
Theme: We will start construction of a robot using the arduino microcontroller

Friday, April 1st, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Location: Building 20A Lobby at Cal Poly
Theme: Continue construction of the robot

Friday, May 6th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Location: Building 20A Lobby at Cal Poly
Theme: Finish the robots and prepare them for display at State 4-H Field Day.

Project Leader: Dennis Derickson
ddericks@calpoly.edu

4-H PLANETARIUM SHOW!
4-H in San Luis Obispo County is having their March Y.E.S. Event at the planetarium in SLO!
Learn about space, stars, planets and more!!!

All 4-H Members are Welcome, and there is no cost to participate!

MARCH 17th, 2016
4:00pm—5:00pm
San Luis Obispo High School
RSVP and more info at dderickson@ucanr.edu or 805.781.5941
4-H in SLO County

Science, Engineering, & Technology Committee

Are you interested in helping develop the Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) program in 4-H?

We are looking for you!

4-H in San Luis Obispo County is looking for enthusiastic people to help get our SET initiatives up and thriving by joining the SLO County SET Committee!!!

NO SCIENCE/ENGINEERING BACKGROUND NEEDED!
All you need is a passion to create SET opportunities for youth.

Open to all: Youth, Adults, Parents, Non-4-H Members, etc.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Feb. 16th
5:30 - 7:00 pm
2156 Sierra Way, SLO

Contact Dagmar Derickson at dderickson@ucanr.edu or 805.781.5941 for more information.
4-H Shooting Sports Project Leader Training Course – Rifle Discipline

Saturday, March 27, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 28, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club
557 1/2 Lakeview Road, Watsonville, CA 95076

There is No Charge to attend the class. There may be a Charge if I provide you a student binder of materials. I can also email you the materials and you print them and make your own binder.

LUNCH: will be provided both days for $6.00 each day. If you have special food needs let’s discuss it.
Lunch is typically a good BBQ’d burger and fixings one day, and a Sandwich bar (make your own) and fixings the second day.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified to lead a project in the shooting sports discipline of Rifle.

To register for the Class, Contact:
Randy Turnquist at randy@randyt.com or (831) 566-2590
For directions to the Class Site, visit: www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop – Pistol Discipline

Saturday, March 19, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 20, 2016 – 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 pistol 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 pistol trainer and can lead a pistol project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. The cost for this course is $30.00 to cover the instruction binder that each participant will receive, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. Participants are encouraged to bring their own eye and ear protection if desired, but it is not necessary. Participants must have their own .22 rimfire pistol.

To register and download the application for certification and the medical release forms please visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/?calitem=312672&g=25577 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 please contact Terry Cook at terrycook@wavecable.com

Please bring your completed medical release form with you on the first morning of class.

Registration is due to the Placer County 4-H office no later than Friday, March 11th and space is limited.
The Food & Arts Celebration Committee Needs Your Help!

The Community Service Activity this year at the 2016 Food & Arts Celebration (FAC) being held on April 30th will involve our 4-H members packing reusable shopping bags with healthful treats. These bags will be then donated to the SLO Food Bank. The Food Bank will then distribute these bags as part of their Farmer's Market Program. **Our Goal is to fill 150 bags.**

We are hoping that each 4-H Club will purchase some of these items as a Club, Project, or by Individual Donation. 4-H Members can receive credit in their Personal Development Report (PDR) form for Community Service with their Donation. The following is a list of individually packaged items available in bulk:

- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish
- Ritz Crackers & Cheese
- Animal Crackers
- Kirkland Brand from COSTCO Sliced Fruit
- Fruit by the Foot
- Kirkland Brand from COSTCO 100% Fruit Juice
- Capri Sun 100% Fruit Juice
- Packaged nuts (no peanuts)
- Nut Crunch Variety Pack
- Fruit Cups: Motts Applesauce, Diced peaches, Kirkland Brand applesauce
- Oreo Cookies
- Nutri-Grain Bars.

All of the above items can be purchased at COSTCO or Smart & Final. **We can not accept any homemade food for these bags.**

**Donations can be delivered to the 4-H Office by the deadline of April 15th for pick-up by the FAC Committee members.**

* * * The FAC Committee is also looking for donations of used stainless teaspoons that are needed for the FAC Arts & Crafts activity. * * *
Canyon Country 4-H County Pop-Top Campaign!

During this 2015-2016 4-H Program Year, the Pop-Top Collection Drive is still going strong! We need EVERYONE’s help to make this the BIGGEST collection year EVER!

This year our sponsorship of the Pop-Top Collection has a generous matching donor. That means that every donation we make, say 100 pounds of pop-tops, becomes 200 pounds!

They’re everywhere! Pop-Tops are hiding on soda cans, pet food cans, tuna cans, even fruit cans and we are ALWAYS collecting!

These Pop-Tops, and the money made from them go directly to our local Ronald McDonald House of Central California. This House is attached, by a sidewalk, to Children’s Hospital of Central California. Every penny goes to provide rooms and care for the families whose children are in the hospital.

A night at the Ronald McDonald House is only $15 (no one is ever turned away if they can’t pay). The family gets a beautiful room, with a private bathroom, furnished for their comfort. Volunteers come in each evening to prepare wonderful home cooked meals for the families. To these families, nothing is better than knowing you are cared for, so you have no worries but to help your child get better and go home.

Please collect all pop-tops and drop them off at the 4-H office or call Pam Morring at (805) 286-8505, and make your donations count!

Popping a top for Ronald McDonald House is fun Community Service and it’s the right thing to do!! Thank you!

Jesse-Ray
Canyon Country 4-H Community Service Teen Leader
Y.E.S. (Youth Experience Sessions) is a onetime 4-H project session which exposes youth to a particular subject they might not encounter in their club project offerings. Although it doesn’t count as a 4-H project, youth gain valuable experiences from local experts on a variety of topics.

First Y.E.S. Event:

Learn how to preserve food
On Saturday, February 27th from 9am-11am,
at the UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 participants will be guided through the process of making “giardiniera” (the medley of pickled vegetables)

A $5.00 Participation Fee is payable the day of, and participants will be taking home their canned product.

This session is Open to all ages, however Space is Limited and RSVP’S are required. Call 805-781-5950 by February 19th to reserve your spot.
Calling All Science Enthusiasts!

Join a 4-H SLO Scientist Project this Winter!!

If you’re a currently enrolled 4-H member in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade, grab a favorite adult and participate together as a Science Team doing fun, hands-on science activities!

New Programs beginning after the New Year!!

IN SAN LUIS OBISPO: ROBOTICS! LEARN TO THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST, COMMUNICATE LIKE AN ENGINEER, BUILD LIKE A TECHNICIAN! APPROPRIATE FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 4 TO 7.

IN LOS OSOS: “IT CAME FROM PLANTED EARTH" FASCINATING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE INCLUDING FROM FIELD TO TABLE, GERMINATING SEEDS, AND EXPLORATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF IRRIGATION TO FOOD PRODUCTION

IN SANTA MARGARITA: “IMAGINEERING” LEARN THE BASICS OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING THROUGH DESIGN EXPERIMENTATION!

**CALL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEW “BIRDSLEUTHING” PROGRAM THIS SPRING!

**Please contact 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, Heather Dauer, at 781-5943, for more information as to - meeting locations, - dates and times - and to reserve a space in one or more of these terrific projects!
"Do you like organizing events and telling people about the 4-H Youth Development Program? Do you know how to inform people about 4-H through fairs, event, radio, newspapers, and other media? Would you like to coordinate the “4-H Store” during 4-H Field Day? Then why not consider being a part of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board as the County 4-H Visibility Director!"

This position requires a two (2) year commitment and the ability to attend five (5) scheduled Management Board Meetings throughout the 4-H program year which are held in San Luis Obispo in the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way. The meetings start at 5:30 p.m.

For a complete Position Description, Application and/or if you have any questions contact our 4-H Program Rep., Dagmar Derickson at 781-5941 or via email at: dderickson@ucanr.edu

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Ranchita Canyon 4-H Sheep Group Collected Donations

In November of 2015, the Ranchita Canyon 4-H Sheep Group contributed to The Season of Hope toy and food drive as a community service project. They collected games, toys and non-perishable food items. They met during their monthly sheep meeting at the Paso Robles Grange.

Ranchita Canyon 4-H Christmas Party

The Ranchita Canyon 4-H club had a Christmas party on December 7, 2015. They collected food for the Food Bank, Toys for Tots, and Coats for Kids. There was a costume contest and Santa came to visit.

Families ate together at the Paso Robles Grange and celebrated the holiday.

Christmas Craft at Ada’s Vineyard Lodges

Ranchita Canyon 4-H members created crafts at Ada’s Vineyard Lodges in Paso Robles on December 5th. The club members gathered around the table with the residents and decorated snowflakes. Both the residents and the 4-H members had a wonderful time.

Articles Submitted By: Kelli Hopkins, Reporter
Ranchita Canyon 4-H Club
A Recap of Edna 4-H’s End-of-Year 2015 Activities:

Last October 4th through 10th, 2015 was National 4-H Week and Edna 4-H wanted to do something different and memorable to represent 4-H. Edna 4-H’s team of 10 youth officers sat down and discussed how we could get more people to hear and learn about 4-H. The officers came up with a plan to have a window display with the theme “Have you Herd?” to represent 4-H that could be moved around downtown SLO during National 4-H week to spread the word. The officers planned to have members of the club find and post to social media a photo of the display each time it was moved to a new location with the tag “#4herd”. The display consisted of 6 different colored metal animal cutouts (representing the herd) and a giant 4-H clover symbol all stuck into a bale of hay. Also stuck into the hay bale were arrows pointing in all different directions with the names of the non-animal projects in 4-H and the many life skills that are gained through involvement with 4-H. We were thankful that several businesses downtown were generous enough to have our display in their windows for a few weeks at a time. This was a really fun way to share 4-H with our community!

In November 2015 Edna 4-H put on our first annual Edna 4-H Club Scavenger Hunt & Potluck. We were so grateful to be able to have this event at La Lomita Ranch in San Luis Obispo. We had a great turn-out of club members and their families and everyone that attended thought it was a very fun afternoon! The members who participated in the scavenger hunt were split up into 4 groups each with 2 of our officers to help keep them on track while searching for 9 items from a list located around the ranch. You may be wondering, “What did the teams do when they found the items on the list?” Well, once the teams found an item, one of the officers used an Instax Polaroid camera to take a picture of the group with it. After the exciting 45 minute scavenger hunt was done, the long awaited potluck began! Everyone got to sit together and eat and chat. This was a great social event and almost everyone met someone they have seen at meetings but never had the chance to talk to before. At the end of the afternoon the officers judged the photos of the teams with their found items and the first place team won a prize. We are so excited to make this an annual club event!

In December 2015, Edna 4-H Club participated in the annual SLO Downtown Association Holiday Parade in San Luis Obispo with a decorated float. The parade theme was “There’s No Place Like SLO” which was loosely based on The Wizard of Oz. We all worked hard to create our beautiful float for the parade and chose to decorate it as “Edna City” with sparkling green 4-H clovers leading a path along the side of the float. The members had a great time representing 4-H by riding on and walking next to our float – we cannot wait to do it again next year!

Submitted by: Bella M.
Club Reporter/Edna 4-H Club
At Cerro Alto 4-H's January Poultry meeting, we talked and learned about the parts of a chicken for the poultry level testing. We also learned to keep a pair of shoes to specifically wear in our coops, so we don't track in outside germs. Keeping poultry food and water clean is essential for your bird’s health. Level Testing will be available at Small Animal Field Day and SLO County Field Day on June 4. Submitted by Amber Q. Cerro Alto 4-H

Hello 4-H Club Reporters!

More 4-H Club News articles are always needed for the monthly 4-H newsletter.

Just submit your articles via email to: dharris2@co.slo.ca.us by the 15th of each month for the next month’s edition.

U.S. Mailed articles are also welcome.

Photos attached in .jpg format are preferred but we can scan photos too.

Sorry you missed this month’s edition — perhaps your article could be placed in this section next month.
4hOnline Enrollment is Year-Round — Contact a 4-H Community Club Leader

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2016

COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE URL: http://ucanr.edu/slo4h/

FEBRUARY 2016
6 SLO County’s 4-H Presentation Day
12 SWINE EXPO Registration Form Due
13 Lg. Animal Level Testing, UCCE Aud., SLO (p. 4)
14 Gymkhana Field Day
16 STEM Committee Meeting (p. 6)
19 GOATS EXPO Registration Form Due
19 General Engineering Project Meeting, Cal Poly
20 Youth Leadership Development Workshop, (pg. 1)
20 Rocketry Project Meeting, Santa Margarita
20 SWINE EXPO at Paso Robles Grange Hall
26 Youth of Distinction Nomination Forms Due
27 Y.E.S. Event, UCCE Auditorium, SLO
27 GOATS EXPO at Atascadero Grange Hall

MARCH 2016
3 Horse Written Level Testing, UCCE Aud., SLO
5 Sectional Presentation Day at Olga Reed School in Los Alamos Hosted by Santa Barbara County 4-H.
6 Horse Expo
12 English/Western Clinic
19 Rocketry Project Meeting, Santa Margarita
30 Spring Break Family Trail Ride

APRIL 2016
1 General Engineering Project Meeting, Cal Poly
2 Cerro Alto 4-H Rabbit Show, Cal Poly Farm Shop
2 4-H Primary Member Field Day, UCCE Aud., SLO
9 Lg. Animal Level Testing, UCCE Aud., SLO (p. 4)
9 Horsemanship Clinic
15 FAC Community Service Items Deadline
16 Canyon Country 4-H Dog Show, SLO
16 Rocketry Project Field Trip
17 English/Western Field Day
30 SLO County’s 4-H Food & Arts Celebration and 4-H Fashion Revue, Laguna Middle School, SLO

MAY 2016
6 General Engineering Project Meeting, Cal Poly
11 Salinas Valley Fair 4-H Horse Show
12-15 Salinas Valley Fair, King City

JUNE 2016
4 4-H FIELD DAY & Silent Auction at the Paso Robles Event Center
18 Horse Riding Level Testing, Wranglerette Arena

JULY 2016
16 Santa Barbara County 4-H Horse Show
13-17 Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria Fairpark
20 CA Mid-State Fair 4-H Horse Show
20-31 CA Mid-State Fair, Paso Robles Event Center

AUGUST 2016
4 Record Book Judges Training, UCCE Aud., SLO
5 2015-2016 Record Books & Officer Books Due
13 County Record Book Judging Day