DISTINCTIVE YOUTH LEADERS in 2016-2017!

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 Tuesday, January 31st, 2017.

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 18 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 YOD Nomination form can also be accessed on the county website http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Club_Forms/

WELCOME to Kim Morones, of Kings Highway 4-H Club; our new County 4-H Large Animal Science Key Leader! Kim is looking for assistance with this year’s 2016-2017 Large Animal Science Expos — see below.

Attention 4-H Project Leaders and 4-H Parents!

The Large Animal Science Committee is looking for leaders and parents willing to organize Goat, Sheep, Swine and Beef Large Animal Science Expos for the 2016-2017 4-H Program Year. Please contact: Kim Morones at (805) 610-4643 if you are interested in assisting with these informative and fun events.

The Expo Activities/Events are events where you do not need your animal. Youth members go around in a rotation to learn about procedures and general knowledge related to their large animal project. The topics are usually related to: Animal Selection, Medication and Biosecurity, Showmanship, Ethics, and Feed/Nutrition.
The STATE 4-H Updates E-Newsletter is posted on the public website at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Newsletter

- The 2016-17 State Ambassador team is excited for a fun year ahead of them! The Ambassadors have chosen to focus on the platform of Goal Setting. Keep up with the State Ambassadors on our official snap chat, @ca4hsa, and on the CA 4-H Instagram, @ca4h and the State Ambassador page on the State Website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/

- Applications are now Open and are Due January 9th for the 2017-2018 Ambassador Team Visit this site for more information: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/Apply_to_Become_a_State_Ambassador/

- ATTN: Do you have experience doing Voice Over Work and want to share your skills with CA 4-H? Maybe you have a passion for radio or voice work and are looking for an opportunity to use your skills and passion. We are currently looking for 4-H Adult Volunteers and youth members who would be willing to be Voice Talent for the online courses that we are developing. If interested, please contact: Scott Mautte at the State 4-H Office. Email: scmautte@ucanr.edu

- #Giving Tuesday Update- Thank you for your support during last month’s #Giving Tuesday Campaign. Together we raised nearly $60,000! A huge shout out to Humboldt and Glenn county supporters – together you raised over $12,000 (that amounts to $24K with the 1:1 match from the 4-H Board of Directors and our wonderful anonymous donor!)
4-H Small Animal Field Day

On January 21st, 2017 - Register by January 6th.

Farm Shop at Cal Poly, SLO
Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, Dog Care, Small Animals & Pets
$5 per 4-H member for unlimited participation!

Go to http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Club_Forms/ for more information

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*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 community leaders for those passing tests.

*In addition, each participant in each activity will receive a Drawing Ticket to enter a Prize Giveaway.

Questions? Contact Tamara Johnson at 438-4113 or tkjohnso@kcbx.net
Hi! My name is Kensington W. and I am one of the Community Service Officers for Pozo 4-H. **Small Animal Field Day is coming up on January 21, 2017** and Pozo 4-H will be running the Community Service tables. We are looking for donations for a couple of projects. We need all the donations **by Saturday, January 14**th.

We will be making **Cozy Fleece Scarves** for the homeless and Survival (candy) Kits for police officers to thank them for their service. We will also be writing cards for hospitalized kids.

**We need fleece fabric for the Scarves and specific candy for the Survival Kits.** The fleece fabric can be any color and should come in yard lengths for easy cutting.

For the **Survival Kits** we need these kinds of candy: *Life Savers, Starburst, Payday, Hershey Kisses, Bubble Gum, Tootsie Rolls, Peppermint Patties, Snickers, and Mounds.* We need all the donations **by Saturday, January 14**th.

To arrange pick-up or delivery of your donated items for the 4-H Small Animal Field Day Community Service tables, please Email kathys0515@yahoo.com, or you can call or text: 805-234-6164.

Thank You!
Hours of Participation
You will be asked to record the number of hours spent in 4-H meetings, activities, events, planning/organizing and other 4-H activities in the Personal Development Report (PDR) and the Annual Project Report (APR) forms.

Record times as decimals or whole numbers.
See the Time Conversion Chart below to help you change Minutes to Decimal Hours.

Do not count hours you are not spending in a 4-H activity. (For example, do not count hours while you are asleep at 4-H camp.)

TIME CONVERSION CHART
(Minutes to Decimal Hours)

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT (LDR)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How do I know if I need to complete an LDR?
If you are working on your Gold or Platinum Star Rank, you need to earn two (2) credits in the Significant Leadership category for each of those ranks—a total of four. So you would need to complete an LDR for four leadership roles over time. If you are not working on Star Ranks, and you want to submit your book to competition at any level, you must complete at least one LDR to get full Leadership Points on the Score Form. In this case, choose the Leadership Role where you learned or grew the most, or was the one most important to you and complete one LDR for that role.

Can I accumulate hours over more than one year to count on the LDR?
Yes, in the same role (if you are a Junior Leader one year, and a Teen Leader the next year for the same project, this counts as the same role). Keep track of the hours you spend on Leadership Role in a calendar, journal or other document. In the first year, complete Part 1 and Part 2 Pre and make a goal that you plan to complete your 20 hours over two years. Then in the second year, complete Part 1 and Part 2 Post and talk about how you achieved your goal to complete 20 hours over the two years. Be sure to be specific about how you completed the 20 hours.

If you submit your book for County or State Competition, in Year One, include Part 1 and Part 2 Pre forms. In Year Two, include Part 1 and Part 2 both Pre and Post forms.

The LDR is for Intermediate and Senior members only. Can Junior members who are Club Officers complete the LDR and get Significant Leadership credit?
Yes, under these conditions:
- You are a Club Officer
- You already have earned a Silver or Gold Star and you are working on either Gold or Platinum Star
- You believe you understand all of the questions in the LDR and you believe that you can learn something by completing them. (You should work with an adult to help you decide if these LDR forms are right for you).

If I don't want to complete an LDR, do I have to?
No, you do not have to complete any parts of the Record Book if you don’t want to—it’s your book—do the parts that are meaningful to you. Here are some reasons to complete the LDR form that you might want to think about:
If a full Record Book is required by the Fair that you want to enter—you should complete the LDR form.
If you want to participate in County or State Record Book Competitions—you will get more Leadership points if you complete the LDR form.
If you are thinking about going to college or applying for a job someday, a complete Record Book will help you remember all of the Leadership Skills that you have developed.

If I don’t have enough hours to complete the LDR, but I still want Leadership credits, where do I record those?
In the Personal Development Report (PDR) form. You can record Leadership Activity in the PDR, Section 4, as long as it meets the criteria listed on Page 12 of the Record Book Manual at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/218972.pdf

If I take a Leadership Development Training (not a project), can I count the hours that I spent in training more than once for multiple Significant Leadership roles?
No, -- good question, though! Count it once, and if it were us, we would use it where you need the most hours to reach your 20 hours.

If you have any questions about this Leadership Development FAQ document, contact the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Office at (805) 781-5943.
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development—Program Development Board
Jack Crane, Shooting Sports Key Leader

Contact Jack Crane at Phone: (805) 458-4223 or Email: jack@accuair.com
or the 4-H Office at 781-5941 if you would like more information.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline

Winton, CA (Merced County)
Saturday, January 28th, 8 AM – 4 PM, and
Sunday, January 29th, 8 AM– 1pm,

There will be a 4-H Rifle leader certification training offered Saturday, January 28th, 8 AM – 4 PM, and Sunday, January 29th, 8 AM- 1pm, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must attend both days to receive certification which will allow you to instruct the 4-H rifle project at the 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, with Saturday and Sunday lite breakfast refreshment’s. Please bring your own lunch to the class. Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified adult rifle leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a $35 check payable to “Merced County 4-H Council” and mail to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, January 20th. Space is limited to 20 attendees. For more information call Dave at 209-614-1718 or Darlene McIntyre at 209-385-7418 or email her at dlmcintyre@ucanr.edu

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 19, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the Rifle Discipline will be held at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucanr.edu
Hello 4-H Members: F.Y.I.

The CA Mid-State Fair will be adding TRASH to TREASURE Still Exhibit entries into their 2017 Competition Handbook.

Note: There will be size limitations for entries into the Trash to Treasure Division. We will publish more details on the requirements for this new Still Exhibit Division as we get the information from the CA Mid-State Fair Office.

Salinas Valley Fair
MAY 18 – 21, 2017

Santa Barbara County Fair
JULY 12 – 16, 2017

CA Mid-State Fair
JULY 19 – 30, 2017
Countywide General Engineering 4-H Program — starting in January 2017:

*Project Leader: Dennis Derickson, Santa Margarita 4-H Club*

**Meeting 1:**  
Topic: **Rocket Shoot**  
Saturday, Jan. 7 at 3:00PM - 5PM at Leader’s house located at 8735 San Rafael Road in Atascadero:  
We will build and launch rockets. This is a fun stand-alone event open to all 4-H’ers in the county.

**Meeting 2:**  
Topic: **Robotics Introduction and Robot Assembly Work**  
Friday Jan. 20 from 6PM to 7:30PM at  
Cal Poly - Building 20A lobby:

**Meeting 3:**  
Topic: **Robot Assembly work**  
Friday, Feb. 17 from 6PM to 7:30PM at  
Cal Poly - Building 20A lobby:

**Meeting 4:**  
Topic: **Robot Exercise**  
Friday, March 17 from 6PM to 7:30PM at  
Cal Poly - Bulding 20A lobby:

Follow - on meetings will be planned depending on interest of the group.

**NOTE:** Interested parties can e-mail Dennis Derickson at ddericks@calpoly.edu so he can see how many are interested in attending 1 or more of the events.

*Dennis Derickson*  
*Electrical Engineering Department Chair*  
*Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*
# SLO COUNTY 4-H HORSE PROJECT EVENTS

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HOME ECONOMICS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS COMMITTEE NEWS:

2016-17 Food & Arts Celebration (FAC) & Fashion Revue (FR) Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Laguna Middle School, San Luis Obispo

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Food & Arts Celebration (FAC) and Fashion Revue (FR) for 2016-17 is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo. The morning schedule will include the judging of FAC entries, modeling judging for FR entries, and a fun rotation of all participants through four activity rooms. The activity rooms will feature art & crafts, a judging experience, a food-related experience, and a community service activity.

Due to county 4-H budget constraints, there will be a $5 entry fee for the FAC and a $5 entry fee for the FR. The entry forms and fees for each event (FAC & FR) will be collected by your 4-H Community Leader for each club with participating 4-Hers in FAC and FR. The Entry forms must be submitted by April 7 by the 4-H Community Club Leader to the 4-H Office (with one Club check made payable to: SLO CO 4-H YDP). The address is: UCCE 4-H Office, Attn: FAC/FR, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

The sewing categories for Fashion Revue (FR) this year are: Traditional, Up Cycled, Knit Challenge, Print/Plaid/Stripe Challenge. This year we are also offering a no sewing or no sewing project required category: $40 Consumer Purchase. Look for an email coming soon to Club Leaders and Sewing Leaders with rules and details.

Each year, many adult volunteers are needed to provide a meaningful experience for participants at these two events, and a Volunteer sign-up sheet will be going out to each 4-H Community Club Leader with the FAC and FR event forms in February 2017. Questions about becoming a volunteer should be referred to the FAC/FR Volunteer Coordinator Tamara Johnson at tkjohnso@kcbx.net or (805) 438-4113.

Questions about the FR should be directed to the FR Coordinator Ginger Behnke at gbk@charter.net or (805) 391-2057, and questions about the FAC should be directed to FAC Coordinator Julia Stanfill at juliastanfill@yahoo.com or (805) 528-1557.
On December 1st, at Cerro Alto 4-H’s Monthly General meeting, after all our important business, we had our Annual Christmas party.

We all brought cookies to share. Everyone was so generous, that we had a giant box of goodies left over. As always, we donated this big beautiful box of cookies to the Atascadero ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization). They were very grateful. We also collected donations for Toys for Tots.
I so enjoy this season of giving.  Submitted by: Elsie E.

On Sunday, November 20th, our club — Nipomo 4-H — served desserts at the St. Joseph’s Thanksgiving Dinner.

Submitted by: Ashley R.
Hi! This is Kensi W. and Carly D. We are the **Pozo 4-H** Community Service Officers. We would like to tell you about what we’ve done so far this 4-H Program Year.

In October, our whole club made Christmas cards for soldiers. We also volunteered at the North County Humane Society. It was really fun to socialize kittens.

In November, our whole club made cards for seniors. At that meeting, we also collected over thirty items for North County Humane Society. We delivered these items to the Humane Society and they really appreciated it.

In December, our whole club participated with Toys For Tots, Loaves and Fishes and Coats For Kids. We collected a big box for each organization and they were delivered in December. We also volunteered at a fun event in Pismo Beach called Holiday Harmony.

Thank you for letting us share what we have successfully completed so far.

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**Pine Mountain 4-H Keeping Busy**  
*By: Emily V., Reporter*

**Pine Mountain 4-H** members have been keeping busy. In August, members and parents gathered for pizza. The members reported how well they did at the Fair, wrote Buyer Thank you letters and collected Mid-State Fair auction checks.

At the September meeting, Elections were held. Results:

- President, Josh J.
- Vice President, Tanner B.
- Secretary, Analisa J.
- Treasurer, Rori M.
- Reporter, Emily V.
- Sargent at Arms, Samantha and Ben E.

Pine Mountain 4-H has projects in beef, sheep, market and dairy goats, rabbits, hogs, photography, arts and crafts, horses, leadership, and community service. Pine Mountain 4-H meets at The Atascadero Grange Hall at 7 pm on the second Thursday of the month.
Cerro Alto 4-H Rabbit Meeting  
**Dec 13 2016**

We all brought two dozen cookies for our Community Service project. We put the cookies into bags for ECHO Homeless Shelter. Braden gave a report on the Britannia Petite Rabbit Breed.

Our group talked about the small animal field day and January 21 and filled out entry forms. Afterwards we broke into groups and worked on rabbit word definitions. Our next meeting is January 10th. Two more members win and give a report on a rabbit bread.

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Templeton 4-H Club — American Legion Dinner  
On November 9th, 2016, the Templeton 4-H served dinner to the members of the American Legion Post # 220.

The Legion members enjoyed a turkey dinner with pumpkin pie for dessert. This dinner was to honor the veterans for Veterans Day. The 4-H members set up tables, served dinner, and then cleaned the hall when the Legion members left. Everyone who attended had a very good time. It was a honor to serve the veterans on Veterans Day.

*Written by Britany W.*

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Nipomo 4-H Club has had many fun activities going on the month of December. On December 10th, there was County Officer’s Training, Christmas gift wrapping at Merrill Gardens, and a Food and Nutrition meeting. At the Food and Nutrition meeting, they made many desserts for our annual Nipomo 4-H Christmas potluck and dessert auction that was held on December 12th. Also at our Christmas potluck on December 12th, we held an ugly Christmas sweater contest.

*We have stayed very busy as a club.*
The Huasna Valley 4-H group had a great night at the SLO County 4-H Achievement Night held in October. All of our members work hard on their projects and record books and here are some of the highlights. Olivia S. has earned her Platinum Star, her Emerald Star and was an All-Star. She also was named a State Ambassador, won an Academic Scholarship and achieved a County medal for her Leadership project in her record book. We are all very proud of Olivia's leadership and proud that she is in our group.

Other awards during the night were; Nicole R. who won the President's Volunteer Service Award and Bronze level pin; Sarah H., County medal for Beef record book; Kristi A., Gold Reporter's book; Chloe S., Gold Secretary's book; Allison P., Gold Treasurer's book; and the Huasna Valley 4-H Club earned the title of a Gold Seal Club. Other members that earned a pin for their hat because of outstanding record book keeping were, Mackenzie H., Beef; Jenna P., Beef; Harry P., Beef; Eli P., Goats; Emily W., Ornamental Horticulture; Joshua A., Outdoor Adventures; Kristi A., Outdoor Adventures; William H., Sheep; Rebecca N., Sheep; Kaila O., Sheep; Nicole R., Sheep and; Cori H., Swine. Submitted by Harry P.

The Huasna Valley 4-H club has a new panel of Officers for the 2016-2017 4-H Program Year. Our officers are: President- Mackenzie H.; Vice President- Kristi A.; Secretary- Lukas F.; Treasurer- Lainee McC.; Reporter- Harry P.; Healthy Living- Keithan O.; Recreation- Emily W.; Sunshine- Natalee R., Heidi Lynn C., and Conner A.; Refreshments- Josh A. and Sargent at Arms- Lillian B.

We look forward to another award winning great year.

Templeton 4-H Poultry Project

On December 12, 2016, the Templeton 4-H Poultry project gathered to make candy sleighs to donate to the American Legion member’s Christmas dinner. We started out by using hot glue guns to glue a big Kit-Kat bar to two candy canes, and then added on Hershey’s miniature chocolate bars to make a pyramid. Finally, we attached a bow or ribbon to the top! Several members got very creative with the designing and decorating of their sleighs. On December 14th, 2016, several Poultry project members also participated in the setup, serving, and cleanup of the American Legion dinner, getting to the dinner early to decorate the tables with the sleighs as centerpieces.
4hOnline Enrollment is Year-Round — Contact a 4-H Community Club Leader

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2016-2017

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

### 2016-2017 4-H PROGRAM YEAR

#### JANUARY 2017
- **6** Entries DUE for 4-H Small Animal Field Day
- **21** 4-H Small Animal Field Day, Location: Cal Poly Farm Shop
- **31** Youth of Distinction Nominations Due

#### FEBRUARY 2017
- **4** SLO County Presentation Day, Cal Poly, SLO
- **18** Youth Leadership Development Workshop @ 277 South Street, Suite #T SLO

#### MARCH 2017
- **25** Sectional Presentation Day, Cal Poly SLO

**Update:** The date for County Presentation Day has been requested from Cal Poly as Sat. 2/4/17 and Sectional/Area Presentation Day has been requested for Sat., 3/25/17. **We are awaiting confirmation from Cal Poly & details will be shared on the county website and with 4-H Community Club Leaders once confirmed.**

#### APRIL 2017
- **7** FAC and FR Entry Forms Due to 4-H Office
- **8** Canyon Country 4-H Dog Show
- **22** Cerro Alto Rabbit Show @ Cal Poly Farm Shop
- **29** Primary Member Field Day, UCCE AUD., SLO

#### MAY 2017
- **6** Food & Arts Celebration & Fashion Revue, Laguna Middle School, San Luis Obispo

#### JUNE 2017
- **3** County 4-H FIELD DAY & Silent Auction Paso Robles Event Center

The SLO County 4-H Horse Project Events Calendar can be found on Page 10.