Scholarships Available!

The 4-H Adult Leadership Committee in San Luis Obispo County is seeking nominations of outstanding Adult Volunteers to receive scholarships to attend the 2018 Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum. This year’s forum, “Waves of Change,” is being held at the Crowne Plaza San Diego-Mission Valley in San Diego, California on March 1-4, 2018 (Thursday—Sunday). The Forum brings together over 500 volunteers from the 13 Western States to share ideas, learn new skills, and have FUN!

This year, several scholarships are available to cover the conference registration fee ($495 Early Bird/$525 Regular). Scholarship recipients must be willing to pay for their own lodging and transportation to and from the conference. Roundtrip airfare from San Luis Obispo to San Diego is approximately $307 or 670 miles roundtrip driving (approx. $100 assuming 20 mpg), and hotel rooms at the Crowne Plaza are $134 per night, double occupancy.

Nomination Criteria:

1) has been a leader for at least two years and has re-enrolled for the new program year;
2) evidence of outstanding teaching/leadership skills;
3) willing to pay their own transportation and lodging fees for the conference.

Clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H members may all nominate adult leaders for scholarship consideration. Leaders may even elect to nominate themselves. If you are nominating someone, please check with them to make sure they will be able to provide for their own transportation and lodging, or better yet, plan a club fundraiser to help cover their expenses.

Nomination forms are available online here: http://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Club_Forms/ and at the 4-H Office (781-5943). Nominations are due January 31st in the 4-H Office. If you have any questions, please call Marlene Thomason at 463-2343.

To learn more about the conference, visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/WRLF_2018/
CONGRATULATIONS ASHLEY
on having your Logo Artwork
selected as the State 4-H Field Day Logo!

State 4-H Field Day 2018 Logo
Designed by Ashley R.
of Cerro Alto 4-H Club
San Luis Obispo County
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY’S 4-H PRESENTATION DAY — 2/3/2018

County 4-H Presentation Day for San Luis Obispo County will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 in the Ag Engineering Building on the Cal Poly Campus.

Below are the online Entry links for Presentation Day and Share the Fun Skit:

Presentation Entry: [https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19736](https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19736)

Share the Fun Entry: [https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19740](https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19740)

Survey Entries are DUE in the 4-H OFFICE by Friday, January 26, 2018.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Feb. 3rd with Opening Ceremonies starting promptly at 9:00 a.m.

If you aren’t planning on doing a Presentation, please consider coming to Presentation Day to cheer on your fellow 4-H’ers and learn about all of the different projects that are offered in SLO County!

As always, 4-H’ers who earn a Gold Medal at County Presentation Day will be eligible to advance to the Area 4-H Presentation Day competition. **The 2018 Area 4-H Presentation Day is being held on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Details will be provided to eligible Gold Medalists at County Presentation Day.**

If you would like a Special Recognition Pin at State 4-H Presentation Day — Create your presentation on one of these **4 Focus Area Topics in the link below**(Note: You would have to achieve a Gold Medal at County Presentation Day, and a Gold Medal at Area Presentation Day in order to enter State 4-H Presentation Day:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/)
County-wide projects currently offered:

**Pinewood Derby**
- Project Leaders: Michelle and Troy Good
- Begins: February 2018, monthly, compete at **County** Field Day
- Contact: troygood@gmail.com
- Ages: All welcome (includes primary members)

**Robotics**
- Project Leaders: Dennis Derickson
- Begins: January 2018, monthly, compete at **State** Field Day held at UC Davis
- Contact: ddericks@calpoly.edu
- Ages: 7th grade & up

**Rocketry**
- Project Leaders: Ty Safreno
- Begins: November (date TBD)
- Contact: ty.safreno@trustautomation.com
- Ages: 11 & up

**Lego Engineering**
- Project Leaders: Anne Shatara
- Begins: TBD
- Contact: anneshatara.4H@gmail.com to be added to interest list

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**Contact us today** if you are interested in participating as a project member, teen lead, volunteer, or just learning more.

Contact Information:
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dharris@co.slo.ca.us 805.781.5943

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**University of California**
Agriculture and Natural Resources
4-H Youth Development Program
4-H S.T.E.M. ACTIVITIES

Come join the 4-H county-wide Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)/Robotics events. All are welcome independent of the projects you have signed up for. Go to one event or as many as you can make. Parents/Sponsors are welcome to stay the duration of each event to help out and participate.

**Event 1: Rockets Day**  
Date: Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018  
Time: 3:00PM  
Location: Derickson Residence  
8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero, CA 93422  
Description: We will build and fly Estes Rockets all in a two (2) hour period. All are Welcome and this is intended to be a fun and educational event.

**Event 2: Introduction to Robotics Day**  
Date: Friday, Feb. 2, 2018  
Time: 5:30PM-7:30PM  
Location: Building 20A at Cal Poly  
Description: I will introduce you to both VEX robots and scribbler robots (depending on age). The short term goal is to learn about Robotics. The long term goal is to possibly enter the State 4-H robotics event on June 2, 2018.

**Event 3: Build Robots Day**  
Date: Friday, March 2, 2018  
Time: 5:30PM to 7:30PM  
Location: Building 20A lobby at Cal Poly  
Description: We will continue building robots and learn how to program them.

**Event 4: Build Robots Day**  
Date: Friday, April 6, 2018  
Time: 5:30PM to 7:30PM  
Location: Building 20A lobby at Cal Poly  
Description: We will continue building robots and learn how to program them.

**Event 5: Build Robots Day**  
Date: Friday, May 4th, 2018  
Time: 5:30PM to 7:30PM  
Location: Building 20A lobby at Cal Poly  
Description: Practice the robot competition for State Field Day

**Event 6: Enter State 4-H Robotics Competition at UC Davis**  
Date, Saturday, June 2, 2018  
Time: 11:00AM to 1:00 PM  
Location: Lawn outside UC Davis Wellman Hall  
Description: Everyone will get Certificates of Achievement for entering the State 4-H Robotics event.
Bay Coast Youth Summit
2018

JANUARY 19TH-21ST, 2018

Located at YMCA Camp Jones Gulch.
Participants ages 11-13.
Teen facilitators ages 14-19.
Attend educational workshops, make friends from all over the Bay Coast Area, and much more! Registration out soon on the California 4-H website!

Registration Fees: Currently the only form of payment accepted is by check. Make checks payable to the California 4-H Management Board with Bay/Coast Youth Summit in the memo section.

Normal registration (by December 31st): $100
Late registration: $115

Link to registration & mail your Health Form in also:
http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21679

2017—2018 Emerald Star Project: “Purses Full of Essentials”

The project is to provide a purse full of small essential items to women in need.

Some items we would like to get donated are:
- gently used handbags/purses
- hotel/travel shampoo/conditioner
- toothbrushes/toothpaste
- water/snacks
- socks/mittens

A Donation Box will be available at the 4-H Office and each month, 4-H members can contribute at their Monthly 4-H Club General Meetings and at 4-H County events.

We are also available to attend your 4-H General Meetings to present this County Community Service Emerald Star Project.

Contact information:
Cerro Alto 4-H Members

Amber Quick, iceehorse@yahoo.com or 805-610-1682

Cosette Gibler, skidoocrg@gmail.com or 805-538-8864
The 2018 San Luis Obispo County Fashion Revue is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 at Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo. This year we have some creative new (and returning) categories!

The State qualifying Categories for 2018 are:
- Traditional
- Up Cycled
- See It, Sew It *new this year*
- Retro / Vintage Challenge *new this year*
- Consumer Science $40 Purchase *OPEN to ALL 4-H members NO Sewing Project Required!*

The “County Only” Categories for 2018 are:
- Novice OPEN to Junior, Intermediate, and Senior first time sewers
  (sorry, not open to Primary Members Ages 5—8)
- Poster / Collage

4-H Members enrolled in a Sewing Project may enter more than one category. Any 4-H member in good standing may enter the Consumer Science $40 Purchase Category.

Registration for the event will be Online (new entry procedure this year) and is due April 11.

The garments, commentary, and other category requirements are due April 25.

See the 2018 Fashion Revue packet for more information (that will be posted on the county website soon) and have fun sewing!

More FAC information will be forthcoming in the February newsletter.
4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

If you have an interest in sharing your Shooting Sports skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports adult volunteer or teen leader? There will be a variety of 4-H Shooting Sports leader certification trainings offered this fall. The classes will be held over a Saturday and Sunday weekend format at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton, in Merced County (center state). This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to lead the shooting sports discipline of your choice at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is $35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday lite breakfast refreshments. Please bring your own lunch to the class.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified shooting sports adult leader they will be assisting back home.

Driving directions to the range are at http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html. Tent or Dry RV camping is an option. Numerous hotels are available in the area, contact Dave below for more info if needed.

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 with an adult http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf or youth http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf 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 the week before your class (7 days prior), and 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.

Western Heritage – Jan 6 & 7th
Muzzle Loading – Jan 13 & 14th

SAVE THE DATE!!

NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP
MAY 6-11, 2018
CLOVER WOODS CAMP
MADRID, IOWA

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Rifle Discipline
Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, March 10, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 11, 2018 – 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

4-H Shooting Sports - Archery Workshop
April 6 – 8, 2018

A training course for the 4-H archery discipline will be offered as a workshop at the 2018 California Camping Conference. The conference will take place at Redwood Glen in San Mateo County. Early registration for the conference is $195 and includes meals, lodging, and course materials. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Early registration is due by February 16, 2018.

Registration from February 17 – March 23, 2018 will be $230.

To view the conference material or the registration information, visit the Camping Website at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CampingConference_128/

For more information about registering for this course contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or email: jaborba@ucanr.edu
Gymkhana Field Day

Our recent Gymkhana Field Day was a great success. Twenty one riders from across SLO County competed in speed events with their project horses.

Above: Lily from Creston 4-H led the 4-H pledge.

Left: Ella and Cat from Creston 4-H earned Senior High Point Champion.

Right: Los Osos members Rachel and Sophia earned Junior Reserve High Point and Pony High Point Champion.

Not pictured:
Ava, Nipomo-Foothill, Senior RHP
Bailey, Templeton, Junior HP
Gracie, Creston, Pony RHP
Sadie, Nipomo-Foothill, Walk Trot HP

Upcoming 4-H SLO County Horse Events

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2017 Toys-4-Tots Campaign

The 4-H Office would like to Thank all of our 4-H Clubs who participated in this year’s Toys-for-Tots Campaign!

We had to have a couple of Pick-ups due to all of the toy donations delivered here in the 4-H Office. Your 4-H Club’s Support was overwhelming this year ~ including a few large stuffed Teddy Bears!

Your Donations will make many youth in San Luis Obispo County very happy this Holiday Season!

THANK YOU
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
4-H CLUBS
FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Happy New Year
**Nipomo 4-H** participated in the Farm Supply Scarecrow Contest. As a club our Minions Scarecrow got first place at the Arroyo Grande Farm supply store. We then participated in the contest with all the winners from all the Farm Supply stores. We ended up coming in second at the final contest. It was a lot of fun and a wonderful team building project for our Nipomo 4-H Club.

Submitted by: Ashley R.

**Nipomo 4-H** Officers participated in the County Officer Training on Dec 2nd. It was a lot of fun and we brought back lots of useful ideas to use at our 4-H Club General Meetings.

Submitted by: Ashley R.

At our last Dairy Cattle Meeting, we went to our leader's house and had a taste test of dairy products including ice cream, milk, yogurt, and cheese. We got into groups of 3 or 4 members and got a piece of paper with each station on it. For example, at the chocolate milk station, we tasted all the chocolate milk samples, and tried to identify which brand it came from. Same with the ice cream, milk, yogurt, and cheese stations. But at one of the cheese stations we had to identify what type of milk was used to make the cheese like goat milk, sheep milk, cow milk, and a variety of milk mixed together. The team who had the most points won a glass bottle of Rosa milk. At the end, we got to take home the left over of the samples. We all had a great time and hope to do it again next year.

Submitted by Mia Beck
I had the privilege to represent Cerro Alto 4-H at the Sea Side Feather Fanciers Poultry Show in Ventura, CA on October 28, 2017. It was a day full of showing poultry and learning even more about poultry. I learned that the knob on the end of a duck’s bill is called a bean. I also have memorized all of the comb types and classes of both standard and bantam chickens. My Black-Tailed White Japanese bantam hen got 1st; my white Plymouth Rock pullet got 4th; my Spangled Old English hen got 4th; and I got 3rd in showmanship. What I enjoyed most about the show was learning from the breeders and other show participants. Submitted by: Amber, Cerro Alto 4-H

This year, I was able to attend our County Hippology Bowl and Judging Board Competition. It was held on December 2nd, at the SLO County 4-H Auditorium.

This was a VERY educational event, and lots of fun. If you are wondering what a hippology bowl is, it’s a quiz competition based on horse knowledge. It was hard and a little stressful at times...but, lots of fun too! We all learned so much. We were fed a yummy pizza dinner, and there were prizes and ribbons for everyone. My team won First Place!, and, I earned first place in my age group on the Judging Boards. We all studied a lot; but next year, I am going to study even more.

Submitted by: Elsie E. Cerro Alto 4-H / Creston 4-H Horse Project
SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2017-2018

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

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21 Cerro Alto Rabbit Show
21 All Species Small Animal Level Testing at Cerro Alto Rabbit Show
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MAY 2018
4 Build Robots Day

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2 SLO County 4-H Field Day Paso Robles Event Center
2 State 4-H Field Day, UC DAVIS & Enter Robot Competition

JULY 2018
11 Santa Barbara Co. Fair
15
18 CA Mid-State Fair
29

AUGUST 2018
17 Officer & Record Books Due

SEPTEMBER 2018
7 County Record Book Judging
8 County Record Book Judging

OCTOBER 2018
6 2017-18 Achievement Night

NOTE:
Small Animal Field Day has been Cancelled.
Small Animals: Poultry, Rabbit, and Dogs can sign up for Showmanship for 4-H Field Day!
More 4-H Field Day Information to come in the Spring. It will be held on June 2, 2018.

Updated Information about the SLO County 4-H Horse Project can be found on Page 10.