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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

News & Views

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

2019 – 2020 4-H PROGRAM YEAR

APRIL 2020

Hello 4-H Families ~
Due to the Shelter at Home Order — The SLO County 4-H Office
wants to provide you with COVID-19 Resources:

<http://cesanluisobispo.ucanr.edu/YouthFamilyCommunities/COVID-19> Information for Workers/

Website: ReadySLO.org Phone Number: 1-805-543-2444

Hello 4-H Leaders, Project Leaders, Co-leaders, Resource Leaders, and Teen Leaders, please complete the Online Survey below by Friday, 4/3/2020 by 12 Noon.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to support the positive youth development of 4-H'ers in San Luis Obispo County. We hope you are safe and well in these challenging times. As young people adjust to their virtual classrooms, an opportunity is available for you, as project leaders, to extend 4-H learning & development using online learning. 4-H staff are currently working to pilot some resources to help with the transition to online and remote learning. The skills developed through this process are relevant and valuable for our 4-H members and volunteers. Some 4-H volunteers have transitioned to virtual project meetings and showmanship practice. The ability to connect online, demonstrate skills and ask questions will allow our 4-H'ers to continue their progress. **All leaders (youth and adults), please complete this short survey. Your responses will facilitate our ability to better support you and will help the 4-H Office answer families who continue to ask "how can we participate in 4-H?"**

<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=29880>

Date Changes for your Calendars:

***CANCELLED EVENTS* -**

Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue 4/25/2020
County Ambassadors Adventure Day, Saturday, June 13, 2020
4-H Field Day is still pending a decision later this month, April 2020 -
We will notify all 4-H Community Club Leaders of the decision.

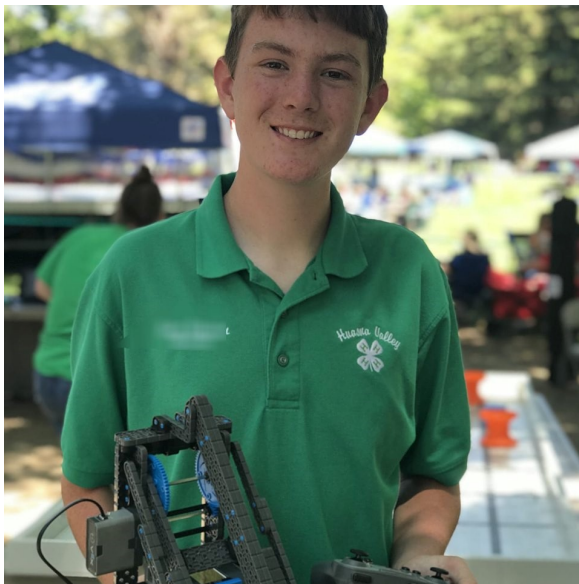
****ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT** has been moved to**
Saturday, September 26th, 2020 6:30 p.m. at the
SLO Veteran's Hall, 801 Grand Ave, SLO.
1st Annual 4-H GALA = Sunday, October 4, 2020
Alex Madonna Expo Center, SLO



State 4-H Office News

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/>

Photos of SLO & Santa Barbara Youth
at State 4-H Field Day



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By John Fox,
Interim UC ANR AA Compliance Officer

UCCE CalFresh Department NEWS

The CalFresh Healthy Living, UCCE team in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties created a [YouTube channel](#) to provide nutrition, food safety and physical activity lessons for educators to share with students as part of their assigned schoolwork.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8eCNc4m1vCbGfRld42MHw/featured?view_as=subscriber

Their Youth, Families, & Communities Advisor, Katherine Soule, is also developing Zoom Financial Literacy lessons that educators will assign for home completion.

More information about our Department:

<http://cesanluisobispo.ucanr.edu/uccalfreshslosb/>



4-H COUNTY AMBASSADOR NEWS



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The **California 4-H County Ambassador Program** is a leadership development opportunity for older youth. It is delivered at the county level. County Ambassadors are the champions of the 4-H Program in their county, while they are developing their leadership skills. 4-H County Ambassadors are role models for their fellow 4-H members, their county, and their community.

The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is currently accepting **SLO 4-H County Ambassador Applications**. The Applications are due in the 4-H Office by **Monday, May 11th at 5:00 p.m.**

To be eligible for the 4-H County Ambassador rank, a 4-H member must:

- 1) County Ambassadors must be between 14 – 18 years old and meet the 4-H membership requirements for the length of the term of service. On the first day of the appointment to County Ambassador, applicant must be at least 14 years old.
- 2) Applicant must have completed at least one year of membership in 4-H prior to the year of application. Membership does not have to be the most recent consecutive year.
- 3) Applicant must have demonstrated leadership experience and skills. To ensure that the position of County Ambassador is open to 4-H members in all program delivery modes (community club, afterschool club, SPIN club, summer camp, etc.), a member must document the following:
 - A. Mastery of a project as demonstrated by at least 6 hours of instruction, documented by a statement of skills.
 - B. 40 hours of significant leadership roles, either inside or outside of 4-H, with at least 10 hours of leadership contributed to 4-H.
 - C. 30 hours of citizenship and/or community service, either inside or outside of 4-H, with at least 6 hours through 4-H.
 - D. 10 public speaking engagements, at least 2 of which must have been given at a 4-H event.
 - E. Demonstrate involvement in 4-H as evidenced by a list of activities that are a combination of 15 of the following: project skill activities, 4-H events attended, and honors/recognition. Definitions for these three categories are found in the Record Book Manual under the section describing the Personal Development Report (PDR). Completing a PDR is not an application requirement for County Ambassador.

Alternatively, a member may submit documentation of having achieved a Gold Star Rank to satisfy the above 5 requirements. Documentation can be the signed and dated Star Rank chart or other written documentation, that is signed by an adult volunteer other than the parent, that the Gold Star Rank was achieved. Previous Ambassadors who qualify may re-apply.

The 4-H County Ambassador Application is being sent to your 4-H Community Club Leader and is posted on the county website: https://ucanr.edu/sites/slo4-h/Club_Forms/

The first opportunity for San Luis Obispo 4-H County Ambassadors is to attend the State Leadership Conference (SLC) at UC Davis. Your Registration cost is paid for by the 4-H Volunteer Management Organization. **SLC dated will be announced later and will be at UC Davis.** If you can't attend SLC, we still encourage you to apply for the other exciting events SLO County 4-H County Ambassadors will participate in throughout the 4-H Program Year.

SLO County 4-H County Ambassador interviews will be announced shortly after May 11th deadline.

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**** SLO County 1st Annual GALA on October 4, 2020 ****

Dear SLO County 4-H Members, Leaders, Families, and Volunteers,

I am writing on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Volunteer Management Board to interest you in a great project for 2020 to bring our 4-H partnership with the Community into full view! In light of the shrinking financial support from the State in funding to our local 4-H organizations, we are looking at a way to maintain, expand, and off-set some of the membership costs that ultimately land on the 4-H families who participate. It has gotten more and more difficult for a family of 4, or more, to afford just the initial membership fees, let alone the costs of each project.

To combine our County 4-H volunteerism and determination to "Make the Best Better", and in an effort to create more outreach locally, we would like to invite our Community partners to join this initial effort by creating a vehicle to raise the funds necessary through an Annual 4-H GALA. This would be an evening created for our community partners to see just how incredible our 4-H members are, and to let our 4-H Youth shine in their individual projects, as well as have a wonderful dinner, auction, and exhibition of our 4-H youth development achievements.

As our 4-H members prepare for the California Mid-State Fair, they also are busy throughout the year with valuable Community Service, the different Projects 4-H offers from Agriculture, to Home Arts, to Preparing for STEM programs started in many local schools, to Public Speaking and Presenting their own 4-H experience. The Annual 4-H GALA will encourage more and more local businesses to be able to directly invest in SLO County youth development programs, that provide such a benefit to the children of SLO County.

I have included with this introductory letter, a sheet of possible ways that you, as a part of our 4-H Community, could help us create this valuable and wonderful Annual GALA event. **See Page 6.** We are looking at putting this 4-H event on at the Madonna Expo Center on October 4, 2020, to kick off National 4-H Week!

Some dedicated folks can give their time, some their money, and some both! Attached you will find a participation form where you can sign up to help. **Please consider volunteering for one of the many tasks or categories you may have a talent for. If you are a member, we want you involved too! Whether being involved in the planning, marketing, or on the day of the event, we want member participation. Think of the Community Service and Emerald Star project possibilities!**

I have been honored to be involved with 4-H since my childhood, and I look forward to creating this muchly needed partnership and fundraising possibility with the Community.

I look forward to hearing from you,



Tom J. Bordonaro, Jr.
Fundraising Director
SLO County Volunteer Management Organization
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If you like to plan Parties — the SLO County 4-H Fundraising Director is holding 4-H GALA Planning meetings which will likely be held virtually through Zoom Video Conferencing on the 2nd Wednesdays of the Month starting at 5:30 p.m. A Zoom Meeting link will be sent out, in the future, to all. The other Meeting Dates are: April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, Aug 12th and September 9th, 2020.

**1st Annual 4-H Gala
Volunteer/Supporter Sign Up**

**October 4, 2020
Alex Madonna Expo Center**

Yes I Can Help!

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Yes! I am interested in helping in the following areas:

- ☐ Oversight Committee/Planning - (Monthly Meeting Commitment)
☐ Marketing Plan - (Brochures, Flyers, Posters, Media Campaign)

Industry Sponsors:

(I can help target the following groups)

- ☐ Farm Bureau
☐ Cattlemen's/Women's
☐ Wine Industry
☐ Vegetable/Berry/Tree Growers
☐ Ag. Support Industry
☐ Financial Industry

I am a:

- ☐ Member
☐ Leader
☐ Volunteer
☐ Other: _____

Subcommittee I will Chair or serve on:

- ☐ Live Auction
☐ Silent Auction
☐ BBQ Crew

Event Volunteers:

- ☐ Set-Up/Decorations
☐ General Event Volunteers
☐ Servers
☐ Clean-Up

I can also help by becoming a Sponsor:

- ☐ Emerald \$ 5,000.00 Up to 4 Tables and special recognition/advertisement
☐ Platinum \$ 2,500.00 Up to 2 Tables and special recognition
☐ Gold \$ 1,000.00 Table Sponsor and program acknowledgment
☐ Silver \$ 500.00 Half Table and program acknowledgement
☐ Bronze \$ 250.00 Two tickets and program acknowledgement
☐ Tickets \$ 100.00

(Ten to a table)

Other ways I can Help: _____

4-H NEWS

Do you like being in the know about the happenings in SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program?

The 4-H Volunteer Management Organization (VMO)/aka Management Board has an Opening for the BOARD SECRETARY position. You would attend the 5 meetings a year at 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in the UCCE Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO, depending on the length of the Meeting Agenda. You would take the meeting minutes and track the motions within the meeting, read and record any correspondence to the Management Board. The meeting minutes would be turned into the 4-H Program Assistant at the 4-H Office and then distributed to the VMO before the next 4-H VMO/Management Board Meeting. We would really appreciate your time with this Secretary Position on the 4-H VMO/Management Board. The next meeting is April 15th. All meetings are held on a Wednesday evening. **Contact Ana Torres at 1-805-781-5941 if you are interested or email amltorres@ucanr.edu**

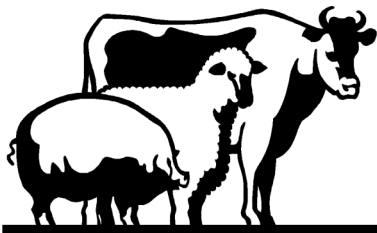


The position of **Small Animal Sciences Key Leader is OPEN.**

Contact Ana Torres at (805) 781-5941 if you are interested in this position on the 4-H Volunteer Management Organization (VMO) aka 4-H Management Board.

The duties of this position involve being a member of the Volunteer Management Organization and attending meetings 4-5 times a year. You are in charge of your own budget. You work with Committees to put on county-wide events such as: Small Animal Field Day and coordinate the Small Animal event (with the Poultry, Dog, Rabbit, Small Pets and Animals & Cavy Project Leaders) at the annual 4-H Field Day held in May or June of each 4-H Program Year. You are also welcome to design other events for the Small Animal Sciences Program as you want it—with approval by the 4-H VMO.

Term Appointment: Two-year term with an option for reappointment to another two-year term. Applicants will go through an application and selection process.



The position of **Large Animal Sciences Key Leader is OPEN as of 5/31/2020.**

Contact Ana Torres at (805) 781-5941 if you are interested in this position on the 4-H Volunteer Management Organization (VMO) aka 4-H Management Board.

The duties of this position involve being a member of the Volunteer Management Organization and attending meetings 4-5 times a year. You are in charge of your own budget. You work with Committees to put on county-wide events such as: coordinating: Lg Animal level testing events; coordinate the Large Animals event (with the Beef, Dairy & Market Goat, Sheep, Swine Project Leaders) at the annual 4-H Field Day held in May or June of each 4-H Program Year. You are also welcome to design other events for the Large Animal Sciences Program as you want it—with approval by the 4-H VMO.

Term Appointment: Two-year term with an option for reappointment to another two-year term. Applicants will go through an application and selection process.

4-H 2019-2020 EMERALD STAR PROJECT NEWS

"TOTES FOR HOPE"

Due to COVID-19's Shelter at Home Order

We are not accepting Totes for Hope at the 4-H Office.

Further Information will be provided in the future.

This project is to provide New Totes to Children in the Foster Care System in San Luis Obispo County. There are currently over 370 children in Foster Care in San Luis Obispo County.

When children are placed into Foster Care, or — are moved to new housing, most of them have nothing to put their belongings into. They usually have to use black garbage bags. I am hoping that the 4-H Members in San Luis Obispo County 4-H Clubs would donate a New Tote for these children in Foster Care, and help them to foster a sense of self-worth about themselves.

A Donation Box will be available at the County 4-H Office located at the University of CA Cooperative Extension office at 2156 Sierra Way Suite #C, San Luis Obispo 8 am — 5 pm. Turn to your right as you enter the door for the 4-H Office counter.

4-H Members can donate at their Monthly Club General Meeting and also at 4-H County Events.

Thank you,

**Ava M., Nipomo Foothill 4-H Club
1-(805)-458-0216**



Kings Highway 4-H Club Donation by Landon P.

4-H HORSE PROJECT NEWS



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Project Update

As with all 4-H projects at this time, our SLO County Horse Project activities have been canceled or postponed for the foreseeable future.

POSTPONED — **Gymkhana Field Day**, now May 3rd, will probably be canceled

CANCELED — May 7 Paso Robles Horse Park **Jumping Clinic**

TBD — May 13 **Salinas Valley Fair 4-H Horse Show**, not yet canceled, stay tuned

TBD — May 31 **English Field Day**, will probably be a virtual Field Day

Written Level Testing will be online going forward. An email with more information about Written tests will go out to horse project families soon.

Mounted Level Testing can be completed virtually at home and captured on video. Check in with the Horse Resource Leader first to verify your level. Videos can be posted to our private Facebook group SLO County 4-H Horse Project, or can be emailed to the Horse Resource Leader at slohorseproject@gmail.com. Tests will be judged and riders notified of their scores; pins will be awarded through the mail.

Western Field Day

Our 4-H Western Field Day was a great success, with 23 riders and project horses from across SLO County competing in classes including showmanship, horsemanship, trail, pleasure, and equitation.

Our high point and reserve high point teams were:

Senior - Ella & Bear (Creston), Senior high point, Lacey & Lola (Nipomo) Senior reserve

Junior - Brooklyn & Hope (Edna) Junior high point, Kaia & Fritz (Ranchita Canyon) Junior reserve

Novice - Jaxyn & Questa (Templeton) Novice high point, Jara & Keela (Edna) Novice reserve

Rookie - Ava & Freedom (Edna) Rookie high point, Tabetha & Apache (Pine Mtn) Rookie reserve, Savanna & Dior (Cerro Alto) Rookie reserve



4-H CLUB NEWS

The Nipomo 4-H Horse Project has been busy! Members participated in the Western and Trail Clinic at the Knudson Training Stables in Paso Robles on February 9, where they worked on skills for the upcoming show. Members also had a riding meeting on February 23 to help prepare. On March 1, the group attended the Western Field Day at the Knudson Training Stables where they put their practice to the test. Members rode in trail, horsemanship and equitation classes and did showmanship. It was a great day and Lacey Andrews was Reserve High Point.

By Lucy M.

Photo: Lucy M. in the Trail Class



Your 4-H Club Article could be here.

Submit all articles and .jpg photos by the 15th of each month to:

Denise Harris, 4-H Program Asst.

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4hOnline Enrollment is Year-Round — Contact a 4-H Community Club Leader

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2019-2020

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

2020 4-H CALENDAR YEAR

UPCOMING 4-H EVENT DATES:

PENDING EVENTS due to COVID-19:

- 5/9 4-H Primary Member Field Day
- 5/15 4-H FIELD DAY FORMS Due from CCLs
- 5/30 **PENDING** *a final decision soon...*
4-H Field Day, Paso Robles Event Center
& Large & Small Animal Level Testing

These applications are still being accepted:

- 5/11 County Ambassador Applications Due
- 5/27 ***CCL VOICES Meeting,
Will be held by ZOOM Link only.***

UPCOMING 4-H EVENT DATES:

- 8/21 2019-20 4-H Record Books Due
at the 4-H Office
- 8/28 County Record Book Judging Day #1
8/28 County Record Book Judging Day #2
- 9/26 County Achievement Night at 6:30 p.m.
at the SLO Veteran's Hall

10/4 4-H GALA at Madonna Expo Center

4-H GALA Planning Meeting Details Pg. 5

4-H GALA Planning Meetings
5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting Link will be provided.

The monthly meeting dates are as follows:

Planning Meetings

4/8
5/13
6/10
7/8
8/12
9/9
