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

Jump into Food & Arts and Fashion Revue

Save the Date: May 3, 2008

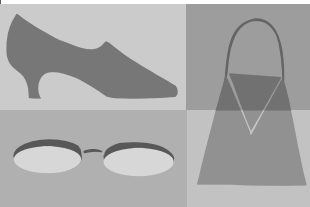
Jump into Food & Arts and **Fashion Revue** will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2008**, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Laguna Middle School, located at 11050 Los Osos Valley Road in SLO. This year's countywide event offers many opportunities for 4-H members to earn gold and have fun too!

Food & Arts includes **Food/Food Preservation, Placesetting, Cake Decorating, Photography, Scrapbooking, and Arts & Crafts (including--by popular demand--a new Miscellaneous Class that includes birdhouses, mini gardens, and ornamental horticulture)**. In addition, instead of one poster with a nutritional theme, posters or collages may be entered for **Foods, Arts & Crafts, Photography, and Scrapbooking**. Within the area of **Quilting**, there are three categories: **Quilting, Textile Arts, and Needles Arts**.



Fashion Revue will feature **construction, modeling** and the **Fashion Show!**

Participants may submit entries made during the current 4-H program year within their 4-H project. 4-H'ers must remain at the event in order to have an entry judged.



If you have questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943, Julia Stanfill, Event Chair, at 528-1557, Debbie Geaslen, Food & Arts Chair, at 598-6083, Diana Howell, Fashion Revue Chair, at 461-3508, or Cindy Nason, Quilting, Textile and Needle Arts Chair, at 227-6209. If you have questions about **Mini Gardens** and **Ornamental Horticulture**, which is included within **Arts & Crafts** this year, please call Maria Andrus at 238-0604.

In addition, guidelines for these two items will be provided to those project leaders later this month.

Also, the **help of many adult volunteers is needed** to make this event run smoothly. If you can volunteer that day to guide a group, judge (we need judges for all divisions, and especially in the new area of mini gardens), tabulate scores or help a leader in a special activity center, please call any of the numbers listed above or complete a **Volunteer Form**, which can be obtained from your Community Club Leader. We'd especially like your help if you have an interest or knowledge about mini gardens

We look forward to seeing you and your creative entries there!

CONGRATULATIONS to: Elizabeth Waddell of EDNA 4-H is this Month's Winner!

Sign up to receive your **News & Views ONLINE** & your name will be entered into a Monthly Drawing to receive an "I SUPPORT 4-H" Magnet. Call the 4-H office at 781-5943 with your email address or send an email to: dharris@co.slo.ca.us with SUBSCRIBE in the Subject Line and your name will be entered into our monthly drawing to receive a free 4-H magnet! The 4-H Management Board also approved having a Quarterly Drawing for a \$25 restaurant Gift Certificate. We are looking to save some money with your newsletter. ***Can you help us with this effort?***

SLO County's UPDATED 4-H website is:

<http://www.slocounty4h.org>

State 4-H website: <http://www.ca4h.org>

SAFETY NOTES: <http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/>

National & State 4-H News

- ***ATTN SWINE GROUPS! Santa Barbara County Fair Announcement!***
*Due to the processor's requirement, the Santa Barbara County Fair & JLSA have changed the minimum weight of the pigs. It will now be 215 lbs. (the previous min. wt. was 210 lbs.)
- The California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management will be holding the **24th Annual Range and National Resources Camp** on June 15-20, 2008 at Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay, California. This is an opportunity for students, 15-18 years of age, to experience the benefits of our natural resources through interactive learning with resource professionals. Brochures and applications are available at: www.casrm.org. Applications are due **May 10**, 2008.
- The **4-H Golden Clover Awards** recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff and groups within the 4-H YDP. Applications are now being accepted until **May 31**, 2008. Nominate someone or apply yourself! More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/index.asp>
- The **State 4-H Horse Classic - Championship Horse Show** will be **June 26-29**, 2008 at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville. Entries are due **June 1**. There is no qualifying to participate; Information and rules, entry forms, and much more are now available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>.
- This year's **4-H State Leadership Conference** will be held July 31 - August 3, 2008 at UC Davis. Registration materials will be available in April and due **June 13**, 2008. More information about the Conference is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/index.asp>
- The Citizenship Service-Learning Advisory Council has issued a **Citizenship Challenge** to all 4-H clubs in California. Take up the challenge and carryout a service-learning project as part of your club's year plan. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/4-Hcitizenshipchallengeweb.doc>.
- **Need Money for College?** Over \$10,000 in higher education scholarships are available through the State 4-H Office to help 4-H youth attend a two or four-year college or university. We wish to thank to the many individuals and organizations who donated funds to the California 4-H Foundation to make these scholarships possible. Applications are due postmarked by **April 30**, 2008. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/index.asp>.
- **4-H Million Trees Project**, a national service learning project to plant 1 million trees by 2011 to beautify our land & combat global climate change. Visit <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org>

If you can't access any websites or other information because you don't have access to a computer— just call the 4-H office 781-5943 for assistance.

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Richard P. Enfield,
4-H Youth Development Advisor

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No endorsement of named products and/or companies is intended, nor is criticism implied of similar products and/or companies which are not mentioned. Persons with special needs wishing to attend a program should contact the 4-H Office in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

~ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ~

Cerro Alto 4-H RABBIT SHOW April 12th.

This year is our 24th annual show! All county rabbit leaders will receive a catalog, as will the 4-H members who showed last year. Our show will be held at the fairgrounds in Paso Robles in a different indoor location than in previous years. Our goal is to put on a good quality local show, that is fun for the 4-H members, as well as, a good way for them to put into practice some of what they have learned in their project. Food is available all day, so come on, join us, and support your 4-H club's rabbit kids!



For more information contact Leslie Bryson, 466-2264 or Lois Williams, 461-0178.

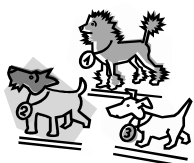
Fido Heal, Fido Sit, Fido Stay ...

Attention all Dog Project Members and Leaders, it's that time again for "Dog Days In The Park." Canyon Country 4-H will host a 4-H Dog Show on Sunday, April 20th beginning at 9:30 a.m. at SLODOG's annual "Dog Days In The Park" at Santa Rosa Park in San Luis Obispo.

4-H Dog Show Classes offered will be: **Obedience:** Sub-Novice Primary (5-8 yrs), Junior (9-12 yrs), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.), Senior (16-19 yrs), Novice, Grad-Novice and Open. In **Showmanship:** Primary (5-8 yrs.) 1st Year Member, Junior (9-12 yrs.), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.) and Senior (16-19 yrs.).

4-H Dog Show Entry forms will be mailed to all 4-H Dog Project Leaders registered with the county 4-H office. Entry fees will be \$5.00 per class. **Pre-Entry is required** and must be received by **Monday, 4/14/08. Please note: No entries will be accepted on the day of the event.**

SLODOG will also be giving the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test. Pre-Entry is required for the CGC test also.



If you are interested in taking the CGC test or have questions regarding the Dog Show, please contact **Christy Friedmann, Canyon Country 4-H Dog Leader, at 438-5851.**

TO: 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents

FM: Richard P. Enfield, County Director & 4-H Youth Development Advisor

SUBJ: SLO COUNTY 4-H CUSTOMER SATISFACTION ONLINE SURVEY

We are excited to announce an opportunity for **YOU - the 4-H members, parents and adult volunteers** within our community to provide the San Luis Obispo County 4-H office with Customer Satisfaction feedback via a short online survey.

We have developed an ONLINE Customer Satisfaction Survey that should take county less than 5 minutes to complete.

Please visit this website:
www.ucanr.org/slo4hsurvey

We are hoping to receive at least **10 surveys per 4-H Club by Thursday, May 15th!**

For those 4-H members who may not have access to the Internet, please call the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943 and we will mail a survey form to you.

We hope that you will help us reach our goal!



UCCE San Luis Obispo County Customer Satisfaction Survey
Your opinion counts! Please take a moment to rate our service to you.

REQUIRED

| Question | Response |
|---|--|
| Please enter today's date (example April 16, 2007): | |
| How are you involved with the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program? (check one): | <input type="radio"/> 4-H Youth Member <input type="radio"/> 4-H Adult Leader <input type="radio"/> 4-H Parent (non-4-H Leader) |
| How do you access 4-H information or interact with the 4-H program? (check all that apply): | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone, email, or personal consultations with 4-H staff members in the county 4-H Office <input type="checkbox"/> Attend county-level 4-H meetings or training sessions <input type="checkbox"/> Read the county 4-H newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Participate on county-level committees <input type="checkbox"/> slocounty4h.org website |
| How would you rate your satisfaction with the quality of the county 4-H Office service to you? (check one): | <input type="radio"/> Excellent <input type="radio"/> Satisfactory <input type="radio"/> Poor <input type="radio"/> No Opinion |
| If you rated our service as "Poor," please tell us why: | |
| How do you participate in 4-H? (check all that apply): | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Club <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H SLO Scientists |
| How would you describe your experience with your 4-H Club or 4-H SLO Scientists? (check one): | <input type="radio"/> Excellent <input type="radio"/> Good <input type="radio"/> Satisfactory <input type="radio"/> Poor |
| We'd appreciate any additional comments or suggestions: | |

Save Survey Information

~ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ~



Primary Member Field Day 2008

"How to Grow a Future 4-Her"

Calling all 4-H Primary Members!

(Ages 5-8, or Kindergarten to 3rd grade)



The SLO County 4-H All Stars, Sarah Lukes and Melani Teixeira, will be hosting a special **Primary Member Field Day** on **Saturday, May 10th** from **9 am to Noon**. The event will held at the UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, in San Luis Obispo.

Come ready to have **FUN** with other Primary Members from all over the county as we play games, make crafts, and enjoy tasty refreshments. This year, we will be **decorating t-shirts** that you can enter in 4-H Field Day on June 14th at the California Mid-State Fairgrounds. Best of all, it's **FREE!**

To register, cut out and complete the form below and mail it to the 4-H office at 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or FAX it to 781-4316. Registration forms are **DUE** by Friday, **April 25th**.

Primary Member Field Day – Saturday, May 10th, 2008, 9 am – Noon
REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone Number: _____ Club: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): Youth **X**S Youth **S** Youth **M** Youth **L** Youth **X**L

Food Allergies: _____

Please mail or fax to the 4-H office by **APRIL 25th**.

4-H Office: 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Phone: 781-5943 Fax: 781-4316

**4-H Horse Project Members
and Leaders**

Horse Field Day-Gymkhana
will be held at **Work Ranch** in San Miguel
on **April 26, 2008**.

Horse Field Day-
Western Pleasure and English
will be held at **Osumi Ranch**
in Arroyo Grande at 2161 Ferndale Road
on **May 17, 2008**.

**Details and Registration materials have
been sent to Horse Project Leaders.**

**Entry forms are DUE by
Friday, April 11th.**

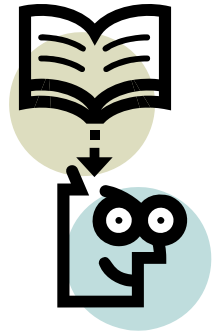
Good Luck and Happy Riding!

If you have any questions please feel free to call
Kelly Osumi at (805) 489-1112,
Kelly Work at (805) 467-3362,
or the 4-H office at 781-5943.





~ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ~

Record Books. The buzz, the thrill...the REASON.

We all know why 4-H members complete a Record Book. Right? Well, if you're not *entirely* sure, take a look at these reasons just for starters.



By completing a Record Book, 4-H members...

-  ...take time to think about the work they did over the past year and all they have accomplished. *What new skills did I learn? What new experiences have I gone through? What did I learn from them?*
-  ...set goals for the next program year, as well as long terms goals and plans. *What do I need to do now in order to achieve my goals? What steps are involved to get there from here? When and how will I start?*
-  ...track their participation in 4-H activities and keep a record of achievements. Record Books are a great resource for listing accomplishments on future applications or documents. *Wow, I did so many things--how would I have remembered everything if I hadn't kept a written record?*
-  ...learn about and practice the art of identifying, creating, classifying, communicating and preserving records in a standard format. Not only is this an art, but it is a skill that will come in handy throughout your life. *(Ask anyone.)*

Oh, and did I mention achieving Star Ranks?! These are just a few of the benefits of completing a 4-H Record Book. I'm sure you can think of a lot more.

If you would like to learn more about 4-H Record Books and how to complete them, please come to a training session offered by JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director for San Luis Obispo County.

Monday, April 14, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

UCCE Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, SLO

Thursday, April 24, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Grange Hall
627 Creston Road, Paso Robles

~ RECENT HAPPENINGS ~

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HOSTS 2008 SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

On Saturday, March 8th, San Luis Obispo County hosted the **2008 South Section 4-H Presentation Day** on the Cal Poly campus. Over 80 participants came from both San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties to showcase their presentations and "Share the Fun" skits. In order to participate in the Sectional competition, members must have already received a Gold medal at their County Presentation Day.

This year, an amazing 57 San Luis Obispo County 4-H members received Gold medals at Sectional Presentation Day! These participants are now eligible to compete in State Presentation Day, which will be held on May 31st at UC Davis. **For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who participated in, or volunteered at Sectional Presentation Day. We would like to extend special recognition to the following individuals, whose presentations were selected as favorites by the San Luis Obispo and Los Osos Rotarians: *Christine Allen, Hannah Andrade, Olivia Andrade, Brianna Birks, Wyatt Birks, Denise Carigo, Sophie Johnston, Candace Johnston, Janeen Moore, Pearl Morrison, Josh Morrison, and Nathan Potter.* These members have been invited to give their presentations at the Rotary Club Gold BBQ on April 26th.

Horse Level Testing

Horse Level Testing is comprised of both written and mounted tests based on information contained in the Certified Horsemanship Association's *Certified Horsemanship Manual*. The tests, which advance from Level 1 to Level 4, provide an opportunity for all Horse Project Members to test their horse knowledge and skills. The written portion of the test was given on February 19, 2008, and for those who passed the written test, the mounted portion took place on May 1, 2008 at Osumi Ranch. Congratulations to the 22 Horse Project Members who participated in both written and mounted level tests this year.

A special congratulations goes out to the following Horse Project Members who earned a *Horse Level Test Pin* by successfully passing both the written and mounted portions of Horse Level Testing. This is quite an achievement and represents a lot of hard work on the part of both the members and project leaders.

(continued in next column)

Level 3: Christine Allen, Edna; **Level 2:** Mary Allen, Edna; Ali Einolander, Heritage Ranch, Madeline Ferrante, Edna, Christina Gamarra, Edna, Jessica Henderson-McBean, Rio Rancheros, Christa Osumi, Adobe Nipomo, McKenna Rose, Adobe Nipomo, Emily Thomas, Pozo, Mary Thomas, Pozo; **Level 1:** Drew Garrett, Huasna Valley, Candace Johnston, Cerro Alto, Sophie Johnston, Cerro Alto, Laura Kerschen, Rio Rancheros, Chris Olsen, Huasna Valley, Faith Patterson, Rio Rancheros, Sydney Vinther, Estrella, Kiana Worth, Adobe Nipomo

~ NOTEpad ~

Albertsons Generous Contribution to SLO County 4-H YDP



The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program was surprised and grateful to receive a \$5,000 donation from Albertsons during the Mid-State Fair this past July. Albertsons presented Shawn Callaway, Director of the 4-H YDP Management Board, with 10 gift cards in an amount of \$500 each, to be used for any item at any Albertsons location. The 4-H program appreciates this very generous and useful donation. The cards will be used to buy supplies for our countywide events and, in this way, every 4-H member will benefit from Albertsons gift. We want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Albertsons for helping us to continue our efforts to improve the program in San Luis Obispo Co. for the benefit of our 4-H members, families. **Thank you, Albertsons!**

MARY KAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION COLLECTION!!!

Hi friends! I'm Bella Martinez, and I'm in Cerro Alto 4-H. I'm doing a service learning project, I am collecting old cell phones and used ink jet cartridges for an organization called Mary Kay Domestic Violence Charitable Foundation. **I will be running this collection through June 30, 2008. There will be a collection box at the 4-H office.** Mary Kay Ash charitable foundation donates more than 97% of each dollar raised from the collection of used cell phones and old ink jet cartridges to programs against domestic violence. The foundation has already donated over \$2,000 in grants to the "National Domestic Hotline" program for teens! They have also given \$20,000 in grants to 150 shelters in all 50 states totaling over \$2 million dollars! For more information on the foundation you can visit loveisrespect.org If you have any questions please email me at crazybell@aol.com Article Submitted by Bella Martinez, Club Reporter

~ 2008 4-H FIELD DAY NEWS

NEW EVENTS at 4-H FIELD DAY!

Here are some **new events** that will be offered at this year's 4-H FIELD DAY on June 14, 2008 at the Paso Robles Event Center (aka the Mid-State Fairgrounds.) In addition to our regular Animal Science and Still Exhibit Division Entries we are adding the following activities so that you can earn more points towards your Star Rankings!

LARGE ANIMAL LEVEL TESTING (Levels I, II, III only) will be offered this year. You do not have to show or bring your animal to FIELD DAY. A sign up sheet is being sent to each Community Club Leader for you to sign-up! We will have the tests ready at FIELD DAY! Sign-up Lists are due Friday, May 30th!

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DESIGN CONTEST!

Dennis Derickson, Adult Volunteer with Rio Rancheros 4-H Club will be hosting this event. **Everyone is welcome to participate in a Science & Technology Design contest.** The event is open to all ages. In this event, individuals or teams will be given materials and a design objective. Participants will then assemble a solution and demonstrate its operation to the other participants. **The event will be engaging and high energy so please join the fun!** Participants can sign up at the Science & Technology Still Exhibit Area between 10AM and Noon. **There is no entry fee and all participants will receive ribbons.**

CLUB SHOWCASE EXHIBITS — This is an opportunity for all 4-H clubs in San Luis Obispo County to "showcase" their own 4-H club to the public via a Poster Exhibit. Information presented could include, but is not limited to, members, projects, activities, community service, how to join, etc. The Club Showcase exhibit is limited to one tri-fold poster per club, and these Club Showcase Poster Exhibits will not be judged.

PRESENTATION / DEMONSTRATIONS — New this year will be an opportunity for you to give a Presentation or Demonstration to earn more points towards your Star Level. This will be a non-judged event. Registrations will be 8-10AM in the Rabbit area. Presentations will begin at 11AM in the Still Arts/Silent Auction Bldg. Individual or team presentations may be given but in order to earn demonstration credit they must conform to one of the formats allowed at Presentation Day and which are listed in the State 4-H Presentation Handbook. A table and easel will be provided but any other necessary equipment will need to be provided by the presenter. Contact Tamara Johnson if you have any questions at (805) 786-2344 or tkjohnso@kcbx.net.

YOUTH CAMP CORRECTION NOTICE

The 4-H office would like to make a clarification about the Registration Process for this year's 2008 YOUTH CAMP: "4-H GALAXY QUEST." There was an error in the flyer which was included in the March edition of **News & Views**. The flyer should have indicated that eligibility for Youth Camp will be determined by grade ONLY, not by age. To clarify:

Only 4-H members who are in **4th-6th Grade** (as of January 1, 2008) may register as **Campers**.

Only 4-H members who are in **9th – 12th Grade** (as of January 1, 2008) may register as **Teen Counselors**.

If someone has a special circumstance (for example: they are home-schooled & may not know what grade they fall under), please call the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943 so that the 4-H office staff can handle things on a case-by-case basis. We apologize for the confusion.

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EXCITING *NEW* VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

4-H EXCHANGE PROGRAM KEY LEADER

Do you have a gift for reaching out to people? Do you like to organize events? Are you interested in learning about other 4-H programs and what they can share with us? If so, you may be just the person to take the lead in pursuing 4-H domestic and international exchange opportunities on behalf of SLO County. Recently, we received two inquiries about a potential 4-H exchange with our SLO County 4-H. However, in order to pursue these opportunities we need an adult volunteer willing to take on this task.

This is *a new Key Leader position* on the **SLO County 4-H Program Development Board**. The board meets approximately four times a year and is responsible for program policy and direction, and coordinating activities and events between various program areas. The individual would serve a two-year term as **4-H Exchange Program Key Leader**.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, or if you are interested in finding out more about this new volunteer position, please call Cindy Hansen, 4-H Program Representative, at 781-5950. We look forward to talking with you soon!

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference

Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship: The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is the grateful beneficiary of donations received in memory of Walter Christensen, an early and long-time leader of Edna 4-H Club. His family has asked that the monies be used for **scholarships for 4-H members to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference**. As a result, we are happy to be able to offer **five scholarships** to 4-H members this year.

Details about the Conference: The California 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held at UC Davis from July 31 – August 3, 2008. The conference "*Life is a Highway*" brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience, and has as its goal helping youth to reach their full leadership potential. It also provides an excellent opportunity for youth to give input into statewide 4-H activities. **More information about the conference is available online at <http://www.ca4h.conference/slc/>.**

Eligibility/Application Process: 4-H members 14-18 years of age as of 8/2/08 are eligible to apply. To obtain a *Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship Application*, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943. The 4-H Youth Development Management Board will designate a committee to select five scholarship recipients.

Completed applications must be received by the 4-H office by **May 30, 2008**. Please note, scholarships cover registration costs only, and transportation will be the responsibility of the member. However, depending on availability, chaperoned transportation may be offered.

Attention High School Age 4-H'ers: Community Service Opportunity

The **United Way** is in the process of developing a pilot project for local high school students called the **Youth Board**, and is looking for several high school students (ages 13-19) who are interested in serving on the board this fall, as well as a few students to serve on a development committee which meets on the 1st of each month. These students will learn about the community, as well as some of our county's most pressing needs, while making a positive impact on the lives of underserved populations by awarding grants to local youth oriented programs. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please call Rachel Cementina at (805) 541-1234.



4-H Golden Clover Awards



Our county is very fortunate to have many individuals who deserve to be recognized and honored publicly for the work they do. The **4-H Golden Clover Awards** were created to recognize these individuals and their outstanding achievements in the following areas: *Innovative Ideas, Fundraising, Collaboration and Outreach, Special Events and Activities, Citizenship, Mentoring, 4-H Member Leadership, 4-H Member of Excellence, Ironstone Concours Service Dog, Robert Brownlee Science, Jack and Robert Clay Outdoor Adventure, Emerging 4-H Volunteer Leader, Keith Barnes 4-H Volunteer of Excellence, Keith Barnes 4-H Volunteer Lifetime Achievement, Engaging Youth in Reaching Their Fullest Potential and Partnership* (the last two are staff awards).

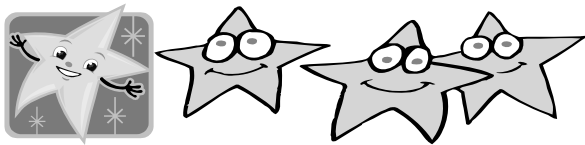
Please take the time to nominate and shine a light on the persons you know who have contributed so much of themselves, their time and talents to make the 4-H program in San Luis Obispo Co. one of the best in the state.

Award: Recipients in each category are awarded **\$500**, and receive a **medallion, pin, and recognition on the 4-H website. Winners will be announced at the 4-H State Leadership Conference and State 4-H Leaders' Forum.** (The two categories awarding 4-H staff do not receive a monetary award, but do receive all other recognition.) **Eligibility:** Regular 4-H members, 4-H volunteers, 4-H groups, and 4-H program staff may apply or be nominated in any applicable category.

Deadline: May 31, 2008 to the California 4-H Youth Development Office. **Details/Application:** For details about each of the award categories, sponsors & eligibility, a 2008 Application, please go to www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/ or call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

**Are you a Leader?
Do you like the Spotlight?
Do you want to become a
4-H ALL STAR?**



REACHING OUT FOR 4-H ALL STARS!

The All Star rank is the highest rank which a 4-H member may attain at the county level. Being a San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Star provides an opportunity for high school members to receive recognition for outstanding service. The All Stars serve as Ambassadors for the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program; they represent 4-H at County, Regional, and State activities; they coordinate certain county-wide activities; and they serve as positive role models for youth!

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

- Be 14 years of age or older by January 1, 2008, but not 19 years of age prior to 1/1/08*
- Been a Participant in 4-H for 3 years or more*
- Have attained a Gold Star rank by 4/13/08*
- Demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment*

Each candidate for the All Star rank will be required to submit an All Star application and participate in an individual and group interview.

All Star applications may be obtained from the 4-H Office, call 781-5943 for your application.

**Due Date:
April 18, 2008**

Emerald Star Program

The Emerald Star Program offers 4-H members the opportunity to develop leadership skills beyond the club level. *It is not a pre-requisite to apply for the All Star rank.* To apply for an Emerald Star, you must:

- ◆ *Be 14 years of age or older by January 1 of the current project year*
- ◆ *Hold the rank of Gold Star*

An Emerald Star project plan must be submitted for approval prior to starting the project and must be evaluated at the completion of the project. You must also be prepared to handle any financial costs required to complete the project.

You can submit an Emerald Star project plan anytime during the project year (July 1 through June 30). Keep in mind that if you wish obtain your Emerald Star by SLO Co. 4-H Achievement Night Saturday, October 11, 2008, **the project must be completed by August 31, 2008.**

Emerald Star projects will be evaluated for its value to the SLO Co. 4-H Youth Development Program, to the community, its practicality and feasibility. Project plan examples may include: an event or activity involving three or more clubs, a community activity involving a group to serve the need of an individual or an educational purpose, or a major expansion/revision of a currently existing event/activity.

Emerald Star Project Forms are available at the 4-H office at 781-5943 or via email contact dharris@co.slo.ca.us. If you have questions, please contact JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director at 528-8232.



ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Open Positions

We are currently recruiting for three positions on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board.

The **Visibility Director** is responsible for managing and providing leadership to the visibility and public relations efforts of the SLO County 4-H YDP. Although experience in the areas of public relations, visibility or marketing would be helpful, it is not required for this volunteer position. Program Visibility may include submission of newspaper articles and coordination of 4-H public events throughout the county. This interesting and challenging position serves a two-year term as a member of the 4-H Management Board.

The positions of **4-H Management Board Director** and **4-H Assistant Management Board Director** will be open as of July 1, 2008. Shawn Callaway has served as Board Director for the past four years, and Carla Borchard has served as Assistant Board Director since September 2004. Both Shawn and Carla have done an excellent job in their respective positions, and the board has truly benefited from their 4-H knowledge and background and years of experience. Shawn will continue to serve on the board in the position of Past Board Director when his term as Board Director ends June 30, 2008.

The purpose of the 4-H Management Board is to oversee the management aspects of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. Overseeing includes both policy making and the implementation of the policy, as well as basic management decisions relating to the program. In addition to basic management responsibilities, the board is responsible for the following specific areas: awards, finances, fundraising, leader complaints, liaison with fairs, liaison with regional and local councils, and visibility. The members of the board work closely with one another and with the 4-H Youth Development Advisor.

If you are interested in applying for the position of **4-H Management Board Director** or **Assistant 4-H Management Board Director**, or if you have any questions about either position, we look forward to talking with you. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Members

Shawn Callaway, Board Director (through June 30, 2008)
Carla Borchard, Asst. Board Director (through June 2008)
Ruben Cavanillas, Section Council Delegate
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director
Sarah Lukes, All Star
JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director and All Star Advisor
Evelyn Rockwell, Budget Director
Mike Scott, Collegiate 4-H Representative
Ruth Sutherland, Past Board Director (through June 2008)
Deanna Teixeira, Secretary
Melani Teixeira, All Star

SLO County 4-H YDP Program Development Board Key Leader Positions Open

Large Animal Science Key Leader. Anyone experienced in a large animal project (beef, sheep, swine, goats, or horses) is invited to apply for **Large Animal Science Key Leader.**

The individual would serve a 2 year term and be a member of the 4-H Program Development Board representing Large Animal Science. The Board meets approximately four times a year. Experience in a large animal project is preferred. The Key Leader is responsible for the development and delivery of large animal science programs to 4-H members and adult volunteer leaders, chairs the Large Animal Science Program Development Committee, which consists of representatives of the large animal sciences, and works with chairpersons of events/activities in areas related to large animal science. In addition, this position serves as the liaison between the Large Animal Science Program Development Committee and 4-H County office staff.

Science & Technology Key Leader. Do you have an interest in science? If so, we encourage you to consider serving a 2 year term as **Science & Technology Key Leader.** This position serves on the 4-H Program Development Board, which meets approximately four times a year. This individual would chair the Science & Technology Program Development Committee and support county-wide science programs such as SLO Scientists. The individual would also serve as liaison to chairpersons of 4-H events/activities in areas related to science, such as science entries at Presentation Day and 4-H Field Day. In addition, this position serves as the liaison between the Science & Technology Program Development Committee and 4-H County office staff. This is an exciting position where you can make a difference by helping to incorporate and strengthen science skills in the 4-H Program.

Small Animal Science Key Leader. Anyone experienced in a small animal project (dog, rabbit, avian, cavy) is invited to apply for **Small Animal Science Key Leader.** The individual would serve a two-year term and be a member of the 4-H Program Development Board representing Small Animal Science. The Board meets approximately four times a year. Experience in a small animal project is preferred. The Key Leader is responsible for the development and delivery of small animal science programs to 4-H members and adult volunteer leaders, chairs the Small Animal Science Program Development Committee, which consists of representatives of the small animal sciences, and works with chairpersons of events/activities in areas related to small animal science. In addition, this position serves as the liaison between the Small Animal Science Program Development Committee and 4-H County office staff.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, or have any questions, please contact the 4-H office at 781-5943, or email Cindy Hansen at chansen@co.slo.ca.us.

SLO County 4-H YDP Program Development Board Members:

Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership, Karen Ludwig, Community Service, Julia Stanfill, Home Economics, Sherry Martinez, Youth Leadership Key Leaders

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT "TRAIN"ING —

On February 8, 2008, the **Santa Margarita 4-H club** held its first Leadership Development meeting. The meeting was held at 5:00 in the evening at the home of our leader, Amanda Clark. It was attended by Joey Palaccios, Anthony, Alexis, David, Genevieve and Bernadette Aguirre, and Mikaela and Kerrigan Jensen.

During the meeting we talked about leadership and traits of a good leader. **We played a game where each of us pretended to be part of a train.** We learned that sometimes it is important to be a good leader and sometimes it is important to be a good follower. We also played a drawing game where we got to practice our communication skills in new and fun ways.

All in all, the first Leadership Development meeting was a big success and we can't wait for next month's meeting! *Submitted by—Mikaela and Kerrigan Jensen*

Templeton 4-H'ers received an S.O.S. that our Veterans needed Servers on February 13, 2008 for their Valentines Dinner. Our 4-H Members were there to set up, serve and clean up. We appreciate our people who have, or are currently serving in the Military. **Templeton 4-H members present were:** *Mattie, Louis and Isaac Lindsey, Eric and Michael Lahargou, Liam and Savannah Hoagland, Justin Reece and Larry and April Rose.* **Cerro Alto 4-H members present were:** *Savannah and Calvin Levisay. Parents present were Jenny Lindsey, Loretta Mazzo, Nancy Hoagland, Kim Lahargou, Romaine Rose and Susan Levisay. Submitted by: Larry Rose*



PVC Pipe available to 4-H Clubs — Mr. Richard P. Enfield received a call from *4-H Alumnus, Mr. George Galvan* who lives in Atascadero and is cleaning out his garage. Mr. Galvan stated that he has several hundred feet of 3/4" PVC pipe available to any 4-H clubs. Please contact Mr. George Galvan at (805) 466-6317.

~ CLUB NEWS ~



Heritage Ranch Horse Group Gets Ready for the Horse Bowl. The month of March has been a very busy one for the Heritage Ranch Horse Group. We started the month off with Level Testing on March 1st. Ali

Einolander, having passed her written Level 2 test, took the Mounted test. We are very proud to announce she passed! *Congratulations Ali!* Our girls have also been gathering often to practice for the 4H Horse Bowl on April 6th, 2008 in Fresno, CA. We have been studying over 300 questions to get ready for this event. We will let you know how it goes next time. Also, on March 30th our girls are holding a Tack Cleaning/Bake Sale fundraiser at the equestrian center in the ranch. We will use the money to help pay for our trip to Fresno in April. That's it for now, our girls need to get baking to raise some dough!! Happy Trails, Lauren Sowerby

MORRO BAY 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE AT CASA DE FLORES

—On February 13, Morro Bay 4-Hers and I went to Casa De Flores to pass out Valentines and talk with the residents there. I thought it was a heartwarming experience. Everyone was very kind and glad to see us. I met many wonderful people there and I enjoyed talking to all of them. Our 4-H group made 90, yes-90 Valentines, for everyone there & none were alike. They really liked them and were happy to hear my sister's piano playing. My sister was in 4-H last year but she is now too old. However, she wasn't the only one playing a tune, many other people did too. At one point all the kids that came started to dance! The residents loved us coming and they all thanked us with the sweetest smiles. *Submitted by: Anastasia Ruttschow*



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 by May 15th!

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SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2008

APRIL 2008

- 4 4-H Youth Camp Registrations DUE
- 11 Horse Field Day Entries DUE
- 12 Cerro Alto 4-H RABBIT SHOW,
Mid-State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles
- 14 Record Book REFRESHER COURSE Train-
ing Workshop, 7pm, UC Auditorium SLO
- 18 ALL STAR APPLICATIONS DUE
- 20 Canyon Country 4-H DOG SHOW, 9:30 a.m.
Santa Rosa Park, SLO
- 24 Record Book REFRESHER COURSE Train-
ing Workshop, 7pm, Grange Hall, 627 Cres-
ton Rd, Paso Robles
- 25 Primary Member FIELD DAY Registrations
DUE
- 25- 2008 Youth Camp 4-H GALAXY QUEST,
27 Camp Rancho EL Chorro, SLO
- 26 Horse Field Day—Gymkhana
Work Ranch, San Miguel

MAY 2008

- 3 Jump Into Food & Arts & Fashion Revue
8:30 a.m., Laguna Middle School, SLO
- 10 Primary Member FIELD DAY,
9:00 a.m., UC Auditorium, SLO
- 15 www.ucanr.org/slo4hsurvey DUE
- 17 Horse Field Day—Western Pleasure &
English, Osumi Ranch, Arroyo Grande
- 30 4-H FIELD DAY Entries, Chicken-Q \$, Silent
Auction Baskets DUE into the 4-H office
- 30 W. Christensen Scholarship App DUE

JUNE 2008

- 14 4-H FIELD Day and Chicken-Q
Paso Robles Event Center

AUGUST 2008

- 13 JUDGES Record Book Training
7pm, UC Auditorium, SLO
- 30 2007-2008 RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY