



News & Views

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

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program Program Development Board

Welcome

Lisa Rockwell-Harpster

We are very happy to welcome Lisa Rockwell-Harpster as a member of the 4-H Program Development Board in the position of **Large Animal Science Key Leader**.

Lisa has a history with the 4-H program that goes back almost as far as she does. She began as a 9 year old member, graduated out of the program at 19, and has been a project leader for the past 15 years. Lisa has been both a member and leader in many projects, including sheep, swine, beef and horses. She holds an agricultural degree from Cal Poly and has a strong background in all large livestock species.

We are very fortunate to have someone with Lisa's knowledge, training and experience in this position. She has many good ideas on ways to continue to strengthen the large animal science program and we are excited to work with her in achieving her goals.

Welcome

Amanda Clark

We are pleased to announce that Amanda Clark has accepted the position of **Small Animal Science Key Leader** on the 4-H Program Development Board. Many of you may remember Amanda. She served as County All Star in 2005-2006 and State Ambassador in 2006-2007. Amanda is now a certified adult volunteer in the 4-H program and leads a poultry project and serves on the State Incentives and Recognition Committee.

Amanda has a broad background in small animal projects. While a 4-H member she worked to expand

poultry level testing while serving on the Small Animal Science Program Development Committee. This past year she served as Small Animal Science Division Chair for 4-H Field Day and did a terrific job in that capacity.

With her 4-H experience, fountain of energy and creative ideas, Amanda has much to offer in her new position and we look forward to working with her.

Welcome

Brian Aunger

We are delighted that Brian Aunger has agreed to take on the position of **Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Key Leader** on the 4-H Program Development Board.

Brian has served on the Science and Technology Program Development Committee and while a member helped to develop science-related entry and judging guidelines for *4-H Field Day*. He has also served as a judge for science-related presentations at *4-H Presentation Day*. Brian is a member of the Air and Waste Management Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the Channel Islands Chapter. Brian believes an understanding of the scientific process is key to the development of a personal critical thought process.

As SET Key Leader, he would like to help our members have a better understanding of fundamental physical science principles which would, in turn, allow them to contribute to solutions to problems we now face. This will be an exciting and busy year for the SET Program Development Committee as SLO County works closely with the State 4-H Office and National 4-H Council to strengthen science, engineering and technology-related aspects of the 4-H Program. Brian is eager to begin this process and invites anyone interested in serving on the committee to call him at 781-4666 or the 4-H office at 781-5943. (continued on page 6 ~)

CONGRATULATIONS to: **Les & Dawn Stemper of El Paso de Robles 4-H = this Month's Magnet Winner!**
Sign up to receive *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 or send an email to: dharris@co.slo.ca.us with SUBSCRIBE in the Subject Line to enter the 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. **Can you help us with this effort?**

SLO County's 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

- Quart Canning Jars FREE.
Call 929-4303 Marguerite Kump
- Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course, Muzzle Loading Discipline
5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA
Saturday, October 18, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 19, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. There is no fee for the course but class size is limited. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

- 2nd Annual FUR & FEATHERS 4-H All Breed Shows and Jr. Showmanship Events (Cavy, Poultry, Rabbit), Saturday, November 15, 2008 at the Ventura Fairgrounds, Seaside Park 10 West Harbor Blvd. ENTRIES ARE DUE: Thursday, October 30th For More Information visit: <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/> or call Susan Trockey at (805) 480-9976.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard P. Enfield'.

Richard P. Enfield,
4-H Youth Development Advisor

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~ 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 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.

The **Board Director** is responsible for calling meetings, setting meeting agendas in conjunction with the 4-H Youth Development Advisor and presiding at all meetings. Works closely with the 4-H staff, and serves as the liaison with the 4-H Expansion and Review Committee.

The **Assistant Board Director** is responsible for the duties of the director in his/her absence. Serves as the initial board member to handle leader complaints and, if needed, organizes an Ad-Hoc committee to address the complaint. Recruits and coordinates regional council representatives, and serves as the liaison with the 4-H Program Development 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.

If you are interested in applying for a position on the **4-H Management Board**, or if you have any questions about these positions, 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 (until a new appointment is made)

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 30, 2008)

Deanna Teixeira, Secretary

Melani Teixeira, All Star

~ RECENT HAPPENINGS ~

SLO Scientists Celebrate Summer Solstice

By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

What better way to celebrate the start of the summer season here on the Central Coast than by partaking in the Summer Solstice event, sponsored by the Morro Bay Natural History Museum and held at the Morro Bay State Campground? 4-H SLO Scientist volunteers were invited to participate in the June 21st event and were one of several booths to offer educational activities and environmental information to many visiting and local children and families.

SLO Scientist volunteer facilitator, Julie Fallon, and 4-H volunteer, Chelsea Dauer, were on hand to present a wonderful array of science activities including the large watershed run-off model and mini-creek bed, in which everyone had a chance to learn about our local creek areas while seeing how water affects the environment, wheat-berry grinding with a real turn-crank tool, and the balloon-bottle chemical reaction experiment. A highlighted activity offered by Julie was "Sciencing with Snails," complete with the snail tractor pull and snail jail! You can probably guess that our SLO Scientist hands-on activities were quite a hit with the summer solstice attendees!

An added special feature at the event was 4-H All-Star Sarah Lukes, who brought her "fab five" Malaysian Sarama chickens...Noodle the cockerel and Diesel the pullet, plus three adorable babies. Sarah gave children the chance to actually hold her prized feathered friends and related pertinent information about our San Luis Obispo County 4-H program.

Many, many thanks to Julie, Sarah and Chelsea for their help in providing and sharing the fun and educational activities our 4-H program has to offer!



Calling All Science Enthusiasts!

If you're an adult with a special child, and you both would enjoy an enriching experience of sharing and learning together, then SLO Scientist could be for you! If you're a child who would enjoy participating in a group of other kids and adults experimenting with science related activities, talk to your favorite adult about joining a 4-H SLO Scientist group! AND we're always looking for adults to lead these groups as volunteer facilitators. So if you have a couple of evenings a month to spend with adults and kids from your community, being a SLO Scientist volunteer facilitator could be for you.

For more information about the program, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist project coordinator at 781-5944. An overview of the program is available on the San Luis Obispo County 4-H website at <http://www.slocounty4h.org>.

~ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ~

SLO County 4-H 2008 Life Skill Scholarships

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board is happy to be able to offer **three scholarships** in the amount of **\$300 each**. The scholarship areas are:

1. **Citizenship/Community Service**
2. **Leadership**
3. **Life Skills**

If you are a current 4-H member in SLO County who is planning to attend college this fall, you are eligible to apply for one of these scholarships. In addition to general 4-H and academic information, the applicant is asked to address the following:

Citizenship/Community Service:

1. What types of citizenship/community service involvement did you participate in during your 4-H career?
2. Describe two or three citizenship/community service activities that were most significant to you. Explain how you think your citizenship/community service activities will influence your life in the future.

Leadership:

1. What leadership skills have you developed through your 4-H career and how were they developed? Describe how you think your leadership skills will influence your life in the future.

Life Skills:

1. What life skills have you developed through your 4-H career and how were they developed? Describe how you think these life skills will influence your life in the future.

To obtain an application, go to www.slocounty4h.org and click on "Upcoming!", or call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Scholarship applications are due in the 4-H office no later than August 29, 2008. Postmarks will not be accepted.

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2008 State 4-H Leaders' Forum "4-H Rocks: Building Solid Foundations"

The 2008 **State 4-H Leaders' Forum** will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA on **November 7-9, 2008**. The Leaders' Forum offers volunteers an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of other 4-H volunteers, share ideas, and learn new skills in their choice of fun workshops—all in a beautiful ocean side setting!

The nomination deadline for the 2008 Leader Recognition Award has passed, but **it's not too late to register for the State Leaders' Forum!** All 4-H leaders are eligible and encouraged to attend. More information about the forum is available online at <http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/>.

The registration fee of \$236 includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging, and is **due September 5, 2008**.

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Presenting the remaining members of the Program Development Board:

Karen Ludwig, Community Service & Citizenship Key Leader

Sherry Martinez, Youth Leadership Key Leader

Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership Key Leader

Julia Stanfill, Home Economics Key Leader

If you are interested in serving on a Program Development Board Committee in any of the above key areas, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943. Adults and youth are welcome.

~ Recent Happenings ~

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FAIR

We hope everyone had a fun time "Rockin' Round the Clock" at the Santa Barbara County Fair. *Taylor Ayers, of El Camino 4-H Club* had his picture in the paper giving his pig, Porkers, some water out of a small jug! *Carolann Werner of Adobe Nipomo 4-H Club* entered her fancy chickens, rabbits, replacement heifer, dairy goats and swine. She was quoted in the Adobe Press as follows: "This will be my third year, and I want to do this as long as I can. When I grow up I want to be a Vet, so I want to work with animals my entire life." Last year, Carolann took home first place in Novice Dairy Goats and third in Advanced Dairy Goats. "I enjoy the process of perfecting the animals to make them a winner. I love the hard work and spending time with my animals."



This year's fair entries were as follows: 50 head of steer, 31 dairy cattle, 34 breeding beef, 76 replacement heifers, 56 market goats, 37 breeding Boer goats, 14 dairy goats, 563 market swine, 28 breeding swine, 250 market sheep, 55 breeding sheep, 273 rabbits, 35 rabbit meat pens (3 rabbits per pen), 49 breeding turkeys, and 159 meat turkeys.

Candy Evenson, Santa Barbara County Fair's Livestock Superintendent, said "This is a great way for the kids to learn responsibility that comes with having animals and a fun way to teach them about business as well."

~ Community Service NOTEpad ~

Deliveries of Wood Bundles Needed

The mission of the Central Coast Natural History Association (CCNHA) is to support and fund interpretive and educational programs that promote understanding and conservation of the natural and cultural resources of the local State Parks.

That being said, over 10,000 school children at no cost, come to The Museum of Natural History at Morro Bay and The Nature Center in Oceano. We also provide free Adventures With Nature walks and talks and fund historic and cultural preservation projects in the state parks.

The reason that we can do that at No Cost to the youth is done through one of our major revenue generators which is sales of wood bundles in the state parks campgrounds. There are only 2 full time and 2 part time staff at CCNHA, so we rely heavily on volunteers.

We need a small group to take loads of wood bundles from the maintenance yard at Pismo and deliver them to our camp hosts at North Pismo Campground and Oceano. Our camp hosts sell the wood, but they are elderly and cannot load and deliver the wood. ***We need this group for a 1 month commitment or once a week approximately 2 hours per week during the summer, and if possible through October.*** You would have the use of a State Park maintenance truck for deliveries.

Thank you to those at the 4-H office for helping me find volunteers. I really, really appreciate it.

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MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
FOR
THIS YEAR'S
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT!**

**4-H Achievement Night
on October 11th
at the Veteran's Hall
801 Grand Avenue
in San Luis Obispo
at 7:00 p.m.**

**PLAN TO COME OUT AND
JOIN IN THE FUN
CHEERING ON YOUR
4-H CLUB & SHOWING 4-H SPIRIT!**



Friend of 4-H Award

Each year the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board is proud to honor an individual or individuals, a business, or other organization, that has helped and been a friend of 4-H during the year.

Past winners of the **Friend of 4-H Award** have included:

San Miguel Flouring Mill
San Luis Obispo Silver Streaks
Chad Stevens and Andy Morris of
CAT Country Radio
Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo de Tolosa



If you know of a special person or business that has contributed to 4-H, why not nominate them for the 2008 Friend of 4-H Award? Nominations can be made by any 4-H member, club, adult volunteer, or office staff.



If you would like to nominate someone, simply write a letter explaining how they have contributed to 4-H and why you think they deserve the award. Letters are **due** in the 4-H office no later than **August 29, 2008**. The winner will receive a plaque presented in their honor at 4-H Achievement Night on October 11, 2008. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943.

RECORD BOOK JUDGES' TRAINING

If you didn't attend last year's training, you must attend this one in order to judge 2007-08 Record Books on Saturday, 9/6/08.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 13th

WHERE: UCCE Auditorium, SLO

TIME: 6:30—7:00 dinner

TRAINING 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

In order to get an accurate count for dinner
Please RSVP by 8/11/08 Call: 781-5943!

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SLO County 4-H YDP Newsletters are assembled each month by the Silver Streaks of the San Luis Obispo Senior Center.

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2008

AUGUST 2008

- 13 **JUDGES Record Book Training**
7pm, UC Auditorium, SLO RSVP By 8/11
- 29 **Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter Books Due**
- 29 **Life Skills Scholarship Nominations Due and Friend of 4-H Nominations Due**
- 29 **2007-2008 Record Books Due**

SEPTEMBER 2008

- 5 **State Leader's Forum Registrations Due, Asilomar, CA (Nov. 7-9)**
- 6 **2007-08 RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY**
- 17 **SLO Co. 4-H Management Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., UC Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
Note: Everyone is invited to attend the SLO County 4-H Management Board Meetings to share ideas/comments.

OCTOBER 2008

- 11 **4-H Achievement Night, 7:00 p.m. Vets Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo**
- 16 **Farm Bureau Great Pumpkin Contest @ Farmer's Market 4pm—8pm**
- 31 **New Enrollments & 2008-09 Fees Due**

NOVEMBER 2008

- 7-9 **State 4-H Leader's Forum, Asilomar, CA**
- 15 **Ventura County's FUR & FEATHERS 2nd Annual 4-H All Breed Shows & Jr. Showmanship Events (Cavy, Poultry, Rabbit)**
- 19 **SLO Co. 4-H Management Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., UC Auditorium, San Luis Obispo