SLO Scientist *What’s Bugging You?* Field Trip

The 4-H SLO Scientists visited the Cal Poly Entomology Department for their field trip on June 6. Dr. David Headrick had the 22 kid attendees and their parents interact with a variety of live insects and view stunning butterfly and beetle specimen collections. Kids let different walking stick species crawl on them and examined scale insects enlarged from pinpoints to a foot in diameter on a microscope projector. There was also a beehive with glass sides so kids could see what bees do in their hive. Dr. Headrick, who teaches entomology, explained how bees live and why bee colonies are susceptible to disease. Kids also learned how insects breathe, reproduce asexually, migrate, and their unique lifecycles. Dr. Headrick led a demonstration of insect mouthparts where kids ate lettuce with their ‘chewing mouthparts’ and pierced drink bags with their stiff-straw ‘proboscises’. He also answered a myriad of insect and plant related questions. Many thanks to Dr. Headrick and the Horticulture and Crop Science Department for hosting this exciting field trip.
• Are you planning a service-learning project for next year? Each year the California State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the California 4-H Service Learning RFP. Groups can request up to $5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application and information is available on the web: http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp Examples of past projects are also listed. The application is due September 15, 2009.

• Youth ages 10-15 are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Kids Culinary Convention and Conference, September 19, 2009 in Sacramento, CA. Youth and parents may register starting Aug. 15. The conference is an opportunity for youth to experience and learn about food, from preparation, hands-on cooking to the benefits of healthy eating habits. Visit: http://www.jrchefcentral.com for more information.

• Help Staff 4-H Booth at CA State Fair, August 21, - September 7: This is a great opportunity for 4-H members & volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences in the CA 4-H Youth Development Program. Parking passes & Fair Admission Tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hr shift. To sign-up, please visit www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/

• Greetings for Military Kids: Operation Military Kids (OMK) supports California's military youth by providing them with Hero Packs. One of the items we include in each pack is a letter of support and encouragement written by another California youth. If your club would like to write letters to military kids or learn more about how your club can get involved in the OMK hero pack project, please contact Sylena Wise at the CA 4-H State Office, smwise@ucdavis.edu

• Do you have experience and interest in computers, the Internet, digital photography, GPS/GIS, or other tech area? Join the 2009 California 4-H Computer Corps! The 4-H Computer Corps increases the use and awareness of computer technology in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, age 15-19, 4-H volunteers and staff may apply by September 30, 2009. More information is available at http://ca4h.org/wrp/compcorps/

• The 2010 National 4-H Conference will be held March 20-27, 2010 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture’s premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, volunteers and staff may apply to join the California delegation by September 30, 2009. More information is available at http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/index.asp
WaterFest 2009: 4-H SLO Scientist Participation in the Celebration!

By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

If you aren’t from the Central Coast, it’s hard to believe that June 20th was the kick-off weekend to the summer season, with the chilly, foggy weather and barely a glimpse of the sun all day. But those who attended the WaterFest 2009 “education through celebration” event at Morro Rock didn’t seem to mind and had the opportunity to experience just that! The main highlight at the event was a variety of fun and educational hands-on exhibits related to our local watershed, water conservation, sustainable gardening resources, local creek habitats, demonstrations in ocean safety and other activities related to the event’s theme. Several local bands played throughout the afternoon and the favorite event host, Sammy the Steelhead, could be seen movin’ and groovin’ with young and old alike!

Among many local organizations, 4-H SLO Scientist was invited to participate and we offered the chance for children to learn about our local watershed and the effects of water runoff by “messing about” in our mini creek bed table display and to observe the water and debris flow by actually spraying water onto our large local watershed model. These activities proved to be a huge hit with a lot of kids and were also a great way to introduce the 4-H SLO Scientist program to many local and out-of-town children and families. What an amazing event to get the summer season started!

FYI: SLO Scientist is a 4-H Club(s) offered throughout San Luis Obispo County. These youth-adult science clubs, geared primarily toward children in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, are led by adult 4-H volunteer facilitators. The child attends their local SLO Scientist group with a parent or other favorite adult usually twice a month to make up one of several science teams; these teams participate together in specific hands-on science activities related to a particular science study. A SLO Scientist group may also be started as a project within your individual club.

For more information about joining a SLO Scientist group or becoming an adult volunteer facilitator, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist project coordinator at 781-5944.
SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board
Open Positions

We are currently recruiting for three positions on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board: Asst. Board Director, Treasurer and Section Council Delegate. 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. Oversight includes policy making and implementation, as well as management responsibilities in the areas of 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 Asst. 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, and recruits and coordinates regional council representatives. This position also serves as the liaison with the 4-H Program Development Board.

The Treasurer is responsible for receiving, depositing, disbursing and keeping a complete and accurate account of all monies received by the 4-H program, and presents an up-to-date financial report at each meeting of the board. This is an important position and requires organizational skills and a familiarity (or willingness to become familiar) with a financial software program.

The Section Council Delegate represents San Luis Obispo County on the South Sectional 4-H Leaders’ Council and serves as the link between the council and the SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board. The Leaders’ Council meets four times a year and assists in coordinating Sectional events that are leader planned; such as TIC, Field Days and the State Leaders’ Forum. This is an interesting position which provides many opportunities to meet and work with representatives of the 4-H Program throughout California.

If you would be interested in applying for any of these three positions on the 4-H Management Board or if you have any questions, we look forward to talking with you. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Members
Leslie Rebik, Board Director
Shawn Callaway, Past Board Director
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director
JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director and All Star Advisor
Evelyn Rockwell, Treasurer (until a new appointment is made)
Evelyn Ruscki, Visibility Director
Deanna Teixeira, Secretary
All Star Members
Collegiate 4-H Representative
SLO County 4-H
2009 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.
3. 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?
2. 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?
2. Describe how you think these life skills will influence your life in the future.

To obtain an application, go to slocounty4h.org and click on “Applications” or call the 4-H office at 781-5943. Scholarship applications are due in the 4-H office no later than August 28, 2009. Postmarks will not be accepted.

2009 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum
“4-H Past, Present and Future”

The 2009 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA on November 6-8, 2009. 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 oceanside setting!

The nomination deadline for the 2009 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 $249.50 includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging, and is due September 6, 2009.

SAVE THE DATES
For
SLO COUNTY’S
4-H YOUTH CAMP
2010

April 30—May 2, 2010

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.
Central Coast Book and Author Festival
To benefit the Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries
www.slolibraryfoundation.org
www.ccbookfestival.org

Sunday, October 4, 2009 Mission Plaza, San Luis Obispo

Dear Tamara,

The Foundation for San Luis Obispo County Public Libraries requests the members of SLO County 4-H's help by volunteering in the Central Coast Book and Author Festival on Sunday, October 4th, 2009 in Mission Plaza, San Luis Obispo.

The Book and Author Festival is the major event hosted by the Foundation to raise money for library programs throughout the County, including the purchase of reward books for the Summer Reading Program. The Festival is a celebration of libraries and books and of the importance of reading.

The Festival is a one day event put on totally by volunteers. Some of the ways the 4-H volunteers will be asked to help include:
- Set up and take down of tables, chairs and umbrellas
- Greet and direct exhibitors and visitors
- Assist exhibitors in set up of displays
- Assist Festival Committee members as needed

The hours of the Festival are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set up will begin at 8 a.m. and tear down will be complete by 5 p.m. Volunteer shifts will normally be 2 to 4 hours depending on the individual assignment.

Please let us know if you will be able to help.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you!

Maryellen Simkins
Chairman, Central Coast Book and Author Festival
Maryellen.simkins@slolibraryfoundation.org
801-8355
SLO COUNTY 4-H
Community Service Award

The Community Service Program Development Committee wants your nomination(s) of an outstanding 4-H Youth, Adult or Family to receive a 2009 Community Service Award. Nominations can be submitted by any 4-H member or volunteer. If you know an individual or family who continuously gives of themselves, now is your chance to help them receive the recognition they deserve! The nominations will be reviewed, and then one award will be presented for each category: Youth, Adult, and Family at our:

4-H Achievement Night
on October 3rd
at the Veteran’s Hall
in San Luis Obispo at 7:00 p.m.

How to nominate someone:

Please write a half page to one page letter explaining why you think your nominee deserves the award. In order to maintain fairness in the selection process, do not include your nominee’s name in the letter. Then, on a separate piece of paper, write your name, address, and phone number, along with the name of the person or family you are nominating.

Please feel free to nominate as many individuals or families you feel deserve this award. Nominations are due in the 4-H Office by July 15, 2009. You can mail them to the 4-H Office at 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or email them to jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us. Alternatively, you can also FAX your nomination to 781-4316.

If you have any questions about the Community Service Award, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Committee Chair, at 466-1216.

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:
Albertsons
San Miguel Flouring Mill
San Luis Obispo Silver Streaks
Chad Stevens and Andy Morris of CAT Country Radio

If you know of a special person or business that has contributed to 4-H, why not nominate them for the 2009 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 28, 2009. The winner will receive a plaque presented in their honor at 4-H Achievement Night on October 3, 2009. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943.

SAVE THE DATE
Asset Development Conference
January 28, 2010
Embassy Suites Hotel

More details to follow in future newsletters.
TO: ALL 4-H Members and Adult Volunteers  
FM: JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director  
SUBJ: RECORD BOOK JUDGES TRAINING, Wednesday, August 12, 2009  

RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY on Saturday, August 22, 2009  

Record Book Judges Training will be held on Wednesday evening, August 12, 2009 starting with a Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Training will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the UCCE Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo. The Auditorium entry door is on the Parking Lot Level.

Friday, August 14, 2009: Record Books that are to be judged at the County Level are due by 5:00 p.m. in the 4-H office. This is also the deadline date for: Treasurer Books (mandatory), Secretary Books, and Reporters Books. Any of the above 4-H club books not turned into the 4-H office by this date and time will not be judged. No Exceptions!

RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009.

Orientation for Record Book Judging starts promptly at 8:30 a.m.  
- Judges must be able to stay all day  
- No children please.

Light breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

We look forward to seeing and reading about all of the activities that you have participated in this past 4-H Program Year 2008-2009.

RSVP by 8/10/09 the 4-H office at 781-5943 for Wednesday August 12th Record Book Judges Training so we can plan on food and materials for the Training Session.

Thank You!
The **El Paso de Robles 4-H**

The El Paso de Robles 4-H Club has been very busy this whole year. Now it is almost fair time. On Saturday July 18 we are getting ready to set up the landscaping booth at the California Mid-State Fair to try to raise some money for the club. Kaitlin and Madison Heely are the ones who volunteered to come up with the theme. Submitted by: Alicia Avila

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The **Templeton 4-H Fleece group** raised money by making fleece cat toys, and dairy goat milk soaps and lotions. The group sells the soap and toys at Castoro Cellars, Cal AG, Ranch of the Oaks Mill and Ranchita Canyon Winery. They raised enough money to support their fleece project and help the following organizations: Short and Sweet, Second Chance at Love, Morning Star Youth Ranch

The fleece group will have a booth in the livestock area of the Midstate Fair to showcase their journey, provide information and give demonstrations on spinning, knitting and lotion making. Attached are pictures of members of the group presenting checks to the organizations. Submitted by: Cynthia Lindquist, Templeton 4-H Fleece Group

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The **American Dairy Goat Association** has a National Show once a year. The location changes yearly. For the first time in 10 years, Sacramento California was selected. 4 young ladies from our group will be competing against youth from all over the country on July 18th and 19th at the State Fairgrounds. The competition will include Dairy Goat Management, Judging, Showmanship and a team fitting contest. These ladies have worked very hard to get to this competition. Their names are Sierra Bryant (13 years old), Taylor Lindquist (13 years old), Jamie Schmitz (16 years old) and Brenna Cherry (18 years old). They will compete individually and as a team fitting a goat (30 minute competition). Their group name is the Central Coast Caprine Clippers. Submitted by: Cynthia Lindquist, Leader of the Templeton 4-H Dairy Goat Group, Templeton 4-H
25th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day
Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County (ECOSLO) respectfully requests that SLO Co. 4-H volunteer in the 25th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day in San Luis Obispo County.

Why We Need Your Support
Volunteers are the heart and soul of Coastal Cleanup Day! With your help we can thoroughly clean up beaches whose natural beauty and presence we all enjoy.

Please RSVP
For more information about the local cleanup, or to get involved with other volunteer events, please contact ECOSLO at (805) 544-1777 or e-mail us at ccd.ecoso@gmail.com

About the Event
Coastal Cleanup Day is an international event that is focused on cleaning up beaches, rivers and streams around the world. In California, Coastal Cleanup holds the distinction of drawing out the most participation of any volunteer event over its twenty-five year history. ECOSLO works with the California Coastal Commission to bring the campaign for healthy coasts, shorelines and oceans into our community. Last year, over 1,300 volunteers removed nearly 5,000 pounds of marine debris from 26 beaches throughout San Luis Obispo County.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you to make this year's Coastal Cleanup Day another fabulous success.

Sincerely,

Whitney Geitz
Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County

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The number of cigarettes collected from beaches worldwide last year on Coastal Cleanup Day.
San Luis Obispo County Quarter Horse Association invites 4-Hers to Pat Mar Ranch

On July 12th the San Luis Obispo County Quarter Horse Association invited the San Luis Obispo County 4-Hers to a horse show at the Pat Mar Ranch in Templeton. There were 46 classes from Jumping to Trail and English to Western. This show is a three show buckle series. Marie Millers is generous enough to be holding all three of these shows. The next shows will be on Aug. 23rd and Oct. 25th.

The photo below was taken by Tracy Johnston and it includes the Creston 4-H horse Group and the Cerro Alto 4-H horse group. Plus the one and only Marie Millers who we are thankful that she held the show at the Pat Mar Ranch. Submitted by Candace Johnston Cerro Alto 4-H

Mark your calendars now for

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT 2009!

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Veteran’s Hall, 801 Grand Ave., SLO
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  2009

**AUGUST 2009**

1-2  Mid-State Fair

6-8  4-H State Leadership Conference, UC Merced

12  Record Book JUDGES Training  7pm, UC Auditorium, SLO

14  Record Books, Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter Books Due by 5:00 p.m.

22  2008-09 Record Book Judging Day

28  Life Skills Scholarship Nominations Due and Friend of 4-H Nominations Due

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

6  State 4-H Leader’s Forum Registrations Due, Asilomar, CA (Nov. 6-8)

16  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 2009**

3  4-H Achievement Night, 7:00 p.m. Vets Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo

**NOVEMBER 2009**

6-8  State 4-H Leader’s Forum, Asilomar, CA