LEADER APPRECIATION & TRAINING DAY
Saturday, March 21, 2009
UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO

Attention all Community Club Leaders and Project Leaders!!

Don’t miss out on this year’s Leader Appreciation and Training Day on Saturday, March 21, 2009! This is a fun event hosted by our Program Development Board Adult Leadership Committee. This event gives us an opportunity to personally recognize and honor our volunteers for the work they do and the contributions they make to the 4-H program all year long. And, it will include topical information and educational sessions. Topics are in the process of being finalized; however, probable sessions include:

- **4-H SET (Science, Engineering & Technology) within 4-H Clubs**
- **“Not Just for Teens:” A Broad Approach to Leadership Development**
- **Small Animal Science**
- **Large Animal Science**

There will also be plenty of time for a Roundtable Discussion: to share and exchange information with our best and most experienced resources—our volunteers.

Join us. Get to know one another. Ask questions. Enjoy the day. We hope to see you there!

**8:30am-9:00am** REGISTRATION

**9:00am-1:00pm** PROGRAM, including a snack break

Please RSVP by March 13, 2009, to the 4-H office at 781-5943. It will help us have just the right amount of snacks and handouts. Thanks!

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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?

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Zoe St. Cyr of Morro Bay 4-H = this Month’s Magnet Winner!

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University of California, U.S. Department of Agriculture and San Luis Obispo County Cooperating.
National & State 4-H News

- The State 4-H Equine Education Advisory Committee announces the following events, dates and locations: March 28 & 29, 2009: State 4-H Horse Classic, Educational Contests, Reedley College, Reedley, CA. (near Fresno). June 26-28, 2009: State 4-H Horse Classic, Championship Horse Show, Santa Cruz County Fair, Watsonville, CA. More information at the state 4-H equine web site, http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/. There are also Horse Bowl study questions for junior participants listed on the web site. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne George, State 4-H Equine Education Advisor, at 530-527-3101 or jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu.

- Mark your calendars now to attend the 2009 State 4-H Field Day on May 30, 2009 at UC Davis! Present a demonstration, participate in the fashion revue, take the plant science test or draw a logo for 2010! Bring a new or used stuffed animal to help us reach our goal of 250 teddy bears to donate to local children's hospitals! Learn more about the State 4-H Field Day at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/

- 4-H Members: Are you ready to conduct a 4-H Presentation? Many types of presentation await you: demonstrations, science demonstrations, displays, speeches, readings, and more! The 4-H Presentation Manual, 2009 Impromptu categories and list of 2009 Sectional 4-H Presentation Days is now available online at http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/. If you receive a gold at your county and sectional 4-H presentation days, plan to present at the 2009 State 4-H Presentation Day on May 30, 2009 at UC Davis!

- The UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is pleased to announce the 33rd Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day. This year’s event will take place on March 6th and 7th, with an estimated 3,000 FFA and 4-H students in attendance. This Field Day consists of 26 judging events and leadership contests that are all facilitated by current UC Davis undergraduate students. Registration deadline: February 13: Please register as soon as possible to ensure space for your teams. Ali Zike can be contacted at: fieldday@ucdavis.edu, or visit our website for more information at: http://caes.ucdavis.edu/StudInfo/clubs/NewsEvents/Events/fieldday. We look forward to seeing your club on March 6-7th!

- Longing to experience other cultures but can’t find the time or money to travel? Bring the world home by hosting a summer month-long international exchange student through the CA 4-H Youth Development International Exchange. Students arrive from Costa Rica, Finland and Japan in June and July 2009. Welcome a teenager from another country to be part of your family for 1 month and have the best summer of your life. Information is available at: http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/ or by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

Please submit articles and photos by the 15th of each month to:
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Richard P. Enfield, 4-H Youth Development Advisor

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Ventura County 4-H Small Animal “Super Field Day”

A Multi-County Invitational with Medaling Events

Saturday, March 21, 2009
9-2:30, Ventura County Fairgrounds

You’re invited to Ventura County 4-H’s Small Animal “Super Field Day.” The fun-filled event includes great workshops and activities for rabbits, caviaes, poultry, and dogs. Entry forms and additional information are available at the 4-H office and online at slocounty4h.org under the subheading Applications. Entries are due March 7, 2009.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline—Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, February 28, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 1, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at:
http://www.5dogsrange.com

San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau Women Scholarship application and scholarship qualifications. Qualifications: Student must be “a member for 4 years of either a SLO County 4-H or SLO Co. FFA, or a combination of years, thereof.” If you have any questions contact Annalisa Clarke at (805) 543-3654 or annalisa@slofarmbureau.org. The applications are due April 1 to the Farm Bureau office!


Applicants can also visit website www.slofarmbureau.org and find the application under “Programs -> Scholarships”
Horse Written Level Testing

Wednesday, February 11th, 6:00 pm

UCCE Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Please RSVP with your name and the level you will be taking by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943.

As a reminder, level tests are based on the Certified Horsemanship Association Manual, and study materials are available on slocounty4h.org. Registration information for the mounted portion of level testing will be available the evening of written testing.

If you have any questions, please call Julie at the 4-H office, or Horse Project Co-Resource Person Kelly Osumi at 489-1112.
~ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ~

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program

**New FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!**

Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director, is recruiting now for adults and 4-H members to form a new Management Board Fundraising Committee! The mission of the committee will be to develop fundraising ideas and efforts on behalf of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

If you like to organize and plan events, reach out to people, have a creative streak or just enjoy volunteering behind the scenes, please give us a call. Previous 4-H experience is not necessary for these committee positions. There will be lots of energy and fun, so please join us by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943.

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SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board
Open Position – Section Council Delegate

We are currently recruiting for the position of **Section Council Delegate** on the 4-H Youth Development Program Management Board.* The **Section Council Delegate** is responsible for representing 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 Sectional Leaders’ Council is responsible for coordinating all Sectional events that are leader planned, such as TIC and Field Days. In addition, every four years the South Section assists in planning the annual State Leaders’ Forum held at Asilomar. The Leaders’ Council meets four times a year at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut (the 2nd Saturday in Jan, Apr, Jun, and Sept). This is an interesting position and provides many opportunities to meet and work with representatives of the 4-H Program throughout California.

If you would like to apply for the position of **Section Council Delegate**, or if you have any questions about the position, we look forward to talking with you. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

*The purpose of the 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.

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SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Members
Shawn Callaway, Board Director
Dagmar Derickson, All Star
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director
Claire Edmonds, All Star
JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director and All Star Advisor
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Evelyn Ruscki, Visibility Director
Ruth Sutherland, Past Board Director
Deanna Teixeira, Secretary
Daniika Viborg, All Star

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SLO County 4-H YDP Program Development Committee

**SET (Science Engineering and Technology)**

We are currently recruiting adult and youth positions on an exciting new county committee; the **SLO County 4-H SET Program Development Committee**. The purpose of the **SET Committee** is to strengthen science, engineering and technology-related aspects of the 4-H Program by developing new and expanding existing programs and practices.

Just one of the positions we hope to fill will be someone with computer application and website design experience who will serve as the **SLO County 4-H Website Development Resource Person** and aid individual clubs in developing their own websites. Previous 4-H experience is not necessary for this position or to serve as an adult member of the SET Committee.

If you are interested in serving on the **SET Committee**, please the 4-H office at 781-5943.
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Food and Arts Celebration Committee needs your help. We are looking for donations of travel size personal care items for our community service project. 4-H members will be assembling care packages to be donated to the homeless shelter and the women’s shelter as one of the Food and Arts activities. Members who collect items will earn credit in their record books for community service. They can then earn a second credit if they attend the Food and Arts celebration to help assemble the care packages. The items we are looking for are: shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, toothbrushes, combs and washcloths. Drop offs of these items can be done at the 4-H office. Thank you for helping the committee & your community.

ATTENTION
PRIMARY MEMBERS!
SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 25, 2009 for Primary Member Field Day
UCCE Auditorium San Luis Obispo
2156 Sierra Way, SLO, CA 93401
The County All Stars are busy planning a fun-filled day for you—more details in next month’s News & Views newsletter.

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FARM SUPPLY’S SHOW CAMP 2009 at the MID-D-STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Farm Supply and Nutrena are going to host a Show Camp for youth livestock exhibitors. The Show Camp will cover hogs, lambs, cattle and goats. MARK YOUR CALENDARS now for this FREE Event!

WHEN: Sat., Feb. 28th & Sunday March 1st
WHERE: Mid-State Fairgrounds
aka Paso Robles Event Center

Contact: Cara Crye, Farm Supply Company Marketing Coordinator at (805) 543-3751.

Each Camp will cover management, showmanship, nutrition, preparing for show and the Code of Conduct/State Fair Quality Assurance Certification.

FREE FOR EVERYONE!

Saturday, February 28, 2009:
PIG CAMP 7:00 a.m. — 12 Noon
LAMB CAMP 12 Noon — 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1st, 2009:
BEEF CAMP 7:00 a.m. — 12 Noon
GOAT CAMP 12 Noon — 5:00 p.m.
SLO County
4-H Presentation Day
Saturday, February 14, 2009

Start polishing up your presentation skills—4-H Presentation Day is coming up fast! 4-H Presentation Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering Building. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and Opening Ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m.

4-H Presentation Day is one of the most important learning experiences in which a 4-H member can participate, and it’s a lot of fun too. Developing a 4-H presentation helps you learn to research a subject, organize ideas in a logical order and teach those ideas, and practice public speaking skills. Why are public speaking skills important? Public speaking skills are ranked number one among the skill sets of professionals. It is an important component of leadership development, it increases self-esteem, self confidence and ability to accept feedback, and it expands skills for planning, preparation and performance.

What are the categories?

- **Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks** (A Demonstration uses the “show how” method to teach a skill. An Illustrated Talk uses models or other visual aids to teach something.)
- **Educational Display** (This is an organized visual presentation of a program or a concept.)
- **Prepared Speech** (The purpose is to persuade, inform or educate the audience on a single topic or issue.)
- **Interpretive Reading** (Any published written work that is age appropriate and acceptable for use in a public setting may be used.)
- **Science: Super Sleuth or Factshound** (This type of demonstration uses scientific steps to solve problems.)
- **Share the Fun** (Skit 5-10 minutes in length suitable for presentation)
- **Audio-Visual Presentations** (Any informational or instructional program presented with slides, video, or digital representations.)

An entry form and description of each of these presentation formats and its evaluation rubric is located at slocounty4h.org under the Applications heading. Choose a style that best fits you for your first presentation, then try other styles as you advance in 4-H. Complete information on how to prepare a presentation is also available in the 4-H Presentation Manual available online at http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/4HPresentationManual-3.pdf.

Entry forms are due in the 4-H office February 4, 2009.

If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 or Karen Ludwig, Presentation Day Event Chair, at 461-1977. Judges, Room Monitors and Runners are being sought to help out that day, so if you or other leaders, parents and/or members are willing to volunteer, please call Karen Ludwig at the above number.

The Santa Barbara County 4-H Youth Development Program is hosting the 2009 South Section 4-H Presentation Day on Saturday, March 14, 2009. It will be held at the Church of Latter Day Saints in Santa Barbara. Members who receive a gold medal at County Presentation Day will be eligible to participate at this event.
Can you count reports given, talks at a project meeting or club meetings, attending officer meetings on your Personal Development Form?

The answer is:

If you are a club officer, a Jr./Teen Leader or a Committee Chair, activities you perform under those titles listed above cannot be counted on your PDR.

You would get one credit under # 4 - Leadership Development. What does that really mean?

As an officer - any officer reports you give or officer meetings you attend are considered part of your position and you cannot count as separate items for any category on the PDR.

If you are a Committee Chair it is the same thing. Any reports or meetings you attend are considered part of the duties of the chair and you cannot count any separate items on your PDR.

If you are a Jr. / Teen Leader - any reports or duties you perform at either your project meetings or club meetings are considered part of your job function and cannot be counted as separate items on the PDR.

I realize this is different from what many of you are doing and what club leaders are allowing but our county wants to make sure we are following the guidelines set up for the new Personal Development Form.

Please contact me in the evenings with any questions you might have. My phone number is: 528-8232.

JoAnn Overbey - Awards Director
Cerro Alto 2008 Holiday Community Service Projects

Cerro Alto 4H Club reached out to its community for the 2008 holiday season. Our club started its gift giving season out, Army Strong. In November we had a “Support the Troops” club collection of various items. The Clothing and textiles project made 33 Christmas stockings that we stuffed with the donated items. We filled 19 boxes and shipped them off to a local young man from Atascadero who is stationed in Iraq, for him to share with his platoon.

We also had a collection set up for the “Coats for Kids” program. Over 250 coats were collected and donated. Members Spencer and Sophia Swartzbaugh brought in over 68 coats to help the cause.

In the month of December we kicked off the month with more club collections at our December general meeting. We held our annual “Toys for Tots” collection this year and brought in over 370 toys that were distributed to children in Atascadero, Creston and Templeton. We had a food drive for “Loaves and Fishes”. Members brought in enough food to fill a large pick up truck, it was full to the brim with food for that was “Loaves and Fishes” center.

Our members were out in large numbers spreading cheer and offering endless hours serving their community. Our members worked shifts in Atascadero at Food 4 Less and Albertsons for the Loaves and Fishes collection sites, asking our community join in the food collection. At the Albertsons collection there was a very generous lady (name unknown), who had two 4H members help with the shopping for the wish list items, she spent over $170.00 on items to donate. Our members reported that they filled and over filled many boxes and truck loads that day. Cerro Alto members would like to thank all the shoppers who gave so willingly to “Loaves and Fishes” this past holiday season.

On December 13 and 14, 2008 the 4H members in San Luis Obispo dressed in there uniforms or holiday wear and rang bells for “The Salvation Army”. There were over 20 kettles with 4H bell ringers from all over the county, Cerro Alto had over 30 members ringing bells on that weekend.

Our Rabbit Project had a cookie collection at their project meeting, the members made cookie plates and donated them to ECHO, Atascadero’s shelter for the homeless.

Cerro Alto says thank you to everyone who donated their time, toys, food, coats and cookies to those a little less fortunate this past holiday season. Article submitted by Bella Martinez
Saturday, December 13th the Estrella 4-H club went to Vineyard Hills Convalescent Home to decorate the residents doors for the holidays. We took wrapping paper, bows and garlands, wrapped the top of the doors and added embellishments. We enjoyed chatting with the residents and wishing them a Merry Christmas as we went along. Elizabeth Gregg brought her dog Lacy to visit, also, which made many of the people very happy. After, we served cookies we had brought to the residents who could make it down to the community room. All in all we had a lot of fun and spread holiday cheer to the residents! Submitted by: Elena Riley

Reports & Opportunities

California 4-H State Ambassador Program
Applications due March 31, 2009

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Please go the http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador for more information about the 4-H State Ambassador Program and to obtain an application. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by March 31, 2009. We encourage all of our eligible San Luis Obispo County 4-H members to apply!

Term: 4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning July 1, 2009 and ending August 31, 2010. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term. Eligibility Requirements: Candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H Youth Development Program member, and be at least 16 years of age as of July 1, 2009, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2009.
ADVERTISING SPACE
Available in 2009 Field Day HANDBOOK

This all day event will have animal showmanship, level testing in some areas, arts & crafts contests and much more! Attendance is usually 500 or more! Prices this year are:

- Quarter page $25.00
- Half page $50.00
- Whole page $100.00

To place your ad, just submit complete artwork and text or your business card to the 4-H office. You can also send your ad via email to: dharris@co.slo.ca.us. Please have your ad formatted in a .pdf, .jpg, or MS Word document format. ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Cash, check or money order accepted only. Please have checks or money orders payable to: “SLO County 4-H YDP”. ADS DUE for booklet on March 6, 2009. Call the 4-H office 781-5943.

FIELD DAY
Silent Auction CHALLENGE

Ken Dewar, our 4-H Management Board Fundraising Director’s goal is to make our best SILENT AUCTION even better!

Each 4-H Club is asked to provide a minimum of TWO Auction baskets and an Adult Volunteer to assist with this year’s event. The better the gift basket’s theme/design—the more funds we can raise for our County 4-H events! VOLUNTEERS (perhaps some Club Treasurer’s) are also needed for this year’s Silent Auction Committee—

For more information regarding the Silent Auction, call Ken Dewar at 543-0180 or 441-0531, or the 4-H office at 781-5943. Let’s meet this year’s challenge and create some gift baskets with great themes for the 2009 Silent Auction!
### SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2009

#### FEBRUARY 2009
- **4** Presentation Day Applications Due
- **11** Horse Project Written Level Test, 6pm (UCCE Auditorium, San Luis Obispo)
- **14** SLO County 4-H Presentation Day (Cal Poly Campus, SLO 8am)
- **28-3/1** Farm Supply SHOW CAMP, Mid-State Fairgrounds, FREE EVENT, 7am—5pm

#### MARCH 2009
- **6** ADS DUE for Field Day Booklet
- **14** 4-H Sectional Presentation Day (Santa Barbara)
- **21** Leader Appreciation & Training Day (UCCE Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.)
- **21** Ventura Co. Small Animal Science Super Field Day, Ventura Co. Fairgrounds
- **31** State 4-H Ambassador Applications Deadline

#### APRIL 2009
- **25** Primary Member Field Day (UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo CA 93401)

#### MAY 2009
- **2** Fun with Food & Fashion Revue (Laguna Middle School, SLO)

#### JUNE 2009
- **13** 4-H FIELD Day and Chicken-Q (Paso Robles Event Center)

#### JULY 2009
- **15-19** Santa Barbara County Fair at Santa Maria Fairpark
- **22 - 8/2** CA Mid State Fair at Paso Robles Event Center

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