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



## 4-H Leader Appreciation and Training Day January 23, 2010

Here's a big "shout-out" to **all** of our hard working Community Club Leaders *and* Project Leaders! We encourage you to come enjoy a day of 4-H fun, information and camaraderie.

On **Saturday, January 23, 2010**, the *Adult Leadership Program Development Committee* welcomes every 4-H adult volunteer to our annual **Leader Appreciation and Training Day**. This is a time to honor our volunteers for the work they do all year and invite everyone to participate in educational sessions relevant to 4-H. **Topics** will include ways to incorporate 4-H SET (science, engineering and technology) into existing projects, fun facts about large animal and small animal projects, a variety of hands-on learning activities, up-to-date information about the Home Ec Program, and of the course the day wouldn't be complete without a few choice tidbits about Presentation Day and Record Books!

The event will be held on the **Cal Poly Campus, Building 8** (the Ag building) from **8:30am-2:00pm**, with registration beginning at 8:00am. And remember, **lunch** is provided!

Please come join us! **RSVP by January 15, 2010**, to the 4-H office at **781-5943** or [chansen@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:chansen@co.slo.ca.us)

### Save the Date!

## Primary Members Field Day

### Saturday, May 22, 2010

Stay tuned for more information to follow in future News and Views!

On Veterans day the **Cambria 4-H Club** went and helped at the Veterans Day Service. We helped set up tables and chairs. We passed out flags and carnations to the Veterans. At the end of the service we all helped clean up. We had a very nice day. A special thank you to all of the Soldiers from the Cambria 4-H Club.  
Tara Covell 4-H Reporter



**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**

- California will be sending 4-H members and leaders outbound on the **California International Exchange Program** during the summer of 2010. Are you ready for a one month experience in Australia, Costa Rica, or Japan? Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by **January 27, 2010**. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>.
- **Has your 4-H club supported military kids in the past three months?** Is your club planning to assist military kids in the future? Operation: Military Kids (OMK) wants to know about it! We have funding opportunities available to support your club in your future project/event planning. Contact Sylena Wise at 530-752-8585 or email [smwise@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smwise@ucdavis.edu) for more details.
- On-line registration for the **2010 California Focus Program** is available now and is due on **January 15, 2010**. 4-H members and leaders come together to run their own state government in the fictitious state of Sierra Cascade. Delegates draft legislation, participate in a mock trial, and run for office. Then participants interact with their legislators, court officials, and those close to current issues. Financial assistance is available for this program for members and the Young Civic Leader Scholarship is available for teens with an outstanding leadership and community service record. Those applications are due by **Jan 7, 2010**. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>
- **4-H Train-the-Trainer Babysitting Courses**  
The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering professional development training opportunities to all **4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel** on the 4-H Military Babysitting Curriculum at the following locations:
  - **Kern County 4-H Office -- January 16, 9:30-4:30**
  - **Ventura County 4-H Office -- January 30, 9:30-4:30**The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth to learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs. **The training is open to all 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel.** Participants will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. Bring a doll! For more information, contact Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu) or 530-219-6608.
- *To access a computer or websites call the 4-H office 781-5943.*

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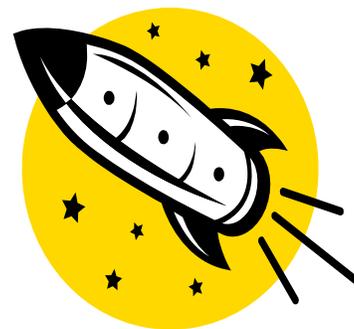
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard P. Enfield'.

Richard P. Enfield,  
4-H Youth Development Advisor

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# It's a Rocket Launch!



**February 20, 2010**

Would you like to learn about rocket propulsion and what makes a rocket trajectory stable? Then come join us at our first 4-H SET Camp!

For the first hour you will learn about rockets and assemble rocket models. For the second hour you will launch your rocket and see what kind of results you get.

The event is *open to all ages, however, members 13 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

There are two ways to participate:

1. Purchase and assemble a rocket kit before the event—there won't be enough time to assemble a kit at the event (*Estes-type* rocket kits are available at local hobby stores for \$10-\$40); **OR**
2. Make a rocket at the event (materials will be available onsite for \$5.00—enough for two rockets).

**Date/Time:** Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 3:00-5:15pm

**Location:** 8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero

**RSVP:** By February 12, 2010 to [ddericks@calpoly.edu](mailto:ddericks@calpoly.edu) or [chansen@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:chansen@co.slo.ca.us)  
(RSVPs are *greatly* appreciated, however, drop-ins will be welcomed)

**Questions:** Dennis Derickson at [ddericks@calpoly.edu](mailto:ddericks@calpoly.edu) or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

*We hope to see you there!*

**MAKE WIND TURBINES**  
**Save the Date: March 27, 2010**

**PRESENTATION DAY—February 13, 2010:** Hello, my name is Hannah Andrade and I am currently working on achieving my Emerald Star with my younger sister, Olivia. We have both been in 4-H for six years and have been highly involved in Presentation Day from the very first. Throughout the years we have been able to see the benefits of doing presentations first-hand. We have learned the value of speaking well in public through the various presentations that we've given and how it helps build confidence in those who participate. Presentation Day is a unique and wonderful opportunity to learn about activities other 4-Hers are involved in and is a great way for members to give speeches in a positive, supportive environment and make new friends. We would like to see more 4-Hers try Presentation Day this year. As part of our Emerald Star Project, my sister and I have created a short presentation on what Presentation Day is about and would like to present it to as many of the 4-H clubs county-wide as we can. Our goal is to see more 4-Hers involved so that they, too, can experience the benefits that can be gleaned from Presentation Day. If you are interested in having us come and present at your club or project meeting, or if you have questions about our project, please call us at (805) 550-6549. You can also call our Advisor and the Presentation Day Chair, Karen Ludwig at (805) 466-1216.

### **Looking for Committee Members to help with Presentation Day—February 13, 2010**

Karen Ludwig has started a Presentation Day Committee to help run Presentation Day. She is looking for 4-H members of all ages to join the committee (primary members can join, too!) We will need 10 room hosts and 10 hall walkers, also known as runners. We will also need about 3 people for sign in. If you are available to help, call Karen Ludwig at 466-1216. Submitted by Sophie Johnston, Cerro Alto 4-H

## 4-H MEMBER NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Cerro Alto 4-H's Aeronautics Group:

It feels like I'm sitting in the backseat of a 1967 VW bug, with the exception of having wings and being six feet off the ground. My brother called shot-gun, so he's in the front. I have my seat belt cinched as tight as it will go and my headset has voices from the tower giving Shawn, our pilot, the needed information for a safe take off. Sitting in the C-172 Cessna, we had left the ground and put our heads in the clouds. Morro Rock was just one of many amazing sites we saw during our flight.



The aspiring aviators of Cerro Alto 4-H, with the help of Michelle Graceffa were invited to join the EAA Young Eagles at the San Luis Obispo airport, Saturday, November 14th. Several pilots of the 170 Chapter, donated their time, skills in the sky and small engine planes to allow kids 8-17 the thrill of flying. We saw scenery that you could only imagine. The pilot answered questions and encouraged us to fly. The Young Eagles program wants to take the mystery out of flying. Here's a website for you to visit [www.youneagles.org](http://www.youneagles.org). This will help you find a pilot near you and learn more about this great program.

Flying is fun! By: Ashley and Tyler Fielding, Cerro Alto 4-H Aviation Project



\*picture 1: left to right: Abigail Carmack, Evalene Carmack, Naomi Carmack, Seth Carmack, Tyler Fielding, and Ashley Fielding

\*picture 2: left to right: Cole Cruz, Tyler Fielding



### BE A SLO SCIENTIST VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR!

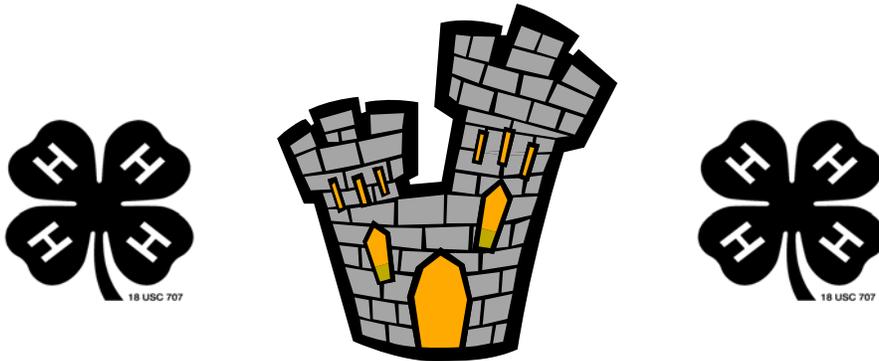
**Adults:** Would you enjoy leading a group of youth and adults together in fun, hands-on science activities or are you the parent of a teen who would enjoy leading science-related activities together?

**Teens:** Do you have an interest in science and would enjoy serving as a 4-H junior leader with your parent (or other adult) in a SLO Scientist group?

**A TRAINING SESSION for anyone interested in leading a SLO SCIENTIST Youth/Adult Science Club will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, 3:00—5:00 pm in the UCCE Auditorium in San Luis Obispo.**

**4-H SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Clubs** are looking for volunteers to help facilitate hands-on science activities for their enthusiastic members. Becoming a 4-H SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator is a great way to become involved with kids and parents in the community, and to start a SLO Scientist project within your club. Children, ages 8 to 11, come with a parent or other adult to form a science team; each SLO Scientist group consists of 7 to 10 science teams. SLO Scientist groups meet in various locations around the county, typically 2 evenings a month to explore topics such as earthquakes, soil and water, chemical reactions. You don't need to be an expert in the fields of soils, agriculture or geology since the program emphasizes giving children real experiences to help them learn how to observe, investigate and experiment and just having fun with science experiences! Materials are provided and training for volunteer facilitators is offered on a continual basis. **For more information about this terrific program and how you can become involved, please contact Heather Dauer, San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist Coordinator, at 781-5944 or e-mail [dnhdauer@charter.net](mailto:dnhdauer@charter.net)**

# The 2009-10 4-H Youth Camp Project Presents...



## “THE AGE OF DISCOVERY”

Youth Camp for SLO County 4-Hers in **grades 4, 5 & 6**  
April 30 - May 2, 2010 at Rancho El Chorro (near Cuesta College)

*We invite you to journey back with us to the time of da Vinci, Sir Isaac Newton and Shakespeare. Explore the science of catapults, learn leather craft, make your own coat of arms, and paint like Michelangelo. There will be hikes, games, campfire programs and our very own Quiz Jam!*

### REGISTRATION STARTS NOW!

The 1<sup>st</sup> 30 campers to register will receive the **early registration** cost of **only \$55!** Regular registration is \$65 and closes on April 1, 2010.

To reserve your spot, send the Pre-Registration form below along with a \$25 deposit made payable to “SLO Co. 4-H YDP” to:

*4-H office – Youth Camp Registration  
2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401*

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Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: 4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_

Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

(Office Use) Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Packet Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

The **Cerro Alto 4-H** Clothing and Textiles group decided to donate stockings to Loaves and Fishes. We hope these stockings will be a keepsake for years to come. Each member made 1-3 stockings and the whole club donated toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and other necessities. In the back row from left to right are Ashley Bentley, Leader Shannon Rinkenberger, Loaves and Fishes President Jackie Lerno, Ashley Fielding, Sophie Johnston and Candace Johnston. In the front row are Amy Newman, Macy Simpson, and Jenna Winslow. Submitted by Candace Johnston



**Templeton 4-H** sponsored our traditional Christmas dinner on December 9, 2009 to honor our Veterans and their families. Our club leader, Loretta Mazzo, organized the festive event that is held at the Templeton Veterans Hall. The Hall was decorated in the holiday spirit. 4-Hers arrived early to set up tables. Our guests were delighted to be served by 29 of our members dressed in their whites. It is inspirational to see so many kids volunteering. We have great fun doing all of our jobs and it is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to our veterans. We even faked some caroling before Santa visited. This event demonstrates the spirit of the season. Templeton 4-H wishes you all a Merry Christmas!!!

**Ranchita Canyon 4-H** has gotten off to an amazing start in our 2009-2010 year. We had 13 members medal with their record books and we got gold medals with our Secretary's, Reporter's, and Treasurer's books. We also had many new members and a couple new projects like shooting and food and nutrition. We have participated in many community service events like the Halloween Bingo and Christmas crafts at our local senior assisted living home, Creston Village. We wish all of our fellow 4-H members a Happy New Year!

### 4-H Members honor deceased Veterans on Veterans Day

On Wednesday, November 12, 2009 4-H members from **Rio Rancheros and Santa Margarita 4-H** clubs along with the 4-H SLO County All Stars commemorated Veterans Day in a special way. They met in Atascadero and caravanned out to Pleasant Valley Cemetery in San Miguel and the Adobe Cemetery in Paso Robles.

They honored 24 deceased veterans by placing American flags on their graves. There were soldiers that had served in WWI, WWII, the Vietnam and Korean Wars and there was even a Confederate soldier who had served in the Civil War. Submitted by: Anthony Aguirre Santa Margarita 4-H, All-Star

Pictured from left to right: Gudrun and Dagmar Derickson, Sadie Wessel, Anthony, Bernadette, and Alexis Aguirre, Sigrid Derickson, Genevieve and David Aguirre, Claire and Hannah, and Emily Von Dollen



## 4-H Horse Play Day

On November 14, 2009 San Luis Obispo County 4-H held a Horse Play Day at the Wranglerettes Arena in Atascadero. The Play Day started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 2:30 p.m. We did the American flag salute and the 4-H flag salute, and then the games began! The first event we did was "Trail" which means we had to open and close gates while on our horses and trot over poles and other obstacles. The next event was "Barrel Racing" where we saw some major fast horses, and newer horse project members tried it at a slower pace. After Barrel Racing we had a "Relay Race" where we split into four teams and competed in a hard obstacle course. Next we did "Toilet Paper Races" where we partnered up and walked down around a pole and back while holding a piece of toilet paper between our horses. If it broke you' were disqualified. Last but not least, the always exciting "Keyhole Race" where the 4-Hers had to ride their horses down the arena, turn around in a circle shaped like a keyhole and ride back as fast as they safely could. This Play Day taught new and old members how to be safe, how to make new friends and how to have fun! By: Sophia Swartzbaugh, Cerro Alto 4-H

## **Horse Project Level Tests (Written and Mounted)**

**Written Level Tests** will be offered on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo. Please allow two hours for completion of the test and results. All levels will be offered. All test questions and answers are taken from the Certified Horsemanship Association's *Certified Horsemanship Manual*, Levels 1-4 and will be the final authority.

**Mounted Level Tests** will be offered the following Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the Work Ranch in San Miguel (rain date March 13). To be eligible to participate in mounted level testing, each member must have successfully passed the corresponding written level test. New this year, the day will begin with a brief Mounted Level Testing Clinic presented by the official judge, with testing to follow.

**Registration Information:** Register to take the **written** level test by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. **Registration forms** for the **mounted** portion of level testing will be available at written level testing. (**Note:** If you have already passed the written portion of level testing and need to take only the mounted portion this year, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 and request a registration form be sent, faxed or emailed to you.) If you have any questions about written or mounted level testing, please call Kelly Work at (805) 467-3362, or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

On Saturday Nov. 14th Ralph Covell was at the Horse Play Day in Atascadero recruiting members for the new Draft Horse Group he is starting. He had a nice display with lots of photos. If you are interested in the group you can contact Ralph Covell (805)927-3398. We had lots of fun at the Play Day. 4-H Reporter Tara Covell



### **FARM SUPPLY'S 2010 Show Camp Sat., Feb. 27 & Sun., Feb. 28**

Mid State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles  
Camps will cover: Pigs, Lambs, Cattle & Goats

Show Camp is FREE! Half day camps each day!

#### **Sat., Feb. 27**

Pig Camp in the morning

Lamb Camp in the afternoon

#### **Sun., Feb. 28**

Beef Camp in the morning

Goat Camp in the afternoon

Call Jandy at Farm Supply in Paso for more information (805) 238-1177 Or visit our website @

[www.farmsupplycompany.com](http://www.farmsupplycompany.com)

Registration forms will be sent to group leaders and available on our website. Show Camp is sponsored by Farm Supply and Nutrena Feeds

# THE POWER OF THE *Wind*

**NEW! A unique 1-day training opportunity**  
**January 30, 2010**

This workshop is designed *specifically* for **4-H Volunteers** and **Teen Members** to **learn how to facilitate** or assist in leading a **“Power of Wind” club project** or as part of the **SLO Scientists Program**. It is an intensive, interactive and activities-filled exploration of wind and its uses. In addition, each participant will receive a **free** copy of the curriculum to take home. (*The Power of Wind Facilitator’s Guide* or *Power of the Wind Youth Guide*)

We are very fortunate to be able to offer this exciting workshop as a **1-day event in our own back yard—San Luis Obispo!!** And we hope this shortened format will make it easier for more of our 4-H volunteers and teen members to attend.

*You observe wind speed affecting flags and trees and other objects around you, and you know that when the wind is blowing hard, tree branches move more and flags extend. Are you aware that one wind turbine can provide enough energy for about 300 homes? How many youth know that you can harness the wind to design, create, build, and test a wind powered device?*



- Workshop Facilitators:** Cynthia Barnett, Ph.D., 4-H Youth Development Advisor for San Bernardino County and Keith C. Nathaniel, Ed.D., 4-H Youth Development Advisor for Los Angeles County
- Location:** UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO
- Date:** **January 30, 2010**
- Time:** Saturday 8a-6p (7:30-8:00a breakfast will be available)
- Breakfast/Lunch:** Provided
- Questions:** Cynthia Barnett at [cbarnett@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cbarnett@ucdavis.edu) or (909) 398-2193  
Keith Nathaniel at [kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu) or (323) 260-3845  
San Luis Obispo 4-H Office at (805) 781-5943 or [chansen@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:chansen@co.slo.ca.us)
- RSVP Deadline:** Friday, January 15, 2010, to the 4-H office at 781-5943



Learn more about the **Power of Wind** at  
**<http://projects.4-hcurriculum.org/curriculum/wind/>**



**For more INFORMATION about S.E.T. UPDATES visit**  
**<http://ca4h.org/SET/updates/index.asp>**



**4-H SET Professional Development Workshop on February 6, 2010.** This professional volunteer development opportunity will help **prepare 4-H Volunteers and Teen Members** (age 14 and up) to incorporate science, engineering and technology into 4-H projects and activities in a hands-on, experiential manner. Two 4-H SET-ready curricula will be introduced in the afternoon (**Agua Pura Pescadores: Exploring Salmon and Steelhead in California Communities** and **Youth Experiences in Science**). More information and direct registration is available at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4208>

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm (light breakfast and lunch provided)

Location: 267 Camino del Remedio, **Santa Barbara**  
(Santa Barbara County Employees' University)

RSVP: By January 15, 2010 at above website or to the 4-H office at 781-5943

The **4-H SET Activity Guide** is now available for download. Want to increase interest and enthusiasm for 4-H SET? Need an activity for a 4-H Club or Project meeting? The guide provides fast and fun science and engineering activities prepared to be SET-Ready. The activities allow youth to have hands-on experiences with a variety of science and engineering topics. Download the guide at <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/curriculum/index.asp?ID=30>

**Statewide:** The **California 4-H Technology Leadership Team** increases the use and awareness of technology in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. Previously the CA 4-H Computer Corps, the Team has revised its mission and purpose to align with the 4-H SET Initiative. The Team supports the 4-H SET Initiative, conducts professional development workshops, provides IT support at 4-H events, and provides resources to 4-H Clubs in using technology to enhance communication. The team is recruiting 4-H members (age 16 and up), volunteers and staff to apply by April 30, 2010 (information available in January). For more information, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/compcorps/> or contact Steven Worker at [smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu).

The **California State Parks and Pacific Leadership Institute collaboration** provides ongoing opportunities for structured, powerful introductions to outdoor experiences for California's youth. Leadership trainings are being offered for youth ages 14-17 in outdoor activities, team building and leadership skills while camping at a California State Park. All of the necessary food and camping equipment for the training trip are provided at no cost! Programs are offered in the spring and summer 2010. For more information, please visit [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=24511](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24511)

The **2010 State 4-H Field Day will be held on May 29, 2010** at UC Davis. The State 4-H Field Day is the largest California statewide 4-H event, open to 4-H members, siblings, parents, 4-H volunteers and staff. In 2010, 4-H SET will be featured with many hands-on science, engineering and technology activities and challenges! Your 4-H Club or project can help! Educational displays constitute a unique aspect of the State 4-H Field Day. These exhibits are a great opportunity to share knowledge, interact with youth and adults, and engage people in new activities. Possibilities for displays include hands-on activities, community service, informative booths, etc. Applications are due April 2, 2010 and the form is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf>. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

### SLO County 4-Her Medals at State Record Book Judging

Congratulations to **Anthony Aguirre** of Santa Margarita 4-H who was a **Medalist** in the **CA State 4-H Record Book Judging Competition!**

Anthony put in many long hours revising and "fine tuning" his book prior to submitting it for State judging in October. In total, 113 record books were submitted to the State and reviewed extensively by team of 11 judges. Anthony's book was selected to receive a medal based on overall **citizenship, leadership, and life skills**, as well as presentation and formatting. We are proud to have a State Medalist from SLO County and hope that more of our members will choose to participate in State Record Book Judging next year!

**Templeton 4-H Club** celebrated members of Templeton's American Legion Post 220. Veterans and their families were treated by Templeton 4-H to a Thanksgiving Banquet on November 11, 2009. Our club leader, Loretta Mazzo, is seasoned at organizing this traditional event. To make this evening special for our guests, our 4-H Club had crews that were responsible for the food purchasing, the food preparation, the table set up, the serving, the clearing of the tables and the clean-up. Parents and 4-Hers prepared the turkey dinner and side dishes and desserts from scratch. I can attest to the excellent flavor and presentation. The table decorations were created by the 4-H craft group. Music was performed by Sierra Bryant, Julie Maggiore and Grace Schaffer. Our Veteran guests look forward to this event every year; the smiles on their faces are evident when younger servers refill waters and coffees. Our enthusiasm shows as we always have plenty of volunteers dressed in their full whites for this special appreciation dinner. Templeton 4-H sincerely appreciates our Veterans. By: Larry Rose



### SLO COUNTY 4-H Member returns from NATIONAL HORTICULTURE CONTEST a WINNER!

My name is **Alexis Aguirre** & I would like to share with you the outcome of the National Horticulture contest in Pennsylvania. I had such an incredible and educational experience at the National Junior Horticultural Assn. (NHJA) convention this past October! There were 20 states represented, with over 240 attendees. It was very exciting to meet various delegates from so many states. Twelve states competed in the 4-H Division. California did remarkably well! I cannot put into words the excitement my teammates & I felt at the awards banquet when it was announced that we placed 2nd in this contest! In addition, there was only a 1.6 difference between our team and the 1st place team from Maryland. In individual placings, I placed 6th. In addition, California won 3rd place in the State Display Contest and for the first time, California won the coveted State Team Spirit Award. Including the awards of a few returning California delegates, who competed in an Honors Division, California brought around 14 plaques back home! Needless to say, we had an exceptional team!

This contest has really changed my life because it has forever embedded in my heart a love & fascination for Horticulture. Wherever I go, I find myself trying to identify plants that I see around me! Horticulture will definitely be a cherished hobby, if not a career. This is fitting since NJHA has been dedicated to promoting interest & careers in Horticulture during its 75 years of existence. In May, my teammates & I are going to assist in putting on the Horticulture Contest at the 2010 State Field Day. This would be your chance to test your horticulture skills! This experience has been priceless, & I plan to stay active in horticulture. I am so grateful that 4-H provides such wonderful opportunities as these.



Pictured above:  
Legion Commander Larry Mora with Templeton 4-Hers

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Volunteers Needed

### Open Positions



#### 4-H Field Day/Chicken-Q Event Chair and Assistant

We're on the lookout for a "few good volunteers" to organize our countywide **4-H Field Day** and **Chicken-Q** event being held on Saturday, June 12, 2010!!

The positions of **Event Chair** and **Assistant Event Chair** are busy ones, but they come with many perks; like working alongside your fellow volunteers—and there are *MANY*—who make the day such fun and a great success. (You'll also have lots of help and support from 4-H staff along the way too.)

Planning starts early, usually in January...so, how about it? Would you like to try your hand at organizing **4-H Field Day** and **Chicken-Q** in 2010? If so, we'd love to talk with you or answer any questions you may have. Please contact the 4-H office at (805) 781-5943

#### SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board

We are currently recruiting for two positions on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board: **Fundraising Director** and **Section Council Delegate**.

The **Fundraising Director** is responsible for providing leadership to and managing the fundraising efforts of the board on behalf of the 4-H program. The Director also chairs the Fundraising Committee, which is responsible for short and long range goal setting, planning, and program implementation related to fundraising.



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.

#### SLO County 4-H Program Development Board

We are currently recruiting for the position of **Youth Leadership Key Leader**. This position serves as a member of the 4-H Program Development Board and is responsible for developing and delivering educational programs to 4-H members such as Officer and Jr/Teen Leader Training as well as other leadership development events and activities. The 4-H Program Development Board is responsible for overall program planning for SLO County and for many countywide events. The board meets twice a year and members participate in a joint meeting with the 4-H Management Board once a year.



**If you are interested in applying for one of these positions  
or if you have any questions, we hope to hear from you soon!  
Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.**

**For more information from the STATE 4-H OFFICE, visit  
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## **SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2010**

### **JANUARY 2010**

- 6 SLO Scientist Training Session, 3pm  
UCCE Auditorium, SLO
- 8 California Focus Deposit Deadline
- 16 Fur & Feathers Show, Ventura Fairgrounds
- 23 Leader Appreciation & Training, Cal Poly
- 28 Asset Development Conference, 8am-4pm  
Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo
- 30 Power of Wind Training, UCCE Auditorium, SLO

### **FEBRUARY 2010**

- 13 PRESENTATION DAY, 8am Registration  
Cal Poly Ag Bldg 8, SLO
- 20 Rocket Launch SET CAMP, 3pm Atascadero
- 24 Horse Project WRITTEN LEVEL TEST, 6pm  
UCCE Auditorium SLO
- 27 Horse Project MOUNTED LEVEL TEST, 10am  
WORK RANCH, San Miguel, CA
- 27 FARM SUPPLY'S Pig/Lamb Camp, Mid-State  
Fairgrounds, Paso Robles
- 28 FARM SUPPLY'S Beef/Goat Camp, Mid-State  
Fairgrounds, Paso Robles

### **MARCH 2010**

- 6 Sectional Presentation Day, Cal Poly
- 11-14 WRLF, Albuquerque, NM
- 27 Wind Turbines SET CAMP, Atascadero

### **APRIL 2010**

- 24 Food & Arts Celebration & Fashion Revue  
Laguna Middle School, SLO
- 4/30-5/2 Youth Camp, Rancho El Chorro, SLO

### **MAY 2010**

- 22 Primary Members Field Day, UCCE Auditorium, SLO
- 29 STATE 4-H FIELD DAY, UC DAVIS

### **JUNE 2010**

- 12 4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q  
Paso Robles Event Center
- 25-29 California Citizenship Focus,  
Sacramento, CA