2008 4-H FIELD DAY

On Saturday, June 14th, the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program hosted its annual 4-H FIELD DAY at the Mid-State Fairgrounds. The fun-filled event provided opportunities for 4-H members to participate in Showmanship, Level Testing, and Exhibit Judging, as well as a Science and Technology Design Contest and 4-H Presentation practice. In-between competing with their 4-H projects, many 4-Hers let off some steam by jumping in the bounce house and zooming down the giant slide provided by 4-H Management Board President Shawn Callaway.

In addition, a “Chicken-Q” and Silent Auction were held to raise money for the county 4-H program. The delicious Chicken-Q lunch was served by our own 4-H club members with the BBQ expertise of Stan Van-Beurden. (Thank You, Stan!) The 120 entries in the Silent Auction raised a total of $4,973 which will be a big help for the county 4-H program. Thank you to all of our 4-H clubs and families who sent in creatively themed baskets for the Silent Auction and to Ken Dewar for organizing the event this year! We’d also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Evelyn Rockwell, Field Day Operations Manager and Leslie Rebik, Event Chair and to Sandi Dewar for her help with the Silent Auction. We are also very grateful for all of the Division Chairs and everyone who volunteered their time to help make this year’s 4-H FIELD DAY a big success! To see more photos from Field Day please visit the County website at http://www.slocounty4h.org/events/index.htm Please see page 3 for the Best in Show Division Winners. The pictures say it all --- a great time was had by all!

CONGRATULATIONS to: Sarah Rutland of Huasna Valley 4-H = this Month’s Magnet Winner and to Sophie, Spencer and Michelle Swartzbaugh of Cerro Alto 4-H = $25 Certificate 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?
LOST & FOUND @ 4-H FIELD DAY: Silver Pointer pen/stick found by the Chicken-Q area. & a GRADUATION CARD for Crystal with a gift. Call the 4-H to identify 781-5943.

Poultry Level Testing will be available at the Mid-State Fair on the same day as the Poultry show (Wednesday, July 23rd). Members must participate in poultry showmanship to be eligible to take the test, but pre-registration is not required. To obtain a copy of the recently updated Poultry Level Testing Study Guides, call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Upload your "My 4-H Story" from your 4-H Record Book by July 31, 2008 to enter a drawing for a $25 gift certificate. Ten gift certificates will be awarded. More information is available at http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/recordbook/index.php

Reminder: All 4-H VMO and unit bank account must use a UCCE address as the address of record. Your deadline for compliance of this policy is July 1, 2008.

The California State Fair is fast approaching (Aug 15 - Sept 1) and The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth. Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members & adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. To sign-up, please visit: http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/.

Californians entering market livestock in the Livestock Show at the 2008 California State Fair must register for the DNA Reservation and Collection online at www.bigfun.org. For additional information visit: www.bigfun.org or contact the California State Fair Livestock Program Coordinator at 916-263-3109 or entryoffice@calexpo.com.

CA WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) is offering a training on Oct. 3 - 5, 2008 at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County near Petaluma. The focus is habitats and species "From the Forest to the Sea." The cost is $200.00 plus a tour of Bodega Marine Lab. Registration materials are on the California State 4-H website at ca4h.org, or contact Mary Engebreth at maryengebreth@comcast.net, or (707) 996-2981.

This summer, "Green Teams" made up of urban 14-18 year-olds will visit more than two dozen national parks - an environmental immersion experience to nurture the next generation of National Park Service (NPS) leaders and staff. To see a video and photos go to: NPS Youth Partnership Flash presentation.
BEST OF SHOW DIVISION WINNERS: (Note: More Photos from Field Day and they do not necessarily reflect Division Winners. Thank you.)

Stepping Stones: Corryn LaRue, Templeton
Birdhouse: Brittney Tierney, Sierra Way
Plant Science: Kallia Linsteadt, Canyon Country
Scrapbooking: Christa Osumi, Adobe Nipomo
Pets & Small Animal Poster: Kaden McQuitty, Pozo
Leathercraft: Tristen Simon, Cerro Alto
Arts & Crafts: Katie Kerschner, Parkfield

HIGH SCORING Obedience: Dog Care: Meredith Masch - Estrella
BEST SHOWMAN: Dog Care: Meredith Rickard, Rio Rancheros
Dairy Goat: Rebekah Lamouria, Cerro Alto
Meat Goat: Amika Osumi, Adobe Nipomo
Rabbit: Malia Baynham, Morro Bay
Beef: Jessica Judge, Edna

Swine: DIVISION WINNER: Sammy Hurst, Morro Bay 4-H Club
Swine: Novice Class: Lindsey Seebart, Chaparral, Jr. Class: Sammy Hurst, Morro Bay 4-H; Sr. Class: Sarah Cortez—Ranchita Canyon Submitted by Carla Borchard, Div. Chair

Poultry: Sarah Lukes, Rolling Hills
Scarecrow: Los Osos 4-H Club
Science & Technology: Dagmar Derickson, Rio Rancheros
Sheep: Kortney Russell, Pozo
Lights...Camera...Action... for 4-H SLO Scientists!
By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

Sunlight...camera...action... was definitely the rule of the day on Saturday morning, June 7th, for a group of SLO Scientists, who participated in a video to be aired on the local Los Osos cable television station later this fall. AnnaSara Bridgeford, Nicholas Elfter, Noah Galpert, Myles Minnis, Ryan Nett, Christopher Rein, Nellie Tyra, Jonathan Tyra and Hannah Wise-Lindsey had the unique opportunity to learn more about our local watershed from Judy Neuhauser, former 4-H Watershed and SLO Scientist project coordinator, who gave the group an overview of our local watershed using the 12-foot by 12-foot in-ground watershed model located at Monarch Grove Elementary School in Los Osos. These children are members of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science program and had recently completed studies in watershed exploration and soil science involving related hands-on activities in their SLO Scientist meetings.

Judy Neuhauser, who was instrumental in constructing the model several years ago with the assistance of former 4-H members and families, involved the children in discussions about how our actions...from using too much fertilizer while gardening, to car-washing and oil-changing, to walking our dogs... affect the quality of our local estuaries and ocean. This fun and educational presentation was captured on camera as part of the television program entitled, "It's our Los Osos Water," which will also include other local environmental and watershed specialists who will discuss the effects of pollution on our water quality, as well as the importance of incorporating drought resistant plants in our landscapes and gardens.

Many thanks to these SLO Scientists and their families for their help and participation and to Judy Neuhauser, Elita Chaffin, SLO Scientist volunteer facilitator, and Linda Chipping, Director of the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District, for giving our SLO Scientist members this very special opportunity.
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.

SLO County 4-H
Online Survey Results

Richard P. Enfield, County Director and 4-H Youth Development Advisor would like to thank everyone who responded to the online survey! We were very happy with the number of responses, the quality of responses and the suggestions that many of you made in the Comments Section of the survey.

The statistics are as follows: Total # of Responses were: 138 (72 Leaders, 42 Parents and 24 Youth).

Your responses to the question: “How would you rate your satisfaction with the quality of the County 4-H office service to you?” were:

- Excellent & Satisfactory: 88%
- Poor: 2%
- No Opinion: 10%

Your responses to the question: “How would you describe your experience with your 4-H Club or 4-H SLO SCIENTISTS?” were:

- Excellent: 52%
- Good: 33%
- Satisfactory: 11%
- Poor: 4%

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RESPOND TO THE ONLINE 4-H SURVEY!**
COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER NEEDED FOR BISHOP’S PEAK 4-H CLUB

Bishop’s Peak 4-H Club, one of the oldest clubs in San Luis Obispo County, is looking for a new Community Club Leader. This club is geographically located in the San Luis Obispo area.

Sheryl Flores, who has served as Community Club Leader for the past four years, has decided to step down. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheryl for the many hours she has given to Bishop’s Peak 4-H club and to the county 4-H program!

If you would be interested in taking on the role of Community Club Leader for Bishop’s Peak, or have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

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

The flyer listed below is a non-4-H sponsored event but we wanted to share this flyer with our 4-H Community because Ruben Cavanillas has given so much of his time to the SLO County 4-H Program. If you would like to donate an item for this Silent Auction or attend this event —- It would be very much appreciated. Thank you. Call the 4-H office for more information 781-5943.

FARM SUPPLY’S EXTREME QUIZ JAM

at the MID-STATE FAIR

EXTREME Quiz Jam is a timed, 4-person team event. Each team will face six stations with agriculture related challenges. Each station will test either their physical or mental skills! This is a very fun, high energy event. We take the first 200 participants. Every participant gets a hat and delicious Frito Boat.

WHEN: Sunday, July 27, 2008
WHERE: in the Covered Horse Arena at the Mid-State fairgrounds.

Sign Up Sheets will be sent to the 4-H office or you can contact: Cara Crye, Farm Supply Company Marketing Coordinator at (805) 543-3751.
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 **2008 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 11th 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 the name of the person or family you are nominating and your name, address, and phone number.

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, 2008**. 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 461-1977.

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.

San Luis Obispo Co.

4-H Youth Program

www.slocounty4h.org
**RECENT HAPPENINGS**

**SLO County Excels at State 4-H Field Day**

On May 31st, thirty-one SLO County 4-H members and their families traveled to UC Davis to take part in the 2008 State 4-H Field Day. Members participated in State Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, and Judging Events. Their hard work and preparation was well rewarded, as SLO county 4-Hers took home **20 Gold and 11 Blue Medals**. Congratulations! You’ve made SLO County proud!

“At State Field Day, I had so much fun! I helped sort books and supplies into bags for children in Iraq. I made a puzzle, I voted for next year’s T-shirt Design, Took a Bio-security Survey—which asked health questions about your animal such as, “Do wild animals live within a 100 yard radius of your animal’s pen?” I also tried to do the Horticultural ID quiz but I only indentified 53 plants/fruits/nuts/flowers. I gave my Presentation on Photography. I was really anxious because I was the last presentation of the day. I can’t wait for next YEAR!!” - Jack Moore, El Camino

“My name is Janeen Moore and this year I went to State Field Day. I went because I gave my Presentation at State Presentation Day. It was called “Quilting Bee” and I got a blue ribbon. There was a lot to do and see at State Field Day like Judging contest, and Fashion Revue. I had a great time and can’t wait for next year. - Janeen Moore, El Camino 4-H Club

**County Line 4-H’ers Take Gold!**

On May 31st, five members of the County Line 4-H Club and their Dog Leader Lynn McGuigan took the long trip to UC Davis, California to attend the State 4-H Presentation Day and Field Day. The members, Megan and Jessica McGuigan, Jenna and Madison Clift, and Kaela Yancosek performed a ‘Share the Fun’ skit called ‘Paws for Thought.’

The skit portrayed two families whom each adopted a dog. One family, however, did not plan or prepare for the new and important responsibility. Therefore, the outcome for the families was quite different. The presentation helped the audience recognize that responsible planning and commitment is key to a happy and healthy relationship with your new family dog. *(please see photos on page 9)*

**Their hard work paid off. The group received a ‘Gold’ for the presentation and a perfect score!** The exciting day was also filled with other Presentation Day activities, such as participating in the Judging Contest, and watching other member presentations. The members also donated a basket of gifts from their club to ‘Operation SOS: Kids’, a program to aid US soldiers in war torn areas with humanitarian relief. The 4-H members enjoyed making cards that will be sent to the troops in Iraq. The group finished the day with a fun swim in their hotel pool!

Last but not least, the group took time to explore the impressive campus and was fortunate to see the university’s veterinary medical facilities and chanced upon a schooling horse show at the equine facility. What a great experience for all! *Submitted by: Madison Clift, County Line 4-H Club Reporter*
County Line 4-H’ers Take Gold at STATE 4-H FIELD DAY!

Pictured above Left to Right are: Jenna Clift, Megan McGuigan, Kaela Yancosek, Madison Clift, and Jessica McGuigan.
Thank-you to all who donated their time and creativity to the Emerald Star Project, Blankets of Hope: A Community Outreach, at the Fun Food and Fashion Fair on May 3rd, and the Cerro Alto rabbit show on April 12th! We, Claire and Kimberly Edmonds, have gathered over 120 beautiful hand-decorated quilt squares! We were absolutely thrilled and inspired by the sincerity of the messages and pictures created by the 4-Hers. Also, Thank-you to the 8th Grade Home Economics Classes of Laguna Middle School, and their teacher, Kristine Carlin, for the unexpected and generous donation of five beautiful blankets that are ready to be decorated with these quilt squares. We would also like to recognize all who sent in hand-crocheted edging, which has promptly been put to good use. We have already assembled six blankets, which are ready to be shipped over seas to our soldiers and will be labeled with love from the San Luis Obispo County 4-H community. These blankets will be shipped primarily to German hospitals, where our wounded soldiers are being treated. They will be given these blankets to keep for life. If anyone has any questions or would like to contribute further to our Emerald Star Project, Blankets of Hope, please email us at kimberly@papertulip.com. To see more pictures of the finished blankets so far, visit http://www.slocounty4h.org. Thank-you for all of your help!

Sincerely,

Claire and Kimberly Edmonds, Cerro Alto 4-H
El Camino Shares the FUN! On Friday, May 16th El Camino 4-H club held it’s own Presentation Night. This gave members the opportunity to share what they've learned this year and also to give them extra credit. The night started off with a potluck dinner and was followed by Presentations. The members and their presentations follow: Janeen Moore, “Rabbit Care”; Noelle Laird, “Rabbit Showmanship”; Jennifer Laird, “Rabbit Care”; Danica Leonard, “Caring for Kits”; Matthew Soucek, “Woodworking”; Kristopher Kleinsmith, “Swine Breeds”; Graceanne Garza, “Rabbits.”

All in all, it was an extremely successful Presentation Night and hopefully this will become an annual event for our 4-H Club. - Submitted by: Jack Moore

Templeton 4-H Community Pride: During Mother’s Day Weekend, the public was invited to join the Templeton Chamber of Commerce for their 6th Annual Day in the Shade; A Celebration of the Arts.

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, members of Templeton 4-H helped to set up tables, shade covers and to carry supplies as needed around the Templeton Park. 4-H’ers who volunteered were April and Larry Rose. Parents were Romayne and Larry Rose. Submitted by Larry Rose

Members of Templeton 4-H honored our veterans for Memorial Day. We identified veteran gravesites at the Templeton Cemetery. We placed American Flags and crosses decorated with red poppies by their markers.

It is remarkable how many veteran’s gravesites there are in our little town’s cemetery.

4-H members who participated were Louis and Mattie Lindsey, Delaney and Marlee Drake, Taylor Pilg, Ryan Horn, Ashley McCain, Maggie Madden, Carly Roth, and April Rose.

Parents of 4-H’ers who attended were Michael Lindsey, Marianne Drake, Cindy Pilg, Jonna Horn, Niki McCain, Tom Madden, Loretta Mazzo, Kelly Roth, Larry and Romayne Rose. Submitted by Larry Rose

Photo from 4-H Field Day
## SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2008

### July 2008
- **7** 2008-09 Re-Enrollment Forms DUE
- **15** Community Service Award Nominations Due in the 4-H office
- **9-13** Santa Barbara County Fair at Santa Maria Fairpark
- **7/23-8/3** California Mid-State Fair
- **7/31-8/3** 4-H State Leadership Conference, UC DAVIS

### August 2008
- **13** Judges Record Book Training 7pm, UC Auditorium, SLO
- **22** Secretary, Treasurer Books Due
- **29** Life Skills Scholarship Nominations Due and Friend of 4-H Nominations Due
- **29** 2007-2008 Record Books

### 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

### November 2008
- **7-9** State 4-H Leader’s Forum, Asilomar, CA
- **19** SLO Co. 4-H Management Board Meeting 5:30 p.m., UC Auditorium, San Luis Obispo

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