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

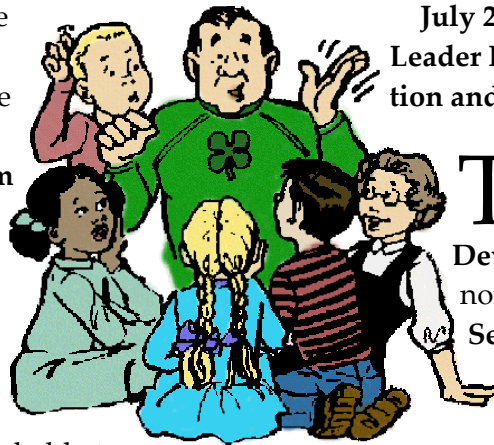
SLO Co. 4-H RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Some of you may or may not know of the time and effort of the SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board or Program Development Board in the way of adult volunteer and youth recognition programs. In particular, this article will address the Adult Leadership Award and the Community Service Award.

The Adult Leadership Program Development Committee encourages YOU to recommend a 4-H Project Leader to the 2006 Leader Recognition Award. The award is \$205.00 to apply towards the registration fee for the California State 4-H Leaders' Forum to be held at Asilomar Conference grounds, Pacific Grove, California on November 17, 18 and 19, 2006.

Recognizing 4-H Leaders is the purpose of this award, for their outstanding leadership, teaching and human relations skills. Please discuss

this opportunity with your project group, club officers and/or your club. Anyone (member or leader) may submit a recommendation to the Adult Leadership Committee, as long as you do so by **Friday, July 21, 2006!** You will find the Leader Recognition Award Application and Criteria on page 7.



The SLO Co. 4-H Citizenship/Community Service Program Development Committee wants nominations for three Community Service Award categories:

- A) Youth
- B) Adult
- C) Family

Don't you know a youth, or an adult, or a family within 4-H, who YOU think is committed in Community Service. Someone that you feel should be recognized for all that they do for the community. Find out how on page 5.

1st Annual California State 4-H Field Day

Our driver looks in the rear-view mirror and says, "It's only four and a half hours to get there. That's about the same amount of time it takes to get to Disneyland." The kids in the back seat of the car groan. "And it's just as fun!" Another groan is heard from the back seat.

Even though State 4-H Presentation Day is a long drive and

may not be quite as fun as Disneyland, it's still got lots of fun things to do. We went to UC Davis on May 27, 2006, to compete in State 4-H Presentation Day with our Presentation and Share the Fun skit. Little did we know, it was the 1st Annual California State 4-H Field day, and there were lots of other things to do while we were there.

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News Beyond the County!

SLO Co. Website: www.clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/

Driving Survey for Older 4-H Members - Here is a chance for older 4-H members (15 years and older) to participate in a research study that is being conducted by UC Cooperative Extension and UC Davis. The research group, which involves 4-H Youth Development Advisors, is trying to find out how youth driving impacts 4-H and how drivers' education could be improved. The five question survey is voluntary and anonymous, and all answers will be confidential. To participate, log in to: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=1288>. Deadline is **July 31, 2006**.

The **2006 California 4-H State Project Competition** is designed for older 4-H members to showcase their 4-H work. Project Competition books provide awards to 4-H members for their accomplishments in a project. **Books are due in July** (July 15 in North Central, July 17 in North, July 29 in South Central, and July 29 in South). Forms and information can be obtained at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/index.asp>

Speak up -- take the **National 4-H Technology Survey!** National 4-H Council and National 4-H Headquarters want to know what you think about technology and how you use technology in 4-H. Your ideas and opinions will help the national leadership of 4-H to improve the technology resources that they provide to the 4-H community. It's your chance to speak up and tell National 4-H Headquarters and National 4-H Council what you're looking for! The survey is open to 4-H'ers of all ages, including youth, volunteers, and staff! Complete your survey today at: www.4-Hsurvey.com

The California 4-H Foundation now has an **eScrip group number**, allowing 4-H to receive funding through the eScrip program. Supporters can register their shopping cards (Macy's, Discover, etc.) and credit or debit cards (if desired) to the group ID number below for the California 4-H Youth Development Program to receive a small percentage of the purchases made. It's easy and cost-free! Visit www.escrip.com to get started. **The California 4-H group number is 500003938**. Pass this information on to your groups!

Leslie Carmen 4-H Supplies! You can order online at www.4hsupplies.com or by phone (888) 466-9433. They just came out with a new 2006-2007 price list! Check out the better than before deals!

No computer? Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943, for assistance.

Pig Scale – For Sale!

5 years old – bought from Sullivans

Call Taniah Soto, 239-9013 or 591-9524, for more details!

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STATE 4-H FIELD DAY

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For example, we wrote notes to children whose parents were in Iraq. Then we took a backpack and put in a teddy bear, 4-H handkerchief, some school supplies, and other stuff into the backpack, along with our note. This was called Operation Military Kids and it was a community service project offered at **State 4-H Field Day**.

There were also judging contests and I participated in one of them. We had a series of questions about various things. We had to put the answers in order of the best answer to the worst answer. We had to judge everything from the best curtains to pick for your house, to sheep, to shooting sports. Some of the categories were hard, but some were easy. I did so well that I got a gold medal in the Intermediate Division! I was actually surprised.

They even had toys you could "rent". You had to leave collateral (like your hat or something valuable to you) and then you could take the toy to play with and return it after you were done.

Collegiate 4-H students hosted a GPS scavenger hunt to find places on the campus. There was also a horticulture contest where you had to know a bunch of plants and answer some questions. The kids that won that contest can compete at Nationals in Kansas this summer.

We could do all these things while we waited for our turn to do our skit and for awards. "So, it was worth driving four and a half hours for this fun day, wasn't it?" After getting no response, the driver looks back to see the kids smiling in their sleep, clutching their hats with new gold medals.

*by Brianna Birks
Estrella 4-H*

JoAnna Hopkins, Huasna Valley 4-H, received a gold medal in the Senior Division of Judging Events. State 4-H Presentation Golds went to: Brianna & Wyatt Birk, Estrella 4-H, for "There's a Fungus Among Us!", Jeremy Moring, Estrella 4-H, for "A Pig A Part", and Ariana Shakibnia, Edna

4-H for "Pig Breeds". Estrella 4-H Club also received a gold for their Share the Fun Skit—"Cinderella, the Untold Story." In the Horticulture Judging Contest, Nico MacDougall, Los Osos 4-H, received a gold medal in the Junior Division.

Congratulations to everyone!

Horse Level Testing

After a long hiatus, Horse Level Testing made a successful return to the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. Level Testing is a process by which horse project members can advance their skills and knowledge via a system of standards used to train, educate and test.

This year, SLO County adopted a new Level Testing Program taken from the Certified Horsemanship Association's *Certified Horsemanship Manual*, Levels 1-4. Level tests are made up of two parts; written and mounted. Written horse level tests were offered on April 23 and May 2, 2006, at the UCCE Auditorium in San Luis Obispo, and the mounted horse level tests were offered at Wranglerette's Arena in Atascadero on May 28, 2006.

Kudos to everyone who participated in level testing this year, with special congratulations to the following members who successfully passed both the written and mounted parts of the test:

Level 1

Christine Allen, Edna

Taylor Allen, Adobe Nipomo

Jessie Henderson-McBean, Rio Rancheros

Keiko Osumi, Adobe Nipomo

Level 2

JoAnna Hopkins, Huasna Valley

Caitlin Morrison, Estrella

Kaitlin Sally, Huasna Valley

Sheridan Trost, Huasna Valley

CONGRATULATIONS!

SLO County 4-H Horse Field Day

Osumi Ranch - June 4, 2006

June 4th dawned bright and sunny for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Horse Field Day held at Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande. Fifty-eight members from clubs throughout the county participated in English Flat, Gymkhana and Western divisions. Congratulations to the following Champion Hi Point and Reserve Champion winners!

English

Champion High Point Senior:

JoAnna Hopkins,

on *Bueno Par McFleet,*
Huasna Valley

Reserve Champion Senior:

Morgan Dewar

on *Peppy's Sugar Cube,*
Huasna Valley

Champion High Point Pony:

Elida Moore

on *Whisper,* Cambria

Reserve Champion Pony:

Carly Williams

on *Lucy,* Shandon

Western

Champion High Point Senior:

Heather Shawcross

on *A Jag Will Do,*
Templeton

Reserve Champion Senior:

Keiko Osumi

on *Pride of Montana,*
Adobe Nipomo

Champion High Point Junior:

Christa Osumi

on *Pride of Montana,*
Adobe Nipomo

Reserve Champion Junior:

Sierra Phillips

on *Teco,* Edna

Champion High Point Pony:

Carly Williams

on *Lucy,* Shandon

Reserve Champion Pony:

Rachel Dewar

on *Andy the Wonder Pony,*
Huasna Valley

Champion High Point Beginning Rider:

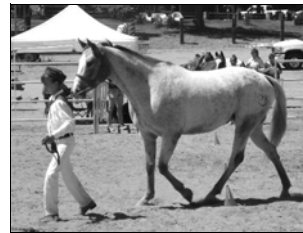
Lorine Allen

on *Big Ben,* Edna

Reserve Champion Beginning Rider:

Haley Ghezzi

on *BJ,* Pleasant Valley



Also, a big "thank you" to Kelly Osumi for organizing and hosting the event, and to Kelly

Work for her help as Assistant Event Chair. Horse Field Day could not have taken place without the time and generosity of our many volunteers and sponsors.

Thank you!

SLO Scientist, Savannah Reports!

Hi, my name is Savannah Schallen and I'm going to tell you why SLO Scientist is GREAT! I have taken two sessions: the first session was *Chemicals-R-Us*, the second was *Duck, Cover, and Hold* (about earthquakes).

Chemicals-R-Us was a lot of fun. It was all "hands on" experiments. One of them was how to make a chemical cold pack out of everyday baking supplies. Another experiment was how to blow up a bal-



It works!



What's next?!

loon without air. Those two were probably my favorite experiments, but there were also a lot of others.

Duck, Cover, and Hold was very interesting, personally I thought it was going to be boring. We would build bridges and

skyscrapers then we would test their stability. I learned that the world is a shaky place, every 30 seconds there is an earthquake some where in the world. It was a whole lot more fun that I thought it would be. I look forward to seeing what SLO Scientist has in store for us in the Fall!

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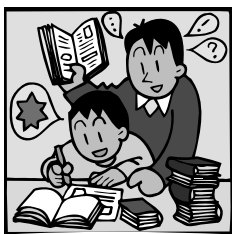
Record Book Judging

A record book must be judged at the club level before it can be judged at the County level. Club Record Book judges will determine if a record book can be judged at the County level.

Record Books that are judged at the club level to be acceptable for County Level Record Book Judging are to be turned in by the Community Club Leader or Designated Club Record Book Judge on:

Friday, August 18, 2006
before 4:00 p.m.
4-H Office
2156 Sierra Way, Suite C

SLO County 4-H Record Book Judging will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2006. If you have any record book or record book judging questions, please contact JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director at 528-8232.



Record Book Reminder

For those 4-H Member's who are hoping that their Record Book will be going to County Level Record Book Judging, **the record book content must end June 30, 2006.**

Any documentation after June 30th and the record book may not be judged. You must start a new record book for the 2006-2007 4-H Program year on July 1, 2006. This will be turned in next year.

If you have questions, please call JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director, 528-8232.

Community Service Award

So what do you have to do to nominate that hard working youth, adult or family? It is so easy, just write a half to a full page about why you think your nominee is deserving of the Community Service Award! Be sure to put the nominee's name, address and phone number along with the same information for you as nominator.

Nominations are due:
Friday, August 25, 2006.

You can mail your nomination to:
4-H Office, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo 93401 **OR** email to: jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us. If you have any questions about the Community Service Award, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977.

State Leaders' Forum

November 17-19, 2006

Soaring to Success:
4-H Leadership 101

Leaders from all over California will be meeting at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula!

Come join us, and learn new techniques for club and project leadership.

Conference registrations & payment are **DUE: August 1, 2006.**

There will be no refunds after August 1, 2006.

For more information go to:

<http://www.ss4h.org/SLF2006/index.htm>

If you have questions, contact Kay Strothman at joenkay@earthlink.net, or call her(714) 898-3891.

SLO County 4-H Scholarships

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H YDP Management Board has **three (3) scholarships of \$300.00 each**. The scholarships are focused on Citizenship/Community Service, Leadership, and Life Skills.

If you are a current 4-H member who is planning to attend college this fall, you are eligible to apply for **one** of these scholarships. The 4-H Office has applications, please call 781-5943, to have one mailed or emailed to you. Specify which application, you can only apply for one.

Each scholarship will have a section for you to write about the focus of the scholarship.

Citizenship/Community

Service: list your involvement, indicate activities most important to you, and how you think it will influence your future.

Leadership: how you developed your leadership skills in 4-H and how it will influence your future.

Life Skills: what three life skills you felt were most important, how they were developed in 4-H, and how these skills will influence your future.

Scholarships are due:

Friday, August 25, 2006

4-H Office

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2006
SLO County
4-H
Achievement
Night
October 7, 2006
Vet's Hall
SLO

EXCITING TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS & YOUTH

California 4-H Camp Conference

Do you love to camp? Volunteer in life-changing programs? Organize events for our 4-H youth members? If so, this may be a perfect opportunity to combine the best of all worlds.

The SLO County 4-H YDP is offering **FOUR—YES, FOUR—SCHOLARSHIPS** for two adult volunteers and two youth members to attend the **California 4-H Camp Conference** hosted by the CA 4-H Camping Task Force from **November 3-5, 2006**, at Pinecrest Camping Conference Center in



the San Bernardino Mountains.

A camp experience is about adventure, group living, learning, and friends. This weekend program will include: new camp program ideas, workshops in teambuilding, environmental education, adventure programming, create networks, and provide opportunities for certifications in shooting sports, food safety and ropes course.

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is very excited about this opportunity to further strengthen our 4-H Youth Leadership Camp

program. If you would be interested in representing SLO County 4-H YDP at this camp conference, or if you would like more info, please call Cindy at the 4-H Office at 781-5950 or check out the brochure online at <http://www.ca4h.org/council/camping/ampTaskForceBrochure.pdf>.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD APPLICATION

Criteria:

- ✓ Evidence of commitment to the 4-H Youth Development Program—a minimum of two years as a leader as of June 30, 2006, and reenrolled for 2006-2007 4-H Program year.
- ✓ Evidence of outstanding teaching and/or leadership skills as indicated on the application.
- ✓ Preference will be given to leaders who have never attended the California State 4-H Leaders' Forum before.

Rules:

- ✓ A leader may not be considered for the Leader Recognition Award until three years have elapsed since the last attendance as an award winner.
- ✓ Selection of alternate delegates rests with the Adult Leadership Program Development Committee.

Cost of California State 4-H Leaders' Forum, Asilomar, Pacific Grove: \$205.00 per person (based on 4 persons/room rate, if paid before 08/01/06), \$255.00 per person (based on 2 persons/room rate, if paid before 08/01/06). Cost includes all meals, lodging for 2 nights, and conference fee.

It is the intent of the Adult Leadership Program Development Committee that the nominating club is to pay the registration fees for the leader if he/she is selected to receive the award. After attending the State 4-H Leaders' Forum at Asilomar, the 4-H Management Board will issue a reimbursement check to the club. If the leader (or alternate) does not attend the forum, the club will forfeit the registration fee.

Purpose: to recognize outstanding 4-H leaders by presenting them with a monetary award of approximately \$205.00 to attend the California State 4-H Leaders' Forum at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, a state-wide conference for 4-H volunteer leadership development to be held on November 17, 18 and 19, 2006.

If you have any questions, please call Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership Key Leader, 466-4383.

Name of Leader Nominee: _____

Name of Club: _____

Telephone: _____

Person/Club Nominating: _____
(member, leader or yourself—if nominating someone else, please talk to the leader directly to get complete and correct information.)

- 1) Number of years the nominee has been a 4-H Leader: _____
- 2) Has the leader ever attended the California State 4-H Leaders' Forum? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, list the last year attended: _____
- 3) Will the leader be available to attend on November 17, 18 and 19, 2006? Yes ___ No ___
- 4) Is the leader willing to pay the balance of the conference fee is selected for the award and transport himself/herself to the conference? Yes ___ No ___
- 5) Attach a maximum of one page (one side only) to explain to us what is "special" about this leader.
A) Discuss his/her leadership, teaching & human relations skills. **B)** Explain why this person deserves a Leader Recognition Award. **C)** Give some examples of committees/responsibilities the leader has/had at the club level. **D)** Give some examples of committees/responsibilities the leader has had beyond the local club level or outside the club.

Return to:

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Deadline is: Friday, July 21, 2006

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SLO Co. 4-H Program Calendar

2006

JULY 2006

- 7 **DUE:** in the 4-H Office before 5:00 p.m.
Re-enrollment forms for all 4-H members
and Project Leaders for 2006-2007
- 12-16 **Santa Barbara County Fair**, Santa Maria
Fairplex, Santa Maria
- 19-23 **CA 4-H Horse Classic**, Rancho Murietta
- 21 **DUE: Nominations for Leader Recognition
Award** (*scholarship to attend the State 4-H
Leaders' Forum, November 17-19, 2006*)
- 24-27 **National 4-H Technology Conference**
- 26-8/6 **Mid-State Fair**, Paso Robles Event Center,
Paso Robles
- 29 **South Section Record Book Judging**, San
Bernadino County

AUGUST 2006

- 7/26-6 **Mid-State Fair**, Paso Robles Event Center,
Paso Robles

- 11* **SLO County Record Book Judges Training**,
UCCE Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

- 11-9/4 **California State Fair**, Cal Expo, Sacramento

- 10-13 **State 4-H Leadership Conference**,
UC San Diego

- 18* **DUE:** in the 4-H Office before 5:00 p.m.
Record Books, Secretary Books,
Treasurer Books, Reporter Books

- 25* **DUE: applications for SLO County 4-H
Scholarships AND Nominations for
Community Service Award** (*Youth, Adult,
Family*)

- 26 **SLO County Record Book Judging Day**

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 8/11-4 **California State Fair**, Cal Expo, Sacramento

OCTOBER 2006

- 1-7 **National 4-H Week**

**Updated or New Date! Update your calendars!*