A Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue to Remember...

Another great Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue event is once again behind us. Congratulations to each 4-H member who participated this year and a huge “thank you” to the many volunteers who helped plan, organize and put on the event. And a “special congratulations” to all our Division Winners!

The day began with talented 4-H’ers bringing in a vast array of items. Our members are so creative and it's always exciting to see what they've been working on during the year. Then, while the entries were judged, members kept busy with a variety of activities: putting together and decorating a jar of “bean soup,” making photo scrapbook pages, participating in multiple judging activities, assembling toiletry articles for donation to SLO County Prado Day Center as part of a community service activity, and making scarves to take home. Then, when it was time to take a break, everyone took advantage of the beautiful day to sit in the courtyard and enjoy a hotdog lunch. After lunch, members were recognized for their work at the Food & Arts Awards Ceremony, which was followed by the Fashion Revue program.....always a crowd favorite! Then, Fashion Revue participants were presented with their awards.

Our gratitude and appreciation go out to Julia Stanfill, Event Chair and Home Economics Key Leader, Debbie Geaslen, Food & Arts Chair, Diana Howell, Fashion Revue Chair, and every member of the Home Economics Committee who work all year long to make each year’s event better than the last, and the many volunteers who judged, ran activity rooms, prepared and sold the lunch, and tabulated the results for awards. (Continued on Page 3)
SLO County’s UPDATED 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

• The 2009 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held August 6-9, 2009 at UC Merced! High school 4-H members, adult 4-H volunteer and staff are invited to attend the conference. Delegates will stay in the residence halls, eat in the dining commons, participate in educational tracks and workshops, be motivated by Joyce Ester, Keith Davis and Cary Trivanovich, and engage in evening recreation! Registration materials are due by Friday, June 12, 2009 and available at http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/

• The Championship Horse Show will be held June 26-28 at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville. Entries are due June 1st! For more information and entry forms, visit http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp.

• Are you interested in establishing a pen pal relationship with a student in Kenya? California 4-H has made a contact with a school administrator who oversees a Catholic school in Kenya and will establish a pen pal program so that students 13 to 17-years-old can communicate with one another and share information about their lives. Please contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

• Greetings for Military Kids: Is your club looking for a fun service project to help military children? Well look no more! Operation Military Kids (OMK) supports California's military youth by providing them with Hero Packs. One of the items we include in each pack is a letter of support and encouragement written by another California youth. If your club would like to write letters to military kids or learn more about how your club can get involved in the OMK hero pack project, please contact Sylena Wise at the CA 4-H State Office, swwise@ucdavis.edu.

• 4-H members, volunteers and staff are invited to volunteer and lead hands-on Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) activities at the California State Fair. The dates will be August 21-23, 2009. The deadline to sign-up is June 15. Please contact Michelle Johnson at 916-263-7914 for more information.

• Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair CA 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members & leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair (8/21 - 9/7/09). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members & volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of service projects also make for good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone who may be interested in learning even more about your 4-H project. Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Further, each shift must have an adult or older teen in the booth at all times. To sign-up, please visit http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statelfair/.

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No endorsement of named products and/or companies is intended, nor is criticism implied of similar products and/or companies which are not mentioned. Persons with special needs wishing to attend a program should contact the 4-H Office in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.
We would also like to thank the donors at this event:
Food 4 Less & Albertsons donated food for the hot dog lunch and the stuff for the bean soup activity,
Cad's Coffee House donated all the coffee and supplies for the judges,
The Victorian Rose donated all the decorations for the stage and the hot dog machine,
The Van Muysen Family, Producers Dairy donated all the juice for the hot dog lunch,
Julia Swanland donated the material for the sewing activity.

Thank you also to these service organizations for their donation of time to judge the various projects:
The Los Osos Rotarians and The Bishop's Peak chapter of the Embroiders Guild of America (EGA).
And thank you to all the SLO County 4-H Clubs that donated toiletries for the community service activity.
Community Service Award

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

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

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

**Missing Something?**

The 4-H office has a **lost and found** box for items left at County 4-H events. Call 781-5943 or email dharris@co.slo.ca.us with a description of what you're missing. Items not claimed after 60 days will be donated to charity.

**THE PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**

**Reminder:** The President’s Volunteer Service Award applications are **due** in the 4-H office by **June 30th**, 2009.

If you have questions on how to fill out your application contact Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader, at 466-1216. If you have misplaced your application you may download one from [www.slocounty4h.org](http://www.slocounty4h.org) under Applications.
ATTENTION 4-H FAMILIES: The delivery method of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Newsletter NEWS & VIEWS will be changing as of July 1, 2009.

Starting in July 2009 (4-H Program Year 2009-2010), the 4-H office will be sending the NEWS & VIEWS newsletter out via an email message link only. For those families who don’t have email, they will still receive the newsletter via traditional U.S. Mail; this currently equates to about 250 subscribers according to our database enrollments. For those of you on the email distribution list, you can expect to get an online email message in addition to a hard copy of the newsletter in May and June 2009.

In order to receive the monthly newsletter online, please remember to “whitelist” the sender provided below so that the monthly newsletter will not be recognized as “email SPAM” in your Email Inbox. The sender’s email address for the monthly newsletter is: dharris@co.slo.ca.us Please look for the newsletter to arrive during the first week of each month. If you don’t receive an email message notification, please let the 4-H office know by calling (805) 781-5943.

The online link to the newsletter is available in three ways:

1) VIA the link sent to you in an email message from dharris@co.slo.ca.us
2) VIA the SLO County 4-H website www.slocounty4h.org and click the News & Views link underneath the rolling photos -OR-
3) VIA this direct URL for the monthly newsletter: http://cesanluisobispo.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter99.htm

Community Club Leaders and Club Officers: Please remember to mention at your monthly 4-H meetings that everyone can access the monthly newsletter from the San Luis Obispo County 4-H website at www.slocounty4h.org We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding as we transition into this new delivery method of the monthly 4-H newsletter as it will help the SLO County 4-H Program save money, trees and perhaps even make 4-H truly “green.”

SET (Science Engineering and Technology) Program Development Committee

We are looking for adults and youth to join us as members of an exciting committee: the SET (Science Engineering and Technology) Committee. This Committee will take the lead to strengthen the science, engineering and technology-related aspects of the 4-H program in SLO County. Previous 4-H experience is not a requirement to serve on the committee, however, enthusiasm is a must. If you are interested in science, or just enjoy a challenge, please the 4-H office at 781-5943. We are eager to hear from you.
Leader Recognition Award/ State 4-H Leaders' Forum

The SLO Co. 4-H Adult Leadership Committee is seeking nominations of outstanding adult volunteers to receive the 2009 Leader Recognition Award. The award is $249.50, which includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging for the State 4-H Leaders' Forum at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove on November 6-8, 2009. The Leaders' Forum offers volunteers an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of other 4-H volunteers, share ideas, and learn new skills in their choice of fun workshops—all in a beautiful ocean side setting.

This year five nominees from San Luis Obispo county will be selected to receive the award.

Nomination Criteria:

1) has been a leader for two years and has reenrolled for the new program year;
2) evidence of outstanding teaching/leadership skills;
3) has not been nominated for this award in the last three years.

Clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H members may all nominate leaders for this wonderful award. Leaders may even elect to nominate themselves. If you are nominating someone, please check with them to make sure they will be able to attend the Forum! Leader Recognition Award Nomination Forms are available through your Community Club Leader and online at slocounty4h.org. Nominations are due June 26, 2009 in the 4-H Office. If you have questions, please call Evelyn Rockwell at 466-4383.

Leaders need not be recipients of the Leader Recognition Award to attend 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/. Conference registrations are due by September 6, 2009.

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.

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 a volunteer position 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 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 that position or the role of the 4-H Management Board, we look forward to talking with you. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.
CERRO ALTO 4-H: On April 23, 2009, Zoo To You in Paso Robles had a fire, a large building and many loved animals were lost. Cerro Alto 4H members brought collection items for Zoo To You to their club meeting on May 7th. Seven Cerro Alto members signed up to raise money and collection items in front of Petco in Paso Robles on May 9th. Chairman Bella Martinez, Kaela Cooper, Nolan Neel, Megan Neel, Sophia Swartzbaugh, Spencer Swartzbaugh and Brianna Soto, went to Zoo To You on May 12th to donate the collected items and $221.00. The zoo keepers were very grateful. The members got a short tour of the zoo. It was a great learning experience. Cerro Alto would like to thank members, parents and the people who have donated to Zoo To You. Submitted by: Bella Martinez

TEMPLETON 4-H:

Congratulations to Maggie Madden whose lamb won Grand Champion at the King City Fair.

Pozo 4-H members have been busy helping the Cattlemen’s Association and preparing for the upcoming Mid State Fair. Pozo 4-H members serve at Cattlemen’s Western Art Show, compete in Cerro Alto Rabbit show, organize the Rabbit Quiz Jam, Pig and Lamb Camp at Cal Poly and hold a yard sale fundraiser.

SANTA MARGARITA – Pozo 4-H members served tasty appetizers at the Cattlemen’s Western Art Show on Friday, March 27th. The 4-H members walked around the art show with trays of food serving the guests. “This is my second year serving food. It is a great way to help the Cattleman and it is fun too!” said 9-year old Alexis Whiteford.” Participants this year included: Alexis Whiteford; Patrick Wagster, Alex, Brooke and Abby Beckett, Kristina and Allie Gonzales, Jordan Johnson, Karly Michels and Sebastion Andrus. The cattlemen enjoy having the young 4-H members help serve the food. The Pozo 4-H Rabbit members held a Quiz Jam and showed their rabbits at the Cerro Alto Rabbit Show on April 4th. All 4-H members are attending were given an opportunity to compete in the Quiz Jam. The Quiz Jam is a quiz given to test participant’s knowledge of rabbits. We would like to thanks Phillips Floor Covering for donating the carpet squares for prizes. On that same day, other members of Pozo 4-H attended the Pig and Lamb Camp at Cal Poly. The camp taught members about proper handling and care of the animals. We would like to thank Santa Margarita Feed and Farm Supply and Associated Feed for putting on this camp. It was a great learning opportunity especially for our newer members.

On April 25th the Pozo 4-H sheep group held a yard sale to earn money to purchase fair supplies and materials to build tack boxes. The yard sale was a success and we would like to thank everyone who contributed.

Templeton 4-H News

Members of the Templeton 4-H group put on a “petting zoo”. Vineyard Elementary School had their annual spring fling carnival Friday April 24, 2009 from 5 to 8pm. There was a bounce house, the ever favorite cake walk, toss games, and prizes for all. The top favorites were dunking the principal and, of course, petting our fair project animals. Our rabbit and our goat groups definitely made a hit with their animals. Used the idea to hand out information about 4-H and Templeton’s 4-H open enrollment date in September. Submitted by: Larry Rose
CERRO ALTO 4-H: On April 11, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. Cerro Alto 4H Shooting Sports group toured Weatherby, a 40,000 square foot, Sport Rifle Manufacturer located in Paso Robles. Shooting Sports leader, Aaron Smith lead the group around and gave information about the company. It was founded 1945 in South Gate California by Ed Weatherby. Weatherby is a family owned and operated Business. Mr. Weatherby's son, Ray Weatherby is now the proud owner today! Weatherby is manufactured in the U.S.A, Germany, Japan, Italy and Turkey. The group saw two Snail Traps where every gun must be fired in before they are sold. The group saw a lot of different fire arms, learned so much and had blast on the field trip!!! Submitted by Bella Martinez
Horse Field Day Fun

The annual SLO County Horse Field Days were held on April 19th and May 16th at the Work Ranch and the Wranglerettes Arena. Members participated in Western, English, and Gymkhana events, as well as an Equine Knowledge Bowl and a fun Team Relay. In addition, silent auctions were held at both field days to help the Allen girls raise funds to attend the National 4-H Horse Knowledge Competition in Denver, CO.

Congratulations to all the members who participated in Horse Field Days, and the following High-Point Winners:

**English – Senior**: Christine Allen  
*English – Pony*: Jenna Winslow  
*Western – Senior*: Lorine Allen  
*Western – Pony*: Sophie Johnston  
*Gymkhana – Senior*: Lane Carminati  
*Gymkhana – Pony*: McKenna Rose

**English – Junior**: Olivia Herzoff  
**English – Beginner**: Taylor Harrington  
**Western – Junior**: Rachel Dewar  
**Western – Beginner**: Trevor Thompson  
**Gymkhana – Junior**: Candace Johnston  
**Knowledge Bowl**: Christine Allen

The SLO County 4-H Horse Committee is currently planning “play days” and educational opportunities for the 2009-2010 4-H program year. If you’d like to help out, or provide input, contact Horse Resource Person Kelly Work at 467-3362.

To view additional photos, go to slocounty4h.org.
4-H MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program
Adult Volunteer Opportunity:

4-H Youth Camp Director

Do you love working with youth to plan fun and educational activities? Do you have fond memories of camp from your childhood? Are you still a kid at heart? We are currently looking for one enthusiastic, dedicated individual to serve as 4-H Youth Camp Director. The 4-H Youth Camp Director is responsible for working together with teens and adults on an ongoing basis to plan and execute 4-H Youth Camp. 4-H Youth Camp is generally held in the spring and runs Friday through Sunday. There will not be camp in 2009, so the new Director will begin planning for 2010.

If you would like to apply for the position of 4-H Youth Camp Director, or if you have any questions about the position, please contact Julie Maggiore at the 4-H office: 781-5941, or email jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us. Previous camp or 4-H experience is preferable, but not required to apply.

"Volunteers are the heart of 4-H."
Back by Popular Demand for SLO Scientists...

Soil Scientist Dr. Smith at Cal Poly
by Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

Last fall, a group of 4-H SLO Scientists from the San Luis Obispo club had the special opportunity to experiment in an actual lab at Cal Poly, offered by soil science professor, Dr. Smith. On Saturday morning, April 25, members of three SLO Scientist groups from Los Osos, Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo, along with their “favorite adult” had this unique opportunity once again, courtesy of Dr. Smith.

Isabel Barash, Elizabeth Cortina, Catherine Cortina, David Aguirre, Genevieve Aguirre, Bernadette Aguirre, Michaela Iffert, Michael Lopez, Nicholas Lopez, Nathan McLean, Myles Minnis, Jack Vogel and Mikaela Jensen learned about properties of rocks and minerals, pH levels, and the force of erosion from raindrops. Each science team had the experience of participating in hands-on experiments in an actual working lab at Cal Poly!

Many, many THANKS to Dr. Smith for providing this amazing day for our SLO Scientist members and to 4-H SLO Scientist facilitator, Julie Fallon, for coordinating all efforts to make this terrific field trip possible.

SLO Scientists Learn First Hand about our Local Watershed

By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

A group of 4-H SLO Scientists from the Santa Margarita group and their families gained first-hand knowledge about our local watershed area on a very special field trip led by SLO Scientist facilitator, John McCabe. The April field trip was offered in conjunction with the group’s SLO Scientist study, entitled “From Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Exploration.”

The group had the opportunity to visit the large, in-ground watershed model located at the Rancho El Chorro Outdoor Education facility in San Luis Obispo. (This model was actually constructed by 4-H SLO Scientist members and their families over ten years ago and has been used as a learning tool at the education facility for hundreds of school children.) The “hands-on/feet-on” model allows children to actually walk on its surface and to focus on the effects our everyday actions have on the environment. By incorporating the model, John was able to relate invaluable information about our local watershed…from erosion issues to water runoff to movement of debris toward the bay.

The next highlight of the field trip included a stop above Morro Bay at Black Hill, in which everyone could take in the incredible overview while gaining information about our fascinating geological and watershed area. A huge thank you goes to John McCabe for offering this fabulous field trip and to Tom O’Reilly, head naturalist at Rancho El Chorro, for arranging the visit to the in-ground model for our SLO Scientist group.

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

For more information about joining a SLO Scientist group or becoming an adult volunteer facilitator, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist project coordinator at 781-5944.
SLO County 4-H YDP Newsletters are assembled each month by the Silver Streaks of the San Luis Obispo Senior Center.

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