MAKE IT A DATE! Fun with Food & Arts and Fashion Revue will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Laguna Middle School, 11050 Los Osos Valley Road in San Luis Obispo! All events are scheduled from 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Attention 4-H’ers! This year’s countywide 4-H event has been expanded to add more opportunities for 4-H participants to earn the gold and have fun too!

Fun with Food and Arts entries will be: Food, Food Preservation, Cake Decorating, Table Settings, and Project Poster. Quilting will be an entry under Textile/Needlework, which includes more sewing categories (such as accessories that are not part of Fashion Revue.) The Fashion Revue will still feature construction, modeling and the fashion show.

Participants may submit entries that have been made during the current 4-H year within a 4-H project. 4-H’ers must remain at the event in order to have their entry judged. A low-cost lunch will be available for participants and their families.

Fun with Food & Arts, Textile/Needlework, and Fashion Revue packets will be sent to Community Club Leaders and Project Leaders to share with all 4-H members.

There have been several changes based on feedback from last year’s event, so it is important that everyone read the information letter, entry form instructions, and judging criteria carefully!

If you have questions, after you review the information packet, call Julia Stanfill, Event Chair at 528-1557, Debbie Geaslen, Fun with Food and Arts Chair at 929-3083, Jani Kasfeldt, Fashion Revue Chair at 475-2231.

We look forward to seeing and judging all of the creative entries!
2007-2008 4-H State Ambassador applications are now available online. 4-H State Ambassadors are selected to represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program, plan the State Leadership Conference, and complete a service project. **Applications are due March 31, 2007.** More information is available at: [http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/](http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/).

“SHOW CAMP”, March 10th at the Mid-State Fairgrounds sponsored by FARM SUPPLY and Nutrena, **Swine & Beef Show Camps** are in the morning, with **Sheep & Goats Show Camp** in the afternoon. Each “camp” will cover the following topics: Preparing for Show and Code of Conduct, Quality Assurance Certification, Showmanship, Nutrition, and Management of these animal groups. For more information call Cara Crye at (805) 543-3751 by Monday, March 5th to RSVP.

MARKET GOAT WORKSHOP in Santa Maria March 10th, 9:30—3pm. at JORGE’S FARM & DAIRY 1972 Prell Road. Workshops will be held in the morning, with **Sheep & Goats Show Camp** in the afternoon. Each “camp” will cover the following topics: Preparing for Show and Code of Conduct, Quality Assurance Certification, Showmanship, Nutrition, and Management of these animal groups. For more information call Cara Crye at (805) 543-3751 by Monday, March 5th to RSVP.

JR. LIVESTOCK CAMP, Saturday, April 14th for Swine and Sunday, April 15th for Lamb sponsored by Santa Margarita Feed. These events will be held at Cal Poly University. Highlights of the Day include: Fitting, Evaluation and Selections, Feeds and Feeding, and Showmanship. For more information, call Shelby at 438-5619.

4-H Shooting Sports Training—Archery Discipline will be held in Bakersfield, CA from March 24, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and March 25 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Attendance is required both days. The course will be held at the Kern County Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 South Mt. Vernon Avenue in **Bakersfield**. Cost for the course is $20 and includes lunch and class materials. For more information, contact Robert Claffy at 661-829-1658.

**Friends of the CA State Fair Scholarship Program: Due March 23 – Applications for ’07-’08 school year.** California College students & graduating high school students are eligible. To receive an application call (916) 263-3636 or visit **www.bigfun.org**

The Collegiate 4-H Club at UC Davis is pleased to present "4-H You See Davis Days" for high school students on **April 12-14, 2007.** This three day, activity-filled event is an opportunity for participants to experience college life at UC Davis. Registration forms are due **March 15, 2007** and may be found at: [http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm](http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm).

No computer? Call the 4-H Office 781-5943, for assistance.
San Luis Obispo 4-H YDP

SLO SCIENTISTS IN ACTION

Two SLO Scientist groups got a jump-start in the New Year by beginning activities in two exciting programs offered by 4-H SLO Scientists. Fun, hands-on learning experiences were shared by both groups.

In San Luis Obispo, the group kicked off their new season with “It Came from Planted Earth,” a six-session study in aspects of soil science. The group, led by Volunteer Facilitator Gary Corsiglia, had the opportunity to actually grind wheat berries, which were then baked into delicious muffins that evening. Everyone did a little “shakin’ and rattlin” of jars of cream, which turned into real butter; they then spread it on the “home-baked muffins” for a yummy treat!

In this action-packed 90-minute “From Field-to-Table” session, the group learned about the steps of growing wheat, milling it into flour which is used in cooking and baking. The next five sessions will include lots of hands-on activities pertaining to soils, germinating seeds, water resources and animals in agriculture.

The San Luis Obispo group meets every other Tuesday evening at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo.

For more information about how you can join a SLO Scientist group, or to start a SLO Scientist project within your 4-H club, and/or if you would like to volunteer as a SLO Scientist Adult Facilitator, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5944.

The Atascadero/Santa Margarita SLO Scientists began a study in watershed explorations entitled "From Ridges to Rivers." The overall goals of this group of SLO Scientists, led by Volunteer Facilitator, John McCabe is to gain an understanding of what their watershed is, and encourage active, intelligent care of the earth and its natural resources. These SLO Scientists "played about" in the tabletop watershed models to explore how water carves at the land, how creeks, waterfalls and all sorts of other land forms are created, and to learn about erosion and soil deposition.

This group meets every other Monday, with totally cool hands-on activities centering around such subjects as "Rocks: Here Today, Soil Tomorrow?" and "Habitat, Habitat, Have to have a Habitat."

The group is planning a field trip to the fabulous underground watershed model at Rancho El Chorro for a study of land-water interactions. 4-H SLO Scientists offer many other fascinating science programs in the fields of earthquake science, structures, chemistry, oak woodlands, recycle/reuse, and entomology. All of these programs are geared toward fun, hands-on experiences in the field of science.
**Recruitment Opportunity**

**Visibility Director**

The Visibility Director is responsible for providing leadership and managing the visibility and public relations efforts of the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program.

Although experience in the areas of Public Relations, Visibility or Marketing would be helpful, it is not required for this volunteer position. *Program Visibility* may include newspaper articles, coordinating 4-H events public events throughout the county. This challenging position is a 2 year term, that takes about 4-6 hours a month, and this person would attend six Management Board meetings a year. Apply at 4-H office (805) 781-5943.

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**Primary Members Field Day**

**Calling all 4-H Primary Members ~**

(You know who you are!)

Well, for those of you who don’t know, a 4-H Primary Member is anyone who is between the ages of 5 and 8 years old on January 1, 2007, or in Kindergarten to 3rd grade. The SLO County All-Stars JoAnna Hopkins, Jeremy Morring, and Johnathan Bullock will be conducting the Primary Members Field Day on Saturday, April 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Come on out to the UCCE Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO for all kinds of fun, and get to know Primary Members from all over the county! We’ll have games to play, crafts to do, and snacks to eat! This event is FREE! Your crafts will be entered at Field Day on June 9th at the Mid-State Fairgrounds! RSVP by April 15th by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943!

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**FIELD DAY Silent Auction CHALLENGE**

Ken Dewar, 4-H Management Board Fundraising Director’s goal is to make this year’s SILENT AUCTION the biggest ever! All 4-H Clubs are required to provide TWO Auction baskets. *The better the gift basket’s theme/design—the more funds we can raise for our County 4-H events!* VOLUNTEERS are also needed for this year’s Silent Auction Committee—For more information regarding the Silent Auction, call Ken Dewar at 543-0180 or 441-0531, or the 4-H Office at 781-5943. Let’s meet this year’s challenge & create some gift baskets with great themes for the Silent Auction!

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Get in on the ground floor of planning the 4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q on Saturday, June 9, 2007!

Every year we’re fortunate to have so many of our members and adult volunteers step up and help out in whatever way they’re needed—as this event couldn’t happen without them!

This year, in addition to all the “regular work” and Division Chairs, two new Division Chairs are being added—for *Set Up and Tear Down*. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to wear one of these very important hats please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

If you’re new to the program, this is a great way to join in and meet new people. You won’t be alone, Shawn Callaway & Evelyn Rockwell have graciously agreed to serve as Event Chair & Operations Manager, respectively, and are sure to teach you “everything you need to know.” We hope to hear from you soon!
Horse Level Tests
(Written & Mounted)

Written Level Tests will be offered on Monday, April 2, 2007 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. Study guides for each level are available on the San Luis Obispo County website http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo and at the 4-H office. If you wish, you may purchase the Certified Horsemanship Manual from the CHA by calling 1-800-399-0138, or through the 4-H Mall/Catalog website, http://www.4-hmall.org.

Mounted Level Tests will be offered on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., at Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande at 2161 Ferndale Road. To be eligible to participate in mounted level testing, each member must have successfully passed the corresponding written level test. Mounted tests must be performed on the member’s project horse and, if requested, proof of ownership must be provided. As with written tests, the Certified Horsemanship Association’s Certified Horsemanship Manual, Levels 1-4 and will be the final authority.

Registration/Questions: Register to take the written and/or mounted level test by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943, or via email at chansen@co.slo.ca.us. Be prepared to provide the following information: name, club, phone number, and test level (i.e., 1, 2, 3, or 4). Any questions about written or mounted level testing, please feel free to call either Kelly Osumi at (805) 489-1112, Kelly Work at (805) 467-3362, or the 4-H office. Reminder: To be eligible to participate in level testing, each member must have successfully passed the Entry Level Test and have on file at the 4-H office an Entry Level Test Certification completed by the Horse Project Leader, as well as a member-signed Horse Policy Guide Acknowledgement. In addition, if a horse is leased, an approved Horse Lease Agreement must be on file at the San Luis Obispo 4-H office.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
4-H COMMUNITY
SERVICE EVENTS 4-H is FUN!

Send us your 4-H Club’s News by the 15th of each month!

TEMPLETON 4-H CLUB: Tyler Evangelista raised Dynasty who was selected to be trained in the Dogs for Diabetics program. Dynasty’s Graduation was held on 1/21/07 at Tony LaRussa’s Animal Foundation in Walnut Creek. Breanne Harris received Dynasty at graduation. Dynasty’s role as a service dog, will be to assist Breanne to make sure her blood sugar levels don’t get too low.

NIPOMO 4-H CLUB PROJECT:

AYSO VIP SOCCER—We would like to thank Santina Olney, for her service as the “Leader of Buddies”, to the AYSO VIP Soccer Team. The AYSO VIP Program, is a team of special needs children. We have been playing for two years now. Santina Olney, has been a successful leader of the Volunteer Buddies. Her enthusiasm has encouraged many volunteers to sign up and participate. She has been a key part of this program’s success. Santina has showed compassion and sensitivity to our players. As a competent soccer player, she has guided skills and encouragement to our team. What made our team successful is our Volunteer Buddies. They assist the children during the games.

We appreciate Santina’s two year dedication of service. You have made a difference in a child’s life!

Thank you,
LaMont Simonaro, AYSO VIP Program Director

I pledge … my HANDS to larger service, . . .
IN THE KNOW . . .

If you attended the 4-H Presentation Day last month, you are now “in the know” on several FUN, FACT-FILLED topics from A thru Z: “Are You Aware of Conjunctivitis?” to “Buzzing Through a Bug’s Life.” Over seventy-five SLO County 4-H members participated in County Presentation Day on February 10, 2007. Whether presenting, listening or judging, it was a fun and educational day for everyone! Congratulations to all the presenters and medal winners! In addition to the many clubs represented at this event, we want to acknowledge Los Osos 4-H Club, who sent 13 members -- or 32% of their membership. Way to go.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to Karen Ludwig, Event Chair, who organized Presentation Day and to the many volunteers, without whom, it could not have taken place. Although there are too many individuals to list by name, their work did not go unnoticed: The Judges, made up of San Luis Obispo Rotarians, Los Osos Rotarians, Science & Technology Committee Members, Cal Poly students and adult volunteers; the 4-H County All Stars; the adult volunteers who tabulated scores and assembled awards; and the many 4-H members who acted as room hosts and runners. You did a great job. Thanks again.

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Do you have a preference for how this event is scheduled next year?
Specifically, would you prefer:
1) to continue to include a break for Lunch, OR,
2) move forward with awards right after presentations, without a lunch break?

We’d like to hear from you: Lunch Break or No Lunch Break? ... Please call 781-5943 and leave a message, day or night. THANKS.

SECTIONAL Presentation Day March 24, 2007

Congratulations to everyone who participated at our County Presentation Day on February 10, 2007. If you received a gold medal at County Presentation Day, you are eligible to participate at Sectional Presentation Day, to be held at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara on Saturday, March 24, 2007.

Entry forms and an event schedule were distributed at County Presentation Day; however, if you need additional forms, please call the 4-H office. A map of the Showgrounds can be obtained at the internet address http://www.earlwarren.com/ews_pages_html/detailedmap.html

Entries must be received in the 4-H office or postmarked by March 9, 2007.

As a reminder, Primary Members are eligible and encouraged to participate at Sectional Presentation Day, but will receive a Participation Certificate only. Event-related questions may be directed to Karen Ludwig, Presentation Day Chair, at (805) 461-1977, or Denise Harris, 4-H Program Assistant, at (805) 781-5943.

All Stars Record Book Workshop

WHO: ALL 4-H MEMBERS
WHEN: Sat., March 3, 2007
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: UCCE Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, SLO
RSVP: Call the 4-H office at 781-5943
Are you a Leader?  
Do you like the Spotlight?  
Do you want to become a 4-H ALL STAR?

R EACHING OUT FOR 4-H ALL STARS!  
The All Star rank is the highest rank which a 4-H member may attain at the county level. Being a San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Star provides an opportunity for high school members to receive recognition for outstanding service. The All Stars serve as Ambassadors for the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program; they represent 4-H at County, Regional, and State activities; they coordinate certain county-wide activities; and they serve as positive role models for youth!

To be eligible for the County All Star rank, a 4-H member must:
- Be 14 years of age or older by January 1, 2007, but not 19 years of age prior to 1/1/07
- Been a Participant in 4-H for 3 years or more
- Have attained a Gold Star rank by 4/13/07
- Demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment

Each candidate for the All Star rank will be required to submit an All Star application and participate in an individual and group interview.

All Star applications may be obtained from the 4-H Office, call 781-5943 for your application.

Due Date: April 20, 2007

Emerald Star Program

The Emerald Star Program offers 4-H members the opportunity to develop leadership skills beyond the club level. It is not a pre-requisite to apply for the All Star rank. To apply for an Emerald Star, you must:
- Be 14 years of age or older by January 1 of the current project year
- Hold the rank of Gold Star

An Emerald Star project plan must be submitted for approval prior to starting the project and must be evaluated at the completion of the project. You must also be prepared to handle any financial costs required to complete the project.

You can submit an Emerald Star project plan anytime during the project year (July 1 through June 30). Keep in mind that if you wish obtain your Emerald Star by SLO Co. 4-H Achievement Night Saturday, October 13, 2007, the project must be completed by August 31, 2007.

Emerald Star projects will be evaluated for its value to the SLO Co. 4-H Youth Development Program, to the community, its practicality and feasibility. Project plan examples may include: an event or activity involving three or more clubs, a community activity involving a group to serve the need of an individual or an educational purpose, or a major expansion/revision of a currently existing event/activity. Emerald Star Project Forms are available at the 4-H office at 781-5943 or via email contact dharris@co.slo.ca.us. If you have questions, please contact JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director at 528-8232.
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