



# News & Views

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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

## LOCAL 4-H YOUTH'S TEAM WINS AT NATIONALS!

The California 4-H Team earned the title of Grand National Winner in the Horticulture Contest against other state teams nationwide. Anthony Aguirre, from Santa Margarita 4-H represented California at the recent 2010 National Junior Horticulture Assn. (NJHA) Convention. This year NJHA was hosted in October in Cleveland, OH. From 165 members, Anthony placed 3rd in Individual Placing and his teammates, Stanislaw Banach (Santa Clara County) and Carolyn Rivara (San Joaquin County) placed 2nd and 7th. In the Open Division, Alexis Aguirre also of Santa Margarita 4-H placed 2nd. These youths completed the following sections in the competition: Identification in four categories: Fruit Nuts & Berries, Vegetables, Flowers, and Landscape Ornamentals. They had to know the foliage, leaves, seeds, fruit, and root/tubers of 180 plants. Next was judging sets of four plants from best to worst. Finally a horticulture exam tested the contestants' knowledge of plant science with 80 questions. Over 230 attendees from multiple states attended the 76th anniversary of the NJHA convention. The convention included many contests such as speech, photography, demonstrations, horticulture experiments and identification, and essay contests. The convention also offered tours to Willoway Nursery, Schoepfle Gardens, and even Cedar Point Amusement Park. Grant Snyder founded NJHA in 1934 and since then, there have been annual conventions held to educate youth about horticulture, related careers, and leadership. The 2011 convention will be held in San Diego, CA.

If you are interested in being involved and to learn more about NJHA, visit the website: [www.njha.org](http://www.njha.org)

*Submitted by Anthony Aguirre*



The California Team: Aguirre, Rivara and Banach with the awards

Introducing...

## Your *NEW* 2010-2011 SLO County 4-H All Stars!

At 4-H Achievement Night on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, *seven* new All Stars and their Advisor were officially announced:

**Hannah Andrade**, Cerro Alto 4-H  
**Olivia Andrade**, Cerro Alto 4-H  
**Denise Carigo**, Cerro Alto 4-H  
**Sebastian Andrus**, Pozo 4-H  
**Savannah Levisay**, Cerro Alto 4-H  
**Brianna Birks**, Cerro Alto 4-H  
**Sara Fellbaum**, Los Alegres 4-H  
*Advisor*: Karen Ludwig

The following Tuesday, the new All Star team made a presentation to the SLO County Board of Supervisors for National 4-H Week. The Board proclaimed it to be National 4-H Week in San Luis Obispo County and approved the flying of the 4-H flag over the government center during this time. It was a great way to kick-off their term of service, and the team is looking forward to an exciting year!



New All Stars, Denise Carigo, Sebastian Andrus, Brianna Birks, Sara Fellbaum and Advisor, Karen Ludwig pose in front of the Young Achievers display in the Government Center after receiving their National 4-H Week Proclamation from the County Board of Supervisors.

**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**

For more information from the STATE 4-H OFFICE, visit  
<http://www.ca4h.org/News/>

- Are you looking for a good way to enhance your leadership and civic engagement skills while you meet other 4-H members from across the state and nation? Find out more about the California and Washington Focus Programs on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/>. County teams are starting to form this fall with sign-ups due January 10. Start planning now to attend: **California Focus**, June 17 – 21 in Sacramento

### **Washington Focus #1**

June 26 – July 4, Road to Democracy - WA, D.C.; Williamsburg, Jamestown/  
Yorktown

June 26 – July 2, Heritage Trail I – Washington, D.C.

### **Washington Focus #2**

July 10 – 19, Global Journey - Washington, D.C, Philadelphia, & New York.

July 10 – 16, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C.

Financial assistance is available.

Contact Pat English at: [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu)

- The world is shrinking!! This isn't the opening line of a science fiction story. It's true! We live in a global community. In our inter-related world, events in one country affect others and we have many more opportunities to interact with people from around the world. Find out how you can begin to prepare yourself to be an active citizen in a global world by participating in the **4-H International Exchange Programs**. In 2011, California 4-H members and families will host students from **Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway**. In addition, 4-H members and leaders can travel outbound to Australia. Information about the 4-H programs is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/> or by contacting Pat English at [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8520.
- **Fashion cents, the 2011 Challenge category will be the \$15 Challenge.** Members are challenged to coordinate and purchase an entire outfit for \$15 or less, not counting shoes. Additional categories for 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Recycled, and Wearable Art-Embellished. In CS-Purchased, the limit has been reduced to \$100 for everything showing. The Recycled rules have been rewritten to differentiate between recycling an old garment into a new one and alterations. In WA-Embellished, the rules clarify that the original garment must be purchased. The SFR committee welcomes your participation in planning and presenting this state event. To join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at [chat2kd@unwiredbb.com](mailto:chat2kd@unwiredbb.com). For event information, the Challenge flyer, and 2010 photos, see the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

- *To access a computer or websites call the 4-H office 781-5943 .*

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## 4-H NEWS



### **4-H and Agriculture at the California Mid-State Fair**

*By Vivian Robertson, CEO, Paso Robles Event Center*

Greetings from the California Mid-State Fair!

Well, we just finished up an amazing 2010 Fair and are already working on planning for 2011. Even though it seems quite early, I wanted to provide all of you with an update on a policy change recently adopted by the Board of Directors pertaining to the Livestock Department for next year. So many of you make plans and purchase animals early and this change may affect your selection of animals. Pass the word on to all of your parents and exhibitors!

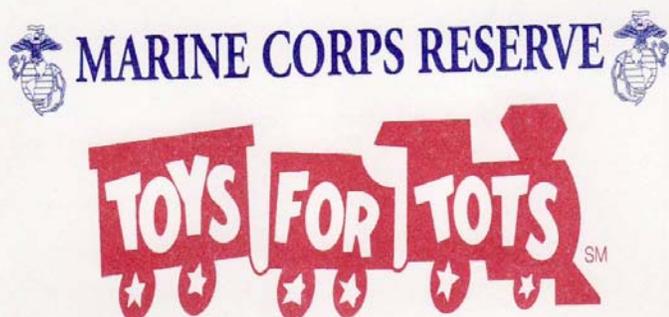
The 2011 market show will be a terminal show. There will be no live pick up allowed for market animals that go through the Junior Livestock Auction. This includes lambs, hogs, meat goats, meat birds, and meat rabbits. Steers have been and will remain as a terminal destination. Buyers will have two (2) options upon purchase of animals during the Junior Livestock Auction: custom harvest; or consign for resale. Please keep in mind that we will continue to have the option that upon completion of market show competition, animals (excluding champions) may be pulled from the auction within one (1) hour after completion of showing. The fee for this process is \$25.00 and must be done in the Livestock Office.

Thanks to all of you who helped make the 2010 Fair the golden success it was. Many thanks are directly extended to: Heritage Foundation for funding the installation of hardwiring for internet service to run the show/entry program from the Livestock Office to the Livestock Pavilion; Albertson's for their continued support of the 4-H Youth with a tremendous donation to 4-H; and Harris Ranch Beef for shutting down their harvest plant Monday morning to accommodate and process the steers. The same thanks also goes to Superior Meat and Yosemite Meat. Please join us as we applaud all of our friends for their generous contributions to the Fair.

The Board of Directors, management, and staff of the California Mid-State Fair continue in our endeavors to preserve and promote agriculture. When we talk about agriculture and youth, the 4-H and FFA livestock programs are truly an integral part of the Fair. The support generated from this community undoubtedly provides encouragement to our young people in their mini-enterprise projects, and more so, in learning valuable lifetime entrepreneurship skills.

See you at the Fair ... **July 20 – July 31, 2011!!!**

If you have any questions, please contact the Mid-State Fair office at (805) 239-0655.



The ***Toys for Tots*** volunteers deeply appreciated your participation in our toy collection in 2009! They were able to gather many toys in San Luis Obispo county which brought a joyful Christmas to nearly 3,100 local children who would otherwise have received few gifts.

**There will be a *Toys for Tots* "barrel" set up at the County 4-H office and ready to receive toy donations in early November.** The United States Marine Corps Reserve asks that toys be new and unwrapped when dropped off at the barrel.

Each year gets more and more exciting, as more and more toys are placed in the barrel. You should see how quickly the barrel fills up each week.

**The last pick up of donations will be on:  
Friday, December 10th, 2010.**

## 4-H OPPORTUNITIES



An INVITATION to  
PROJECT LEADERS and 4-H MEMBERS to...  
SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

*4-H Project Leaders* and *4-H Members* are ***enthusiastically invited*** to join a **Program Development Committee** this year! Each committee tackles a subject area in which to keep current and plan and support county events and training opportunities. Membership is made up of project leaders and 4-H members throughout the county. So... if you have an interest, skill or knowledge in any of the areas below, or would like to learn more, please contact the Key Leader and get involved. *Multiple voices make our program stronger and better!*

### COMMITTEES

### TASKS

<p><b><u>Adult Leadership</u></b> Key Leader, Evelyn Rockwell, 466-4383 or <a href="mailto:em.rockwell@hotmail.com">em.rockwell@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Keeps abreast of 4-H program content, curriculum and policy updates and provides training to 4-H volunteers. The committee organizes a <i>4-H Volunteer Appreciation and Training</i> event every spring that includes core 4-H topics essential to the success of every volunteer as well as information about new or improved curriculum.</p>
<p><b><u>Citizenship and Community Service</u></b> Key Leader, Karen Ludwig, 466-1216, <a href="mailto:ksludwig@charter.net">ksludwig@charter.net</a></p>	<p>Develops and coordinates county citizenship and community service activities (Toys for Tots) awards programs (President's Volunteer Service Award program, Community Service Recognition Awards) citizenship programs (Cal Focus, Washington Focus) and international youth exchange programs (IFYE and LABO). Keeps abreast of and educates projects leaders about community service, citizenship and service learning opportunities and curriculum.</p>
<p><b><u>Home Economics</u></b> Key Leader, Julia Stanfill, 528-1557, <a href="mailto:justanfill@sjcoe.net">justanfill@sjcoe.net</a></p>	<p>Plans and organizes the <i>Food &amp; Arts Celebration</i> and <i>Fashion Revue</i> event, developing entry criteria and judging guidelines. In addition to other Home Ec related projects, the committee also coordinates the Still Exhibit component at 4-H Field Day, developing entry criteria and judging guidelines. As you can see, knowledgeable people are needed to represent nearly every "non-animal" project in the county!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&gt;&gt; ARTICLE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE &gt;&gt;</p>

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<p><u><b>Large Animal Science</b></u> Key Leader, Lisa Rockwell-Harpster, 772-2123, <a href="mailto:lrockwell@hotmail.com">lrockwell@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Keeps abreast of 4-H curriculum and policy updates for large animal species and provides education and training to 4-H volunteers. The committee develops large animal level testing materials/study guides and provides testing opportunities throughout the year, organizes 4-H Horse Field Day and written and mounted level testing, and coordinates large animal entries at 4-H Field Day.</p>
<p><u><b>Science, Engineering and Technology</b></u> Key Leader, Brian Aunger, 462-9250, <a href="mailto:baunger@co.slo.ca.us">baunger@co.slo.ca.us</a></p>	<p>Works to incorporate science, engineering and technology elements into program content and project curriculum, hosts county science events (rockets, robots), supports the 4-H SLO Scientists Program, participates in community outreach, and conducts science-related activities at countywide events (4-H Field Day and Food &amp; Arts Celebration, Youth Camp). This year the committee is working to develop a week long science camp.</p>
<p><u><b>Small Animal Science</b></u> Key Leader, Amanda Clark, 466-7214, <a href="mailto:wheelsnumber6@hotmail.com">wheelsnumber6@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Keeps abreast of 4-H curriculum and policy updates for small animal species and provides education and training to 4-H volunteers. The committee develops small animal level testing materials/study guides and provides testing opportunities throughout the year, and coordinates small animal entries at 4-H Field Day.</p>
<p><u><b>Youth Leadership</b></u> Key Leader, Sherry Martinez, 438-3506, <a href="mailto:sherryscorner@aol.com">sherryscorner@aol.com</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Join Today!  </p> </div>	<p>Keeps abreast of 4-H leadership curriculum and policy updates related to youth leadership and provides training to 4-H Officers, Junior and Teen Leaders, and adult volunteers. The committee organizes the annual <i>4-H Officer, Jr/Teen Leadership Workshop</i> and presents at the <i>4-H Volunteer Appreciation and Training</i> event as needed.</p>

# 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



### Event Chair for 4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q

The **Event Chair** for 4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q coordinates our county's Field Day and annual fundraising event with the support of the 4-H office, and the help of many 4-H Clubs and families who work to make it a success. If you (or a few of you) are interested in taking on this busy and exciting position we'd love to talk to you—just call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

We'd also like to form an **Activities Committee** for 4-H Field Day. If you'd like to **chair or participate** on an Activities Committee, please give the 4-H office a call.

*Planning starts early so we hope to hear from you soon!*

### 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.

If you would be interested in applying for one of these positions or if you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.



### Announcing the 4-H Eco Challenge Game from IBM!

This three-level game challenges users to test their knowledge of environmental issues by determining which actions are most eco-friendly for their home, neighborhood and community. Players will **think critically** about environmental issues, including water use and quality, transportation, pollution and waste management.

As part of IBM's *Try Science* initiative, the challenge! provides the experience and excitement of contemporary science and technology and is a great compliment to the learning stemming from your planned 4-H National Youth Science Day events and the 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H<sub>2</sub>O.

To play the 4-H Eco Challenge game, visit the 4-H National Youth Science Day website at [4-H.org/NYSD](http://4-H.org/NYSD) and click on the game icon. We thank IBM for their generous sponsorship of this year's 4-H National Youth Science Day.



### SHARE YOUR 4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY EVENT PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

The 4-H State office is in the process of creating an exciting video to highlight and showcase 4-H National Youth Science Day events across the nation. The video will premiere at the NAE4-HA conference at the end of this month. They would love to include photos and video from your Science Day gathering!

To submit photos or video you can:

Go to [www.facebook.com/4-H](http://www.facebook.com/4-H) and click on "Photos" to share your 2010 National Youth Science Day event images. Email a link to your photos and videos at [4HNYSD@4-H.org](mailto:4HNYSD@4-H.org). Note: By submitting materials to 4-H or the 4-H Facebook page, you agree for photos to be used in 4-H materials, including publications, highlight videos, and any future publicity surrounding National Youth Science Day.

## 4-H S.E.T. NEWS

### Ready, SET Go... 4-H SLO Scientists are in the Know!!

Our new 4-H SLO Scientist II group AND two SLO Scientist groups are up and running this fall season! In keeping with the nationwide SET (Science, Engineering and Technology) initiative, our SLO Scientist facilitators are delighted to offer sessions in Power of the Wind as well as activities in the fields of Soil Science and Watershed Explorations. 4-H SET is 4-H's response to the needs of youth to develop curiosity, abilities and deepened learning in the areas of science, engineering and technology.

Our cutting-edge new SLO Scientist II program, led by SLO Scientist facilitator, Gary Corsiglia, is geared for 4-H members at the middle school level. Each 4-H member comes with his or her favorite adult to make up a science team. As with our traditional younger SLO Scientist participants, hands-on learning experiences are totally the rule of the day! "Power of the Wind" which meets twice a month in San Luis Obispo, focuses on teaching youth about the wind and its uses while introducing them to engineering and engaging them in doing and actually reflecting on the activities. During the first session, the kids were challenged with a design problem: to build their own sailboat and test it to see how far and straight each one went when set in front of a large box fan as the source of wind. The kids and parents alike had a great time while learning about the engineering design process!

Our San Luis Obispo SLO Scientist group is having an amazing time with "From Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Explorations. Led by volunteer facilitators, Julie Fallon and Gary Corsiglia, the kids and adults team up to participate with a variety of fun, hands-on activities related to erosion, water quality and our local watershed. The science teams have had an opportunity to examine how creeks carve land and to watch how sediment is carried away in the creek system using our portable creek beds. In each session, as with all of our SLO Scientist curriculums, the group uses the scientific thinking processes of observing, communicating, comparing, organizing, relating, inferring and applying all through a variety of cool activities!

And at our Santa Margarita location, SLO Scientist facilitator John McCabe is leading the group "It Came from Planted Earth." During the first session the group learned about processing wheat, from the actual wheat berries to making flour. The kids were invited to grind the wheat berries into flour using a crank-style processor, and incorporate the flour to make delicious, hearty muffins. As the muffins were baking, they made...or rather "shook"...a yummy cream mixture into a soft butter for the muffins! In subsequent sessions, the group will participate in fascinating related to germinating seeds, soils and movement of water through plants. Plant and soil science has never been this fun!

**For more information about joining a local SLO Scientist group or for information about leading a local 4-H SLO Scientist group, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, at 781-5944.** A 4-H member can easily add SLO Scientist as a project within his or her club. We are always looking for adult volunteer facilitators to lead our groups in San Luis Obispo County. If you are a 4-H teen, you may want to consider co-leading a SLO Scientist group with your parent or other adult. **So, get ready, SET, go...and join a 4-H SO Scientist Club!**



## 4-H NEWS

### 4-H YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISER

The 4-H Youth Camp Counselors are having a fundraiser on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The fundraiser will be held at the Tastee-Freez in Atascadero from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 15% of proceeds from food sales will go to 4-H Youth Camp.



The counselors are having the fundraiser to help pay for activity fees and camp expenses. Also some of the money will go toward scholarships for some 4-H members. Youth Camp is for 4-H members in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades and will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Rancho El Chorro in San Luis Obispo. Registration opens in January 2011 and Scholarship information will also be released at that time.

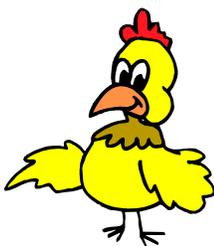
Please come to the fundraisers to support 4-H Youth Camp. Hope to see you there!

### SAVE THE DATE

for an opportunity to take  
**Poultry Level Tests**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26,**  
**2011**

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at**  
**American Legion Hall in**  
**Templeton**

Details to follow in January's News & Views



### County wide Draft Horse Group

The first meeting will be held on **November 7th** at 1:30 p.m. at the Covell Ranch in Cambria. **For more information call Ralph or Tracy at (805) 927-3398. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!**



### 2011 Teen Involvement Conference (TIC)

**“S-9: A Summit of Citizenship”**  
**January 14-16, 2011**

Pathfinder Ranch, Mountain Center, CA  
Ages 13-19 as of 1/15/11

The **2011 Teen Involvement Conference**, also known as TIC, is a three day event where 4-H youth from Southern California meet to learn about the 4-H program, leadership, citizenship, life skills, and so much more. 4-H members who attend this conference will have an opportunity to interact with other teens and adults from nine counties in the south section.

The cost is \$110 per person when you register by December 11, 2010. Registrations will be accepted through January 7, 2011 for \$120/person, and up to January 14 for \$150/person. For more information, visit [http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South/Teen\\_Involvement\\_Conference/](http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South/Teen_Involvement_Conference/)

### Are you interested in building a club website but don't know where

**to start?** Milton Hambly, a Chaparral 4-H parent, has just created a great club website from a user-friendly, FREE template! Milton is happy to help other clubs get started and can be reached at 238-4001, or [miltonhambly@yahoo.com](mailto:miltonhambly@yahoo.com) Be sure to check out the Chaparral 4-H website and other SLO County 4-H club websites at [slocounty4h.org](http://slocounty4h.org)



## 4-H VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### HEALTHY LIVING KEY LEADER



The 4-H office is currently seeking applicants for an exciting new position: **Healthy Living Key Leader**. The 4-H YDP Healthy Living Key Leader is a 4-H volunteer leader who serves as a middle manager and who has the overall responsibility for the development and delivery of programs to 4-H members in accordance with the *Healthy Living Mission Mandate*. 4-H Healthy Living and the *Healthy Living Mission Mandate* encompass a holistic approach, including **healthy eating habits, physical fitness, and emotional and social wellbeing**.



The Healthy Living Key Leader is responsible for the development and function of the *Healthy Living Program Development Committee* and for working with the chairpersons of event/activity committees in the Healthy Living area. The key leader functions as a critical linkage between Healthy Living event/activity committees, the Healthy Living Program Development Committee and the 4-H Youth Development Advisor. He or she works closely with the Home Economics Key Leader to ensure that 4-H food and nutrition programs incorporate Healthy Living principles.

For a complete position description and application, please contact Julie at the 4-H office at **781-5941**, or email [jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us) More info on 4-H Healthy Living is available at: [www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving)

### **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?

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 eight to eleven, come with a parent or other adult to form a science team; each SLO Scientist group consists of seven to ten science teams. SLO Scientist groups meet in various locations around the county, typically two 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.

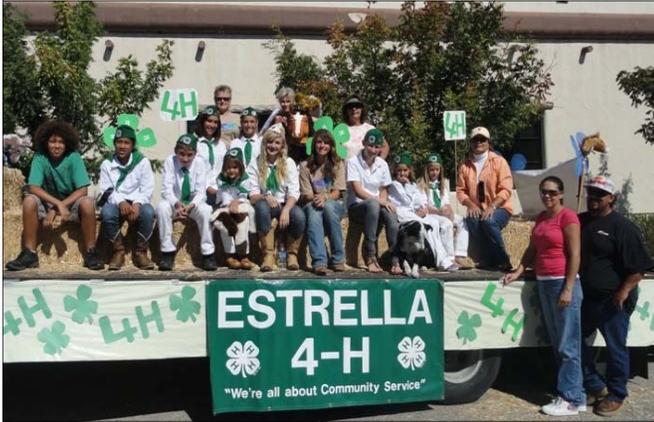
For more information about this terrific program and how you can become involved, please contact Heather Dauer, San Luis Obispo County 4-H SLO Scientist coordinator, at 781-5944 or e-mail [dnhdauer@charter.net](mailto:dnhdauer@charter.net).

The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!"**, is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details. As always, the SLO County 4-H Adult Leadership Committee will be offering scholarships to help offset the expense of the trip. Scholarship nomination forms and more detailed information are forthcoming and will be mailed to Community Club Leaders.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

*4-H Achievement Night Apologies* — to Rebecca Mitchell of Ranchita Canyon 4-H who earned her Swine medal. It was sent to her after the Achievement Night ceremony.

### Estrella celebrates National 4-H week



The Estrella 4-H group celebrated National 4-H Week by participating in the Pioneer Day Parade on Saturday, October 9 in Paso Robles. On the evening before, the group gathered to decorate the float. Then Kiah Williams, Sydney Vinther, Summer Botts, Japheth Garulle, CorriAnne and Shelby Cook, Abbey Pryor, Chloe Walters and Brianna Birks all gathered to ride the float the next morning. They were joined by the directors of Heaven Can Wait Horse Sanctuary For Healing and Learning. Everyone had fun and we plan on doing this again next year. *Submitted by Kiah Williams and Sydney Vinther*

On October 2nd, members of the Cerro Alto 4-H Club participated in the Atascadero Creek Clean Up. The volunteers collected trash from the Atascadero Creek to protect the wildlife and keep our waters clean. The City of Atascadero supplied pizza for the volunteers after the work was done. We had a great time and plan to do it again next year! *Submitted by: Emily Patterson*



On October 5, 2010 the Cambria 4-H club members welcomed the Wounded Warriors to San Simeon on their Ride 2 Recovery. The club members made cards for the bikers and prepared desserts. They met and talked to the riders. Members asked questions about their ride and were told that the cyclists ride to raise awareness and money to provide artificial limbs and physical therapy for fellow military heroes. Some riders said they were former 4-H members and others asked about 4-H, so Cambria 4-H members explained what 4-H is and had a chance to share the 4-H pledge. *Submitted by Meg Stern and Zachary Taylor*



## 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Santa Margarita 4-H celebrated the beginning of another busy year with an ice cream social. New and old members enjoyed meeting each other and signing up for projects. The projects being offered this year are sheep, swine, poultry, dairy goats, gardening, knitting, community service and citizenship. It was a great evening and everyone is looking forward to another exciting 4-H year! *Submitted by: Mikaela Jensen, Reporter*

Cerro Alto 4H Dog Project held the first meeting in Santa Margarita Park, Oct .3, 2010. The new officers were introduced by the leader, Sherry Martinez (see Photo Attached.) The group divided up into advanced & beginners. The Beginners learned "Sit, Stay, Recall & Lay Down Commands." The Advanced group worked on Obedience. Announcements regarding Dog Shows & Community service opportunities were made. One of the officers demonstrated commands with her dog. The next meeting is planned for Nov .7, 2010. *Submitted by Katie Adams*



Katie Adams, Cerro Alto 4H member organized the 4-H display at the Atascadero Public Library. She decorated the display case with Halloween costumed dolls leading a parade of farm animals! (The Wicked Witch of the West was redirecting a wayard goat!) There was a lot of interest generated during the decorating with many library visitors asking about 4-H. Please stop by all month to enjoy this display.



On Saturday, October 9th, members of Adobe Nipomo 4-H Club volunteered as servers for the Nipomo Men's Club's Annual Buck Horn Competition. Men and women brought in their buck horns from the deer they hunted, to be judged. Many raffle prizes were given away throughout the day. Prizes were donated by friends of the community and local businesses. We helped serve food to the many people who attended. The BBQ included Top Block, salsa, salad and dressing, beans, French bread and freshly buttered, grilled corn-on-the-cob. The BBQ tickets sold for \$20.00 each, but the Nipomo Men's Club let all the volunteers eat for free. The meat was great, but the corn was even better. We've been volunteering for several years now at the Buck Horn Competition and hope to be invited back again next year. The members at the Nipomo Men's Club appreciated our hard work and they gave us a big "Thank You" tip, which was donated to our club. We just wanted to thank the Nipomo Men's Club for allowing the members of Adobe Nipomo 4-H to help serve and volunteer our Community Service. We had a great time! *Submitted by Kathryn "Katie" Marke*





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## **SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2010—2011**

### **NOVEMBER 2010**

- 1 Youth Camp Fundraiser, Tastee-Freez, Atascadero
- 5-7 State 4-H Leader's Forum Asilomar, Pacific Grove
- 6 Santa Barbara Co.. 4-H Beef Play Day at The Spanish Ranch, New Cuyama
- 7 County wide Draft Horse Project Meeting
- 20 Horse Play Day, Wranglerettes Arena

### **DECEMBER 2010**

- 6 Youth Camp Fundraiser, Tastee-Freez, Atascadero
- 10 Last Day for Toys For Tots Donations

### **JANUARY 2011**

- 14-16 TIC Conference, Mountain Center, CA

### **FEBRUARY 2011**

- 5 County Presentation Day, Cal Poly, SLO
- 9 Horse Written Level Testing, UC Auditorium SLO
- 26 Poultry Level Testing, Templeton, CA

### **MARCH 2011**

- 27 Horse Western/English Pleasure Field Day

### **APRIL 2011**

- 10 Horse Gymkhana Field Day
- 30 Food & Arts Celebration & Fashion Revue

### **MAY 2011**

- 6-8 4-H YOUTH CAMP (Grades 4-6) Rancho El Chorro
- 7-14 Western Regional Leaders Forum
- 15 Horse Mounted Level Testing

### **JUNE 2011**

- 11 4-H FIELD DAY & CHICKEN-Q

### **JULY 2011**

- 10-17 Santa Barbara Co Fair
- 20-31 CA Mid-State Fair