LEADER TRAINING & APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, November 11th, 2006
Registration @ 8:30 a.m. Program 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Cal Poly SLO Ag Engineering Bldg Lunch will be provided!

ATTENTION ALL 4-H LEADERS!

Don’t miss out on a great day of informative sessions, sharing with fellow 4-H leaders, & being recognized for the wonderful work you are doing with our youth! Some of the sessions that will be available are:

♦ Working with Junior / Teen Leaders
♦ New Record Book Process for 2006-07 (learn about changes to the forms and process)
♦ How to Make Your Projects GREAT! (“Must Have” Information for all Project Leaders)
♦ Key 4-H Updates
♦ Roundtable Discussion

Come join us—get to know one another, ask questions, voice concerns, share & exchange information with leaders who have years of 4-H experience—and just enjoy the day!

Please RSVP by November 3, 2006 to the 4-H office at 781-5943, or to Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership Key Leader, at 466-4383.

For Directions: visit the following computer link: <www.calpoly.edu/cpmaps/directions.html#car>

We hope to see you there!

On Tuesday, October 3, 2006, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors proclaimed October 1-7, 2006 as National 4-H Week. The 2006-07 4-H All Stars presented before the Board of Supervisors a brief introduction of themselves & informed the Board about the County 4-H Youth Development Program. Each Supervisor was presented with a pen inscribed with the 4-H motto: “To Make The Best Better!”

Pictured left to right, back row: Jerry Lenthall, Vice-Chairperson/District 3; middle row: Shirley Bianchi-District 2, K.H. “Katcho” Achadjian, Chairperson/District 4; James R. Patterson-District 5; and Harry Ovitt-District 1. Bottom row: 2006-07 4-H All Stars: Johnathan Bullock-Edna; JoAnna Hopkins-Huasna Valley; and Jeremy Morring, Estrella 4-H Clubs.

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Teen Involvement Conference (TIC): January 19-21, 2007 will be held at Pathfinder Ranch in San Bernardino. This year’s theme: “New Technologies, New Techniques, New Times” For more details please contact: Amanda Clark at (805) 466-7214 or Travis Emerson at (805) 528-7620.

SALINAS VALLEY FAIR UPDATE: Due to increase in the number of show and auction animals, it has become necessary to limit livestock entries in both market and breeding classes. Therefore, the decision has been made that San Luis Obispo County sheep entries will not be accepted in the 2007 Salinas Valley Fair.

The new State 4-H Equine Education Advisory Committee met to plan their educational conference, evaluate the 4-H Horse Classic, select the adult coaches for the national event, and share equine resources. The Equine Educational Conference is being planned for February/March at CSU Fresno. The tentative schedule includes guest speakers and workshops on educational events (i.e. hippology, judging, and horse bowl). Please let us know if you have any ideas for guest speakers and topics. The committee is also exploring alternative sites to the 4-H Horse Classic. Do you know of equestrian facilities that have three or more show rings, 200 stalls, and RV parking? A facility on the central coast or southern Cal would be ideal. Please respond with any ideas for the conference and/or new locations for 4-H Horse Classic to Sue Funkey at 209-736-2216 or jacktoday@volcano.net. If you have other questions, please contact Jeanne George, State 4-H Equine Education Advisor at 530-527-3101 or ilgeorge@ucdavis.edu.

The 2007 National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador application form is now posted on the National website at: http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/. Look under "About" ... "Teen Ambassadors". Applications are due February 1, 2007.

The California State 4-H International Program announces two exchange opportunities for 4-H members and leaders during the summer of 2007 – The month-long Japanese Exchange Hosting Program and the month-long Outbound Ambassador to Australia Program. Is your family interested in hosting a student and sharing your lives and culture with a Japanese teen age 12 to 17? California will be hosting Japanese teens from Sunday, July 22 to Saturday, August 18. Or are you interested in traveling to Australia for 1 month on an agricultural exchange? Information will arrive in your county 4-H office by the end of October or you can contact Pat English at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

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

“Thank you” to all of the Horse Project Leaders who attended the information and planning meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Great ideas were discussed, and we anticipate a fun, friendly, and educational program this year. First up….

Horse Level Testing Work Day
Saturday, November 18, 2006
8:00am-Noon

This day will be a work day to help riders and horses prepare for all levels of the mounted portion of level testing. A professional judge will be on hand to answer questions and offer tips. Reference materials will be taken from the CHA Manual.

The event will be held at Osumi Ranch at 2161 Ferndale Road in Arroyo Grande. Pre-registration is not required, however, to be eligible to participate that day you must bring with you evidence of successfully completing the Entry Level Test on the horse you will be riding, and a parent/guardian will be asked to sign a Liability Waiver. In addition, a $5.00 fee will be collected to offset expenses.

Horse Play Day
Saturday, December 2, 2006 at 8:00am

The Work Ranch in San Miguel will host our first county-wide play day!! This promises to be a fun day of games and activities, both on and off your horse. Follow-up information will be mailed to Horse Project Leaders within the next two weeks.

Additional events are being planned for 2007, including a second Horse Play Day in January, as well as Horse Level Testing and Horse Field Day later in the spring. Please look for announcements in future News & Views. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Osumi at 489-1112, Kelly Work at 467-3362, or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

2007 California Mid-State Fair

INFORMATION UPDATE

There will be no programmatic changes to the 4-H and FFA livestock department. Replacement heifers and all breeding animals will show during the second week of the fair as they have in previous years. Dates and times for actual specie shows will be announced, as there may be some changes to show days and times. The Replacement Heifer Sale will be held on Friday evening, with market steers selling on Saturday during the Junior Livestock Auction. The livestock sale of the Showcase of Champions will only have the Reserve and the Supreme (Grand) Champions of each animal class. The Species Champions will be sold along with all the other market animals of that class.

There will be no changes in the restriction of owning and exhibiting more than one (1) sale animal; therefore, 4-H and FFA exhibitors will continue to be eligible to show and sell (if judged eligible) a replacement heifer, along with the combination of a steer, market lamb, or meat goat. Policy will remain in place that an exhibitor cannot exhibit a replacement heifer/market hog combination.

If you have any questions, or would like to provide input or suggestions, please contact Ken Dewar, Mid-State Fair Livestock Committee Chair, at 489-4284 or the 4-H office at 781-5943.
Change in Criteria for Junior & Teen Leaders... And New Record Book Process

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted the following State 4-H Office criteria for Junior and Teen Leaders, effective this program year (2006-07):

**Junior Leaders**
To become a junior leader, youth must be in grades 6-8, or if home-schooled, must be at least 11 and no more than 13 years old as of January 1 of the program year.

**Teen Leaders**
To become a teen leader, youth must be in the ninth grade or above, or if home-schooled, must be at least 14 years old as of January 1 of the program year.

Please keep in mind that junior and teen leaders are not covered by the University’s liability insurance, which applies only to adult volunteers. Also, although junior and teen leaders may have sufficient knowledge and experience to function in a teaching role, they are not able to assume the responsibilities of adult volunteers, nor do they meet the supervision requirement for a “minimum of two adults [at least 21 years of age] to be with youth members at all times at all 4-H programs, events and activities.”

In addition, a new record book process has been adopted for this program year that incorporates three revised forms: the Personal Development Report, the Junior/Teen Leader Report, and the Annual Project Report. These forms are designed to be used at the club level, but can also be entered into county, sectional and state competitions. Lastly, the 4-H Star Ranking has been changed to add a Platinum Star to the Bronze, Silver and Gold Star ranks.

Please feel free to contact your Community Club Leader or JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director, if you have any questions. JoAnn’s phone number is (805) 528-8232. You may also review the 4-H Record Book Manual, which outlines the new process and provides instructions for each revised form, online at: http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/forms/CA4-HYDP-Record-Book-final.doc

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**2007 California Citizenship/Service Learning Study Travel Program**

**Registration Due Dates:**
- Washington Focus by Nov. 6, 2006
- California Focus by Jan. 29, 2007

**Program Dates are:**
- **California Focus:** June 22-26, 2007
- **Washington Focus #1:**
  - “Road to Democracy” June 23—July 2, 2007
- **Washington Focus #2:**
  - “Heritage Trail II” July 14—21, 2007

Because the National 4-H Center is requiring contract commitments for **Washington Focus** in November, On-line Registration is available on the CA 4-H web site (www.ca4h.org) from Oct. 1, through Nov 6, 2006. They may be able to add delegates through January 2007 on a “first-come, first-served basis”. Registrations for **California Focus** will be open until Monday, January 29, 2007.

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**Recruitment Opportunity ... Home Economics Key Leader**

The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is seeking an adult to volunteer as: **Home Economics Key Leader**. This position serves as a member of the 4-H Program Development Board, representing such home economic projects as cooking, sewing, leisure activities, etc., and organizes the annual **Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue**—an annual event usually held in May. **This event cannot take place next spring if the position is not filled very soon!!!**

In addition, if you have any questions or would like to discuss the position in more detail, Julia Stanfill, our previous Home Economics Key Leader, would be happy to talk to you. Her phone number is: 528-1557, or call the 4-H office 781-5943.
NEW 4-H Youth Protection Safety Guidelines in Effect NOW

As most of you know, the California 4-H Youth Development Program has introduced new 4-H Youth Protection Safety Guidelines, which are in effect now! These guidelines address a broad range of information, such as how to identify and report child abuse, how to address privacy issues, as well as new supervision and safety requirements. For most of us, these guidelines will or have changed the way we carry out club activities and events.

Your Community Club Leader has received information about these guidelines and will share it with your club. However, as a general rule, the most important new change is related to supervision requirements. Specifically, what is important to remember is that:

1. A minimum of two adults are required to be with youth members at all times at all 4-H programs, events and activities. The “best practice” is for the two adults to be two appointed adult volunteers (project leaders). However, although not optimal, it is acceptable for the two adults to be one project leader who is responsible for the event and another adult who is at least 21 years of age.
2. These adults should, whenever possible, stay within view of one another.

At first glance, this policy may appear difficult to put into practice. However, with some creative thought, help from parents, and a little advance planning, these changes can become second nature. Please talk to your Community Club Leader about new and practical ways to approach project meetings, events, transportation, hotel and motel stays, camping, the use of restrooms, and privacy issues.

In addition to this new policy, your Community Club Leader received information related to Child Safety Training Issues for Teens. Project Leaders, Teen Leaders and Jr. Leaders are encouraged to review these materials with your Community Club Leader.

On behalf of the 4-H Youth Development Program, thank you in advance for your help in implementing this new policy and keeping our program safe. If you have any questions about the policy or how to implement it, or if you would like a copy of the materials, please do not hesitate to call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

A “TOYS FOR TOTS” barrel will be placed at the 4-H Office ready to receive toy donations by Monday, November 6, 2006. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve asks that toys be new and unwrapped when donated into the barrels.

The barrel of toys will be picked up on Friday, December 15, 2006.

If you have any questions about the “TOYS FOR TOTS” program, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE
THANK YOU!

Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader would like to say thank you to: McKenzie Meek, Grace Ready, Jessica Slate and Robin Righetti—from the Edna 4-H Club for working at the 4-H Information Booth on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 during Woods Humane Society’s Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-thon telling others about how 4-H is FUN!
San Luis Obispo County 4-H Young Achiever Program 2006-07

The Young Achiever Program is offered in partnership with the USDA, the State 4-H Program Director’s Office, and the International Leadership Network (ILN). Our participation in the program has allowed us to recognize over 200 4-H members who have exhibited leadership skills and acted as positive role models. The program not only honors 4-H members, it recognizes the outstanding work carried out by 4-H clubs!

Participation in the Young Achiever Program is limited to 5th through 10th graders. There is no limit on the number of nominees you can submit. However, members may be nominated only ONCE in their 4-H career, and must be approved, in writing, by their Community Club Leader. Parents, guardians, and relatives may not nominate their own child. Lastly, nomination forms must be received in the 4-H office by Monday, January 15, 2007.

This is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge and showcase 4-H youth who exhibit leadership, excel in a variety of areas, such as academics and special interest projects, and have a positive interest in their schools, youth organizations and communities. In addition, each nominee will receive a portrait sitting and one desk-size color portrait at no cost, or obligation, to parents, members, or nominators. The sitting and portrait is a donated service and gift of Lexi Pearl, representing the International Professional Photographers Guild (IPPG).

Please take a moment to think about the members in your club who deserve this recognition, then complete the nomination form and return the form to the 4-H office by January 15, 2007. In 2004, we recognized 24 4-H members. This year we would like to recognize even more. Thank you.

If you have questions about the Young Achiever Program, call the 4-H office 781-5943.

Recruitment Opportunity Visibility Director

SLO County 4-H Management Board

The overall purpose of the Management Board is to oversee the management aspects of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. Overseeing will include both policy making, as well as, basic management decisions relating to the 4-H program. In addition, the board is responsible for some specific areas, one of these areas is Visibility. 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, posters, coordinating 4-H events public events throughout the county. This challenging position is a two year term, that takes about four to six hours a month, and this person would attend six Management Board meetings a year. If you are interested in this position, call the 4-H Office at (805) 781-5943.
GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

For Clubs/Groups: The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers. Project goals should focus on the enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Cash awards range from $100 to $500. For more information, visit www.for-wild.org. Deadline: Nov. 15, 2006.

For Clubs/Groups: The California Coastal Commission is accepting grant applications for the Whale Tail Grants Program. This program distributes funds from the sale of the Coastal Commission’s whale coastal protection license plate. The Whale Tail Grants Program funds projects that fall into any one of the following three categories: 1) Adopt-A-Beach programs; 2) youth programs; and 3) programs for the general public. Applicants may request any amount up to $50,000; 25 to 50 percent of the funding will be allocated in the form of small grants under $10,000. The application and complete guidelines packet are available at the California Coastal Commission web site: http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004130/coastal. Deadline: November 15, 2006.

For Clubs/Groups: Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association and Youth Service America to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA’s Read Across America Day, March 2, 2007, and culminates on YSA’s National Youth Service Days, April 20-22, 2007. Twenty grants of $500 each will be awarded to support student-led initiatives. Applicants aged 21 or younger can apply either as individuals or groups. Complete information, and application guidelines are available at: http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer. Deadline: November 24, 2006.

HAPPY NEW 4-H PROGRAM YEAR & CALENDAR YEAR!
Thank you 2005-06 ALL STARS for your SERVICE!


WELCOME to the 2006-2007 ALL STARS!


WELCOME TO the 2006-2007 State Ambassadors:

Maria Saucedo, Nipomo Foothill & Amanda Clark, Santa Margarita

CONGRATULATIONS to ~
RUTH SUTHERLAND for 50 Years of 4-H Service!
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