



News & Views

OCTOBER 2006

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

A Note From: Richard P. Enfield, 4-H Youth Development Advisor

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders & Parents:

For those that don't know, I will be on sabbatical leave from October 1, 2006, until September 30, 2007. My first day back in the office will be Monday, October 1, 2007. I will not be checking email while I am gone, so please understand that when I don't respond to you, it is not personal. Actually, I am told that my email box will fill-up quickly and an undeliverable message will be generated to the sender. I also will not be receiving or checking voice mails during my leave.

The 4-H Program Assistant in San Luis Obispo County is new; her name is Denise Harris and her contact information follows: Phone (805) 781-5943; Email <dharris@co.slo.ca.us>. If you haven't met, or talked to Denise yet, please welcome her when you first talk or meet. Fortunately, Cindy Hansen is still a member of the SLO County 4-H Team; and the office is currently in the process of hiring another part-time individual to assist with the program in our county.

While I am on sabbatical leave I will be involved in research on Life Skill development, studying and writing about community collaborations that promote positive youth development, and studying and writing about something called *social capital*, or how people become connected in their communities and how this is a valuable asset for people. My study will focus on young people and their social networks in communities.

I hope you have a wonderful year in 4-H!
Maybe I will see some of you when I travel around the county.

Sincerely,


Richard





Calling all Science Enthusiasts!

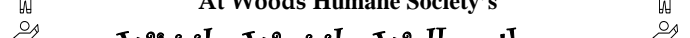
Space is still available in our Fall 2006 San Luis Obispo SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Club! This is a very special opportunity to participate with your child (8, 9, 10 or 11 years old) in a fun learning environment with lots of terrific hands-on science activities! We meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings in San Luis Obispo.


Please contact 4-H SLO Scientist project coordinator, Heather Dauer at 781-5944 for more information.

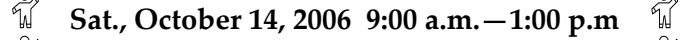


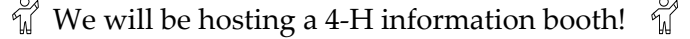


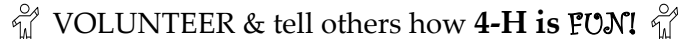





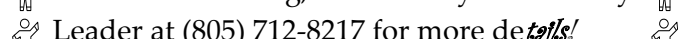


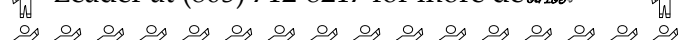















Community Visibility Event

At Woods Humane Society's

Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-thon

Sat., October 14, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m

We will be hosting a 4-H information booth!

VOLUNTEER & tell others how 4-H is FUN!

Call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key

Leader at (805) 712-8217 for more *details!*

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News Beyond SLO County!

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Website:

<http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/>

- A **Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course - Rifle Discipline** will be held in Bakersfield, CA on Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m.– 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, 2006 from 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. Upon successful completion of the course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of rifle. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteer leaders. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or (661) 868-6216.
- The second annual **California Girls Conference (CAL Girls)** will be held on **Wednesday, October 18, 2006** at the Robert J. Livermore Community Center in Livermore, California from 8:30am - 3:00pm. Registration for this event is free and representatives from community-based organizations, who encourage and support girls in science, math, engineering, and technology (STEM,) are invited to attend to network, share best-practices, form collaborations, and learn about the CAL Girls mini-grant program. **On-line registration will be available soon with a deadline of October 10, 2006.** Contact for more information: hitomi@srvusd.net.
- The **California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference** registration is open and available at: <http://www.cfaitc.org/Conference/Conference.php>! The conference will be held in Burbank, California on Oct. 19-21, 2006.
- Save the Date! The **California 4-H Camping Conference** will be held at Pinecrest Camping Conference Center (near Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino Mountains) on **November 3-5, 2006**. Youth, volunteers, and staff involved in resident, day, and weekend camps are encouraged to attend for rich information on camping ideas, activities, and curriculum. A special in-depth training will explore the new Camp Risk Management Workbook. For the brochure with additional information, go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/2006CaCampConference.pdf>
- **Deadline for Application is October 20, 2006.**

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

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County

YOUTH CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM

Big Brothers Big Sisters is developing a new program, with a target start date of January 2007. They will be holding forums throughout the county during October. At these forums, they will be presenting a model for the program and seeking input from community members and potential participants.

The program being developed is a youth career mentoring program. The target of our efforts is youth between the ages of 16 and 19 who are not on the education track. Their goal is to expose youth to career opportunities, along with employability skills training. In addition, each youth will be matched with a mentor, for the duration of the process for support and encouragement.

The program runs twice a year for 12–16 weeks. **The three components of the program are:** *Mentoring, Job Shadowing, Employability Skills Training.* **Needs** for the program are: Mentors, Job sites for job shadowing opportunities, and Youth to participate in the program. They invite all to attend one of the forums to learn more about the program and to give your input about the model that is being developed.

The 2006 Forum meetings start at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. The Forum dates are:

Tues., October 10th: Morro Bay Community Ctr.

Wed., October 11th, Goodwill Industries, in SLO

Wed., October 18th, Oceano Community Ctr.

Thur., October 26th, Atascadero Jr. Highschool

For more information contact: Bonnie Richan, Project Coordinator at (805) 748-6087 or via email <bonnie@slobigs.org>

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Young Achiever Program 2006-07

The International Leadership Network, based in St. Louis, MO, sponsors the Young Achiever Program. **Young Achievers are:** Students in grades 5-10, positive role models, achievers in a variety of areas, leaders, good citizens in their schools & communities, and competent scholars with good attendance records.

Young Achiever nominees, whose applications are accepted by the International Leadership Network, will receive a certificate from the International Leadership Network, which will be presented to them at Achievement Night 2007.

Guidelines for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H 2006-2007 Young Achiever program are:

- 4-H members must be in grades 5 – 10 for the 2006-2007 4-H program year.
 - 4-H members can only be nominated *once* in their 4-H careers for Young Achiever, if you are not sure if a 4-H member has been nominated before call the 4-H office, 781-5943.
 - Nominators **MUST NOT** be related to the nominee.
 - Community Club Leaders **MUST** sign off nomination applications from their club.
- Incomplete nominations applications will not be accepted. All Young Achiever Nominee applications will be sent to the International Leadership Network in St. Louis and will be considered for

the following **nationwide** special awards:

- Elementary School Young Achiever of the Year (Grades 5-6)
- Middle School Young Achiever of the Year (Grades 7-8)
- High School Young Achiever of the Year (Grades 9-10)
- One Young Achiever in each grade level will receive a special certificate and a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

Nomination packets to be mailed out to Community Club Leaders in October.

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

~ RABBIT ROMP ~

Saturday, October 14, 2006

Del Mar Elementary School

Registration: 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Event: 9:45 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.

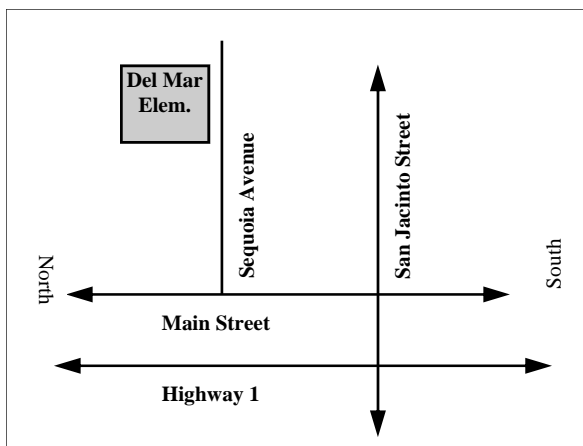


The second annual **RABBIT ROMP** is a day of fun and information all about rabbits! There will be samples from Templeton Feed, a raffle, a knowledge contest, and a rummage sale for those interested in buying or selling used equipment for rabbits. A pizza lunch will be available for \$5.00, otherwise this event is **FREE!**

This event is sponsored by The Garden Gallery of Morro Bay and Estero/Morro Bay 4-H. If you would like to be listed on a Rabbit Breeders List, would like to help, or want more information about the **RABBIT ROMP**, please contact: Catherine Baynham at 772-8852 or via email: raybay@slonet.org.

Directions to Del Mar Elementary School:

Take Highway 1 North to Morro Bay.
Turn uphill at the San Jacinto stoplight.
Make an immediate left onto Main Street.
Go 1 block and make a right on Sequoia St.
Del Mar Elementary will be on your left.



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Treasurer Training

Thursday,

October 12, 2006

or

Thursday,

October 19, 2006

6:00 p.m.

UCCE Auditorium

2156 Sierra Way,

San Luis Obispo

If you are a new 4-H Club Treasurer for the program year 2006-2007, you and your Treasurer Advisor, are required to attend this training. If you are a returning 4-H Club Treasurer and did not attend the 2005 Treasurer Training, you & your Treasurer Advisor are required to attend one of the trainings. Community Club Leaders are encouraged to attend the Treasurer Training also.

If you have any questions, call Evelyn Rockwell, Budget Director, at 466-4383. Please RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Junior/Teen Leader Workshop

Sat., October 21, 2006

9:00 a.m. - Noon

UCCE Auditorium

2156 Sierra Way, SLO

If you are currently a Jr./Teen Leader, or if you are thinking about becoming a Jr. / Teen Leader, then this workshop is for you! Learn

how to engage 4-H project members, learn good record bookkeeping — and more, to make your Jr. / Teen Leader experience a positive one. RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943. If you have any questions about the Jr. / Teen Leader Workshop, please call Sherry Martinez, Youth Leadership Key Leader, at 438-3506.

4-H Club Officer Workshop

Sat., October 21, 2006

12:30 — 2:30 p.m.

UCCE Auditorium

2156 Sierra Way,

San Luis Obispo

If you are currently a 4-H Club Officer, or if you are thinking about becoming a 4-H Club Officer, then this workshop is for you! Learn about the different 4-H Club Officer positions, their responsibilities, and more, to make your 4-H experience a positive one. RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943. Questions? Call Sherry Martinez, Youth Leadership Key Leader, 438-3506.



Magnets For Sale!

\$5.00 each

Call the 4-H office 781-5943

News & Views

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 pro-



grams, 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 par-

ents, 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.

2007 California Citizenship/Service Learning Study Travel Program

On-line Registration starts Oct. 2, 2006.
Financial Aid Applications are due Oct. 30, 2006.
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

“Heritage Trail I”: June 23—30, 2007

Washington Focus #2:

“A Global Journey” July 14—25, 2007

Recruitment Opportunity

Home Economics Key Leader

San Luis Obispo County

4-H Program Development Board

If you have lots of enthusiasm and have an interest in the program development of Home Economic projects, (*cooking, sewing, leisure activities and more*), and related events / activities (*Food & Arts Celebration, Fashion Revue*), then this is the position for you! Call the 4-H office at 781-5943 and ask for an application.



4-H Record Book Process

RSVP for your Training Date TODAY!

The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted the new record book process for the 2006-2007 program year. The new 4-H Record Book process, which has been recommended by the Statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee, incorporates three revised forms (*Personal Development Report, Jr. / Teen Leader Report, and Annual Project Report*) and is designed to be used at the club level, but can also be entered into county, sectional and state competitions. In addition, the 4-H Star Ranking has been changed to add a *Platinum Star* to the *Bronze, Silver and Gold Star* ranks.

JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director, will provide information, training, and copies of the forms to our county on the dates and locations listed below. **Record Book training is open to anyone who would like to attend**, however, it is important that you RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943 one week before your chosen training date so we can have an accurate count for materials to be copied.

Monday, October 23, 2006

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
UCCE Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, Suite C
San Luis Obispo, CA

Thursday, October 26, 2006

7:00-8:30 p.m.
Paso Robles Grange
627 Creston Road
Paso Robles, CA

LEADER TRAINING & APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, November 11th, 2006

Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Program Starts at 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cal Poly SLO Ag Engineering Bldg

Lunch will be provided!

Please RSVP by November 3, 2006

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! A variety of sessions will be offered throughout the day. **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; and 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!* **For Directions:** visit the following computer link: <<http://www.calpoly.edu/cpmas/directions.html#car>>

We hope to see you there!

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.



Create an Environment Where Learning is FUN!

It's always an exciting time when a new 4-H program year begins. There are great possibilities ahead; a new slate for sharing good times, learning new things and growing as a person and as a citizen of our world. It is especially important, then, at this time of year to stop and consider what "4-H" means to us—our members and families—and how each of us contribute towards making the SLO County program the amazing and positive experience that it is.

There are so many ways we do this. But the foundation is our parents and adult volunteers and the behavior they model. So, now that September has rolled around once again, and we see old friends and meet new ones, let's all remember the reason we're here: To create an environment where learning is fun, in an atmosphere of trust, and in a way we can be proud our members will emulate. We CAN "Make the Best Better" by practicing a few basic principles:

- ❖ Provide encouragement and support. Allow your child to experience the full process of 4-H, no matter the outcome.
- ❖ Keep your expectations realistic and open. Knowledge & life skills take time to develop.
- ❖ Support your child's efforts. Provide resources & supplies for projects.

- ❖ Respect youth ownership of projects. Allow your child to do his/her own project.
- ❖ Encourage your child to focus on the positive in the experience or situation and less on competition.
- ❖ Allow your child to make mistakes. We learn through our mistakes and in correcting them.
- ❖ Encourage your child to do his or her best, not to be better than someone else.
- ❖ Treat others in a courteous, respectful manner.
- ❖ Be respectful of adult volunteers. Allow leaders to lead, and give them your support.
- ❖ Deliver and pick up your child on time for events and meetings.
- ❖ Help out cheerfully and often. Follow through when you volunteer.
- ❖ Demonstrate ethical behaviors.
- ❖ Treat animals humanely and teach your child to provide appropriate animal care.
- ❖ Attend meetings and participate in activities and events. It makes for a lighter load on each and is more fun for everyone.

They're good for us, and good for our youth!

For a complete copy of *Guidelines for Parent and Adult Behavior*, developed by the Statewide 4-H Policy Advisory Committee, please go to: http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/Parent_Adult_Guidelines_07_10_06.doc



Recruitment Opportunity—Visibility Director

SLO County 4-H Management Board

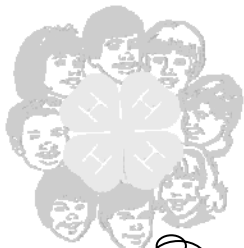


The overall purpose of the Management Board is to oversee the management aspects of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. Overseeing will include both policy making, as well as, basic management decisions relating to the 4-H program. In addition, the board is responsible for some 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. Pro-

gram *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.



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We look forward to seeing you
 at **ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT**
 Saturday, Oct. 7th at the SLO
 Veteran's Hall, 801 Grand Ave.
 @ 7:00 p.m.

Place Mailing Label Here

SLO County 4-H Program

**Updated or New Date!*

2006

OCTOBER 2006

- 1-7 **National 4-H Week**
- 7 **SLO Co. 4-H Achievement Night**,
Vet's Hall, 801 Grand, SLO @ 7:00 p.m.
- 12 **Treasurer Training**, UCCE Auditorium
- 14* **Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-thon**, Laguna Lake SLO
- 14* **Horse Day Symposium**, UC Davis
- 14 **Rabbit Romp**, Del Mar Elementary, MB
- 19 **Treasurer Training**, UCCE Auditorium, SLO
- 21 **Jr./Teen Leader Training** UCCE Aud., SLO
- 21 **Officer Training**, UCCE Auditorium, SLO
- 23 **'06-07 Record Book Training**, SLO
- 26 **'06-07 Record Book Training**, Paso Robles
- 28 **State 4-H Leaders Council Mtg.**, No. Calif.

NOVEMBER 2006

- 3* **RSVP Deadline-Leader Training Day** 11/11/06
- 3-5 **Camp Conference**, Pinecrest Camp Conf Ctr
- 6* **Washington Focus Registration Deadline**
- 11 **SLO Co. 4-H Leader Training Day**, Cal Poly
- 17-19 **State Leaders Forum**, Asilomar Conference
Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA

DECEMBER 2006

No scheduled 4-H activities at this time.

JANUARY 2007

- 6-7* **CA 4-H Computer Corps Orientation**
- 11-15* **West Region Leader's Forum**, Phoenix, AZ
- 19-21* **So. Section Teen Involvement Conf.**
- 26* **Registration SLO Co. 4-H Presentation Day**
- 29* **CALIF Focus Registration Deadline**

