WANT TO “KICK UP YOUR HEELS” & LEARN COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING?

If you have “happy feet” and want to learn some new & not-so-new country western line dances, join the 4-H Cultural Arts Project in the Cerro Alto 4-H Club in Atascadero. Couples dances will also be taught, if there is a good mix of guys and gals. Due to the fast-paced nature of this project, members should be age 9 and in regular standing within 4-H.

This 4-H Project is being offered countywide to anyone who wants to “kick up their heels” on the second Wednesday of each month beginning October 10th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Atascadero.

You don’t have to change clubs – just make sure your Community Club Leader contacts the Cerro Alto Community Club Leader, Evelyn Rockwell at 466-4383. Call Leslie Rebik for directions to the project meeting and more information to join in the fun. She can be reached at 461-9170.

JR./TEEN LEADER & OFFICER TRAINING
Sun., Oct. 21, 2007, UC Auditorium 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
It’s time again for our annual training day. Come join us to get fresh new ideas on how to lead, organize & energize your projects. We will be working on activities & ideas to keep leading & learning fun & exciting! We will have segments on: duties & responsibilities, in addition to a segment on record books. Any 4-H member interested in leading a planned group activity to enhance our day, please call Sherry Martinez at 438-3506 or 471-9538.

MORE 4-H FUN WITH 4-H FALL ACTIVITIES . . .

~ RABBIT ROMP ~
Sat., October 27, 2007
Del Mar Elementary School
Registration: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
Event Starts at: 10:00 a.m.

The third annual RABBIT ROMP is a day of fun and information all about rabbits! There will be samples, 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 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.
National & State 4-H News

- The National Gardening Association (NGA) has announced that Home Depot will again sponsor Youth Garden Grants to help young people reap rewards and learn life lessons from working in gardens and outdoor habitats. The top 50 programs will receive gift cards valued at $500, and an additional 100 programs will receive $250 gift cards for the purchase of gardening materials and supplies to meet their program needs. An activity package is also awarded. Visit the NGA web site at: http://assoc.garden.org/grants/ for complete program details and application procedures. Deadline: November 1, 2007.

- A Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course in the Rifle Discipline will take place in Tulare, CA on Saturday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 14, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Upon successful completion leaders would be certified and eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

- For All: The California State 4-H office, through the efforts of the California 4-H Foundation, has released the 2007 Service-Learning Request for Proposals (RFP). 4-H clubs, units, and groups who are doing service projects can apply for funding up to $5,000 for a service-learning project that they will carry out during the 2007-2008 program year. For more information: http://ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp. Applications must be postmarked by September 10, 2007.

- The California 4-H Camping Task Force is looking to support development of the youth leaders who serve as camp staff and deliver the 4-H camp experience. We plan to create training materials to aid those who prepare these teen staff for their important roles in our programs. We’re also arranging for another statewide 4-H camping conference. To understand what’s currently being done in our county camp programs, we’re asking 4-H staff, volunteers and youth involved in camp to respond to the follow questionnaire at http://ucanr.org/camp. The survey will take no more than 5-10 minutes. Please respond by September 7. We also invite you to join the list to receive automatic electronic updates concerning the 4-H camping program. You may register as http://ca4h.org/council/camping/index.asp.

- If you can’t access any websites or other information because you don’t have access to a computer— just call the 4-H office 781-5943 for assistance.

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No endorsement of named products and/or companies is intended, nor is criticism implied of similar products and/or companies which are not mentioned. Persons with special needs wishing to attend a program should contact the 4-H Office in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Get out your calendars and your telescopes for this star-studded night!

Why mention telescopes?

Have you heard about the newest star in the 4-H GALAXY? A new star is born!

Set your sights on the 4-H PLATINUM STAR!

SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND SLO County's 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

7:00 p.m.
San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall
801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo
(Corner of Monterey and Grand Ave.)
HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL PLANNING PROGRAM

A “Train-the-Trainer” class was offered by Shirley Peterson, Extension Advisor, Nutrition, Family and Consumer Sciences on 8/15/07.

The training provided materials to teach High School Financial Planning to youth (see websites below for more information). A teaching manual is located at the 4-H office and is available for anyone interested in utilizing this for a 4-H project.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Shirley Peterson at 805-781-5951.

Here are some helpful websites that offer more materials:

HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL PLANNING:

STUDENTS SECTION WEBSITE:
http://hsfpp.nefe.org/ students/index2.cfm?deptid=15

PARENTS SECTION WEBSITE:
http://hsfpp.nefe.org/ parents/index2.cfm?deptid=16

Middle School age youth can utilize MONEY T@LKS at this website:
www.moneytalks.ucr.edu

Find Money in your pocket by “spending $3.50 less a day and this will add up to $1,278 in one year?” This fact was provided by: Making Every Dollar Count
www.makingeverydollarcound.ucr.edu

WANTED: Volunteer Facilitator for the San Luis Obispo Area

SLO Scientist Group Winter / Spring 2008

The SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Club in San Luis Obispo is in need of an Adult Facilitator to lead their group for a few weeks after the New Year. Gary Corsiglia, the group’s current facilitator, will be unable to lead the group during the winter and springs months. The group meets two evenings a month, every other week at the UC Cooperative Extension Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo. If you (or someone you know) has an interest in Science and would enjoy leading 4-H youth and parents together in fun, hands-on science activities, this volunteer opportunity could be for you!

We provide the curriculum, supplies, training and wonderful, enthusiastic children and parents who work together as science teams.

We also have other opportunities if you may be interested in leading a group elsewhere in San Luis Obispo County.

For more information, please contact 4-H SLO Scientist project coordinator, Heather Dauer at 781-5944.
The **2008 National 4-H Conference** is scheduled for **March 29th through April 5th in Chevy Chase, Maryland.** This year, eight 4-H youth will be selected to represent the state of California at this prestigious conference. All 4-H members who will be fifteen years or older as of January 1st, 2008 and who have been in 4-H for at least 1 year are invited to apply.

Applications and further information are available at [http://ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/](http://ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/). **Applications must be post marked by September 30th, 2007.**

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**Welcome New 4-H Club**

We are happy to announce the addition of a new club to the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. **Independence Ranch 4-H Club** is located in the San Miguel area, and the Community Club Leaders are **Shelly Borden** and **Cindy Nason**. Please join us in welcoming these new leaders and club members. We appreciate all the work they have done to establish the club, and wish them great success!

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**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VIEW THE MONTHLY News & Views ONLINE?**

If so, call the 4-H office 781-5943 with your email address. We are looking to save a few trees, and some money, with our monthly mailings. **Can you help us with this effort?**

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**Estrella is all about … COMMUNITY SERVICE!**

Hi Everyone! Jeremy Morring SLO County All-Star and President of Estrella 4-H here!

We here at Estrella 4-H know there's more to life than “Fair” — There’s Community Service!” Our group has been carefully planning our Community Service Outreach programs for some time now! We’re delivering our baskets of homemade cookies to Vineyard Hills Health Center every month and planning our annual Halloween Party and Christmas Door Decorating at V.H.H.C. too!

The residents of Vineyard Hills Health Center are all fine men and women who have contributed greatly to families and society and we here at Estrella 4-H don't want them to think they're forgotten!

We’ll be doing our annual Salvation Army Bell ringing and Heritage Foundation Crab Feed Scholarship fundraiser soon! We're all looking forward to helping our community and it's citizens! So long for now . . . Jeremy Mooring, Estrella 4-H Community Service Teen Leader
4-H deals in Fair trade

The California Mid-State Fair is the heart of the county fair circuit, and it's no surprise that 4-H members have a lot to look forward to during the fair.

4-H Fun during Country Days at Mid-State Fair

Courtesy of: The TRIBUNE  August 8, 2007

Agricultural entrepreneurs: Marketing meat

4-H members vie for top honors in the livestock judging arena during the fair. They are on the lookout for a chance to show their pigs, cattle, and sheep, and they are eager to perform their best to win ribbons.

Throughout the fair, 4-H members are on the go, judging exhibits, and participating in various events. They are also busy in the livestock judging arena, where they are judged on their knowledge of animal behavior and their ability to handle their animals.

4-H members are proud of their hard work and dedication, and they are eager to show off their animals and their skills. They are also looking forward to the opportunities that the fair offers to learn new skills and make new connections.

Above, it's a busy day at the fair as 4-H Club member Kayla Smith and her brother, Travis, work on their market swine. The swine are being judged for quality and performance, and the winners are announced at the end of the day.

Below, Latos 4-H Club member Ryan Smith works on his market swine, "Vanilla Ice," as he prepares for the judging. Ryan is excited to show his pigs at the fair and hopes to win a ribbon for his efforts.
SLO County 4-H YDP Newsletters are assembled each month by the Silver Streaks of the San Luis Obispo Senior Center.

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2007

### SEPTEMBER 2007

- **3** CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR - 8/17—9/3/07
- **19** SLO Co. 4-H YDP Management Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. UCCE Auditorium
- **28** 4-H Program Year 2007-2008 New enrollments to date are due into 4-H office.
- **30** National 4-H Conference Applications due

### OCTOBER 2007

- **7-13** National 4-H Week
  - All-Stars to request Proclamation of National 4-H week at SLO County Board of Supervisors meeting
- **13** ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT, 7pm SLO Veterans Hall, 801 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo
- **21** Jr./Teen Leader and Officer Training UCCE Auditorium 1:00—4:30 p.m. Sherry Martinez 438-3506
- **27** Rabbit Romp 9am start, Del Mar Elementary School, Morro Bay Contact: Catherine Baynham at 772-8852

See you at ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.
SLO VETERAN’S HALL
801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo