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

Albertsons and Food 4 Less Support SLO County 4-H!

During a recent ceremony at the California Mid-State Fair both **Albertsons** and **Food 4 Less** made generous donations to the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program. **Albertsons donated \$10,000 and Food 4 Less donated \$5,200.** Under the direction of the 4-H Management Board, the monies will be used to benefit the program county-wide by expanding on existing and developing new programs and practices for 4-H'ers in SLO County. Thank you Albertsons and Food 4 Less for your generous support!



4-H Management Board Director Shawn Callaway (on the left) and a group of enthusiastic members receive donations during ceremonies at the California Mid-State Fair.

PG&E Supports SLO County 4-H!

PG&E employee & SLO Scientist Facilitator Gary Corsiglia arranged for his PG&E Corporation Sponsored Donation of \$250 to be directed to the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program in support of our SLO Scientists program.

Pictured Left to Right are Gary Corsiglia & Richard P. Enfield, County Director and SLO Co. 4-H Youth Development Advisor.



CONGRATULATIONS to: Kayleen Leong of Cerro Alto 4-H = this Month's Magnet Winner!

Sign up to receive *News & Views ONLINE* & your name will be entered into a Monthly Drawing to receive an "I SUPPORT 4-H" Magnet. Call the 4-H office at 781-5943 or send an email to: dharris@co.slo.ca.us with SUBSCRIBE in the Subject Line to enter the Monthly Drawing to receive a free 4-H magnet! The 4-H Management Board also approved having a Quarterly Drawing for a \$25 restaurant Gift Certificate. **Can you help us with this effort?**

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

- Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course, Muzzle Loading Discipline, 5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA Sat., Oct 18, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Sun., October 19, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There is no fee for the course but class size is limited. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.
- **4-H Fur N' Feathers show** - Ventura County 4-H will be hosting its 2nd annual 4-H All Breed Shows & Jr. Showmanship Events on **November 15, 2008**. Entries are due by **October 30th**. For more information, please click <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/FurFeathers2008.pdf> or call Susan Trockey at (805) 480-9976.
- Do you need money to carry out your service project? Each year the State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the California **4-H Service Learning RFP**. Groups can request up to \$5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities The Service Learning RFP application is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. Examples of past projects are also listed. The application is due **September 15, 2008**.
- The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program.
- Applications for the 2009 National 4-H Conference are now being accepted from 4-H members (age 16-19), volunteers & staff. Join the California delegation by applying by September 30, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/index.asp>
- Want to help judge at the 2008 State 4-H Record Book Competition? Adult 4-H volunteer leaders are invited to apply to act as judges at the State 4-H Record Book Competition. Judge's arrive by 1:00pm on December 5 and judge December 5 through 7. Applications are due September 30, 2008 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/StateJudging2008/2008-Record-Book-JudgesApp.pdf>
- Do you have experience and interest in computers, the Internet, digital photography, GPS/GIS, or other tech area? Join the 2009 California 4-H Computer Corps! The 4-H Computer Corps increases the use and awareness of computer technology in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, age 15-19, 4-H volunteers and staff may apply by September 30, 2008. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/wrp/comp corps/>

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard P. Enfield'.

Richard P. Enfield,
4-H Youth Development Advisor

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~ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ~

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program Management Board

Welcome Leslie Rebik

We are very happy to announce that Leslie Rebik will join the 4-H Youth Development Program Management Board in the position of **Assistant Board Director**.

As Assistant Board Director, Leslie will be responsible for the duties of the director in his absence, serve as the initial board member to handle leader complaints and, if needed, organize an Ad-Hoc committee to address the complaints, recruit and coordinate regional council representatives, and serve as the liaison with the 4-H Program Development Board.

Leslie has a broad background in the 4-H Program and has held many volunteer positions. In the past 25 years, she has served as Project Leader, Event Chair, and has volunteered at a variety of club, county and state 4-H events, including County and Sectional Presentation Day, Food & Arts Celebration, Horse Field Day, Rabbit Romp and Record Book Judging. Leslie has also served on the 4-H Program Development Board in the positions of Large Animal Science Key Leader and Small Animal Science Key Leader, and has attended 4-H State and Regional leadership conferences. In addition to her volunteer experience, Leslie has held the position of 4-H Program Representative for SLO County.

We are fortunate to have someone with Leslie's breadth and depth of experience join the 4-H Management Board, and welcome her in her new position. We look forward to working with her and to all she can contribute.

Open Position

We are currently recruiting to fill the position of **Visibility Director** on the 4-H Youth Development Program Management Board. The purpose of the 4-H Management Board is to oversee the management aspects of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. The **Visibility Director** is responsible for managing and providing leadership to the visibility and public relations efforts of the SLO County 4-H YDP. 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 submission of newspaper articles and coordination of 4-H public events throughout the county. This interesting and challenging position serves a two-year term as a member of the 4-H Management Board.

If you are interested in applying for this, or if you have any questions about these positions, we look forward to talking with you. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Members

Shawn Callaway, Board Director
Ruben Cavanillas, Section Council Delegate
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director
Sarah Lukes, All Star
JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director and All Star Advisor
Leslie Rebik, Assistant Board Director
Evelyn Rockwell, Budget Director
Mike Scott, Collegiate 4-H Representative
Ruth Sutherland, Past Board Director
Deanna Teixeira, Secretary
Melani Teixeira, All Star

~ MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES ~



National 4-H Week

October 5-11, 2008



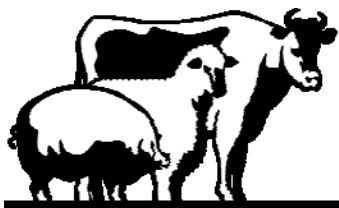
National 4-H Week is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking about what you and your club can do to help promote 4-H in your community. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Prepare displays on your projects, or 4-H in general, to put up in your school, library, store, or shopping center.
- Talk to your friends about joining 4-H.
- Give a presentation at school or to a service club in your community.
- Submit a newspaper article highlighting your club's activities and the benefits of being a 4-H member.
- Send a public service announcement to your local radio or television station, or better yet, make arrangements to appear on the show!
- Ask to have the 4-H flag flown at your school, fire department, library, etc.
- Thank a group that has helped your club by writing a special letter, presenting a plaque, or honoring them in some other way.
- Volunteer at a rest home, food bank, homeless shelter, or hospital.
- Distribute 4-H posters and brochures to be displayed at community businesses.

Promotional materials are available in the 4-H office and online at www.4-hbrandnetwork.org. During National 4-H Week, 2008 *Young Achiever* storyboards will be on display in the lobby of the County Government Center, along with other great information about 4-H in SLO County. Make sure to check it out!

2009 Grand National Stock Show "Merit Awards"

Merit Awards are available to provide financial assistance for the purchase, care and feeding of animals that will be shown at the 2009 Grand National Stock Show, to be held April 1-5 at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Merit Awards are available for Classic, Breeding, and Market Animals, and are available in the following amounts: Beef (\$750), Swine (\$300), Lambs (\$300), and Goats (\$150). Applications are available at www.GrandNationalRodeo.com and in the 4-H office. All applications must be postmarked by **September 30th**.

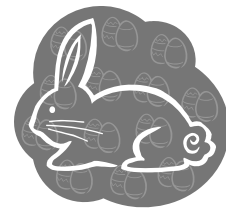


IMPORTANT NOTICE for RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS

The RABBIT ROMP event will not be held this year. This event has been sponsored by Morro Bay 4-H and The Garden Gallery of Morro Bay in past years in the fall season.

If you have any questions, you can contact Catherine Baynham of Morro Bay 4-H at (805) 772-8852.

If you would like to help with this event next year, please call Catherine as she would love the help!



~ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ~



KJUG TO PROMOTE 4-H ACTIVITIES

KJUG Radio has offered to help the San Luis Obispo 4-H Youth Development Program **promote** local **4-H events, club membership drives** and **fundraising activities**. I met with Pepper Daniels, Director of Programming, earlier this summer and he asked me to encourage every club to take advantage of this offer throughout the year. All you need to do is **email** an informational paragraph, with contact information and details, to kjug@jugcountry.com. Please allow (2) two weeks notice, if possible.

—Cindy Hansen, 4-H Program Representative

*This is a great opportunity--
let's take advantage of it especially
during NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!*

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2008 State 4-H Leaders' Forum "4-H Rocks: Building Solid Foundations"

The 2008 **State 4-H Leaders' Forum** will be held at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, CA on **November 7-9, 2008**. The Leaders' Forum offers volunteers an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of other 4-H volunteers, share ideas, and learn new skills in their choice of fun workshops—all in a beautiful ocean side setting!

The nomination deadline for the 2008 Leader Recognition Award has passed, but **it's not too late to register for the State Leaders' Forum!** All 4-H leaders are eligible and encouraged to attend. More information about the forum is available online at <http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/>.

The registration fee of \$236 includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging, and is **due September 5, 2008**.

POULTRY LEVEL TESTS 1 and 2 have been revised. Study Guides for Levels 1 & 2, 3 & 4 are available now and can be obtained at the 4-H office (805) 781-5943.



We would like to *Congratulate Sierra Bryant and David Aguirre* on passing Level Test 3, as well as, *Genevieve Aguirre, Alexis Aguirre* and *Anthony Aguirre* on passing Level Test 4.

ATTENTION RECORD BOOK JUDGES

REMINDER: 2007-2008 Record Book Judging will begin Saturday, September 6th at 9:00 a.m. Orientation will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the UC Auditorium.

We look forward to having as many Judges participate this year as possible.

Thank you for your time and efforts with this year's Record Book Judging!

~ CLUB NEWS ~

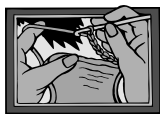
MID-STATE FAIR

Estrella 4-H: Elizabeth Gragg of Estrella 4-H placed 1st in Dog Care Showmanship, Junior 9-10 Years Old and placed 2nd in Sub Novice Obedience in Junior 9-10 Years Old.



For all Mid-State Fair results please visit:
http://www.midstatefair.com/exhibit_results.php

PARKFIELD 4-H MEMBER Wins BEST OF SHOW at CA STATE FAIR Competition



Katie Kerschner entered a crocheted Baby Outfit for the State Fair and she will be given her Best of Show award at a ceremony in Sacramento.

Templeton 4-H's Cierra and Corryn LaRue worked the State 4-H booth on Monday, Aug 18, 2008. Their job was to inform the public about the different kinds of projects 4-H offers to all California youth. As they talked to the visitors, they found out that most people were surprised that 4-H offers so many more projects than just animal projects. The LaRue girls bought beads and string and offered all kids that came to the booth to make a key chain, necklace, or bracelet. Everyone liked what they made and were allowed to keep what they made. They also handed out brochures and book-marks that gave county extension office information for every county in California. We had a great time and enjoyed talking to the youth and their parents.



~ MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES ~

The President's Volunteer Service Awards

The President's Volunteer Service Awards are part of a nation-wide program that recognizes youth, adults, and groups for volunteering in their communities. Bronze, silver, and gold medals are awarded based on hours of service. SLO County 4-H is proud to be a part of this program to encourage volunteer service and civic participation.

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about working towards an award in 2008-2009. Because the President's Volunteer Service Award requires a log of community service hours, it is best to fill out your application throughout the year and not procrastinate until the last minute.

A New application for the 2008-2009 program year will be available at Achievement Night on October 11th and in the 4-H office (781-5943). It is also posted on our website, SLOCOUNTY4H.ORG, under the subheading "UPCOMING". For more information, contact Community Service Key Leader Karen Ludwig at 975-7794, or visit

www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.



MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
FOR
THIS YEAR'S
ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT!**

**"GOING FOR THE GOLD
with 4-H"**

**4-H Achievement Night
on October 11th
at the Veteran's Hall
801 Grand Avenue
in San Luis Obispo
at 7:00 p.m.**

**PLAN TO COME OUT AND
JOIN IN THE FUN
CHEERING ON YOUR
4-H CLUB & SHOWING 4-H SPIRIT!**



***THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!***

The SLO County 4-H Management Board and Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director would like to *THANK everyone involved* for your outstanding efforts and creativity towards making your gift baskets for this year's SILENT AUCTION event held during the 2008 FIELD DAY in June!

"We had another year of great success!" Due to the many baskets and various items donated by your club, (and by those clubs that were even able to bring in more than the required two baskets) ... we were able to raise over \$4,000 with your gift baskets for the overall County 4-H Program.

We can't thank you enough for all of the time and effort you put into creating the creative themed gift baskets to make this event such a big success! THANK YOU AGAIN! *Submitted by: Ken Dewar*





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SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2008

SEPTEMBER 2008

- 5 State Leader's Forum Registrations Due, Asilomar, CA (Nov. 7-9)**
- 6 2007-08 RECORD BOOK JUDGING DAY**
8:30 a.m. Orientation
9:00 a.m. Judging Begins
- 17 SLO Co. 4-H Management Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., UC Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
Note: Everyone is invited to attend the SLO County 4-H Management Board Meetings to share ideas/comments.

OCTOBER 2008

- 11 4-H Achievement Night, 7:00 p.m. Vets Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo**
- 16 Farm Bureau Great Pumpkin Contest @ Farmer's Market 4pm—8pm**
- 18 Wood's Humane Society Wiggle Waggle Walkathon**
- 31 New Enrollments & 2008-09 Fees Due**

NOVEMBER 2008

- 7-9 State 4-H Leader's Forum, Asilomar, CA**
- 15 Ventura County's FUR & FEATHERS 2nd Annual 4-H All Breed Shows & Jr. Showmanship Events (Cavy, Poultry, Rabbit)**
- 19 SLO Co. 4-H Management Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., UC Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
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