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



4-H Youth Camp & the Youth Camp Planning Project



The 4-H office is happy to announce that 4-H Youth Camp has been scheduled for **April 30th through May 2nd, 2010, at Rancho El Chorro in San Luis Obispo.** This year we are proud to welcome **Maria Andrus** of Pozo 4-H as our new **Youth Camp Director**. Maria brings with her a wealth of experience in camp development and education, as well as the desire to provide SLO County 4-Hers with a truly memorable experience.

Maria will be leading a county-wide **Youth Camp Planning Project** that will meet monthly to develop the curriculum and activities for camp, with more frequent meetings leading up to the event. As part of the project, members will help promote Youth Camp by making presentations at club meetings, and assist in recruiting volunteers, counselors, and activity leaders. In addition to credit for the project, members will receive credit for participating in a county-wide committee. They will also be given first privilege as camp counselors.

The Youth Camp Planning Project is open to all San Luis Obispo County 4-H members in ninth grade or higher (the same grade requirement will apply to camp counselors). The first Youth Camp planning meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 pm** in the **UCCE Auditorium** (downstairs from the 4-H office). Subsequent meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month, *except* for November and December, during which they will be held on the third Thursday. The first meeting is very important, as we will be deciding on a theme for this year's camp. Please **RSVP** by calling the 4-H office at **781-5943**. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Andrus, Youth Camp Director, at 238-0604, or Julie Maggiore, at 781-5941.

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

- Are you planning a service-learning project for next year? Each year the California 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 and information 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, 2009**.
- 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, 2009**. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/wrp/compcorps/>
- The **2010 National 4-H Conference** will be held **March 20-27, 2010** at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members, volunteers and staff may apply to join the California delegation by **September 30, 2009**. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/index.asp>
- **4-H Shooting Sports Course—Shotgun Discipline, Ukiah, CA October 24-25 2009 Cost \$30**

A shotgun trainer course will be held 9:00am-5:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, **October 24-25, 2009** at the Ukiah Gun Club, in Mendocino County. Upon successful completion of this two-day course, participants will be certified as 4-H leader trainers, and will be eligible to serve as shooting sports project leaders, as well as instruct and certify other volunteers in the discipline of shotgun. Cost for the course is \$30, which includes shotgun shells, clay targets, continental breakfast and lunch both days, and class materials. Teen Leaders may attend, with a participating adult volunteer. Limited camping space is available, contact John Holder for arrangements. The course will be limited to twenty (20) participants. You must be an appointed 4-H volunteer or member to attend this training. Send Training Request Form (found at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>) with fees payable to "Mendocino County 4-H Council" to UCCE 4-H Shotgun, 890 North Bush Street, Ukiah CA 95482.

For more registration information, contact Linda Edgington (707) 463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu. If you have questions regarding the course or facility, contact the instructor, John Holder at (707) 485-8445 or bearhunt56@hotmail.com

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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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THE POWER OF THE *Wind*

A unique training opportunity

October 23-24, 2009

“You observe wind speed affecting flags and trees and other objects around you, and you know that when the wind is blowing hard, tree branches move more and flags extend. Are you aware that one wind turbine can provide enough energy for about 300 homes? How many youth know that you can harness the wind to design, create, build, and test a wind powered device?”

San Luis Obispo County is excited to have been chosen to host a 2-day training workshop, ***The Power of the Wind***, an intensive, interactive and activities-filled exploration of wind and its uses. 4-H volunteers and teen members are encouraged to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to experience the newest addition to the National 4-H Curriculum Collection—***The Power of the Wind***—and learn how to facilitate a project at your club or assist with a countywide project. Each attendee will receive either a *The Power of Wind Facilitator's Guide* or a *Power of the Wind Youth Guide*.



Workshop Facilitators: Cynthia Barnett, Ph.D., 4-H Youth Development Advisor for San Bernardino County and Keith C. Nathaniel, Ed.D., 4-H Youth Development Advisor for Los Angeles County.

Location: UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO

Date: October 23 and 24, 2009

Time: Friday 9a-5p; Saturday 9a-4p (*early dismissal upon completion*)

RSVP: by Friday, October 9, 2009

Lunch: Provided both days



Learn more about the ***Power of Wind*** at <http://projects.4-hcurriculum.org/curriculum/wind/>

~ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ~

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Open Positions

We are currently recruiting for two positions on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board: **Asst. Board Director** and **Section Council Delegate**. 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. Oversight includes policy making and implementation, as well as management responsibilities in the areas of awards, finances, fundraising, leader complaints, liaison with fairs, liaison with regional and local councils, and visibility. The members of the board work closely with one another and with the 4-H Youth Development Advisor.

The **Asst. Board Director** is responsible for the duties of the director in his/her absence, serves as the initial board member to handle leader complaints and, if needed, organizes an Ad-Hoc committee to address the complaint, and recruits and coordinates regional council representatives. This position also serves as the liaison with the 4-H Program Development Board.

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. This is an interesting position which provides many opportunities to meet and work with representatives of the 4-H Program throughout California.

If you would be interested in applying for one of these positions on the **4-H Management Board** or if you have any questions, we look forward to talking with you. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Members

Leslie Rebik, Board Director
Shawn Callaway, Past Board Director
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director
JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director and All Star Advisor
Victoria Nilsen, Treasurer
Evelyn Ruscki, Visibility Director
Deanna Teixeira, Secretary
All Star Members
Collegiate 4-H Representative

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

Welcome

Victoria Weatherly-Nilsen

We are happy to announce the appointment of **Victoria Weatherly-Nilsen** as a member of the 4-H Youth Development Management Board in the position of **Treasurer**.

Victoria has a strong background in financial recordkeeping and procedures and currently maintains the accounts for several businesses. As Treasurer, she looks forward to computerizing county financial records and reports. On a personal note, Victoria has a long history with 4-H, beginning as a young member in Santa Barbara County. She was active in clothing-related projects, as well as small and large animal projects. She continued with the program, ultimately serving as Community Club Leader while attending college. She and her husband have two children who are currently enrolled in Nipomo 4-H Club and they both serve as project leaders with that club.

We welcome Victoria in her new position and look forward to working with her and benefiting from her ideas and experience.

~ MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES ~

National Youth Science Day is October 7, 2009

Make your own Biofuel!

Test your science skills in the **2009 4-H National Youth Science Experiment - "Biofuel Blast"!!** 4-H members will experience firsthand how the biofuel ethanol is produced, build skills in designing science experiments and taking measurements, and be able to share results online with fellow young scientists.

Renewable energy sources like biofuels are constantly making headlines in the news today. At 4-H, we encourage the youth of today to become our nation's future leaders. And, as such, it's vital for youth to understand and engage in the important environmental issues our global community faces together, and the opportunities available for a greener tomorrow.

If you or your club would like to learn more about the *National Youth Science Day* experiment go to https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/the_experiment.php. To order a "Biofuel Blast" kit go to https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/the_experiment_mall_kit.php. Each kit provides enough experiment material for five youth to work independently, or up to 15 youth working in small groups, and includes an experiment facilitator's guide and five youth guides, individual packets of yeast, coupons for free bottles of corn syrup, funnels and 4-H branded balloons. (The price of the kit is \$20, but thanks to in-kind donations from Fleischmann's Yeast and Karo Corn Syrup the first 500 kits are \$15!)



ACT NOW—FIVE FREE KITS AVAILABLE!! The 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology (SET) Committee has purchased five (5) kits for our county. If your club would like one of these FREE kits, be one of the first five to send a letter to the 4-H SET Committee (by way of the 4-H office) telling about your plans to conduct the experiment with your club or project members!

National 4-H Week

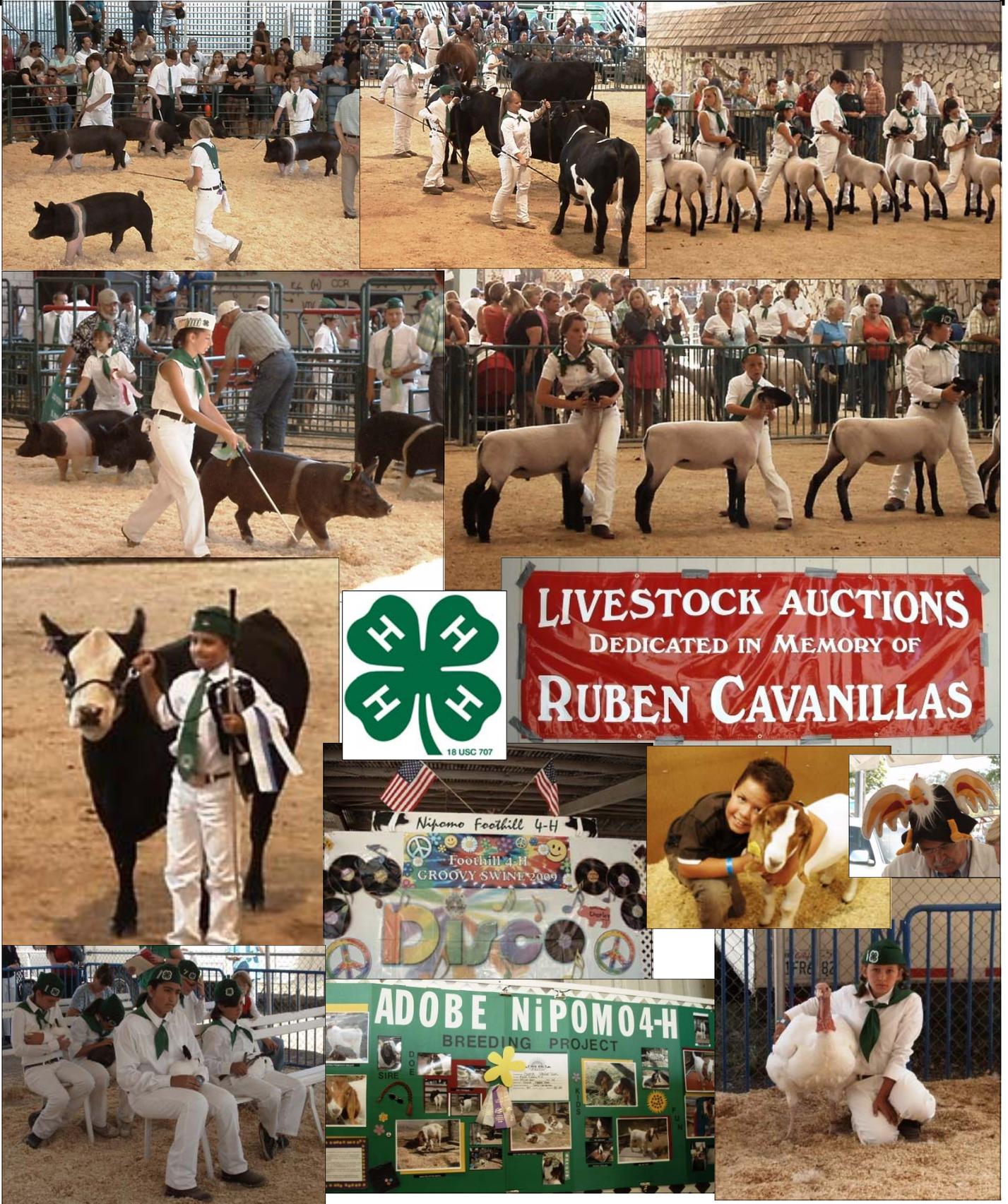
October 4-10, 2009

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, *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!

~ FAIR MEMORIES ~



~ 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 2009-2010. 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.

New applications for the 2009-2010 program year are available online at SLOCOUNTY4H.ORG under the subheading "Applications". They will also be available at Achievement Night on October 3rd, and in the 4-H office (781-5943). For more information, contact Community Service Key Leader Karen Ludwig at 466-1216, or visit www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.



Albertsons Donation to SLO County 4-H



It was an exciting day at the Mid-State Fairgrounds on July 16, 2009. On that day, Albertsons presented the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program with a very generous donation of \$10,000 in cash and gift cards. The program is grateful to Albertsons for its ongoing support of 4-H, as the cash and gift cards will be used to benefit all of our 4-H members, families, and communities.

We also want to thank the many 4-H members and their families who took the time to attend the event and represent the SLO County 4-H program. **The turnout was impressive and much appreciated by Albertsons.** Photo Submitted by: Sophie Johnston Cerro Alto

~ MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES ~

SLC WAS a Big Deal

My name is **Teale Harden**, I am 16 years old and a ninth year member in the **Parkfield 4-H**. This year I received a scholarship from the Walter Christensen family and had the opportunity to travel to the University of Merced with Abigail Jayne of Parkfield 4-H and participate as a delegate at the State Leadership Conference.

The theme of the conference this year was "It's a Big Deal" and it was an amazing chance for us to learn more about being a leader and participate in some of the educational workshops. These workshops had a variety of topics from water conservation, quality assurance in our animals, 4-H CSI, musical theater and even yoga! There were also many workshops that developed leadership skills such as, leading communication, citizenship, public speaking, interview strategies, as well as information on the National 4-H conference and California Focus.

Each day there was a keynote motivational speaker whose enthusiasm and passion for 4-H and making a difference energized all 450 delegates who attended the conference and after dinner each night, there was recreation that included inflatable games, dunk tanks, dancing, tug-o-war, twister, movies and spirit competitions between North, North Central, South Central and South Regions to see who had the most spirit. At the end of the weekend, the new State Ambassadors were announced and performed a skit to reveal the secret of next year's conference theme of "Operation 4-H".

SLC was a huge success and I hope that next year I will be able to attend the conference again and that YOU would help represent San Luis Obispo County at the State Leadership Conference. If you would like to learn more about SLC you can go to the State 4-H website at www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/ and if you would like for me to come and speak at your meeting about my experiences please call me at 835-2944 or email me at blue_duck7@hotmail.com

On the lookout for VOLUNTEERS

We're on the lookout for a "few good volunteers" to organize our countywide

4-H Field Day and **Chicken-Q** event next year!!

The "jobs" of **Event Chair** and **Operations Manager** are busy ones, but they come with many perks; like working alongside your fellow volunteers-and there are **MANY**-who make the day such fun and a great success. (You'll also have lots of help and support from 4-H staff along the way too.)

Planning starts early, usually in January...so, how about it? Would you like to try your hand at organizing **4-H Field Day** and **Chicken-Q** in **2010**? If so, we'd love to talk with you or answer any questions you may have. Just call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

We hope to hear from **you** soon!!



~ 4-H CLUB NEWS ~



Creston 4-H members and their families would like to thank Mr. Ben Mendoza, owner of Ben's Custom Meat Cutting and the Lopez Family, owners of Fastrak Farms for their generous donations to the 4-H Club. Mr. Mendoza processed a hog donated by Fastrak Farms. We would like to thank Mr. Mendoza for all his hard work.

The members and their families enjoyed several pork meals at the fair. We want to thank Mr. Mendoza for his gracious donation to our club. Submitted by: Danielle Huseby, Reporter Elect

Pictured back row: Lacey Morris, Kyle Huseby

Middle row: Danielle Huseby, Sarah-Ann Lopez, Ben Mendoza, Ryan Rogell, Calvin Jennings, Allie Donati, Robyn Morris

Front row: Chelsea Rogell

Estrella 4-H Auction Runners at Mid-State Fair

On Saturday, August 1st, Estrella 4-H members Cassie Ayers, Elizabeth Gregg, Meredith Masch, Gwen and Grace Pipes, Peggy and Elena Riley, and Sydney Vinther participated as Auction Runners at the California Mid-State Fair auction. The job of each volunteer was to find the bidder who won an auction in the crowd, get papers signed by them and turn them in. At first I was nervous, but I found the experience very interesting. Sometimes it was difficult to locate the winning bidder; their bidding numbers were not in clear sight and often they were so involved with watching further auctioning that they were not paying attention to us even though we carried whiteboards with their numbers on them. It was interesting to watch and fun because the auction was fast paced and kept us working hard. I really enjoyed it and am looking forward to doing it again. Submitted by Elena Riley

On Friday July 24th The Cambria 4-H dog group members competed in the Mid-State Fair Dog show. Showing in showmanship and obedience with their dogs they have been working with since last September. Dog project leader Kelly Johnson was very proud of all the members and dogs coming home with large rosette ribbons, as they only give ribbons to the top ten and many of the classes had up to sixteen competitors, It's not easy to show an animal because they have their own brain, and you better hope they want to work with you on show day. Kelly said, " I look forward to next year with the members working on goals to better their placing." Photo: Showmanship and obedience. Samir Boutros with Blue took 8/8 Tara Covell with Rosie took 4/3 Maryissa Snow with Cloe took 6th in obedience. And Reba Taylor with Sophia took 2/8 Congratulations everyone!



Submitted by: Cambria 4-H Reporter, Tara Covell

~ COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ~

25th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County (ECOSLO) respectfully requests that SLO Co. 4-H volunteer in the 25th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day in San Luis Obispo County.

Why We Need Your Support

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Coastal Cleanup Day! With your help we can thoroughly clean up beaches whose natural beauty and presence we all enjoy.

Please RSVP

For more information about the local cleanup, or to get involved with other volunteer events, please contact ECOSLO at (805) 544-1777 or e-mail us at ccd.ecoslo@gmail.com

About the Event

Coastal Cleanup Day is an international event that is focused on cleaning up beaches, rivers and streams around the world. In California, Coastal Cleanup holds the distinction of drawing out the most participation of any volunteer event over its twenty-five year history. ECOSLO works with the California Coastal Commission to bring the campaign for healthy coasts, shorelines and oceans into our community. **Last year, over 1,300 volunteers removed nearly 5,000 pounds of marine debris from 26 beaches throughout San Luis Obispo County.**

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you to make this year's Coastal Cleanup Day another fabulous success.

Sincerely,

Whitney Geitz
Environmental Center of
San Luis Obispo County



1,971,551

The number of cigarettes collected from beaches worldwide last year on Coastal Cleanup Day.

~ CALENDAR UPDATES ~

SAVE THE DATE
Junior/Teen Leader and
Officers Workshop

Is scheduled for Sunday,
October 25, 2009

at San Luis Obispo Veterans
Hall located at 801 Grand Ave.,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

More details to follow next
month.

SAVE THE DATE
Asset Development
Conference

January 28, 2010
Embassy Suites Hotel

More details to follow in future
newsletters.

Mark your calendars now for
4-H ACHIEVEMENT
NIGHT 2009!

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Veteran's Hall, 801 Grand Ave., SLO

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SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2009

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 6 State 4-H Leader's Forum Registrations Due, Asilomar, CA (Nov. 6-8)**

- 16 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.

- 19 Coastal Cleanup Day 9AM—12 Noon**
Contact: ECOSLO at 544-1777

- 24 4-H Youth Camp Planning Project 6:30 p.m., UC Auditorium, SLO 2156 Sierra Way, SLO, 93401**

OCTOBER 2009

- 3 4-H Achievement Night, 7:00 p.m. Vets Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo**

- 4-10 National 4-H Week**

- 7 National Youth Science Day**

- 9 RSVP Due: The Power of the Wind Workshop**

- 23-24 The Power of the Wind Workshop UC Auditorium, SLO**

- 25 Jr./Teen Leader & Officers Workshop Vets Hall, 801 Grand Ave., SLO, 93401**

NOVEMBER 2009

- 6-8 State 4-H Leader's Forum, Asilomar, CA**

JANUARY 2010

- 28 Asset Development Conference Embassy Suites Hotel, SLO**