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If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please don't hesitate to call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or email at rhillstock@ucdavis.edu. We welcome submissions, especially for Club News. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to be posted in the following months' edition.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or 323-260-3854. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#). We look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

POLICY

4-H Policy and Information Update September, 2012

Recently, some parents have inquired about the University's photo release policy. The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program has always maintained a policy where parents (and youth for that matter) can ask to have a photo removed from any UC publication and UC owned website. The University takes very seriously the privacy consideration of parents and will honor any request to have pictures of themselves or youth removed. Having said that, please keep in mind that it is practically impossible to have an opt out option for families. Here are three examples to highlight the difficulty in having one:

Scenario 1:

Camp staff take a yearly picture of all 200 campers and that is put on the county website. Since we do not know all 200 youth we are not able to verify which youth did and which did not sign the photo release (identifying each and every youth to ensure we have a photo release, and then photo shopping the youth out whose parent's did not sign it would be extremely time consuming).

Scenario 2:

Pictures of youth are taken at presentation day and then a family sends the picture to the county office but it has some other youth in the background and we don't know the names of the youth so we can't check to see if they signed a photo release.

Scenario 3:

There are 400-500 youth at State Leadership Conference, and we have pictures being posted on our Facebook page (which is monitored by 4-H state office staff), website, and afterglow from the event - we would not be able to use any of these if we had an opt out option because we would not know the names of the youth to be able to use any of the photos. Youth are not self-identified in pictures used for these purposes.

As you can see, because youth are not self-identified in most pictures, having an opt out option will be too difficult to manage. Again, if you see a picture of your child or children in any UC publication or on any UC owned website and you do not want it published please contact the County office and will work to have it promptly removed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at kcnathaniel@ucanr.edu or (323) 260-3845.

COUNTY

- **Record Books**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Record Books are due to the County Office on **Tuesday, September 11, 2012**, by **4 p.m.** or by **9 p.m.** to an **Incentives & Recognition Committee Member** on **Wednesday, September 12, 2012**.

Record Books may be turned in several places:

The Los Angeles County 4-H Office
UC Cooperative Extension
4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90022
(323) 260-3859

The Antelope Valley 4-H Office
UC Cooperative Extension
335 East Ave K-10 Suite 101
Lancaster CA, 93535
(661) 974-8824

Or, arrange to drop your book off with an **Incentives and Recognition Committee Member**:

Judylynn Pelling: jlPELLING@yahoo.com
Noel Keller: nkeller91711@gmail.com
Dee Keese: swimdude64@earthlink.net
Carrie De Young: csdeyoung@socal.rr.com

If you have any members in your club turning in a Record Book, a club volunteer *must* sign up for one of the following two Record Book Judging Dates with **Noel Keller**, *Incentives & Recognition Committee Chair* at nkeller91711@gmail.com. No more than three volunteers from the same club on any given day please. See judging dates below:

Saturday, September 15, 2012

8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran School
6338 N. Figueroa Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90042

Saturday, September 22, 2012

8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran School
6338 N. Figueroa Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90042

For those youth who are completing an **Online Record Book**, and may have questions along the way, you can contact the LA County 4-H Online Record Book Resource Leader and San Fernando Valley 4-H Co-Community Club Leader, **Teresa Fint**, by email at teresa@fint.net.

For any other Record Book questions, you can contact Dawn Fuller at dafuller@ucdavis.edu or Charlene Moore at moore@ucdavis.edu.

- **LA County 4-H Outreach Competition**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

In the new 4-H year, it is necessary for all of us to focus on growing our club membership in regards to youth membership and adult volunteers. Those of us who are involved in the 4-H Program, do so because we believe in the 4-H Program and want youth to have a valuable “learning by doing” experience that will help carry them through life and be the best they can be. The 4-H Program has been around for over a hundred years, and we intend for our program to grow by leaps and bounds in the coming months. We are so excited that you as leaders, and the youth members in your clubs, will be a part of this extreme program expansion, and we look forward to hearing all about the new and innovative strategies you will be employing to help grow your clubs in the new 4-H year!

A perfect example of creative outreach strategies were demonstrated throughout the last 4-H program year in a variety of ways. A number of LA County 4-H youth participated in a special **Grow Your Club Competition** and **Most Innovative Outreach Plan Competition** hosted by the LA County 4-H Office. We are thrilled to report the winners for the competition as follows:

Top Winners for the Grow Your Club Competition

Harbor Lights 4-H Club (grew youth enrollment by 300%)

Pomona Valley 4-H Club (grew youth enrollment by 60%)

Eastside Antelopes 4-H Club (grew youth enrollment by 44%)

Top Winner for the Most Innovative Outreach Plan

Youth member of **Harbor Lights 4-H Club, Daniel Espinosa**, created and submitted a detailed Outreach Plan for growing his club which included the following strategies:

- Daniel spoke at his club meetings about club growth and asked youth members to spread the word about his club and about 4-H events and activities. He communicated with fellow members and received input from them on how to get this accomplished.
- Daniel assisted club members in creating promotional club fliers and handing them out and posting them in their neighborhoods, at their schools, churches, restaurants and to their friends and family.
- Daniel assisted the Harbor Lights 4-H Community Club Leader in planning a Primary Project so that interested youth could sample a variety of projects that the club and 4-H offers, and created a flier for the project. He posted the fliers at local places where parents and youth might see them (schools, churches, clubs, restaurants).
- Daniel used his public speaking skills learned in 4-H to talk about 4-H and Harbor Lights 4-H Club at community events he attended to get the word out (at the church he attends, youth group meeting places, homeschool gatherings, local fundraisers, and before and after all club meetings).
- Daniel encouraged club members to bring friends to club meetings and helped plan a couple of special activities to invite friends of club members to. He brought his own friends to meetings and events. In an effort to acquaint potential members with his club, Daniel helped plan ice cream socials, park days and a club Christmas party where the club members had fun, and Daniel worked on encouraging members to spread the word about 4-H and his club.
- Daniel asked club members to write a paragraph about one of their favorite projects and put them together as a booklet about his club. These were in turn handed out to club visitors.

Results

As a result of Daniel creating and implementing his outreach plan, Daniel received phone calls and emails from interested youth and their families. These interested youth members decided to join the Harbor Lights 4-H Club. Daniel made notes on what worked and what didn't and is currently revising his outreach strategies for the new 4-H year. Way to go Daniel!

- **County Council & County Awards Day, October 13, 2012**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The next **County Council Meeting** will be on **Saturday, October 13, 2012**, from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** The meeting is being hosted by the **Antelope Valley District Leaders' Council** and **Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club**. The meeting will be held at the Agua Dulce Women's Club (33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, 91390).

On **Saturday, October 13, 2012**, there will also be a **New Leader Orientation** from **Noon to 1 p.m.** at the same location (Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, 91390). Previous to attending this orientation, potential volunteers will need to complete the following:

- Fill-out the online application here:
<https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5149>
- Contact Charlene Moore to sign-up for the training by October 8 at moore@ucanr.edu.

County Awards Day will also be held on **Saturday, October 13** (same location), at **3:30 p.m.** County Awards Day is a celebration of youth achievements for the prior program year, and the results of the County Record Book Competition are distributed at this event. The Antelope Valley District will be providing the event decorations and set-up. The program for the event will be the responsibility of the San Fernando Valley District. The publicity for the event will be provided by the North San Gabriel District, and the South San Gabriel Valley District will provide the event refreshments. All districts will be responsible for clean-up.

- **Safety First**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



Some of us may work on or around farms, ranches, and with livestock. Safety is an important part of our 4-H project work, and we are reminded at the beginning of each project meeting the safe steps we need to take – no matter what the project is. **National Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Week** takes place **September 16-22**, and it is a good time to brush-up on some good general safety practices we may have forgotten.

Livestock

When working with animals, we may be having so much fun that we forget ourselves for a moment, and the fact that we can get seriously hurt if not paying close attention. When working with large livestock, here are some important tips to keep in mind:

- Animals can only see in black and white, and so their vision isn't as sharp as humans. They probably aren't able to judge distances as good as we do, so be aware.
- Animals have a more acute sense of hearing than we do, and any loud or sudden noise may frighten them into a movement or behavior that we aren't expecting. Keep this in mind and be mindful of this fact.
- When animals are in a new surrounding with extra stimulus (for example weigh-ins at the fairgrounds), they may become slightly agitated by both noise and surrounding, and not "act themselves." Proceed with caution in these settings and be extra kind to your animal.
- When possible, do your best to avoid the hind legs of large livestock.
- Do not approach an animal from behind in a quick way, and don't ever run around a loose animal. Instead, approach an animal near its shoulder area in slow motion.
- Use a kind voice with your animal.
- When you see a mama with her baby, it probably is not a good time to approach her, or the baby.
- If an animal looks or seems like it isn't feeling good – it isn't. Let an adult have a look. Animals who aren't feeling well react in ways we, or even they, might not expect, which could be dangerous.
- 4-Hers are not permitted to work with, or around stallions, bulls, or rams.
- Always wear proper attire for working with animals, including sturdy, closed-toed shoes and long pants.
- When horse riding, wear a properly fitted helmet with a chin harness at all times that meets ASTM/SEI standards: (<http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/helmetSafety/index.htm>).
- Always wash your hands with soap and water after working with your animal. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer will work until you get a chance to wash them properly.
- When you are handling your animal, try not to touch your face or rub your eyes. You can get sick or you can get your animal sick - believe it or not!
- Keep small children away from your livestock.
- If someone is hurt by an animal, do not walk up to the animal - call for help.
- Always be alert and aware.

Large Amounts of Grain

- Do not ride on a grain wagon.
- While we rarely use silos in our area. If you encounter a silo, do enter a silo without an adult present.
- Lock doors to grain structures.
- When working with large amounts of grain, always let your leader or family member know you will be doing so.
- Areas where grain is stored are not for playing in. Grain can easily trap and cover you if moved in the wrong way.

Manure

- Make sure to muck out your animal stalls regularly.
- Dispose of manure in the designated area to do so.
- Wear the proper clothing when mucking a stall (i.e. boots, jeans, long sleeved shirt, gloves, etc.).
- Manure produces a gas that can make you very sick if it isn't disposed of properly, and it isn't good for your animal to be in a stall that isn't cleaned on a regular basis either.
- Wherever your manure disposal area is designated, be sure that it isn't near a water source, as the manure and water combined could contaminate areas outside of your farm.
- Use a properly functioning wheelbarrow to transport manure from one place to the next.

Tractors

- According to 4-H policy, only youth aged 17 and older may operate a tractor after orientating themselves with safe tractor curriculum or "Clover Safe Notes" on tractor use.
- Practice using a tractor for the first time in an open field or in a flat area.
- Tractors and other equipment used on the farm are not toys and should be respected for the large and important *work* (and potentially dangerous if not used safely) machinery that they are.
- Always try and use your best judgment when operating farm machinery.
- Never "hitch a ride" with a friend operating a tractor, or let someone do so with you.
- Stay out of the path of someone operating a tractor.
- In case you are an emergency situation, turn off the tractor immediately.
- Tractors are equipped with seatbelts - wear one.
- When you stop the tractor, apply the brake.
- Try and stay on flat areas (avoid hills or large dips in the land).

- Tractors make a lot of noise, and remind those around you to stay clear, and that you won't be able to hear them clearly if they speak to you while you are operating one.
- Take it slow when making a turn.
- Check out your surroundings, and don't start or drive a tractor until everyone is far away.

General Tips

- Always keep a bottle of water with you when working on a warm day.
- If you will be in the sun all day – wear sunscreen.
- Don't ride on the tailgate or in the back of a truck.
- If you don't know how to do something - just ask an adult.
- If you think a situation seems dangerous – it is. Call an adult to help out.
- Make sure you know where the fire extinguisher is on the property.
- Familiarize yourself with general first aid techniques, and keep a well-stocked first aid kit nearby.
- When you are done working on a farm or with livestock for any reason, wash your hands with soap and warm water – give them a good scrub!

Clover Safe Notes

The California 4-H Program has wonderful resources for safety in most all situations, and you can view safety tips in a particular area here:

<http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H Resources/Clover Safe Notes by Project Area/>

Many of us may live on or around a farm, and although it may be a part of our daily lives, we still need to be mindful of safety at all times. You may not have the opportunity to be on or around a farm, but when you do, if you use these important safety tips – you will be ready! During **National Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Week (September 16-22)** let's be reminded of how important safety is year-round.

http://www.fs4jk.org/livestock_safety.htm

http://kidshealth.org/kid/watch/out/farm_safety.html#

<http://www.globaltvedmonton.com/farm+safety+tips/6442600115/story.html>

- **New Leader Orientation**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The next **New Leader Orientation** will be on **Thursday, September 20**, at **7 p.m.**, here at the Los Angeles County 4-H Office (4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA, 90022). Contact Dawn Fuller to RSVP for the training by September 17 at dafuller@ucdavis.edu.

Previous to attending this orientation, potential volunteers will need to complete the following:

- Fill-out the online application here:
<https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5149>
- Contact Dawn Fuller to RSVP for the training by September 17 at dafuller@ucdavis.edu.
- Following their orientation, they will be provided a fingerprinting packet with instructions.
- Get Fingerprinted.
- Enroll online. at: <https://california.4honline.com/Login.aspx?40472F4547534E39717170733D>
- The club leader will be notified when the leader is ready to start volunteering for their club.

The next **New Leader Orientation** will be on **Saturday, October 13, 2012**, from **Noon to 1.p.m.** at the Agua Dulce Women's Club in Agua Dulce (33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, 91390). Previous to the orientation, prospective volunteers should follow the above steps and RSVP to Charlene Moore by October 8 at moore@ucanr.edu.

- **New Club Officer Book Gold Medal**

Noel Keller, Incentives & Recognition Committee Chair

Attention Club Officers - Old and New!! President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian and all other club officers! There is now a new club Officer Book gold medal pin that can be awarded to club officers who submit their 2011-12 (last 4-H year) officer book to the county officer book competition by September 11th or 12th, 2012. If you were a club officer last year, it is not too late to submit your officer book in the 2011-2012 officer book competition. The judging for the officer books is Danish, so all officers have a chance to earn an Officer Book gold medal for their club officer work and book. Go to (link for 2012 county officer books info) for more information about this opportunity. Contact the 4-H office, your club leader or a member of the county I&R committee if you have questions. The results of the 2011-12 competition will be announced at the County Awards Program on October 13th at the Agua Dulce Women's Club building in Aqua Dulce.



New 2012-2013 club officers can start planning now for their entry in the competition for next year. Work on your officer book as the year happens so you don't have to do it all at the end of the year. Make your officer work great so you'll have special activities to report in your officer book records at the end of the year. Plan now to submit your officer book in the 2013 competition so you have a chance to earn a club Officer Book gold medal.

- **Share your 4-H Experiences** - 4-H'ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 15th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

- **Dates To Remember in September:**

- 5th- NSG District mtg.
- 8th- Sectional Council & Teen Council mtg.
- 11th- Record Books & Officer Books due to County Office by 4PM.
- 12th- Record Books & Officer Books due to I&R member by 9PM
- 13th- Incentive & Recognition Committee mtg.
- 15th- Record Book & Officer Book Judging
- 20th- SSG District mtg. / San Gabriel Valley Fair mtg.
- 22nd- Record Book & Officer Book Judging
Equine Showmanship Clinic

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- **National Ag Day Poster Art Contest Begins Aug. 1**

A winning piece of art will be chosen as the Official National Ag Day Poster

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) and Successful Farming are encouraging young artists to celebrate modern agriculture through the first ever National Ag Day Poster Art Contest. A winning original piece of art will be chosen as the Official National Ag Day poster. The contest is open to amateur artists enrolled in high school or college. The contest theme is *Generations Nourishing Generations*. Entries will be screened by a nine member jury. Finalists will then be judged through online voting to determine one winner. In addition, the artwork and a profile of the artist will be prominently featured in Successful Farming magazine and Ag Day correspondence. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Successful Farming. Media releases will also be sent to all Ag Day sponsors and supporters. The artist will receive a portion of the proceeds from limited edition prints and the original artwork will be on display in a public location. The deadline for submitting entries is Midnight (CST), October 31, 2012. For rules on the National Ag Day Poster Art Contest visit www.agday.org.

- The Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention Interagency Group has a new stop bullying video challenge for youth. For more information, please visit: <http://stopbullying.challenge.gov/>. Submissions are due by October 14, 2012. The Health Resources and Services Administration and the Federal Partners are launching this video challenge to help prevent and end bullying in schools and communities across the nation. This challenge invites youth ages 13-18 to create a 30 to 60 second video that will inform and motivate youth to prevent bullying, and that promotes an environment where kindness and respect for others matters. Make your video creative, informative, smart, and entertaining! The focus should be on how youth can be more than a bystander, rather than a video that solely explains why bullying is wrong.

- **Archery Leader Certification Training**

Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14

Humboldt County UCCE Office

5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503

Attendees must attend both Saturday (9AM - 5 PM) and Sunday (8:30 - 12 noon) to be certified as a 4-H adult, teen or junior leader. The cost will be \$30 for training and a binder of resources. There will be a lecture, hands-on practice and a test. To register, complete the "[Request for Training Form](#)" at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf> and mail with your payment to Sandy Sathrum at 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503. Make checks payable to Humboldt County 4-H. Participants are responsible for all transportation, overnight lodging and meals. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Sathrum at 707-445-7351.

- **Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course**

Muzzle Loading Discipline

5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, October 20, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 21, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. 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 volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of \$40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

- Thanks to **America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM**, rural community members and farmers can help give back to local 4-H organizations. Now **through Nov. 30, 2012**, eligible farmers can enter for a chance to win \$2,500 that can be directed to their local 4-H. And new this year, the entire community also has a voice. Rural community members can suggest an idea or initiative that needs funding for their local 4-H, such as a community garden or camp scholarships. Farmers may review the ideas and consider them in their application. To plant your idea and encourage farmers to support your 4-H, go to GrowCommunities.com. In addition, in communities impacted by drought, the Monsanto Fund will provide twice the financial support. Winning farmers from counties that have been declared natural disaster areas will now receive double the donation, a total of \$5,000. These winners may choose where to direct the additional \$2,500 disaster relief donation based on community needs brought forth by the drought. The Monsanto Fund will select one winner at random from each of the eligible 1,271 counties and winning farmers and recipient nonprofits will be announced in January 2013. Please click here for an application: [Printable Application Forms](#)

- **Western Region Leader Forum – March 21 – 24, 2013 in Hawaii**

Hawaii 4-H members, volunteers, faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing you in Hawaii March 21 – 24, 2013 for the Western Region Leader Forum. The conference site is the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Resort. You will need to register at the hotel before you register for the conference so you will have the confirmation code required to avoid the surcharge for those who choose to attend WRLF and stay at another place. Reservations at the Marriott may be made at 800-848-8100 or by using the local number of 808-922-6611. We have reserved a block of rooms which you will need to refer to when you register by giving the code, WR4A, to the person taking your reservation. Registration for the forum may be completed by going to: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/>

DEADLINES:

Deadline for Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - \$375

Deadline for Hotel room Rate of \$179 is February 21, 2013 - \$425

- Applications for the **2012 President's Environmental Youth Award** are **due December 31**. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people across the U.S. for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. One outstanding project from each region is selected for national recognition. Projects are developed by young individuals, school classes (K-12), summer camps, and youth organizations to promote environmental stewardship. Visit www.epa.gov/peya for more information.

- It's time to register for the **2012 State Leaders Forum**, coming November 9-11 at Asilomar. Save \$10 if you register by September 1st. Simply complete the survey or the printed form then mail your fee to the registrar. Use the Asilomar form to reserve your conference lodging and meal package. Rooms are being held for us until September 9th. "4-H in a Minute: Wake up to the Possibilities!" promises to be fun, relaxing, motivating, educational, and timely. Volunteer leaders and staff - join the South Central Section for workshops, games and prizes, including a drawing for an iPad and "Minute to Win It" competitions. Nancy Franz, our Saturday keynote speaker, brings new ideas from Iowa 4-H. Silent Auction donations and county baskets are gratefully accepted to help defray conference expenses. More information and forms are at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012> or contact Sue Moore, Registrar, 2moores@mlode.com.
- **Announcing the New Highest California 4-H Youth Award!**
The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/
Rationale: Most youth serving organizations have a highest honor—Boy Scouts have Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts have the Gold Award, Camp Fire USA has the WoHeLo Award. While the 4-H State Ambassador Program is a very high honor, it is a working honor and is prohibitive to many who may be deserving of a highest youth award.
- It is time to start the selection process for the **2013 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards**. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Additional information is available at <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards/opportunities/salute-to-excellence-awards/>.

The categories are as follows:

1. The ***Volunteer of the Year Award*** is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for **less than 10 years** at the local, county, district or state level.
2. The ***Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award*** is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the local, county, district or state level.

Mail completed nomination packet(s) to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, University of California, Davis, One Shields Ave., DANR Bldg., Davis, CA 95616. If you FED EX the packet please send it to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, DANR Building, 225 Hopkins Road, Davis, CA 95616.

Nominations should be received by **October 2, 2012** to be considered. The State 4-H Office will verify with county 4-H staff that the volunteer is enrolled and in good standing. All nomination packets will be reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee who will recommend one nominee for each category to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final approval. Please note there is no limitation on the number of nominees from each county.

- The 2012 North Central Region Volunteer Forum Registration is now open. Please go to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=314> for the latest information with the Registration Booklet and links to the online registration and hotel as well as lots of other information. Also, you can go to <http://kansas4-h.org/>, click on the Forum logo in the center of the page for more information. The Forum is October 11 - 14, in Wichita, Kansas. We have three outstanding speakers and 50 great workshop sessions planned. Please check it out and share with 4-H Volunteers and staff. Please contact Rod Buchele at rbuchele@ksu.edu for any questions or concerns.

- **North American Association for Environmental Education
October 10-13, 2012, Oakland, CA**
Environmental education teaches children and adults how to learn about and investigate their environment, and to make intelligent, informed decisions about how they can take care of it. Registration will open on June 1, 2012. For more information, go to: <http://www.naaee.net/conference>.
- **2013 National 4-H Conference** – Applications for the 2013 National 4-H Conference will be available in August! If you are interested in attending the conference as part of the California delegation, you can find the application and detailed information on the State 4-H website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>. Applications will be due October 31, 2012.
- **Save the Date: State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25 at UC Davis**
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>
The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. More information will be released in January 2013.
- The **State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee announces categories and service projects for 2013 SFR! Entry categories will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Wearable Art-Embellished, 2 Yard Wonder, and Duct Tape Challenge.
 - Traditional: new this year, the entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing and Textile project.
 - Consumer Science Purchased has a \$19.99 limit, shoes and sales tax not included. Receipts for all items showing except shoes are required, with purchases made during the 2012-2013 4-H year. The \$100 CS Purchased category will not be offered.
 - The Wearable Art – Embellished entry must start with a purchased garment. Duct tape entries are not eligible for WA-Embellished.
 - 2 Yard Wonder is a Challenge category: using 2 yards of 100% cotton fabric, sew a garment and an accessory. Additional garments to complete the outfit may be sewn or purchased. There is no specific pattern requirement. The entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing & Textiles project.
 - Duct Tape Challenge: Create a wearable garment out of duct tape such as a jacket, shirt, pants, skirt or dress. The member may choose to begin with a purchased garment or not. Additional garments, accessories, fabric and materials may be added.
 - For all entries, the outfit must be produced and modeled by the individual member. The outfit must meet SFR modesty guidelines.
 - A member may only qualify to enter one outfit at SFR. To reduce confusion, counties are encouraged to adopt this policy: At county fashion revues where a member may enter more than one outfit, the garments, accessories, and shoes for each outfit must be distinctly different. An item in one outfit may not also be used as part of another outfit.
 - Counties may offer additional categories that do not advance to SFR.

State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service projects. The first is a sewn teddy bear or doll. The second is a drawstring bag. Patterns and instructions will be posted on the SFR website. SFR will continue to accept quilts for troops to pass on. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join the committee, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

HEALTHY LIVING

- **Surgeon General's Report outlines key steps to further reducing tobacco use among youth**
Tobacco use among American middle school and high school students showed a slow decline from 2000 to 2011, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But when compared with other long-term studies, such as the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the steep rate of decline from 1997 to 2003 has slowed noticeably. The report published today shows that in 2011 nearly 30 percent of high school males and 18 percent of high school females used some form of tobacco. More than 8 percent of middle school males and nearly 6 percent of middle school females used some form of tobacco in 2011. [learn more](#)

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

- **Swine Flu Update**
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported a variant strain of Influenza A (H3N2v), which has been identified in swine and in humans. So far, the virus has been detected in 3 states (not in California), and some of the human cases are believed to be related to contact with swine that were exhibited at an agricultural fair. The following links contain nation-wide and California-specific advisories and fact sheets about this virus. The Centers for Disease Control have released information and resources on the Influenza A H3N2v Virus affecting swine. More information on this can be found at: <http://ucanr.org/4hsafety>.
- **SciGirls CONNECT Partnership Program: Call for Applications**
If you have a commitment to gender-equitable STEM programming, SciGirls is for you! Any organization with a commitment to gender-equitable STEM programming for girls ages 8-13 can apply. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with at least one organization in their community. All partners receive a full day training, support via monthly webinars, access to the SciGirls CONNECT online community, take home copies of SciGirls educational resources, a \$200 stipend for materials, a quarterly newsletter and more! Organizations interested must submit by September 14, 2012. Click on this link to take the next step in becoming a SciGirls Partner: www.scigirlsconnect.org. For questions contact Adine at: aathoreen@tpt.org.
- **Syngenta Almond Scholarship \$5,000**
Due August 31, 2012
<http://www.farmassist.com/promo/almonds/>
Continuing its investment in the future of agriculture, Syngenta is sponsoring an academic scholarship for students in California, a highly productive almond-growing region of the country. The scholarship is open to high school or college students who reside/attend school in California, and who are involved in the almond-growing industry or a member of 4-H or FFA.
- **2012 4-H National Youth Science Day**
Events to be held during October 2012
http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/NYSD/2012_NYSD/
For the fifth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD), The Ohio State University Extension has designed the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge: the 2012 National Science Experiment. The experiment will introduce youth to robotic engineering concepts as they program an autonomous robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill. To list your California 4-H NYSD event, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.
- **Bay Area Science Festival**
November 3, 2012 at ATT Park
<http://www.bayareascience.org/>
This year's festival will feature over 60 events across the Bay Area! 4-H will be represented with a booth featuring the 2012 4-H National Youth Science Experiment. If you are interested in helping to volunteer at the booth, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.

- **4-H Fund Development**

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/SETResources/PP/>

4-H has a compelling message and demonstrable impacts that are well aligned with the interests of private funders. However, securing funding from these new sources requires a set of strategies for engagement based on long term relationship building and ongoing investment rather than a singular fundraising approach based on short term gifts.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Amgen Foundation Grants**

Sponsor Deadline: Dec 31, 2012

Budget: Amounts awarded vary widely and depend upon the scope of the project. The minimum Amgen Foundation grant is \$10,000. Time periods of grants vary widely and depend upon the scope of the project. Sponsor RFA: http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/apply_for_grant.html

Funding Area: The foundation seeks to advance science education, improve quality of care and access for patients, and support resources that create sound communities.

Eligibility: Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as the Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support.

- **Do you see a need in your community?**

JOIN The Revolution of Responsibility! \$1,000 is available to 4-H Clubs and Groups

Due September 15, November 15

<http://ucanr.org/join/>

To JOIN the revolution, 4-H members, with the help of an adult 4-H volunteer mentor, should follow these steps to plan a project.

1. Identify an issue or problem in your community.
2. Find community organizations to collaborate with.
3. Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, list needed resources, and prepare a budget
4. Prepare ways to document and record your project to share with others.
5. JOIN the revolution at <http://ucanr.org/join/>

A **toolkit** of tips, templates, links, and suggested guidelines has been developed to support your projects. From the initial work to identify a compelling community issue to the final celebration of its completion, use this toolkit to help you carry out the important steps necessary to ensure success.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/Toolkit/>

- **Grants for Youth**

Funded by the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust

Deadline: Rolling

The trust seeks to foster healthy development and future independence by increasing opportunities for children and youth up to age 25. Organizations should strive to achieve a long-term, sustainable difference in the lives of the people they serve, offering a comprehensive set of services designed to break the cycle of poverty rather than simply providing a service to meet immediate needs. Programs of greatest interest offer direct services to disadvantaged children and youth, such as academic enrichment and support, mentoring and youth leadership, arts outreach integrated with school curriculum, and recreational activities and camps incorporating youth development objectives. Please [contact](#) the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust for more information and to apply for this funding

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