

County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report

by Noel Keller, I&R Committee Chair

County Project Recognition

The LA County 4-H Project Recognition (Record Book Judging) will be basically the same as last year,

- members must use the state record book forms to be eligible for a county medal
- county judging of 4-H records will be done in September
- there will be no judging or awards at the sectional level
- state judging will not be by project level and will be in December with entries due to the LA County 4H office in October.

The dates for our county record book judging have been changed to September. The judging will be tentatively be done on two Saturdays - September 17 and 24. The judging is planned to occur at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, the same location as last year.

Records books will be due September 13 to the county 4-H offices by 4pm or to an I&R committee member by 9pm the next day. The county awards program is set for Saturday, October 15 at the Pet Symposium at the LA County 4-H office.

Record books will be judged by project at the county level, but not at the state level. At the state level, the member's records will be judged for personal growth in their leadership, citizenship and life skills development.

The County Incentives & Recognition Committee recommends that clubs and/or districts consider running record book workshops on the forms for members.

No Judge - No Club Record Books Judged

Continuing this year, any club that does not have at least one adult representative at at least one of the county record book judging days will not have their members' records eligible for county awards. This means that each club that submits at least one record book for the county competition should have at least one adult representative at at least one of the judging days. If a club does not have a representative there, the record books from that club will not be judged for county awards. Plan ahead. The adult club representative does not have to be experienced at judging record books. There is a Judges' Orientation before the judging on each day. **The name(s) of the club representative should be turned into Noel Keller (909-621-2373) by September 14.**

2011-2012 LA County 4-H Leaders' Council I & R Committee -

The current county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG district, Dee Keese and Rick Hebert from SSG, and Carrie DeYoung from SFV.

We need representatives from SFV district and AV district for next year

The representative should be elected to the position by their district council. The I & R committee meets on the second Thursday of several months at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles.

Call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns. We are currently working on revising the county record book and awards day program.

2011 4-H Graduates

Remember to turn in the names of your 2011 4-H graduates to the AV 4-H office so 4-H graduate certificates and pins can be prepared.

Forms on the LA County 4H web site

The county I&R Committee has updated the forms for the Primary member PDR, the county Record Book competition and the county Officer Book evaluation. Please look for these forms on the LA County 4-H web site. Please note that there has been a change in the Officer Book judging. This year Officer Books will be again be judged with the Danish system and all officers will have a chance to earn a Gold Medal for their book. Please encourage your club officers to submit an officer book for recognition.

Forms for Senior 4-H members competing in the state records competition can be found on the state 4-H website. A pointer to these forms will also be placed on the LA 4-H website.

This coming year we will be trying to put more event and recognition information up on the county website so members and leaders will have more access to the information.

The LA County 4-H website is currently going through a transition so if information cannot be obtained from the website contact the LA 4-H office by email or directly for the information.

LA County 4-H All-Star

All –Star is the highest county level rank in the 4-H program. Senior experienced 4-H members are encouraged to apply for this expanded leadership and recognition opportunity. Information will soon be on the county website about applying for this opportunity for next year. Applications will be due September 13 in the 4-H office and the announcement of the new 2011-12 Los Angeles County 4-H All-Stars will be made at the County Awards program on October 15 at the LA County 4-H office.

We are anticipating a change in the timing of the All-Star application for the 2012-13 4-H program year. The All-Star application will be due March 1 with the announcement of new 2012-13 LA County 4-H All-Stars occurring at County Field Day later that month. This change will allow the new All-Stars to have more time for planning before the start of their 4-H program year.
