

County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report

by Noel Keller, Committee Chair

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 Herbert from SSG district and Carrie DeYoung from SFV district. We still need two representatives from the AV district and one more from the SFV district. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. At this meeting we expect to continue work on planning for this year and updating our committee page on the county 4-H website. Contact an I&R representative if you have comments or suggestions for these areas.

2012 Officer Book forms

The forms and information for the 2012 Officer Book Recognition program will be available on the county website at the end of January. All club and Hi-4H officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year. Officers should start working on this now. Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a Gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work.

2012 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day

The forms and information for the 2012 LA County Record Book Competition will be available on the county website by the end of January. The competition will be much the same as it has been in the past. We have not been informed by the state about any changes. On-line recordkeeping for LA county will be explained at that time.

The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 13" at the LA 4H office after the county 4-H Pet Symposium .

Senior Awards of Excellence

Plaques have been created for the LA County 4-H office where the names of the recipients of the Senior Awards of Excellence are added each year. There has been one plaque for Leadership, one for Community Service and one for Achievement. This year two additional Senior Awards of Excellence will be awarded – one for Healthy Living and one for S.E.T. Senior 4-H members are encouraged to work in these areas and request to be considered for these new awards. Along with their name appearing on the county plaque, the senior 4-H member is also given an individual plaque for the honor. This year the recipients of the 2012 Senior Awards of Excellence will be announced at the County Awards event on October 13, 2012.

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Junior/Teen Leader Merit Awards

As part of the county annual record judging, 4-H junior and teen members were invited to have their records evaluated for a Leader Merit Award. This award is to recognize outstanding leadership by Junior and Teen Leaders. A member request on their ID form for the county record book judging form that their records be evaluated for a merit award. A member may only earn a Junior Leader Merit Award once and a Teen Merit Award once.

The merit award is a gold border for the Junior or Teen Leader patch. For the Junior Leader, a circular gold patch is placed on the 4-H hat under the Junior Leader patch so that an equal gold rim is created around the Junior Leader patch. The Junior Leader patch with this gold rim is an award patch on the 4-H hat, even when the 4-H member is no longer a Junior Leader. For the Teen Leader, there is a triangular gold patch which forms a bold rim around the Teen Leader patch, which can then be worn as an award patch, even if the member is no longer a Teen Leader. These awards will also be announced on October 13.

To be considered for a leader merit award, the 4-H member must be enrolled in a Leadership project and complete the Annual Project Report form for the Leadership project. The member must also complete a Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report for 2011-2012 to be considered for the award. Both forms are available on the County website under Record Book forms.

All-Star Program

LA County 4-H All-Star is the highest county rank a member can earn. The applications for 2012-13 LA County 4-H All-Star will be due March 1, 2012. The application form will be available on the county 4-H website by the end of January. The announcement of the new 2012-13 LA County 4-H All-Stars will be made at County Field Day on March 24. This new timing will allow the new All-Stars time to plan their program for 2012-13 before the program year starts on July 1, 2012. Watch for more information about the All-Star program for next year.

Friends of 4-H

Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and/or organizations that have been particularly helpful to the LA County 4-H program. Each district is encouraged to submit names to the County council for a Friend of 4-H award. Up to five such awards can be made for a year. Districts should submit the names for consideration to the Council President Judylynn Pelling by March 1.
