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CLUB NEWS

Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club

The Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club wrapped up last years projects with a very successful year at the Antelope Valley Fair and Livestock Show. All club members who entered livestock were able to go to auction. Top winners for our club, were:

Grand Champion Steer-Courtney Sweet
Grand Champion Swine-Angela Armstrong
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb-Courtney Sweet

In addition, our Arts and Crafts project group received numerous honors, and Kate Pohlig of our Horse Group received 1st place Master Showmanship Horse and Gymkhana.

We have about 70 club members for the new 4-H year, which just started. Our Arts and Crafts Project Group is starting with a Gingerbread House project, including providing one Gingerbread House to be raffled at an annual community holiday event. Our Horse Group is already active in 4-H Horse Shows for the year, with 6 members participating in the first Horse Show of the 4-H year. We are looking forward to another fun and successful year for all our project groups.

Sincerely,

Neil Bright, Reporter

Quartz Hill 4-H

At Quartz Hill 4-H's November Meeting, our club collected over 100 winter clothes to donate to the needy. Also, the day after Thanksgiving, the cooking group made 80 quarts of soup for 300 people at the Grace Resource Center to feed the needy. At our club's December meeting, we are doing a canned food and a new toy drive to help the needy families in our community. We are also doing an ornament exchange which will be fun. Hope everybody has a nice Holiday and a Happy New Year!

By, Kelly Hannigan, Club Reporter

Rolling Hills 4-H Club

Behind the leadership of club president Nikhil Damle, the Rolling Hills 4-H club has kicked off the 2003-2004 year with the addition of four club members and a revamped board, which includes many recently joined members. In the short span of three months, club meetings have seen a surprising amount of presentations, partially due to increased motivation at the project level to perform this 4-H ritual. Topics from "How to Make an Origami Crane" to "Perfect Smoothies" have been covered, and the following months will see many more presentations. Board members have hopes that the increased presentation activity will lead to more members participating in County Field Day. Rolling Hills 4-H has also been active in community service, already having held a sweater drive and canned food collection for needy people in the area. Upcoming community services will include holiday gift drives and phone directory deliveries.

By Samir Damle

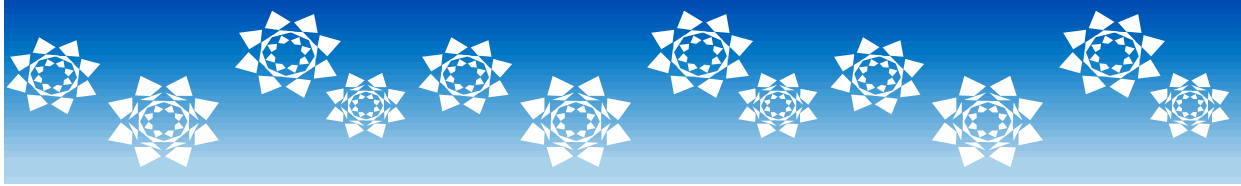
DISTRICT NEWS

2003 County Hi 4-H Winter Camp

- WHO:** 4-H members ages 13 and up.
- WHEN:** Friday, February 6, 2004 through Sunday, February 8, 2004
- LOCATION:** Buckhorn Camp
- TRANSPORTATION:** Everyone must provide their own transportation
- ITEMS TO BRING:** Sleeping bags, extra blankets, towel, washcloth, toiletries, plenty of warm clothes, boots or snow gear, sleds, toboggans, inner tubes, extra shoes, clothesline, etc.
ABSOLUTELY NO ELECTRIC BLANKETS!
- TIME:** Check-in 6 pm Friday, February 6, 2004
Check-out Noon, Sunday, February 8, 2004. You must have your cabin checked for cleanliness before checking out. Everyone must leave the camp by NOON
NO ONE MAY LEAVE EARLY!
- CHAPERONES:** District Hi 4H Advisors are responsible for getting the number of women and men chaperones needed for the number of members attending from their District. They are expected to arrive at the beginning of the event and stay until it is over, they will be expected to help serve some of the meals. There should be 1 chaperon for 8 campers. All chaperones must be over 21 years old and enrolled as a 4-H Leader. Final decision on chaperones is the responsibility of SSG Hi 4-H Advisor in consultation with the County Office.
- OTHER ADULTS:** Any 4-H leader is welcome to attend in addition to chaperones (subject to space availability & pre-approval of the adult in charge). However, they are responsible to pay their own fee and submit the reservation form. **NO VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED**-Contact the adult in charge regarding this matter.
- INSURANCE:** The 4-H Accident Insurance will cover any accident incurred by a 4-H member or leader. **ILLNESS IS NOT COVERED.**
- RESERVATIONS:** Complete all the required forms:
1. Reservation Form
 2. Medical Release Form
 3. Sign Code of Conduct
 4. Contract for Chaperones
 5. Chaperone List.
 6. Make checks payable to SSG Hi 4-H in the amount of \$55.00
Mail it to: Debbie Treadwell by Jan. 26, 2004.



CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A RESERVATION. IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A RESERVATION, PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE DRIVE.



RESERVATION FORM FOR COUNTY HI 4-H WINTER CAMP 2004

CAMP BUCKHORN
FEBRUARY 6, 2004—FEBRUARY 8, 2004

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: F _____ M _____
ADDRESS: _____ CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE NO.: () _____

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT AS STATED. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES COULD RESULT IN MY BEING SENT HOME AT MY OWN EXPENSE.

Signature of Hi 4-Her: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

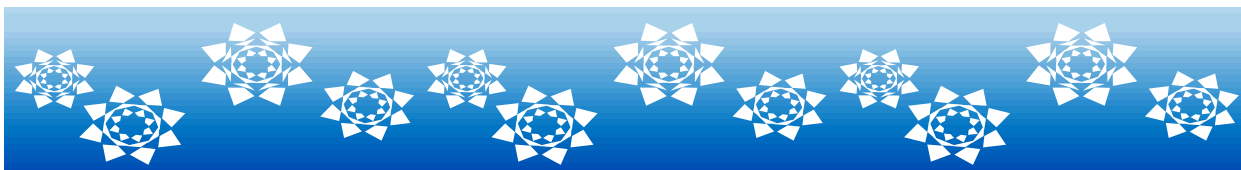
Signature of Chaperone: _____ Date: _____

Question to parent/guardian:

Would you be interested in serving as a chaperone? Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS WITH YOUR \$55.00 CHECK TO YOUR HI 4-H ADVISOR BY JANUARY 16, 2004 OR DIRECTLY TO DEBBIE TREDWELL BY JANUARY 23, 2004

Hi 4-H Advisor, please forward packet by January 23 2004 to: **Debbie Treadwell**
624 E. Grand Ave.
Pomona, CA 91766



AV Livestock Symposium

AV Livestock Symposium will be held at Littlerock High School January 24, 2004. Come learn and discuss a variety of issues surrounding livestock. There will be guest speakers as well as hands on training with various livestock. State Fair Ethics training will be provided. Come participate and make this a successful event. For more information contact Charlene Moore at (661) 723-4480.

COUNTY NEWS

2003 4-H Graduates

The following 4-H members are 2003 4-H graduates and were eligible to graduate from the 4-H program at their October district Achievement Night programs:

Earning a 4-H Graduate Certificate and engraved pin for being in 4-H three or more years:

Stephanie Stearns	South Bay Guide Dog Puppy Raisers
Mia Schumbach	Palos Verdes Peninsula
Jared Keese	Palos Verdes Peninsula

We will miss these members and extend to them our Best Wishes in their future endeavors.

If you are a 2003 4-H graduate and do not appear on the list above, notify your club community leader to contact Charlene Moore in the AV 4-H Office.

County Judging Day (date change)

Judging Day will be Saturday, **February 21, 2004**. AV District Council is hosting this exciting event for a second consecutive year and invites all 4-H'ers to come and participate. The event will be held at AV High School in Lancaster, Ca. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Food and snacks will be available for purchase. Come experience a great event in AV as the AV Council hosts 2004 County Judging Day. Specific information will be mailed out to club leaders the latter part of January. For more information contact Charlene Moore at (661) 723-4477.

Summer Camp 2004

Summer Camp 2004 is approaching. Plan ahead to attend this great event. Forms and additional information are available online from the County's website under Summer Camp or at: <http://www.4hsummercamp.com/> the Official Summer Camp2004 website. Lets make this event one to remember!



SUMMER CAMP RESERVATION FORM



FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

\$20.00 DEPOSIT PER CHILD
Non-Refundable



NAME: _____ M _____ F _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ AGE _____

ADDRESS: _____ CLUB _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE (____) _____



NAME: _____ M _____ F _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ AGE _____

ADDRESS: _____ CLUB _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE (____) _____



NAME: _____ M _____ F _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ AGE _____

ADDRESS: _____ CLUB _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE (____) _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE REMIT THIS FORM TO:
 4-H OFFICE-UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
 4800 CESAR CHAVEV AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90022
 ATTN: ROBYN ZELDEN
 323-260-3857 OR 323-260-3854
 FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB:
<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>

SOUTHERN SECTION NEWS

Siskiyou County's 20th Annual 4-H Statewide Postal Shoot

It's time to sharpen up your shooting skills and start preparing for the Twentieth Annual 4-H Statewide Postal Shoot, sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council. Entries for the Statewide Postal Shoot must be postmarked by March 15, 2004. The rules are rather simple, and we will rely upon the guidance of leaders and advisors in order to avoid confusion and problems.

The following is a list of procedures and rules that need to be followed in order to participate in the 2004 Statewide Postal Shoot.

1. The registration process is as follows: All registration forms must be sent to the UCCE office of the county in which each participating 4-H club resides. Each club's registration check shall be made out to the local county's 4-H council, and should cover the total number of category entries times the entry fee of \$4.50 per category entry.

The county 4-H Youth Development Advisor, 4-H Program Representative or other UCCE 4-H authorized individual shall sign the registration form to verify that all entrants, adults and youth, are currently enrolled in 4-H.

On or before the postmark date of March 15, 2004, the UCCE 4-H office personnel shall send the registration forms and one single check per county to the Siskiyou County Leaders Council, 1655 South Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097.

2. After receiving and processing the registration packets from each county, labeled targets and trap score sheets will be mailed to the participating shooting sports leaders by May 5, 2004.
3. A California 4-H State certified Shooting Sports Leader must supervise all shooting and sign all target sets fired (Leaders must be certified in the discipline of the category of the target being verified, i.e., leaders certified in Rifle may supervise rifle events, Shotgun leaders may supervise trap events, etc.). For more information on becoming certified in the various disciplines, go to <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/projresource/shootingsports/certified.asp>.
4. After scoring the returned targets, the results will be compiled and distributed through the UCCE offices. Ribbons, medals and trophies will be sent to the participating counties for the shooting sports leaders to distribute.

DIVISIONS (by age, as of January 1, 2004):

Junior: 9-10 years of age **Intermediate:** 11-13 years of age **Advanced:** 14-19 years of age

Leader/Parent: parents and leaders currently enrolled in the 4-H program

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE VERIFIED AS BEING CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN 4-H BY YOUR LOCAL UCCE OFFICE

CATEGORIES:

1. **Air rifle:** (Air Rifle 3.6) The distance will be 10 meters (33 feet). The course of fire will be standing only. Ten shots will be fired on each target, one shot per bull's-eye. There will be four targets. The International Rifle Rules will be used. .177 caliber pellets only. AR-5/10 target.
2. **Sporter Air Rifle:** (National Standard Three-Position Air Rifle Rules, pg. 12-13) The distance will be 10 meters (33 feet). Three positions: prone, standing, kneeling. For each position, ten shots will be fired on one target, one shot per bull's-eye. Shooting jackets are not permitted. Maximum of two sweatshirts may be worn. Shooting boots are not permitted. Any sights permitted (including telescopic). .177 caliber pellets only. AR-5/10 target. (To obtain copies of the rule book, contact: National Three-position Air Rifle Council / Camp Perry / P.O. Box 576 / Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 / email: compt@odcmp.com / phone 888.267.0796)
3. **.22 Rifle Open Sights:** (Light Rifle 3.3) Three positions: prone, standing, kneeling. For each position, five shots will be fired on each of 2 targets, one shot per bull's-eye. The distance will be 50 feet. One 1/4 inch aiming dot (any color) may be placed on target front, on each bull's-eye, for sighting purposes (dot centering not required). Slings may be used. The Smallbore Rifle Rules will be used. A-32 target.
4. **.22 Rifle Iron Peep:** (Light Rifle 3.3) Three positions: prone, standing, kneeling. For each position, ten shots will be fired on one target; one shot per bull's-eye. The distance will be 50 feet. Slings may be used. The Smallbore Rifle Rules will be used. A-17 target.
5. **.22 Rifle Telescope Sights:** (Light Rifle 3.3) Three positions: prone, standing, kneeling. For each position, five shots will be fired on each of 2 targets; one shot per bull's-eye. The distance will be 50 feet. **Slings may not be used.** The Smallbore Rifle Rules will be used. A-32 target.
6. **.22 Competition Rifle:** (Any Rifle 3.2) Three positions: prone, standing, kneeling. For each position, ten shots will be fired on one target, one shot per bull's eye. The distance will be 50 feet. Competition rifles may not have the sights changed to compete in other classes. Any sights may be used, including telescopic (sights: rule 3.7(a)).The Smallbore Rifle Rules will be used. A-36 target.
7. **Air Hand Gun:** (Air Pistol 3.7) Eight shots will be fired on each of 5 targets; two shots per bull's-eye, for a total of 40 shots. The distance will be 10 meters (33 feet). All targets will be fired in the standing position. .177 caliber pellets only. A 2-handed grip will be allowed in all divisions. The International Style Pistol Rules will be used. B-40/4 target.
8. **.22 Hand Gun:** (.22 Caliber Pistol or Revolver 3.4) Ten shots will be fired on each target. There will be four targets. The distance will be 50 feet. All targets will be fired in the standing position. A 2-handed grip will be allowed in all divisions. The NRA Pistol Rules will be used. B-2 target.
9. **American Trap:** Two courses of 25 shots each will be fired. The standard trap course with shooters firing from 16 yards will be used. The ATA Rule Book of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America will be used. Trap scores shall be recorded on provided score sheet.

Good luck to all participants!!

AWARDS:

Each of the top 10% of shooters for each division within each category will receive a gold medal, the next lower 10% a silver medal, and the next lower 10% a bronze medal. Percentage will be based on returned fired targets. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all shooters who have returned fired targets.

Trophies Awarded to County Teams

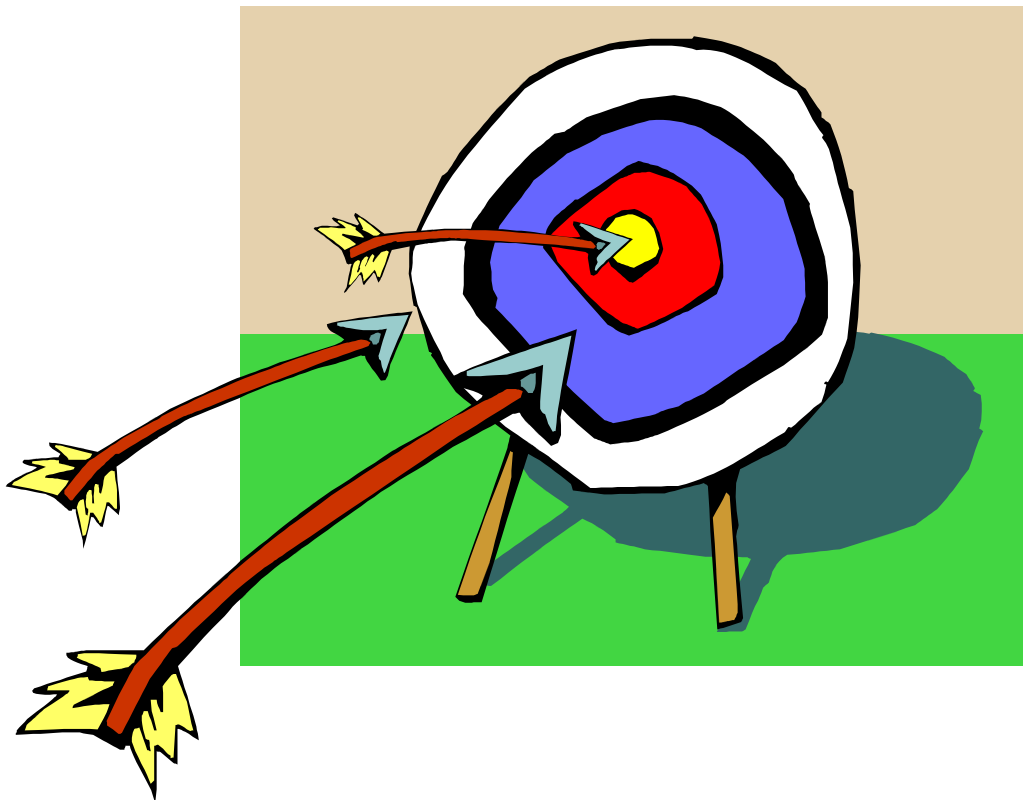
The top three scorers of each county from the combined Junior, Intermediate and Advanced divisions within each category will be selected as the county team for that category. Within each category, there must be at least three teams for the trophy to be awarded. There will not be more than one team selected per county for each category. A county with fewer than three shooters in the combined Junior, Intermediate and Advanced divisions of a category will not have a team for that category.

Awards will be mailed to the participating UCCE office at the end of July for the leaders to pick up.

Scoring and firing will conform to the rule books of the National Rifle Association of America, except as otherwise specified. ***Under no circumstances may any marks be made on fired target fronts other than by projectiles, except as specified for category 3. Marked or plugged targets will be disqualified.***

Due Date:

Fired targets must be postmarked to Siskiyou County UCCE Office, 1655 South Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097, no later than June 28, 2004. No late targets will be accepted.



2004 4-H Statewide Postal Shoot

Leader's Name _____ Phone _____ County _____

Leader's Address _____ Club _____

City _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Entries with fees must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2004

Please print legibly and complete all portions of the form.

Place a check in the categories in which you wish to compete

Participant Name(s)	Div. Code	Air Rifle (33 feet)	Sporter Air Rifle (33 feet)	.22 Rifle Open Sights (50 feet)	.22 Rifle Iron Peep Sights (50 feet)	.22 Rifle Telescopic Sights (50 feet)	.22 Competition Rifle (50 feet)	Air Hand Gun (33 feet)	.22 Hand Gun (50 feet)	American Trap (16 yards)

Number of categories _____ x \$4.50 = _____

Total Due

Return to: Siskiyou 4-H
1655 S. Main St.
Yreka, CA 96097

Please submit **one check per county** made payable to: **Siskiyou County 4-H Council**

Division Codes (enter in Div. Code column)
 J Junior, 9-10 years old
 I Intermediate, 11-15 years old
 A Advanced, 16-19 years old
 LP Leader/Parent
 Ages as of Jan 1, 2004

Signature _____
 County 4-H Secretary, 4-H Program Rep. or County 4-H Advisor **MUST SIGN FORM**
 Signature indicates all entrants are verified as current 4-H members

TIC 2004
11th Annual Teen Involvement Conference
January 23-25, 2004

APPLICATION

REGISTRATION: *Early Bird:* If your application is in by December 15, 2003 registration is \$95.

Final Deadline: If your application is in by January 5, 2004 registration is \$105.00.

Late Registration: \$20.00 fee will be added.

***IF YOU ARE CHECKING OUT EARLY AT 10:00 AM ON SUNDAY CHECK HERE:**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

-The teen involvement conference is open to all Southern Section 4-H members 13-19 years old. Members must be 13 and not older than 19 by January 23rd, 2004.

-Age is to be verified by the local club leader and application must include the signature of the local club leader.

-All members agree to abide by the 4-H code of conduct and any additional rules set forth at the beginning of the conference.

CHAPERON INFORMATION:

- One chaperon per 8 members attending.

- To be a chaperon at TIC you must be an enrolled 4-H leader.

- Chaperons who are driving: You will not be allowed to leave before the early check out which is Sunday, January 25, 2004 at 10:00 AM. If this is a problem please contact Tony Burkhardt, (909) 685-0569, prior to the conference.

TIC IS A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE CONFERENCE SO GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Application must include the following: signed code of conduct, signed medical release form, session selection, this application and registration fee in the form of a check or money order made out to the Southern Section Leaders Council.

Please mail completed application package to: Carrie Crane, 3205 Belgian Dr., Norco, Ca 92860
For more information, please contact Carrie Crane at (909) 734-8231

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTY: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

T-SHIRT: (Optional) T-Shirts will be sold at TIC for \$10.00. Circle One: Small Med Large XL

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

PHONE #: _____ RELATION: _____

LOCAL CLUB LEADER'S SIGNATURE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

SESSIONS

TIC SESSIONS SELECTION:

In each time frame rank the sessions that you would like to attend. For example, in Session Block A if your first choice is "A-1" then you write "A-1" on the line labeled "First Choice". If you are presenting in a Session Block please mark the selection "Presenting." All sessions will be on Saturday January 24, 2004.

Session Block A 11:00AM-12:00PM

Presenting: _____

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Session Block B 1:00-2:00PM

Presenting: _____

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Session Block C 2:00-3:00PM

Presenting: _____

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Session Block D 3:30-5:00PM

Presenting: _____

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Session Block E 6:00-7:00PM

Presenting: _____

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Session Descriptions

TIC Conference 2004

Please select the sessions that you would like to be enrolled in. Please rank them 1st through 5th on your application by using the letter and number combination. (Ex. A-2, A-3) Sessions with a (Y) are more orientated towards youth but adults are always welcome to help out. We will do the best we can to see that you get your sessions, but it is first come first serve basis and sessions are subject to possible change. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Kelly Bishop at (760) 357-1349 or ToggGirl@excite.com.

Session A:

11:10-12:00 PM

A-1 Plunger Olympics (Y)

This session was presented at the WHY Conference in Northern California and has come to rock the TIC Conference. It was a huge success and promises to be lots of fun! Details are secret but come for the best time ever!!

A-2 TEAMWORK!

Ever been on a team where you get don't get any work done and just feel helpless? Well come and learn fun ways to help bring any team together!

A-3 Presentations Online

Are you tired of writing on poster boards and doing the same old demonstrations? Come learn how to turn those old things into new projects by using power point! Session also includes the changes to State Presentation Day and tips on using power point!

A-4 The Difference Between Girls and Boys (Y)

We all know boys and girls have their differences, but ever wonder why the other sex does the things they do? In this session, you'll learn the answers to the questions you have and how you might not be so different after all.

Session B

1:00-2:00 PM

B-1 Special Service

This year the State Ambassadors are serving others by helping inform and help at the Special Olympics. Learn how to be apart of this community service project and other senior level activities.

B-2 Digital Photography

Ever want to learn about how to get your pictures online and use your digital camera? Then this is the session for you! Let Computer Corps teach you all about this exciting new technology!

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B-4 The Area Your IN

So you know your going up to the hills, where there might be snow. But ever wonder where you really are? Learn about the surrounding area and the adventures it holds!

Session C:
2:10-3:10 PM

C-1 Incentives and Recognition

Be part of an ongoing project and participate in experiencing the new 4-H changes and creating other changes in 4-H. You will go over the new State Record book, competitions and different awards that are available to you!!

C-2 Running Better Meetings

Ever had a meeting that are really long and hardly any information gets out? Learn ways to make your meetings more interesting and informative. Help make your meetings the best things of the month!!

C-3 Oh The Places You'll Go!

Do you like to travel and meet new people? In this session, you'll learn about opportunities through 4-H that can take you almost anywhere you want to go.

C-4 Digital Photography

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C-5 The Place Your IN

So you know your going up to the hills, where there might be snow. But ever wonder where you really are? Learn about the surrounding area and the adventures it holds!

C-6 Motion Potion

Come discover the basics of parliamentary Procedure through creating an ice cream sundae or a smoothie.

Session D:
4:00-5:00 PM

D-1 Plunger Olympics (Y)

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D-2 Running Better Meetings

Ever had a meeting that are really long and hardly any information gets out? Learn ways to make your meetings more interesting and informative. Help make your meetings the best things of the month!!

D-3 Record books- New and Improved!

Record books can become frustrating as your slaving over them with your pen and white out. Now there's a new way to do record books- on line! Learn how to fill out all the forms through your computer!!

D-4 Personality Colors

Every person has a different personality and therefore they have a different color. Learn what your personality color is and how all these relate to teamwork.

**Session E:
6:00-7:00 PM**

E-1 Becoming A State Ambassador

Ever want to go higher in 4-H. Meet new people, see a new side to 4-h and lots, lots more. The State Ambassadors will share their experiences and what lies ahead for them.

E-2 TEAMWORK!

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STATE NEWS

Colgate Youth for America Campaign

4-H is one of six national youth organizations that are invited to have local clubs submit their best community service projects in the 31st annual Colgate Youth for America Campaign sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive.

Colgate-Palmolive presents cash awards of up to \$2,000 for the most creative and best-executed projects by local groups of 4-H'ers, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Camp Fire USA, Girl Scouts of the USA, Boy Scouts of America, and Girls Incorporated organizations representing 13 million children across America.

Local club and troop community service programs running between March 1, 2003, and March 1, 2004, are eligible to win one of more than 350 cash awards. Last year, local 4-H winners included a 4-H Club from Ohio that instituted and taught court-ordered safe driving classes to teens who received traffic tickets; a Georgia 4-H Club that created a beauty pageant for residents of a nursing home; and a California 4-H Club that collected and distributed clothes, food, personal care items and bus tokens to homeless teens.

Entry forms are now available online at www.youthforamerica.com, or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2004.

"The young people recognized by this program are truly changing their world for the better," said Ian Cook, Executive Vice President, Colgate-Palmolive and Executive Advisor to Youth for America. "We hope their hard work will inspire kids across the street and across the nation to make a difference in their own hometowns."

To date, Colgate-Palmolive has awarded nearly \$6 million to America's children through Colgate Youth for America. The campaign, initiated in 1972 to encourage social responsibility, is now the longest-running corporate-sponsored program for young people. Colgate Youth for America has been honored by The White House under the last five administrations, has received a Freedoms Foundation Award, is included in The Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network, and is praised annually by members of Congress, governors and mayors across the nation.

The 2004 4-H Summer Outbound Japanese Exchange Program

The California 4-H Japanese Exchange Program will be sending California 4-H members, age 14 to 19, to Japan this summer for a four-week home-stay program. This is an opportunity to experience life in Japan from the inside – not as a tourist, but as a member of a Japanese family. The program runs from July 12 to August 11, 2004. Labo International Exchange, a youth development program that provides cultural and language education to Japanese youth, will provide program arrangements in Japan. Labo has successfully welcomed over 6,000 young people to Japan since 1973.

Students travel to host families located all over Japan – from the teeming metropolis of Tokyo to small farming villages. Teens may request a specific host family or Labo will be happy to find a host family with a teen that is the same sex and close in age. Host family assignments are made on the basis of shared interests and hobbies. It is not required that you host in order to travel to Japan, but families that have hosted in the past receive a scholarship toward their travel expenses.

During the visit, host families are anxious to introduce U.S. students to life in Japan. They may visit Japanese schools, shop and cook with their host mother, attend traditional summer festivals, and share in the day-to-day life of their host sister or brother. Participants attend a four-day session of Labo camp with their host brother or sister. Located in mountainous regions of Japan, Labo camp will be a memorable experience where students of all ages participate in day hikes, mountain climbing, Japanese craft projects, and visits to local historic sites.

The cost of the four week program is \$2,875.00 which includes domestic and international airfare, in-Japan costs, departure briefing, departure tax, medical insurance coverage, adult chaperone supervision, a \$30.00 yen packet and two t-shirts.

For those who wish to extend their time in Japan, Labo also provides the Nihongo Program, an intensive three-week Japanese language program. This program begins June 17 and ends just prior to the four-week home-stay program. Participants live with Japanese families in the Tokyo area and attend Japanese language classes five days a week at the Labo Center. Small classes, taught by certified Japanese language instructors, allow constant interaction between students and teachers. Teachers use innovative teaching techniques that make learning the language exciting. Frequent field trips give students the chance to use their newly-acquired language skills in natural

settings, while experiencing various aspects of Japanese culture. This program costs an additional \$775.00.

Through this experiential education experience, teens learn valuable lessons about themselves and their own country, while absorbing knowledge about this unique and fascinating country. Teens learn skills that will better prepare them for life in a global society. But most importantly, this people-to-people exchange offers friendship and warm memories to all participants on both sides of the Pacific.

For more information view the website <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/exchange/japanese/index.asp> or contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu. She can put you in touch with students who have traveled to Japan with the Labo program. Applications and a \$100.00 deposit are due by February 23, 2004.

Dear 4-H YDP members:

As you know, the recent fires in Southern California have had a devastating impact on people and the environment. Many of our 4-H families in San Diego, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties have lost homes and/or animals. Locally, clubs, volunteers and the county councils have stepped in to help; others throughout the state have also begun projects to provide needed supplies for families. It is wonderful to see how the 4-H community has reached out to help.

In order to help address additional needs, the State 4-H Office and The California 4-H Foundation have established two "fire funds." The first fund will be used to provide financial assistance to those families who have lost their property. Disbursement of the funds will be coordinated with local 4-H YDP staff and the county councils/VMO's. The second fund will be used to support environmental education and service-learning efforts related to reforestation and/or erosion education in the burned areas. We are working with local advisors and with our statewide environmental education advisor to develop these projects.

We have received inquiries from people who would like to help. If you know of people who would like to contribute to one or both of these funds, please let them know that they can send checks made payable to the California 4-H Foundation; on the memo line, they can write "families," "trees," or "both" to let us know where their contribution should go. The address for the Foundation is below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Foundation at 530-757-8740.

Thank you!

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NATIONAL NEWS

National 4-H Council Seeks Photos for 2006 4-H Calendar

Got a state or county fair award-winning photo from 1997-2004? Submit it to National 4-H Council's annual 4-H photo contest by March 1, 2004.

Thirteen photos will be selected for the 2006 4-H Calendar. Winning photos will be displayed at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD and on www.4-hmall.org from September 2004 to December 2004. They will be gallery-mounted and framed and engraved with the photographer's name for the National 4-H Conference Center display.

Winners will be notified around May 2004 and are required to sign (along with parent/guardian) a release to use the photo in the 2006 4-H Calendar. We will also request a second photo to display at the National 4-H Conference Center. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2004. Submissions not selected for the calendar will be returned by August 2004.

Submissions will only be considered for the 2006 4-H Calendar if they include the following information and criteria:

1. Full name and age of person submitting photograph.
2. Affiliation with 4-H .
3. Complete return address (for both UPS delivery and USPS First Class Mail).
4. Telephone number.
5. List of county, state, 4-H, or other awards that submitted photographs have received.
6. A 25-word or less description of the photo from the photographer.
7. Photo submissions should be 8"x 10", in color, and in a horizontal format. Vertical shots will be accepted only if they can be cropped to fit the horizontal format of the calendar.
8. Please do not submit digital photos printed on a home printer, color photocopies, or low resolution digital prints. The submitted print must have been printed or developed at a photo processing store.

Please submit photos to:
2006 4-H Calendar
National 4-H Supply Service
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

1	New Years Day
7	NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meetings
8	I&R Meeting
9	AV Horse Bowl Quiz
10	Southern Sectional Leaders & Teen Council Meeting
12	SFV Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
13	SSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
15	SGV Fair Meeting
17	County Council & Hi 4-H/ Camp Committee Mtgs./ AV District Shooting Competition
18	Monte Farms Fair
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Office Closed
23	Southern Sectional T.I.C
24	AV Livestock Symposium
25	AV Council, Hi 4-H & Horse Meeting
27	AV District Shooting Sports Ldr Meeting

February

2	Mar-Apr Clover Notes Article Due
4	NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meetings
6	LA County's Winter Camp (6-8)
9	SFV Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
10	SSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
12	I&R Meeting
13	AV Horse Bowl Quiz
14	Valentines Day
16	President's Day Office Closed
19	SGV 4-H Fair Meeting
21	AV District Shooting Sports Symposium
23	AV Council, Hi 4-H & Horse Meeting
24	AV District Shooting Sports Ldr Meeting
28	LA County's 4-H Judging Day (AV Hosting)

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4-H All Stars

The 2002-2003 All-Star Candidates are:

Kristen Hall and Andy Robbins.

The All-Star Advisor is

Cristal Rodriguez

The County Leadership Team consists of all the prior years' County 4-H All-Stars that are still active 4-H members. This year the team includes:

**Holly Goldstein
Brian Bloss
Carl Robbins
Lindsay Henson**

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