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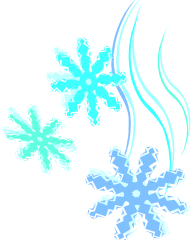
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DISTRICT NEWS



2005 County Hi 4-H Winter Camp



- WHO:** 4-H members ages 13 and up.
- WHAT:** Hi 4-H Winter Camp. \$65.00 per person
- WHEN:** Friday, February 4, 2005 through Sunday, February 6, 2005
- 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 4, 2005
Check-out Noon, Sunday, February 6, 2005. 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.



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 FOR COUNTY HI 4-H WINTER CAMP 2005

CAMP BUCKHORN
FEBRUARY 6, 2005—FEBRUARY 8, 2005

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

[Click here for the Code of Conduct and Medical Release Forms](#)

**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 \$65.00 CHECK TO YOUR HI 4-H ADVISOR
BY JANUARY 16, 2005 OR DIRECTLY TO Robyn Zelden BY JANUARY 24, 2005**

Hi 4-H Advisor, please forward packet by January 24 2005 to:

**4-H Youth Development Program
Attn: Robyn Zelden
4800 E. Cesar Chavez Ave
LA, CA 90022**

Long Beach Lambs- Ranch Fundraiser

The SSGV 4-H Agricultural Training Center's 1st annual fundraiser was a big success. The fundraiser was held on the 3 acres of land that we rent from So. Calif Edison in Long Beach on Saturday October 23. The fundraiser ran from 1-7 with a tri-tip BBQ from 4-6. We had carnival booths, booths where visitors could make crafts, get their faces painted, get balloon animals, make origami, and watch wool spinning demonstrations. We also had a petting zoo, snow cones, hot dogs, popcorn, a silent auction, craft sale, cakewalk and information booths about 4-H and summer camp. We served approximately 100 BBQ dinners and had about 200 visitors. Thanks to the hard work of our members, parents, leaders and sponsors we made about \$4,000. We have already started planning for our next fundraiser and are considering having one twice a year. We would like to have more animal demonstrations and booths with different 4-H activities.

By Betty Gregory, Long Beach Lambs Club Leader

COUNTY NEWS

4-H Summer Camp Staff Interviews

Summer Camp Staff Interviews will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2004, from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Good Shepherd Church, 6338 N. Figueroa St., Highland Park, 90042. For more information contact Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854.

County Council Meeting

The next County Council meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005 at the LA County Office, 10AM followed by Judging Day Training from 12:00-2pm.

Hi 4-H

Each district can have a Hi 4-H program. 4-H members who will be at least 14 years old by January 1, 2005 or who will be in 9th grade or above are eligible for Hi 4-H activities (ROPES, Snow Camp, T.I.C. conference, state leadership conference, etc.). You don't have to attend Hi 4-H meetings to attend the special Hi 4-H events. This year 13 year olds are again invited to attend Hi 4-H activities as guests.

The sectional level Hi 4-H is called the sectional Teen Council. It meets before sectional 4-H Leaders' Council meetings at Mt. SAC. The Teen Council plans social and educational events, plus runs the T.I.C. conference in January and a food booth at sectional field day in May. Our senior members can be part of the Teen Council. Our senior members can attend their events. Consider being more active on the sectional level. The county level Hi 4-H program will only exist if there is sufficient interest this year. Contact the county 4-H leaders' council if you are interested in participating in a county level Hi 4-H program.

Junior/Teen Leader

Junior Leaders are 4-H members in the 7th and 8th grade who help lead a 4-H project. Teen Leaders 4-H members are in 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and above grades who lead a 4-H project. To be a Junior/Teen Leader, the member needs to be enrolled in their club's Leadership Project. They fill out the goals and plans of the first two sections of the Leadership Plan and Report Form, and have the form signed by their Leadership Project Leader and the leader of the project for which they will be a youth leader. While they are a Junior or Teen Leader, they can wear the Junior or Teen Leader patch on their 4-H hat. At the end of the year, they will need to complete the Leadership Plan and Report and have it signed by their Leadership Project Leader and their project leader. They should also complete an Annual Project Report for the Leadership Project.

Emerald Star Project

If a member has earned Gold Star Rank or will be 16 years old by January 1, 2005, they can consider doing an advanced leadership project and earn an Emerald Star for their hat. An Emerald Star Project can be started at any time during the year. Do you have an idea for an activity you could plan and run to benefit the county 4-H program or your community?

Call the 4-H office for a packet of information on the Emerald Star Program. Each 4-H district has an Emerald Star advisor. You can work with the Advisor from any of the districts.

Leadership development scholarships

Leaders and members need to be reminded that there are budgeted funds in the LA 4-H Leaders' Council budget for leadership development for youth members and adult leaders. We encourage attending leadership development opportunities. If you decide to apply for these funds, be prepared to share what you learn with others in the county in some way.

Don't sit back - STEP UP!!

4-H has so much to offer youth. There are great sources of information, chances for career exploration, opportunities to work with the latest technology, chances to learn and practice leadership, opportunities to help others and make a difference. All this will not happen if you just sit back and do not become really involved. You have to take ACTION. You have to STEP UP and DO IT! If something is not happening as you had hoped for, perhaps someone needs your help to make it happen or you are not doing your part. With everyone working together, 4-H can really be GREAT! Remember TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER!

SOUTHERN SECTIONAL NEWS

TIC 2005 Application “Reaching For The Stars” 12th Annual Teen Involvement Conference January 21-23, 2005

Registration: *Early Bird:* Application postmarked before December 6, 2004, registration fee is \$95.

Final Deadline: If your application is postmarked between December 6, 2004 and January 1, 2005, the registration fee is \$105.

Late Registration: Applications postmarked after January 2, 2005, registration fee is \$125.

General Information:

- The Teen Involvement Conference is open to all Southern Section 4-H members ages 13-19 years old. Members must be 13 and not older than 19 by January 21, 2005.
- Ages will be verified by the local club leader when signature is given on application.
- All members must agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and any rules set forth at the beginning of the conference.

Chaperon Information:

- One chaperon is required per 8 members attending
- To be a chaperon at TIC you must be an enrolled 4-H leader and over the age of 21.
- Chaperons who are driving: You will not be allowed to leave before the early check out which is Sunday, January 23, 2005 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.

Applications must include the following: application, signed code of conduct, signed medical release form, and registration fee in the form of a check or money order made out to the South Section Leaders Council. Please mail completed application package to:

Keely Oswald
12 Angello Terrace
Grover Beach, CA 93433

For more information about the following issues, please contact:

- Registration- Keely Oswald at (805) 489-7160 or keogogogo@aol.com
- Sessions- Monica Bulong at (760) 352-1404 or thereal_monkey@hotmail.com
- Chaperone and Camp info- Tony Burkhardt at (909) 685-0569 or tonyb@pacbell.net

TIC Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Relation: _____

Local Club Leader's Signature: _____

Phone # _____

County Staff Signature: _____

Phone # _____

Please Attach, Completed: **Code of Conduct**
Medical Release

Note: Driving directions to Pathfinder Ranch and other information will be mailed to you once we receive your application!

TIC Conference 2005
Pathfinder Ranch, Idyllwild
January 21-23, 2005
Session Proposal Form

Thank you for taking an interest in presenting a session at the 2005 TIC Conference. We have had many people express interest and unfortunately not many openings for sessions. Please help us in our selection process by completing this form. If you have any questions, please call Monica Bulong at (760) 352-1404 or e-mail at thereal_monkey@hotmail.com. You may e-mail or fax the proposal. Fax #: (760) 353-5929. Thank you for your time!

Name: _____

Organization/Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Session: _____

1. Give a brief description of your proposed session.

2. Do you need any special equipment in your session? (Ex: computer access, electrical outlet, etc.)

3. What kind of room does your session require? (Table with chairs, seating only, etc.)

4. Do you need additional helpers in presenting your session?

5. What are the maximum and minimum time constraints for your session?

6. What is the maximum number of participants in your session?

7. Will you have any special traveling requirements?

8. Is your session youth oriented or adult orientated? Both?



Western 4-H Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF) 2005

Welcome!

Those of us who have dedicated a portion of our lives and professions to the field of youth development and experiential education are familiar with the need to renew our commitment, augment our techniques, and share our RICHes. The theme of the WRLF 2005 Forum, "STRIKE IT RICH," takes you on a path that celebrates and enhances your involvement in 4-H. Through workshops, speakers, tours, and networking, you will have the STRIKING opportunity to expand the true adventurer within you, strengthen your vision, refresh the perspectives of your work, and enRICH your personal agenda.

The first Western Region 4-H Leaders' Forum was held in Pacific Grove, California, at the Asilomar Conference Center on March 6 – 10, 1966. Other California sites that have been headquarters for WRLF are San Francisco (1979) and Anaheim (1992). Please see the listed section on a report that was made upon a delegate's return from that first Forum in 1966.

The registration fee includes 10 sumptuous meals featuring California products, motivating speakers, stimulating activities, a RICH assortment of workshops, a CD with materials from the workshops, and ample opportunity to savor the RICH diversity and charm of our state and region.

You will notice that on Saturday, February 26, the California State 4-H Ambassadors are sponsoring a Community Action Event, where all WRLF delegates will have the RICH opportunity to dedicate a few hours to assisting those in need. There is a broad assortment of possibilities and your help is much appreciated and valued. Following the afternoon of service activities we will share a lavish meal and enjoy the Vaudeville/Talent Show by our own delegates. We hope you will STRIKE a note or two, and share your talent with the Forum delegates.

There are eight workshop session times. Workshops will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, and pre-registration is required. Also note the extended sessions offered on Wed. Feb. 23

Our Forum headquarters is Radisson Sacramento at 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento CA 95815. Telephone number is (916) 922-2020. FAX is (916) 920-7310 <http://www.radissonsac.com>. The grounds are spacious with plenty of no charge parking. Make your reservations soon to receive the Forum rate.

For a complete packet visit <http://wrlf2005.org/> or call Roy Hillstock (323) 260-3854

STATE NEWS

California 4-H Citizenship Focus Program

Come and develop your citizenship and leadership skills. Get involved with the 4-H Citizenship Focus Program. Participate in one of the five programs that are available to 4-H members and leaders across the state.

California Focus	June 17 – 21, 2005	Adults \$535.00	Teens \$450.00
Washington Focus #1			
Road to Democracy	June 25 – July 4, 2005	\$1,690.00	
Heritage Trail I	June 25 – July 2, 2005	\$1,470.00	
Washington Focus #2			
Global Journey	July 9 – 20, 2005	\$1,985.00	
Heritage Trail II	July 9 – 16, 2005	\$1,470.00	

County delegations work through the program year to prepare for these special opportunities. Besides participating in an educational study/travel program, teams work to impact their own communities and live-out their citizenship experience through a plan of action.

The application packet will be in the county 4-H office in October. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit, are due in the California 4-H Youth state office on January 10, 2005 for Washington Focus and January 31 for California Focus. Information about financial assistance and the Young Civic Leader merit scholarships will be included in the county mailing.

For more information visit: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp> or call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854.

The California 4-H State Ambassador team

The California 4-H State Ambassador team, a group of 14 youth selected from throughout California, will be conducting a Community Service Day on Saturday, February 26, 2005 from 12pm to 6pm. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento in conjunction with the 4-H Western Regional Leader's Forum. The team is looking for organizations to provide hands-on activities for the delegates to help with during the day. Projects that can be brought to the hotel are encouraged, as well as projects that would take place somewhere else in the area. The team is also seeking service organizations to come and set up a booth or give a presentation about what they do. More information and specific details can be obtained by contacting Katrina Castaneda at kcastaneda7@comcast.net.

In Search of the Perfect Christmas tree

The National Christmas Christmas_Tree Association is hosting a contest for youth to submit pictures of their perfect Christmas tree and why it is special to them. Prizes include \$5,000-\$10,000 scholarships, an all-expense paid trip for four to Orlando, FL, and an all-expense paid trip for four to Pigeon Forge, TN. Deadline for entry is 11:59PM, December 31, 2004. Click [here](#) for complete details and registration.

2005 State Project Competition

Senior 4-H members are eligible to pursue formal recognition beyond the county level for their accomplishments within the California 4-H Youth Development Program. It is a competitive process that is based on this application.

Whether senior 4-H members seek to measure achievements against established performance standards, the performance of their peers, or pursue their own self-set goals, this competition is intended to energize member's efforts to achieve those ends. The amount of time involved in 4-H is not in itself a deciding factor; it is what is done with that time.

The challenge to the senior 4-H member filling out this application is to present him/herself as positively as they can and still be accurate and honest. Being clear about goals and purposes is important. Thoroughly search records and memory for facts that can support those objectives. This application should be a true representation of the member's own words, experiences, ideas and feelings. Whether they place or not, members can feel proud of this effort that they gave it their best and it is an accurate reflection of them at this moment, both in its form and content.

It is important to show growth in the main project, in 4-H generally, and in your other pursuits. Emphasize recent achievements, and if there has been a tapering off in level of 4-H activity in the categories being considered, make it clear to where energies have been shifted.

Eligibility

Applicants must have reached the age of 14 prior to January 1st and be no older than 19 years old by December 31st of the current 4-H year to be eligible to apply. Applicant must be currently enrolled in the project/activity in which they are applying. Previous state winners in a project/activity are not eligible to apply in the same project/activity, but may apply in another. Reserve state winners may apply in the same category, but are limited to a maximum lifetime total cash award of \$500 in any one category.

The Deadline for this application is August 20, 2005. Books due from Sectional to State by August 1, 2005.

For a complete packet visit: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/index.asp> or call Roy Hillstock ((323) 260-3854) for a mailed or faxed copy.

2005 4-H Essay Contest Announcement and Rules

Sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. Affiliated with the **American Beekeeping Federation, Inc.**

AWARDS: Cash Prizes to three top winners

1 st Place	\$ 250.00
2 nd Place	\$ 100.00
3 rd Place	\$ 50.00

Each State Winner, including national winners, receives an appropriate book about honeybees, beekeeping, or honey.

TOPIC: "Use of Honey Bees and Honey in Symbolism"

Honeybees and honey have been used symbolically throughout recorded history. Utah is the Beehive State; its motto is "Industry." Napoleon had bees on his throne and robes to symbolize that the emperor was working hard. "As busy as a bee" is part of our language, as is "honey of a job" and "Honey, I'm home." The U.S. Navy Construction Battalion was tagged "The Sea Bees." They became known for their ability to work under adverse conditions with few resources and used machine gun-toting bees in their emblem. Bees are inscribed in ancient Egyptian tombs – and so on. See how many symbols you can list and determine why bees and honey are so used.

SOURCES: Good leads for your research include your school and public libraries, your CE Farm Advisors, your local or state beekeepers' associations, or the beekeeping professor or extension specialist at your state's agricultural college. The Internet has an endless wealth of information; you just have to guess the right browser words to make your desired content pop up first. The ABF website <www.ABFnet.org> has links to other beekeeping sites.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources all are evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with bees and beekeeping activities are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or "Bibliography" list.

Note that "honey bee" is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references and "Spell Checkers" spell it as one word.

RULES:

1. Contest is open to active (dues paid) 4-H Club members, only. 4-H'ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; other state winners are eligible to re-enter.

2. Requirements (failure to meet any one will result in disqualification):
 - a. Essay will be typewritten or computer generated, double spaced, 12 point, Times or similar type font, on one side of white paper following standard manuscript format.
 - b. Write on designated subject, only.
 - c. The essay, proper, must contain 750 to 1,000 words. The word count does not include the endnotes, bibliography or references, or the biographical sketch.
 - d. A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
3. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research - 40%; (b) accuracy - 30%; (c) creativity - 10%; (d) conciseness - 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic - 10%.
4. California essays should be submitted in time to reach the office of Dr. Eric C. Mussen, Department of Entomology, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 on or before by Friday, February 11th, 2005.
5. Final judging of the winning state entries will be conducted by the Foundation's Essay Committee and the National Winner will be announced by May 1, 2005.

2005 CALIFORNIA 4-H STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education for 4-H members. The Statewide Scholarships are designed for graduating high school and collegiate-age 4-Hers to help fund educational expenses.

General 4-H Scholarship, in memory of Mabel W. Jacks

Award: \$700 scholarship (up to five)

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be high school seniors or high school graduates, between the ages of 16 to 25, residing in California or Nevada, who at the time of their graduation were members of 4-H.
- If already in college, applicants must be full-time students.
- Consideration will be given first to those students worthy of higher education, who in the absence of a scholarship might otherwise be unable to attend a college or university. Other students, regardless of their financial ability to attain higher education that have, through their devotion and attention to the principles and

objectives of the 4-H program, shown themselves to be worthy of merit, may also be considered.

- Awards shall be given to students pursuing any field of scholastic endeavor they may choose at accredited colleges or universities in the United States.

Criteria: Point values are given based on the information from the application:

1. Experiences in Leadership in 4-H YD and other groups
2. Experiences in Citizenship in 4-H YD and other groups
3. Future Goals
4. Financial Need

Vocational Education 4-H Scholarship, *sponsored by the Samarin Family*

Award: \$1,000 scholarship

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be high school seniors or high school graduates between the ages of 16 and 25, who were in the California 4-H Youth Development Program at the time of their high school graduation.
- Applicants must be enrolled in, or intending to enroll in (upon high school graduation), a vocational/trade school or Junior College vocational training program. Vocational Education – “Organized educational programs which are directly related to the preparation of individuals for paid or unpaid employment, or for additional preparation for a career requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree.”
- Consideration will be given first to those students, who in the absence of a scholarship, might otherwise be unable to attend a vocational/trade school or Junior College vocational training program. Other students, regardless of their financial ability, in need of encouragement and support if they are to be trained in a vocational trade, may also be considered.

Criteria: Point values are given based on the information from the application:

1. How 4-H has influenced life and career goals
2. Plans to receive hands-on vocational education
3. How scholarship will help reach training goals
4. Financial need

Application Process:

Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2005 and sent to the California 4-H Youth Development Office. All required information must be included to be considered. The California 4-H Youth Development Office will notify recipients by June 1, 2005.

Applications must contain the following:

- ❑ Application Cover Page
- ❑ Essay Questions (not exceeding two pages)
- ❑ Letter of recommendation from a 4-H YDP Staff or 4-H Volunteer.
- ❑ Letter of recommendation from a 4-H Member or Alumni (not older than 21 years of age)
- ❑ "Proof of enrollment" (enrollment verification) from the applicant's high school (if high school senior) or vocational school or college (if high school graduate).

Any candidate with a disability preventing him or her from completing the application in the usual method should contact the California 4-H Youth Development Office for assistance.

Materials

Submitted materials may be used to further market The California 4-H Youth Development Program and becomes the property of the California 4-H Youth Development Office.

Applications should be sent and questions addressed to: Jazz Stables, 530-754-5809
jstables@ucdavis.edu

**2005 CALIFORNIA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS COVER PAGE**

Name: _____		County: _____	
Social Security number: _____		Age: _____	
Phone: _____		Email: _____	
Mailing Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	ZIP: _____
College to which you are applying/attending: _____			
College Major or Educational Goal: _____			
<i>4-H Enrollment Status (check all that apply):</i>			
0 Club	0 Special Interest/Short-Term	0 Overnight Camping	
0 School Enrichment	0 Individual Study	0 School-aged Child Care	
<i>Ethnicity (check one that applies best):</i>			
0 White	0 Black/African American	0 Hispanic/Latino	
0 Asian/Pacific Islander	0 American Indian/Alaskan Native	0 Other	
<i>Place of Residence (check one that applies best):</i>			
0 Farm	0 Rural-Non Farm (under 10,000)	0 Town (10,000-50,000)	
0 Suburb of City (over 50,000)	0 City (over 50,000)		

Scholarship: Please check the scholarship you are applying for	
<input type="checkbox"/>	General 4-H Scholarship, <i>in memory of Mabel Jacks</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational Education Scholarship, <i>sponsored by the Samarin Family</i>

<p>Essay Questions: Do not exceed two pages. Use a 12point, single spaced, font.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Describe your most significant leadership and citizenship experiences in 4-H.2. Describe how your 4-H experiences have influenced your future goals.3. Tell how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals. (Describe financial need) <p><i>For those applying for the Vocational Education Scholarship:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Describe your plans to attend vocational school or a Junior College Training Program (be specific).
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<p>Signatures: I assert that the information contained in my application is accurate.</p> <p>Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>I confirm that the applicant is enrolled, or was enrolled at the time of high school graduation, in the 4-H YDP.</p> <p>Signature of County Staff: _____ Date: _____</p>

National News

Japanese Exchange

Ariel Smoke was selected this year to serve as a Labo Intern in Japan. She will depart for Tokyo in September and live in Japan for one year, working for the Labo organization. Her duties will include:

- visiting and participating in Labo Parties (club meetings are called “parties” in Japan)
- staffing Labo winter and summer camps
- providing organizational support in the Labo office
- taking Japanese language instruction
- choosing and pursuing an independent study project.

Labo Interns spend one day a week working on their independent study with assistance from the Labo organization. Labo will provide Ariel with board and room and give her a monthly stipend. She is expected to work 40 hours a week and is given a two-week vacation and time off on traditional Japanese holidays.

Ariel is a 20-year-old 4-H leader from Fresno County. She attends Occidental College in Los Angeles and majors in Biology and Diplomacy & World Affairs with a minor in Japanese. At Occidental, she is involved in the Catholic community and Intersivity Christian Fellowship. Her personal interests include: singing, reading, sketching, cooking, sewing, and hiking.

As a member of 4-H for six years, Ariel was a 4-H State Ambassador and active in planning the Youth Leadership Summit on two different occasions. She hosted teens in the Japanese Exchange Program in 1999 and 2001, and traveled to Japan on the seven-week summer program in 2000. She has presented at several statewide Japanese Exchange events and worked as a 2003 Travel Guide with the visiting Japanese teen delegation.

Ariel’s desire to be an Intern is deep-seeded, “I’ve been in love with Japan as far back as I can remember. My family hosted half a dozen Japanese summer exchange students before I even entered elementary school. They were a part of my early childhood, their visits were the backbone of my summers, and their letters and gifts colored my life during the rest of the year. When I was growing up, if anyone asked me which country I would travel to if given only one choice, the answer was invariably Japan. Japan just always felt like a piece of home to me, even though I had never been there.”

Only two college-aged students from across the United State are awarded this honor. We celebrate Ariel’s selection as a Labo Intern.

2005 – A Hosting Year

Calling all families who would like to host a Japanese teen in their home for one month during the summer of 2005. The tentative dates for the exchange are Saturday, July 23 to Sunday, August 21. The family must:

- have a child of the same sex and close in age to the Japanese youth.
- provide a bed for the Japanese teen to sleep in and a small amount of storage space for their personal belongings.
- offer a strong willingness to share their home and daily life.

Contact Pat English in the California State 4-H Office for more information – pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530- 754-8520

Calendar of Events

December

3	NSG Council & Hi 4-H Mtg.
11	Summer Camp Staff Interviews (9:00 AM Good Shepherd Church)
13	SFV Council & Hi 4-H meeting
14	SSG Council & Hi 4-H meeting
25	Christmas
31	New Years Eve

January

1	New Years Day
4	SSG Leaders & Hi 4-H Meeting
5	NSG Leaders & Hi 4-H Meeting
7	AV Horse Bowl
10	SFV Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
13	I&R Meeting
14	AV Horse Bowl Quiz #1
15	AV District Shooting Sports 1 st Competition / Summer Camp Training 9:00-4pm at LA Office
17	Martin Luther King Holiday, Office Closed
20	San Gabriel Fair Meeting
21-23	TIC, Pathfinder Ranch
24	AV Livestock Symposium / Monte Farms Fair
25	AV District Leaders, Hi 4-H & Horse Meeting

4-H Staff

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4-H All Stars

The 2003-2004 All-Star Candidate(s):

- **Chris Otto**
- **Jennifer Holly**
- **Jennifer Heckel**

The All-Star Advisor is

- **TBD**

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:

- **Kristen Hall**
- **Desiree Cramer**

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