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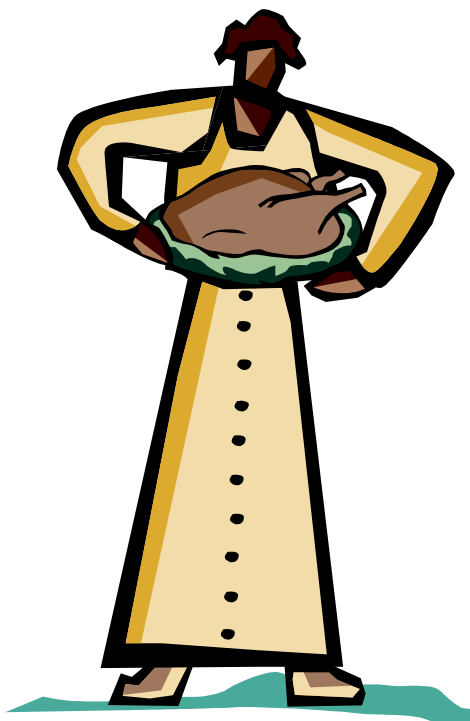
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



November 2004



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CLUB NEWS

Rolling Hills 4-H Club

The new Rolling Hills 4-H board council is now in charge. Last year at the last meeting of the year we had the Installation Dinner where the new club board was welcomed. They were elected at the previous meeting after all speeches were made. This year's board is as follows:

President is Albert Liu

1st Vice President is Nikhil Damle

2nd Vice President is Genevieve Williams

Secretary is Sanyl Kabre

Treasurer is Samir Damle

Newsletter is Will Cheng

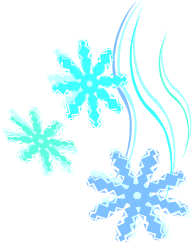
Historian is Neil Chhabria.

Also at the Installation Dinner we said good-bye to last year's seniors. Tallie Beauvais, Michelle Moon, David Sheih, Jaimie Thomas, and Chris Ide were all recognized at the dinner in honor of their graduation.

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 15 at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library in the Community Room. All of our meetings this year will be held on the third Monday of each month.

Written By: Reporter, Stacy Daigh

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 the LA 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**

COUNTY NEWS

Jr. Leadership Conference was a blast!

The first day of the conference the All-Stars conducted icebreaker games to help everyone get to know one another. The games were a hit especially the one with candy. After the ice breaker games, we had free time in which we all got to go outside and play basketball, soccer, dodge ball and card games. 10:30 P.M. approached very quickly and it was lights out! 6:30 A.M. came even faster, as we were all still tired from last night. We got dressed and headed down for breakfast followed by a ropes course.

The first challenge of the rock course consisted of getting your entire team across water to an island by swinging on a rope. We didn't make it in one try though we had fun trying! After successfully completing the first challenge, Challenge two obstacle was the cargo net and rock wall.

Starring at the cargo net, we're told the object was to help each other climb up the three beams that were five feet apart. It was difficult and took a lot out of us. Many of us were too tired to climb the wall though some did attempt. Of these attempts, only few succeeded.

After we were worn out, we had two very good speakers talk about being a Jr. Leader and running a meeting. We were able to do a fun craft provided by one of the speakers. All in all, we had fun and learned something to take back to our clubs. We hope to see you next year.

Thanks to the All-Stars, Chaperones: Elizabeth Cramer, William Lewis, Charlene Moore, Robyn Zelden and Roy Hillstock as well as the Camp Hollywood Land staff.

Enrollment Deadline

Final enrollment will be due to the County Office November 19, 2004. (This includes new members and re-enrolled members who you did not turn in to the Office in August). In January 2005, rosters will be mailed to all community leaders for review. Final corrections will be due by February 1st, 2004. Please submit all re-enrollment materials directly to Roy Hillstock at the County Office.

Re-enrollment will be closed after November 22, 2003. Clubs meeting the following criteria may continue to submit NEW enrollments up until April 15, 2004: new clubs seeking to expand participation; clubs with enrollment of less than 20 who want to expand their membership; one race clubs (see 4-H policy handbook, section 5); and the South Bay Guide Dog Puppies.

If you have any questions please, call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854.

Completed 2003-2004 Club Goals

A club that submitted a club Planned Program report (or at least a Planned Club Goals form) last fall with its enrollment was eligible to submit the Completed Club Goals form for consideration for a gold seal for its club charter. Congratulations to the following clubs for their efforts to achieve their planned 2003-2004 program year club goals and for earning the following seal for their charter:

Canyon Coyotes - Gold seal
Palos Verdes Peninsula - Gold seal
Pomona Valley - Goal seal
Rolling Hills - Gold seal
South Bay Guild Dog Puppy Raisers - Gold seal

The date for submitting your 2003-2004 Completed Club Goals form was extended to **December 15, 2004**. If you submitted a Planned Club Goals form in the fall, you are still eligible to submit a Completed Club Goals form to Noel Keller (421 E. Juilliard Drive, Claremont, CA 91711-1927) by that date. If you need a Completed Club Goals form, contact Roy in the LA 4-H office. In the January issue of Clover Notes, any additional clubs that earn a seal will be announced.

2003-2004 Club and Hi 4-H Officer Book Recognition

Seventeen club officer books were submitted to the LA County Club and Hi 4-H Officer Book recognition competition. We thank the leaders who helped with the judging of the club officer books. We congratulate the following 4H Members for their efforts and accomplishments as club officers:

Antelope Valley district

Chad Carroll, Canyon Coyotes - Blue Seal - President's Book
Jennifer Heckle, Canyon Coyotes - Gold Seal & Best AV Vice-President's Book
Michael Rush, Desert Wranglers- Gold Seal & Best AV Treasurer's Book
Kevin Schmidt, Canyon Coyotes - Treasurer's Book - Gold Seal
Tia Picard, Quartz Hill - Treasurer's Book - Gold Seal
Jenna Jaegers, Palmdale Hills -Treasurer's Book - Green Seal
Amie Mertz, Canyon Coyotes - Gold Seal & Best AV Secretary's Book
Felicia Byrne, Canyon Coyotes - Gold Seal & Best AV Reporter's Book
Donald Nickle, Canyon Coyotes - Blue Seal - Historian's Book

North San Gabriel district

Eder Plascencia, Pomona Valley - Gold Seal & Best NSG President's Book
Christopher Williams, Pomona Valley - Gold Seal & Best NSG Vice-President's Book
Christopher Williams, Pomona Valley - Gold Seal & Best NSG Treasurer's Book
Kristy Okamoto, Pomona Valley - Gold Seal & Best NSG Other Officer's Book,
Birthday/Sunshine Officer

San Fernando Valley district

No officers' books submitted

South San Gabriel district

Raha Ghasemi, Rolling Hills - Gold Seal & Best SSG Treasurer's Book
Monica Rivera, Greenleaf - Treasurer's Book - Gold Seal
Eric Easton, South Day Guide Dog Puppy Raisers – Treasurer's Book - Gold Seal
Casey Topar., South Day Guide Dog Puppy Raisers -
Gold Seal and Best SSG Historian/Memory Book

Best in Los Angeles County

Eder Plascencia, Pomona Valley - President's Book
Christopher Williams, Pomona Valley - Vice-President's Book
Raha Ghasemi, Rolling Hills - Treasurer's Book
Amie Mertz, Canyon Coyotes - Secretary's Book
Felicia Byrne, Canyon Coyotes - Reporter's Book
Casey Topar., South Day Guide Dog Puppy Raisers -
Gold Seal and Best SSG Historian/Memory Book
Kristy Okamoto, Pomona Valley - Other Officer's Book,
Birthday/Sunshine Officer

Each winner received a Best in LA pin and certificate.

4-H Summer Camp Staff

Any 4-H member 14 years old by January 1, 2005, can apply to be a youth staff member for the 2004 LA County 4-H Summer Camp. The applications are due on November 19, 2004 to the LA County office, attention Robyn Zelden.

Summer Camp Staff Interviews are on December 11, 2004 (location TBD). Check the Summer Camp website for more information: <http://www.4hsummercamp.com/>

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.

Microwave Food Demonstrations at the LA County Fair

This year 4-H youth from the Pomona Valley and the Eagle Rock/Highland Park 4-H clubs were allowed to give food demonstrations in the demonstration kitchen area of the youth building. The purpose of the activity was to show children how to make simple after school snacks. Samples after the demonstrations were very popular.

Have your club consider doing a few food demonstrations next year at the fair. Watch for signups.

2001 4-H Graduates

The following 4H members are 2001 4H graduates and were eligible to graduate from the 4H program at their October district Achievement Night programs:

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

Rolling Hills 4-H Club

Tallie Beauvais
Chris Ide
Michelle Moon
David Shieh

Eagle Rock-H/P

Leah Sosa
Katie Espinoza

Pomona Valley

Valentine Malone III
Christopher Williams
Charles Treadwell
Kate Macbride
Sara Epstein

Littlerockers

Devon Garton
Kristina Thomson
Kristin Smith
Donielle Martinez
Beth Ann Piert
Aaron Ewalt

Jackalopes

Eric Nisbet

Westside

Ashley Hawkins

Roadrunners

Mercedes White

Canyon Covotes

Wyatt Scott
Luke Jimmink
Kevin Schmidt

Greenleaf

Brianna Matsuura

Quartz Hill

Amanda Adams
Victoria Jenne
Eyan McIntyre

PVP

Renee Keyes

Two years or less

Rolling Hills

Jainie Thomas





Summer Camp Staff Application



In order to apply for 4-H Summer Camp Staff, you must be at least 14 years of age as of January 1st, 2005

NAME: _____ 4-H CLUB: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TEL: _____

CITY: _____ CA ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Age as of 1/1/2005 _____

Date of Birth: _____

Circle Staff Shirt Size: *Small* *Med* *Large* *X-Large* *XXL*

Years in 4-H: _____ Years at 4-H Summer Camp _____

Previous staff position(s) held at Camp? _____

The Letter of Recommendation Form must be sent directly to the L.A. County Office by any local Club Leader, Project Leader, 4-H Volunteer (other than parent) or accompany this application.

List Leadership Roles in 4-H

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

List Leadership Roles Outside of 4-H

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

**List any Training/Skills/Certifications/Licenses, etc. that you have acquired.
(i.e. CPR / First Aid / Water Safety / Lifeguard / Boating Certification, etc.)**

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____



Please rank from 1 to 4 the staff position you would most prefer. Staff interviews will take place on Saturday, December 11th, Location TBD. Applications are on a first-come, first serve basis. There will be four Teams this year at Camp and TBA is the Head Adult Director and TBA is the Head Youth Director.

- 1) _____ **Youth Director (supervises the King and Queen of their Team)**
- 2) _____ **King (supervises the Team and works directly with campers)**
- 3) _____ **Queen (supervises the Team and works directly with campers)**
- 4) _____ **Assistant Staff Coordinator (Assist in supervising campers who volunteer to assist the regular camp staff)**
- 5) _____ **Office (coordinates check-in, check-out, visitors, activities sign-ups, etc)**
- 6) _____ **Nurse's Assistant (assist the Camp Nurse)**
- 7) _____ **P.A. Operator (sets up and operates the P.A. system and music for evening programs, flag rising and flag lowering)**
- 8) _____ **Host/Hostess (leads Grace, admits campers to dining hall, supervise dining hall and cleanup, coordinates with kitchen staff)**
- 9) _____ **Trading Post Operator (sets up and works in the Camp Store, responsible for the camp bank and keeping record of camp participants accounts, selling snacks and other items, refreshments, etc)**
- 10) _____ **Camp Support Ground Team (supervises cabin clean-up, campfires, trash and campground cleanliness)**
- 11) _____ **Athletics (organizes and coordinates the sporting events, team play, and other activities)**
- 12) _____ **Handicrafts (selects crafts, supplies and assists campers with crafts)**
- 13) _____ **Aquatics (helps supervise pool activities and coordinates with the Lifeguard)**
- 14) _____ **Song Leader (leads song sessions, helps with campfire programs and evening programs)**
- 15) _____ **Nature (leads hikes, nature walks, nature room and other activities)**

You must attend the following staff training events as a prerequisite to being on Camp Staff (except the optional ACA Staff Training). I hereby acknowledge that not attending any one of the Training Sessions listed below may result in my removal as a member of 4-H camp staff. If you make staff and you are employed, will you be able to get off work for the week of Camp and for the various staff training days? Yes
 No N/A

Saturday, January 8th, 2005 – 9:00 am –4:00 pm at the Los Angeles County 4-H Office, - Staff Training Day
Saturday, May 7 & 8 – Staff Training Weekend
Saturday, June (TBA), 2005 – 8:30-4:00 ACA Staff Training at Westmark School in Encino (Optional)
 Saturday, June 26, 2005 – 10:00 am – Pre-Camp Staff Training at location TBA
 June 26th – July 2, 2005 – 2005 4-H Summer Camp – Camp Seely, Crestline, California

I have read the above responsibilities and the guidelines and agree to fulfill all of my responsibilities and to abide by the policies and procedures established by the 4-H Summer Camp Committee and the 4-H Code of Conduct and the Contract for whatever staff position I might hold.

Signature

Date

Please mail this application and the Letter of Recommendation to the address below by Friday, November 19th, 2004. Interviews and selection by the Summer Camp Interview Committee will occur on Saturday, December 11th, 2004 at the County 4-H office in East L.A. starting at 9:00 am – first come, first interviewed

Summer Camp Committee / ATTN: Robyn Zelden
 4800 E. Cesar Chavez Ave. / Los Angeles, CA 90022 Tel: (323) 260-2267

SOUTHERN SECTIONAL NEWS



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.

Visit our website at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp> for more information

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.

**California 4-H Youth Development Program
2005 Golden Clover Awards
Recognition of Outstanding Achievement**

Purpose

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement by 4-H members, volunteers, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Stories will be shared with the 4-H community, as well as donors, and on the website.

Eligibility

4-H Members (4th grade and above and at least 9 years old), 4-H Volunteers or 4-H Groups (may include 4-H Staff) may be nominated or self-nominated in any applicable categories outlined below. Individuals and groups may only win once in a category every three years.

Award

Each category will be awarded \$500 to be used at the discretion of the award winner(s). Also awarded is a medallion, pin, recognition on the 4-H website (<http://ca4h.org>), and announced at the State Leadership Conference and State Leaders' Forum.

Process

Applications must be postmarked by June 30 and sent to the California 4-H YD Office. All required information must be included to be considered. The California 4-H YD Office will notify recipients by August 1. Applications will be reviewed by youth and adults from the Incentives and Recognition Committee and State Staff.

Applicants may be nominated or self-nominated.

Applications must contain the following:

- Application Cover Page
- Essay Questions
- Letters of recommendation (*Optional*)
- Additional Materials (*Optional*)

Send application to the California 4-H YD Office by June 30:

Jazz Stables
California 4-H YD Office
University of California
DANR Bldg, One Hopkins Road
Davis, CA 95616-8575

For the complete application go to:<http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/GoldenCloverAwards.pdf>
or call Roy Hillstock ((323) 260-3854) to request a copy.



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.

Salute to Excellence

Recognizing the Vital Role of Volunteers

The Salute to Excellence Award program was created to honor exemplary 4-H volunteers. Our goal for the 2005 Salute to Excellence Program is to promote involvement in 4-H and provide existing volunteers with renewed satisfaction in their work. 4-H volunteers are the backbone of our organization, and we are asking for each state's support in our efforts to recognize these outstanding individuals by nominating candidates for the Salute to Excellence Awards.

Two Salute to Excellence Awards are given annually. One award, entitled Lifetime Volunteer Award, is given to an individual who has spent more than 10 years volunteering for 4-H. The second award, entitled Volunteer of the Year Award, will be given to an individual who has volunteered for 4-H for less than 10 years.

Recipients of the Salute to Excellence Awards will be chosen from nominees submitted by state 4-H offices. Awardees will be honored at a reception in the metropolitan Washington, DC, area (dates will be determined), during which a monetary award will be presented (a portion of the award must be utilized for a community service project of the recipient's choosing). Awardees will also have their name engraved on the Salute to Excellence Perpetual Plaque located at the National 4-H Conference Center and be recognized in the "4-H...The Power of YOUth" newsletter produced by National 4-H Council.

If you would like to nominate an amazing volunteer, please complete the application provided at www.members.n4h.org. **The 2005 Salute to Excellence Applications form should be available on the website by mid October.** Only the State 4-H Office can officially designate a volunteer as the state nominee for either of these awards. **Please contact your State 4-H Office for internal state deadlines.**

If you have any questions concerning the selection process for the Salute to Excellence Awards Program or would like to make a contribution to the Salute to Excellence Fund please contact Carolyn Fernandez at cfernandez@fourhcouncil.edu or by phone at (301) 961-2983.

Monsanto Company is the premier corporate sponsor for the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Program





Staff Spotlight
California 4-H Youth Development Program

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is supported by a large group of outstanding and dedicated staff. The 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee would like to recognize the innovative and outstanding programs of each county office and the county staff that contribute so much to the California 4-H Youth Development Program.

Each month, a new county office will be highlighted on the state 4-H website at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/spotlight/> 4-H members, volunteers, other staff, and donors will be able to read about that county office and browse archives for previous highlights.

To help the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee recognize your county office, please return the following information to the California 4-H Youth Development Office:

- Title and brief description of innovative county 4-H programs and activities
- 4-H Youth Development Advisor’s research interests and experience
- 4-H YDP Staff Members and Titles
- Short biography for each 4-H YDP staff member
 - Biographies should include number of years with UCCE or county, number of years with the present county, program areas and duties, favorite icebreaker, and additional highlights about the staff person.
- Photos of programs and staff member individually or as a group

Counties will be rotated by 4-H Section – North, North Central, South Central, South.

First four counties identified include:

- July 2004 – Humboldt
- August 2004 – Sacramento
- September 2004 – Stanislaus
- October 2004 – San Bernardino

Future county spotlights will be determined by voluntary submissions and/or requests by the I&R Committee.

For more information, please contact:

Steven Worker
California 4-H Youth Development Program
Agriculture and Natural Resources
530-754-8519 ph
smworker@ucdavis.edu

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 honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

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

Honey bees 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 who 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: _____

4-H Enrollment Status (check all that apply):

0 Club 0 Special Interest/Short-Term 0 Overnight Camping

0 School Enrichment 0 Individual Study 0 School-aged Child Care

Ethnicity (check one that applies best):

0 White 0 Black/African American 0 Hispanic/Latino

0 Asian/Pacific Islander 0 American Indian/Alaskan Native 0 Other

Place of Residence (check one that applies best):

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

General 4-H Scholarship, *in memory of Mabel Jacks*

Vocational Education Scholarship, *sponsored by the Samarin Family*

Essay Questions: Do not exceed two pages. Use a 12point, single spaced, font.

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)

For those applying for the Vocational Education Scholarship:

4. Describe your plans to attend vocational school or a Junior College Training Program (be specific).

Signatures: I assert that the information contained in my application is accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

I confirm that the applicant is enrolled, or was enrolled at the time of high school graduation, in the 4-H YDP.

Signature of County Staff: _____ Date: _____

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 sevenweek 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 invariable 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

November

3 NSG Council & Hi 4-H Mtg.
 5-7 Asilomar (State Ldrs Conference)
 8 SFV Council & Hi 4-H meeting
 9 SSG Council & Hi 4-H meeting
 11 Veterans Day
 13 County Council Mtg.
 17 Camp Committee mtg. & Selection of Camp Director
 18 San Gabriel Valley Fair mtg.
 19 4-H Enrollment Deadline / Summer Camp Staff Apps due
 20 AV District Fun Shoot @ Edwards AFB
 22 AV District Leaders, Hi 4-H & Horse meeting
 25 Happy Thanksgiving – 4-H Office Closed
 26 County Office closed

December

1 NSG Council & Hi 4-H Mtg.
 9 Summer Camp Staff Interviews (9:00 AM LA Office)
 13 SFV Council & Hi 4-H meeting
 14 SSG Council & Hi 4-H meeting
 25 Christmas
 31 New Years Eve

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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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