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Fountain of Youth



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[NOTE: All numbers are taken from 2005-06 California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Summary <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/documents/summaryresults.pdf>]

- 10...**Grade in which all California public high school students must take the CAHSEE for the first time.
- 11...**Grade in which California students, who do not pass all or part of the CAHSEE, will have two opportunities to pass the exam.
- 12...**Grade in which California students will have three opportunities to pass all or part of the CAHSEE.
- 89...**Estimated percentage of the class of 2007 students who have passed the English-language arts part of the CAHSEE, which is one percent higher rate as compared to the class of 2006.
- 88...**Estimated percentage of the class of 2007 students who have passed the mathematics part of the CAHSEE, which is one percent higher rate as compared to the class of 2006.
- 96...**Estimated percentage of Caucasian students who have passed the English-language arts portion of the CAHSEE and make up the highest estimated cumulative passing rate by ethnicity.
- 83...**Estimated percentage of Hispanic/Latino and African American students who have passed the English-language arts portion of the CAHSEE and make up the lowest estimated cumulative passing rate by ethnicity.
- 96...**Percentage of Asian students, making up the highest estimated cumulative passing rate by ethnicity on the mathematics part of the CAHSEE.
- 76...**Percentage of African American students, making up the lowest estimated cumulative passing rate by ethnicity on the mathematics part of the CAHSEE.

Fountain of Youth Facts is a monthly online list of statistics that provides a different and hopefully thought provoking profile of today's youth. It is produced by the 4-H Center for Youth Development and the California Communities Program which are ANR sponsored programs. Anyone wishing to submit an item should email cmatthews@ucdavis.edu.



County News

Summer Camp Staff Training

Summer Camp Staff Training will be held at the Los Angeles County, 4-H Office Saturday, January 6, 2006 from 9am to 4pm. For more information contact Keith Nathaniel at (323) 260-3845.

AV 4-H Livestock Symposium

AV 4-H Livestock Symposium will be held at Rancho Vista Elementary School, 40641 Peonza Lane, Palmdale, CA, 93551 on January 27, 2007 with registration starting at 8:30 AM and sessions starting at 9:00 AM. Livestock Symposium speakers are TBD. Tentative schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

ROOM	TOPIC	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4
	Beef:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Dairy Goat:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Dog:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Horse:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Market Goat:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Meat Quality:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Nutrition:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Poultry:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Pygmy Goat:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Sheep:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Swine:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55
	Rabbit:	9:00-9:55	10:00-10:55	11:00-11:55	12:00-12:55

For further information contact Charlene Moore at (661) 723-4481 or 723-4477.

Save the date!

Los Angeles County Judging Day is a countywide event where 4-H'ers learn teamwork and cooperation as members of a judging team while developing their decision-making skills. Judging Day will be Saturday, February 24, 2007, location to be determined. AV District Council is hosting this exciting event and invites all 4-H'ers to come and participate. Judging Day information packets will be mailed to all Club Leaders and added to Cooperative Extension's website to download at: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>.

For more information contact Charlene Moore at 661-723-4481.

Summer Camp 2007

Summer Camp 2007 is approaching. The dates are from July 1 – July 7, 2007 at Camp Seeley. Forms and additional information are available online at: <http://www.socal4hsummercamp.com/>. Let's make this event one to remember!

Share your 4-H experiences

4-H'ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 7th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, 4800 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, Ca 90022 or email at rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

2007 4-H Calendars Still Available

Support the Los Angeles 4-H Leader's Council! Purchase a 2007 calendar, with great full-color pictures of 4-H kids, leaders, and projects. The cost is \$10, and checks made payable to "Los Angeles County 4-H" can be mailed to Rachel Surls, UCCE, 4800 E. Cesar E. Chavez, Los Angeles, CA 90022. Your purchase will help to support all of Council's activities, including County Field Day, Judging Day, Summer Camp, and more!

Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA

Each year, the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA receives far more animals into its care than it can safely place into suitable, loving homes. Pet over population is a community wide problem and needs to be solved using a community wide approach. In 2005, P.H.S accepted over 200 rabbits and over 100 chicken and geese. If any 4-H member is interested in purchasing an animal, we encourage you to check with the P.H.S and possibly adopting an animal from their shelter. Only by working together can we provide compassion and care for all animals.

Staycee Dains, Vice President of Operations, Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA
T: 626.792.7151 x 127, www.phsspca.org

Hints for New 4-H Members

The following are some suggestions for new members to help you get the most out of your 4-H experience.

- ❖ Attend all your club and project meetings, if possible. If you must miss meetings for health and/or family emergency reasons, be sure to let your leader know before the meeting and make arrangements for make-up, if necessary. That's part of learning to be a responsible person.
- ❖ Read newsletters from your club and the county newsletter, "Clover Notes". They let you know about the important dates and activities you can be part of.
- ❖ Ask questions when you don't understand, or need help. Key club and project leaders, teen leaders, county All-Stars, and the 4-H Office are all here to help you. Good luck with your involvement and above all, have fun.

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.

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, 2007 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.

Los Angeles County 4-H Science Fair

It's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Science Fair on April 21, 2007. Science projects are a wonderful "learn by doing" opportunity. Today, with schools so focused on "teaching to the test", and with mandated language arts and math curriculum dominating the school day, science education is often neglected in school. Help make sure that kids develop their analytical thinking skills by getting them involved in hands-on science through 4-H. Many 4-H'ers are already involved in projects that can be presented as science projects. Now is a great time to plan for a project to present in April! Read up on the scientific method and look for science project ideas on the following web sites. All three of these web sites are fantastic resources for finding and developing science project ideas, from the easy to the elaborate.

<http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/>

<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/projectguide/>

<http://www.scifair.org/>

Field Day & Fashion Revue

Field Day is one of the most valuable assets of our 4-H program. This is a day where 4-H'ers share the skills and knowledge they have acquired in their 4-H projects. By learning public speaking and demonstration skills 4-H'ers prepare themselves for college and the workplace. 4-H members may observe and gain knowledge relating to many different 4-H projects. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend. If you have never been to Field Day before you will be surprised at the poise and abilities of these 4-H members.

All members of the LA County 4-H are invited to participate in LA County Field Day tentatively scheduled for March 24, 2007. 4-H Presentations are very informative and will certainly enrich individual knowledge. Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking are also interesting. Fashion Revue showcases our best LA County 4-H clothing projects. Share the Fun Skits, Cultural Arts Presentations, and Song Leading contests are creative and entertaining.

4-H members attend to participate\observe and learn\receive awards, recognizing their individual skills and knowledge. Remember it's a 4-H "Family Affair", and encourages parents and friends of 4-H to attend and support the youth. Medal winners will be eligible to go on to Sectional Field Day, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2007. Keep a look out for more Field Day information to come.

Sectional News

Humboldt Poultry Fanciers Association 2007 Winter Show

The Humboldt County Poultry Fanciers Winter Show will be held Saturday, February 10, 2007 at the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds in Eureka, Ca.

Coop in will be on Friday, February 09, starting at noon and on February 10 starting at 7 am until the show begins at 9 am.

There will be breed meets, showmanship classes, demonstrations and an avian science bowl facilitated by Dr. Francine Bradley. This is an American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association sanctioned show.

There will be a silent raffle on Sunday, February 11 with coop out at noon.

The host hotel is the Clarion Resort, Eureka, Ca, (707) 442-3261, mention Humboldt Poultry Fanciers for special rate

There Will Be An Awards Banquet Following The Show On February 10 On The Fairgrounds.

For further information and premium books please Contact: Harry Majors, (707) 496-6350 E-Mail: Harrymajors2000@Yahoo.Com



Registration Form

14TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JANUARY 19TH - 21ST, 2006

AGES 14-19 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007

LOCATED AT PATHFINDER RANCH, MOUNTAIN CENTER, CALIFORNIA

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

ALEX (714) 308-0270

KRAZY_KITTEN@DATAHUNTER.COM

TONY (951) 685-0569

TONYB@PACBELL.NET

NAME: _____
COUNTY: _____
4-H CLUB: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
E-MAIL: _____

***One Application Per Person**

Application Should Include:

- Signed Code of Conduct Form
- Signed and Completed Application Form
- Signed Medical Release Form
- Signed Dress Code Sheet
- Registration Fee (and any additional expenses) according to postmark date on application.



Checks should be made out to: **“South Section 4-H Leaders Council”**

Please mail completed application package to:

Culp
5412 Bolsa Avenue, Unit G
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Chaperon Information:

- For every 8 youth attending from a county, one Chaperon is required or the youth will not be allowed to attend. **If there are male youth attending the conference it is required that there is a male chaperon from the youth's county.**

- To be a chaperon at TIC you must be enrolled as a 4-H leader and of chaperon age per county.
- Chaperons who are driving: You will not be allowed to leave before Sunday's check out. If this is a problem, please contact Tony Burkhardt, (909) 685-0569, prior to the conference.

Quick Tips:

- Stop for Gas and the restroom *before* heading up the mountain. Your next chance won't be for awhile. There's a nice big shopping center with a Target. You'll love it!
- Bring a flashlight with you. Or two in fact.
- Bring a warm jacket with you. You will want to wear it the instant you step out of the car upon your joyous arrival. Believe us. We know.
- Eat a meal before you arrive at the conference. Of course we'll *feed* you. We just won't specify *what* we'll feed you... Like we said; nice shopping center with a Target.

Registration Fee:

- Early Bird:* - Application postmarked by December 16, 2006
\$95.
- Deadline:* - Application postmarked December 17, 2005 - January 3, 2006
\$105.
- Late Registration:* - Application postmarked January 4, 2007 - January 15, 2007
\$125.

*\$50 Scholarships may be available. To apply, go to www.TIC007.org

*Checks should be made out to "South Section 4-H Leaders Council."

Items from the 4-H Mall will be available for purchase during Check-In Friday evening, and Check-Out Sunday Afternoon.

Information regarding Workshops will be sent out to registered Teen Involvement Conference Delegates at a later date. After reviewing the available Workshops, you will be given special instructions on how to sign up for your preferred Workshops.

Delegates will sign-up for Workshops prior to the Conference, or Workshops may be chosen for them.

Have You Heard?

***The 2006-2007 State Ambassadors Are Busy Planning
The 2007 4-H State Leadership Conference!***

August 2nd – 5th, 2007

University of California , Davis

Ages 13-19 Years Of Age As Of January 1st, 2007

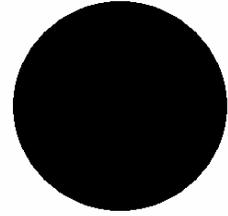


Are you applying for a Conference Scholarship?

Circle: Yes No

Are you with Operation Military Kids 4-H?

Circle: Yes No



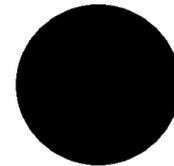
Do you have any food allergies? If yes, list below.

Emergency Contact Information:

A. Name: _____
 Relation: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Day Phone: () _____
 Evening Phone: () _____

B. Name: _____
 Relation: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Day Phone: () _____
 Evening Phone: () _____

C. Name: _____
 Relation: _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Day Phone: () _____
 Evening Phone: () _____



Member Signature

Parent Signature

Local Club Leader Signature

County Staff Signature
(Only required for Adults)

() _____

Phone #

() _____

Phone #

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Phone #

E-Mail

E-Mail

E-Mail

*Upon receiving your application, as verification of your attendance, driving directions to Pathfinder Ranch and other information will be mailed to you.

*Delegates will be expected to participate in workshops and planned activities. During specific times, no one will be allowed to visit their cabins without permission. If a delegate becomes ill during that time they will be expected to stay with the nurse in the medical cabin.

*Please note that upon checking in, no one will be allowed to leave the conference premises without prior permission from the Teen Council Adviser.

State News

Exchange opportunities for 4-H Members

The California State 4-H International Program announces two exchange opportunities for 4-H members and leaders during the summer of 2007 – the month-long Japanese Exchange Hosting Program and the month-long Outbound Ambassador to Australia Program. Is your family interested in hosting a student and sharing your life and culture with a Japanese teen age 12 to 17? California is currently looking for families to host Japanese teens from Sunday, July 22 to Saturday, August 18. Information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp>. Or are you interested in traveling to Australia from June 20 to July 19 on an agricultural exchange? Information at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/australia/index.asp> with a deadline of January 3, 2007.

National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Volunteer Leader Recognition Program

Now in its 27th year, the National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Volunteer Leader Recognition Program, co-sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National 4-H Headquarters, annually honors and recognizes 4-H Volunteer Leaders who assist 4-H members in learning about wildlife and fisheries conservation and management. The selected volunteer leaders receive national recognition, including an all expense paid trip to the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference to be held March 20-24, 2007 in Portland, Oregon. At a formal banquet and reception, attended by the nation's natural resources leaders, winners will be recognized with plaques and awards. To nominate a volunteer leader, the nomination form must be completed by the volunteer leader and signed off by the appropriate County Extension Staff and the State 4-H Program Leader. Only one nomination per state is permitted. The application is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/20064-HWildlifeFisheriesVolunteerNom.doc>. Nominations must be received on or before **January 8, 2007**.

Intern opportunity

The state 4-H program is seeking young adults who are interested in an intern opportunity with the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Each summer the California Focus Program recruits and trains young adults for leadership roles at California Focus. Leaders, with at least one year of college or one year of work experience, join the leadership team to plan and carryout this 5-day conference in June. A newsletter notice is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/2006DistrictLeaderNewsletterarticle.doc>.

A job description and the application are available on-line at:

<http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp>. Applications are due on Monday, January 15, 2007.

2007 California Focus

The dates for the 2007 California Focus Program are June 22-26, 2007. All registrations occur on-line through your county 4-H office. Registration is open until January 29, 2007. For more information, contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

The California State 4-H office is extending the deadline for application for financial assistance to the 2007 California Focus Program. Information and applications can be found on-line at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/FinAsst2007.pdf> and must be postmarked by January 16, 2007.

2007 National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador

The 2007 National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador application form is now posted on the National website at: <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/>. Look under "About" ... "Teen Ambassadors". Applications are due February 1, 2007.

2007-2008 4-H State Ambassador

2007-2008 4-H State Ambassador applications are now available online. 4-H State Ambassadors are selected to represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program, plan the State Leadership Conference, and complete a service project. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>. Applications are due March 31, 2007.

Statewide 4-H College Scholarship

Statewide 4-H College Scholarship applications are now available. High school seniors and those in college are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available in a number of various categories and award amounts. Applications are available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/index.asp>. Deadline: April 30, 2007.

General Motors (GM) and the GM Foundation

General Motors (GM) and the **GM Foundation** support with funding a variety of activities in the communities where they operate and sell their products. The foundation's philanthropic and community relations mission is to enhance the quality of life in the communities where they do business, consistent with their business goals and objectives. GM's target areas of focus are: 1) education, 2) health and human services, 3) civic and community relations, 4) public policy, 5) arts and culture, 6) environment and energy, and 7) diversity. Contact GM Global Philanthropy, 300 Renaissance Center - MC 482-C27-D76, Detroit, MI 48265. For more information on-line visit: <http://www.gm.com/company/gmability/community/guidelines/index.html>. Requests for funding are accepted year round.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has an active Contributions Program (<http://www.pge.com/contributions>) that makes grants to non-profit organizations that meet PG&E's funding criteria and are located in Northern and Central California. The program focuses on grant-making within 4 areas: 1) Environmental stewardship; 2) Aid to schools including public schools serving pre-school and K-12 students, universities, teacher training, after-school programs, and kids safety training; 3) Emergency preparedness including efforts to improve community and family disaster preparedness, nonprofit emergency planning, and recovery projects; and 4) Economic vitality-including efforts to retain and expand jobs in local communities, workforce development programs, and policy planning activities. Wherever feasible, PG&E target a large portion of funds for projects or organizations that assist underserved communities. In addition, grants are made for either general operations or specific programs so that community partners can receive the greatest flexibility in meeting the challenges. Contact: Gigie Barne, Charitable Contributions Grants Administrator, charitablecontributions@pge.com. PG&E accepts requests for funding year round.

Calendar of Events

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3 NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
- 6 Summer Camp Staff Training / AV Shooting Competition
- 9 SSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
- 11 I&R Meeting
- 11-15 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum
- 12 AV Horse Bowl Quiz
- 13 Southern Sectional Ldr's and Teen Councils Meeting
- 15 **Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – Office Closed**
- 19 SGV 4-H Fair Meeting
- 19-21 TIC – Teen Involvement Conference
- 22 AV Council, Hi 4-H Mtg.
- 27 AV Livestock Symposium

February

- 7 NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
- 8 I&R Meeting
- 9 AV Horse Bowl Quiz
- 10 AV Shooting Competition
- 13 SSG Council & Hi 4-H Mtg.
- 14 **Valentines Day**
- 15 SGV 4-H Fair Meeting
- 18 NSG Skills Day / Monte Farmers Fair
- 19 **Presidents Day – County 4-H Offices Closed**
- 24 **County Judging Day (SSG)**
- 26 AV Council, Hi 4-H Mtg.

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4-H All Stars

The 2006-2007 All-Star Candidate(s):

- **Shannon Espinosa**
- **Tiffany Okamoto**
- **Camille Sheardown**
- **Terra Chapman**
- **Brian Otto**

The All-Star Advisors are:

- **Elizabeth Cramer**
- **Marjorie 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:

- **Desiree Cramer**
- **Vanessa Cramer**
- **Felicia Byrne**
- **Heather Ealy**

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