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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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## Club News

### **Greenleaf 4-H**

Hi, my name is Daniel. This year I became a Primary 4H member. I have been waiting 4 years till I could be a Primary 4-Her. I have wanted to be a true 4-Her so that I could show goats and other animals, not just chickens, rabbits, and pygmy goats. This year I got to hold my first position as an officer. I was elected sergeant in arms. I want to show animals and make a poster this year. I am looking forward to earning my bronze metal.

For the last 4 years I have had to go to meetings and sit around and deal with my older sister and could not be involved in all the meetings. This year I get to participate in almost all the meetings.

My favorite thing to do is to train and show the animals. I love to play with the animals. This year is going to be lots of fun. I hope that you want to join 4-H too.

**By Daniel Espinosa, Greenleaf's Sergeant In Arms**

## County News

### **2006 4-H Graduates**

Congratulations to the 4-H members who graduated from 4-H this past June. We have enjoyed your participation and achievements in the LA County 4-H program and wish you much success in your next endeavors.

The following 4-H members had been in 4-H at least 3 years or more when they graduated and earned a graduation certificate and 4-H graduate pin engraved with their name and year 2006:

**Stacy Burkhardt – Canyon Coyotes**  
**Zack Christensen – ER/ Highland Park**  
**Justin Des Voigne – Roadrunners**  
**Bryan Franco – Foothill**  
**Courtney Gilardone – Mid Valley**  
**Jennifer Heckel – Canyon Coyotes**  
**Rebecca Herrera – Acton Arrowheads**  
**Jennifer Holly – PVP**  
**Shane Jung – Westside**  
**Jenny Lee – SB Guide Dog Puppy Raisers**

**Ryan Longmead – Roadrunners**  
**Ryan Moore – PVP**  
**Ryan Morris – Quartz Hill**  
**Stephanie Nefas – Eastside Kids**  
**Drew Palacio – Roadrunners**  
**Beth Piert – Littlerockers**  
**Selinda Smith – Canyon Coyotes**  
**Tim Smith – Littlerockers**  
**Justine Thompson – Westside**

If you should be included in the 4-H graduate list for 2006 and do not appear above, contact your club leader, who should notify Charlene Moore in the AV 4-H Office about members who graduate from the program.

## **Summer Camp Staff Applications**

Any 4-H member 14 years old by January 1, 2007, can apply to be a youth staff member for the 2006 LA County 4-H Summer Camp. Summer Camp Applications must be received by Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with Summer Camp Staff interviews being held on Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 AM. You can find the Summer Camp Staff Application in this edition of Clover Notes or download it from Cooperative Extension's website at:

<http://www.4hsummercamp.com/>

## **Emerald Star Project**

If a member has earned Gold Star Rank or will be 16 years old by January 1, 2007, 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 at (323) 260-3854 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.

## **Hi 4-H**

Each district can have a Hi 4-H program. 4-H members who are at least 14 years old by January 1, 2007 or in the 9th grade and 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.

## **NSG Achievement Day**

On Sunday, October 15 the North San Gabriel 4-H District held its Achievement Day program at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. After the awards ceremony including a 4-H graduation of Zack Christensen, the group enjoyed working on service projects making activity bags for children in the hospital and greeting cards for other hospital patients. The event also included a cake walk and a pizza fund raiser.

## **Officer Book Competition**

The annual Officer Book Judging was held September 16 at the AV 4-H Office. The officer book awards will be announced at the district Achievement events. Look for the list of awards in the next issue of the Clover Notes.

2006-07 officers can now be working on their officer books for next year. Don't wait until the last minute. Work on your book as the year moves along.

## **LA County Highlighted at the September Sectional Council Meeting**

At each South Section Leaders' Council meeting, time is set aside at the start of the meeting for a brief program presented by sectional youth. At the September council meeting, several members of the LA County Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club gave a presentation on some of their club projects. Using project display boards and informative narratives, the members talked about such projects as Heritage Arts, Bee Keeping, Surfing, Marine Biology and Shooting Sports. The program was well received and enjoyed by all. Thank you PVP for coming to the meeting and sharing some of your club experiences.

If you would like to present a brief program at one of the sectional council meetings held at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, contact Noel Keller (Noel\_Keller@hmc.edu or 909-621-2373) to arrange a day. The purpose of the program is to share successful ideas with the other counties and to give youth a chance to speak at the sectional meeting. Our next meeting is Saturday, January 13

## **4-H Volunteer On-line Training Course**

This free on-line course provides basic information for first time leaders and refresher information for those who have volunteered for many years. The site was designed to help volunteers of youth be successful by providing free information and interactive training about serving young people. The topics include: normal youth development; group management--dealing with conflict, discipline, and rule-making; ideas about helping kids to learn by doing; helping kids learn adult responsibilities; and working with parents and other adult leaders.

Visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/volunteer/training/> for more information.

## **Record Book Training November 11th**

A training on the new 4-H Record Book will be held on Saturday, November 11, immediately following the 4-H County Council meeting. The training will be held from noon to 2 pm at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church, at 10158 Johanna Avenue in Sunland. We hope you will attend! We'd like to see Los Angeles County 4-Hers submit many outstanding books this year, and this information is key to your success! Copies of the new record book will be provided at the training.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or [rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu) so we will have an idea of how much food to order.

If you have not yet reviewed the new record book format, please take a look at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/> where you can download a copy of the new record book, and review more information.

## Southern Sectional News

### **Teen Involvement Conference (T.I.C.) 2007**

The Teen Involvement Conference will be held on January 19th-21st, 2007 at the Pathfinder Ranch-Mountain Center. Workshop proposals and registration materials will be available soon at: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/southcouncil/teen/>.



## State News

### **2007 California State 4-H Field Day Recruiting for Planning Committee**

The State 4-H Office is recruiting for 4-H members (age 9 and above), 4-H volunteers and 4-H YDP Staff to help plan the 2007 State 4-H Field Day! There are many opportunities to help in the planning of State 4-H Field Day held on May 26, 2007 at UC Davis.

#### **General Responsibilities and Benefits for All Committee Members**

- Attend planning meetings and phone conferences
- Complete committee and individual responsibilities
- Help determine overall event schedule, timeline and guidelines
- Available to assist with setup tasks on May 25, 2007 at UC Davis
- Available on May 26, 2007, including the post-event evaluation meeting, at UC Davis.
- Field Day and Presentation Day planning committee members may not participate in any of the contests or events. Potential State Fashion Revue participants are encouraged to be involved in the committee, but their duties may be modified.
- Experience in organizing a large statewide event.

#### **Apply**

For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact one of the following individuals for the specific area you wish to help with. Please include your name, county, contact information (address, phone and email) along with a brief explanation of why you are interested, what you'd like to help with, and any experience you have. The State 4-H Office along with Area Coordinators will fill positions based on interest and qualifications.

- Overall Field Day – Steven Worker at [smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8519
- State 4-H Presentation Day – Jacki Zediker at [jkzediker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jkzediker@ucdavis.edu) or 530-842-2711
- State 4-H Fashion Revue – Sue Moore at [samoore@ucdavis.edu](mailto:samoore@ucdavis.edu) or 209-533-6990

## **2007 California State 4-H Field Day Recruiting for Fundraising Groups**

The State 4-H Office is recruiting for 4-H groups to help assist with a few components of the 2007 State 4-H Field Day! Fundraising opportunities for 4-H groups are available at the State 4-H Field Day held on May 26, 2007 at UC Davis.

The following areas are identified needs during the event. If you have an interest in an area not listed below, please contact the coordinator below to discuss possibilities.

- **Lunch** – Make lunch available to 600-700 people attending the Field Day. Cooked food requires people in the group preparing food have taken a food safety class.
- **Snack Booth** – Offer snacks and beverages during the event.
- **Silent Auction** – Plan and operate a silent auction during the event. Solicit donations of items prior to the event from businesses, organizations and the 4-H community.

### **Facilities**

The Field Day takes place at the UC Davis campus on Memorial Day weekend. No other dining establishments are open on campus during the event. Electricity and running water are typically inaccessible, except for a few locations inside or in close proximity to buildings. All of the activities listed above must take place outside; weather is typically warm in May.

### **Cost Recovery**

These fundraising opportunities have been offered to help support both the group planning the activity and the Field Day. Net profits are to be split in half – half to the Field Day account and half to the group organizing the activity.

### **Application**

For more information, or to volunteer to organize one of the activities, please contact the Field Day Coordinator. Please include your name, group name, contact information (address, phone and email) along with a brief explanation of plans (tasks involved, types of food/merchandise to be sold, etc.) and tentative timeline. The State 4-H Office will select groups for each area.

Contact: Overall Field Day - Steven Worker at [smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8519

## **California State 4-H International Program**

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 lives and culture with a Japanese teen age 12 to 17? California will be hosting Japanese teens from Sunday, July 22 to Saturday, August 18. Or are you interested in traveling to Australia for 1 month on an agricultural exchange? Information will arrive in your county 4-H office by the end of October or you can contact Pat English at 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu)

### **Captain Planet Foundation**

The **Captain Planet Foundation** funds hands-on environmental projects for youth to encourage innovative programs that empower youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. The foundation offers small grants of \$500 or less, as well as a limited number of grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Applicants must be at least 18 years old to submit a proposal. Visit the Captain Planet Foundation website for information at:

<http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10002451/captainplanetfdn>. Deadlines for submitting grant applications are September 30, 2006, December 31, 2006, and March 31, 2007.

### **Whale Tail Grants Program.**

The California Coastal Commission is accepting grant applications for the Whale Tail Grants Program. This program distributes funds from the sale of the Coastal Commission's whale coastal protection license plate. The Whale Tail Grants Program funds projects that fall into any one of the following three categories: 1) Adopt-A-Beach programs; 2) youth programs; and 3) programs for the general public. Applicants may request any amount up to \$50,000; 25 to 50 percent of the funding will be allocated in the form of small grants under \$10,000. The application and complete guidelines packet are available at the California Coastal Commission web site: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004130/coastal>. Deadline: **November 15, 2006.**

### **Gardens for Learning: Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden**

The California School Garden Network (CSGN) will launch a new comprehensive guidebook, Gardens for Learning: Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden, during the California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference. Free copies of the guidebook will be available through the California School Gardens Network (CSGN) web site at [www.csgn.org](http://www.csgn.org). Contact Kelly Cormier, CFAITC at 800/700-2482 or Darci Sagara, CAPCA at 916/928-1625 ext. 201 for more information.

### **The Story of California Milk and Cheesemakers**

Two videos from the California Milk Advisory Board are now available online. The Story of California Milk (<http://www.realcaliforniacheese.com/kids/default.cfm?sub=kids&page=7&start=1>) and The Cheesemakers (<http://www.realcaliforniacheese.com/allAboutCheese/default.cfm?sub=allAboutCheese&page=3&start=1>) give behind-the-scenes looks at how milk goes from cow to carton in your local supermarket and shows each step from separating curds and whey to packaging aged cheese for distribution.

## National News

### **4-H joins National Geographic campaign to help boost kids' global IQ**

National Geographic and leaders from the business, nonprofit and education communities unveiled a public-engagement campaign designed to give U.S. students tools to become more informed global citizens. The goal of the five-year multimedia campaign — My Wonderful World — is to improve the geographic literacy of young people ages 8-17 by motivating parents and educators to expand geographic offerings in school, at home and in their communities.

Coalition partners include 4-H, American Federation of Teachers, Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks, Asia Society, Association of American Geographers, Budget Rent-A-Car, Committee for Economic Development, Council on Competitiveness, ESRI, GLOBE Program, iEARN-USA (International Education and Resource Network), Lindblad Expeditions, NBA Cares, National Council for Geographic Education, National Council of La Raza, National Council for the Social Studies, National PTA, Sesame Workshop, Smithsonian Institution, United Nations Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America.

A rich Web site at the heart of the campaign, [MyWonderfulWorld.org](http://MyWonderfulWorld.org), provides resources for parents to help kids be more geo-savvy. It includes suggestions for simple, outdoor family activities and ways that parents can work to get more geography into the classroom, links to geography games and online adventures for kids and teens, classroom materials for educators, and ways for young and old to test their global IQs. The site also provides tools for communicating to policymakers and education leaders the importance of geographic literacy.

### **NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEEN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

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**.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program will provide a venue for 4-H Teens to:

1. Represent 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events; at donor/supporter functions and with the general public, peer groups, 4-H groups, community service groups, schools and media contacts.
2. Serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports program at their respective levels of participation – national, regional, state, county.-helping to make 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible.
3. Further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.
4. Assist in maintaining relations with 4-H Faculty and Cooperative Extension Administrators as well as past, present and future program donors and supporters.
5. Continue and expand their involvement in 4-H Shooting Sports beyond the shooting skills and competitive levels.
6. Stay actively connected with the 4-H Shooting Sports program as they enter their collegiate years and further into adulthood.



### **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. Created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the awards constitute the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteering. Applications for local honors are due October 31, 2006. Each county 4-H program can select one middle level Local Honoree for every 1,000 members in grade 5-8 and one high school Local Honoree for every 1,000 members in grades 9-12. The Local Honorees must submit their applications to the state-level judging committee by November 7, 2006. More information available at <http://www.prudential.com/spirit/>

### **Youth Leaders for Literacy**

**Youth Leaders for Literacy** is an initiative of the National Education Association and Youth Service America to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2007, and culminates on YSA's National Youth Service Days, April 20-22, 2007. Twenty grants of \$500 each will be awarded to support student-led initiatives. Applicants aged 21 or younger can apply either as individuals or groups. Complete program information, examples of funded projects, and application guidelines are available at: <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/>. Deadline: **November 24, 2006**

### **Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program**

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers. Project goals should focus on the enhancement and development of an appreciation for nature using native plants. Cash awards range from \$100 to \$500. For more information, visit [www.for-wild.org](http://www.for-wild.org). Deadline: **Nov. 15, 2006**

### **Arbor Day: the Holiday that Makes a Difference**

The National Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota are offering a new video that helps promote Arbor Day throughout the nation. The 18-minute Arbor Day: the Holiday that Makes a Difference is available to 4-H communities nationwide. To request your free copy of the video contact The National Arbor Day Foundation, P.O. Box 85784 Lincoln, NE 68501, tel. 888-448-7337, or e-mail [education@arborday.org](mailto:education@arborday.org).

### **Growing Space**

Growing Space is an educational magazine written for 6th grade science students, and produced by Space Agriculture in the Classroom, that highlights agricultural applications of innovative research conducted during space missions. It has been cross-referenced to learning standards established by the National Science Teachers Association. Download a free copy at [www.spaceag.org](http://www.spaceag.org)

# Calendar of Events

## November

- 1 NSG Council & Hi-4-H mtg.
- 3-5 State 4-H Camp Task Force
- 4 Make It With Wool / AV Horse Show
- 9 I&R mtg.
- 10 **Veterans Day**
- 11 County Council mtg. (LA Office) /  
Record Book Training
- 14 SSG Leaders & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 15 Camp Staff Applications due
- 16 SGV Fair mtg.
- 17-19 State 4-H Forum (Asilomar)
- 18 AV Fun Shoot
- 23 **Thanksgiving**
- 24 4-H Office Closed
- 27 AV District Council mtg.

## December

- 6 NSG Council & Hi-4-H mtg.
- 9 Summer Camp Staff Interviews /  
Camp Committee mtg.
- 12 SSG Leaders & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 25 **Christmas**
- 26 UC Holiday (Office Closed)
- 29 4-H Office Closed
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

### 4-H Staff

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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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