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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT: FALL CELEBRATIONS**

Recently, I was reminded of the need to constantly reflect on our philosophy of education. Our 4-H community club circulated and approved a calendar for its monthly meetings of volunteers and parents. I didn't notice that any meetings conflicted with any celebrations. However, our regular council meeting, scheduled for the first Tuesday in October, fell on the eve of Yom Kippur, one of the High Holy Days in the Jewish religion.

Yom Kippur concludes a 10-day celebration of harvest time. Yom Kippur means "day of atonement," and is a solemn time when Jews try to cleanse themselves of sin. Sometimes they fast from sunset to sunset. For Jews, Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah, which begins the 10-day celebration, are a time to remember the past and to hope for the future (Polan & Cantwell, 1983). Not knowing that Yom Kippur begins at sundown of the preceding day, we had goofed. Again, I realized that we must always be aware of people's cultural, religious and social beliefs. With this awareness, we can help each other to begin accepting and respecting each other as human beings.

Our scheduling error also made me think about all the different holidays that are celebrated throughout the year. For example, in November and December not only are Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrated, but so are Hanukkah and Kwanza. Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration of the "Festival of the Lights." It commemorates the freeing of Jewish slaves over 2,000 years ago. Kwanza, also a festival of lights, is observed over seven days beginning December 26, and celebrates the harvest and the African cultural family heritage.

Unfortunately, our society tends to focus only on Thanksgiving and Christmas during November and December. From our own perspectives, these two holidays may have real meaning. However, as educators, we often fail to teach that many of the ideas behind these celebrations are one-sided.

For example, if you teach a version of the first Thanksgiving that tells how "they served pumpkins and turkeys and corn and squash. The Indians had never seen such a feast" (Dorris, 1991, p. 13), you would be passing along an inaccurate picture. This account fails to recognize feasting as an important Native American cultural tradition. Although there may have been a Thanksgiving feast with Pilgrims and Native Americans eating together, it is most likely that the Native Americans prepared the meal; pumpkins, turkey, corn and squash originated in the Americas.

The Native Americans introduced many of this continent's indigenous foods to the Pilgrims and to the French fur traders before them. However, the exchanges between the Native Americans and the Europeans were not to the Native Americans' advantage. The Indian Nations greatly decreased in size as they became exposed to many new life-threatening diseases, and had their lands taken from them. Eventually, many lost their religion and their language. Our youth need to be given broader perspectives when examining our country's history and its relationship to the rest of the world.

Dressing up as "Indians," wearing feathers, sending greeting cards with persons in "Indian" costumes, speaking one- or two-word thoughts, and reading stereotypical stories about

Thanksgiving tend to lessen the contributions Native Americans have made to our society. The more in-depth teaching of the everyday lives of Native Americans is generally not included in textbooks, T.V., or children's storybooks.

In an article entitled, \*Why I'm Not Thankful For Thanksgiving\*, Michael Dorris writes, "Thanksgiving, like much of American history, is complex, multifaceted and will not bear too close a scrutiny without revealing a less than heroic aspect. Knowing the truth about Thanksgiving, both of its proud and its shameful motivations and history, might well benefit contemporary children. But the glib retelling of an ethnocentric and self-serving falsehood does not do one any good" (Dorris, 1991, p.13).

Similarly, our traditional Christmas celebrations tend to be one-sided. Christmas is a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Christ. When we use terms like Christmas vacation, hold Christmas parties, and exchange gifts in our educational programs, we are forcing people of other religions and cultures to acknowledge and accept our traditions.

At the same time, we are neglecting the other religious holidays that are important to people who have different faiths and beliefs. For example, while we teach the history of the Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, do we also teach the history of other cultural and religious holidays? Are they presented with the same respect, tolerance, and understanding? And, are the daily lives of communities of people who celebrate these "other" holidays taught throughout the year? Unfortunately, all too often, the culture of the dominant society is taught as the norm. If other cultures are discussed, they tend to be "visited" for the day, and are seen as different and therefore, somehow inferior.

I see our responsibility as public educators to take note of our role in teaching our children some basic beliefs about society. Therefore, we have removed all graphics and artwork of traditional holidays from our program newsletter. I do not think that multicultural educators are suggesting that we quit teaching about Thanksgiving, or about how people celebrate Christmas. However, we need to realize that our young people have been taught very little about other cultures and traditions. We need to teach them how different people look at the same historical event; from the Native Americans' perspective, the colonization of the Americas was not an entirely noble event.

As educators, we need to encourage each other to look at our projects and materials. Our educational philosophies need to be more culturally sensitive. We also need to be more global in our approach, and more direct in challenging the critical thinking skills of our youth.

National Network for Child Care's [Connections Newsletter](#)

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## #15

### HOLDING AND ATTENDING 4-H MEETINGS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES

*Clover Safe notes are intended primarily for 4-H volunteers and members nine years and older.*

When a 4-H meeting is held in a private residence, the host and guests each assume roles with attendant responsibilities that contribute to productive, safe, and successful meeting outcomes.

#### Host Responsibilities

- Prior to a meeting, assure all 4-H members have completed and turned in required medical and permission forms.
- Assure two adults will be present in accordance with 4-H Policy 815.2 A. The adult in charge must be 4-H staff or an appointed volunteer.
- Develop a meeting agenda and schedule, including pre-arranged 4-H member drop-off and pick-up times and modes of transportation.
- Prepare your residence by removing clutter and trip hazards.
- Confine or remove pets from the meeting area.
- Inform guests of residence areas and items that are off limits such as swimming pools and refrigerators.
- At the beginning of the meeting, inform guests about how to exit the meeting area and residence and where restrooms are located.
- Be prepared to offer guests water as needed.



#### Guest Responsibilities

- Follow the 4-H Code of Conduct and host's and/or project leader's rules, instructions, and directives.
- Do not wander outside the meeting area.
- Do not approach or touch household pets without explicit permission from the host.
- Wash your hands with soap and water after using the restroom or touching a household pet.
- Do not participate in horseplay, running, jumping, hiding, climbing, or chasing while in the host's residence.
- Request permission from the host to use the telephone.
- Depart the meeting at the pre-arranged time and by the pre-arranged mode of transportation.
- If 4-H members are walking, riding a bike, or taking public transportation home, it is recommended that they telephone their parent, guardian, or other family member at the time of departure to allow for their arrival time at home to be estimated. Calling home before departing a private residence meeting is particularly important for younger 4-H members and meetings held during evening hours.

## County News

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

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

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

*Matt Murray - Acton Arrowheads  
Desiree Cramer - Canyon Coyotes  
Joshua Jimmink - Canyon Coyotes  
Kevin Schott - Canyon Coyotes  
Deanna Woodhouse - Canyon Coyotes  
Alec Christensen - Eagle Rock-Highland Park  
Delanie Espinoza - Eagle Rock-Highland Park  
John Preis - Eagle Rock-Highland Park  
Robert Sipchen - Eagle Rock-Highland Park  
Brienne Chan - Palos Verde Peninsula  
Melissa Cheng - Palos Verde Peninsula  
Eric Holly - Palos Verde Peninsula  
Kaitlin McDonald - Palos Verde Peninsula  
Mark Milutin - Palos Verde Peninsula  
Chris Otto - Palos Verde Peninsula  
Sharon Wu - Palos Verde Peninsula  
Haydee Budrecki - Quartz Hill  
Johnny Lovett - Quartz Hill  
Trey Markley - Quartz Hill  
Danielle Hartzog - Westside  
Kimberly Hartzog - Westside  
Kyann Plante - Westside  
Larramie Plante - Westside*

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

If you are a 2006 4-H graduate and do not appear on the list above, ask your club community leader to contact Charlene Moore in the AV 4-H Office.

### **Summer Camp Staff Applications**

Any 4-H member 14 years old by January 1, 2008, can apply to be a youth staff member for the 2008 LA County 4-H Summer Camp. Summer Camp Applications must be received by Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with Summer Camp Staff interviews being held on Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 AM. You can find the Summer Camp Staff Application in this edition of Clover Notes or download it at: <http://www.socal4hsummercamp.com>.

## **Los Angeles County 4-H Science Fair**

It's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Science Fair on April 19<sup>th</sup>! 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/>

## **Emerald Star Project**

If a member has earned Gold Star Rank or will be 16 years old by January 1, 2008, 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, 2008 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.

## **Officer Book Competition**

The annual Officer Book Judging was held September 15 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.

2007-08 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.

## **Clover Notes Online**

The Clover Notes newsletter is also available online at:

<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter1269.htm>. Subscribe to the Clover Notes newsletter and receive email notices when the newsletters are updated. In addition, subscribing to our newsletter helps us gather email addresses to send out 4-H information and updates.

## Sectional News

### **Teen Involvement Conference - TIC**

The Teen Involvement Conference, also known as TIC, is a three day event where youth from southern California meet to learn about the 4-H program, leadership, citizenship, life skills, and so much more. 4-H members attending this conference will be able to interact with other youth and adults from all 9 counties from the south section. This conference is a great stepping stone to a member's success in their 4-H career, and is highly recommended. This conference is planned by the South Section Teen Council.

Registration dates and fees are as follows:

**Early Bird- Application postmarked by December 16, 2007 (\$95)**

**Deadline- Application postmarked December 17, 2007 - January 3, 2008 (\$105)**

**Late Registration- Application postmarked January 4, 2008 - January 15, 2008 (\$125)**

For the complete registration packet go to: <http://ss4h.org/teen/tic.html> or call Roy Hillstock and a packet be mailed to you.

## State News

### **State 4-H Fashion Revue Committee**

The State 4-H Fashion Revue Committee invites all interested youth and adults to attend their organizational meeting, Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the State 4-H Office. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm for a great 2008 event. For information, contact Kylie Deal, Youth Chairperson [dmtiers06@yahoo.com](mailto:dmtiers06@yahoo.com), Mary Engebret, State Council Liaison, [maryengebret@comcast.net](mailto:maryengebret@comcast.net) or Sue Moore, 4-H Staff Liaison [samoore@ucdavis.edu](mailto:samoore@ucdavis.edu).

### **State 4-H Equine Field Day**

New dates and new location - the annual **State 4-H Equine Field Day** is on the move!!! Mark your calendars and spread the word to 4-H horse leaders and members about attending this educational event on Saturday, November 10 from 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Salinas Valley Fair in King City. The day will include educational workshops and a tack swap. The cost is \$20/person; \$15/person for a group of 10 or more; or \$25/person at the door. Pre-registration is due **November 1**, 2007. More information is available: at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/> or at your local 4-H office.

## **California 4-H Citizenship Focus**

Registration information for the California 4-H Citizenship Focus Program is now available in county 4-H offices. On-line registration is conducted by your county office beginning October 1, 2007 with Washington Focus registrations due November 5, 2007 and California Focus registrations by January 14, 2008. Financial assistance, based on need, is available for both programs.

**California Focus - June 27 to July 1, 2008**

**Washington Focus #1**

**Global Journey - June 29 - July 9, 2008**

**Heritage Trail I - June 29 - July 5, 2008**

**Washington Focus #2**

**Road to Democracy - July 6 - 14, 2008**

**Heritage Trail II - July 6 - 12, 2008**

You can download forms and additional information by going to:

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp> and clicking on Washington or California Focus.

## **All Breed Show and Junior Showmanship Event**

Ventura County 4-H is extending an open invitation to 4-H youth in California to participate in an All Breed Show and Junior Showmanship Event planned for Saturday, November 17, 2007 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. For more information: <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/4-H Program/>.

## **Fur and Feathers**

The Ventura County 4-H is sponsoring Fur and Feathers on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The event is open to all 4-H youth and will include judged animal exhibit shows for: rabbits, covies and poultry; and judged Junior Showmanship in each animal species. Ribbons and medals will be awarded in the Breed and Junior Showmanship and participation ribbons for primary members. Contact Susan Trockey 480-9976 or [stdesign@roadrunner.com](mailto:stdesign@roadrunner.com) for more information.

<http://calendar.ucanr.org/eventdisplay.cfm?caleventnum=24748>

## **Salute to Excellence 2008 Volunteer Recognition Awards**

The Salute to Excellence 2008 Volunteer Recognition Awards are due to the State 4-H Office by November 26, 2008. These awards are in two categories, Volunteer of the Year, for volunteers with under 10 years of service qualify for this award and Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award, for individuals who have served for 10 years or more. Only the State 4-H Office can officially designate a volunteer as a state nominee. Nominations and attachments should be in Word format. More information is available at:

[http://ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/Salute\\_To\\_%20Excellence2008.doc](http://ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/Salute_To_%20Excellence2008.doc)

### **Wanted: Citizen Scientists**

Youth ages 13-26 are invited to submit original scientific research or position papers to the Citizen Science Technical Board for the 2008 Citizen Science paper competition! Winners will, in addition to publication, have the chance to present their work at the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development in NYC. Papers will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 1, 2008. For more information, competition entry rules, and winning papers from prior years, please visit: [www.sustainus.org/citizenscience](http://www.sustainus.org/citizenscience).

### **2008 California 4-H State Fashion Revue Backpack Challenge**

Announcing the 2008 California 4-H State Fashion Revue Backpack Challenge! Design and sew a backpack using Butterick pattern 5054, views C or E only. Purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your backpack. For Fashion Revue judging, the backpack is the main "garment" and the outfit is the "accessory". Use your creativity with fabrics, colors, and details to personalize your design. The optional iPod accessory may be added to enhance your backpack. For more information: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

### **Help plan the 2008 State 4-H Field Day!**

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 2008 State 4-H Field Day! The event will take place on May 31, 2008 at UC Davis. Help is needed for the Presentation Day, Fashion Revue and overall event support. 4-H Clubs are also encouraged to provide activities and fundraise during the event. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-RecruitingFlyer2008.pdf>

### **Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY)**

The Sacramento Region Community Foundation is looking for youth between the ages of 12 and 19 to join the Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY). GABY is an exciting opportunity for young people to receive training on philanthropy, community needs assessment, meeting facilitation, and group decision-making skills. This year, the GABY Board members reviewed the funding applications and awarded grants for 32 youth-led projects that addressed a range of issues impacting youth including environmental education, job skills training, drug and violence prevention, and cultural literacy. Please visit [www.sacregcf.org](http://www.sacregcf.org) this fall to download the 2007-2008 GABY Board Application. If you have any questions contact (916) 921-SRCF or [gaby@sacregcf.org](mailto:gaby@sacregcf.org).

### **30-second 4-H commercial spots**

4-H has recently entered a sponsorship agreement with DIC Entertainment that will give the 4-H Youth Development Program 100 30-second 4-H commercial spots. The spots are expected to reach 14.8 million youth ages 6-11 during a year-long run on *Kewlopolis*, the CBS weekend morning kids programming block. The initial commercial spots aired on September 15. In exchange, DIC Entertainment asks 4-H to spread the word throughout the 4-H community about its educational cartoon, *Horseland*. *Horseland* is a show about kids and their horses experiencing adventures with themes of friendship, teamwork, acceptance, and compassion similar to the leadership, citizenship and life skills learned through participation in 4-H. For more *Horseland* information and to download promotional tools, go to [www.fourhcouncil.edu/horseland.aspx](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/horseland.aspx).

### **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop**

A Rifle Trainer course will be held December 8 & 9, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Lakeport, CA. To receive certification you must attend both days. Upon successful completion of the course the participants will be certified as Rifle Trainers and will be able to conduct rifle leader trainings as well as lead club projects. Cost for the course is \$20 and includes meals and class materials. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. You must be an appointed 4-H leader to attend. Teen Leaders are encouraged to attend, with an adult, at no cost. Though Teen Leaders can not lead a project, they will benefit from the experience and training regarding the shooting sports project. Please send the Training Request Form (found at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shooootingsports/index.asp>) and fees payable to "Lake County 4-H Council" to UCCE Lake County, 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453.

For more registration information contact Julie Frazell at (707) 263-6838 ex. 119 or [jfrazell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfrazell@ucdavis.edu). If you have questions about the course, contact the instructor, Rick Walker at (707) 994-7531.

## **National News**

### **Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum (March 6-9 2008)**

Saddle up and Stampede to Idaho for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum. Discover the trail which leads to learning fun and round up skills to take back to your herd at home. Put your brand on some personal skills and gather up all the stray enthusiasm while having fun sharing ideas and developing skills. Clear the dust as you ride along corralling new ideas. Join over 500 volunteers from the 13 western states, and don't miss out on one of the most energizing and educational forums for 4-H volunteers. Don't get left in the dust of an event which will provide hands-on learning, and sharing of ideas, challenges and solutions.

Grap your ponies, the stampede is on!

Go to <http://www.4h.uidaho.edu> for more information





**2008 SO-CAL 4-H SUMMER CAMP - STAFF APPLICATION**  
**(Administered by Los Angeles 4-H County)**  
PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION TO THE INTERVIEW DAY!



In order to apply for 4-H Summer Camp Staff, you must be at least 14 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **4-H CLUB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CA ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age as of 1/1/2008** \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

**List Leadership Roles Outside of 4-H**

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| 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.)**

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| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |



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Please rank from 1 to 4 the staff position you would most prefer. Staff interviews will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Los Angeles County office in East LA starting at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on a first-come, first serve basis. There will be four Teams this year at Camp and all camp staff positions will be announced on January 5, 2008.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ King (supervises the Team and works directly with campers)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Queen (supervises the Team and works directly with campers)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Staff Coordinator (Assist in supervising campers who volunteer to assist the regular camp staff)
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Office (coordinates check-in, check-out, visitors, activities sign-ups, etc)
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ Nurse's Assistant (assist the Camp Nurse)
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ P.A. Operator (must bring a boom box/stereo, sets up and operates the P.A. system and music for evening programs, free-time music/announcing, flag raising and flag lowering)
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ Host/Hostess (leads Grace, admits campers to dining hall, supervise dining hall and cleanup, coordinates with kitchen staff)
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ 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)
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Support Ground Team (supervises cabin clean-up, campfires, trash and campground cleanliness)
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ Athletics (organizes and coordinates the sporting events, team play, and other activities)
- 11) \_\_\_\_\_ Handicrafts (selects crafts, supplies and assists campers with crafts)
- 12) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatics (helps supervise pool activities and coordinates with the Lifeguard, needs to take the Lifeguard Training Course)
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_ Song Leader (leads song sessions, helps with campfire programs and evening programs)
- 14) \_\_\_\_\_ Nature (leads hikes, nature walks, nature room and other activities)
- 15) \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Historian (helps out the Adult Historian, takes pictures 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, December 8, 2007 – 9:00 am – Camp 2008 Staff Interviews – Location: LA County 4-H Office  
 Saturday, January 5, 2008 – 8:00 am –4:00 pm at the County 4-H Office, - Staff Training Day  
 Saturday, April 20, 2008 – 1:00 pm – Adult/Youth Director & King/Queen Meeting, - Location: TBD  
 Saturday, May 3, 2008 – Sunday, May 4, 2008 – All Staff Training Weekend – Location: Hart Park  
 Saturday, June 7, 2008 – 8:30-3:30 pm - ACA Camp Staff Training at Cal State Northridge University  
 Saturday, June 16, 2008 – 9:00 am – Staff Readiness Meeting – Location: LA County 4-H Office  
 TBA – Pre-Camp Staff Arrival Day – Location: TBD  
 Proposed Week: Sunday, July 23, 2008 – Saturday, June 28, 2008 – 2005 4-H Summer Camp – Location: Camp Seely  
 Back-up Proposed Week: Sunday, June 29, 2008 – Saturday, July 5, 2008 – 2005 4-H Summer Camp – Location: Camp Seely  
 Saturday, July 12, 2007 – Camp Staff Beach Party, - Location: TBD

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 be received to the address below by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**. Interviews and selection by the Summer Camp Interview Committee will occur on **Saturday, December 8, 2007** at LA County 4-H Office, 4800 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90022 starting at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – first come, first interviewed.

*Send Applications to:* 4-H Summer Camp Committee | Attn.: Camp Committee Chair | PO Box 1043 | P.V.E., CA 90274-7843  
 Telephone: (213) 210-2630 / E-mail: [peter@4hsummercamp.com](mailto:peter@4hsummercamp.com)  
 Check the website for updates and camp forms: [WWW.SOCAL4HSUMMERCAMP.COM](http://WWW.SOCAL4HSUMMERCAMP.COM)



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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **4-H CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

This Letter of Recommendation is to be filled out and turned in by any Local Club Leader, Project Leader or Hi-4H Advisor (OTHER THAN PARENT !). This letter is required for all staff applicants other than those applying for Youth Director. In this Letter of Recommendation, the 4-H Summer Camp Committee would like you to honestly CHECK strengths or weaknesses of the candidate in the following categories:

	STRENGTH					WEAKNESS				
<i>Place an X under the appropriate scale; asterisk and explain or comment below if necessary</i>										
<b>Scale</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

1. **Leadership** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Attitude** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Initiative** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Cooperation** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Judgment** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Personality** \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Citizenship** \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Reliability** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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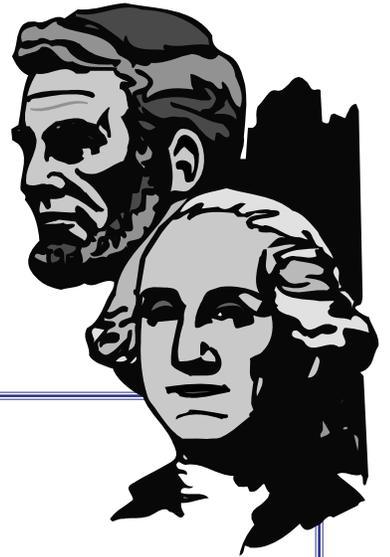
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Please mail this Letter of Recommendation to be received to the address below by Wednesday, November 14, 2007 Staff interviews and selection will occur on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Los Angeles County Office.

*Send Recommendations to:* 4-H Summer Camp Committee | Attn.: Camp Committee Chair | PO Box 1043 | P.V.E., CA 90274-7843  
 Telephone: (213) 210-2630 / E-mail: [peter@4hsummercamp.com](mailto:peter@4hsummercamp.com)  
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# 2008 Study Travel Adventures for Teens and Adults



**California Focus**  
June 27 - July 1, 2008  
Sacramento, California

**Teens - \$495.00**

**Adults - \$590.00**

Enrollment is open to all adult 4-H leaders and to youth members that have completed the 8th grade.

## **Washington Focus #1**

**“Global Journey”**

**June 29 - July 9, 2008**

**\$2,250.00**

*For those who wish to travel on a 9 day trip to Washington, D.C.,  
Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.*

**“Heritage Trail I”**

**June 29 - July 5, 2008**

**\$1,665.00**

*For those who prefer to limit their travel to Washington, D.C.  
(To travel on the Heritage Trail trip, a 4-H leader must accompany the county delegation )*

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## **Washington Focus #2**

**“Road to Democracy”**

**July 6 - 14, 2008**

**\$1,895.00**

*For those who wish to travel on a 11 day trip to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York.*

**“Heritage Trail II”**

**July 6 - 12, 2008**

**\$1,665.00**

*For those who prefer to limit their travel to Washington, D.C.  
(To travel on the Heritage Trail trip, a 4-H leader must accompany the county delegation )*

Washington Focus Programs are open to all adult 4-H leaders and to all youth members who have completed their sophomore year in high school or will be 16 years of age by the time of travel.

## **Washington Focus Program**

The California Washington Focus Program provides an opportunity for California 4-H members and volunteer leaders to participate in the Citizenship Washington Focus at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland as well as make a real impact in their own community through a Plan of Action.

During the program at the National 4-H Center, participants will look at the challenging issues facing our country today, take a look behind the scenes in our nation's capital and meet their legislators. They will be involved in workshops, tours, and assemblies in Washington, D.C. that will further their study of America's role in the world. This unique program combines educational workshops and simulations with field trips that will provide each delegate with a deeper understanding and appreciation of their American heritage.

Before their departure, delegates widen their experience with community action by implementing a "Plan of Action" in their community. They will learn the true meaning of citizenship as they organize and participate in an effort to effect positive change in their community. Before they travel, plans are submitted to the State 4-H Office and a special pin is awarded to all active members of the county team. Washington Focus can be the beginning of a life of public participation that leaves each delegate with a strong determination to become involved.

## **California Focus Program**

California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites in California. California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure that allows delegates to experience state government. As a citizen of "Sierra Cascade" delegates register to vote, conduct a political campaign, elect constitutional offices, analyze the needs and issues of your district, and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make your bill a law.

Legislative appointments at the Capitol will allow delegates to meet face-to-face with their senators and assembly person to discuss current issues, learn how proposals are funded, and advocate for issues critical to them and their fellow constituents.

Delegates extend their learning as they prepare and present a "Plan of Action" to implement back home in their respective communities. Outstanding plans are showcased at the conference and once the Plan of Action final report is filed with the California 4-H Youth Development state office in the spring, a specially designed citizenship pin is awarded to each member of the county team. California Focus can be the beginning of a life of public participation that leaves you with a strong determination to become involved with the political process.

# Calendar of Events

## November

3 2<sup>nd</sup> AV Horse Show 8AM  
 7 NSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.  
 8 I&R mtg.  
 10 County Council mtg.  
 12 Veterans Day (Office Closed)  
 13 SSG Leaders & Hi 4-H mtg.  
 14 Camp Staff Apps due  
 15 SGV Fair mtg.  
 16-18 State Leaders Forum  
 17 AV District Shoot  
 20 AV Horse Committee mtg.  
 22 Thanksgiving (Office Closed 22-23)  
 26 AV Council mtg./ Hi 4-H & Horse mtg.

## December

5 NSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.  
 8 Camp Staff Interviews  
 11 SSG Leaders & Hi 4-H mtg.  
 20 SGV Fair mtg.  
 24 Office Closed  
 25 Merry Christmas  
 31 New Year's Eve (Office Closed)

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### 4-H All Stars

The All-Star Advisors are:

➤ **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:

- **Felicia Byrne**
- **Terra Chapman**
- **Desiree Cramer**
- **Vanessa Cramer**
- **Heather Ealy**
- **Tiffany Okamoto**
- **Brian Otto**
- **Camille Sheardown**

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