

## **County Incentive and Recognition Committee Report**

by Noel Keller, Committee Chair

### **County events awards**

The awards results of the County Judging Day and the County Field Day appeared in Clover Notes for all to see. We encourage the Chairs of all county events to prepare articles listing the event award results for Clover Notes. We suggest that lists of the event awards be posted on the county 4-H website.

### **2012-2013 LA County 4-H Leaders' Council I & R Committee**

The current county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG district, Dee Keese and Rick Herbert from SSG district and Carrie DeYoung from SFV district. Districts should now be electing their representatives to the county Incentives and Recognition Committee for 2012-13. Each district should have two elected representatives on the committee. The committee will meet this next year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday when possible, and if not, on the second Thursday of the month. Contact an I&R representative if you have topics, comments or suggestions for the committee to discuss.

### **2012 Officer Book forms**

All club and Hi-4H officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year. Officers should be working on this now. Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a Gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work.

### **2012 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day**

The forms and information for the 2012 LA County Record Book Competition will be available on the county website soon. The competition will be much the same as it has been in the past. Senior members should be using the 2011 version of the record forms. Juniors and Intermediates will be allowed to use the 2008 or the 2011 version of the record forms. Records kept on the new On-line recordkeeping system will need to be printed out to be submitted in a hardcopy form in a record book. Record books submitted for the county competition will be due to the 4-H office by 4pm on Tuesday, September 11 or to a member of the I&R Committee by 9pm on Wednesday, September 12. Record book judging will occur on Saturday, September 15 and 22.

The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 13" at the LA 4H office after the county 4-H Pet Symposium .

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### **2012 State Record Book Competition**

The California State Record Book competition will be much the same as last year, with the exception that Senior records must be submitted on the new 2011 form versions.

### **New 2011 version of the State Record Book Manual**

In September, 2011 a new 2011 version of the state Record Book forms was released on the state 4-H website. The September 2011 version replaces the 2008 version of the manual.

### **Junior/Teen Leader Merit Awards**

As part of the county annual record judging, 4-H junior and teen members are invited to have their records evaluated for a Leader Merit Award. This award is to recognize outstanding leadership by Junior and Teen Leaders. A member request on their ID form for the county record book judging form that their records be evaluated for a merit award. A member may only earn a Junior Leader Merit Award once and a Teen Merit Award once.

To be considered for a leader merit award, the 4-H member must be enrolled in a Leadership project and complete the Annual Project Report form for the Leadership project. The member must also complete a Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report for 2011-2012 to be considered for the award. Both forms are available on the County website under Record Book forms.

### **All-Star Program**

LA County 4-H All-Star is the highest county rank a member can earn. The applications for 2012-13 LA County 4-H All-Star were due March 1, 2012. There were no All-Star applications submitted this year, but several are expected to apply for 2013-14. All-Star responsibilities for this next year will be fulfilled by the county All-Star Team of prior year active All-Stars with the assistance of the 2012-13 Junior All-Star Project members.

### **Friends of 4-H**

Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and /or organizations that have been particularly helpful to the LA County 4-H program. Each district is encouraged to submit names to the County council for a Friend of 4-H award. Up to five such awards can be made for a year. Districts were asked to submit the names for consideration to the Council President Judylynn Pelling by March 1. None were submitted by March 1, but today districts will be asked if there are any nominations for Friends of 4H for 2012 to still be submitted for consideration.

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