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If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please don't hesitate to call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or email at rhillstock@ucdavis.edu. We welcome submissions, especially for Club News. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to be posted in the following months' edition.

We hope you enjoy the new look and format and we look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or 323-260-3854. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#).

COUNTY

- **Judging Day** - 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 28, 2009 at Antelope Valley High School. Additional information has been sent to your Club Leader and available online at: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/60831.pdf>. Contact Charlene Moore at (661) 723-4477 for further questions.
- **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 scheduled for March 28, 2009. 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 encourage 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 scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009. Keep a look out for more Field Day information to come.

- **Los Angeles County 4-H Science Fair** - It's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Science Fair. The Science Fair/Symposium will be on April 18th 2009 at Aero Sports Skypark Corporation, 4171 Knox, Rosamond California 93560 (Rosamond Airport). Click [here](#) to download the tentative schedule. 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/>

- **Summer Camp 2009 Leadership Team**

Head Hi-4-H Director Jason Franco, Foothill 4-H, NSG
Head Adult Director Peter Michel, PVP 4-H, SSG

Summer Camp, as always, promises to be lots of fun. The Hi 4-H and adult staff have planned an eventful week from June 21 – June 27, 2009, including handicrafts, swimming, nature hikes, skits and much more.

Summer Camp Location

Camp Seeley is the site of the 2009 4-H Summer Camp. Camp Seeley is located near Crestline, in the San Bernardino Mountains. Camp Seeley is owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department. The Los Angeles County 4-H Youth Development Program leases the facility for the week. Our 4-H Camp Program is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA). We are visited every 3 years with a battery of standards to comply with, and Summer Camp 2006 was the latest visit...our rating was 97%.

Who Will Be There?

4-H Members ages 8 to 19 (as of January 1 of 2009) are eligible to attend Summer Camp. F.Y.I. (no outside guests are permitted; unless they have been approved in advance by the county office...no exceptions!)

CHAPERONES NEEDED!!!

As with any 4-H event, Chaperones are needed. This need is great for Summer Camp as it a weeklong activity. Each 4-H Club sending 4-H'ers to Summer Camp is required to send one chaperone for each six campers: two chaperones for seven to twelve campers; three chaperones for 13 to 18 campers etc. We are looking for 4-H Leaders who would enjoy a week away from home working with a dedicated 4-H Volunteer staff at Camp Seeley.

For more 4-H Summer Camp information go to: <http://www.4hsummercamp.com/>

- **Los Angeles County, 4-H Leaders' Council** – The Los Angeles County, 4-H Leaders' Council is a group of 4-H Leaders that meets bi-monthly and organizes many 4-H activities for Los Angeles County. Find out who hold what seat, read past minutes and agendas for future meetings at: http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Los_Angeles_4-H_Leaders_Council/. The next Leader's Council meeting will be January 31, 2009 from 10-noon, at the LA Office.
- **A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

We would love to see all the fun activities your club has been involved in throughout the year. Please send in any photos of your club activities/events that you would like to be included in the slideshow for the Leaders' Luncheon and special newsletter features. You can email them to: dafuller@ucdavis.edu. Here's looking at you!

- **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 15th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

- **Dates To Remember:**
 - 2/8 Camp Committee Mtg.
 - 2/13 AV Horse Bowl Quiz
 - 2/14 Valentines Day
 - 2/16 Presidents Day (Office Closed)
 - 2/25-3/1 Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF)
 - **2/28 County Judging Day (AV High School)**
 - 3/7 AV Food & Fashion Revue
 - 3/8 NSG Home Ec. & Field Day
 - 3/12 I&R meeting
 - 3/14 AV 4-H Gymkhana
 - 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
 - **3/21 County Council Mtg.**
 - 3/28 County Field Day & Fashion Revue
 - **3/31 Cesar E. Chavez (office closed)**

STATE

- **The Volunteer Leader website** is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu
- **2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest** - 4-H members may enter the 2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. The 2009 essay topic is "The Dance Language of Bees." Essays are due February 13, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2009BeekeepingEssay.pdf>.
- **Class of 2009 4-H Hall of Fame** - Do you know of a 4-H volunteer, supporter, staff member or other 4-H pioneer deserving of recognition for their significant contributions and dedication to 4-H programs? Nominations are now being accepted for the Class of 2009 4-H Hall of Fame. Each nomination can be sent to the CA State 4-H Office, attn: Mignonne Pollard at mypollard@ucdavis.edu. The deadline to submit nominations to the state office is: February 13, 2009. Click [here](#) for the nomination form.
- **The UC Davis Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day** - The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is pleased to announce the 33rd Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day. This year's event will take place on March 6th and 7th, with an estimated 3,000 FFA and 4-H students in attendance. The UC Davis Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day consists of 26 judging events and leadership contests that are all facilitated by current UC Davis undergraduate students. Registration deadline: February 13: Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due and February 20: Registration closed. Please register as soon as possible to ensure space for your teams. Ali Zike can be contacted if you have any questions regarding this year's Field Day at: fiellday@ucdavis.edu, or visit our website for more information at: <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/StudInfo/clubs/NewsEvents/Events/fieldday>. We look forward to seeing your club on March 6-7th!
- **Present a mini-track or workshop at the 2009 California 4-H State Leadership Conference**, August 6 - 9, 2009, "SLC: It's a BIG Deal." Mini-Track (2.5 hours on Friday, August 7) and workshop (1.25 hours on Saturday, August 8) proposals are now being accepted. Sessions should focus on science, engineering and technology (SET), community service, citizenship or leadership topics. Proposals are due Friday, February 27, 2009. Forms are available [here](#).
- **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop (Rifle Discipline), Bakersfield, CA** - A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the

participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

Saturday, February 28, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://www.5dogsrange.com>

- **The State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee** - The State 4-H Horse Classic, educational events for Spring 2009, and championship horse show in Summer 2009 are all currently being planned. The State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee is narrowing dates and confirming locations. Visit the web site regularly for updates <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. The 2008 results are posted and winners from all years are also listed. The 2009 information will be posted in December.
- **Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum (WRLF)** - Roundup your leaders and head to Colorado for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum February 25 - March 1, 2009. Discover the trail which leads to fun and learning to take back to the herd at home. Teens, ages 14 and up, are invited to attend this leadership conference (February 25 - 28, 2009). Several workshops will be dedicated to teens as well as other teen activities. Two off-site events are also being planned. Go to: <http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09/index.shtml> for more information.
- **The 32nd Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium**, presented by the American Youth Horse Council (AYHC), will be held on March 27 through 29, 2009 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Symposium will again include a variety of presentations including live horse demonstrations, roundtable sessions, and classroom presentations on a variety of topics. Additionally, kickoff reception, vendor booths, a silent auction and the Youth Leaders Celebration Awards Banquet allow attendees to have fun and interact throughout the weekend. For more information go to: www.ayhc.com or call 800-TRY-AYHC or email info@ayhc.com.
- **"Hero Packs" for children in Southern California** - 4-H and Red Cross are partnering together to collect, pack and distribute "Hero Packs" for children in Southern California whose parents are serving in the military and are currently deployed. Items needed for the packs include pre-paid phone cards, postage stamps, stationary, disposable cameras, pens, pencils, new stuffed animals, and entertainment vouchers (movie tickets, video store, miniature golf, etc.). A Hero Pack Party to assemble the packs is scheduled for March 21, 2009. If your club would like to donate items for the packs or your time to assemble packs please contact Chanda Gonzales at chandagonzales@gmail.com or 951-323-7421.
- **4-H State Ambassador** - The 2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2009, have leadership and event planning experience, and ability to represent the 4-H YDP. 4-H State Ambassadors plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference, represent the California 4-H YDP, and conduct team projects. Applications are due March 31, 2009 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>.
- **4-H Scholarships for higher education** - The California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education, in part through offering financial assistance in the form of scholarships. Statewide scholarships are available, with help from donors, for graduating high school and college-attending students. Candidates were 4-H members in high school, and may now apply for funds to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, room and board, and other educational expenses. Go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/>
- Mark your calendars now to attend the **2009 State 4-H Field Day** on May 30, 2009 at UC Davis! The 8th annual State 4-H Field Day will be an event for the entire family, with both competitive and fun activities! Present a demonstration, participate in the fashion revue, take the plant science test or draw a logo for 2010! Bring a new or used stuffed animal to help us reach our goal of 250 teddy bears to donate to local children's hospitals! Learn more about the State 4-H Field Day at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>.
- **4-H Members: Are you ready to conduct a 4-H Presentation?** Many types of presentation await you:

demonstrations, science demonstrations, displays, speeches, readings, and more! The 4-H Presentation Manual,

2009 Impromptu categories and list of 2009 Sectional 4-H Presentation Days is now available online at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/>. If you receive a gold at your county and sectional 4-H presentation days, plan to present at the 2009 State 4-H Presentation Day on May 30, 2009 at UC Davis!

- The **2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee needs your input and help! There are many opportunities for committee positions for both teens and adults. You don't even need to know how to sew! 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue is returning **Saturday, May 30** as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Divisions and classes will remain the same as previous years except the Challenge class which is an apron made from Simplicity pattern #9565. All counties are encouraged to hold qualifying events or publicize alternate methods for delegate selection. Complete details will be posted in December to the state 4-H website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>. Please contact Sue Moore, 4-H staff liaison, at samoore@ucdavis to be part of the state committee.
- **Bring Home the World!** – Does your family enjoy the exposure to different cultures but you're not able to find the time to travel to other countries? Looking for a low-cost international experience in which the whole family can participate and grow? The California 4-H International Exchange Month-Long Hosting Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchange student from Costa Rica, Finland or Japan. Host family applications are being accepted now for the summer 2009 program in hopes that all placements are made by early May. In addition, 4-H members and leaders can participate in the Australia Outbound Program in 2009. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/>. Or contact Pat English at 530-754-8520 or penglish@ucdavis.edu.
- **Domestic exchange with a 4-H club** - Is your club looking for an opportunity to participate in a domestic exchange with a 4-H club in another part of the U.S? Lancaster County, PA 4-H is hoping to establish a domestic exchange for 2009-10 or 2010-11 with an interested California 4-H group. Scenic Lancaster County includes Amish country and is centrally located close to Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Washington DC and Hershey. For those interested, please contact Sharon Sherick at ssherick@dejazzd.com.

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