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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



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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](#).

CLUB

- [Undersea Voyager Project and the 4-H Science, Education, and Technology Initiative](#)
Andrea Donellan, Alta-Pasa Squad 4-H Club, Community Club Leader

The Undersea Voyager Project is participating with 4-H, a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills. Many organizations, including 4-H and the Undersea Voyager Project, recognize that our youth are falling dangerously behind other nations in developing its future scientists, engineers, and technologies.

4-H has started a five-year [science, engineering, and technology initiative](#) to ensure global competitiveness by preparing our country's next generation of science, engineering, and technology leaders. The goal is to keep up with increasing demand for professionals trained in these fields.

On April 25, 2009, the Great White Submersible was on display at the San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair at the Chino Fairgrounds in southern California. Youth and adults indicated substantial interest in the Undersea Voyager Project and were excited to see a research submersible up close and in person. Bob Oberto was on hand to explain the project, submersible operations, and upcoming experiments and transects.



Bob Oberto and Soren Pedersen at the San Gabriel County 4-H Fair

DISTRICT

- **The San Gabriel Valley 4H Fair from a perspective of a new member**
Alex Kasperovich, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4H Club

Recently, the 4-H clubs of multiple communities gathered at the San Gabriel Fair to display the projects and animals they had put so much effort into throughout the past year. Many interesting activities were available, such as the opportunity table (a raffle with great prizes) and the activities table (a source of entertainment for the younger 4-H'ers) It was very exciting for me to attend, and I learned a lot from the events and posters. For example, the lecture before releasing the pigeons was quite interesting and very enlightening. Also, I learned something about judging: judges value appearance and quality over quantity. Overall, the San Gabriel Fair was a lot of fun, and I look forward to visiting it again next year.

COUNTY

- **Great News** - California 4-H was selected to pilot a training program for the 4-H Power of Wind Curriculum. You are invited to participate in this one time opportunity held June 11-12, 2009 at the UC ANR Ext. Bldg. in Riverside. The program is two full days of actual training on four modules. Incorporated into the training are the four SET competency areas – youth development, science process, science content and science practice while participating in experiential opportunities!! For more information go to:
http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/Events_and_Activities.htm
- **Online Enrollment** – Los Angeles County 4-H is transitioning to the Online Enrollment System starting July 1, 2009. Each family will need to create a family profile and enroll each 4-H member separately under that profile. We have a cheat sheet that will provide you step by step instructions to enroll and add projects. You can access this sheet by clicking [here](#). The 4-H Online Enrollment website is:
<https://california.4honline.com/>. Create your profile and re-enroll now for the next program year. You can do this anytime from now until December 31st (to compete at fair). Remember, you must be currently enrolled to participate in 4-H and 4-H activities. If you have any questions please call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854.
- **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).

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

- **2009 4-H Pet Symposium - Save the Date!**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

This year, our *4-H Pet Symposium* will be held the same day as our *County Awards Day*, on **Saturday, October 10, 2009** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** I know all of you are very busy, but we really hope that you will be able to join us for this informative, fun-filled day. What a wonderful way for the community to see all the great things 4-H youth can learn and do!

- **The La Habra Valley Community Fair** - The La Habra Valley Community Fair is organized and operated with 100% volunteer efforts. Leaders from the community and participating 4-H & FFA clubs come together to make this fair possible. The La Habra Valley Fair will be held June 12th, 13th & 14th at Sonora High School in La Habra. For more information go to: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/67030.pdf> to download the Competition Guide or go to: <http://habra.fairmanager.com/default.aspx> to register.
- **Come visit the Museum of Tolerance (MOT)** - Engage in the Tolerancenter's state-of-the-art interactive exhibits that expose the dynamics of prejudice and discrimination historically and today. Witness history as you journey through the Holocaust exhibit and receive a photo passport card of a child whose life was changed by the Holocaust. Group rates available. For more information go to: www.museumoftolerance.com
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Army Reserves need 4-H's help with some upcoming Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) Events. The 63rd RSC/RRC is preparing for the upcoming YRRP events that focus on preparing, sustaining, and reintegrating our Soldiers and Families throughout their deployment cycles. If you would like to showcase your 4-H club or volunteer your time by providing fun youth activities for military kids during the event please contact Sylena Wise at 530-752-8585 or smwise@ucdavis.edu. Funding is available to purchase supplies for these events.

 - **Los Angeles, CA--June 6, 2009** from 9:30 am to 4pm.
 - **Los Angeles, CA-- August 8, 2009** from 9:30 am to 4 pm
- **Check that all 4-H forms are completed correctly** - As we approach the end of this 4-H year, we again want to remind leaders and members that it is important that 4-H forms are completed correctly. Don't wait until the end of the year when everything is in a rush. Remember to have the records reviewed and signed by the appropriate leaders on time. Observe the deadlines when records must be turned in for evaluation and competition. It is not the responsibility of leaders to turn in member records, but as a courtesy to their members, some leaders do turn their members' records in for the competition.
- **County Record Book Judging** - All LA County 4-H Junior, Intermediate and Senior members are invited to enter their 4-H records (on the state forms) in the county competition. Record Books due to LA and AV offices by 4pm September 15, 2009 Record Books due to I&R committee members by 10pm on September 16, 2009. Record Book judging will be September 19 & 26, 2009 with winners announced at County Awards Day, October 10, 2009 after the 4-H Pet Symposium. Remember to enter your 4-H activity information on the "new" state record book forms.
- **Forms for Recordkeeping - Making the Best Better** - The State 4-H asked members to make suggestions for improvements to the new recordkeeping forms that were used last year. A few modifications have been made to the forms so be sure to use the newest version when you do your records. The 4-H Record Book Manual, dated February 2008, is the most current. Look for the phrase "California 4-H Record Book Manual 2008" on the most current forms. A summary of the modifications to the forms can be found at: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/65994.pdf>
- **2008-2009 Officer Book competition** - Officer books for the 2008-2009 competition will be due to the 4-H Office (LA or AV) by 4pm on September 15, 2009. The book must be submitted with a completed ID form. The 2009 ID form and guidelines are available online at: http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/Applications.htm. Start planning to enter an officer book now. Earn a medal for your officer book. Medals are given for Best in District and Best in

County in each of the seven categories of the competition: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter, Historian, and Other Officers.

The books will be judged after the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting on September 19, 2009.

Experienced leaders are requested to volunteer as judges. Contact Noel Keller (909-621-2373) to volunteer to judge. The results will be announced in the district Achievement programs, usually in October.

- **Be a 4-H All-Star** - All-Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the County level. The All-Star award affords 4-H members the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills on a countywide basis. Each year Los Angeles County selects several 4-H members who have applied and are deserving of this rank to become All-Stars. The Los Angeles County 4-H All-Star application will be available soon on the County's website soon. Keep a look out!
- **Emerald Star Project** - The Emerald Star program is an expanded Leadership opportunity. If a member has earned a Gold Star Rank or will be 16 by January 1, 2009, they can consider doing an advanced leadership project and earn an Emerald Star for their hat. What activity could they plan and run to benefit the county 4-H program or their community? **An Emerald Star Project can be started at any time during the year.** Call the 4-H office 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.

This is a great opportunity to do some service for the 4-H program or your community. Examples of successful Emerald Star projects include 4-H being in an entry for the Rose Parade, organizing a community effort to "fix up" a women's shelter, setting up the Entry by Video option for county field day. Can you think of something that you would like added to the LA County 4-H program? Consider working on setting up these types of activities as an Emerald Star Project.

- **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!

- **4-H Million Tree Project** - The 4-H Million Tree Project was conceived after a 4Her decided to do something big to help combat climate change. The goal of this project is to mobilize the approximate 7 million 4-H youth across the US and Canada to participate in the project to plant a million trees across the continent to help reduce atmospheric CO₂. The 4-H Million Tree Project hopes to empower a generation of leaders by teaching the 4Hers they can make a difference both individually and as a group. For more information go to: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/63104.pdf>.
- **Money Talks Curriculum** - The purpose of the Money Talks curriculum is to create a multi-cultural curriculum that provides teens with accurate, non-biased information and hands on experiences in financial management. The curriculum consists of upbeat and colorful newsletters; a video on savings, "Making Your Dreams Come True"; and a bi-lingual website. The website contains downloadable versions of all the newsletters, interactive games, simple exercises, the savings video and links to other financial sites. Teens can send questions and our in-house financial adviser will post answers to the website.

Try out this website and let us know what you think. There are lots of incentives for participating so have fun!!!

Money Talks: Financial Literacy Program for Teens: www.moneytalks4teens.org

- **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, rhillstock@ucdavis.edu.
- **Dates To Remember:**
 - 6/3 NSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
 - 6/6 ACA Summer Camp Staff Training Day
 - 6/13 Sectional Council & Teen Council mtg.
 - **6/21-27 4-H Summer Camp**
 - 6/22 AV Council mtg. / Hi 4-H mtg. / Horse mtg.
 - 6/30 AV District Fair Event Horse Show/Gymkhana
 - 7/4 Independence Day
 - **7/11 County Council mtg. (LA Office)**
 - 7/14 AV Horse Committee mtg.
 - 7/18 Camp Committee mtg.
 - 7/25 Summer Camp Staff Beach Party
 - 7/26 AV District Awards Banquet
 - 7/27 AV Council mtg. / Hi 4-H mtg. / Horse mtg.

SECTIONAL

- **Sectional Field Day**
Dee Keese, Sectional Field Day Representative

Sectional Field was a tremendous success for Los Angeles County 4Hers. We had many sectional gold medal winners who will be attending State Field Day on May 30th. JudyLynn Pelling was honored at Sectional Field Day this year for all of her continued volunteerism for 4H beyond the County level. Noel Keller continues to be in charge of every facet of Sectional Field Day in particular Share the Fun.

Jessica Kwan, Stephanie Kwan and Keita DeCarlo impressed the leaders in charge of the 7 county event by arriving at 7am in the morning and helping every where possible. Fern Vacca, from Ventura County, sent an email expressing her appreciation and high regard for our Los Angeles County Allstars. They made quite an impression. Great day for all of us.

- Come and help educate our youth in our 17th Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) from January 13-17, 2010 by providing a workshop. The conference is expected to draw over an estimated 100 youth ages 14-19 this year from Southern California to learn and laugh together as they're invited for an action packed weekend at Pathfinder Ranch in Mountain Center, California located just outside Idyllwild and the San Bernardino National Forest. You can get the Workshop Proposal Form from: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/southcouncil/teen/> as well as other useful information. The deadline for the TIC Workshop Proposals is July 13, 2009.

STATE

- The **2009 4-H State Leadership Conference** will be held August 6-9, 2009 at UC Merced! UC Merced is the 10th campus in the prestigious University of California system and is proud to host this year's conference! High school 4-H members, adult 4-H volunteer and staff are invited to attend the conference. Delegates will stay in the residence halls, eat in the dining commons, participate in educational tracks and workshops, be motivated by Joyce Ester, Keith Davis and Cary Trivanovich, and engage in evening recreation! Financial aid is available for youth delegates and due by May 15, 2009. Registration materials will be available by April 6 at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/> and due by Friday, June 12, 2009.

- 4-H members, volunteers and staff are invited to volunteer and lead hands-on **Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET)** activities at the California State Fair. The dates will be August 21-23, 2009. The deadline to sign-up is June 15. Please contact Michelle Johnson at 916-263-7914 for more information.
- **The Championship Horse Show** will be held June 26-28 at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville. Entries are due June 1st! For more information and entry forms, visit <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>.
- The second part of the 2 events that make up the Annual State 4-H Classic is the **State 4-H Horse Classic Championship Horse Show**. This will be held June 25-28, 2009 at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville, CA. Click [here](#) for more information. Contact Jeanne George, jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu for any questions.
- Do you need money to carry out your service project? Each year the California State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the California 4-H Service Learning RFP. Groups can request up to \$5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application and information is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>. Examples of past projects are also listed. The application is due September 15, 2009.
- 4-H club support funding is available through the **Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund** for California 4-H members or volunteers. Funding is intended for activities that meet the following criteria: 1) enable youth to develop citizenship, leadership, or life skills; 2) support the development of new and innovative 4-H projects benefiting 4-H members; 3) increase public awareness of the 4-H Youth Development Program; 4) expand the reach of the 4-H Youth Development Program (new youth, new audiences); 5) provide continuing benefit to the applicant's local 4-H Club or project. Application information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/>. Applications are due **September 15, 2009**.
- **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.
- **California 4-H International Exchange** - Looking for an amazing 4-H opportunity? Then consider the California 4-H International Exchange. Curious about other cultures but can't find the time or money to travel? Interested in anime or manga? Want to improve your language and communication skills? Bring the world home by hosting a summer month-long international exchange student from Costa Rica, Finland, or Japan this coming summer. Welcome a student from another country and share an incredible experience with your whole family. Information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/> or by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.
- The 2009 California State 4-H Leader's Forum will be held November 6-8, 2009. This year's theme is "4-H Past, Present, and Future". If you are interested in hosting a workshop, proposals are due by June 25, 2009. The registration packet is now available at <http://clubs.ca4h.org/nsection/SLF09/index.htm>. For any questions, you may contact Richard Meade at rmeade@csuchico.edu or Tammy McFarland at 530-268-4665.

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