



## August 2010

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](mailto: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.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or 323-260-3854. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#). We look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

### POLICY

#### Policy Highlight of the Month

##### **\*Policy Highlight of the Month: 4-H Essential Elements**

While the program year officially started July 1, many of you will begin hosting your community club and project meetings this month. As we greet new members and families to 4-H as well as welcome back returning families, we are reminded of the significant role that 4-H plays in the lives of youth and their families. In a lot of cases, 4-H is situated as the central out of school/after school extra-curricular activity for youth. This gives us a unique opportunity to enhance their lives in meaningful and engaging ways. One way to do this is to be sure that we understand and are committed to the 4-H Essential Elements. The elements are guideposts to help us gauge the effectiveness of our programs and projects. They remind us that youth do not join 4-H, they Belong to 4-H; they have a chance to Master relevant skills; they become connected to the larger community through Generosity; they learn to make choices by practicing Independence. Every project and project meeting, all 4-H events and experiences should provide every youth access to any or all of the 4-H elements.

I refer you the 4-H Policy Handbook to get more information on the 4-H Essential Elements. I would also encourage you to ask yourself these questions when planning the next 4-H experience (i.e., club meeting, project meeting, All-Star meeting):

1. Do youth have an opportunity to build skills toward mastery?
2. Are youth involved in the planning and execution of the meeting or experience?
3. Will this experience be remembered?
4. Will the youth have a chance to practice and to apply their learning?

They are defined more clearly in Chapter 4 of the 4-H Policy Handbook. Check in the documents section: [http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/4h\\_elements.htm](http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/about/4h_elements.htm)

\*reprint from September 2009

- **Welcome Shadow Hills & Agoura Hills 4-H!**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Two wonderful 4-H clubs will be joining the Los Angeles County 4-H Youth Development Program: **Shadow Hills 4-H Club** and **Agoura Hills 4-H Club**. Both clubs have been around for a very long time, and for many years have been participating in the Ventura County 4-H Program. With some changes throughout the state and clubs that are geographically located within a county's boundary are being directed to operate out of that Extension office. In the case of Shadow Hills and Agoura, this would be Los Angeles. We couldn't be more thrilled to have both Shadow Hills and Agoura Hills 4-H as a part of Los Angeles County 4-H!

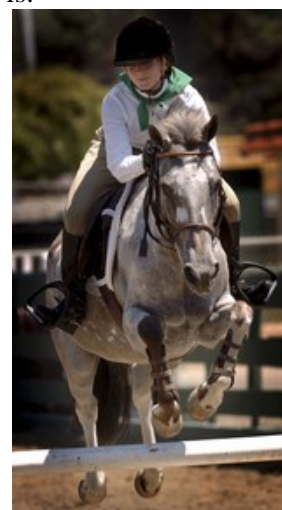
**Shadow Hills 4-H Club** has been around for 35 years! The Co-Community Club Leaders are **Sharon Brumnett** and **Tom Webb**. Both are excellent leaders with many skills to lend to the program and a great love of 4-H. Sharon's involvement in the club spans many years, and she is a very important resource to both youth and adults in her club and community. The club's Co-Community Club Leader, Tom Webb, has already arranged a beneficial meeting for Los Angeles County 4-H with Pierce College! Tom also coordinates correspondence for the club. His email is: [Thedbltranch@aol.com](mailto:Thedbltranch@aol.com).

**Agoura Hills 4-H Club** is another long-standing club with a great history of fun projects and dedicated leaders. One need look no further than Community Club Leader, **Joy Harrison**, whose experience and devotion to 4-H will be an asset to the Los Angeles County 4-H Program. Joy's email is: [joyanddavid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joyanddavid@sbcglobal.net).

Shadow Hills 4-H and Agoura Hills 4-H will be part of the newly re-formed San Fernando Valley District (and we are thrilled to have two more clubs in the SFV). Both clubs are exceptionally active in Equine Projects, and offer an array of projects that may be interesting and engaging for kids in the SFV District (even goats!). Shadow Hills 4-H and Agoura Hills 4-H even made the news recently following their top-notch Western Riding, English Riding, jumping and showmanship at the recent 4-H and Grange Horse Show, which took place at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Look here to read a great article about the event and how well the youth in these clubs did at the event:

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/jul/17/riders-vie-at-fairgrounds-horse-show/>

We are all looking forward very much to working on events and maybe even doing some cross-club projects, within the San Fernando Valley District. We hope to see many new faces at Los Angeles County 4-H events, and we know all of you will make these two impressive clubs feel welcome!



- **UC Cooperative Extension Staff Award and Appointment**

**Dr. Keith Nathaniel**, Los Angeles County 4-H Youth Development Advisor, was recently selected as a Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recipient for 2010 by the NAE4-HA Member Recognition Committee (National Association of Extension 4-H Agents). He will be recognized during the NAE4-HA awards banquet on **Wednesday, October 27, 2010**, at their national meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Nathaniel is being honored for his hard work, expertise and professionalism in the 4-H Youth Development Program by his colleagues around the nation.

**Dawn Fuller**, Los Angeles County 4-H Program Coordinator, was appointed by the governor's office to the State of California 48<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association's Schools' and Nutrition Fair Board on **June 28, 2010**. The 48<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association is a state entity, one of the 78 fair districts in the state. The 48<sup>th</sup> Schools' Ag and Nutrition Fair takes place each April at the Pomona Fairplex. Youth are invited to compete both individually and in their classes with agricultural and nutrition based-projects in art, photography, horticulture, posters quilts, mission models, science projects and trout in the classroom in the Greater Los Angeles Basin.

- **Los Angeles County 4-H Pet Symposium--Save the Date!**

We are beginning to plan our **Los Angeles County 4-H Pet Symposium** and **County Awards Day** which will take place on **Saturday, October 9, 2010**, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** There will be a lot of fun learning opportunities for youth on this day, and what a wonderful way for the community to see all the great things 4-H youth can learn and do! Each year, the 4-H districts of Los Angeles County rotate responsibilities for putting together the County Awards Day Event. Here is the 2010 listing of district responsibilities:

- Program: AV
- Publicity: SSG
- Decorations & Set-up: SFV
- Refreshments: NSG
- Clean Up: ALL

- **Summer Time, Fair Time**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

We all look forward to summer time...brimming bowls of crisp fruit, tall glasses of frosty sweet tea, lazy afternoons in the sun by the pool, playing with friends, family vacations, and for many, fairs. Here are two of the fun upcoming fairs you can participate in, or just attend:

***Antelope Valley Fair*** (August 20-29, 2010)

2551 West Avenue H, Suite 102

Lancaster, CA 93536

<http://www.avfair.com/index.asp>

***Los Angeles County Fair*** (September 4-October 3, 2010)

1101 W. McKinley Ave.,

Pomona, CA 91768

<http://www.lacountyfair.com/2010/>

See you at the fair!

- **Outreach Round-Up**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

On **Wednesday, July 7, 2010**, Los Angeles County 4-H provided a 4-H "Water Quality" activity for youth at the Sierra Madre Public Library. On **Tuesday, July 13, 2010**, Co-Community Club Leader for Shadow Hills 4-H Club, **Tom Webb**, arranged a productive meeting for Los Angeles County 4-H with the Pierce College Ag Department. As a result of this meeting, a new partnership is being formed wherein LA County 4-H may be invited to hold annual 4-H events on the Pierce Campus (i.e. Judging Day, Field Day) and likewise, 4-H will invite Pierce instructors to work with youth in project work and provide guest speakers at major 4-H events. Pierce College has a fabulous new equestrian center and is in the midst of completing renovating their special horticulture complex which will include classrooms, soil labs, greenhouses, nurseries, a courtyard and an event pavilion. We look forward to working with Pierce College and many thanks Tom!

- **Online Re-Enrollment** – The time is coming for current 4-H members and leaders to re-enroll. After July 1, 2010, each 4-H member and leader will need to log in to their family profile and re-enroll. To assist in this process, download the "How to Re-Enroll" form from the LA County website. You can access this sheet by clicking [here](#). The 4-H Online Enrollment website is: <https://california.4honline.com/>. You can do this between July 1, 2010 and December 31 (to compete at fair). Remember, you must be currently enrolled to participate in 4-H and 4-H activities. The fees are \$15 for youth and \$6 for adults. If you have any questions please call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854.

- **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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, [rhillstock@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rhillstock@ucdavis.edu).

- **Dates To Remember:**

- 9/1 NSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 9/4 LA County Fair (9/4-10/3)
- 9/6 Labor Day (office closed)
- 9/9 New Leaders' Orientation (LA Office 7-9 pm)
- 9/11 Adult & Youth Officer Training (LA)
- 9/11 4-H Sectional Council & Teen Council mtg.
- 9/14 Record Books due to County Office
- 9/15 Record Books due to I&R Committee
- 9/16 I&R mtg.
- 9/18 Officer Book Training
- 9/19 SSG Project Fair / SSG Achievement Night
- 9/22 Summer Camp Director applications due
- 9/23 SSG Council mtg / SGV Fair mtg.
- 9/25 Record Book Judging / Officer Book Judging
- 9/25 AV Showmanship Clinic
- 9/26 Summer Camp Director Interviews & Selections
- 9/27 AV Leaders' Council mtg.
- 9/29 Judges applications due for State Judging

## STATE

- Applications are also currently being accepted for the **2011 National 4-H Conference Operations Team**. Interested youth and adults may apply at: <http://4hconf.4h.org/operationsteam.aspx>. The deadline to apply is **August 20, 2010**.
- **Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course, Muzzle Loading Discipline, 5 Dogs Range Bakersfield, CA**

Saturday, August 21, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 22, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of \$40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu) or telephone 661-868-6216.

- PBS Kids is hosting the **2010 Trash to Treasure Competition**, an opportunity for youth ages 5 through 19 to display their talent and creativity. The competition requires that applicants take old trash and recycle, reuse, or reengineer their everyday items into a new invention that can either protect the environment, move things for people, or be used for play. The competition deadline is **September 5, 2010** at 12:00 noon (ET). For more details, complete rules, and online registration, visit <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html>.
- The **American Association of Museums**, in conjunction with the **National Endowment for the Arts** is offering free admission to various museums across the United States this summer to active duty military personnel and their immediate families. Although not all museums are participating, the link below is to provide you with the museums participating. Blue Star Museums is a partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), and more than 700 museums in all 50 states to offer **free admission to active duty military personnel and their families** from **Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, through Labor Day, September 6, 2010**. The link to the website: <http://www.nea.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php>.
- Are you addressing a current issue in your community? Do you have a new idea that will help solve a local problem? If you have the ideas and the manpower and need some money to make your project happen, submit an application through the Service-Learning RFP Program. You could receive financial assistance up to \$5,000 for your service-learning project. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and applications are due **September 15, 2010**. Apply for funding to support your community. Applications are on-line at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/> at the bottom of the page in either Word or PDF Format.
- Are you initiating a new project in your county or does your existing project need additional financial help? **Funds can be requested by 4-H clubs to enable youth to develop citizenship, leadership, or life skills.** New and innovative projects are encouraged but existing 4-H work that expands the reach of 4-H or increases public awareness of the program is also eligible. Applications are online (<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/FundingOpps/Legacy/>) and due by **September 15, 2010** to Pat English in the State 4-H Office. Check out past projects that have received funding.
- A **shooting sports volunteer training course in the shotgun discipline** will be offered at 2300 Vichey Springs Rd Ukiah, CA 95482 on Saturday **October 23, 2010** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, **October 24, 2010** – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified Trainers in the shooting sports discipline of Shotgun. They will be certified as Trainers and be eligible to serve as a Trainer for other shooting sports leaders in Shotgun. There is a \$30 fee for the course. To get more information or register for the class contact Linda Edgington at [lgedgington@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lgedgington@ucdavis.edu) or call 707-463-4495.
- The **first annual Big Tent Conference** will be held **November 18-20, 2010** in Houston, Texas. This year's conference theme is "**Connected Communities-Thriving Youth.**" The conference will host keynote speakers, sessions, art, music, and entertainment. Each day will be packed with learning opportunities to encourage collaboration between participants and stimulate creative thinking focused on helping youth thrive. Register online at <http://www.bigtentconference.com/register-now> and take advantage of the early bird registration now through **October 1, 2010**.
- Applications are currently being accepted for the **2011 National 4-H Conference**, to be held on **April 2-9th**. Applications are due by **October 1, 2010**. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This 7 event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. More information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/> or please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong: 530-752-5644.
- The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.

- The **2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum**, with the theme of, "Upgrade! S.E.T. your system! Go!" will be held **November 5-7, 2010** at the **Asilomar Conference Center**. Portions of the forum will focus on sharing ideas about the various ways that 4-H educates its members in the Science, Engineering, and Technology initiative, facilitated by volunteers and staff. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf>.
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- 4-H members involved in sheep projects may be interested to plan ahead and attend the **2011 National ASI Convention**, planned for **January 19-22, 2011** in Reno, NV. You may visit the American Sheep Industry site, [http://www.sheepusa.org/Future\\_Convention\\_Dates](http://www.sheepusa.org/Future_Convention_Dates) for more information. Please note: There is currently no CA funding available to assistance with attendance.

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**2009 4-H All Stars:**

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Hannah DeYoung\*  
Ryan Halvorsen\*  
Amanda Ho  
Wesley Ho\*  
Jessica Kwan  
Stephanie Kwan  
Kirsten Landsgaard  
Kelsey Schott

**2009 Jr. All-Stars:**

Candace Corrales\*  
Veronica Cubillos\*  
Madison Cumby\*  
Alex Kasperovich\*  
Rachel Klose\*  
Kristy Okamoto  
Taylor Presley  
Aleandra Ryan-Plasil  
Caroline Seymour

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