

## February 2011

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

The 4-H Youth Development Program is amazing! The program has impacted youth in so many ways. For example, youth are making healthy life choices, providing leadership to communities, improving their academic profile, developing a deep sense of curiosity about science, learning appropriate animal husbandry. As we continue to evolve as a program let us be reminded of the need to continue to focus like a laser on providing quality experiences for youth. For instance, when engaging youth in projects ~ whether it's on sheep, clothing, science or community service ~ be sure to apply the experiential learning cycle (see diagram below). The learning cycle creates an educational climate through planned learning by exploring, doing and receiving feedback.

#### Experiential Learning



In the learning model youth experience, share, process, generalize and apply. In other words, participants should:

- experience the activity; perform, do it;
- share reactions, observations publicly;
- process analyze the experience;
- generalize to connect the experience to real world examples;
- apply was learned to a similar or different situation, practice

I encourage each of you to evaluate all of the projects you offer in your club and be sure that you incorporate the experiential learning cycle. In addition, be intentional when applying the learning cycle by asking probing questions throughout the activity (guided inquiry). Encourage youth to also ask questions and possibly journal about their experience in the project.

For more information for ways of strengthening the youth development aspect of your projects please see the Project Leader's Digest at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4462.pdf>.

## CLUB

- **Tournament of Roses Parade Float Decorating**  
Sallie DeYoung, San Fernando Valley 4-H Club

Late December – In the midst of the coming New Year and the end of Christmas sales, some 4-Hers found the time to volunteer. The Annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade was rapidly approaching and the main events were not close to being done. These floats begin to be built in the middle of the year, for this one glorious day in January. But the flowers, plants, and finishing touches must wait until the final. The Tournament of Roses was accepting any and all volunteers, over the age of twelve, to come and help decorate the floats. People flocked from all over the country for the once-in-a-lifetime chance to decorate Rose Parade floats. Our 4-H members were among these proud volunteers. Members from all around Southern California came to lend some helping hands, including the San Fernando Valley 4-H Club.

4-H Members various jobs were anywhere from placing petals on a helmet, to arranging coconut on a sign, to putting flowers in vials. No matter the job, our 4-Hers were all smiles through the gloomy weather. Our reward was the Rose Parade. All volunteers were watching with a sense of pride as the float that they worked on made its debut on Colorado Boulevard. These 4-Hers devoted their “Hands to a larger service for [their] community” representing the true 4-H spirit.



- **2011 Los Angeles County 4-H Livestock Symposium**  
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



**Saturday, January 22, 2011**, saw the annual return of the popular *Los Angeles County 4-H Livestock Symposium* in Antelope Valley. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 250 attendees listened to various speakers of interest, and even participated in “hands-on” sessions where active learning took place. An informative session on Pigeon Showmanship was offered for the first time, and youth were able to work side-by-side with experts on the finer points of rabbits, sheep, swine and poultry. Speakers were also available on the fun and informative topics of market goats, beef, sheep, swine, horse, dog, Pygmy Goats and branding. All of the 4-H Clubs of the Antelope Valley District helped coordinate and execute this successful and well-attended event, with a special “thanks” to club leaders **Monica Whitmer** (*Eastside Antelopes 4-H*), **Sharon Rohaley** (*Leona Valley Racketeers 4-H*, AV District Livestock Chair), and **Shirley Byrne** (*Canyon Coyotes 4-H*).



Youth interested in sheep projects had a special treat this year, with sheep experts, **Scott Pavletich** (sheep breeder and judge) and **Jared Penfold** (top sheep showman) explaining many important facets of showmanship and care of sheep. Swine specialist & breeder, **Don Mills**, went over key points in swine selection, nutrition, grooming and showmanship. **Cheri** and **Richard Marshall** of the *Rosamond Red Racers 4-H Club* enthralled attendees with their Pygmy Goats session, and youth also attended sessions led by **Monica Whitmer, Caitlyn Gelfo, Kathy Rairden, Candace Curran, Dustin Bush, Judy Kaye, Dorothy Brinck, Tri-Valley Working Dog Club, Monica Smith, Pam Leighton** and **Mike Bromley**.



*Littlerockers 4-H Club* hosted a lovely food booth, and attendees were thrilled to receive over 20 prizes donated by local businesses and feed company representatives who hosted booths at the *4-H Livestock Symposium*.

Youth who are participating in Junior Livestock Auctions are required to attend a special “Ethics Training” every five years. This year, 65 attendees participated in the training led by **Lori Dahlia** (Grange Advisor).

**Los Angeles County 4-H** provides numerous events intended for youth and their families to expand their knowledge in a variety of key areas, and the annual *4-H Livestock Symposium* is just one example of “hands-on,” “learning-by-doing” experiences that youth carry with them throughout the course of their lives.

- **Los Angeles County 4-H Junior Leadership Conference**  
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



The **Los Angeles County 4-H Junior Leadership Conference** is a long-standing tradition, coordinated by Community Club Leader of the *Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club*, **Dee Keese**, and the **4-H All Stars** and **Junior All Stars** of Los Angeles County. On **Saturday, January 15, 2011**, twenty-two **Los Angeles County 4-H** youth participated in the much-anticipated conference, and each All Star and Junior All Star led a session on the following:

Racing Pigeons (All Star, **Amanda Ho**)  
 Mixer (Junior All Stars)  
 President's Book (All Star, **Ryan Halvorsen**)  
 Game (Junior All Star, **Sallie DeYoung**)  
 Vice President's Book (All Star, **Candace Corrales**)  
 Game (Junior All Star, **Madison Cumby**)  
 Secretary's Book (All Star, **Wesley Ho**)  
 Game (Junior All Star, **Rachel Klose**)  
 Treasurer's Book (All Star, State Ambassador, **Hannah DeYoung**)  
 Game (Junior All Star, **Kristy Okamoto**)  
 Historian/Memory Book (All Star, **Alex Kasperovich**)  
 Game (Junior All Star, **Veronica Cubillos**)  
 Parliamentary Procedure (All Star, 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Vice President, County Council, **Ryan Halvorsen**)  
 Game (Junior All Star, **Sallie DeYoung**)



After attending the County Council Meeting, the All Stars and Junior All Stars introduced the conference, provided a pigeon release, and that was when the fun began! New youth to the Los Angeles County 4-H Program were welcomed and were excited to make new friends in the county. They received important overviews in the categories mentioned above. This event has really grown in popularity throughout the years, and with the youth members planning and executing the event together, it is a great lesson in planning an event and what great teamwork can do!

- **Judging Day**

Los Angeles County Judging Day is a countywide event where 4-H'ers learn to develop and apply their critical thinking and decision making skills. Judging Day will be Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Antelope Valley High School, (44900 N. Division St. Lancaster, 93535), beginning at **8:15 a.m.** Additional information that was sent to your Club Leader is also available on the [4-H website](#).

For additional information please contact the Antelope Valley 4-H Office at (661) 974-8824.

- **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 on March 26, 2011. 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.

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**The District Fashion Revues are as follows:**

- **South San Gabriel District Home Ec. Day**  
Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.  
Mary Lash's Home  
9497 East Foster Rd.  
Downey, CA 90242
- **North San Gabriel District Home Ec. Day**  
Sunday March 6, 2011, 1 p.m.  
Treadwell Home  
624 East Grand Avenue  
Pomona, CA
- **Antelope Valley District Fashion Revue**  
Saturday, March 5, 2011  
Registration begins at 9:00  
Be ready to see the judge at 9:30  
Wayside Community Church  
2584 Felsite Ave  
Rosemond, Ca 92560

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

It's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Science Fair tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2011! 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/kidspage/projectguide>

<http://www.scifair.org>

- **4-H Summer Camp**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

**4-H Summer Camp** is scheduled for **June 26-July 2, 2011** at Camp Seeley in San Bernardino. 4-H Summer Camp is a week filled with fun “learning by doing” activities and the best food at any camp around! The cost to attend the camp is \$275 per person if deposit is paid by May 1, 2011. Full or partial camperships may be available for those who need financial assistance to attend. 4-H Camp is limited to the first 200 youth who reserve a spot. Summer camp sold out last year, so send in the \$75 deposit today! If you are interested in being on staff or a Cabin Counselor, the deadline to apply is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

To sign-up to be a Cabin Counselor go to:

<http://4hsummercamp.com/staffapplications.aspx>

To apply for camperships go to: [2011 Robert P.](#)

[Amman Memorial Campership Application Download](#)

For more details or to register online go to: <http://4hsummercamp.com/> or call Dr. Keith Nathaniel, UCCE/Los Angeles County 4-H at (323) 260-3845 or Carrie DeYoung, Camp Director at (818) 886-8028.

**Late Camp Registration:** \$400.00 postmarked after 6/2/11 to 6/10/11.

**All camp registration fees need to be received no later than June 15, 2011**

- **Happy Birthday John, Dear!**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

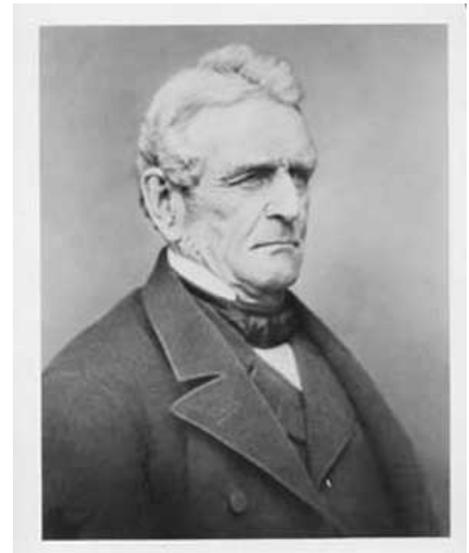


## JOHN DEERE

Some things are just American: Jazz, the Cotton Gin, blue jeans, baseball, roller skates, pick-up trucks, Rock and Roll, slam-dunks, Coca-Cola, hot dogs, apple pie, the Statue of Liberty, square dancing, rodeos, cowboys, 4-H and John Deere. February is the month of presidents, groundhogs, celebrating Black History, and of course, the month of love. This month, we also celebrate an agriculture pioneer most of us are familiar with-- John Deere. You may not know much about the man, but more than likely, when you hear the name, a tractor comes to mind, or a logo with a green square and a leaping deer in the middle of it. Most probably don't know that John Deere was at times a blacksmith, a debtor, a father of five, a Santa Barbara snowbird and an abolitionist!



On February 7, 1804, John Deere was born in Rutland, Vermont. Sarah Deere, John's mother, raised her enterprising and creative son and his five siblings on her own-- with John's father having been lost at sea early on. Poverty was part of John's every day reality, and this brought him to work as a very young tanner in Middlebury, Vermont. At the age of seventeen, John left home to become an apprentice blacksmith for room and board, and \$30 a year. Captain Benjamin Lawrence trained John in all the ways of the blacksmith, and although very tough on John at times, acted as a second father.



In 1827, John married Demarius Lamb, and so began a spiral of unfortunate events for the first part of their marriage. Blacksmithing was a competitive field in Middlebury, and although John successfully struggled to open two shops, both were sadly burned to the ground. During the "Panic of 1837" (national banking crisis), John and Demarius had four young mouths to feed, and times were tough. John was broke. Local men were after him for unpaid debts and threatening to throw him into the



dreaded local "Debtor's Prison." John struggled with what to do. Many men in the town decided to head west to Illinois to try to make a living in farming. Fearing a life spent behind bars, John made his way to Grand Detour, Illinois, with \$73 dollars to his name. He quickly set-up a blacksmith shop, went home, packed up the four kids and a newly pregnant Demarius, for a long six-week journey back to Illinois.

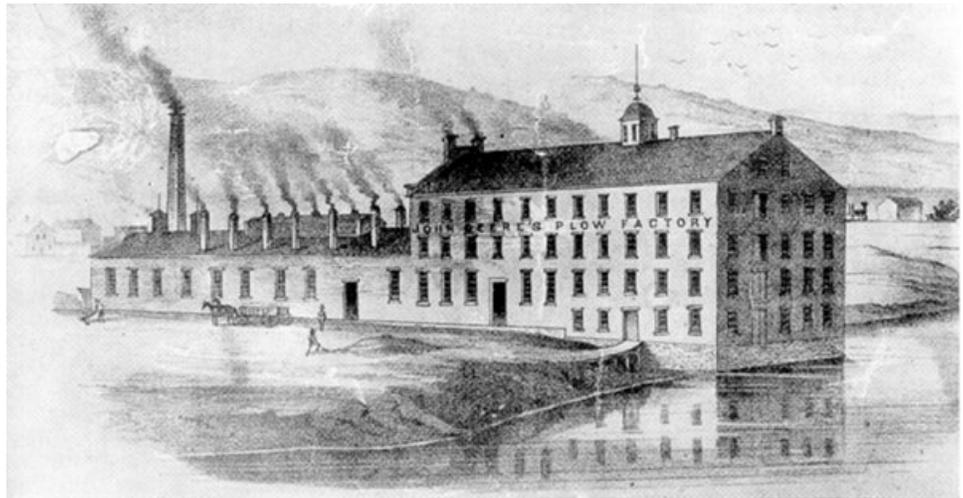
John came in contact with many farmers struggling to plow the uncooperative Illinois soil. In response to their troubles, in 1837 he created the first self-polish steel plow using an old saw blade, and he was off and running! His skilled plow production began, but was slow moving. John much preferred the strength of the imported English steel (which took weeks to arrive), and was obsessed with the quality of his products. Quality was paramount to John, and to this day, his agricultural implements remain at the highest of standards. Many a disagreement was had between John and his partners, as he insisted that if they didn't pour over every minute detail, other businesses would out-do them.

***"I will never put my name on a product that does not have in it the best that is in me." – John Deere***



Within a few years, John was transporting over 1,600 plows a year all over the United States, and became notorious for his finely crafted, superior and wildly popular agricultural implements.

In 1858, John handed over the business reigns to his son, Charles, and began to pursue political interests with the Whig Party. John was an outspoken abolitionist during the Civil War and made his opinions on equality known far and wide. During this time, John also helped to found the First National Bank, raised Jersey cattle & Berkshire hogs, became the mayor of



Moline, helped pass a liquor license ordinance, and after Demarius passed, became the husband of her very own unmarried sister, Lucenia! In their down time, Lucenia and John traveled several times a year to Santa Barbara to escape the at times harsh Illinois weather, and were big fans of the west coast. John passed away in 1886 at the age of 82.

Today, John Deere products can be found all over the world, not only specializing in agricultural implements, but also providing useful and necessary tools that can be used in forestry, commercial, construction, golf and residential settings as well. Farmers now not only plow their fields with John Deere inspired instruments, but thankfully, use Deere tools to plant & seed, irrigate, harvest grain, cotton & sugar, bale hay, and why, even mow their front lawns! The *John Deere Golf Classic* is now one of the **Professional Golfer's Association's** premiere events, and in Illinois, you will find the **Tournament Players Competition (TPC) Deere Run**, a golf course so named in his honor. In Germany, you will find a John Deere museum, and in India, Argentina, Canada, Australia, Brazil, China, Finland, Greece, France, Germany, Russia, Switzerland, Ireland and the United Kingdom, you will find dedicated John Deere staff working to improve farming for locals and assisting in important ways to provide food for the world.

John Deere is credited for opening the “West to agricultural development.” Living in California, we still reap the benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables on our daily dinner tables, and have him to thank, in part, for his innovation and quality-minded work in the field of agriculture. His good name still stands for quality, integrity, precision, good farming practices, and community. So this month, whether we are farming acres of land or just back-yard gardeners, we say “Happy Birthday, John Deere!”



- **Cartoon Network is NOW CASTING for their hit family game show HOLE IN THE WALL!**  
If you are interested in auditioning for the show, make sure you've put together a team of 3. TEAMS MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST ONE ADULT (18 AND UP) AND ONE CHILD (10 - 15 YEARS OLD)! This is a family show so we would like to see teams with some sort of family bond between at least two members!

To submit to get an audition time, send in a brief description of each team member along with their age and pictures to [apply@holeinthewallcasting.com](mailto:apply@holeinthewallcasting.com). Remember you need to have one adult on each team and our minimum age is 10! There are a lot of episodes to cast so please pass the word on to your friends so they can assemble teams and tryout!

To check out the show go to our official HOLE IN THE WALL website:

[http://www.cartoonnetwork.com/tv\\_shows/hole/index.html](http://www.cartoonnetwork.com/tv_shows/hole/index.html)

- **4-H Volunteer Resource Library**  
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The **4-H Volunteer Resource Library** at the Los Angeles *UC Cooperative Extension* houses many useful and informative curriculum tools for 4-H Club and Project Leaders new and old. If you haven't spent some time browsing the wonderful resources available to leaders, you owe it to yourself to have a look! The library houses books in almost all project areas including: Small Pets & Animals, Cooking, Sewing, Gardening, Science, Engineering & Technology, Mathematics, Theatre, Cultural Studies and many more.

The **Volunteer Resource Library** is open for use by appointment **Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, at the *Los Angeles County UC Cooperative Extension*, 4800 E. Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90022. Please feel free to call **Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator**, & find out what is available at **(323) 260-3859**.

- **Junior/Teen Leader**  
Junior Leaders are 4-H members in the 7th and 8th grade who help lead a 4-H project. Teen Leaders are 4-H members in 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and above grades who lead a 4-H project. To be a Junior/Teen Leader, the member needs to be enrolled in their club's Leadership Project. They fill out the goals and plans of the first two sections of the Leadership Plan and Report Form, and have the form signed by their Leadership Project Leader and the leader of the project for which they will be a youth leader. While they are a Junior or Teen Leader, they can wear the Junior or Teen Leader patch on their 4-H hat. At the end of the year, they will need to complete the Leadership Plan and Report and have it signed by their Leadership Project Leader and their project leader. They should also complete an Annual Project Report for the Leadership Project.
- **Hi 4-H**  
Each district can have a Hi 4-H program. 4-H members who will be at least 14 years old by January 1, 2008 or who will be in 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.

The sectional level Hi 4-H is called the Sectional Teen Council. It meets before sectional 4-H Leaders' Council meetings at Mt. SAC. The Teen Council plans social and educational events, plus runs the T.I.C. conference in January and a food booth at sectional field day in May. Our senior members can be part of the Teen Council. Our senior members can attend their events. Consider being more active on the sectional level. The county level Hi 4-H program will only exist if there is sufficient interest this year. Contact Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 if you are interested in participating in a county level Hi 4-H program.

- **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 Program expects its All-Stars to contribute to the 4-H Program during the next program year. For more information go to: [Los Angeles County 4-H website](#).

- **Emerald Star Project**

If a member has earned Gold Star Rank or will be 16 years old by January 1, 2011, 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.

- **Leadership Merit Award**

Start planning now to earn a Junior or Teen Leadership award. Think of something to make your leadership special this year. Try something new to bring more interest and enjoyment to your project. Try to expand your leadership beyond the club. For this award, you need to be in the Leadership Project in your club. If your club does not have a Leadership Project, talk with your club leader about starting one. If she has questions about this, have your club leader contact Noel Keller (909-621-2373) or someone on the I&R Committee. You will need to fill out an annual project report for your Leadership Project. You will also need to complete a leadership plan report.

- **Outreach Round-Up**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

On **Monday, January 20, 2011**, Los Angeles County 4-H Staff met with a prospective leader from Van Nuys. Plans are also in the works to start a new club in Encino. **Ellen Rosentreter** of the *San Fernando Valley 4-H Club* has kindly been contacting Los Angeles County 4-H with exciting outreach opportunities and has been assisting with growing the program. Thanks Ellen!

Los Angeles County 4-H is working with the **Los Angeles County Farm Bureau** to provide expert nutrition speakers for the AG Day LA events which will take place April 13-14 at the Pomona Fairplex (Big Red Barn).

Thanks to networking with UC Cooperative Extension *Program Manager* and *Master Gardener Coordinator*, **Yvonne Savio**, we have three new expert project leaders for the *Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club* in the project areas of bees, woodworking and landscape design. Several other potential leaders are being fingerprinted for *Eagle Rock/Highland Park 4-H Club* and for the *Alta-Pasa Squad 4-H Club* as well. The response from this outreach effort has been magnificent! Keep growing Los Angeles County 4-H!

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook and YouTube:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Los-Angeles-County-4-H/61556419670>

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Antelope-Valley-Area-4-H-Network/322240676590>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/LosAngelesCounty4H>

- **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/](http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Los_Angeles_4-H_Leaders_Council/). The next Leader's Council meeting will be January 15, 2011 from 10-noon, at the LA Office.

- **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/>. 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:**

- 2/2 NSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 2/10 I&R mtg.
- 2/11 AV Horse Bowl Quiz
- 2/12 AV Shooting Competition
- 2/14 Valentines Day
- 2/15 President George Washington's Birthday (Office Closed)
- 2/17 SSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 2/26 **Judging Day**
- 2/28 **AV Council & Hi 4-H mtg.**
- 3/2 NSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 3/5 AV District Fashion Revue
- 3/6 NSG Home Ec. Day / AV Shooting Competition
- 3/12 SSG Home Ec. Day / AV Gymkhana
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day / SSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 3/19 County Council mtg. (AV) / New Leaders' Orientation
- 3/26 County Field Day & Fashion Revue
- 3/28 AV Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 4/2 LA County Science Fair

## SECTIONAL

- **Southern Sectional Field Day**

Los Angeles County will host this year's Southern Sectional Field Day. County Field Day winners from Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties are eligible to compete at the 2011 Sectional Field Day held at Mt. San Antonio College, 1100 N. Grand Avenue, Walnut, CA 91789 ([Campus Map, Get Directions](#)), May 21, 2011, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

**The Main Objectives of the Southern Sectional 4-H Field day are to:**

- Provide an opportunity for interaction among multi-county participants.
- Stimulate excitement and motivation for involvement in county and multi-county events.
- Demonstrate 4-H Skills of healthy competition.
- Provide a broader range of competition for local competition.
- Provide opportunity to participate in games and sports events in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Provide educational training opportunities for volunteers and parents.

For more information go to the [Southern Sectional Field Day website.](#)

- **State Leadership Conference**

The Education committee of the State Leadership Conference would like to ask members, volunteers and staff to please consider **presenting a session or workshop at SLC 2011**. Sessions address many subject areas, but we ask that they emphasize the three National 4-H Mission Mandates. These mission mandates each focus on skills that youth need for success in the 21st century.

- 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) provides opportunities for youth to engage in the process of discovery and exploration in science, engineering, and technology.
- Healthy Living teaches the youth to lead healthy and productive lives both physically and mentally as they grow into adulthood.
- Citizenship is a strong focus in 4-H so that youth may become engaged and well-informed citizens in their community.

Tracks are five hours in length and will be presented on Friday, July 29. Mini tracks are two and a half hours in length and will be presented twice on Friday, July 29. Workshops are an hour and fifteen minutes in length and may be presented one to three times on Saturday, July 30.

**Application deadline is January 14th though we will be accepting applications through winter and early Spring.** The application can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/70039.pdf>. More information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/> or by contacting your local state ambassador.

- **State Leadership Support Group**

Due to quite a few requests we are opening up applications again for the State Leadership Support Group. The 4-H State Leadership Conference is organized by a small group of dedicated State Ambassadors, volunteers, and staff. The Support Group is a group of teen leaders who will assist in the planning of SLC by working with counties, communicating with Sectional groups, and attending SLC planning activities. During the conference, the Support Group acts as:

- Group Facilitators
- Delegation Hosts
- Logistical Support
- State Ambassador Assistants
- Other duties as assigned

To learn more about the Support Group and to apply, please go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/43609.doc> to download the 2011 SLC Support Group Application. **Applications are due by February 25, 2011 to the State 4-H Office.**

- **Katie's Krops Grants (Deadline: February 11th)** Katie's Krops is now accepting applications to win a grant to start vegetable gardens to feed people in need. Grantees will be awarded materials necessary to create a garden (up to \$400), support from Katie's Krops, and a digital camera to document the garden and the harvest. Applications for all types of vegetable gardens will be considered such as a container garden for city residents or a school, or neighborhood garden. **Applicants must be between the ages of 9 and 16** (as of February 11, 2011). Applications must be postmarked by February 11, 2011. Grant applications are available at [www.katieskrops.com/apply-for-a-grant.html](http://www.katieskrops.com/apply-for-a-grant.html).
- **Grants to fund community service ideas**  
**WaysToHelp.org** invites teens in the United States to **apply for grants to fund their community service ideas** across any one of the 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant by visiting [www.waystohelp.org](http://www.waystohelp.org). Select "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant". Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

- **The Northcoast Youth Summit** will be held at College of the Redwoods on Saturday, February 12, 2011. Make plans for all 4-H youth 7th grade and above to participate! The first 25 people registered will receive a prize! Registration begins on January 3rd! The All Stars are helping to host this empowering event for youth and those who work with youth. Key note speakers will be Lou Moerner and Kai Neander. Collect & bring seed packets to "Plant a Row" for the hungry. Over 40 amazing workshops are currently being organized. To find the latest on the Youth Summit check the website: [www.ysummit.org](http://www.ysummit.org)
- **Shooting Sports class**  
4-H Shooting Sports will be offering a **rifle class** on Saturday **February 19th** and Sunday **February 20th** from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The class will be held at the **Apple Valley Gun Club** Indoor Range, 16699 Stoddard Wells Rd; **Victorville, CA 92392**. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the Shooting Sports Rifle Discipline. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification For more information, please contact Larry Winters, (760) 240-0551 or [larwinters@aol.com](mailto:larwinters@aol.com) or, contact Cheryl Eggleston at (909) 387-2179 or [caeggleston@ucdavis.edu](mailto:caeggleston@ucdavis.edu). Be sure to have completed the Training Request and Registration Form found at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4785.doc> and mail to your County 4-H Youth Advisor for signature.
- **California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC)**  
Antelope Valley Conference **February 26, 2011, 9:00am – 1:30pm**, Santa Clarita, CA \$15 per person (includes lunch) <http://www.calsac.org>. Come celebrate the afterschool field with CalSAC's Los Angeles Chapter! Join us for a fun day of hands on learning, sharing and networking with all levels of afterschool programming. You'll walk away with a variety of new ideas and activities to take back to your program, including supporting STEM "Crime Scene Investigation".
- **Babysitting Training course for youth 12-17**  
The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Babysitting Training course for youth 12-17. The training will be held at **Camp Parks in Dublin** on **February 26th, 9:30-4:00** and **February 27th, 8:30-12:30**. **This training is designed to help youth learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters.** Youth will receive an Infant/Child CPR certificate on the second day. They will also receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag filled with essential supplies for babysitters. For registration information, contact Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu) or (530)219-6608.
- **The Western Regional Leader's Forum** will be held **January 12-15, 2012 in Cheyenne, Wyoming**. **Proposals for the 2012 conference are currently being accepted.** Adult volunteers, Extension staff, and youth members are all welcome to submit workshop ideas for consideration. **Proposals are due March 1, 2011.** For more information contact Rachel Vardiman at [rnovakov@uwyo.edu](mailto:rnovakov@uwyo.edu) or (307) 684-7522.
- **Attention Quilters and Sewers: CA 4-H State Fashion Revue 2011** would appreciate your help. Make a quilt square, a quilt top, or a complete quilt for a wounded soldier. Special size for stretchers and gurneys, approximately 45 x 81 inches, are needed. Red, white and blue fabrics are preferred. If you make 12 ½" x 12 ½" squares then they can be combined with squares made by other people for a whole quilt. Bring or send your squares, quilt tops and quilts to State Fashion Revue at Olson Hall, UC Davis during State Field Day, May 28, 2011. Youth are invited to sew squares together and quilt during the morning SFR workshop. Please contact Lisa Kuntz, SFR youth co-chair, [creulgirl101@yahoo.com](mailto:creulgirl101@yahoo.com) or Mary Engebret, committee volunteer, at [maryengebret@comcast.net](mailto:maryengebret@comcast.net) with questions or suggestions.
- **National Ag Day Essay Contest**  
The Agriculture Council of America has announced the National Ag Day Essay Contest for 2011. This year's theme is "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer." Students (grades 9-12) are invited to submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. The national written essay winner and video essay winner receive a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 15 at the USDA. The deadline to apply is February 4, 2011. Visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org) or [www.hpj.com/agdayessay](http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay) to read official contest rules and for more details regarding entry applications.

- UC Davis CA&ES Field Day**  
 UC Davis CA&ES Field Day March 5, 2011, 7:15am - 6:00pm <http://www.ca4h.org/files/66944.pdf> UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences are hosting the 35th annual CA&ES Field Day on March 5, 2011. Over 3,000 FFA and 4-H members (age 14 and older) will participate in 26 contests. High school aged 4-H members are invited to participate and/or observe the contests held on the UC Davis campus. This event will also serve as the California 4-H State Qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Judging, Dairy Cattle Judging, and Poultry Judging contests.
- Twenty-Seventh Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match**  
 It's time to sharpen up your shooting skills and start preparing for the Twenty-Seventh Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council. Entries for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match must be postmarked by March 7, 2011. For more information, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/>
- 4-H State Ambassador Team**  
 Applications are now available for the 2011-2012 4-H State Ambassador Team. The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2011. Interviews will be held in Fresno, Davis, and San Diego. Following the interviews there will be an information session for members and parents who would like to apply to be a State Ambassador starting at 5 PM. This is open to any future applicants. Please RSVP with Quang "Hogan" Tong at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu) . For more information please see our website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>
- Mix It Up Grants**  
 The **Southern Poverty Law Center** is sponsoring the **Mix It Up Grants program**, which **provides \$500 for youth-directed activist** projects that identify, cross and challenge social boundaries in schools and communities. **There is no application deadline.** For more information, visit [www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp](http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp) .
- The **First Tech Challenge (FTC)** is an exciting robotics competition designed for high school students from grades 9-12. **There are grants available for Northern California FTC teams of \$600 and \$1,200 dollars.** To learn more, please click [here](#).
- Comcast Foundation Grants**  
 Comcast Foundation Grants are available to fund literacy, volunteerism and youth leadership development programs. Nonprofit organizations with 501 (c) (3) status operating within Comcast communities are eligible to apply. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. To apply, organizations should verify that they operate within a Comcast service area and send a letter of inquiry to the Comcast Foundation. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).
- Ways To Help Grant**  
 WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of the 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant by visiting [www.waystohelp.org](http://www.waystohelp.org) Select "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant". Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.
- Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF)**  
 Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 status and public agencies operating in communities where Lowe's stores and distribution centers are located are eligible to apply. Grant funds are available for community improvement projects. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Application awards are ongoing. To apply, organizations will need to take an eligibility test. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

- Pay it Forward Minigrants**

Pay it Forward Foundation's - Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund youth-identified projects with educational value that benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Programs must illustrate how their projects will embody a "pay it forward" concept, where benefits multiply exponentially in the community. Grant applications are considered throughout the year. For more information go to: <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>.
- Do Something Youth Grants**

U.S. and Canadian citizens 25 or under are eligible to apply for \$500 Plum Youth Grants. These grants are designed to further the growth and success of a recently created community action project or organization. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and grants are awarded weekly. For more information and to apply go to: <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/general/apply>
- Jenesis Group Grants**

The Jenesis Group is offering grants to support youth development, education and social entrepreneurship. Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 status are encouraged to apply. The Foundation invests in grass roots organizations working to empower at-risk and/or disadvantaged youth to become productive citizens. Priority is given to programs with preventative approaches and comprehensive long-term solutions to challenges facing youth today. Go to: <http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/node/6924> for more information.
- Verizon Foundation Education and Health Grants**

Non-profit organizations, schools (elementary or secondary) and government-funded programs are eligible to apply for funding from the Verizon Foundation. Grants are awarded to advance literacy and educational achievement, promote health and safety, and prevent domestic violence. The foundation reviews unsolicited proposals annually from January 1st to October 31st. Funding decisions are made within 90 days of the grant application. For more information go to: <http://foundation.verizon.com/grant/guidelines.shtml>
- 3M Community Giving Grants**

Organizations located in the 3M communities (the following are CA specific) of Corona, Irvine, Monrovia, Northridge, Ontario, and Petaluma and are involved in initiatives to increase student interest and achievement in math, science, or economics; afterschool programs with other learning and/or prevention components; as well as organizations with initiatives to enhance the quality of cultural life, or the sustainability of the planet are eligible to apply for 3M Community Giving grants. The deadline is rolling, and to apply a letter of inquiry must be sent to the local 3M facility. Go to: [http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en\\_US/CommunityAffairs/CommunityGiving/US/Apply/](http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/CommunityAffairs/CommunityGiving/US/Apply/) for more information
- Fashion cents, the 2011 Challenge category will be the \$15 Challenge.** Members are challenged to coordinate and purchase an entire outfit for \$15 or less, not counting shoes. Additional categories for 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Recycled, and Wearable Art-Embellished. In CS-Purchased, the limit has been reduced to \$100 for everything showing. The Recycled rules have been rewritten to differentiate between recycling an old garment into a new one and alterations. In WA-Embellished, the rules clarify that the original garment must be purchased. The SFR committee welcomes your participation in planning and presenting this state event. To join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at [chat2kd@unwiredbb.com](mailto:chat2kd@unwiredbb.com). For event information, the Challenge flyer, and 2010 photos, see the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The committee is looking for historic photos and stories about 4-H Dress Revue and SFR when it was part of State Leadership Conference. If you have any to share, please contact Sue Moore at [samoore@ucdavis.edu](mailto:samoore@ucdavis.edu).
- Thacher Environmental Research Contest, Due April 11, 2011**

Sponsored by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, the Thacher Environmental Research Contest challenges high school students (grades 9-12) to conduct innovative research on our changing planet using the latest geospatial tools and data. Cash awards are presented for top project entries. [www.strategies.org/ThacherContest](http://www.strategies.org/ThacherContest)

- **California 4-H Photography Contest and Film Festival at the 2011 State 4-H Field Day**  
Event on May 28, 2011. Registration due by May 6, 2011.  
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>  
Start thinking now about the photography contest and film festival being planned for the 2011 State 4-H Field Day on May 28, 2011 at UC Davis. The California 4-H Technology Leadership Team will release the themes for both events in January 2011. Both are open to all 4-H members (age 9 through 19). For more information, please contact: Photography Contest, John Trammell at [techdude4h@gmail.com](mailto:techdude4h@gmail.com) and Film Festival, Ashlyn Aiu at [singthislouder@gmail.com](mailto:singthislouder@gmail.com).
- **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.
- **Financial Aid for State Leadership Conference**  
Through a grant from Wells Fargo and assistance from the California 4-H Foundation, **financial aid is available to delegates wishing to attend the 2011 State Leadership Conference**. Applications are **due by May 13, 2011** and can be downloaded here: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/53496.doc>
- **State 4-H Field Day May 28, 2011 at UC Davis, 9:00am – 6:00pm.**  
Since 2002, the State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests and educational activities. Go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/> for more information.

**State Fashion Revue will be May 28, 2011 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis.** We hope counties will be including the \$15 Challenge category in their county events; see the flyer at the same website. For information about SFR or to join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at [chat2kd@unwiredbb.com](mailto:chat2kd@unwiredbb.com).

- **Festival of Science**  
**Curious about how things work? Want to know more about something? At the 2011 California State 4-H Field Day, University scientists will answer your questions!** Provide your question ahead of the event and we will find the right scientists to provide an answer.  
<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Initiative/Questions/>
- **Special Recognition at the 2011 State 4-H Presentation Day, May 28, 2011**  
[http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition\\_Opportunities/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/)  
A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on science, engineering and technology! This year's focus is on the natural properties and the human interactions with water. Potential topics include water quality, conservation, water cycle, effects on plants and organisms, water in cultural contexts, human impacts on water, phases and/or properties of water, storage and transportation.
- **Tech Trek Camp, Summer 2011**  
Tech Trek is a summer math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional, and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held. <http://www.aauw-techtrek.org/>
- **California's 4-H International Exchange Program**  
California's 4-H International Exchange Program will host students from Costa Rica, Finland, and Japan as well as send delegates outbound to Australia. The hosting programs are all about sharing your regular summer life with a teen from another culture. There is no expectation that students tour California. Find out more by contacting Pat English at [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or check on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/>.

- **New Fashion Revue Event Manual**

The State 4-H Fashion Revue committee has a new event manual for counties, participants, families and judges. You can access it at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The manual explains what SFR is, who may enter, the age divisions and outfit categories, and introduces the rubric scorecards which will be used at the state event in 2011. It is not required for this manual to be adopted by county or sectional competitions, but it is recommended that it be used as the state-wide standard for 4-H Fashion Revues.

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