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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.

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

Healthy Families and Community Initiative Update:

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of supporting the lives of youth and families with positive youth development experiences. As you know, the 4-H program in California is a part of the University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR). [The 4-H program is a part of the land-grant university system in each state. In California, the land grant university is the University of California]. Some of you may have heard or are familiar with the administrative and programmatic changes taking place in ANR. These changes are in response to the development of the UC ANR Strategic Vision (to see the strategic vision, please visit http://ucanr.org/About_ANR/Strategic_Vision/.) This document provides a roadmap and sets the direction for the future of ANR, which includes the 4-H Youth Development Program.

As a result of the Strategic Vision, priorities were established to meet the changing and challenging needs of Californians. One of the highest priority areas for UC ANR is to address the needs of youth and families. This priority area, known as the Healthy Families and Communities Initiative (HFC), is well underway. Recently, a conference was convened of specialists, advisors and other campus faculty from across various disciplines to begin refining the framework for the HFC initiative. This framework will become the centerpiece for the future of the 4-H Youth Development Program and will guide the activities and experiences youth and volunteers will have in 4-H.

A thrust for HFC initiative is to support human development systems (i.e., families, school and communities) "to remain or become resilient settings for promoting the positive youth development of the children, youth and adults . . . resilience involves the human capacity to adapt in the face of threats and stressors, to be flexible in the midst of challenge and change and to transfer risk into positive development." So, in the coming weeks and months, youth and volunteers will be asked to join and partner with staff as we embark on new ways to enhance the experiences of youth, families and communities who participate in our programs.

Through the UC ANR HFC initiative, the 4-H program (along with our nutrition and other programs) will become the foundation for shaping policies at the state and possibly national level that affect youth, families and communities.

I will keep you informed – as we move in these new and innovative directions to support youth, families and communities – and engaged in this effort. Your commitment to 4-H is unmatched and unparalleled and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

For more information on the HFC, please feel free to contact me at kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu.

CLUB

Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club Pool Party

Wesley Rich, PVP Club Member

PVP 4-H had our annual summer pool party on July 6, 2011. Club leader Mrs. Keese was there as well as other leaders. Member Sam Wildman was the lifeguard. Some of the members displayed their boards, we had good food and enjoyed the Otto family's pool and view of the Los Angeles Harbor.



COUNTY

- **New! Volunteer Application Process**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Many of you may be aware that we have implemented a new volunteer application process for better management, tracking and efficiency of new volunteers.

The new volunteer application process is as follows:

1. Prospective volunteer is sent the link to the application on-line, or applies on-line through the website or on their own. Link: <https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5149>
2. Prospective volunteer completes application on-line.
3. 4-H Staff will review the application.
4. 4-H Staff will contact prospective volunteer regarding orientation.
5. Prospective volunteer attends orientation.
6. Following the orientation, prospective volunteers are sent a fingerprinting packet in which they have 60 days to complete the fingerprinting process. If they do not complete the process within 60 days they will not be accepted.
7. When cleared, the prospective volunteer is notified. The Community Club Leader is also notified.
8. A "volunteer card" is generated and sent to the club leader. The volunteer is now able to begin volunteering.

The New Leader Orientations dates are as follows:

Saturday, October 1, 2011
Saturday, January 7, 2012
Saturday, May 12, 2012
Saturday, July 14, 2012

*Locations still being determined.

- **New Parent's Night**

Dawn A. Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator.

Although the new 4-H year actually started on July 1, 2011, many clubs conduct their most important outreach events and activities at the beginning of the school year, which for many is in September. Los Angeles County 4-H is growing by leaps and bounds, and many families will be new to the 4-H program this year.

Club Meetings, visiting with club leaders & member parents, attending Los Angeles County 4-H events, County Council Meetings and county trainings are a great way to get acquainted with the 4-H program. New families will now have another opportunity to learn all about 4-H and receive a special welcome to the 4-H Program at our **New Parent's Night** on **Monday, September 26, 2011**, from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the County Office (4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, 90022).



Attending families will receive an overview of the 4-H Program in Los Angeles County, an insight into clubs, projects, events, youth leadership opportunities, volunteer opportunities, have questions answered, and enroll on the spot! All new parents and their youth members are invited to attend this informational meeting which will provide a useful guide to success and fun in the Los Angeles County 4-H Program. This will also give families a chance to meet 4-H staff, network with other leaders, and find out about projects offered in other clubs for potential cross-projecting. The mysteries of Los Angeles County 4-H will be officially unlocked for new families!

Please encourage all new families to sign-up for this event by contacting **Dawn Fuller** at dafuller@ucdavis.edu or by phone at **(323) 260-3859**. Welcome to 4-H!

- **4-H Re-Enrollment (Youth fee increase)**

July 1, 2011 was the beginning of the 2010-2011 4-H program year. Each 4-H member and leader continuing in 4-H will need to log in to their family profile and re-enroll. To assist in this process, please download the "How to Re-Enroll" form from the LA County 4-H website. 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 including fair. The enrollment fee for youth has changed. **The new fee is \$20 for youth and \$6 for adults.** If you have any questions please call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854.

- **Record Books**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Record Books are due to the County Office on **Tuesday, September 13, 2011**, by **4:00 p.m.** or by **9:00 p.m.** to an **Incentives & Recognition Committee Member** on **Wednesday, September 14, 2011**.

Record Books may be turned in several places:

The Los Angeles County 4-H Office
UC Cooperative Extension
4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90022
(323) 260-3859

The Antelope Valley 4-H Office
UC Cooperative Extension
335 East Ave K-10 Suite 101
Lancaster CA, 93535
(661) 974-8824

Or, arrange to drop your book off with an **Incentives and Recognition Committee Member**:

Judylynn Pelling: jlpelling@yahoo.com
Noel Keller: Noel_Keller@hmc.edu
Dee Keese: swimdude64@earthlink.net
Carrie De Young: csdeyoung@socal.rr.com

If you have any members in your club turning in a Record Book, a club volunteer must sign-up for one of the following two Record Book Judging Dates with **Noel Keller**, *Incentives & Recognition Committee Chair* at Noel_Keller@hmc.edu. No more than three volunteers from the same club on any given day please. See judging dates below:

Saturday, September 17, 2011

8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran School
6338 N. Figueroa Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90042

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran School
6338 N. Figueroa Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90042

- **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**.

- **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:
http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/Applications.htm.
- **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/.

- **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:**

- 8/4-7 State Leadership Conference
- 8/14 AV Horse Awards Banquet
- 8/15 AV Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
- 8/18 SSG Leaders Council mtg.
- 8/19 Antelope Valley Fair (8/18-28)
- 9/3 LA County Fair (9/3-10/3)

SECTIONAL

- **TIC – Teen Involvement Conference**

The California 4-H South Section Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) is a three day youth leadership conference for high school aged 4-H members of the south section. Youth who attend this conference will have a chance to: gain new leadership techniques, learn teamwork skills, obtain information on opportunities 4-H has to offer at a sectional and state wide level, meet 4-H members from across the state, participate in community service activities, and much more! The conference is completely planned and ran by the youth officers, teen council members, and volunteers. Go to:

http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South/Teen_Involvement_Conference/ for more information.

STATE

- Do you know girls ages 9-18 who love to dance? Here's something they can do this summer to have fun, be active and help build strong bones!

Best Bones Forever! is a national bone health campaign led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health. The goal of the campaign is to encourage girls and their BFFs (best friends forever) to build strong bones by getting plenty of calcium, vitamin D, and physical activity. Click [here](#) for a flyer.

Best Bones Forever! and Savvy are teaming up to encourage girls to get moving and build strong bones by launching the **Let's Dance contest**. From **June 21-August 10**, girls across the country are invited to choose one of five Savvy songs, choreograph a dance with their BFFs, record a video of themselves performing the routine, then upload the video to the contest website, www.bbflightsdance.com. Friends and family will be encouraged to "like" the videos and winners will get cool prizes, including a chance to be featured in a Savvy music video.

- **Volunteer 4-H Online Record Book Webinar** - Volunteers may login a state informational webinar on **August 23rd at 6 PM**. This one hour webinar will give volunteers a first look at the many innovative features in the California 4-H Online Record Book. Space is limited to the first 150 volunteers to login to the

Adobe Connect system. The webinar is FLASH based and will require that your home computer is properly setup with speakers or headphones. This session will be recorded and will be available to Volunteers to view at a later date. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at qtong@ucdavis.edu.

Adobe Connect URL: <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/volunteer/>.

- **Member 4-H Online Record Book Webinar** - Members may login to a state informational on **August 30th at 2 PM**. This one hour webinar will give members a first look at the many innovative features in the California 4-H Online Record Book. Space is limited to the first 150 members to login to the Adobe Connect system. The webinar is FLASH based and will require that your home computer is properly setup with speakers or headphones. This session will be recorded and will be available to Members to view at a later date. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at qtong@ucdavis.edu. Adobe Connect URL: <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/members/>.

- **4hOnline Basic Training Webinar** - As the new year rolls over Staff and VEC2 volunteers have requested another Basic 4hOnline Training. Please join me on **August 24th at 2 PM** to go over the mean features of the 4hOnline System. We will go over the dashboard icons, basic functions of reports, group enrollments, and individual enrollments. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at: qtong@ucdavis.edu.

Adobe Connect URL: <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/training4honline/>. County offices will share the call-in information with participants.

- **State Ambassador Informational Webinar** - Many county staff members are unfamiliar with the State Ambassador program. Please join me for this informational Session on the State Ambassador program and how counties can best support their youth leaders. This webinar will be held on **September 7th at 2 PM**. We will be covering Selection, responsibilities, SLC, Travel, Reimbursements, and the Service Project. Please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong if you have any questions at qtong@ucdavis.edu. Adobe Connect URL: <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/ambassadors/>. County offices will share the call-in information with participants.
- The **2011 Golden Clover applications** and nomination forms are now available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>. Nominations and applications will be due by **September 30, 2011**. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. The selection committee reserves the option of moving applications to another category if they feel it would be a better match. Applications are evaluated on how well the applicant meets the description of the category and overall participation within 4-H. Group applications consisting of youth and adults need to demonstrate strong youth-adult partnerships. Questions can be sent to Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu.
- **State Leader’s Forum Magic!** It’s all coming together! We’ve got fabulous speakers lined up—just the right mix to give you information and to get you excited!! We’ve got workshops lined up—full of great information to take home with you. And we’ve got some great evening activities planned—things that will let you meet people while you are creating and doing.

Our hope this year is to have plenty of ideas and activities that you will be able take and replicate in your own county or club. We want you to be able to fill your personal ‘bag of tricks’ brim full with suggestions, knowledge, projects, and new ways of doing things. You will be so excited to use all these at home!

The committee is trying out some new ideas of their own—and hoping that magic will happen. We have an ‘open space’ time planned in which the content of the workshops will be generated from all of you, the attendees. We are allotting a significant amount of time for each region to hold a meeting—which is your chance to ‘catch up’ with what’s happening in your part of the state, to meet other folks from your area, and to get ‘on board’ with the regional council Sign up soon. There is still a discount for early-bird registration: www.ca4h.org. **November 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2011**. Follow the menu from Programs to Conferences to State Leader’s Forum. See you in October!

- The **Best Buy Children's Foundation** has announced a funding opportunity for organizations whose work encompasses serving a teen population and developing leadership and life skills among the youth. Eligible groups must be within 50 miles of a Best Buy store or regional distribution center. Grants will range between \$4,000 and \$6,000. Online grant applications may be submitted from **July 1 – August 1, 2011**. Click [here](#) for more information.
 - **Innovations in STEM Education Competition** – Ashoka Changemakers, Carnegie Corporation of New York, The Opportunity Equation and prize sponsors are offering more than \$120,000 in cash and prizes to those working in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and how they can improve these skills for youth in public schools. The deadline to apply is **August 3, 2011**. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/11Surk>.
 - **Sodexo Youth Grants** – Youth Service America is awarding 25 Grants of \$500 each in support of youth-led service projects in the U.S. Projects will work to address the issue of childhood hunger. The deadline to apply is **September 16, 2011**. More information is available at: www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth.
 - **Captain Planet Foundation:** The Captain Planet Foundation is funding grants to schools and community-based organizations that encourage hands-on projects to improve the environment. Up to \$2,500 in funding is available for projects that will inspire youth to become active in environmental stewardship and community service activities. The deadline to apply is **September 30, 2011**. For more information, visit <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>.
 - Get ready for the **Revolution of Responsibility!** 4-H'ers are changing the world and improving their communities today. In support of this community development work, the State 4-H Office will consolidate the Requests for Funding (RFP) for Service-Learning, Healthy Living, SET, and Legacy into one application. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding up to \$1,000 to support service-learning projects related to their club or project activities. As of **July**, an on-line application will be available and applications are due **October 15**. Projects must have a service-learning emphasis and can be related to 4-H SET, Healthy Living, Citizenship, Leadership or project work with the goal of creating positive change in the community and increasing the visibility of 4-H. Contact Pat English for more information, pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.
 - **Build-A-Bear Workshops** have announced their 2011 grant opportunities, with grants ranging up to \$10,000 each. Organizations working to support such causes as children's health and wellness, animals, and literacy and education will be considered. Click [here](#) for more information. The grant applications may be submitted through **October 28, 2011**.
 - **Home Depot Community Impact Grants Program** – The deadline to apply is **October 31, 2011**. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/elis5T>. Individuals and groups working to make repairs and improvements housing and community facilities in their neighborhood, as well as developing local parks and making greener spaces in the community are encouraged to apply for this funding opportunity. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, and services.
 - **2011 Promise Neighborhoods Program** – Through the U.S. Department of Education, grant opportunities for this program and applications have recently been made available. Grant recipients will be selected no later than **December 31, 2011**. For more information, visit: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/index.html>.
 - **Record Book Forms for the 2011** year state competition will be available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/>. Senior 4-H members (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31 of the program year for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition. There is no restriction on the number of times a 4-H member may be declared a state winner, but a state winner may only be awarded the cash prize twice. There is no restriction on the number of times a 4-H member may be declared a state medalist. Previous state record book winners are eligible to compete again. Questions may be sent to Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu.
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Candace Corrales, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club
Hannah DeYoung, San Fernando Valley 4-H Club
Ryan Halvorsen, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

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