



## September 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

4-H Program Policy and Information Update:

4-H Volunteers provide amazing experiences for 4-H Youth. Your contributions to the program are immeasurable and the value you bring is priceless. To that end, it's important to continue to provide and offer youth meaningful and engaging experiences that enhance their development and reinforce the ideals of 4-H. One way to do that is to offer volunteers training and professional development in areas that build competency in positive youth development – the foundation for the 4-H program – and content.

Two years ago, we developed the Volunteer Leaders' Training Series. The training is four sessions (8 hours of professional development training sessions offered every program year). The sessions are designed to equip volunteers with the most recent and effective strategies for engaging youth (Tools of the Trade); offer content specific experiences (Power of the Wind, Robotics); positive citizenship; healthy living; and on positive youth development (Step it Up to Thrive). During the current program year, we will offer training in each of the program mission mandates as well as one on positive youth development (Thrive). The training dates are:

October 1, 2011 (4-H Thrive/Tools of the Trade). Please register by going to <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7165>

January 14, 2012 (Healthy Living)

March 10, 2012 (Citizenship)

June 16, 2012 (4-H SET)

All trainings will be held at the county office and lunch will be served. Registration for each session will be online a month prior to the training. A link will be sent out in Clovernates and office updates. Enjoy the 4-H program year and we look forward to seeing you at one of the trainings offered this year.

For more information and ideas on 4-H volunteerism in America please visit:

<http://www.4-h.org/information-for/volunteers/>

# COUNTY

- **State Field Day & Fashion Revue Winners**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

On **May 28, 2011**, several Los Angeles County 4-H Youth represented our county at State Field Day/Fashion Revue and took home many of the coveted awards. The winners were as follows:

**State Presentation Results**

**Gold:** Taylor Anne Brown, *Diabetes and the Artificial Pancreas (Healthy Living)*

**Gold:** Tyler Collette, *4-H in Sherwood Forest* (Teammates: Taylor Anne Brown, Jacob Dluzak, Crystal Byrne, Nathan Dalrymple, Natasha Dalrymple, Joseph Kilcoyne, Tait Jacobsen, Paige Jacobsen, Caitlyn Gelfo, Camryn Gelfo, Ethan Boeker)

**Blue:** Kiran Ekanayake, *The Duel*

**Gold:** Ru Ekanayake, *The Heritage of Humans: The History of Weaving*

**Gold:** Rachel Klose, *All Summer and a Day* by Ray Bradbury

**Gold:** Wesley Rich, *Parachute Packing Methods for Model Rocketry*

**State Interview Contest Results**

**Gold:** Sallie DeYoung, Senior Division

**State Judging Event**

**Primary Recognition:** Cara Denny

**Intermediate:** Sallie DeYoung

**State Fashion Revue**

**Recycled:** Allison Jackson, Senior, Blue Medal

**Traditional:** Erin Gray, Junior, Blue Medal

**Traditional:** Ivory MacCracken, Intermediate, Blue Medal

All of the State Field Day and Fashion Revue participants from Los Angeles County 4-H did a lovely job, and we are so proud of you! We look forward to your presentations and garments in 2012. Way to go!

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

Save the date for our **Los Angeles County 4-H Pet Symposium** and **County Awards Day** which will take place on **Saturday, October 15, 2011**, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at the UC Cooperative Extension (4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA, 90022). 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!

SPCA will be here with their "mobile unit" and will be providing a LOW COST (\$5-\$25) vaccination clinic and \$25 "chipping." Meet popular children's author **Susan Lendroth**, win prizes and see pygmy goats, turtles and tortoises, dogs, cats, lizards and miniature potbellied pigs.

Each year, the 4-H districts of Los Angeles County rotate responsibilities for putting together the County Awards Day Event. Here is the 2011 listing of district responsibilities:

1. Program: NSG
2. Publicity: AV
3. Decorations & Set-up: SSG
4. Refreshments: SFV
5. Clean Up: ALL

***The County Awards Day portion of the program will be at the same location from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.***  
We hope to see you and all your friends there!

- **Los Angeles County 4-H presents the...  
*Grow Your Club Competition* and *Most Innovative Outreach Plan Competition!***

Help the Los Angeles County 4-H Program grow! Los Angeles County 4-H has been awarded a special grant from the California 4-H Foundation earmarked for marketing and outreach. These funds will assist us in proceeding with an established five year overall marketing plan. There are two exciting new opportunities for youth to work individually, or as a club team, to develop innovative outreach strategies and grow their club at the same time!

### **Grow Your Club Competition**

Every club in Los Angeles County 4-H is invited to participate in the ***Grow Your Club Competition*** by creating club advertisements, through word of mouth, participating in planned speaking engagements, designing and distributing fliers, hosting club “open house” events, and employing creative outreach strategies of their own.

**First Place** will go to clubs who increase their membership by 20% (no matter what the club size). Winning clubs (and there can be more than one) will receive a club pizza party and a 4-H Mall shopping spree for \$200.

**Second Place** will go to clubs who increase their membership by 10%. Winning clubs will receive a club pizza party.

**Third Place** will go to clubs who increase their membership by 5%. Winning clubs will receive a 4-H Mall shopping spree for \$50.

The ***Grow Your Club Competition*** should be a team/club activity which seeks to enlarge your club membership. Youth membership increases are based on Enrolled Club Members (on the 4-H On-Line Enrollment System). Winners will receive a pizza party and/or shopping spree. The “Grow Your Club Competition” will start **July 1, 2011** and run until **June 30, 2012**. Club Leaders must notify the County Office that you will be participating in the competition by **September 5, 2011** by calling **(323) 260-3859** or at [dafuller@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dafuller@ucdavis.edu) (otherwise your club is not eligible to win prizes).

### **Most Innovative Outreach Plan Competition**

Youth members design their own innovative and creative outreach plan and submit it to the County Office for a chance to win a \$100 gift card. Youth may participate in this competition as a team, or on their own. For team entries, teams will spend their gift card as a group. Plans for the ***Most Innovative Outreach Plan Competition*** must be turned in **September 30, 2011**, and a final written overview of the outcome of the plan must be submitted **March 30, 2012**, to the County Office.

- **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](mailto:dafuller@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at **(323) 260-3859**. Welcome to 4-H!

- **Record Books**

Record Books are due at 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: [jlpeiling@yahoo.com](mailto:jlpeiling@yahoo.com)

Noel Keller: [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)

Dee Keese: [swimdude64@earthlink.net](mailto:swimdude64@earthlink.net)

Carrie De Young: [csdeyoung@socal.rr.com](mailto: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 [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com). 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

- **Have you seen “Clover Safe Notes?”**  
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



September is **National Honey Month** and September 19-25 is **National Farm Safety and Health Week**. In 4-H, many of us work on or around farm-like settings, and we certainly work with animals big and small, on a regular basis. California 4-H has developed “**Clover Safe Notes**” for various projects that will provide best practices in a variety of project areas and settings.

Most of us involved in Equine Projects are familiar with best practices involving helmets and other safety requirements for working with horses, but did you ever wonder how to operate a tractor safely? Use pliers safely while working with baling wire? A power saw? Safely transport medium and large animals? What would you do if you ran into a black bear? What if you or someone you know had a poisonous snake bite? All of these questions and more are answered with the **California 4-H Safe Clover Notes** available to you at:

[http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H Resources/Clover Safe Notes by Project Area/](http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H%20Resources/Clover%20Safe%20Notes%20by%20Project%20Area/)

We all like to have fun in our 4-H projects, but we also like to do so in a safe and responsible way. California 4-H has so many resources available to us, and we can always learn something new. To find out more about Clover Safe Notes or to research project curriculum available contact Dawn Fuller at [dafuller@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dafuller@ucdavis.edu).

- **Hello, Honey!**  
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



At one time or another, we probably have all had a steaming cup of our favorite tea with honey or a warm biscuit slathered with a sweet gooey honey. September is **National Honey Month** and is a wonderful month for celebrating the delightful treat, along with the beekeepers that collect honey and the impressive insects that provide us with this natural sweetener, the bees.

Without bees, we wouldn't have honey. Without bees, many flowers wouldn't be pollinated (with the help of our fine feathered friends, birds). Without beekeepers, we wouldn't be able to enjoy this sweetly divine syrup.

Bees make honey in beehives after traveling near and far (at times up to 55,000 miles, jointly) to visit flowers and collect nectar. An individual bee may travel six miles, at fifteen miles per hour. A beehive may have up to 60,000 bees in a hive, and, as a group, the bees may visit two million flowers to create only a pound of honey! The **National Honey Board** Website tells us this:

***“As bees travel from blossom to blossom in search of nectar, they brush against the pollen-bearing parts of a flower (anther or stamen) and pick up pollen. When the honey bee goes to another flower for more food, some of the pollen from the first flower sticks to the second flower. In this way, the flowers are pollinated. Almonds, apples, avocados, blueberries, cantaloupes, cherries, cranberries, cucumbers, sunflowers, watermelon and many other crops all benefit from honey bees for pollination.”***



Once the bees return to their hive from their hideously long nectar collecting journey, the “Worker Bees” start adding enzymes to the floral nectar and voilà-- HONEY! Depending on which sorts of flowers the “Bee Team” has visited, this determines the specific type of honey they create. In the United States there are over 300 kinds of honey, which differ not only in taste but in color.

Beekeepers keep bees to harvest their honey (and other byproducts such as honeycombs, beeswax, and royal jelly), to pollinate crops, or raise bees to eventually sell. They usually wear protective clothing covering their face and neck-- which is made of a light-colored material (makes the bees less likely to go into “fight mode.”). Beekeepers sometimes use “Smokers” (a smoke emitting machine) which calms the bees and makes them feel hungry. When the bees smell the smoke, they worry that their home might be on fire, so they feel like they should “eat up” before their food is gone. Bees eat some of their own honey, which temporarily makes their “stingers” inactive. During this time, the beekeepers can work with the hive and feel a bit safer. On a small scale, the beekeeper can then remove the honeycomb from the hive, extract the honey, filter it, pour it out and preserve it, or process it in a variety of ways. Without beekeepers, we may have never had the chance to try this liquid gold!

The most common kind of honey (what you usually find in the grocery store) is ***Clover Honey***. Most people buy honey that tastes good to them, and color doesn’t play a big role in their selection. On the average, the lighter the honey, the sweeter the taste. Darker honeys are said to have a stronger taste, which some may prefer.



For those of you who have attended the Los Angeles County 4-H Pet Symposium, you may remember a special booth that the ***Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association*** hosted with a “live” bee display. The Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association taught us all a lot at this event and continue to host informational bee and honey events in and around Los Angeles. Local Farmer’s Markets are a delightful place to try out different types of honey.

If you really want to learn about bees and honey, you need not look any further than Los Angeles County 4-H! The ***Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club*** and the ***Alta-Pasa Squad 4-H Club*** have both hosted Beekeeping Projects and are open to members from clubs around the county. **Dee Keese**, of the PVP 4-H Club provided information, and the Alta-Pasa Squad 4-H Club Beekeeping Project Members were featured in a 2009 documentary called “**The Vanishing of the Bees**”

(<http://www.vanishingbees.com/>). To find out more information on joining a Beekeeping Project for the PVP 4-H Club, contact Community Club Leader, **Dee Keese** at [swimdude64@earthlink.net](mailto:swimdude64@earthlink.net) or Alta-Pasa Squad 4-H Club Leaders, **Andrea Donnellan** at [andrea@andreadonnellan.com](mailto:andrea@andreadonnellan.com) or **Traude Gomez** at [traudegomez@pacbell.net](mailto:traudegomez@pacbell.net).

The next time you sample some heavenly honey, we hope that you remember the trip it took to make it and may even consider trying your hand in a Beekeeping Project with Los Angeles County 4-H. Try a new project—"Bee" adventurous!

***"I shouldn't think even millionaires could eat anything nicer than new bread and real butter and honey for tea." - Dodie Smith***

\*Thanks to the National Honey Board for the information used in this article.

- **Beekeeper's Honey Cake**  
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



Let's celebrate **National Honey Month** with a special "Beekeeper's Honey Cake!"

### **Beekeeper's Honey Cake**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon ground cloves  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
3/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg  
3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted  
1 1/2 tablespoons canola or corn oil  
3 tablespoons packed dark brown sugar  
1 tablespoon granulated sugar  
3 large eggs, beaten  
1 1/2 cups wildflower or other medium-colored honey  
1 cup sour cream  
1 cup dried cranberries or sour cherries  
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans  
Sliced almonds for garnish

## PROCEDURE

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour a 12-cup Bundt or 10-inch tube pan, tapping out the excess flour, and set aside.
2. Sift together the flour, spices, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt in a medium-size mixing bowl.
3. With an electric mixer, beat together the melted butter, oil, and both sugars in a large mixing bowl until well blended.
4. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then add the honey and sour cream all at once. Beat until you have a smooth batter.
5. Beat in the flour mixture, 1 cup at a time, beating well after each addition.
6. Fold in the cranberries and walnuts. Pour the batter into the prepared cake pan.
7. Bake the cake until a cake tester inserted near the center comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes.
8. Invert the cake onto a wire rack and let cool. As soon as the cake is cool enough to handle, press the flaked almonds into the top.
9. Place the cooled cake in an airtight container to ripen for 2 days before serving.

\* Recipe Courtesy of: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/beekeeper-s-honey-cake-recipe.html>

- **Outreach Round-Up**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

On **Tuesday, August 23, 2011**, thanks to *Program Manager* and *Master Gardener Coordinator*, **Yvonne Savio**, **2,500** outreach letters highlighting the 4-H Pet Symposium and more importantly, LA County 4-H, were sent out. The **Los Angeles County Farm Bureau** also sent out the same advertisement to **6,200** of it's members. Likewise, the **48<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association** (home of the 48<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Schools' and Nutrition Fair) sent out letters to **310** to local school teachers. Los Angeles County 4-H is lucky to have such supportive community partners! Thank you Yvonne, Los Angeles County Farm Bureau and the 48<sup>th</sup> District Agricultural Association for helping us build our program!

On **Tuesday, September 13, 2011**, Los Angeles County 4-H will be giving an outreach presentation to the new Master Preserver's Class. On **Thursday, September 15, 2011**, along with the **Los Angeles County Farm Bureau**, Los Angeles County 4-H will be giving an outreach presentation at the LA County Fair. Come by and plant some radishes during the day by the "Big Red Barn!"

On **Monday, September 26, 2011** from **7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the UC Cooperative Extension (4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave, LA, 90022), there will be a **New Parent's Night**. 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! Please encourage all new families to sign-up for this event by contacting **Dawn Fuller** at [dafuller@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dafuller@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at **(323) 260-3859**.

- **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](http://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.

- **County Record Book Judging** - All LA County 4-H Junior, Intermediate and Senior members are invited to enter their 4-H records (on the state forms) in the county competition. Record Books due to the LA and AV offices by 4pm September 14, 2010. Record Books are due to the I&R committee members by 9pm on September 15, 2010. Record Book judging will be September 18 & 25, 2010 with winners announced at County Awards Day, October 9, 2009 after the 4-H Pet Symposium. Remember to enter your 4-H activity information on the "new" state record book forms.

- **2009-2010 Officer Book competition** - Officer books for the 2009-2010 competition will be due to the 4-H Office (LA or AV) on September 14, 2009. The book must be submitted with a completed ID form. The 2010 ID form and guidelines are available online at: [http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H Youth Development Programs/Applications.htm](http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/Applications.htm). Earn a medal for your officer book. Medals are given for Best in District and Best in County in each of the seven categories of the competition: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter, Historian, and Other Officers.

The books will be judged on September 18 & 25, 2010. Experienced leaders are requested to volunteer as judges. Contact Noel Keller (909) 621-2373 to volunteer to judge. The results will be announced in the district Achievement programs, usually held in October.

- **Youth & Adult Officer Training**  
On **Saturday, September 11, 2010**, from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (UC Cooperative Extension, 4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA 90022), there will be a special opportunity for both youth and adults to learn the ins and outs of holding an office. Youth may have served as “historian” or “secretary” in the past, or have recently been elected, and would like to know what it means to hold an office or be refreshed on what is expected as an officer in a particular role. *San Fernando Valley 4-H Club* Leader **Emily Mountford** is coordinating this very insightful **Youth Officer Training**, and youth will have a great opportunity to learn the basics of holding an office, gain confidence as an officer, assist their club in new ways and even participate in a “mock meeting.” **To attend this training, please R.S.V.P. to Emily Mountford before September 7 at [emilymountford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:emilymountford@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at (818) 445-0682.**

Also on **Saturday, September 11, 2010**, from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (UC Cooperative Extension, 4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA 90022), there will be a **Adult Officer Training** for County Council Officers, District Officers and key appointed positions (i.e. Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair, Livestock Chair, Science Chair, Home Ec. Chair, etc.). Available positions, roles and responsibilities and best practices all-around for adult officers will be covered. **Space is limited, so please R.S.V.P. by September 7 to Dawn Fuller at [dafuller@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dafuller@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at (323) 260-3859.**

- **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](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/](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](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, [rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu).

- **Dates To Remember:**

1. 3rd- Los Angeles County Fair (9/4-10/3)
2. 5th- Labor Day (Office Closed)
3. 7th- NSG District Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
4. 8th- Incentive & Recognition Committee mtg.
5. 10th- 4-H Sectional Council & Teen Council mtg.
6. 13th- Record Books & Officer Books due to 4-H County Office by 4PM
7. 14th- Record Books due to I&R Committee by 9PM
8. 15th- SSG District mtg.
9. 17th- Record Book Judging /Officer Book Judging
10. 24th- Record Book Judging / Officer Book Judging
11. 24th- AV Horse Showmanship Clinic
12. 26th- New Parent Night

## 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. Click [here](#) for more information. Go to:

## STATE

- **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 2PM. 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](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu). Adobe Connect URL: <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/ambassadors/>. County offices will share the call-in information with participants.

- 4-H Youth Training Babysitting Course - The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Babysitting Training course for Youth 12-17.

Location: Moffett Field

Sept. 10, 9:30-3:30

Sept. 11, 8:30-11:30

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.

Bring a doll for fun! For registration information, contact Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu) or 530-219-6608.

- **WHY Conference - Sept. 23-25, 2011**

Mendocino County is hosting the WHY Conference this year at Camp Masonite Navarro in Navarro, CA. WHY Conference is a leadership conference for youth in grades 6 to 12 from 21 counties in Northern California. The theme is "4-H keeps your engines revvin' in 2011." We'll be revvin' your engines with fun sessions on how to include exercise in your projects, meetings, and more. State Ambassadors will be presenting a workshop on leadership and travel opportunities through 4-H. Other workshops will cover Record books to resumes; what to expect when you move out and live on your own; and what to think about when renting an apartment. We'll even help you take care of your engine with a workshop on basic car maintenance. The event starts Friday afternoon, and the welcome committee is working on a fun kick-off. A guest speaker will talk about her experiences after 4-H and where it has taken her. There will be workshops on Saturday with free time to relax. Saturday night camp fire will feature a lip-sync contest; bring your costumes and music to compete as a county. There will also be a Wii Dance challenge, so start practicing. Registration for the event is due Sept. 3, but you can contact Linda for an extension. Visit: <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu/files/109814.pdf> for the registration packet. If you have any questions contact Linda Edgington 707-463-4495 or [lgedgington@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lgedgington@ucdavis.edu).

- **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](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu).

- **State Leader's Forum - The Magic Just Keeps on Happening!**

The Committee for the State Leader's Forum is SO EXCITED!! Things are really hopping into place for the conference this year, held in Pacific Grove at Asilomar November 11 - 13, 2011. The 4-H Foundation has thrown their hat into the ring and promises to be a significant presence with workshops, ideas, and new promotions! Staff will be there from the State 4-H Office to present workshops and meet leaders. Come and meet Shannon Dogan, our new Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. She will be speaking to the group on Friday Evening...followed by our "magic moment": 11:00pm on Nov. 11, 2011. Carolee Hazard will be our speaker for Saturday morning. She is a dynamic and energetic woman whom you may know for her community service work, specifically the \$93 club. You will hear her tell the story of how an act of compassion ultimately generated \$24,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank. You will be excited and inspired as she takes you on her journey. And then the evening will be transformed into a hands-on working group project. With help from the Foundation and the State Staff will be offering an awesome opportunity to explore new ways to give back to your community. We know you will come away ready to share your new knowledge and skills. So come to the leaders forum, enjoy the process. Remember: the magic of 4-H is Transformation.

- **“Save the Date!” - The 2012 California 4-H Camping Conference will be held March 23 – 25th, 2012** at Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA. There will be hands-on training for adult and teen leaders who help plan and administer 4-H camping programs. More details will follow in the next edition of Updates.
- The Staples Foundation and Ashoka have announced the 5th Annual Staples Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition. Youth ages 12-24 who have used technology to find solutions to society’s challenges. Winning teams will receive a \$500 cash prize and a trip to the Techonomy tech conference. Visit <http://ashokayouthcompetition.org/> for more information. The deadline to apply is September 9, 2011.
- KaBOOM! has announced the Let’s Play Spruce Grants, which will award \$750 each to communities working to make the playgrounds cleaner, safer and more welcoming. Visit: [http://kaboom.org/build\\_playground/get\\_funding/grants#spruce](http://kaboom.org/build_playground/get_funding/grants#spruce) for more information. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2011.
- Tractor Supply and Del’s Paper Clover promotion is going to be held Sept. 21st – Oct. 2nd, 2011 and is one more way that you can spread the word about National 4-H Week! Visit [www.tractorsupply.com/4-H](http://www.tractorsupply.com/4-H) today to see how you can participate with your local Tractor Supply Company store.
- 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](http://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>.
- Come Join the Revolution of Responsibility! 2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California and the 4-H YDP will celebrate by giving back to their communities with youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by actually leading, collaboration by forming relationships with other groups and agencies, and citizenship skills by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. The Revolution of Responsibility will celebrate the power of youth taking action and will consolidate all the various funding programs that are provided by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding (up to \$1,000) to support service-learning projects related to either club or project activities. An on-line application is available at: <http://ucanr.org/join/>. The first deadline for applications is October 15, 2011 with additional due dates of January 15 and April 15, 2012. For more information, check out the website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/> or contact Pat English at: [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto: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 to 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>.
- The 2011 4-H National Youth Science Day Innovation Awards are available to 4-H programs that hold National Youth Science Day events. There are multiple award categories of: \$4,000 for the Creativity Award, \$3,000 for the Revolution of Responsibility Award, and \$3,000 for the Promotion and Media Outreach Award. Event occurring between 7/1/11 – 10/31/11 are eligible to participate. For more information on submitting your event, click [here](#).

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