



October 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. 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

The program year is off to a great start. In the short period of time since the start of the year, youth have experienced a great deal work and progress on their projects. Because project work is one of the most important and significant aspects of our program, any opportunity to assess its effectiveness is essential. With that in mind, I conducted an assessment of 4-H Judging Day. Judging Day provides an opportunity for 4-H members to apply their critical thinking, decision-making, problem solving, organizing and reasoning skills. They are given a set of parameters on a subject matter and are asked to "judge" the subject matter based. Judging could include arranging items, evaluating items and making a determination about its usefulness.

The results of the assessment demonstrated an intense interest in 4-H Judging Day. Most respondents said they like 4-H Judging Day because it's fun and they get to spend time with friends. Youth also reported that 4-H Judging Day gives them a chance to practice their skills, to learn something new and to compete with other 4-H programs. The skills learned included critical thinking, decision-making, comparing and reasoning. As you know, these types of skills (mostly science related) are essential in the ever-increasing competitive economy. Other benefits of the event encompass the idea of youth testing their knowledge base against that of others and to be publicly recognized for your effort.

The 4-H program offers a lot for youth to experience. 4-H Judging Day is an example of such an experience. I encourage each of you to continue to support youth in their efforts to showcase their learning and talents. Attend 4-H events and continue to encourage youth to "make the best better."

CLUB

- **Favorite Chocolate Cookie Contest**

Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley 4-H Club

During the summer, Katherine, my Mom, my Dad, sister Jill and I went to the LA County Fair. We went because we had entered the Favorite Cookie contest. I made a giant Monster chocolate cookie. It had a lot of nuts and chocolate. It was made with, also a lot of LOVE!!! I won First Place in the contest. Jill also won First Place and Katherine won Sweepstakes! After the contest we looked at the other places, which was another fun activity! I got a temporary tattoo, which was called Henna. It was Hello Kitty with stars. I also bought my raccoon/rabbit/fox tail there. We had some great food, such as deep fried cream cheese with sweet chili sauce at Hot Dog on a Stick. I also got a strawberry lemonade souvenir cup and it was really huge, but really good. We looked at lots of booths, saw lots of rides, and had good food. It was really fun special newsletter features. You can email them to: dafuller@ucdavis.edu. Here's looking at you!

- **Favorite Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest**

Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley 4-H Club

It was August 27, 2011, a sunny day, when I entered the chocolate chip contest. First I made a simple chocolate chip dough but here is the difference. I added mint chocolate chips to the batch and baked it. Next I went to the LA County Fair and waited. After I turned my cookies in for judging, I was filled with both excitement and fear. What if I do bad? Instead I calmly waited until they announced the winners. I couldn't believe my ears! I got First Place and I also won Sweepstakes! I was so excited that night I couldn't sleep.

- **Pomona Valley Pies at the Fair**

Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley 4-H Club



I made a lemon pie for the American Kids pie contest at the LA County Fair. I put a heart-shaped decoration on top of my pie and whipped cream. To get the pie to the fair, we had to pack the pie carefully to keep it cold. I was very happy to earn a First Place for my pie. Other Pomona Valley club members who entered pies were Connor Treadwell who made a Strawberry pie with whipped cream on top and Suvi Kaljumagi who also made a lemon pie. Connor earned a Red, White and Blue rosette and Suvi earned a Second Place.

- **Rolling Hills Estates City Celebration**

Jenny O'Daniel

Once again, the PVP 4-H Club served up delicious hotdogs and hamburgers at the Rolling Hills Estates City Celebration on September 17th. There were many hungry people that happily came to our barbeque. Our booth and our posters brought several people with questions about joining 4-H. We had a great time serving at this event.



- **4-H Project Fair and Achievement Night**

Jenny O'Daniel

PVP 4-H Club's Project Fair was another big success. It was held on September 25th at 4pm at Mrs. Keese's house. The junior and teen leaders set up their posters, showed animals, and displayed things about their projects. Everyone worked really hard to show their projects, so new members could see what the projects offer. There were so many fun things to look at. It was a really enjoyable experience for everyone! Afterwards we had a huge potluck dinner and then Achievement Night. Last year's members each got their pins, including Candace Corrales, who got her ten year pin. Go Candace! Everyone had a great time learning about the projects, getting their pins, and especially eating amazing food!



- **District Rocket Launch**

Julius Treadwell

North San Gabriel 4-H District had a Rocket Launch on September 25 at Victory Park in Pasadena. Conner Treadwell, Logan Torgeson, Timothy DeLange, 3 leaders and I had a lot of fun. We learned how to fix our rocket to launch it. We had to count 5, 4, 3, 2,1 and then blast off. Then the rocket went flying in the air and the parachute opened and we ran to catch the rocket. One of my rockets went flying into a big tree. Some of the rockets went far into the baseball field. It was so much fun.



COUNTY

- **Los Angeles County 4-H Pet Symposium & County Awards Day**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The **Los Angeles County 4-H Pet Symposium** and **County Awards Day** are almost upon us! The Pet Symposium and Awards Day will be held 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 fantastic way for the community to see all the great things 4-H youth can learn and accomplish!



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 pigeons, turtles, tortoises, dogs, cats, lizards, miniature potbellied pigs and much more! **Greenleaf 4-H** will provide a delightful food booth, **San Fernando Valley 4-H** will be providing tasty door prizes, and **Encino Oaks 4-H** will host a “Pet Rock Activity” for attendees.

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 this year’s district responsibilities:

- Program: NSG
- Publicity: AV
- Decorations & Set-up: SSG
- Refreshments: SFV
- 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!

- **Record Books!**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



On **Saturday, September 17**, and **Saturday, September 24**, **41** leaders and other volunteers from all over Los Angeles County participated in judging 4-H Record Books and Officer Books. **Noel Keller**, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair, coordinated an insightful orientation along with her dedicated committee who received the books, sorted them and made necessary preparations for judging (a lengthy process).

A total of **83** books were turned in--up from **71** total books last year. There were **24** Senior Books last year, and **30** this year. There were **28** Intermediate Books last year, and **34** this year. There were **19** Junior Books (the same as last year). There were **9** Officer Books turned in this year. Overall, more youth turned in Record Books-- which is so great!

Youth did a wonderful job of recording their hard work, and special recognition will be given to winners at the **Los Angeles County 4-H Awards Day**, following the **Pet Symposium** on **Saturday, October 15, 2011**, from **3 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at the **UC Cooperative Extension** (4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA 90022).

Youth have another opportunity to compete with their 4-H Record Books in the **State Record Book Competition**. It is not necessary to have turned in a record book at the county level to compete. For rules, guidelines and due dates, look at these two links: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/107701.doc> and <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/>. Record books for the state competition are due to the county office by **October 21, 2011**. Youth can bring their entries to the Pet Symposium for review/questions, and any senior can enter even if no record book was submitted to county. Let's show the state what LA youth have accomplished!

For those parents and leaders who may be new to 4-H, judging Record Books and Officer Books is the best way to find out the components of award-winning books. All youth, in all clubs, are encouraged to turn in a Record Book each year. Many standing traditions in 4-H are meant to encourage youth development with an emphasis on important life skills. Keeping a Record Book not only helps youth learn valuable record keeping skills, but also helps remind youth of all they have accomplished, focus on what they hope to accomplish, that they have been an integral part of a team, and that they saw projects and club work through to the very end. If youth in your club haven't participated in this 4-H activity, this is the year to do so! Throughout the year, Record Book Workshops will be provided, and there will be many exciting incentives for youth (some will be a surprise!). To find out more about Record Books, Officer Books, or participate in judging next year, contact Noel Keller at Noel.Keller@hmc.edu.



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



Los Angeles County 4-H provided a special “Onion Planting Activity” to 94 youth at the **Los Angeles County Fair** on **Thursday, September 15, 2011**. The **Los Angeles County Farm Bureau** kindly invited 4-H to share its booth at the fair, and the fun youth activity was a well-liked, joint effort. Youth from all over Los Angeles attended the fair with their school classes and stopped by the booth throughout the day to learn all about onions (and why they are the way they are!). Youth who attended carefully transported their onion seeds home and seemed enthralled with various onion facts. Find out all you ever wanted to know about onions here: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/122649.pdf>

We thank the **Los Angeles County Farm Bureau** for being a supportive partner of 4-H in Los Angeles County!



- **Come Back, Chestnut!**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



“Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...” is a line in one of our beloved holiday songs, but have you ever actually had a chestnut? We are reminded of them during the holidays, but what are they and where do they come from? In honor of **National Chestnut Week (October 9-15)**, we delve into the secret world of the chestnut...

Chestnuts are a meaty nut that are usually available from October to March. Chestnuts have twice the starch content as potatoes and are often times used to make special breads, having earned themselves the nickname of “Bread Tree” for this very reason. Chestnuts in the United States are mainly enjoyed as a snack, especially around the holidays, and are often candied. They can also be used to make flour, turkey stuffing, in soups, salads, stir fries, cereals and in ice cream. In some European countries, they are used as a potato substitute.

Dating back to prehistoric times, the Greeks introduced Europe to this tasty little nut, and it has been said that the Greek Army even survived on chestnuts alone for a long period of time in 401 B.C.E.! Starting about or around 1700 (from Maine to Georgia, and in many sections of Appalachia), it was discovered that Native Americans had already been using their own variety of chestnuts as a staple in their diets long before Europeans introduced their version to the United States. Historically, the chestnut has been named one of the “most important nut crops in the temperate zone,” second to the coconut and peanut (Paul Vossen, Farm Advisor, Sonoma County, University of California, <http://ucanr.org/freepubs/docs/8010.pdf>).

The American Chestnut Tree was for a very long time, a dominant tree in the U.S. (with chestnut forests once covering large areas in the Eastern United States) and a popular nut among many for a number of reasons. Chestnut forests once flourished, and chestnuts were used as an important food source (used to create flour and make bread). The timber from the trees was used for tannin, fence posts, railway ties, house-framing, barns and fuel. Believe it or not, Early Americans were quite dependent on this meaty little nut and its by-products, and, let’s not forget the wildlife population was also sustained by our little friend, the chestnut.



During the Gold Rush, European settlers brought their version of the chestnut to California where it became a popular food item for Native Americans and settlers. Some small patches of these chestnuts can still be found in the foothills of the Sierras, on the North Coast and in the Central Valley.

Today, unfortunately, the American Chestnut Tree only remains in a handful of areas (California and the Pacific Northwest). In 1904, a chestnut tree imported from Asia was planted in Long Island, and carried a deadly fungus (deadly to chestnut trees). By the 1950s, this dastardly fungus spread to much of the chestnut population here in the U.S., killing off almost all of the American Chestnut population. Many are making concerted efforts to bring back the American Chestnut Tree population and protect the few remaining trees that are left.

“What had been the most important tree in our Eastern forest was reduced to insignificance” in the early 1900s, says the American Chestnut Cooperators’ Foundation (www.familydoctormag.com).

Chestnuts in the United States are now primarily imported from Japan, China, Spain, Turkey, Korea and Italy. Asia is currently in the lead for being the largest producer of chestnuts (producing anywhere from 110,000 to 265,000 tons a year). Even though many of us may have only heard about “chestnuts roasting on an open fire,” and haven’t actually tasted a chestnut, the U.S. imports 10 to 20 million pounds a year!

After all these years, who knew the little chestnut was almost extinct! If you get the chance, there are several chestnut farms that you can contact and visit in California. Here are a few for you to check out:

<http://www.chestnuts.us/>

http://www.chestnutranch.com/Green_Valley_Chestnut_Ranch/Home.html

http://www.chestnutsforsale.com/about_chestnut.htm

<http://skylinechestnuts.com/about2.html>

At the very least, ask your Mom and Dad to get a few this fall and try your hand at roasting some on an open fire. When heated through, they will pop open like popcorn! You can sample the tasty little nut and think about how valuable it was to many years ago.

I leave you with a poem written about the beloved chestnut:

American Chestnut Cooperators' Creed
by S. Lucille Griffin

The native American chestnut tree
gave our grandparents many gifts:
wood that was good for making homes,
framing, siding, shingles, panels, trim;
wood the craftsmen love to work,
light but strong, dark grained, forever-lasting;
wood that offered folks a living,
splitting rails, cutting and hauling
tan bark, posts, utility poles and ties.

Although the trees were cut, the roots survived.

New trees sprung up from them and grew
like yellow poplar, fast and straight.

Along the ancient Appalachian range,
one of every four trees was a chestnut.

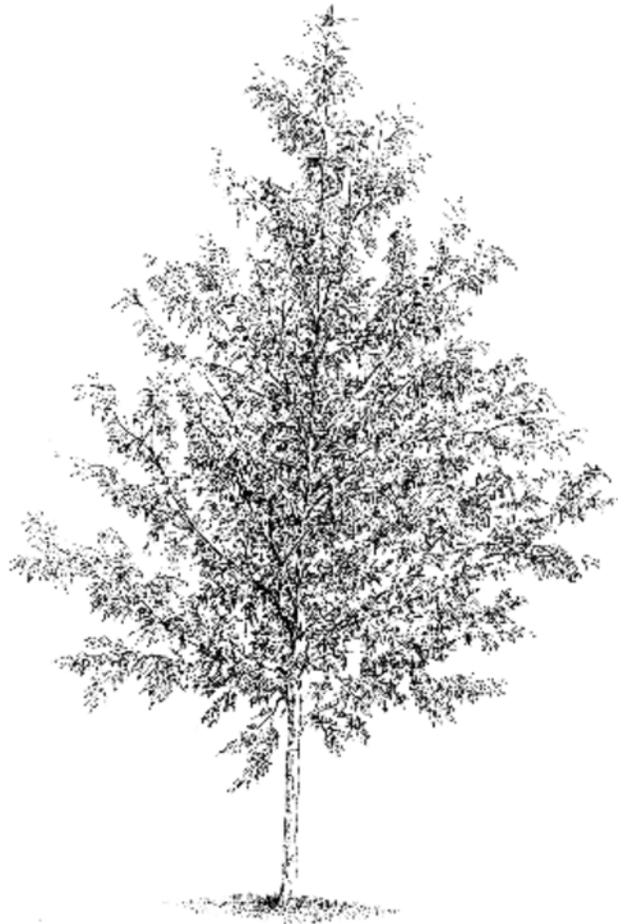
Late in June or early in July,
cream-colored blossoms crowned the mountainsides.

Peace and solace dwelt there, where
the deep, cool shade of summer daydreams
promised the same sweet harvest every year.

At frost, in late September or
October's first, the burs released their bounty:
chestnuts for roasting, chestnuts for stuffing,
chestnuts to sell to the city folks,
all the nuts a family could gather,
and plenty left over to feed the wild game.

All this we miss and would reclaim
for our descendants' legacy.

Bring back the American chestnut tree!



- **Pumpkin Apple Soup with Chestnuts**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



Now that you learned all about the wee chestnut, here is a fall recipe for you to try out on your family and friends.

Pumpkin Apple Soup with Chestnuts

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 Golden Delicious apples (about 1 pound), peeled, cored and cut into eighths
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) pure pumpkin
- 4 cups (1 carton, 32 ounces) chicken broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 5 tablespoons drained 2 percent Greek yogurt, for garnish
- 10 fresh chestnuts, roasted, peeled and coarsely chopped, for garnish (if you can't find fresh you can use dry-packed)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives, for garnish
- 10 mini sugar pumpkins
- Olive oil, for brushing

Directions:

- In small stock pot over medium heat, melt butter.
- Add onion and apples; cook, stirring occasionally until softened, about 10 minutes.
- Stir in pumpkin, broth, 1 1/2 cups water, bay leaf, coriander, salt and red pepper flakes. Bring to a simmer; reduce heat to medium-low.
- Cook covered, stirring occasionally, until apples are soft, about 30 minutes. Remove from heat; discard bay leaf.
- Using an immersion blender, puree soup in pot until smooth.
- Stir in cream and return to stove.
- Cook over medium heat until heated through, about 4 minutes.

To make pumpkin shells

- While soup is cooking, preheat oven to 375°.
- Cut top third off pumpkins, making sure to keep matching tops and shells together. (If necessary, trim a thin layer off bottoms of pumpkins so they sit level.)
- Using a large spoon, scoop out seeds and strings; discard.
- Place pumpkin shells and tops on foil-lined baking sheet; brush all cut edges with oil. Bake until warmed, 6 to 8 minutes.

Serve soup

- Ladle soup into pumpkin shells, if using (if not, serve in warm bowls).
- Garnish each serving with 1/2 tablespoon dollop of yogurt and a sprinkling of chestnuts and chives.

(Serves 10)

Enjoy!

*Recipe Courtesy of Oprah Magazine: <http://www.oprah.com/food/Pumpkin-and-Apple-Soup-with-Chestnuts#ixzz1ZkvxWzIP>

- **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://www.lacounty4h.org). 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.

- **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%20Youth%20Development%20Programs/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. 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 in October :**

2 nd	4-H Week (10/2-8)
5 th	NSG District Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
7 th	Summer Camp Head Director application due
15 th	Pet Symposium
20 th	SSG District mtg.
22 nd	State Leaders' Council mtg. (Davis, CA)
24 th	AV District mtg.
28 th	Record Books for State Competition due / AV Awards Night
30 th	NSG Achievement

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.

STATE

- **Measuring Success through the 4-H Online Record Book—Win an iPad2!**

One of the features of the 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) is the "Boost Your Spark Score!" box. Through the Spark Score Questions we will be able to measure the impact of 4-H and track the progress of individual youth toward reaching their full potential, or in a word, to thrive.

Tracking youth progress allows us to continually improve 4-H programs based on real results. To incentivize use of ORB in this first year, both youth and adults have opportunities to be eligible to be entered into a drawing for iPad2's and a Centennial commemorative pin.

For more information go to: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/>

- National 4-H Council has announced the annual **Youth in Action awards opportunity**. If you know of a 4-H youth between the ages of 14-19 who has made a significant impact in their community, consider nominating him or her today. A youth who is nominated will also need to apply for the award at <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action-awards/> by November 1, 2011. An application and more information is available at: <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/2011/>.

- **State Leader's Forum**

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Come this November to the State Leader's Forum in Pacific Grove. Stay at the historic Asilomar conference grounds, enjoy walks on the beach, meet new friends, and re-connect with old friends. Coming to any conference is always a rejuvenating experience – it gets you 'revved-up' for the year to come. You hear new ideas and get excited to try that 'same ole' project in an entirely new way. And this year's conference is guaranteed to do all of the above, and more.

We have top-notch speakers lined up: Andrew Bosworth, former Diamond Star and current Director of Engineering at Facebook; Carolee Hazaard, who calls herself an 'opportunist' and community service activist; and Ralph Flynn, local businessman with a goal to keep everyone motivated to do the best they can. Plus you'll hear from Sandy Cohen (the State 4-H Leader's Council president); Shannon Dogan (our Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy); Annette Leland (Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation); and Steven Worker (4-H SET Coordinator) – to name a few.

The workshops we have are terrific: communication, technology, project work, healthy living and much, much more. There will be time to visit with friends, time to ask your questions, and time to enjoy the day. Go to: www.ca4h.org; click on 'programs' and then 'conferences'. Download the registration forms (one for the conference, and one for your room) and sign up today and be transformed!

- **"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 State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee announces categories and service projects for 2012! Entry categories returning from 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with \$100 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished. The Recycled category will not be offered at State Fashion Revue for 2012; counties may choose to include it at local events only. **The \$15 Challenge was so popular in 2011, it will become the \$19.99 Challenge for 2012.** It has the same rules (shoes and sales tax don't count, receipts required) but the limit is increased to \$19.99 to allow more creativity. We are adding a second challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity #7161, view A only, and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate with the tote bag. SFR will be coordinating two service projects. The Quilts for Wounded Warriors is returning because the American Legion needs more quilts. Statewide, 4-H created sixty quilts in 2011 and we look forward to even more in 2012. Our second service activity is the Million Pillowcase Project, for handmade or decorated pillowcases. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>.

- **The National 4-H Conference** is a working conference in which youth and adults develop recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Canadian provinces.

Applications are now available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>. For more information please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu.

Important dates to remember:

2012 National 4-H Conference

March 24 – March 29, 2012

October 31, 2011 Applications due

November 14, Notifications out to applicants

December 10, Team Meeting State Office

February 11, Team Meeting State Office

- The **2011-2012 Junior Master Gardener** program is offering a fundraising opportunity for any youth group to take part in at any point during the '11-'12 year. This is a green fundraiser that features **Growums theme garden starter kits**. A FAQ is available [here](#) on the fundraiser for more information.
- **Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation** - Community/School Projects Funded, <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>. **Application deadline: October 14, 2011.** The Toolbox for Education Grant Program, offered by Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation, provides grants of \$2,000 to \$5,000 to public K-12 schools and school parent-teacher groups associated with public schools throughout the U.S. that develop projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Preference is given to funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) and landscaping/clean-up projects. This year the program is seeking ways to provide the tools that help educators and parent groups through these challenging times efficiently and with the greatest impact.
- **E-Waste Drive Campaign Scholarship** is being presented as an opportunity from **DoSomething.org** and **BestBuy with EnergyStar**. Teams will collect e-waste items, turn them into Best Buy stores and complete a report. Reports are to be submitted by October 1, 2011. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/qgU13a>.
- Tractor Supply and Del's Paper Clover promotion is going to be held Sept. 21st – Oct. 2nd, 2011. 4-H clubs, volunteers, or staff near a TSC/Del's Store should register online to be in their local TSC/Del's store at least one day during the Paper Clover fundraising promotion by visiting www.tractorsupply.com/4-H. This is also one more way that you can spread the word about National 4-H Week and National Youth Science Day!
- **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 for more information. The next deadlines to apply are October 15 and November 15, 2011. 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.
- **UnitedHealth HEROES** program is offering grants to assist youth ages 5-25, build local programs to combat childhood obesity. The deadline for grant submission is: **October 17, 2011**. More information is available at: www.YSA.org/HEROES.
- **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.
- **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. Events occurring between 7/1/11 – 10/31/11 are eligible to participate. For more information on submitting your event, click [here](#).
- **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 Everyday Young Hero Awards** are offered and awarded on a weekly basis to youths from around the world, ages 5-25, who exemplify commitment to service. If you know of a youth that is deserving of nomination for this award, visit: www.YSA.org/awards/hero today.
- **NYLC Youth Leadership for Service-Learning Excellence Award** – If you are or know of a service-learning program that is working to build youth leadership skills, please share this opportunity. The deadline to apply is **October 21, 2011**. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/n9fvNY>.
- **The NYLC Service-Learning Practitioner Leadership Award** is also concurrently being offered to recognize adults who have shown exemplary work in teaching youth to lead and serve others. The deadline to apply is also **October 21, 2011**. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/p5w9cX>.
- **The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** offer an opportunity to recognize volunteers who have made a significant difference in their community over the past year. If you would like to nominate someone deserving of this award, the deadline for submission is **November 1, 2011**. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/pb4Fbb>.

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