



April 2012

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

4-H Policy and Information Update

The 4-H program affords many opportunities for young people to engage in meaningful experiences that lead to healthy and thriving adults. 4-H Members are supported by volunteers who share a deep commitment to them and support their ongoing work. One way volunteers support youth is by providing resources and material to help facilitate the learning process. Resources are secured, by and large, through fundraisers. In order to be sure that fundraisers are conducted in compliance with University of California 4-H policy, I have outlined a few things to keep in mind:

1. ALL fundraisers need to be approved by the 4-H County Office. No club, unit, council or individual is allowed to conduct a fundraiser using the 4-H name or emblem without prior approval from this office (see <http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Administration/Policies/Chapter9/> for information on how to obtain approval)
2. ALL fundraisers must have a youth development purpose associated with it. No club, unit, council or individual should raise money without an expressed purpose or goal. Fundraisers should not be for general club support unless that support is directly related to the club's (unit's) activity
3. ALL funds raised in the name of the 4-H program are the assets (property) of the University of California and therefore subject federal, state and University of California general fund development guidelines
4. Expenditure of the funds must be consistent with the intent with which the funds were raised. Monies should not be rolled over from year-to-year and accumulated unless there is some specific long-term goal for the use of the funds.
5. Funds are to support the educational goals of youth in the program, including supporting youth to attend events, programs and conferences that reinforce the learning outcomes associated with a project or experience

Please review Chapter 9: Financial Management of the 4-H Policy Manual for a more thorough understanding of the policies that govern fundraising.

COUNTY

- **May Tong, Los Angeles County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award Winner**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



This year, at the Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Luncheon on Saturday, March 31, 2012, **May Tong**, Community Club Leader of the **Neenach 4-H Club**, was awarded the **Los Angeles County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award**.

For 30 years May has been a 4-H leader in a variety of projects and has been the Neenach 4-H Club Leader for 26 years. While raising six kids who were all involved in 4-H in their youth, May decided to become a 4-H project leader and eventually club leader for Neenach 4-H. Neenach 4-H Club has a club leader who has been involved in 4-H longer than many of our youth have been alive!

Born in 1935 in Utah, May is no stranger to agriculture and its long historical roots in Los Angeles. When May was nine years old, her father wanted to move to the west coast to farm and escape the harsh Utah winters. He moved her mother and eight siblings to Buena Park to farm, and it was an adventure!

While growing up in Buena Park, her family raised tomatoes, strawberries, peas, cauliflower, squash, cabbage and bok choy (amongst other crops), where they sold them at the Farmer's Market in Los Angeles. May remembers working long hours alongside her brothers and sisters on the family farm and has good memories of what Buena Park was like in days of old.

May's father instilled in his kids the importance of not only hard work, but of having an education. At the age of fourteen, May's father rented an apartment in Los Angeles for the kids to live in on weekdays and go to the school in the area, while returning to the farm to work on weekends.



May met her husband, James Tong, at a city college dance in 1957 and was married in Buena Park in 1959. Six children and 55 years of marriage later, May and her husband are proud of their family and all they have accomplished.

May's children have all been 4-Hers, and she kindly decided to stay on as Neenach Club's leader long after they had graduated out of the program. May said that she wanted her kids to learn to do things themselves and be independent adults. Regarding her 4-H youth members presently in the Neenach 4-H Club, she had this to say:

"I want these kids to become self-assured. I want them to learn to do things the right way. I want them to be able to get up and speak and to learn to be good officers. I want them to learn all about parliamentary procedure and how to run a meeting. I stay in 4-H because I want this club to stay around and kids to keep learning!"

May also mentioned that she is thankful for the friendship and help of long-time friend, Eldora Barnes (Los Angeles County 4-H Leader for 55 years). She enjoys leading her 4-H club and leading projects in arts and crafts, clothing and textiles, leadership, and food preservation.

May deserves this special *Los Angeles County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award* for her many years of dedication to changing the lives of youth in Los Angeles County. May, you are an asset to the Los Angeles County 4-H Program, and we thank you for your 30 years of service. We all look forward to the next 30!

- **Los Angeles County 4-H Summer Camp**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



4-H Summer Camp is scheduled for **July 1-July 7, 2012** at Camp Seeley in San Bernardino. 4-H Summer Camp is a week filled with fun "learning by doing" activities and the best food at any camp around! The cost to attend the camp is \$275 per person if the deposit is paid by May 1, 2012. Full or partial camperships may be available for those who need financial assistance to attend. 4-H Camp is limited to the first youth who reserve a spot.

To apply for camperships go to: <http://www.4hsummercamp.com/camperships.html>

For more details or to register online go to: <http://www.4hsummercamp.com/index.html> or contact Dawn Fuller, UCCE/Los Angeles County 4-H at **(323) 260-3859** or by email dafuller@ucdavis.edu or **Kelly Doblado**, Camp Director, **(760) 579-0051** or by email at landshark311@gmail.com.

Early Bird Registration: Send in your *Early Bird Registration* \$75 deposit by May 1, 2012, and total payment by June 12, 2012. Please note: The total cost for camp if mailed by May 1 is \$275.

Regular Camp Registration: Send in your *Regular Camp Registration* \$75 deposit by June 1, 2012, and total payment by June 12, 2012. Please note: The total cost for camp if mailed by June 1 is \$350.

Late Camp Registration: Send in your *Late Camp Registration* any time after June 1, 2012, and please note that the total cost for camp goes up to \$400 if postmarked after 6/1/12. Total payment must be received by June 12, 2012.

All camp registration fees need to be received no later than June 12, 2012.

Registration can be found here: <http://www.4hsummercamp.com/camp-registration.html>.

Mail Registration and Payments to:

UCCE Los Angeles County 4-H Office
4-H Summer Camp
Attn: Dawn Fuller
4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90022

Make checks payable to: Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council

For more Los Angeles County 4-H Summer Camp Information, Camp Schedule, and General Forms visit:
<http://www.4hsummercamp.com/index.html>

Hope to see you there!

- **The California Poppy**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



The rolling hills of California can be a breathtaking sight to behold when our State Flower is in bloom - the California Poppy. Often times known as "The Flame Flower," the California Poppy - from February through September - covers many of our hills like a glowing beautiful orange and gold blanket. In 1890, the California State Floral Society selected the California Poppy as our State Flower, but it was not officially designated as such until 1903. **April 6 is California Poppy Day.**



Pulling up to the California shore in the 1800s, naturalists aboard Russian expedition boats must have been awestruck to see waves of these delightful colored four-petaled flowers waving hello when they arrived after their long and arduous journey. One of these scientific visitors was German surgeon and naturalist, Johann Friedrich von Eschscholtz and his pal Adelbert von Chamisso. Following their visit to California on the Russian ship named the "Rurik" (sometime between 1816 and 1824), Chamisso named this brightly colored treasure after Eschscholtz, calling it "Eschscholzia californica."



Of course, these orange and gold treasures were not new to California land, as they were already well in use by the tribes of local Native Americans. They used them for medicinal purposes, hair tonics and cooking. Native Americans laid poppies in the beds of children to help them sleep, as a treatment for tuberculosis, and to dull a toothache. Native American women used poppies in hair tonics they created and the pollen as a form of early make-up. Early Spanish explorers thought so highly of the flowers that they named them "Copa de Oro" (cup of gold).

The California Poppy is native to North America and can be found not only in California, but in Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. Now poppies can also be found in Mexico, India, Chile, Argentina, Australia, parts of Europe and South Africa. The poppies that we are familiar with are normally orange or gold, but can run the gambit from light yellow to scarlet and shades of pink and red as well.

Here are some fun facts about our State Flower:

- 🌸 The poppy is considered an herb.
- 🌸 There are 200 species of poppies.
- 🌸 Poppies were originally pollinated by beetles, but are now pollinated by honey bees.
- 🌸 A song was written about the California Poppy in 1902 called “Golden Poppies Goodnight.”
- 🌸 You must not pick California Poppies because we honor them as our State Flower.
- 🌸 Poppies thrive in poor soil and will not grow if the ground is fertile or enriched in any way.
- 🌸 Poppies can grow in sand dunes.
- 🌸 Poppy blooms close when the sun goes down or if the skies are cloudy.
- 🌸 In some areas and countries, poppies are considered an invasive, and sometimes even pesky weed!
- 🌸 The pollen of various poppies can be different colors – even blue and gray.
- 🌸 Poppies are also famous movie stars. In the film “The Wizard of Oz,” a field of poppies suddenly appears making all of the characters fall asleep, and almost prevents them from seeing the wizard!
- 🌸 Some varieties of poppy seeds are used for seasoning and in baked goods (not California Poppy Seeds though).



Poppies are a beautiful flower, and since they are our State Flower, we can celebrate **California Poppy Day** on **April 6** by visiting areas where they can be viewed. You will be able to find most poppies in bloom from February through September, depending on the area.

You can find poppies in many places in the State of California, and here are a few places close to home where you can enjoy these brilliant little flowers:

- 🌸 Along the California Interstate 5 Freeway (Grapevine, North Los Angeles)
- 🌸 The Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve (15101 Lancaster Road, Lancaster, 93536)
- 🌸 The Antelope Valley Poppy Festival in Antelope Valley on April 21 and 22 at the Lancaster City Park (43011 N. 10th Street West, Lancaster, 93534):
<http://www.poppyfestival.com/generalinformation.php>
- 🌸 Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (18751 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, 92651)
- 🌸 Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (200 Palm Canyon Drive, San Diego, 92004)
- 🌸 Montaña De Oro State Park (Morro Bay):
http://www.slostateparks.com/montana_de_oro/default.asp

- **2012 County Field Day results**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

Los Angeles County 2012 4-H Field Day was held Saturday, March 24 at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. 62 members, representing 10 clubs, participated in the event. We thank the San Fernando Valley 4-H district for organizing and running the event. We thank the LA County 4-H All-Stars and Junior All-Stars for all their help with the event, including helping with set up, check-in, food booth, judging, MC and the awards ceremony. We thank all the leaders, youth and staff who also helped make the event a big success. This was a sunny, great day at Mt. SAC!

Award certificates were given to all 4-H members who participated. Gold medals were given to the County Winners. Gold medal winners are eligible to enter Sectional Field Day, to be held on May 19 at Mt. SAC. You do not need a gold medal at county to try Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking or Mock Interviews at Sectional Field Day.

Congratulations to the following members for their accomplishments!

For the listings below, the following abbreviations are used:

PVP = Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

SFV = San Fernando Valley 4-H Club

ERHP = Eagle Rock Highland Park 4-H Club

Junior Presentations

Amber Kaljumagi – Pomona Valley – GOLD medal

Makenna Mottram – PVP – GOLD medal

Catherine Nunley – PVP – Blue Seal

Lucia Brown – PVP – Blue Seal

Georgia Pike – PVP – Blue Seal

Junior Team Presentations

Ethan and Nathaniel Boeker – Canyon Coyotes - GOLD medal

Intermediate Presentations

Nicole Alger – Neenach – GOLD medal

Ru Ekanayake – PVP – GOLD medal

Angie Narvaiz – Greenleaf – GOLD medal

Zella Roth – PVP – GOLD medal

Andrew Arboleda – Alta Pasa – Blue Seal

Ivory MacCracken – PVP – Blue Seal

Jeremiah Narvaiz – Greenleaf – Blue Seal

Senior Presentations

Julius Treadwell – Pomona Valley – GOLD medal

Candace Corrales – PVP – GOLD medal

Daniel Espinosa – Harbor Lights – GOLD medal

Junior Public Speaking

no entries

Senior Mock Interviews

no entries

Junior Impromptu Speaking

Ethan Boeker – Canyon Coyotes – GOLD medal

Kiran Ekanayake – PVP – GOLD medal

Katie O’Daniel – PVP – Blue Seal

Lucia Brown – PVP – Green Seal

Sean Brown – Canyon Coyotes – Green Seal

Andrea Wall – SFV – Green Seal

Sarah Yeck – PVP – Green Seal

Intermediate Impromptu Speaking

Ru Ekanayake – PVP – GOLD medal

Laura Griffin – PVP – GOLD medal

Rebecca Klose – PVP – Blue Seal

Zella Roth – PVP – Blue Seal

Megan Okamoto – Pomona Valley – Blue Seal

Liliana Brown – PVP – Blue Seal

Jenny O’Daniel – PVP – Blue Seal

Kailana Jack – Alta Pasa – Blue Seal

Alexander Smith – Alta Pasa – Blue Seal

Jessica Fint – SFV – Blue Seal

Jaleal Bennett – Greenleaf – Green Seal

Taylor Anne Brown – Canyon Coyotes – Green Seal

Ramona Gomez – Alta Pasa – Green Seal

Jeremiah Narvaiz – Harbor Lights – Green Seal

Angelica Narvaiz – Harbor Lights – Green Seal

Intermediate Public Speaking

Jaleal Bennett – Greenleaf – GOLD medal
 Taylor Anne Brown – Canyon Coyotes – GOLD medal
 Romona Gomez – Alta Pasa – GOLD medal
 Connor Gowland – Harbor Lights – GOLD medal
 Laura Griffin – PVP – GOLD medal
 Kailani Jack – Alta Pasa – GOLD medal
 Alexander Smith – Alta Pasa – Blue Seal

Senior Public Speaking

no entries

Junior Prepared Reading

Sara Conlon – PVP – GOLD medal
 Kate O’Daniel – PVP - GOLD medal
 Kiran Ekanayake – PVP – GOLD medal
 Rebecca Klose – PVP – Blue Seal

Intermediate Prepared Reading

Liliana Brown – PVP - GOLD medal
 Ru Ekanayake – PVP – GOLD medal
 Jessica Fint – SFV – GOLD medal
 Jenny O’Daniel – PVP – GOLD medal

Senior Prepared Reading

Rachel Klose – PVP – GOLD medal
 Sofia Ali – Encino Oaks – Green Seal

Junior Mock Interviews

Lucia Brown – PVP – Gold medal

Intermediate Mock Interviews

Liliana Brown – PVP – GOLD medal
 Wesley Rich – PVP – GOLD medal

Senior Impromptu Speaking

Sallie DeYoung – SFV – GOLD medal
 Rachel Klose – PVP – GOLD medal

Nathan Norczyk – Greenleaf – GOLD medal
 Kristy Okamoto – Pomona Valley – Blue Seal
 Julius Treadwell – Pomona Valley – Blue Seal
 Daniel Espinosa – Harbor Lights – Green Seal

Extemporaneous Speaking

Rachel Klose – PVP – GOLD medal
 Sallie DeYoung – SFV – Blue Seal
 Nathan Norczyk – Greenleaf – Blue Seal

State Format Impromptu Speaking

Sallie DeYoung – SFV – Blue Seal

Educational Exhibit

Charmaine McClain – Pomona Valley – GOLD medal

Primary Clinic

Conner Treadwell – Pomona Valley
 Jill Okamoto – Pomona Valley
 Nicole Arena – Pomona Valley
 Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina – Pomona Valley
 Julia Brown – PVP
 Kamran Ali – Encino Oaks
 Ailani Padilla - Greenleaf

Cultural Arts – individual

Rachel Klose – PVP - harp solo –GOLD County Winner
 Kristy Okamoto – Pomona Valley - guitar and original song – Blue Seal – First Alternate
 Taylor Anne Brown – Canyon Coyotes - piano solo – Blue Seal
 Megan Okamoto – Pomona Valley - piano solo – Blue Seal

Share the Fun Skit

Canyon Coyotes – 4-H in Gotham City – GOLD County Winner
 Palos Verdes Peninsula – The Twelve Days of 4-H – Blue Seal – First Alternate
 Encino Oaks – “I don’t know, but I have been told” – Blue Seal

- **Senior Members - Use 2011 record book forms!**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

Senior 4-H members (age 14 by Jan. 1, 2012) need to use the 2011 version of the record book forms for their 2011-2012 record books. We had been using the 2008 version of record book forms but in September the 2011 version was released. Senior members should use these new forms. The state record book competition requires the new forms for the state competition. The 2011 record book forms can be found on the state 4-H website and the LA county 4-H website. Junior and Intermediate members can use either the 2008 or the 2011 forms this year for their 2011-2012 records books, but next year they will need to use the new forms for their 2012-2013 records. The on-line record keeping system prints out forms in the 2011 version.

- **Record Book ID Forms**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

2011-2012 Record Book ID forms are now on the LA County 4-H website. Look for the information and forms under FORMS or APPLICATIONS. When you submit your 2011-2012 record book for the county competition, this 2011-2012 ID form is needed as the first page in the record book. If you have questions about this, contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **Mark Your Calendar - Sectional Field Day, May 19 at Mt. SAC**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

LA County Field Day was great and now we can start planning for the South Section Field Day to held Saturday, May 19 at San Antonio College. Everyone is invited to attend Sectional Field Day. There will be presentations, speeches, readings, a fashion show and cultural arts show to watch. You can participate in some judging events, Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking without pre-registration. If you earned a GOLD medal at county field day in presentations, speaking, or reading, you can go on to compete at sectional field day if you register for those events. Contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) about sectional field day information and Dee Keese (swimdude64@earthlink.net) if you can volunteer to be a judge, MC or Room Supervisor at sectional field day. LA entries for Sectional Field Day are due April 11.

- **Attention 4-H Districts**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

Planning for 2012-2013 At the next County 4-H Leaders Council meeting on May 12, the county council will be voting on the council officers, the council budget and the LA County 4-H Calendar for the 2012-2013 program year. Districts and individuals need to send officer nominations, budget information and dates for the next program year to Roy in the LA 4-H office or Diana Kaljumagi, the current council Vice-President as soon as possible so preparation can be done for the May meeting. If you have questions about this contact Judylynn Pelling, Noel Keller or Diana. Please put May 12 on your calendar so you attend this important planning council meeting.

- **LEADERS - it is your time for a RETREAT**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

Get new ideas, network with other southern California leaders and learn new skills. It is not too late to register or and attend the South Section Leaders' Retreat, to be held Friday night April 13 and Saturday April 14 at the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino. The retreat includes a tour of the museum. LA County still has some \$20 vouchers to partially pay for leaders to attend the retreat. You can go Friday night and/or Saturday. For more information, go to the South Section website or contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Don't miss this opportunity. The section only has a leaders' retreat every four years. This is the year.

- **On-line Record Keeping and the County Record Book Competition**

This year there is a new On-line Record Book System available to 4-H members and clubs. If a member is keeping records in this system, the member will need to print out the records for their hardcopy record book, which can be submitted to the 2012 County Record Book competition in September. Judges will not be accessing members records on-line. The record forms will need to be printed out and inserted into the member's official Record Book for judging. Contact the county office or a member of the county I&R committee if you have questions about this.

- **Junior/Teen Leader Merit Awards**

The Junior/Teen Leader Merit Award recognizes outstanding leadership by Junior and Teen Leaders. This is a reminder that 4-H members who want to apply for a Junior Leader or Teen Leader Merit Award need to be enrolled in a Leadership Project and complete a annual project report for that project. Each year some members apply for this award, but do not have a Leadership Project annual report included in their records.

To be considered for a leader merit award, the 4-H member must be enrolled in a Leadership project and complete the Annual Project Report form for the Leadership Project. The member must also complete a Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report for the program year to be considered for the award. Both forms are available on the county website under Record forms.

- **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.

- **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/.

- **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, rhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

- **Dates To Remember in**

April :

- 4th- NSG District mtg.
- 8th- Easter
- 12th- Incentive & Recognition Committee mtg.
- 13th- South Section Leaders' Retreat (4/13-14)
- 14th- Sectional Council & Teen Council mtg.
Second Gymkhana
- 19th- SSG District mtg.
San Gabriel Valley Fair mtg.
- 21st- Summer Camp Staff training weekend
- 22nd- Earth Day
AV Shooting Competition
- 23rd- AV District mtg.
- 27th- San Gabriel Valley Fair (4/27-29)
- 28th- First Trail Trial
State Council mtg

SECTIONAL

- **Southern Sectional 4-H Field Day Competition**

Southern Sectional 4-H Field Day Competition is open to all 4-H Youth members age 9 or 4th grade to 19 years of age as of December 31 of the current 4-H year. Primary participants may not be judged, but may participate in primary presentation clinic held at Southern Sectional 4-H Field Day.

Members may participate in all activities in accordance with the rules of each contest. A participant may give a presentation, interpretive reading, a public speech, and an impromptu speech. If a member enters more than one activity, it is his/her responsibility to coordinate the time of each activity.

If a member qualifies to participate at the [California 4-H State Field Day](#) in more than one presentation, he/she can only advance in one presentation.

Parking: Purchase of a parking permit is required! You can buy a \$3 parking permit at different locations around campus. See [Campus Map](#) to find locations where you can buy permits. Best place to park is the Student Parking Lot G or D. It is recommended that Field Day participants park in Lot G and Fashion Revue participants park in Lot D.

Food: The Southern Section Teen Council sponsors a food booth with profits going into the Southern Section Teen Council account to defray program expenses. Breakfast and Lunch, drinks and snacks will be available. Participants who prefer to bring their lunch can find ample picnic areas.

for more information go to:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South/South Section Field Day/>.

STATE

- **Win \$5,000 For Your County!**

Enter the **Join the Revolution of Responsibility Video Contest** for a chance to win \$5,000 for your county 4-H program! This exciting contest launched today on our [Facebook page](#) encourages 4-H youth to submit their videos by April 30th, up to two minutes long, showing the world how they impacted their community. You changed your community - now share your 4-H story with the world!

- **Purple Up! For Military Kids**

April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child," a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, California's Operation: Military Kids (OMK), part of the University of California 4-H Youth

Development Program, invites 4-H members to join us for the 2nd annual "Purple Up! For Military Kids."

We are encouraging everyone across the nation and especially California to wear purple on Friday, April 13th, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue. OMK hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes.

Remember to send us your "Purple Up!" photos or post them on the California Operation: Military Kids Facebook Page, <http://www.facebook.com/CAOMK>, where military youth and families from across the state will see them.

- **Internships Available in Child Development, School-Age and Youth Development Programs**
Deadline to apply: March 30, 2012.

The Military Extension Internship Program is an opportunity for college students to gain practical work experience in child development, school-age, and youth programs. Interns work on military installations around the world for 10 weeks to 6 months and receive a broad range of experiences, from working with children and youth and implementing programs, to learning about the management of child and youth centers. The Military Extension Internship Program is now accepting applications for Fall, 2012. More information and application materials can be found at <http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/military/>.

- **State Leadership Conference**

- **4-H State Leadership Conference - Session Proposals**

Deadline extended until sessions are filled.

The 2012 California 4-H State Leadership Conference needs presenters! If you would like to present a session on Friday, August 10th or Saturday, August 11th, please submit a workshop proposal form to the State 4-H Office. Workshop applications and additional information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **4-H State Leadership Conference – Financial Aid Applications**

Applications will be released at the end of March and due at the end of April. Applications will be available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **4-H State Leadership Conference – Registration**

Conference registration will be released mid-April and due in June. The complete registration packet will be posted at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **4-H State Ambassador Applications**

Deadline: March 31, 2012

The California 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides members with the opportunity to serve as a representative of the 4-H Program, plan the annual CA 4-H State Leadership Conference, and implement a service-learning project during their 14-month term. Youth members ages 16-18 are eligible to apply. Applications for the 2012-2013 State Ambassador team are available online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **National Robotics Week is April 7-15, 2012.** The purpose of National Robotics Week is to educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, both now and in the future and inspire students of all ages to pursue careers in robotics and other Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math-related fields. Learn more at <http://www.nationalroboticsweek.org/>.

- **California State Fair, Youth Art & Design Expo**

Deadline: April 13, 2012

The Youth Art & Design Expo highlights the creative talents of California's youth. The competition is open to all California youth, ages 5-18. There are many categories to enter in four shows: Fine Art, Crafts & Hobbies, Fashion & Textiles, and Media. There are no prerequisites for entry. Send in an Entry Form, an Entry Fee of \$8, and an image of your artwork or craft on a CD. Winning entries are delivered or shipped to the fairgrounds and will be featured in a formal exhibit from July 12-29 during the California State Fair. All entry materials are available online at www.bigfun.org. For more information contact Michelle Johnson, Youth Programs Coordinator at 916.263.3189 or mejohanson@calexpo.com.

- Applications are now being accepted for the **2012 California Range and Natural Resources Camp**, held at Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay June 17-22. Students 15-18 years of age are eligible. Information about the camp and application forms are available at <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>. Cost is \$400.00. Application deadline in **April 20, 2012**.

Camp scholarships are offered by many county Resource Conservation Districts in the state, as well as local Farm Bureaus and Cattlemen's Associations. Students seeking financial assistance are encouraged to contact UCCE Cooperative Extension Livestock/Natural Resource Advisers in their county, or Range Camp staff (see bottom of camp flyer on the URL above), for information on where they might find sponsoring organizations in their local communities.

- **USA Science and Engineering Festival
April 28 & 29, 2012**

<http://www.usasciencefestival.org/>

The Science Festival is the nation's largest celebration of all things science & engineering and features over 2,000 hands-on activities and over 150 performances. There are satellite events hosted in California! Search for an event near you at <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/satellite-event-directory>.

- **Higher Education Scholarships
Deadline: April 30, 2012**

The California 4-H Youth Development Program, with help from donors, offers statewide scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, room, and board. Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply. For scholarship categories and application details, please visit:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>.

- **Nordstrom Scholarship Program** - Apply now for a \$10,000 scholarship! Nordstrom is excited to award \$10,000 scholarships to 80 outstanding high school students and help them achieve their dreams of going to college. The Nordstrom Scholarship recognizes students across the country for their exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement. The Nordstrom Scholarship is open to high school juniors who:
 - Have at least a 2.7 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) throughout high school.
 - Volunteer or participate in community services or extracurricular activities.
 - Plan on attending an accredited four-year college or university.
 - Plan on applying for financial assistance in order to attend college.

Application deadline is May 1, 2012 - winners will be notified by the end of October 2012. For complete details and additional information, visit www.nordstrom.com/scholarship.

- **State 4-H Field Day – Registration deadlines:**

- Exhibits and displays applications: April 2, 2012
- State 4-H Photography Contest: May 4, 2012
- State 4-H Film Festival: Videos must be postmarked May 4, 2012
- State 4-H Fashion Revue: May 12, 2012
- 4-H MyPlate Challenge: Pre-registration due May 16, 2012 (same day registration available)
- State 4-H Presentation Day (presenters): May 21, 2012
- State 4-H Presentation Day (judges and room hosts): May 21, 2012
- 4-H Interview Contest: pre-registration is recommended (limited same day registration is available)
- Logo Design contest: no pre-registration necessary

For detailed event information, please visit: www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/. All registration is available online. For questions, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **Registration for State Fashion Revue** is open April 1 to May 12 at <http://ucanr.org/sfr12>. If you were selected as the County winner for Fashion Revue in Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased with \$100 limit, Wearable Art-Embellished, "Bag Up Fashion" Tote Bag Challenge or the \$19.99 Challenge then you are eligible to participate in State Fashion Revue. Congratulations! Each county may send one delegate per category and age group. Before you register, write out your commentary (60 words maximum), complete the information form for your category, choose a digital photograph showing your outfit and scan receipts for the purchased categories. Complete instructions are on the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>. Registration closes after May 12 and we will no longer accept applications. For registration assistance, contact Sue Moore at 2moores@mlode.com or 209-743-2020.
- **State Fashion Revue is May 26, 2012** at UC Davis, as part of State Field Day. There are many morning activities open to the public in Olson Hall. For the Pattern Exchange, bring some and take some, limit 5. The American Sewing Guild Sacramento Chapter will offer make it-take it crafts. Try your hand at the judging classes. Bring your completed pillowcases for the Million Pillowcase Project, which will be donated to nursing homes, special needs camps, foster care organizations and shelters throughout California. Bring red, white and blue quilt squares, quilt tops, or completed quilts for the Wounded Warriors service project. The quilts are given to injured soldiers while they are in transport and taken home upon their release as part of the healing process. We invite you to support your county delegates at the Fashion Show at 2:00 pm at Wellman Hall.
- **Call for Presentation for the 2013 Western Region Leader Forum in Waikiki, Hawaii**
Deadline: May 15, 2012
The goal of the Western Region 4-H Leaders' Forum 2013 is to provide training opportunities for adults and teens that serve 4-H youth in our communities. The planning committee is accepting workshop proposals. The dates for the 2013 forum are March 21-24, 2013. More information and a workshop proposal form can be found [here](#).
- **Robert Brownlee Science Award** for 4-H members and volunteers
Deadline: May 31, 2012
<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>
Robert Brownlee (1942-1991) was a visionary, whose practical inventions were elegant solutions to complicated technical problems, and whose generosity continues to extend that vision to science education for young people. This category is awarded to a member and volunteer for utilizing science inquiry and experiential learning in 4-H work to help youth increase knowledge, skills and competencies and improve their attitudes about science. This category includes increasing science awareness and use in 4-H projects by testing predictions and making sense of observations.
- **Golden Clover Awards**
Deadline: May 31, 2012
The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a \$500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>.
- **Statewide 4-H Advisory Committee Applications**

Deadline: Postmarked by May 31, 2012

The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are accepting applications. If you are a 4-H member, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteer, 4-H YDP staff, or County 4-H YDP staff and have a desire to work in a collaborative team setting, we encourage you to apply. Statewide 4-H YDP Committees offer insight, review, and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are due to the State 4-H YDP Office. For more information, go to: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/.

- Save-the-date! **Regional 4-H Thrive Master Trainer Trainings and Updates** are scheduled for 2012. The Master Trainer Training is for volunteers who wish to become part of their county's training team. Current Master Trainers who wish to extend their service an additional year will attend a one-day update training on Saturday. New Master Trainers will attend the whole weekend. All conferences are sponsored by 4-H Thrive and will cover the cost of conference, travel, and lodging. The Regional Training Dates are:
 - o Central: August 25-26, 2012
 - o Southern Valley: September 8-9, 2012
 - o Southern: September 22-23, 2012
 - o Far Northern: September 29-30, 2012

Registration information and more details are to come. Please contact Scott Mautte, scmautte@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.

- The **2012 State Leaders Forum** is looking for exceptional workshop proposals. Do you teach an interesting project? Work with teens, new leaders, or experienced leaders? Have a new concept or fundraising plan to share? Go to <http://ucanr.org/2012slfworkshop> to submit a workshop proposal, due by June 30. Registration and lodging reservations will be available in April at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012>. Join the South Central Section at beautiful Asilomar Conference Center November 9-11 for "4-H in a Minute." Keynote speaker is Nancy Franz of Iowa State University. She focuses on demonstrating the value of 4-H to the "outside world," thus increasing our potential for community support. This and many other timely topics are sure to inspire! "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." ~ Benjamin Franklin

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

- **Visit the Revamped 4-H SET Website** <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>The 4-H SET website offers information, free curricula, and resources for 4-H staff and members.
- **Participate in a San Mateo County Satellite Festival for the USA Science and Engineering Festival April 28, 2012** at the San Mateo County Event Center <http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/>. On Saturday, April 28, 2012 San Mateo/San Francisco County 4-H is hosting the 4-H2O WOW - World of Water Seminar. This free seminar will be held at the San Mateo County Event Center featuring hands-on, experiential learning activities and models about water conservation and water quality, hydrology, and the effects of radiation on water and more. This is listed as a satellite event for the [USA Science and Engineering Festival](#).
- **State 4-H Film Festival- May 26, 2012**
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/
Submit a film for the State 4-H Film Festival by May 4, 2012! The 4-H Film Festival theme for 2012 is "4-H Revolution of Responsibility." Are you or a 4-Her you know making a difference in the community? Share your story of leading positive change through multimedia. The Festival will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis.
- **State 4-H Photography Contest**
May 26, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/>

Do you enjoy photography? The California 4-H Photography Contest is designed to provide an opportunity for regular 4-H members (ages 9-19) to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. The event will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis. Photographs must be submitted by **May 4, 2012**.

- **Google Science Fair 2012**

<http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair/>

The Google Science Fair is an online science competition seeking curious minds from the four corners of the globe. Anybody and everybody between 13 and 18 can enter. All you need is an idea. Geniuses are not always A-grade students. We welcome all mavericks, square-pegs and everybody who likes to ask questions. Simply upload your project here to win some life changing prizes. Everyone has a question. What's yours?

- **4-H Science Professional Development Promising Practices: 4-H Science Abilities**

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/131248.pdf>

An essential component of improving youth scientific literacy is offering opportunities for youth to develop and deepen their understanding of science process skills.

- **4-H Professional Development Mini-Site**

<http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/professional-development-learning/>

New 4-H Professional Development Mini-Site launched that was designed to highlight the resources of the three mission mandates and overall youth development. The Science section has been designed to help you find resources within the major headers of building understanding, implementation, and evaluation.

- **My4-H.org for 4-H volunteers and staff**

<https://www.my4-h.org/>

my4-H.org allows professionals to connect, collaborate and learn from other professionals and volunteers (coming soon) across the country. Tools include ones for productivity, professional development, and collaboration. There is also a Science community to connect with colleagues doing the same type of work.

- **4-H Science Professional Development Connection newsletters**

<http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/professional-development-learning/connections-newsletter/>

The 4-H Science Professional Development Connection is a newsletter provided by National 4-H Council to connect land grant university professionals to training and resources available to increase skills and knowledge to deliver 4-H Science to youth.

HEALTHY LIVING

- **Special Recognition at 2012 State Presentation Day**

A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on healthy living. This year's focus area is healthy food. Potential topics may include USDA's MyPlate, serving sizes, sugar-sweetened beverages, nutrition facts labels, food groups, nutrients, and more. Visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities for details.

- **4-H MyPlate Challenge at 2012 State Field Day**

The USDA recently unveiled the federal government's new food icon, MyPlate, to serve as a reminder to help consumers make healthier food choices. 4-H is challenging you to show how you're making YOUR plate MyPlate. We invite 4-H members to submit a photograph illustrating how they're creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. Visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge for details.

- **Online Grocery Shopping Videos**

Teach 4-H members how to shop for healthy foods on a budget! These free online videos called “Aisle By Aisle: Choosing Foods Wisely” take consumers through the grocery store and help shoppers understand simple tips to make better choices when buying food. Visit www.myeatSMARTmove.com for more information.

- **Healthalicious Cooking Curriculum**

Are you a 4-H foods project leader? Are you looking for new, kid-friendly recipes and activities? Want to lead a foods project, but not sure how? This afterschool curriculum teaches food preparation skills while helping kids build good health skills that will last a lifetime. The 6-week, hands-on curriculum is designed to give 9- to 12-year-olds a fun introduction to preparing and eating healthy meals. **FREE** download available from anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/Search/healthalicious.aspx.

- **Teen Distracted Driving Community Engagement Guide**

This guide features the tools you need to advocate for distraction-free driving in your community. Project ideas highlighted in the guide would also make a great Revolution of Responsibility 1,000 for \$1,000 project. Visit <http://digital.turn-page.com/issue/45249/3> to view the guide.

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- **Word Can Work: Bullying Prevention**

In this free, 90-minute webinar, teens and adults will learn more about what bullying is, including cyberbullying. The presenters use real-life stories to provide teachable moments. 4-H volunteers and teen leaders might find this training helpful for working with younger members and improving emotional safety at 4-H events. Visit

<https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p36382529/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal> to participate.

- **Dating Violence Common among Adolescents**

Federal statistics report that one in every three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner. A recent report issues recommendations for preventing teen dating violence, better coordination of prevention efforts, and more youth leadership on anti-violence work. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/7ay8vst>.

- **Students Faking ADHD to Get Drugs**

What would you do get an “A?” Recent trends show students taking Adderall to improve studies, but drug shortage could hurt those in need, and research does not support the theory that Adderall helps to improve grades. To read more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/8yf37c4>.

CITIZENSHIP

- The registration deadline for the **2012 California Focus Conference** has been extended to **March 12!** For registration details and conference information, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/GeneralInfo/>. Please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644 if you have any questions.

CALIFORNIA 4-H FOUNDATION

- **Sacramento Kings 4-H Event**

Unfortunately we have had to postpone 4-H Day at the Sacramento Kings game until next season. Scheduling changes and the resultant increase in ticket prices for the designated game contributed to our decision to postpone our event for this season. We do intend to continue our partnership with the Kings and will keep you posted on future events.

- **Picnic Day**

This year 4-H is having a booth at UC Davis Picnic Day, Saturday April 21st. The booth will be located in

the Alumni Zone which is across from the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. Our booth will have 4-H information, activities and give-a-ways. **We would love to have people come and help.** The times are 10 am to 3 pm, and would greatly appreciate anyone who would be interested in coming out for a two hour shift beginning at 9 am. If you are interested please contact Amy McGuire at almcguire@ucdavis.edu or call 530-754-1523.

- **Donor Stewardship**

One of the most effective ways to cement your relationship with your donors is to give them the opportunity to see your program in action. This can be as simple as inviting them to an event (i.e. presentation competition, field day or community service project.) The CA 4-H Foundation can help you connect with and steward your donors, a critical step in retaining them as supporters and increasing their level of support. By sending us the dates and descriptions of events and activities that your club or project has scheduled and a contact person for that event, we can alert those donors in our database in your area of the opportunity to see their investments in action. Please forward your calendars of events including a contact person for each event to Annette Leeland at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.

- **Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion**

Tractor Supply Company stores across the nation have partnered with 4-H to raise local funds to support the 4-H program. Tractor Supply customers can support 4-H by purchasing a paper clover for \$1 when they make a purchase. Funds are distributed twice a year and several new stores have opened recently in California, check store list [here](#). A toolkit for local 4-H organizations with suggestions on how to develop a strong partnership with your local Tractor Supply Company store to maximize the amount of funds raised is available from the National 4-H Council (<http://www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit/>). If you have additional questions about the TSC promotion or how your group can participate, please contact Annette Leeland at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **2012 GEAR-Tech-21 Camp mini-grants** are now available! Participants at GEAR-Tech-21 camps learn about science, engineering, and cooperation through hands-on LEGO NXT robotics, GPS, and digital mapping activities. Mini-grants range from \$500 to \$2,000, depending upon the size of the camp program. Applications will be accepted until all funding has been awarded. <http://4hset.unl.edu/4hdrupal/node/165>.
- **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**
The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes invites nominations for its 2012 awards. The Barron Prize, founded by author T.A. Barron in honor of his mother, celebrates outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18. Each year, the Barron Prize honors inspiring young people who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Ten winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education. Nomination **deadline is April 30**. For more information and to nominate, visit <http://bit.ly/edhitj>
- **State Farm Youth Advisory Board Grants**
If your work and involvement in 4-H has contributed to service-learning that helps increase student achievement in your community, consider applying a State Farm YAB National Grant. The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is currently accepting applications for service-learning projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 that address the root cause of the following issue areas: Access to Higher Education / Closing the Achievement Gap; Financial Literacy; Community Safety and Natural Disaster Preparedness; Social Health & Wellness Issues; and Environmental Responsibility. The application deadline is **May 4, 2012**. More information is available at: <http://bit.ly/yM17gZ>
- **Special Olympics Project Unify Grants**
The goal of Project UNIFY is to activate youth around the country to develop school communities where

all young people are agents of change - fostering respect, dignity, and advocacy with and for people with intellectual disabilities by utilizing the programs and initiatives of Special Olympics. To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 12 to 20, or a current undergraduate student in college. A Special Olympics North America program is required to be your main partner organization. Projects must demonstrate the core essence of service-learning. Budgets for projects can range from \$100 to \$5,000. Submission deadline is through **May 31, 2012**. <http://bit.ly/wQUgIV>

- Are you between the ages of 5-25 (or know someone who is) and have demonstrated your commitment to service projects in your community? **The Everyday Young Hero Awards** are given out weekly to a young person who exemplifies commitment to service. The nominations for these awards are ongoing and there is no deadline. Visit <http://www.ysa.org/awards/hero> for more information on nominating a youth today!

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