



May 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

Healthy Families and Community Initiative Update:

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a long history of supporting the lives of youth and families with positive youth development experiences. As you know, the 4-H program in California is a part of the University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR). [The 4-H program is a part of the land-grant university system in each state. In California, the land grant university is the University of California]. Some of you may have heard or are familiar with the administrative and programmatic changes taking place in ANR. These changes are in response to the development of the UC ANR Strategic Vision (to see the strategic vision, please visit [http://ucanr.org/About ANR/Strategic Vision/](http://ucanr.org/About%20ANR/Strategic%20Vision/).) This document provides a roadmap and sets the direction for the future of ANR, which includes the 4-H Youth Development Program.

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

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

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

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

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

CLUB

- **Extracting a Wild Beehive**

By Jenny O'Daniel, PVP 4-H Club

On March 24th, two members of the PVP 4-H Beekeeping Project, Lily and Lucia Brown, helped the Backyard Beekeepers remove a hive from a local shed at someone's home. One of the Backyard Beekeepers described the aggressiveness as 9 ½ on a scale of 1 to 10. It got very exciting when the bees started to swarm. Lucia, who was helping with the extraction, even had dozens of bee stings on her shoes. Fortunately, neither of the project members got stung, thanks to the bee suits. At the end of the day, the hive was removed and everyone felt like it was a success. Great job, Lily and Lucia!



- **2012 San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair**
Noel Keller, I & R Chair



The 81st annual SGV 4-H Fair was held April 28-29 at the Chino Junior Fairgrounds in Chino. Special thanks goes to our head fair directors Kristy Okamoto and Debbie Treadwell, and all the other directors, chairpersons, assistants, leaders, parents, friends and members who helped make this a fun, successful fair. We congratulate the following for their special honors:

- Fair Queen – Candace Corrales, PVP
- Other Fair Court member – Melissa Fisher, Greenleaf
- Other Fair Court member - Kristy Okamoto, Pomona Valley
- Other Fair Court member - Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley
- Best Youth Fair Director – Nathan Norczyk, Greenleaf
- Best Youth non-Director at Fair - Ru Ekanayake, PVP

**Available
Club Trophies:**

- Sweepstakes
- Aerospace & Rockets
- Ag. Sel. & Collection
- Arts & Crafts
- Automotive
- Baked Goods
- Beef Cattle
- Beekeeping
- Beginning 4-H

**Winners:
Trophy**

- Pomona Valley
- PVP
- Pomona Valley
- Pomona Valley
- PVP
- Greenleaf
- PVP
- Pomona Valley

Second

- Greenleaf
- Pomona Valley
- PVP
- PVP
- PVP
- ERHP

Third

- Harbor Lights
- Greenleaf
- Pomona Valley
- PVP

<u>Available Club Trophies:</u>	<u>Winners: Trophy</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Bicycle			
Camping & ...	PVP		
Cat Care			
Cavies	PVP		
Child Care			
Climatology			
Clothing & Textiles	PVP	Greenleaf	ERHP
Computers	PVP		
Crops, Veg. & Fruits	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Dairy Cattle			
Dairy Goats	PVP	Greenleaf	
Dairy Products			
Dog Care	PVP	Harbor Lights	
Eggs	PVP		
Electricity	Pomona Valley		
Entomology			
Feature Booth			
Food Preservation	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Foods & Nutrition	Pomona Valley	PVP	Greenleaf
Graphic Arts			
Group Determined			
Guide Dogs	PVP		
Heritage Arts	PVP		
Home Arts & Furn.			
Horses	PVP		
Individ.& Grp. Sports	PVP	Pomona Valley	
Indoor Mini-Gardens	PVP		
Leathercraft	PVP		
Marine Biology	PVP		
Ornamental Hort.	PVP		
Pets & Small Animals	PVP		
Photography	PVP	Pomona Valley	Greenleaf
Plant Science	PVP		
Poultry	PVP	Harbor Lights	Greenleaf
Primary Participation	Pomona Valley	ERHP	Greenleaf
Rabbits	PVP	Harbor Lights	Greenleaf
Sheep			
Shooting Sports	PVP		
Swine			
Table setting			
This is 4-H	Pomona Valley		
Tractor & small Engines			
Tree, Plants & Flowers	PVP		
Veterinarian Science			
Wildlife	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Woodworking	PVP		
Wool			

ERHP - Eagle Rock Highland Park 4-H Club

PVP - Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

Blanks show where no trophy was awarded to a NSG or SSG club this year.

- **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 Leaders' Council or Los Angeles County 4-H Summer Camp.

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!

- **Adult Camp Training and New Leaders' Training**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

There will be two trainings for those parents or volunteers *who will be staying at camp*: **Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m.**, here at the Los Angeles County 4-H Office (4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA, 90022) and **Monday, June 4** (same location, same time).

Prior attending this orientation, parents or volunteers who will be staying at camp need to do the following:

- Fill-out the online application here:
<https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5149>
- Contact Dawn to sign-up for the first training by May 16 at dafuller@ucdavis.edu.
- Following their orientation, they will be provided a fingerprinting packet with instructions.
- Get fingerprinted.
- Enroll online at: <https://california.4honline.com>

***These trainings are only for those who are volunteering at camp, and who are not in the regular 4-H Program.**

The next **New Leader Orientation** is for *new leaders in our program, not for those volunteers who just plan to attend camp*. The New Leaders' Orientation will be on **Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m.**, here at the Los Angeles County 4-H Office (4800 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA, 90022).

Prior to attending the New Leaders' Orientation please follow these steps:

- Fill-out the online application here:
<https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5149>
- Contact Dawn to sign-up for the training by May 23 at dafuller@ucdavis.edu.
- Following their orientation, they will be provided a fingerprinting packet with instructions.
- Get fingerprinted.
- Enroll online at: <https://california.4honline.com/Login.aspx?40472F4547534E39717170733D>
- The club leader will be notified when the leader is ready to start volunteering for their club.

For questions or to sign-up for any of the trainings, contact Dawn Fuller at dafuller@ucdavis.edu.

- **Record Books**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Now is the time to really good time to start, or finish, your Record Books. Record Books are a great way for members to reflect on what they have learned in many areas of their 4-H experience. It makes us look back on the year and say, "Hey, look at all I have accomplished!" Over the years, our record books give us an extensive full picture of commitment, achievement and success in a job well done.

This year, many of the 4-H Record Book Forms can be downloaded, filled-out on-line, edited, and saved on your computer for future work! This is an exciting change, and you can visit the new "**Record Books Resources**" website to download the forms you will need:

<http://www.recordbookresources.com/index.html>. The ease of filling out Record Book Forms on-line means there is no reason why all Los Angeles County 4-H members can't turn in a book this year!

Following the County Council Meeting on **Saturday, May 12, 2012**, from **Noon to 2 p.m.** at *South Coast*

Botanic Gardens in Palos Verdes (26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, 90274), there will be a **Record Book Workshop** conducted by Charlene Moore from **Noon to 2 p.m.** This workshop will be a really great opportunity for new youth and their parents to learn all the important facets of what goes into a Record Book, or returning youth to get a refresher on the basics.

There will also be a brief session on the Online Record Book, provided by San Fernando Valley 4-H Co-Community Club Leader, **Teresa Fint**, who has been designated as the official Online Record Book Resource Leader for the county. For those youth who are completing an online record book and may have questions along the way, you can contact Teresa by email at teresa@fint.net.

To sign-up for this workshop or to find out more information, contact Dawn Fuller at dafuller@ucdavis.edu or Charlene Moore at moore@ucdavis.edu.

- **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).

- **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.

- **County Council Meeting, May 12, 2012**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The next **County Council Meeting** will be on **Saturday, May 12, 2012**, from **10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** The meeting is being hosted by the **Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club** and Community Club Leader, **Dee Keese**. The meeting will be held at the breathtaking *South Coast Botanic Gardens* in Palos Verdes (26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, 90274, www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org).

Starting at 10 a.m., Dee Keese, PVP Community Club Leader and South Coast Botanic Gardens Docent, will be providing fun and interesting tours of the gardens for Primary Members (4-H members aged 5 to 8). *Any youth attendees younger than 5 years old will need to be accompanied by a parent.* Starting at noon, Ms. Keese will also offer tours for adult volunteers.

****Please note: There will be no conference call option at this meeting.***

You can view the previous Meeting Minutes here:

<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/134889.pdf>

You can view the Draft Agenda here:

<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/141760.pdf>

You can view the Meeting Reminder here:

<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/141808.pdf>

This meeting will be an important one, as elections will be held, and calendar submissions will be collected. Please fill-out the Nominations Form which is listed below, and email to Roy Hillstock at rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu:

<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/135369.pdf>

Also, please fill-out your calendar submissions (form listed below) prior to the meeting and email to Roy Hillstock at rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu:

<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/135368.pdf>

We are looking for a 4-H Club to host the next County Council Meeting, which will be on July 14th. Please contact Dawn Fuller to sign-up or find out more information at dafuller@ucdavis.edu.

- **Youth Position on County Leaders' Council**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

Seniors, want to expand your leadership experience? Why not nominate yourself for the Second Vice President office on the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council. It is your chance to be the "youth voice" on the council. The leaders really want to know the youth opinion about issues that the council discusses. You would need to come to the four council meetings during the year (July, September, January and May) and give us your ideas and opinions during the meeting.

Leaders, we are planning to discuss and add this Second Vice President office to the Council By-Laws, as follows:

Second Vice-President

This position is to be held by a youth member of the Leaders Council. It shall be the duty of the Second Vice-President to:

- Attend the Leaders Council meetings
- Be aware of the LA County 4-H youth member opinions and concerns to be able to present a youth voice at Leaders Council meetings.

Contact Judylynn Pelling (jlpelling@yahoo.com) by May 10th if you have any concerns or comments relating to this By-Laws amendment.

- **Call for Officers for the County Council**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

It is time to start planning for the next 4-H program year 2012-13. We need to elect our county council officers now so planning can occur over the summer. There are many ways that volunteers/leaders can help the council. Please look over the list of council offices and consider an office that interests you. An office can be shared by two people. Senior youth members can be considered for some of the council offices. It is now your turn to help the council. Working together we can really plan an exciting program of events for next year. At this time we are asking for nominations for all the council offices. You can nominate yourself or someone else. The council needs to have officers from all four LA 4-H districts. The nominations form can be downloaded from the Los Angeles Cooperative Extension, 4-H website at: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/135369.pdf>. Please send the completed 4-H Nomination Form to Roy Hillstock at the Los Angeles County 4-H Office (4800 E. Cesar E. Chavez, Los Angeles, CA 90022), emailed at rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu, or faxed to: (323) 260-5271 by May 10th.

- **Call for Event Dates for the 2012-13 4-H Calendar**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

We are now gathering the events for district, county, sectional and state events for our 2012-13 LA County 4-H Calendar. Please send your event dates to Roy (rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu) in the LA 4-H office as soon as possible so they can be added to the proposed 2012-2013 4H calendar. The Calendar Submission Form can be downloaded from the Los Angeles Cooperative Extension, 4-H website at <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/135368.pdf>. Please send the completed Calendar Submission Form to Roy Hillstock at the Los Angeles County 4-H Office (4800 E. Cesar E. Chavez, Los Angeles, CA 90022), emailed at rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu, or faxed to: (323) 260-5271 by May 10th, to be discussed and approved at the May 12th County Council meeting.

- **Friends of 4-H Nominations**

Noel Keller, I & R Chair

Each year the LA 4-H Leaders' Council considers giving an award to non-4-H individuals or organizations which have been particularly supportive to the LA 4-H program. This award is given to a particular individual or organization only once. Nominations for this award come from the district councils to the county council for consideration. If your district would like to nominate an individual or organization for this year, please contact Roy in the 4-H office or Judylynn Pelling, the President of the County Council by May 10. For more information about this, contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **Sectional 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The Southern Sectional *4-H Field Day* and *Fashion Revue* will be held on Saturday, **May 19, 2012**, at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC, College Bldg 28A 1100 N. Grand Ave., Walnut, 91786), with registration beginning at **8:30 a.m.**

Only those participants who received "gold" at County Field Day and Fashion Revue are eligible to participate. For questions about these events, you may contact **Dee Keese** at swimdude64@earthlink.net. If you have a youth member participating in either of these events, an adult volunteer will need to be provided for the days' activities. Contact Dee to sign-up.

***Please note: There is now a \$3-\$4 charge for parking at Mt. SAC, all day, every day. You must have the parking money in dollar bills. Upon arrival, please locate the kiosk (canary yellow building) as you enter the parking area.**

- **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.

- **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**

May :

- 2nd- NSG District mtg.
- 5th- Cinco de Mayo
- 10th- Incentive & Recognition Committee mtg.
- 12th- County Council mtg.
New Leaders' Training
- 17th- SSG District mtg.
San Gabriel Valley Fair mtg.
- 19th- Sectional Field Day & Fashion Revue
Second Trail Trial
- 20th- AV Shooting Competition
- 21st- AV District meeting
- 26th- State Field Day & Fashion Revue
- 28th- AV District mtg.
Memorial Day (Office Closed)

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

- **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 have been released! Please submit your completed application to the State 4-H Office by May 10th. 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 at the end of April and due at the end of 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.

- **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 re-apply. For scholarship categories and application details, please visit:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

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

- 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
- Exhibits and displays applications: May 15, 2012
- 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.

- **State Fashion Revue** registration is open for youth who qualify to represent their counties. Selection occurs at County Fashion Revue or a comparable event. SFR is May 26, 2012 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Registration is by survey at <http://ucanr.org/sfr2012> until May 12. SFR categories and age divisions may be different from those in your county, so be sure to read the SFR rules carefully. If you also qualify for State Presentation Day, note that on your SFR entry. SFR check-in is 7:30-8:30 AM in Olson Hall, with judging and activities throughout the morning. Activities include Pattern Exchange (bring 5 and take 5), Make it take it crafts, judging classes, Million Pillowcase project and Quilts for Wounded Warriors (service projects). Everyone is invited to watch the fashion show at 2:00 PM at Wellman Hall. Complete information is at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>.
- **UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Future Day**
May 13, 2012, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
 Register at <https://sites.google.com/site/ucdavisvso/future-day/registration>
 The Veterinary Student Outreach Club at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine would like to invite high school students to our annual Future Day. The purpose of this event is to promote higher education, demonstrate career possibilities, and expose students to science specific to veterinary medicine. If there are any questions, please contact Kristina Netherwood at netherwood@ucdavis.edu.
- **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](#).
- **4-H Train-the-Trainer Babysitting Course**
 The 4-H Military Partnership and Operation: Military Kid programs are offering a Trainer-the-Trainer course.
 Location: **Porter Youth Center, Monterey, Ca**
 Date: **May 19, 2012**
 Times: **8:00-12:00pm**

The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help youth 12-18 years old learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military afterschool sites. The training is open to all 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel. You will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. Bring a doll! To register, contact Jeanne Christenson, jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-6608.
- **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/>. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

- **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/.

- **4-H Military Partnership Program Camps for Military Youth**

The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering two camps this summer. Both are free of charge to military youth of any branch or component. There are also travel reimbursement funds available to cover costs to and from the camp sites.

Rawhide Ranch, located in Bonsall, is a horse lovers' camp in a replica Old West town. It will provide military youth, ages 14-18, with an opportunity to learn or improve their horseback riding skills, as well as to experience traditional camping fun like skits, songs, arts and crafts, archery and more. The camp will be held July 1-7.

Camp Ronald McDonald, near Susanville, provides a traditional camping experience for special needs youth ages 8-18. The camp is fully accessible and camp counselors are trained to work with youth with a variety of special needs, from autism to physical limitations. The camp will be held August 7-14.

Registration for both camps is now open at

http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/MilitaryPartnership/Adventure_Camps/. For more information, contact Crystal O'Hara, 4-H Military Partnership Program Representative, at crohara@ucdavis.edu or 530-757-8968.

- 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** registration is now open. Join the South Central Section November 9-11 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. Wake up to the possibilities at “4-H in a Minute.” Conference registration is by survey with paper forms also available. The registration fee is \$60 until September 1st, so get together with your friends and plan to register early. The conference housing and meal package is reserved directly through Asilomar until September 9. All forms and registration information are at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012>. The Forum planning committee is accepting workshop proposals through June at <http://ucanr.org/2012slfworkshop>. SLF 2012 promises to be an exciting conference, focusing on timely issues and having a good time. “The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.” – Michael Altshuler
- **North American Association for Environmental Education**
October 10-13, 2012, Oakland, CA
<http://www.naaee.net/conference>
Environmental education (EE) teaches children and adults how to learn about and investigate their environment, and to make intelligent, informed decisions about how they can take care of it. The Call for Presentations is open until April 25, 2012. Registration will open on June 1, 2012.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

- **2012 UC Davis C-STEM Conference**
May 5, 2012, UC Davis Conference Center
<http://c-stem.ucdavis.edu/>
The UC Davis C-STEM Center invites you to the 2012 Conference, Showcasing STEM in Action – Integrating Technology and Engineering into Math and Science Education in the 21st Century. The mission of the UC Davis K-14 Outreach Center for Computing and STEM Education (C-STEM) is to improve computing, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (C-STEM) education in both formal and informal programs in K-14 education. You are invited to learn more about the C-STEM Center, its work to date and the rich set of free resources available to educators and students. This free event offers a first-hand opportunity to examine the groundbreaking work of the C-STEM Center and join a dedicated cohort of K-14 researchers, educators and policy makers to discuss and influence the future direction of STEM education.
- **Young Visitors to the White House Stir up Interest in Science and Engineering**
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/03/30/young-visitors-stir-interest-science-and-engineering>
At the 2012 National 4-H Conference, 40 4-H members were invited to the White House to talk about 4-H science, engineering, and technology! During their visit with Dr. John Holdren, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and other Administration policymakers, these bright and energetic young leaders volunteered to stir up interest in STEM throughout their communities. The 4-H members pledged to engage their peers in creative science and engineering activities like the Maker Movement through video contests, newsletter campaigns and mentoring programs. Together, they plan to build a national STEM peer movement.
- **4-H Million Trees**
<http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>
Thank you to those who have participated in the 4-H Million Trees project. So far, over 42,000 youth have planted over 362,000 trees to beautify their communities and help slow global climate change! Earth Day 2012 is coming up on Saturday, April 21. 4HMT encourages all current participants to organize an ED 2012 event to get some more trees in the ground. Please be sure all your trees are accounted for on the project database.

- **California Afterschool Network: JumpStart STEM Recorded Webinars**

<http://stem.afterschoolnetwork.org/webinars>

The AfterSchool Network has implemented a pilot effort operating in 17 after school programs in all 11 regions of California, representing over 250 sites. These efforts support site level implementation of 30-60 hours of quality STEM curricular programming with consistent student participation. As part of these efforts, the Afterschool Network is recording STEM webinars! View these webinars, including 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics, ProjectWILD, TechXcite, or many more!

- **Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team**

Applications due May 31, 2012

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/>

Do you have an interest and experience in technology? Think about joining the 4-H Technology Leadership Team! 4-H members age 16 and older and 4-H volunteers may apply. Candidates must have some type of technology experience where he/she could lead an hour workshop. Technologies could include photography, video, website design, social media, hardware, GPS/GIS, computer support, graphic design, 3D imaging, smartphones, programming, biotech, engineering and technology & society.

- **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.

- **Rethinking How Kids Learn Science**

<http://www.npr.org/2011/11/11/142244052/rethinking-how-kids-learn-science>

How important are museums, TV shows and after school clubs to teaching kids science? Ira Flatow, host of Science Friday, interviewed Lynn Dierking (Sea Grant professor in free-choice learning, science & mathematics education, Oregon State University), Linda Kekelis (executive director, Techbridge), and Susan Singer (Laurence McKinley Gould professor of the natural sciences, Carleton College). They discuss informal science education and what researchers are learning about learning science. Plus, what's the best way to keep undergraduate science majors in science?

- **What Does a Scientist Look Like?**

<http://lookslikescience.tumblr.com/>

This website challenges stereotypical ideas about who scientists are. Meet scientists from all backgrounds who are also dancers, rugby players, sports fans, surfers, musicians and more. There is no single clear-cut path to becoming a scientist. A scientist can come from any background. There is no cookie-cutter mold of what a scientist looks like. A scientist can look like you, or can look like me. There is no rule that scientists can't be multidimensional and can't have fun. What Do 4-H Members Think Scientists Look Like? Use this assessment tool to see how your 4-H members think about scientists!

<http://www.pearweb.org/atis/tools/5>

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](http://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.myeatsmartmovemore.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.

- **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.

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

- One Months to Paper Clover: Contest Updates & New Materials**
 The spring Paper Clover promotion at Tractor Supply Company and Del's is just a month away! Paper Clover starts on May 2nd and runs through May 13th. New items have been added to the Paper Clover Toolkit, so visit the Toolkit today visit www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit and enter the login information (user name: paperclover@4-H.org, password: paperclover).
- CLOVER SECRET SHOPPER**
 Sign up today! The first 100 people to submit name, club affiliation, county and state and local TSC/Del's store to paperclover@4-H.org before May 2nd, 2012 will be selected to be Clover Secret Shoppers and will receive \$10 off at the 4-H Mall! There will be one Clover Secret Shopper selected for each TSC/Del's store on a first come/first serve basis.
- 4-H PHOTO CONTEST**
 Win Your 4-H Program More Funds by Visiting Your TSC During Spring 2012 Paper Clover! Entering is easy. Just submit a photo of your club or county participating in the Paper Clover fundraiser at your local TSC, and you'll be entered to win \$1,250 for your club or county 4-H program -- five winners will be chosen! Complete rules and guidelines for the 4-H Photo Contest can be found in the [Paper Clover Toolkit](#).
- 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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Hannah De Young, San Fernando Valley
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