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If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please don't hesitate to call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or email at rhillstock@ucdavis.edu. We welcome submissions, especially for Club News. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to be posted in the following months' edition.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or 323-260-3854. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#). We look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

POLICY

4-H Policy and Information Update September, 2012

The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is a major effort and central to the mission of the University of California Cooperative Extension. Because of this effort and its position with the University, the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources has overall responsibility for the development, efficiency and effectiveness of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

4-H units and councils (when authorized by the issuance of a 4-H Charter) are granted certain privileges and responsibilities related to financial activities. All monies raised and managed by 4-H units must be done so in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and within the policies and procedures specified by the 4-H Handbook (4-H Policy Manual). The policy extends to funds generated in the name of 4-H by the adult volunteers, parents/guardians and members of all 4-H units and councils.

All monies raised under the guise of 4-H and with the use of the name and emblem are to be treated according to these established policies. Council treasurers and 4-H staff are responsible for ensuring that units comply, with the County Director having the final local authority on fundraising and club unit funds.

For more information please review the 4-H financial policies at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/policy/chapter9/index.asp>

- **County Council & County Awards Day, October 13, 2012**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



The next **County Council Meeting** will be on **Saturday, October 13, 2012**, from **1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** The meeting is being hosted by the **Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club** and the **Antelope Valley District Leaders' Council**. The meeting will be held at the Agua Dulce Women's Club (33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, 91390).

On **Saturday, October 13, 2012**, there will also be a **New Leader Orientation** from **Noon to 1 p.m.** at the same location (Agua Dulce Women's Club, 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Agua Dulce, 91390). Previous to attending this orientation, potential volunteers will need to complete the following:

- Fill-out the online application here:
<https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5149>
- Contact Charlene Moore to sign-up for the training by October 8 at moore@ucanr.edu.

County Awards Day will also be held on **Saturday, October 13** (same location), at **3:30 p.m.** County Awards Day is a celebration of youth achievements for the prior program year, and the results of the County Record Book Competition are distributed at this event. The Antelope Valley District will be providing the event decorations and set-up. The program for the event will be the responsibility of the San Fernando Valley District. The publicity for the event will be provided by the North San Gabriel District, and the South San Gabriel Valley District will provide the event refreshments. All districts will be responsible for clean-up.

- **LA County Awards Day - Saturday, Oct. 13 - NEW LOCATION**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

This year the LA County Awards Day program will be held in the AV district at the Agua Dulce Women's Club building in Agua Dulce at 3:30pm on Saturday, October 13th. With the cancelation of the County Pet Symposium due to the move of the LA 4-H Office, the County Awards Day Program had to be moved. Please note this new location. Record Book project awards, Junior and Teen Leadership Merit Awards, Officer Book Awards and Senior Awards of Excellence for 2011-12 will be presented by our county All-Stars and our Junior All-Star county project members. Find out who our county project winners are for last year. The awards program will be run as follows:

Program - SFV district
Refreshments - SSG district
Publicity - NSG district
Decorations - AV district

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Noel Keller at 909-621-2373.

This event will follow the New Leader Training at noon and the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting 1-3p.m. at the same location in Agua Dulce.

- **LA County 4-H Leaders Council meeting - Saturday, Oct. 13**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

The next LA County 4-H Leaders Council meeting is Saturday, October 13 at the Agua Dulce Women's Club building in Agua Dulce from 1-3pm. All 4-H leaders and senior 4-H members in LA County are welcome and encouraged to attend this important meeting of planning for our 2012-13 4-H year. The AV district is the host district for this meeting. We will be reviewing our 2012-13 calendar and the planning for events this coming year. We will also be electing our remaining open positions on the county council. Senior 4-H members can be nominated for some of the council positions. Step up and be part of the 4-H county planning. Volunteer to help with an event that you especially enjoy. It takes many people to have successful county events. We need you. Please contact Judylynn Pelling (323-250-9870) if you are willing to consider one of the open positions below. We need leaders from the AV district on the county council.

County 4-H Leaders Council Officers - 2012-2013

President - Judylynn Pelling, NSG

Vice-President -

2nd Vice-President (youth) - Sallie DeYoung, SFV

Secretary -

Treasurer - Mary Lash, SSG

Reporter/Historian -

Parliamentarian/Policy Chair - Rick Herbert, SSG

Incentive and Recognition Chair - Noel Keller, NSG

Home Ec Chairs - Kim Espinosa, SSG and Carrie DeYoung, SFV

Agriculture Chair -

General Science Chair -

Shooting Sports Chair -

Leader Support Chair -

Technology Chair -

Civics Chair -

Representative to South Section 4-H Leaders Council - Dee Keese, SSG

Representative to South Section 4-H Leaders Council - Rick Herbert, SSG

Representative to South Section 4-H Leaders Council -

Representative to South Section 4-H Leaders Council -

Youth Representative to South Section 4-H Leaders Council - Sallie DeYoung, SFV

Alternate Adult Representatives to South Section 4-H Leaders Council -

Alternate Youth Representatives to South Section 4-H Leaders Council -

- **LA Leaders' Council Officers**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

Did you volunteer for one of the open Leaders' Council positions shown above? If not, take another look and consider helping. If everyone could help a little, we can have successful, educational, fun county events. Consider sharing the position with someone you enjoy working with. Nominate someone you know that would be great for the position but is perhaps hesitant to nominate themselves. All districts should have representatives on the county council. We need volunteers from the AV district to be on the council to represent their district. There are currently only four county council meetings a year. Hopefully, each of our four districts will host one of the meetings. Senior 4-H members can also be nominated to hold positions on the county council. Is there an experienced Senior member in your club who is ready for an expanded leadership opportunity?

- **County Council 2nd Vice-President - Sallie DeYoung**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

Senior member Sallie DeYoung from the San Fernando Valley 4-H Club was elected to the position of 2nd Vice-President of the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council. Sallie will be a youth voice at the county council meetings. Let her know your opinions, comments, suggestions, concerns and likes about our 4-H activities and program. The council wants to know the opinion of the youth members in the program. The council also welcomes other Senior members to attend the council meetings and be part of the planning for county activities. If you cannot make a council meeting, let Sallie bring your ideas to the council meeting. We thank Sallie for volunteering for this position.

- **Congratulations LA County 4-H Leaders!**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Congratulations are in order for several of our dedicated volunteers...

Noel Keller, volunteer for the *Pomona Valley 4-H Club* and the Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair for Los Angeles County 4-H, has been elected as the South Section 4-H Council President.



Many volunteer-led events in the 4-H Program are divided amongst four main "sections" of the state. The sections are: North, North Central, South Central and South. These sections are charged with coordinating and hosting various events (event leadership often rotates annually such as the State Leaders' Forum). In the past, you may have heard the terms "Sectional Field Day" (Presentation Day), "Sectional Fashion Revue," or "TIC" (Teen Involvement Conference). These are all events and activities that rotate leadership in "sections."

The South Section is comprised of several counties: Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Ventura and Los Angeles. The South Section (also referred to as "Southern Section") has a governing body which is organized similar to the structure of the Los Angeles County Leaders' Council (County Council). Sometimes, a "sectional competition" may be an entryway to state competition. An example of this is when youth compete in certain areas, first at their district level, then go on to county competition, on to sectional, and then on to state (i.e. Fashion Revue).

Being nominated - and elected as - the President of our "South Section" is a great honor, and we are thankful that Noel will be representing Los Angeles County 4-H and using her exemplary teamwork attitude and leadership expertise in her new role. She will be sharing her 27 years of 4-H experience in her committee work. Noel, we appreciate you and so does the South Section!

Dennis DeYoung, volunteer for the *San Fernando Valley 4-H Club* and 4-H Summer Camp Chair, has received the **Jack and Robert Clay Outdoor Adventure Award**. This highly coveted award seeks to acknowledge extraordinary 4-H volunteers in the state for work in camping and outdoor adventures including not only camping, but fishing, hiking, shooting sports, rafting, climbing, GIS/GPS and snow skiing. This category also includes outstanding achievement, leadership, and promotion of many outdoor adventures.

For 27 years Dennis DeYoung has volunteered for the LA County 4-H Program in a variety of areas, but most importantly as our LA County 4-H Summer Camp Chair. Dennis works very hard at coordinating our campership/scholarship program for summer camp and tirelessly works in our summer camp kitchen from dusk 'til dawn, year after year.

Dennis surely deserves this award and will no doubt continue his devoted service to our program in years to come. Thank you, Dennis!

Last, but not least, is our beloved club leader for *Greenleaf 4-H Club* and County Council Treasurer, **Mary Lash**. There are truly not enough awards or accolades that we could heap onto Mary for all of her unmatched years of commitment to the youth in our program. Per nomination by Dennis DeYoung, Mary has been bestowed the Keith Barnes **4-H Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award** for the state.



For 67 years Mary has been volunteering for the 4-H Program in Los Angeles. Mary is known for her ability to help kids learn by doing and “make the best better” both at school, and in the Greenleaf 4-H Club, started by her father. Mary’s home is a place where meetings are held, life-long lessons are learned and youth are encouraged to be the best they can be. Mary is the Clothing and Textiles, Foods & Nutrition, Preserving Leader and beyond. She has mentored many fine young people in our community who are now adult leaders in our program. Mary plans and coordinates our 4-H Summer Camp Menu, advises all youth on their Emerald Star Projects, serves as the unofficial LA County 4-H Historian and is beloved and cherished by all who come into contact with her.

Mary constantly volunteers for any area that our program needs help with. She helps prepare our youth for Fashion Revue, is our County Council Treasurer, and all-around LA County 4-H icon. There is no one more deserving of this lifetime achievement award than Mary Lash. Thank you Mary, we love you!

Noel, Dennis and Mary are just three examples of volunteers for the LA County 4-H Program who dedicate much of their time and energy to “make the best better.” We congratulate all of them in their recent honors, and we know how very valuable all of you are to 4-H. Many thanks!

- **National 4-H Week: October 7-13**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



In Los Angeles County, we celebrate 4-H all year long with our program work, outreach efforts, and events and activities. This year, **National 4-H Week** will be **October 7-13**. Let's really show community members in Los Angeles what 4-H is about - all the wonderful projects, opportunities for both learning and making friends, that we have available!

The National 4-H Website has a special "toolkit page" with promotional materials for you to use, and some great ideas on how to celebrate 4-H in a unique way during this time period.

<http://www.4-h.org/Content/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2012-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/>

The website has fliers available, newspaper ads, bookmarks you can print, press releases, power point presentations, and more.

LA County 4-H will be growing by leaps and bounds in the next year, and National 4-H Week on October 7-13 is a perfect time to kick-off outreach events to grow both your youth and adult membership. We already know how wonderful 4-H is, but during this week, and all year long, let's spread the word!

- **Club Officers start planning now**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

Now is the time to be planning your club officer activities. Be the best club officer that you can be. Be sure you know your officer duties and consider doing something special with your office. How do you want to be remembered - as that great officer or the forgotten officer? If you have questions about your office, talk with your club President or your club community leader. Only a few club officers submitted Officer Books in the county Officer Book recognition program for 2011-12 and have a chance to earn one of the new gold Officer Book pins. All club officers could have participated in the optional award opportunity. Plan to enter a Officer Book in the 2012-13 Officer Book recognition program. Don't wait until the last minute to work on your officer book. The recognition program will be much like last year. Look for the 2012-13 updated information on the county website next month. Contact Noel Keller at nkeller91711@gmail.com if you have any questions about officer books.

- **Emerald Star Project ideas**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

The Emerald Star rank is an expanded leadership opportunity above the club level. Are you ready for a larger leadership experience? Do you have an idea for something that would benefit the county or your community? Do you have some special project skills that could be shared with others beyond your club? Is there an activity that you would like to see done at the county level? Consider proposing an Emerald Star project to your district council. Each district should have an Emerald Star Advisor who can answer your questions as you get started in the process. Look at [emerald-star-link](#) for more details about the Emerald Star program. Here are a few possible suggestions for an Emerald Star project:

- Plan a county Cultural Arts Day where each club sets up a booth for a different country, showing such items as crafts, food, clothing, etc. for their chosen country
- Plan a county 4-H quiz bowl
- Plan a county 4-H garden
- Plan a county 4-H Health Expo to encourage healthy living
- Organize a LA County Tech Team to help clubs start up club websites
- Organize a LA County media project which could explore different ways to tell others about 4-H
- Organize a county Career Exploration project where 4-H members could learn about different careers
- Make a video on how to do a Prepared Reading
- Plan a This is 4-H event to showcase 4-H for the public and to help get new members in the 4-H program
- Organize an environmental activity for your community, such as a tree planting for Arbor Day
- Be creative. What would you enjoy organizing? How can you make a difference?

- **Leaders' Resource Library – HELP**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

Did you know that there is a Leaders' Resource Library at the LA 4-H Office? It contains curriculum resources on most of the 4-H projects. With the LA 4-H Office moving to a smaller location, we need a place to temporarily store our resources (books and kits) from the Leaders' Resource Library while we decide upon a more permanent solution. We have many great books with project curriculum, which we don't want to lose. The new LA 4-H Office location does not currently have space for these resource materials. If you know a place where we could store these resources temporarily, please contact Roy in the LA 4-H Office as soon as possible. The office will be moving soon and something needs to be done with these resources now.

- **Hi 4-H Activities for Senior 4-H Members?**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

In past years there has been a LA County Hi-4-H which was made up of Senior 4-H members in the county. The Hi 4-H planned activities for Senior 4-H members and helped with county activities. The Hi 4-H activities included social events, field trips, and service projects for Senior members only. There was also a Hi-4-H group for each district, which often met at the same time as the district leaders council. The Hi 4-H group had its own officers and budget for activities. Would Senior 4-H members like to see the Hi 4-H program started up again? Would you like to have some activities just for Senior members? If so please, please contact Sallie DeYoung, Judylynn Pelling or your district President with your interest.

- **Los Angeles County 4-H 2012-13 Calendar of events**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

The LA County 4-H 2012-13 Calendar of events was approved at the May county council meeting. It will soon be sent out to 4-H families from the LA 4-H Office and will be posted on the county 4-H website. The Calendar includes the following dates:

County Awards Day - Oct. 13, 2012
County Science Fair - Jan. 5, 2013
Teen Involvement Conference - Jan. 18-20
Livestock Symposium - Jan. 26
County Food Faire - Feb. 9
County Judging Day - Feb. 23
County Field Day and Fashion Revue - March 16
Leaders Appreciation Event - April 6
Sectional Field Day and Fashion Revue - May 18
State Field Day and Fashion Revue - May 25

- **Spread the Word - 4-H is Great**
Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

Now is the time to let your friends know about 4-H. This is a great time to have new members join 4-H. Projects are just starting up and club activities are being planned. Tell your friends about all the interesting, fun things you are doing in 4-H. Write an article for your local newspaper. Let your community know what 4-H is doing. Have your club do service work in your community, take some photos and write a news article. Try for a news article each month telling what your 4-H club is doing. Does your club have a Recruitment Officer? Does your club have a Reporter? If not, consider creating the positions in your club.

- **Share your 4-H Experiences** - 4-H'ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 15th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

- **Dates To Remember in**
October:

5th- Summer Camp Head Director Application due
6th- AV District Horse Show
13th- County Council mtg. / New Leader Training / County Awards
18th- SSG District mtg. / SGV Fair mtg.
21st- NSG Achievement Night
22nd- AV District mtg.
25th- Incentive & Recognition Committee mtg.
26th- Record Book for State Competition due to LA Office by 3p.m.
27th- State Council mtg.
31st- Happy Halloween



Happy Fall Harvest Season from the LA County 4-H Staff--

Keith, Charlene, Roy, Jennifer & Dawn

STATE

FUNDING UPDATES

Please note: University policy requires an Advisor or County Director to submit all grant applications and fulfill the requirements of UC ANR Contracts & Grants. If you plan to apply for any of the following opportunities, please notify the California 4-H Foundation (aleeland@ucanr.edu) who will review your application prior to submission to insure that it is as strong as possible.

- **Funding Opportunity To Improve Health, Life Skills of Young Men of Color**
As part of its [Forward Promise](#) initiative, the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) will fund community-based projects that strengthen health, education, employment opportunities for boys and young men of color. [Applications](#) are due by 3 p.m. E.T., on October 10, 2012.

Resources:

View eligibility details and additional [information about this grant](#).
See other [current calls for proposals](#) available from RWJF.

- **Intel Community Grants**
<http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/corporate-responsibility/applying-for-grants.html>
Intel Corporation is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the communities where the company has a major presence. The company has a strong interest in supporting K-12/higher education and community programs. Intel vigorously supports education through grants for programs that advance science, math and technology education, particularly for women and underserved populations. Intel is also committed to the responsible use of natural resources, and funding for environmental programs will be considered. Within this broad category, Intel continues to give priority to programs with educational and technological components. Applications are evaluated on a competitive basis each quarter. The quarterly submission deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

- **Verizon Foundation Grants**
<http://www.verizonfoundation.org/grants/>
Elementary and secondary schools (public and private) registered with the National Center for Education Statistics, as well as eligible nonprofits, may apply for grants of up to \$10,000. Verizon awards grants to innovative, technology-based approaches to literacy and K-12 education.

- **Frances R. Dewing Foundation Grants**
<http://www.frd-foundation.org/>
The Frances R. Dewing Foundation gives grants to programs that deal directly with early childhood education. Within that context, support is given for preschool, elementary, and other education; conservation and environmental protection; the fine and performing arts and other cultural programs; and social services. Programs must serve children younger than age 12. Giving is limited to the United States, with emphasis on the New England states in the Northeast. The average grant amount is \$15,000. April 1 and October 1 are the annual deadlines.

- **Do you see a need in your community?**

**JOIN The Revolution of Responsibility! \$1,000 is available to 4-H Clubs and Groups
Due November 15. Go to <http://ucanr.org/join/>**

To JOIN the revolution, 4-H members, with the help of an adult 4-H volunteer mentor, should follow these steps to plan a project.

Identify an issue or problem in your community.

Find community organizations to collaborate with.

Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, list needed resources, and prepare a budget

Prepare ways to document and record your project to share with others.

JOIN the revolution at <http://ucanr.org/join/>

A **toolkit** of tips, templates, links, and suggested guidelines has been developed to support your projects. From the initial work to identify a compelling community issue to the final celebration of its completion, use this toolkit to help you carry out the important steps necessary to ensure success.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/Toolkit/>

- **[North Face Explore Fund Accepting Proposals for Programs to Connect Children With Nature](#)**
Grants of up to \$2,500 will be made to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations for programs or projects that help connect children and youth to the outdoors....
Deadline: October 8, 2012
- **[Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program Accepting Applications for 2013 Community Service Awards](#)**
The program will honor young people (between 14 and 18 years of age) in the United States for outstanding community service and academic achievement by donating \$1,000 in each winner's name to the charity of his or her choice....
Deadline: November 8, 2012
- **[Youth Service America and UnitedHealthcare Offer Grants for Service-Learning Projects to Combat Childhood Obesity](#)**
Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for youth-led service-learning projects designed to combat childhood obesity through walking, running, or hiking....
Deadline: October 15, 2012
- **[Youth Service America Invites Nominations of Young Social Entrepreneurs for Gladys Marinelli Coccia Award](#)**
Two exceptional young people who are actively engaged in social entrepreneurship and in leading sustainable social change will be awarded \$2,000 to support their social enterprise....
Deadline: September 30, 2012

- **[Powered by Service Offers Funding to Seed Youth-Led Service Projects](#)**

Grants will be awarded to young people around the world who are conducting service projects that encourage youth to become involved in addressing problems facing their communities....

Deadline: Open

DATES & DEADLINES

- **Want a fulfilling internship working with children and teens?**

Apply to the Military Extension Internship Program today! **Spring 2013 applications are being accepted through September 28th.** Application materials are available at <http://www.ydae.purdue.edu/military/>.

California has had two former 4-H'ers participate in this program; one is now working fulltime for National 4-H Council and the other worked in Germany for 6 months.

- **National Ag Day Poster Art Contest - Aug. 1 – Oct. 31, 2012**

A winning piece of art will be chosen as the Official National Ag Day Poster

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) and Successful Farming are encouraging young artists to celebrate modern agriculture through the first ever National Ag Day Poster Art Contest. The winning original piece of art will also be featured in Successful Farming magazine. The winner will receive \$1,000 scholarship from Successful Farming and a portion of the proceeds from limited edition prints. The contest is open to amateur artists enrolled in high school or college. The deadline for submitting entries is Midnight (CST), October 31, 2012. For rules on the National Ag Day Poster Art Contest visit www.agday.org.

- It is time to start the selection process for the **2013 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards**. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Additional information is available at: <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards/opportunities/salute-to-excellence-awards/>.

The categories are as follows:

1. The **Volunteer of the Year Award** is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for **less than 10 years** at the local, county, district or state level.
2. The **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award** is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the local, county, district or state level.

Mail completed nomination packet(s) to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, University of California, Davis, One Shields Ave., DANR Bldg., Davis, CA 95616. If you FED EX the packet please send it to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, DANR Building, 225 Hopkins Road, Davis, CA 95616. Nominations should be received by **October 2, 2012** to be considered.

- The **Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention Interagency Group** has a new stop bullying video challenge for youth. For more information, please visit: <http://stopbullying.challenge.gov/>. Submissions are due by **October 14, 2012**.
- **Archery Leader Certification Training**
Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14
Humboldt County UCCE Office
5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503
Attendees must attend both Saturday (9AM - 5 PM) and Sunday (8:30 - 12 noon) to be certified as a 4-H adult, teen or junior leader. The cost will be \$30 for training and a binder of resources. There will be a lecture, hands-on practice and a test. To register, complete the "[Request for Training Form](http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf)" at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf> and mail with your payment to Sandy Sathrum at 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503. Make checks payable to Humboldt County 4-H. Participants are responsible for all transportation, overnight lodging and meals. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Sathrum at 707-445-7351.

- The **2012 North Central Region Volunteer Forum** Registration is now open. Please go to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=314> for the latest information with the Registration Booklet and links to the online registration and hotel as well as lots of other information. The Forum is **October 11 - 14**, in Wichita, Kansas. Please contact Rod Buchele at rbuchele@ksu.edu for any questions or concerns.
- **Celebrate Lights-On Afterschool
October 18, 2012**
<http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm>
Each October, 1 million Americans and thousands of communities nationwide celebrate Lights On Afterschool to shine a light on the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.
- **Shooting Sports Rifle Discipline – Volunteer Project Leader Course
Watsonville, CA 95076**
Saturday, October 27, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 28, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
For registration information, click [here](#).
- **National 4-H Conference
April 6-11, 2013.** Applications will now be online. **Deadline October 30, 2012.** Please go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/> for more information. If you have already started your paper application please use that information to complete the online portion.
- **Youth in Action Award
Due November 1, 2012**
Instructions and Guidelines: http://n4h.convio.net/site/R?i=tFVNvOKyLWJ_gn16flv_g
Application: <http://n4h.convio.net/site/R?i=VjipMaNpDp2bo1L9EAvabA>
National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual Youth in Action award, to be presented at the 4-H Legacy Awards Gala in New York City on April 18, 2013! This award recognizes an outstanding young person from your 4-H program who is realizing 4-H's vision for youth driving positive change in their communities. The 4-H Youth in Action award is open to 4-H members and recent alumni ages 16-21.
- **2013 Prudential Spirit Community Awards**
The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. 4-H'ers can apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit. Applications must be submitted to a county 4-H agent by **November 6, 2012**. Once county 4-H programs have selected Local Honorees, they must certify those applications by **November 13, 2012** to a state-level judging committee, which will pick the top youth volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.
- **North Central Sectional Family and Consumer Science Field Day – November 3, 2012 Stockton**
We are looking for youth and adults to teach either 45 minute Life Skill lab/sessions on any of the Family Consumer Science Projects such as Clothing & textiles, Fashion Revue/Modeling skills, Consumer Ed., Home Arts/Home Environment, Floral Design, Foods & Nutrition, Health, Babysitting, Food Preservation and new this year Job Interview skills. Also from these projects we are also looking for youth and adults to teach 15 minute Life Skill stations. WE suggest the State Project sheets as good resources for project skills to teach (http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/). If you are interested please contact any of the people listed below:

Chair: Lorita Sutton – loritas@sbcglobal.net or call (209) 369-3456
 Co-Chair: Shayne Rivers shaynangel@sbcglobal.net
 Youth Co- chair: Sarah Rivers shaynangel@sbcglobal.net
 Youth Co-Chair: Brandon Jones ljones@sjcworknet.org

- What do 4-H volunteers, the beach, new friends, and a giant alarm clock have in common? It's State Leaders' Forum, coming **November 9-11, 2012** to Asilomar conference center. Come to enjoy the tranquil grounds, be motivated with new ideas and resources, play on the beach, win an iPad, try out new curriculum and see what the South Central Section has planned for you. "4-H in a Minute: Wake up to the Possibilities!" is still accepting registrations but lodging rooms are going fast. Find the forms and more at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012>. Check out the count-down timer too for how many minutes until the fun begins. Contact Sue Moore, Registrar, with questions at 2moores@mlode.com. "Time is at once the most valuable and the most perishable of all our possessions." ~ John Randolph
- Thanks to **America's Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM**. Now **through Nov. 30, 2012**, eligible farmers can enter for a chance to win \$2,500 that can be directed to their local 4-H program. Rural community members can suggest an idea or initiative that needs funding for their local 4-H, such as a community garden or camp scholarships. Farmers may review the ideas and consider them in their application. To plant your idea and encourage farmers to support your 4-H, go to GrowCommunities.com. In addition, in communities impacted by drought, the Monsanto Fund will provide twice the financial support. Winning farmers from counties that have been declared natural disaster areas will now receive double the donation, a total of \$5,000. Click here for an application: [Printable Application Forms](#)
- **California State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting, December 8 & 9, 2012, Visalia, CA**
All California 4-H shooting sports leaders are invited to attend a state meeting to be held on:
Saturday, December 8, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 9, 2012 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
The meetings will be held in Visalia, CA at the Visalia Police Association Range Facility. There is no fee to attend. Camping will be allowed on site. Hotel/motel arrangements are available in Visalia which is approximately 5 miles from the meeting site. There will be presentations of information regarding the project, guest speakers, and hands-on activities for all participants. More details will follow regarding registration and the agenda. The point of contact is John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu
- **How Kids Learn II**
January 9, 2013, San Francisco
<http://www.howkidslearn.org/>
The purpose of this TED-like, one-day conference is to inform and energize youth program leaders, educators and afterschool stakeholders regarding our current knowledge on how kids learn and to share innovative approaches to promote learning outside of the classroom.
- **Western Region Leader Forum – March 21 – 24, 2013 in Hawaii**
Hawaii 4-H members, volunteers, faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing you in Hawaii March 21 – 24, 2013 for the Western Region Leader Forum. The conference site is the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Resort (800-848-8100). Refer to code, WR4A, to the person taking your reservation. Registration for the forum may be completed by going to: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/>

DEADLINES:

Deadline for Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - \$375
Deadline for Hotel room Rate of \$179 is February 21, 2013 - \$425

- Applications for the **2012 President's Environmental Youth Award** are **due December 31**. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. One outstanding project from each region is selected for national recognition. Projects are developed by young individuals, school classes (K-12), summer camps and youth organizations to promote environmental stewardship. Visit www.epa.gov/peya for more information.
- **Save the Date: State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25 at UC Davis**
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>
The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff and parents. More information will be released in January 2013.

- State 4-H Fashion Revue** categories for **2013** will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (\$19.99 limit), Wearable Art-Embellished, 2 Yard Wonder, and Duct Tape Challenge. Members, leaders and counties are encouraged to plan projects and county fashion revues following the SFR category guidelines. To clarify the 2 Yard Wonder, it is a sewing challenge for members in the Clothing and Textiles project, beginning to advanced. Using a 2 yard length of 100% cotton fabric, sew a garment and an accessory. You can use less fabric but not more for this garment and the accessory. There is no specific pattern requirement. Additional garments to complete the outfit may be sewn or purchased. Take a “before” photo holding the yardage and an “after” photo wearing the outfit. Specific information about all the categories is posted at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The SFR committee is coordinating three service projects: Little dresses and shorts for Africa, stuffed animals, and drawstring bags. Patterns, instructions and donation guidelines will be posted this month on the SFR website. The SFR committee is excited to announce that 43 finished quilts were donated to the American Legion for the Quilts for Wounded Warriors service project. An additional 40 quilt tops will be completed with materials purchased with the Revolution of Responsibility grant. The committee hosted a quilting booth at the State Fair, a service learning workshop at State Leadership Conference, and had their first meeting to plan 2013 SFR. Please see the [SFR website](#) for more information!
- Save the Dates!**
Washington Focus – Global Journey
 June 23-July 1, 2013. Online Registration will be available starting September 30, 2013. Deadline will be December 15, 2013.
Cal Focus June 14-18, 2013
State Leadership Conference - UC Davis July 25-28, 2013.
- Announcing the New Highest California 4-H Youth Award!**
 The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/

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