

June 2013

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please don't hesitate to call Roy Hillstock at (626) 586-1972 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 (626) 586-1972. 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 June, 2013

The 4-H San Gabriel Valley Fair has been a historical legacy and treasure of the program for decades. Throughout the years, 4-H members have experienced the wonders and fulfillment of positive youth development through the fair. In order to continue providing 4-H members with a quality experience during the fair and to grow the level of participation, I am asking the 4-H leaders and members who are responsible for planning and coordinating the fair to do the following:

- To refocus our efforts on positive youth development
- To create a healthy environment for 4-H members and leaders
- To begin to establish a Thriving vision for the fair
- To lay a pathway for the way forward vis-a-vis the fair

Specifically, I am asking for:

- A Vision Statement for the Fair
- A mission statement for the fair
- Purpose statement for 2014 fair
- Written plan for 2014 fair
- Educational goals and objectives for 2014
- A clearly articulated youth & adult partnership plan
- A leadership structure consistent with YAP and a Thriving framework for 2014 (using iThrive/iChampion)
- Creating a space for safety for youth and adults
- Provide a fair budget that shows expected revenue and expenses
- Minutes of each meeting
- Due to the county office by September 30, 2013

Over the next few months, I will provide more guidance and direction to those volunteers and youth planning to be involved with the fair. I will work with the fair planning team to help them include language and intention that is consistent with having a fair based on positive youth development, that can grow and can be sustainable for years to come.

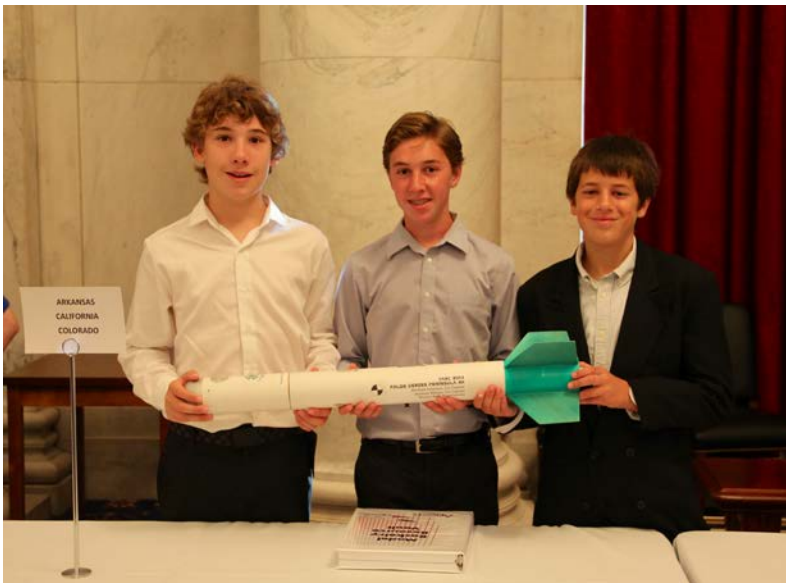
CLUB

- **PVP 4H Rocketry Placed 25th in Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC)**
Wesley Rich, PVP 4H Club

On May 9th our rocketry project's TARC team headed to Virginia for a weekend of events at the national finals and to compete as one of the 100 finalists (out of 750!). On Friday, we headed to Washington DC to the Russell Senate building for Rockets on the Hill, a breakfast event hosted by a US Senator. We met with other teams, aerospace companies and STEM educators. We presented our rocket at the table with the other 10 California teams. On May 11th, we went to the finals at Great Meadows in The Plains, Virginia. We had a successful launch of our rocket and came in 25th out of the 100 teams. Teams 1-24th were given a 2nd launch that figured out the top winners. Teams 25th -29th were given a second launch for the spectators and when we calculated our second score, we would have come in 6th place if we had been in the top 24!!!! Our team had the best score out of the entire west coast. The winning team was a 4H group from Texas! While we were in Washington DC, we got to visit the National Air and Space Museum which has a space shuttle viewing. We had a great time and are already planning our 2014 TARC rocket!



PVP 4H TARC team members, Matthew Milutin, Wesley Rich & Matthew Liberson at the Team America Rocketry Challenge national finals in Virginia.



In Washington DC at the Rockets on the Hill event representing our team and state

- **Congratulations to Zella Roth**

2013 Best of Division, Intermediate, "Jump", Zella Roth, Los Angeles County

The California 4-H Photography Competition 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 photography competition is held during the California 4-H State Field Day at UC Davis.



- **San Gabriel Valley Fair**

Alexa Sutter, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

Every year, the Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H club gets together with other clubs for the San Gabriel Valley Fair. Not only is this the perfect time for 4-H'ers to show off their hard work in their projects that year, but they also get to a chance to use their leadership and community service skills. Because a big portion of the fair is run by the 4-H members, the parents get to relax while the kids get to help with judging, awards, activities, and livestock. To many, the San Gabriel Valley fair is to win ribbons and trophies on their well deserved hard work. To others, the fair is about helping out and becoming a better leader. This year allowed a lot more responsibility since it was the first time we had a one day fair and that required a lot more scheduling and coordination. Much of that was done by the members and we enjoyed that.

- **Wildlife**

Giovanna Arena, Pomona Valley 4-H Club Member

In the Wildlife project we made terrariums. If you are wondering what a terrarium is, it is a cage that looks like a habitat. We added plastic or fake animals to the setting, but you could put in real animals. We entered the terrariums in the fair. The Pomona Valley Wildlife group had a fun time. The people who made terrariums were Giovanna and Nicole Arena, Julius and Conner Treadwell and Suvi and Amber Kaljumagi.

- **Going to the Zoo for Wildlife**

Nicole Arena, Pomona Valley 4-H Club Member

On February 27, 2013 the Pomona Valley Wildlife project went to the Los Angeles County Zoo. The 5 of us went together and saw many animals. For example we saw mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Most of them were mammals. We took a lot of photos and later we wrote about them.

- **Two Pomona Valley Members Win Gold at State Field Day**

Noel Keller, Pomona Valley 4-H Club Project Leader

State Field Day is an exciting state 4-H event held annually in Davis. This year two of our club members competed at the state level for the first time and were very happy and excited to win state Gold medal for their presentations. Julius Treadwell earned a Gold medal for his Senior Presentation on "Cool and Easy Cake" where he demonstrated how to make a cheese cake. Conner Treadwell earned a Gold medal for his Educational Exhibit called "Lefties and Righties" where he described his experiment to test if kittens were left-pawed or right-pawed. It was reported that "they had a great time at State Field Day. Wow what an event. So many people and so many activities. Nice weather. Great seeing friends from SLC and camp. Sad to not see anyone else from LA".



COUNTY

- **4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment**
Roy Hillstock, Computer Specialist

The end of the 2012-2013 4-H Program Year is June 30, 2013. July 1, 2013 starts the new program year. Any member participating in 4-H after July 1, must re-enroll. This is especially important for those members participating in fairs and/or conferences. You **MUST** be enrolled in 4-H to participate in 4-H activities. Instructions on how to enroll/reenroll can be found [here](#). Keep in mind that the 2013-2014 program fees are **\$12.00 per adult** and **\$34.00 per youth**.

- **2013 San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair**
Noel Keller, Incentives & Recognition Chair

The 82nd annual SGV 4-H Fair was held April 27 at the Chino Junior Fairgrounds in Chino. Special thanks goes to our fair executive directors Daniel Espinosa and Judylynn Pelling, 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 King – Daniel Espinosa, Harbor Lights
- Other Fair Court member – Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley
- Other Fair Court member – Madison Cumby, PVP
- Other Fair Court member - Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley
- Other Fair Court member - Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley
- Best Youth Fair Director award – Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley
- Best Youth non-Director at Fair award - Amber Kaljumagi, Pomona Valley
- Fair Sweepstakes Trophy – Pomona Valley

Available Club Trophies:	Winners: Trophy	Second	Third
Aerospace & Rockets	PVP	ERHP	Pomona Valley
Ag. Sel. & Collection	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Arts & Crafts	Pomona Valley	PVP	Harbor Lights
Automotive	PVP		
Baked Goods	PVP		
Beef Cattle			
Beekeeping	PVP		
Beginning 4-H	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Bicycle			
Camping & ...	PVP		
Cat Care			
Cavies	PVP		
Child Care			
Climatology			
Clothing & Textiles	PVP	Greenleaf	
Computers	PVP		
Crops, Veg. & Fruits			
Dairy Cattle			
Dairy Goats			
Dairy Products			
Dog Care	PVP		
Eggs	PVP		
Electricity	PVP	ERHP	Pomona Valley
Entomology			
Feature Booth			
Food Preservation	Pomona Valley		
Foods & Nutrition	PVP	Pomona Valley	Greenleaf
Graphic Arts	PVP		
Group Determined			
Guide Dogs	PVP		
Heritage Arts	PVP		
Home Arts & Furn.			
Horses	PVP		
Individ.& Grp. Sports	PVP	Pomona Valley	
Indoor Mini-Gardens			
Leathercraft	PVP		
Marine Biology	PVP		
Ornamental Hort.	PVP		
Pets & Small Animals	PVP		
Photography	PVP	Pomona Valley	
Plant Science	PVP		
Poultry	PVP	Pomona Valley	Harbor Lights
Primary Participation	ERHP	Greenleaf	Pomona Valley
Rabbits	PVP		
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	Greenleaf	PVP	
Wool			

ERHP is Eagle Rock Highland Park 4-H Club, PVP is Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club, Blanks show where no trophy was awarded to a NSG or SSG club this year.

- **2013 South Section 4-H Field Day results for LA County**

South Section held its 4-H Field Day on Saturday, May 16th at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. We thank all the volunteers, members and parents who represented LA County and helped with this event. It was a fun day and our LA County members did well in the competitions. We congratulate the following members for their accomplishments at the sectional level:

Cultural Arts – individual performance – singing “Blue Skies” – Amber Kaljumagi - Pomona Valley - Sectional Winner, 2nd Alternate – Blue Seal

Share the Fun skit – “4-H in Neverland” – Canyon Coyotes –

Sectional Winner, 1st Alternate – Blue Seal

Ethan Boeker

Nathan Boeker

Sean Brown

Alannah Byrne

Nathan Dalrymple

Natasha Dalrymple

Paige Jacobsen

Mark Kasperson

Michael Kasperson

Rachel Kasperson

Chloe Phillips

Katherine Shannon

Educational Display

Conner Treadwell – Pomona Valley – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Interpretative (Prepared) Reading

Ethan Boeker – Canyon Coyotes – Intermediate – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Kiran Ekanayake – PVP – Intermediate – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Ru Ekanayake – PVP – Senior – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Jessica Fint – San Fernando Valley – Senior – Blue Seal

Heidi Kolkovich – San Fernando Valley – Junior – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Mock Interview

Liliana Brown – PVP – Intermediate – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Ru Ekanayake – PVP – Senior – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Sallie DeYoung – San Fernando Valley – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Presentations

Jerry Klerman – PVP – Junior – Blue Seal

Julius Treadwell – Pomona Valley – Senior – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Ethan and Nathaniel Boeker – Canyon Coyotes – Intermediate Team –

Sectional Winner GOLD Medal

Problem Solving

Sallie DeYoung – San Fernando Valley – Senior – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Primary Clinic Participation

Aaron Boeker – Canyon Coyotes

Carter Boeker – Canyon Coyotes

Kaitlyn Hanlon – Pomona Valley

Impromptu Speaking

Sean Brown – Canyon Coyotes – Junior – Green Seal

Katherine Shannon – Canyon Coyotes – Intermediate – Blue Seal

Ethan Boeker – Canyon Coyotes – Intermediate – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Kiran Ekanayake – PVP – Intermediate – Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Conner Treadwell – Pomona Valley – Junior – Blue Seal

- **South Section 2013 4-H Fashion Revue Results**

South Section held its 4-H Fashion Revue on Saturday, May 16th at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. We thank the volunteers and parents who represented LA County and helped with this event, which was held along with sectional field day. We congratulate the following LA County members for their sectional accomplishments:

Jessica Fint - San Fernando Valley - Senior - Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Claudia Norczyk - Greenleaf - Junior - Sectional Winner GOLD medal

Camilla Norczyk - Greenleaf - Senior - Blue Seal

Andrea Wall - San Fernando Valley - Junior - Sectional Winner GOLD medal

- **LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Officers Elected**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

Elections for the 2013-2014 LA County 4-H Leaders' Council officers were held at the May 11th council meeting. The following officers were elected (or continuing a 2-year position):

- President –
- Vice-President - Noel Keller
- Secretary - Judylynn Pelling
- Treasurer - Mary Lash
- Reporter/Historian –
- I&R Committee Chair - Noel Keller
- Agriculture Committee Chair –
- Science Committee Chair –
- Home Economics Committee Co-Chair
 - Carrie DeYoung - Fashion Revue,
 - Kim Espinosa - Food Faire
- Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary –
- Leader Support Committee Chair –
- Shooting Sports Committee Chair –
- Technology Committee Chair –
- Representative to the Sectional Leaders' Council (adult) - Carrie DeYoung
- Representative to the Sectional Leaders' Council (adult) - Judylynn Pelling
- Representative to the Sectional Leaders' Council (adult) –
- Representative to the Sectional Leaders' Council (adult) –
- Representative to the Sectional Leaders' Council (youth) - Sallie DeYoung
- Alternate Representative to the Sectional Leaders' Council (youth) - Ru Ekanayake
- Alternate Representative to the Sectional Leaders' Council (adult) - Dennis DeYoung

Please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of the vacant offices on the council. We need all the districts represented on county council. The AV district does not have volunteer or youth on the council at this time. Remember that senior youth can hold offices on the council. An adult and a senior youth could share the some of the offices.

- **2012-2013 County Record Book Competition and Awards Day**

Noel Keller, Incentives & Recognition Committee Chair

The 2012-2013 4-H program year will end on June 30, so you just have one more month to complete your 4-H activities for this year. Have you done all that you had hoped to complete? If not, you still have a little more time.

The county record book competition will be run much like last year, but there is now a new California 4-H Record Book Manual - 2011-2013. Seniors should plan to submit their records on the forms in the new Manual. Due to the lateness of the release of the new record book manual, Juniors and Intermediates will be allowed to use the 2011 record book manual, but should expect to use the new manual next year. Your 2012-2013 Record Book should contain your 4-H records from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

The online 4-H recordkeeping uses the new forms and will be handled the same as last year. For the county competition the online 4-H forms will need to be printed out and submitted as hard copy.

The 2013 Record Book ID form and guidelines are now available on the county website under Applications. Notice that the record book title page, table of contents, and Expression Page for a Annual Project Report are no longer optional. Contact a member on the county I&R Committee if you have any questions.

The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 12th after the county Pet Symposium.

- **NEW Record Book Manual**

Noel Keller, Incentives & Recognition Committee Chair

A new Record Book Manual 2011-2013 is now available on the state 4-H website and our county website. This manual is a compilation of the 2011 State Record Manual and the 2012 Record Book Addendum. The changes from the prior manual have been indicated in blue print. Use this new manual for your 2012-2013 records this year. The online record book system uses the forms from this new manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **Do You Have a LA County Officer Book Gold Medal?**

Noel Keller, Incentives & Recognition Committee Chair

If not, why not? All club officers (Juniors and above) are eligible to earn a Officer Book gold medal for their officer work during the year if they submit an Officer Book for the officer book program. The forms and information for the 2013 Officer Book Recognition program are now on the county website under Applications. The program will be much the same as last year. All club officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year (June 30). Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a Gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work. Officer books are due by September 10 to the 4-H office or by September 11 to an I&R Committee member.

- **LA County 4-H Program Plans for 2013-2014**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

At the May 11th LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting the 2013-2014 LA County 4-H budget, calendar and officers were approved. The 2013-2014 4-H Calendar will be available on the county website soon. The 2013-2014 4-H program year starts on July 1, 2013. The dates for the county Food Fair and the county Science Fair have not been set yet, but will be added when the information is available. California 4-H is celebrating its 100th birthday this year and we are considering a county celebration for the program centennial. The new 2013-2014 All Stars are planning a Junior Leadership Conference for Saturday, September 28th so mark your calendar for that.

- **LA County 4-H Banner**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

Many thanks go to Diana Kaljumagi and her team from Pomona Valley 4-H Club for volunteering and making a Los Angeles County 4-H banner to be displayed at State Field Day on Saturday, May 25 in Davis. This is a busy time of year and we appreciate Diana being creative and making the effort to complete a county banner for us. In the opening ceremony at State Field Day the banner was presented by Julius and Conner Treadwell from Pomona Valley 4-H Club. We were proud that our LA County 4-H banner was among the about twenty county banners that make it to the event.



- **LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting - May 11th**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

The LA County 4-H Leaders' Council had its important planning meeting on Saturday, May 11th at Macy Intermediate School in Monterey Park. We thank Mike Lopez for hosting the meeting at the school. Mike took us on a tour of the school garden, from which our nutritious lunch was prepared. Mike will be starting up a 4-H club at the school in the fall. We thank Mike for his hospitality and we look forward to having his club in our program next year. Along with discussing and approving our council 2013-2014 budget, calendar and officers, we also approved the revisions presented at our March meeting to the council's Constitution and Bylaws needed to conform to the new state guidelines. In addition, the voting procedure at council meetings was changed from all senior members and volunteers present to just two votes by attendees per 4-H club. This next year we want to start planning some fundraising for our program. The next meeting of the county leaders' council will be Saturday, September 7. We are looking for a host for that meeting.

- **District Representation on the County Incentives and Recognition Committee (I&R)**

Noel Keller, Incentives & Recognition Committee Chair

Districts are now electing officers and committee representatives for the next 4-H program year. Please remember to elect two district representatives to the important County Incentives and Recognition Committee. The current county I&R Committee members Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG district and Carrie DeYoung from SFV district will continue through to the County Awards program in October, 2013. The new committee members will start in July so there is an overlap with the prior committee members. The next scheduled I&R committee meeting is Wednesday, June 5th at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. Contact an I&R representative if you have comments or suggestions for the committee to consider.

NOTE - When it is time to turn in record books for the county competition, books can be turned into the 4-H office on Tuesday by 4pm or by 9pm on Wednesday to an I&R committee member. If a district does not have a representative on the I&R committee, record books will need to be turned in on Tuesday, unless they are delivered to an I&R committee member in another district. Please encourage your district to be represented on this committee.

- **Youth Representatives to the South Section 4-H Leaders**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

Senior 4-H members **Sallie DeYoung** from the San Fernando Valley 4-H Club and **Ru Ekanayake** from PVP 4-H Club were elected to be Youth Representatives from the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council to the South Section 4-H Leaders' Council. Sallie is the 2013-2014 youth representative and Ru is the 2013-2014 alternate youth representative. The South Section council meets four times a year. Sallie will present a LA County report of our activities to the sectional council and then she will report back to the LA County what happened at the sectional council meeting.

- **Youth Voice on the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

Senior 4-H member Ru Ekanayake from PVP 4-H Club was elected as the 2013-2014 2nd Vice-President (Youth Voice) of the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council. Ru will be attending the council meetings and presenting the youth opinions, suggestions, concerns and ideas to the council. Let Ru be your youth voice at the council meetings. Contact her with your concerns, suggestions, ideas and opinions.

- **Youth being officers on the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

Elections were held for the officer positions on the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council. All the positions were not filled. Senior 4-H youth could consider being nominated for one of the council positions. It would be a great leadership experience. The position might be able to be held by a youth and adult, as co-officers. Is there an adult you would like to work with in one of the open council positions? If you have any questions about this contact your club leader or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **South Section 4-H Leaders' Council meeting - Saturday, June 8th**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council President

Then next meeting of the South Section 4-H Leaders' Council will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8th at Agricultural Sciences Complex at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. All South Section volunteers and senior youth are welcome to attend. Learn what is happening in the California 4-H program above the county level. Come to network, be informed, make new 4-H friends, get some new ideas and voice your opinion.

- **South Section Teen Council meeting - Saturday, June 8th**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council President

Attention LA County senior 4-H members! There is a Teen Council at the sectional level that plans activities for sectional senior youth. They organize and run the Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) each year, organize and run the food booth at Sectional Field Day, and plan other teen social events. The South Section Teen Council meets at 8:30am before the South Section Leaders' Council meeting at the Agricultural Sciences Complex at Mt. SAC. The next Teen Council meeting is this Saturday, June 8th. John Trammell from San Bernardino County is the Acting Adult Adviser to the Teen Council. Amanda Penicks from Orange County is the current Teen Council President.

- **SGV 4-H Fair Committee to Meet June 11th**

Judylynn Pelling and Daniel Espinosa, Executive Directors of SGV 4-H Fair

A committee of volunteers and members from the NSG and SSG 4-H districts is being formed to work on an evaluation of the San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair and an updating of the fair's vision, mission, purpose, leadership, documentation, organizational structure, procedures, 2014 fair plan, conflict resolution and youth/adult partnerships. The committee will meet in the summer with a goal to complete its work by September 30th. The first fair committee meeting to get organized and to discuss a timeline, goals, tasks and future meetings will be **Tuesday, June 11** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (6338 N.Figueroa St in Los Angeles) at 7:30pm. Please contact one of the fair Executive Directors Judylynn Pelling (jlPELLING@yahoo.com, 323-255-9870) or Daniel Espinosa (Harbor.Lights@sbcglobal.net, 310-548-5470) if you want to work on this summer fair committee. If you are unable to attend this first meeting and want to be on the committee, please let Daniel or Judylynn know. You will be contacted about future meetings and tasks to be completed.

- **Year of Youth Leadership**

Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

The 4-H program promotes and offers opportunities for our youth to develop and expand their leadership skills. Members should look for these opportunities and volunteer to get involved. If a member would like to part of the planning of an event, contact those in charge, indicate your interest and volunteer to help. This next year we want to encourage our youth to step up to the leadership challenge. Let the youth voice be heard. Let the youth skills be developed and shown. Along with this, we want to offer some training for adults and youth on youth/adult partnerships. Together we can plan a great 4-H program for Los Angeles County.

One immediate opportunity for senior youth in leadership is to be part of the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council. Senior youth can be officers on the council. Volunteer for a position on the council. A position could be shared with an adult. If you would like an opportunity to be a council officer, you could try to find an adult that you would be comfortable working with and ask them to volunteer with you for the office. You could also volunteer to be on a committee of the council. If you have any questions about this, contact Noel Keller.

- **What is Your Club Doing?**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

We would really enjoy hearing about the activities in your club. Tell us about an interesting project, a fun club event, an unusual happening, a service to your community or a special accomplishment. Write a short article for the Clover Notes. You can even include a photo with your news article. Let's share news about the fun of 4-H. Articles should be sent to Roy Hillstock (rlhillstock@ucanr.edu).

I notice that you have Sallie and Run listed both as Junior All Stars and 4-H All Stars on the last page of the Clover Notes. The title for "4-H All Stars" should be changed to something like "New 2013-2014 LA County 4-H All Stars".

- **Emerald Star**

Noel Keller, Incentive & Recognition Committee Chair

The Emerald Star program is an opportunity for an advanced leadership project above the club level. Take the challenge and plan an activity to benefit your community or the LA County 4-H program. Earn an Emerald Star pin for your hat. An Emerald Star project can be started at any time during the program year. The current district Emerald Star advisers are as follows:

NSG - Judylynn Pelling

SSG - Mary Lash

AV - Shirley Byrne

SFV - TBD

A member can be advised by any of the above for their Emerald Star project. Look on the [county website](#) for more information about this leadership opportunity.

- **June:**
 - 5th – NSG District mtg.
 - 8th – Sectional Council mtg. / Sectional Teen Council mtg.
 - 11th – Camp Committee mtg.
 - 16th – Fathers' Day
 - 20th - SSG District mtg. / SGV Fair mtg.

STATE

FUNDING UPDATES

- **Annie's Grants for Gardens**
Deadline: May 31
 Annie's offers grants to school gardens that connect children directly to real food. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies. Get \$500 to start a brand-new school garden program. Use these funds for anything from classroom seeds in a cup to garden beds. There's no need to have an existing garden! Or, apply for \$1,500 to deepen your school garden program. You must have an existing school garden to choose this entry type. More info: <http://bit.ly/YIGM4j>
- **MacArthur Foundation Grant Competition to Provide \$150,000 for Summer Youth Programs**
Deadline: June 10
 A new grant competition will award \$150,000 to libraries, museums, and other nonprofits to provide hands-on learning opportunities this summer for youth across the country to help make the online experience more civil, safe and empowering. More info: <http://dmlcompetition.net/summer-youth-programming/summer-youth-programming-competition>
- **National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador Program**
Deadline: June 16
 Do you have a passion for community service? Have you worked hard to solve a local problem and want to do more? Apply for the National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador Program (NCAM). This year-long Ambassadorship will train youth (ages 16-22) to address critical issues facing youth. Fifty-one Youth Ambassadors will be selected - one per state - creating a powerful national network of young people who raise their collective voice in service to other youth. Each Ambassador will receive \$1,000 grant, travel to a leadership training in Washington, D.C., and ongoing support and guidance as they implement their service projects. More info: www.YSA.org/grants/NCAM
- **The Be Big Contest**
Deadline: June 23
 If you have a BIG Idea that demonstrates Clifford's BIG Ideas, let us know! The BE BIG Fund can help bring YOUR winning idea to life with the help of Scholastic, HandsOn Network and, of course, Clifford! Enter now for the chance to bring your BIG Idea to life with a \$5,000 community grant. Other prizes consist of five \$1,000 first prize grants. More info: <http://bit.ly/YuVbeT>
- **State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grants**
Deadline: June 23
 Increase academic achievement, workplace readiness, and stronger communities during the 2013-2014 school year with a \$1,500 State Farm Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grant. The grant requires a 14+ week Semester of Service™ starting in Fall 2013. Educators from all fifty US states and D.C., and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, and Alberta are invited to apply. Each teacher awarded a grant will also receive a one-day professional development training in one of five cities around the country. Learn more at: www.YSA.org/goodneighbor

- **State Farm Good Neighbor YOUth in the Driver Seat Grants**

Deadline: June 23

Learning to drive is one of the most exciting milestones in a teen's life. To support teens and their teachers in this rite of passage, YSA and State Farm® are offering YOUth in the Driver Seat, a service and learning program that includes training, ongoing support, and a \$1,500 grant to implement an extended project that encourages safe driving habits, service to the community, and student achievement. Learn more about the program and eligibility requirements at:

www.YSA.org/grants/YOUthInTheDriverSeat

- **Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grant**

Deadline: Rolling

The grant seeks to promote social justice, protect the environment and support sustainable food systems. Funds are provided to grassroots, constituent-led organizations that use community organizing strategies to accomplish their goals and to organizations that provide technical support and resources to such groups. Maximum grant: \$15,000. Find out more [here](#).

- **Healthy Eating Research Releases Call for Proposals**

[Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity-Round 8](#)

Proposal Deadline for Round 8 grant: **July 10, 2013 (3:00 p.m. ET)**

- **California 4-H \$1,000 for 1,000 Service Learning Projects**

2013 Revolution of Responsibility - <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/>

2013 Application Deadlines:

July 15, 2013 September 15, 2013

November 15, 2013

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 ensure that it is as strong as possible.

DATES & DEADLINES

- **State 4-H Field Day live broadcast on the Internet!**

May 25, 2013, 9:00am – 6:00pm

The State 4-H Field Day will be live broadcast over the Internet, so watch from your home at http://www.ihigh.com/ca4h/broadcast_296627.html?silverlight=1. We suggest tuning in from 9:00am – 10:00am for the opening, 2:00pm – 3:30pm for the Fashion Show, and 4:00pm – 6:00pm for the awards ceremony. More info on State 4-H Field Day: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>

- Celebrate “Timeless Fashions” at **State Fashion Revue** on May 25, 2013 as part of State 4-H Field Day at UC Davis. Morning activities open to all include Pattern Exchange (bring 5 and take 5), Make it take it crafts, judging and identification classes, and presentations. New for the centennial celebration is the Vintage Fashion Show at 1:30 at Wellman, followed at 2:00 by the SFR participant fashion show and awards. Bring all service project items to Olson Hall: Little dresses and shorts for Africa, drawstring bags, and A Zoo of Hugs stuffed animals. Do you have an idea for next year’s Challenge class or service projects? Bring your suggestions on an index card. We will post them by the information table. We are actively seeking youth and adults to be part of our SFR2014 committee. Join us at our wrap-up meeting at 4:00 PM in Olson room 118. Complete information for SFR is at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>.

- **Connecting the USDA Summer Food Service Program and Public Housing Authorities**

Webinar May, 28th 10 am – 12 pm

Register here: <http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/17fb9g53917>

The USDA provides free or reduced price lunches to 22 million children during the school year through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). However, during summer break less than 3 million of those students participate in a USDA summer feeding program. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded program administered by the States that helps fill the summer meal gap for low-income children by reimbursing organizations that serve children meals at feeding sites during summer months. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is offering this webinar so you can learn more about how you can help your public housing authority feed children in need and/or promote SFSP. The webinar will review SFSP participation requirements, cover resources, and tools available to help you get started, highlight successful programs and outreach practices from around the country, and provides an opportunity to have your questions answered by FNS Program experts.

- **4-H Advisory Committee applications for the 2013-14 program year are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2013 or online by 11:59pm on May 31, 2013.** All 4-H members, adult volunteers, county and state 4-H YDP staff, as well as community partners are encouraged to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. Please note that there is now an [online](#) option to apply. For more information, see: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

- **2013 State 4-H Shooting Sports ARCHERY Match**

Entries for the 1st Annual State 4-H Archery Match in partnership with the state 4-H shooting sports program and Mendocino County 4-H Council must be postmarked by **May 1, 2013** and returned by **June 17, 2013**.

Read the official rules: [State Archery Match Rules and State Archery Match Entry Form](#)

- **4-H Archery Certification Training**

Mt. Shasta City Park

Saturday, June 1st - 9am-5pm

Sunday, June - 2nd 9am-12pm

- A 4-H Archery Certification Training for volunteers and junior/teen leaders will be offered Saturday, June 1st, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 2nd, 9 a.m.- 12 noon, at the Mt. Shasta City Park, Lower Lodge, 1315 Nixon Street, Mt. Shasta, CA in Siskiyou County. You must be an enrolled 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach archery at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$25 per person to include a resource binder, range fees, and Saturday lunch. For current 4-H certified archery leaders, if you would like to become a trainer and provide certification at the county level, please contact Jeanne for more details. You would attend this training and assist with the teaching of this class.

To register, please complete and mail the “CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form” available at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf>, and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form and a \$25 check payable to “Siskiyou County 4-H Council” and mail to Leland & Jeanne George, 8504 N. Old Stage Road, Weed, CA 96094. **Registration is due Friday, May 24th and space is limited.** For more information call Jeanne at 530-524-7278 or email her at mtlassenlover@gmail.com.

- **Western Region Leader’s Forum**

March 27-30, 2014

Billings, Montana

Workshop proposals for the WRLF 2014 are being accepted now. **Proposals due June 1.** Visit their website for more information and a workshop proposal form: www.wrlf2014.com

- **2013 State 4-H Horse Classic**

June 26-30

Premium online, online registration is now open!

Registration for the Horse Show- <http://ucanr.edu/classic-horse-show-registration>

Registration for the Educational Contests- <http://ucanr.edu/classic-educational-contest-registration>

Registration is Due June 3rd!

Each sponsor is 20% of Class/Contest Fees

New Horse Classic Social Media

Visit <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/HorseClassic/index.cfm> for updates on 2013 State 4-H Horse Classic.

Also find us and join us on Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/events/222083951263098/>

Fill out the Doodle for State 4-H Horse Field Day

<http://www.doodle.com/zrpp48zp98qewmrp>

- **Animal Science Survey**

http://ucanr.edu/animal_science_survey

We want your opinion! Survey is open until June 30th!

- **Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summit**

Wahsega 4-H Center

Dahlonoga, Georgia

July 7-12, 2013

Now in its third year, the Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summit is a week-long camp for 14-18 year old dependent teens of current reserve component family members. Teens will focus on leadership development and self-confidence, learn about programs and services available to Air Force dependents, and build a community. Information is now available for the 2013 Joint Reserve Component Teen Leadership Summits at: <http://t.uga.edu/cR>

- **California State Fair**

July 12th-28th

To celebrate our centennial, we are going BIG at the CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR! Check out the full list of activities at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/CountyFairs/>

1. **July 21, 24-27: Gold Seal Presentations from State 4-H Field Day**

[\(http://ucanr.edu/gold_seal/\)](http://ucanr.edu/gold_seal/)

4-H members receiving a gold seal at the State 4-H Presentation Day on May 25, 2013 at UC Davis are eligible to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on July 21, 24, 25, 26, & 27.

2. **July 16, 20, 23: Present your Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Projects**

[\(http://ucanr.edu/stem/\)](http://ucanr.edu/stem/)

4-H members and volunteers are invited for three types of exhibits.

- A) **July 16, 2013, 11am - 8pm: Eco-Bot**

4-H will present Eco-Bot, the National 4-H Youth Science Experiment. 4-H volunteers and members will help children design and build a simple brush-robot to cleanup a spill (simulated using a cookie sheet and rice). Materials and instructions are provided. We just need 4-H volunteers and members to sign-up for 2-hour blocks during the day!

- B) **July 20 (10-8pm) & July 23 (11-8pm)**

- i. **Non-Competitive 4-H Presentations** – 4-H members are invited to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair on July 20 and 23. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on one day. Presentations must be related to 4-H science, engineering, or technology.

- ii. **Hands-on, Interactive, 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Activities –**
Groups of 4-H members, volunteers, and staff are invited to engage the public in quick hands-on activities. The group will conduct activities with the public for at least an hour block of time on one day.

3. **July 23 & 24: 4-H Cooking Throwdown** (<http://ucanr.edu/throwdown/>)

4-H members are invited to participate in the 4-H Throwdown at the California State Fair. Teams will consist of 2 youth members and 1 teen leader. The minimum age is 12 years old, total of 3 members. Each round will have a secret ingredient. Each course must include the secret ingredient. Each team will have 10 minutes to prep and then 50 minutes to cook a three course meal. A judge will taste all courses prepared and the winners of each round will then compete at 4:00pm each day to determine the daily 4-H Throwdown Champion! Each day has a theme: July 23rd- International Cuisine; July 24th- BBQ Throwdown without the Grill. **Facility:** California Kitchen at the State Fair.

4. **Represent California 4-H by exhibiting at the Fair**

We are working on a 4-H Day-July 20th! Share your memories of the State Fair <http://www.bigfun.org/memories/>!

- **Registration Open: NYLC's National Youth Leadership Training**

This is an opportunity for high school students to build leadership skills to make a real change in their communities. The event is **July 20-27, 2013** at the National Center for Service and Innovative Leadership. Registration is now open and space is limited for the NYLT this summer. The Registration Packet is available for download at www.nylc.org/nylt - turn in your packet ASAP to secure your spot!

- **2013 National 4-H Forestry Invitational**

July 21-25

Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center in Weston, WV

California 4-H is invited to send a 4-H forestry team to compete in the [2013 National 4-H Forestry Invitational](http://4hforestryinvitational.org/registration/intent-form). On-line intent form due **by May 31, 2013**: <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/registration/intent-form>

- **4-H State Leadership Conference 2013: Celebrating 100 years of California 4-H**

July 25-28, 2013 at UC Davis

This year's theme: *There's no place like 4-H*

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. For more information visit:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>

- **Win a FREE Dutch Oven & Curriculum!** – For all 4-H Camp Programs. Have your adult camp director, youth camp director, and one other camp adult fill out the 13 short camp surveys at the link below (under Assessment Areas) **before August 31, 2013**. Once 3 complete surveys of all the assessment areas are entered, your county will be on the list to receive a Dutch Oven with Curriculum, compliments of the State 4-H Camping Advisory Committee. Ovens will be awarded at the State 4-H Camping Conference in the spring of 2014. If you have any questions contact John Borba, jaborba@ucdavis.edu. Access the survey here: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Camps/CampToolkit/>

- **Dyn - O - Mite**

The dynamic format of the **2013 State Leaders' Forum** allows you to focus attention on issues that really matter. There is a world of creativity in store for you. Gain insight from innovative 4-H volunteers and staff, discover a multitude of new techniques, feast your eyes on detailed presentations, and much more. This includes sharing in the keynote presentation: **Making Collective Impact Work** with Matt Wilka. Matt, a former Fulbright Fellow in Ecuador, is a consultant with FSG - a non-profit consulting firm specializing in strategy, research, and evaluation. With Matt at the helm we will have an in-depth look at how organizations are implementing a collective impact approach to solve social problems.

Workshop Proposals are accepted until June 30 at <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013workshop>

Some suggested topics we are seeking include: Anti-bullying, Sharing Cultures, Techniques for Teaching, Fundraising in Counties, Advanced Topics for Experienced Leaders, Specific Project Ideas, ORB, Fireside Chat with the State Office, Taxidermy, and other subjects you might wish to share.

SLF 2013 will be held **Nov. 8 - 10** at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento. Conference registration is on-line at <http://ucanr.edu/slf2013register>. Reservations for rooms at the Crown Plaza are made directly with the hotel at 1-877-270-1393 or 1-916-338-5800, using code FRH.

Remember: Break past conventional thinking and toss in some imagination and you have the **2013 State Leaders' Forum**.

- Early Bird registration by **Sept. 1** saves you money!
 - Each year for the SLF Silent Auction we find that items made by 4-Hers bring in the most money. If you know of youth who are clever and wish to donate a hand-made article that is worth \$10 or more, please contact Louise Silacci, moolu@unwiredbb.com
 - The Tech Team wishes to have a head/shoulder picture of each and every 4-H volunteer in California. Please submit to John Trammel, techdude4h@gmail.com. Pictures should be good quality, at least 600 KB in size. Title each photo with the name and county of the person pictured.
 - SLF centennial pins are available from the Sectional Council presidents. The cost is \$3.00 per pin. To purchase pins in bulk please contact Noel Keller, nkeller91711@gmail.com.
- **Twelfth Biennial Coalition for Education in the Outdoors Research Symposium**
January 10-12, 2014
Indiana University's Bradford Woods
The call for abstracts is attached and will also be posted at <http://www.outdooredcoalition.org/>. Abstracts are due by September 12, 2013.

PROGRAM UPDATES

POSTIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- **University of Wisconsin, Cooperative Extension online Parenting resource.**
It's called *Parentethical* and it's available to educators and parents throughout the state at <http://www.myparentethical.com>. *Parentethical* is a combination blog, website and social network for **parents of 10-16 year old tweens and teens** designed to provide parents and other caregivers with ongoing education, support and networking.
- **Families with Teens Spanish Resources**
University of Minnesota Extension developed resources to help Spanish-speaking parents meet the challenges of raising teens. Topics include school success, alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, family relationships, and technology. Visit: <http://www1.extension.umn.edu/family/families-with-teens/resources-spanish/>
- The National 4-H History Preservation Program May newsletter is available [here](#).

HEALTHY LIVING

- **New Healthy Living Officer Position**

Are you looking for ways to integrate healthy living practices into your 4-H club? Starting in the 2013-2014 program year California 4-H will be adding a Healthy Living officer position to the 4-H Officer Manual. The Healthy Living officer will serve as the club's ambassador for health! By choosing to elect a Healthy Living officer your club is taking an active role in promoting healthy lifestyles. The Healthy Living officer will be the leadership for all health activities including: Providing ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and healthy eating into each club meeting, write Healthy Living articles for the club newsletter, and adopting and promoting a club Wellness Plan. Please help ensure that the health "H" of 4-H is at the forefront of all our meetings, consider electing a Healthy Living officer!

The Choose Health Officer Guide developed by Cornell University Extension can be found at:
<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Publications/>

- **Lovin' Dutch Oven: A California Foods and Nutrition 4-H Project**

ANR CS Web site at <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/8489.pdf>

Authored by 4-H Youth Development Program Advisor, Cynthia Barnett

With a cast iron Dutch oven, you can recreate the historic cooking experience of immigrants crossing the prairies and at the same time produce a delicious campfire feast! Learn how best to use and care for this useful cooking tool.

- **Special Recognition at 2013 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 physical activity. Potential topics may include muscle strengthening, heart rate importance, workout wear, Zumba, activity log, exercise trends, fitness apps, stretching, benefits of exercise, fun ways to workout, exergaming, recreational sports, types of activity, making time for fitness, safe places in your community to be active, and more.

For details visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/

- **4-H MyPlate Challenge at 2013 State Field Day**

In 2011 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) 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 you to submit a photograph illustrating how you're creating healthy meals using MyPlate as a guide. 4-H members do not need to pre-qualify at a county event. More details about this contest can be found at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/4-H_MyPlate_Challenge/

- **The Great American NO BULL Challenge**

4-H'ers are once again encouraged to stand up to prevent cyber bullying and enter the Great American No Bull Challenge. Take the Challenge and Just say - No Bull! Youth between the ages of 13 - 18 are encouraged to create a 2-5 minute video or 30-60 second PSA with a digital responsibility or a bullying prevention theme. Students will submit their video no later than April 30, 2013 at 11:59 PM (PST). Download information at: http://www.georgia4h.org/public/apps/statestaffonly/editors/headline/downloads/516/2013_NO_BULL_One_Sheet.pdf

<http://www.georgia4h.org/public/apps/statestaffonly/editors/headline/downloads/516/4Had.pdf>

- **Let's Move the Faith and Communities Webinar Series**

We invite you to join Let's Move Faith and Communities for a special series of on-line training opportunities that will equip health leaders to run the National Institutes of Health's (NIH's) We Can! program in their communities. We Can! is a science-based national education program that provides parents, caregivers and communities with tools and strategies to help families improve food choices, increase physical activity and reduce screen time. To register for a We Can! webinar, please use this link:

<http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/letsmove/>

- **CDC Launches iPad App Game for Playing Outbreak Detective**

The new iPad app “Solve the Outbreak” lets people play disease outbreak investigator, as if they were in the agency’s Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS). “The goal is to use new technology to provide an engaging, interactive way for users to learn how CDC solves outbreaks, thereby increasing general knowledge about real-life public health issues,” said CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden. “This application allows us to illustrate the challenges of solving outbreaks and how our disease detectives work on the front lines to save lives and protect people 24/7.” The iPad app is available in the iTunes store.

CITIZENSHIP

- **California Focus**

June 14-18, 2013

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities, and new friends from across California.

County Delegations should be working on their *Plans of Action*

For details: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/PlanAction/>

Orientations will be announced soon and will be held in April via Webinars. Check the website for updates on dates for orientations.

- **State Leadership Conference**

July 25-28, 2013

UC Davis

Celebrating 100 years of California 4-H

*“There’s no place like 4-H”*The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking and learning experience.

Video Contest now being held! Winners will receive discounted registration fees to 2013 State Leadership Conference. For details visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/>.

Check our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#) for updates and exciting announcements!

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SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)

- **Interested in Citizen Science in 4-H? Learn more on a Webinar.**
Wednesday, June 12th 1-2pm Pacific repeated Thursday, June 13th 9-10am Pacific.
<http://citizenscience.org/contexts/youth-development/4-h/webinars>
Citizen science is the involvement of the public in real-world scientific investigations: asking questions, collecting data, and/or interpreting results. Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development, in partnership with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and with support from the Noyce Foundation, is building support for citizen science in 4-H contexts to help educators and volunteer leaders use these activities to their fullest potential for SET/STEM learning and civic engagement. Participate in this webinar to learn more about integrating citizen science in your 4-H projects. Take 2-10 minutes to complete this [survey](#) and help them understand how to best support citizen science in 4-H contexts.
- **From the Cornell Lab of Ornithology - BirdSleuth K-12 and Nature Detectives**
<http://www.birdsleuth.org/afterschool-investigators-nature-detectives>
BirdSleuth is an inquiry-based science curriculum that engages kids in scientific study and real data collection through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's exciting citizen science projects. Afterschool Investigators: Nature Detectives kit offers fun and easy indoor and outdoor science activities developed with the unique, informal nature of afterschool, out-of-school time, and club programs in mind. California 4-H is one of two states in a pilot project to use Nature Detectives for citizen science, and as such comes with unique access to support from the Lab of Ornithology in exchange for feedback on the curriculum and its potentials. If interested, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.
- **Understanding Science Searchable Resource Database**
<http://undsci.berkeley.edu/search/resources.php>
The mission of Understanding Science is to provide a fun, accessible, and free resource that accurately communicates what science is and how it really works.
- **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, technology & society.
- **UC Davis C-STEM/NCWIT Girl's Leadership Camp for Computing and Robotics**
July 22-26, 2013, applications due May 31
http://c-stem.ucdavis.edu/GCRC/leadership_camp.php
The ultimate goal of the C-STEM/NCWIT Girl's Leadership Camp for Computing and Robotics is to motivate girls in middle school to learn science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) concepts through a fun and exciting robotics-based curriculum.
- **Nominations Now Open for the 2014 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM)**
PAESMEM nomination materials due June 5, 2013.
www.nsf.gov/PAESMEM
The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) seek nominations of individuals and organizations that have demonstrated at least five years of excellence in mentoring students, trainees, and/or early career scientists and engineers from groups that are underrepresented in STEM.

- **Free e-Judging App by NMSU Extension's Ag. Comm.**

Of interest to faculty, staff volunteers and others involved in judging contests: The iTunes store has released New Mexico State University's **e-Judging** app – an easy-to-use quick score calculator. Celebrate and download this free app!

>From Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/e-judging/id643459778?mt=8>

>Through the NMSU page: <http://apps.nmsu.edu/ejudging/index.html>

4-H All Stars:

*Ru Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club
Sallie DeYoung, San Fernando Valley 4-H club*

Jr. All-Stars:

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Lilliana Brown, PVP 4-H Club
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Laura Griffin, PVP 4-H Club
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