



March 2014

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@ucanr.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

4-H and Social Media

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a responsibility to provide quality out-of-school experiences for youth who participate in activities. Staff, volunteers, youth and partners all have a role in ensuring that the 4-H environment is safe for all, but especially for youth members. All levels of programming regardless of venue should reflect a thorough review of safety procedures and plans for responding in case of an emergency.

In addition to physical safety, staff, members, volunteers and parents should feel emotionally safe during 4-H activities or at events that are 4-H sponsored. This includes camp, Field Day, Judging Day, and others. Moreover, with the exploding access and use of social media (i.e., text messaging, Facebook, Twitter), it is more imperative that we honor our program code of conduct and keep the safety and well-being of our members in mind. For example, when communicating with youth and their families in the name of 4-H, please be sure that the content is directly related to 4-H and is free of political, religious or other propaganda. If you feel that a staff, an adult volunteer or youth member has violated the 4-H Code of Conduct or has made you feel uncomfortable in person or via text, Facebook or other platform, please call the 4-H County Office immediately @ (323) 260-3845 or send an email to kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu. We take all concerns very seriously.

For more information on the 4-H Safe Spaces Policy please visit:
http://groups.ucanr.org/Safe_Spaces/index.cfm.

CLUB

- **The Chris Carroll Award**

Michael Kasperson, Reporter, Canyon Coyote 4-H Club

At their January General Meeting, the Canyon Coyotes awarded the first Chris Carroll Award. This award is presented to a senior member who shows many of the characteristics that Chris Carroll did. Chris Carroll, who recently passed away, was a member of the Canyon Coyotes until 2000. He liked the livestock projects, especially raising beef. He was very shy, but still decided to run and was elected president of the club his last year. Chris didn't let his shyness stop him from helping out other club members whenever he could. Even after 4-H, he was very involved with helping and speaking for 4-H projects whenever needed. It was a great surprise when Chris' family came to present the award themselves. Chris' brother, Chad, shared many heartfelt memories of his brother and his time in 4-H before announcing the recipient. Paige Jacobsen was voted as the Chris Carroll recipient for her outstanding leadership and desire to serve others. Chris Carroll Award isn't just an award, but a reminder of what 4-H really stands for.



DISTRICT

- **District Responsibilities for County Events**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

According to our district rotation chart and our county calendar, districts should be planning county events this year as follows:

County Field Day – Saturday, March 22 – NSG

Leaders' Appreciation event with the county office – Saturday, April 5 – SFV

Lunches for county record book judging – Sept. 20 and Sept. 27, 2014 – AV

- **Friends of 4-H Nominations from Districts due by March 8**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Each program year the County Council considers honoring an individual and/or organizations that have been particularly helpful to the LA County 4-H program. Each district council is encouraged to submit names for a Friend of 4-H award to the County council at its next meeting on March 8. The county council can vote for up to five such awards to be presented in a year.

- **NSG District Home Ec and Field Day – Moved to March 15**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Due to several reasons including rainy weather for the outdoor event, the NSG Home Ec and Field Day event had to be moved from March 2 to March 15. This event includes the Fashion Revue for the NSG district.

- **District Representation on the County Incentive & Recognition Committee**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The representatives should come from different clubs in the district, but if there are not representatives from two different clubs available the district council can vote to have their I&R representatives from the same club. The current county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Peter Michel from SSG and Carrie DeYoung from SFV. There are no representatives from AV. The next scheduled I & R committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Los Angeles. Call your I & R district representatives with your I & R comments, suggestions and concerns

COUNTY

- **Updates to the LA County 4-H 2013-2014 Calendar**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Please note the following changes to the LA County 4-H 2013-2014 Calendar that was published at the start of the 4-H year. These updates have been made to the LA County 4-H calendar that now exists of the LA County 4-H website.

March 4 (not March 7) – All Star applications for 2014-2015 due

March 8 (not March 1) – LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting

March 8 – SSG district Fashion Revue

March 15 (not March 2) – NSG Home Ec and Field Day

Not March 29 – LA County Food Fair canceled

April 26 – State 4-H Leaders' Council meeting in Ontario, CA

May 10 – LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting

May 27 (not May 21) – county I&R committee meeting

May 31 (not May 24) – State Field Day and Fashion Revue in Davis

- **County Field Day and Fashion Revue – March 22, 2014**

- **Fashions – Demonstrations – Speeches – and More!!**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The LA County 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue will be held on Saturday, March 22 at Mt. SAC. For Fashion Revue, members earning Blue Ribbons at their district fashion revues have the opportunity to model the garments they have made or purchased and to present themselves at their best in personal grooming, posture, modeling, and accessorizing their garment. **Please remit all of your forms for County Fashion Revue to Charlene Moore, UCCE 4-H, 335 East Avenue K-10, Lancaster, CA 93535, (661) 974-8826 by March 14, 2014.** For Field Day, members can display their speaking skills with demonstrations, speeches, prepared readings, mock interviews, impromptu speaking, extemporaneous speaking, problem solving, educational displays, song leading, cultural arts acts, skits and much more. **Entry forms for Field Day are due to Noel Keller by March 12 (421 E. Juilliard Drive, Claremont, CA 91711).** Forms and more information about these event are up on the county website under EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

For both of these events, help is needed for judging and room monitoring. Please contact Noel (nkeller91711@gmail.com) and/or Charlene (moore@ucdavis.edu) to volunteer to help this day. Both adults and senior 4-H are encouraged to help and be part of this fun event.

- **LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting – March 8**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The next meeting of the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council will be on Saturday, March 8 from 9:45 a.m. until noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/School (6338 N. Figueroa St., LA 90042). 4-H volunteers and senior members are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be discussing plans for the 2014-2015 program year. Districts are asked to bring Friends of 4-H nominations, their district dates for 2014-2015, their nominations for 2014-2015 county council offices and their suggestions for a great 2014-2015 LA County 4-H year. Please try to have your club represented at this important meeting.

- **NOTE – County Food Fair on March 29th – Canceled**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

We are unable to have a County Food Fair this year, but will be planning one for next year. Our districts have been having their own district food fairs this year, but next year we hope to have a special county level food fair event. Please Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) know if you are interested in helping with the plans for this event for next year. This would be a great Emerald Star project for some senior member.

- **2014 County Judging Day Results**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Los Angeles County 2014 4-H Judging Day was held Saturday, February 22 at the Ag Science Complex on the Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. 4-H members representing 12 clubs participated in the event. We thank the South San Gabriel 4-H district for organizing and running the event. We thank the LA County All-Star Sallie DeYoung and the county Junior All-Stars project members for all their help, including providing a program for the Primary Members and presenting awards in the awards ceremony. We thank all the leaders, parents, friends, youth and staff who also helped make the event a big success.

Participation certificates were given to all 4-H members who attended. Medals were given to the top three judging scores in each category for each age level. Special certificates were given to those who placed in the top 20% below the medalists.

Congratulations to the following members for their medal accomplishments!

For the listings below, the following abbreviations are used:

PVP = Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

SFV = San Fernando Valley 4-H Club

ERHP = Eagle Rock Highland Park 4-H Club

Racketteers = Leona Valley Racketteers 4-H Club

Eastside = Eastside Antelopes 4H Club

Large Livestock

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Arah Snodgrass, Eastside

Junior – Silver medal – Julia Brown, PVP

Junior – Bronze medal – Alexander Nunley, PVP

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Alexa Sutter, PVP

Intermediate – Silver medal – Samantha Nehls, Quartz Hill

Intermediate – Bronze medal – Katherine Shannon, Canyon Coyotes

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Madison Cumby, PVP

Senior – Silver medal – Liliana Brown, PVP

Senior – Bronze medal – Advia Gonzalez, ERHP

Horses

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Saskia-Shania Reed, Eastside

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Lily Kreiger, Eastside

Junior – Silver medal – Asa Yeck, PVP

Junior – Bronze medal – Conner Treadwell, Pomona Valley

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Viviane-Lee Reed, Eastside

Intermediate – Silver medal – Megan Kitcko, Canyon Coyotes

Intermediate – Bronze medal – Makenna Mottram, PVP

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Madison Cumby, PVP

Senior – Silver medal – Mei Matsuo, PVP

Senior – Bronze medal – Wesley Rich, PVP

Small Livestock

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Andrew Nunley, PVP

Junior – Silver medal – Julia Brown, PVP

Junior – Bronze medal – ASA Yeck, PVP

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Sara Conlon, PVP

Intermediate – Silver medal – Sayble Lightbourn, Harbor Lights

Intermediate – Bronze medal – Mitchell Saisho, Macy

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Mei Matsuo, PVP

Senior – Silver medal – Madison Cumby, PVP

Senior – Bronze medal – Jessica Fint, SFV

Plant Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Julia Brown, PVP

Junior – Silver medal – Arah Snodgrass, Eastside

Junior – Bronze medal – Asa Yeck, PVP

Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Alexa Sutter, PVP

Intermediate – Silver medal – Heaven Cooper, Eastside

Intermediate – Bronze medal – Sydney Barry, PVP

Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Sallie DeYoung, SFV

Senior – Silver medal – Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley

Senior – Bronze medal – Madison Cumby, PVP

Dog Care and Obedience/Service Dogs and Animal

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Junior – Silver medal – Andrew Nunley, PVP
Junior – Bronze medal – Jill Okamoto, Pomona Valley
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Isobel Cook, Canyon Coyotes
Intermediate – Silver medal – Sayble Lightbourn, Harbor Lights
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Michelle Sylvest, PVP
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Madison Cumby, PVP
Senior – Silver medal – Jessica Fint – SFV
Senior – Bronze medal – Arielle Lightbourn, Harbor Lights

Clothing & Textiles

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Arah Snodgrass, Eastside
Junior – Silver medal – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Junior – Bronze medal – Julia Brown, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Aly Mottram, PVP
Intermediate – Silver medal – Amber Stricklen, Racketteers
Intermediate – Silver medal – Kaylin Kwan, Macy
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Sara Conlon, PVP
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Sallie DeYoung, SFV
Senior – Silver medal – Madison Cumby, PVP
Senior – Bronze medal – Jessica Fint, SFV

Creative Arts

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Andrew Nunley, PVP
Junior – Silver medal – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Junior – Bronze medal – Asa Yeck, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Katherine Shannon, Canyon Coyotes
Intermediate – Silver medal – Heaven Cooper, Eastside
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Viviane-Lee Reed, Eastside
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Madison Cumby, PVP
Senior – Silver medal – Holly Whipple, Westside
Senior – Bronze medal – Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley

Natural Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Asa Yeck, PVP
Junior – Silver medal – Arah Snodgrass, Eastside
Junior – Bronze medal – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Mitchell Saisho, Macy
Intermediate – Silver medal – Rebecca Klose, PVP
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Amber Stricklen, Racketteers
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Liliana Brown, PVP
Senior – Silver medal – Meghan Tahbaz, PVP
Senior – Bronze medal – Dryden Unszusz, Harbor Lights

Foods and Nutrition

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Junior – Silver medal – Conner Treadwell, Pomona Valley
Junior – Bronze medal – Julia Brown, PVP
Junior – Bronze medal – Asa Yeck, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Alexa Sutter, PVP
Intermediate – Silver medal – Rebecca Klose, PVP
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Heidi Kolkovich, SFV
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Holly Whipple, Westside
Senior – Silver medal – Madison Cumby, PVP
Senior – Bronze medal – Meghan Tahbaz, PVP

Mechanical Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Junior – Silver medal – Andrew Nunley, PVP
Junior – Bronze medal – Julia Brown, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Katherine Shannon, Canyon Coyotes
Intermediate – Silver medal – Sara Conlon, PVP
Intermediate – Silver medal – Michelle Sylvest, PVP
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Anika Whipple, Westside
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley
Senior – Silver medal – Arielle Lightbourn, Harbor Lights
Senior – Bronze medal – Wesley Rich, PVP

Family and Consumer Science

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Andrew Nunley, PVP
Junior – Silver medal – Saskia-Shania Reed, Eastside
Junior – Bronze medal – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Megan Kitcko, Canyon Coyotes
Intermediate – Silver medal – Amber Stricklen, Racketteers
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Michelle Sylvest, PVP
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Sallie DeYoung, SFV
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Jessica Fint, SFV
Senior – Silver medal – Mei Matsuo, PVP
Senior – Bronze medal – Holly Whipple, Westside

Leisure Education

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Julia Brown, PVP
Junior – Silver medal – Asa Yeck, PVP
Junior – Bronze medal – Andrew Nunley, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Alek Unsuzsz, Harbor Lights
Intermediate – Silver medal – Michelle Sylvest, PVP
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Mitchell Saisho, Macy
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Wesley Rich, PVP
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Mei Matsuo, PVP
Senior – Silver medal – Madison Cumby, PVP
Senior – Bronze medal – Liliana Brown, PVP

Oral Reasons

Junior – GOLD MEDAL – Arah Snodgrass, Eastside
Junior – Silver medal – Saskia-Shania Reed, Eastside
Junior – Bronze medal – Alexander Nunley, PVP
Intermediate – GOLD MEDAL – Katherine Shannon, Canyon Coyotes
Intermediate – Silver medal – Sydney Barry, PVP
Intermediate – Bronze medal – Heaven Cooper, Eastside
Senior – GOLD MEDAL – Sallie DeYoung, SFV
Senior – Silver medal – Meghan Tahbaz, PVP
Senior – Bronze medal – Madison Cumby, PVP

- **LA County 4-H Event Pass Competition Drawing Entry**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



LA County 4-H events are an important and valuable component of participating fully in the 4-H Program – Livestock Symposium, Judging Day, Field Day, Food Faire and Pet Symposium are all fantastic opportunities for learning - while having fun. This year, there will be a special **Event Pass Competition Drawing** for 4-H events attended and this is how it will work...

There are three upcoming 4-H events that will be included in the competition and they are:

Saturday, January 25: Livestock Symposium (AV Fairgrounds)
Saturday, February 22: County Judging Day (Mt. Sac Ag Center)
Saturday, March 22: County Field Day & Fashion Revue (Mt. SAC)

Youth who would like to enter the **Event Pass Giveaway** must attend 2 out of 3 LA County 4-H events and fill-out the online **Event Pass** by the deadline of **March 28, 2014**, here:
<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11787>

Any 2 of the events may be selected to attend - it's up to you! By filling-out out the **Event Pass** online, you are entering into the drawing for one of the **4 Tablets** and **gift cards** from local merchants! Please make note of what activities you participated in at each event, as you will be asked to answer a series of questions outlining what your experience was like, and what you learned by participating. Winners will be announced at the **LA County 4-H Leaders' Luncheon** on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**, at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills (15600 Odyssey Drive, Granada Hills 91344) from Noon to 3 p.m.

We hope to see you at all 3 events, and we can't wait to see who wins one of the wonderful Tablets we will be giving away! Good Luck!

- **Making the Best Better in 4-H**
Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The state Future Task Force committee is requesting suggestions for making the California 4-H Program even better. What do you really like about 4-H? What could make our 4-H program better? What needs to be improved and how to do it? Submit your comments and suggestions on a survey at:
<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber+11848%20>. We need to hear from everyone – adults and youth, leaders and members. Be a part of shaping the California 4-H program for the next 100 years.

- **REMINDER - Record Book Manual 2011-2013 and Forms**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Record Book Manual 2012-2013 is the only record manual and forms that should be used this year. It is available on the state 4-H website and on our county website. The online record book system uses the forms from this 2011-2013 manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **REMINDER - Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report (JTLDR)**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The Junior and Teen Leadership Development Report should be filled out by Junior and Teen Leaders in your club. It should also be filled out by your Club Officers and Leadership Project members. The form is also to be used by county All Star Ambassadors, State Ambassadors, Camp Counselors and Exchange program participants. At the top of the form, you indicate for which leadership position the form is being completed. A member might actually fill out several of these forms during the planning at the start of the 4-H year.

- **ATTENTION SENIORS – County Project Recognition**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Senior 4-H members are eligible to enter the state record book competition. State competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. Books are judged against standard criteria. Those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, and leadership and citizenship development are selected as state medalists and/or state winners.

Currently LA County 4-H judges member record books with a focus on a member-designated project area. Awards are given out in project areas. At the state record book competition, books are judged for the overall achievement of the member, without regard to just one project area. This year Seniors will again be able to select a project area for their record book evaluation at the county level. The county is considering changing the county judging to be more like the state competition for the next year (2014-15), Seniors who want to earn county recognition for a particular project area should plan to enter their record books in the County Record Book judging this year (records for 2013-2014). For the next year, this county project recognition might not be available.

At this time, the county is planning to keep the county record book judging for Juniors and Intermediates the same as it has been with judging in a member-designated project area.

- **REMINDER - Need more information about record keeping and awards?**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

For more information about LA County 4-H record keeping and awards, consult the county website, the state website, the California 4-H Record Book Manual 2011-2013, Clover Notes newsletter, the county office and/or members of the County Incentives and Recognition (I&R) Committee (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung and Peter Michel)

- **Spread the Word – Communication – News Blast**
Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The LA County 4-H website, the 4-H Office Update email and the LA County Clover Notes newsletter are the main sources of LA County 4-H information. Look here for the latest and most current event information. Encourage others to use these resources. Spread the word about 4-H events. Don't miss events because you are not informed.

In an effort to reach more people with LA County 4-H news, we are trying a brief one-page monthly newsletter, called the LA County 4-H News Blast. This brief one-page newsletter will be sent to club leaders monthly to pass on to their 4-H members and leaders as a reminder of upcoming events and an encouragement to check out more information about activities on the county website, Clover Notes and office emails. Please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this or have information that you want included in the next News Blast.

- **Dates To Remember in**

March

- 1st- AV Food & Fashion Revue
- 4th- All-Star Applications Due
- 5th- NSG District mtg.
- 8th- County Council mtg.
SSG District & Fashion Revue
1st AV Gymkhana
- 9th- Competition Shoot #3
- 14th- Deadline to apply for Camp Staff
- 15th- NSG Home Ec & Field Day
- 17th- St. Patrick's Day
- 20th- SSG District mtg.
SGV Fair mtg.
- 22nd- County Field Day & Fashion Revue
All-Stars Announced
Camp Staff Interviews
- 24th- AV District mtg.
- 26th- Incentives & Recognition mtg.

STATE

- **Kohl's Cares Scholarships**
Deadline: March 14

Nominate a young volunteer who has made a difference in your community. Students must be between the ages of 6 and 18 as of March 15, 2014 and not yet a high school graduate. Store winners will each receive a \$50 Kohl's Gift Card. Regional winners will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for higher education. National winners will each receive a total of \$10,000 in scholarships, plus Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit of the student's choice. More info: <http://bit.ly/1eZkdKC>

- **Radio Disney Hero for Change Award**
Deadline: March 16

Radio Disney is offering young change-makers the chance to be a Hero for Change. Winners receive a \$1000 award, plus a chance to meet other amazing young people at the Radio Disney Music Awards in Los Angeles this April. Young heroes, ages 5-18, who live in Radio Disney communities and are creating positive change through service, are eligible to apply. More info: <http://bit.ly/1fF4wu6>

- **Youth Action Net Global Fellowship**

Deadline: March 16

Sponsored by the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation, the Laureate Global Fellowship annually recognizes 20 young leaders, ages 18-29, who have pioneered solutions to urgent challenges in their communities and beyond. Fellows benefit from a yearlong experience that includes leadership training, coaching/mentoring, advocacy, and networking opportunities with over 900 change-makers like them. More info:

<http://bit.ly/1jd7F6w>

- **Peace First Prize**

Deadline: March 17

The Peace First Prize is your chance to celebrate the powerful contributions of the youth peacemakers. The Prize will recognize 5-10 young people between the ages of 8-22 for their compassion, courage and ability to create collaborative change. Through a two-year \$25,000 Peace First Fellowship we will invest in their leadership as peacemakers and share their stories with the nation. More info: <http://bit.ly/1fkR2Ss>

- **Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship**

Deadline: April 1

Daisy Air Guns is offering two \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors who meet the academic criteria and who have been active in 4-H Shooting Sports. Apply [here](#).

- **World of Children Youth Award**

Deadline: April 1

The World of Children® Award recognizes a young hero (under the age of 21) who is making extraordinary contributions to the lives of other children. Awards will be presented at an annual ceremony held in New York City, USA, on November 6, 2014. At that time, World of Children Award will offer cash grants up to \$25,000 to the proven, sustainable programs created and managed by the 2014 Honorees. More info:

<http://bit.ly/1d02HEU>

- **2014 Milano Scholarship**

Deadline: April 11

This scholarship is intended for 4-H Members who are well-rounded and are implementing the life skills they have learned throughout their daily lives. Up to five \$5,000 scholarships will be offered in 2014. Priority consideration will be given to youth enrolled in the Modoc County 4-H Program. However, youth enrolled in the Lassen or Siskiyou County 4-H Programs are encouraged to [apply](#).

- **Golden Clover Applications**

Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2014

The application link is available on the 4-H state website at:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/>

- **Higher Education Scholarship Applications**

Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2014

The application link is available on the 4-H state website at:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>

DATES & DEADLINES

- **Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking**

Deadline to Apply: March 7

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is offering an exciting opportunity for 4-H clubs around the country to be engaged in preventing underage drinking by conducting community-based town hall meetings and to receive a \$500 planning stipend to support their efforts. For more information visit: [Town Hall Meeting Web site](#).

- Do you have recommendations on how we can strengthen the statewide 4-H YDP? Let the **4-H Futures Task Force** know by filling out this [online survey](#) or [paper form](#) by **March 10th** and submit to the State 4-H Office at ca4h@ucanr.edu or mail it to:

*University of California, Agriculture & Natural Resources
California State 4-H Office
2801 Second Street
Davis, CA 95618-7774*

- **2014 California Camping Conference
March 21 - 23, 2014**

Boulder Creek, CA

The California Camping Conference inspires ideas and innovation and helps camp administrators create fun, safe, and rich learning experiences for both campers and camp staff. Sponsored by the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, the weekend offers staff, volunteers, and youth opportunities to develop their capacity as leaders in their local camp programs.

Registration fee (\$150) by March 7. The \$150 fee includes meals, lodging, and all conference materials. The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, ending just before lunch on Sunday. Suggested participants include camp directors, youth leadership team, camp volunteers, and 4-H staff members. Archery Certification is an additional \$35 and the 12-hour course and precludes other workshop sessions. For a copy of the brochure or to register online, visit: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Conference/>

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- **Save the Date: 37th Annual UC Davis Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Field Day
March 7-8, 2014**

4-H can participate in all 24 different contests! Registration must be completed online at:

<http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration>. For more information contact: fieldday@caes.ucdavis.edu, or visit: <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday>

- **30th Annual California State 4-H Shooting Match Entry Information**

It's time to sharpen up your shooting skills and start preparing for the 30th Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, sponsored by the Siskiyou County 4-H Council. Entries for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, must be postmarked by **March 10, 2014**. See information for rules and registration below:

[2014 Shooting Sports Certification-SOP](#)

[2014 Shooting Match Registration](#)

[2014 Shooting Sports Cover Letter](#)

- **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle Discipline
Saturday, March 22, 2014 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 23, 2014 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Facility Location: Lincoln Rifle Club Indoor Range
Lincoln, CA

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Lincoln Rifle Club Range in Lincoln, CA. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a volunteer and can lead a rifle project at the club level. The cost for this course is \$30.00 to cover the instruction binder that each participant will receive as well as lunch on Saturday. Teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult. Participants should bring their own eye and ear protection if desired.

To register for the course or receive more information, contact Jessica Trumble-Pitel at [\(530\) 889-7386](tel:5308897386) or email jctrumble@ucanr.edu. Please fill out and bring the medical documents listed below. The training request form will need to be signed by your county staff prior to participating in the training and sent to Jessica noted above before **February 28th**.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf>

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4758.pdf>

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf>

- **Save the Date: 2014 Ag Day**

We will be celebrating on the Capitol lawn on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2014!**

More information about participating contact Sarah Watkins, spwatkins@ucanr.edu.

- **Western Region Leaders' Forum**

March 27-30 at the Crowne Plaza located in downtown **Billings, MT**.

Join Montana 4-H as they welcome the Western Region Leaders' Forum to Billings in March 2014. Agents, staff, and volunteers are hard at work planning a conference that will help you to "Discover the Past. Present. Possibilities of 4-H". Participants will enjoy a first class conference facility and hotel accommodations, national speakers, local entertainment, and over 60 informational workshops. WRLF is an exciting time to network with peers from across the region sharing ideas and building relationships to carry 4-H into the future.

More info: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/175016.pdf>

Registration is now open! <http://wrlf2014.com/registration>

- **American Youth Leadership Program for the Western Region**

Talofa! The American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) provides an opportunity for youth and adult participants to travel to Samoa, learn about Samoan history, culture, traditions, and ways of life by staying with a host family during the three week program mid-December, 2014 to early January 2015. American and Samoan host siblings will also study cultural issues in the U.S. and Samoa around obesity and diabetes, marketing, and access to food. **Applications are due April 1st**. See more detailed information in the documents: [Promotional Article](#) and [Samoa Brochure](#)

- **California 4-H Uniform Contest**

Proposals due April 18, 2014, 9pm.

If you've always complained about the uniform, now is your chance to have a voice in changing it! In response to 4-H members' and volunteers' input and desire to explore options for a new uniform, the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is facilitating the process to adopt a new uniform. Read the contest rules and voting process here: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/181544.pdf>

- **Campworks! 2014**

April 25-27, 2014

Mt. Hermon Conference Center
Felton, CA

Come get "working" on summer 2014! Join us as we **Honor the Human Connection at CampWorks! 2014**, ACA, Northern California's Spring Conference. CampWorks! 2014 will be held at Mt. Hermon Conference Center and will feature dynamic presentations by nationally recognized speaker's **Faith Evans and Scott Arizala**, a variety of breakout sessions, skills trainings and many opportunities for networking. Find out more and conference registration materials: <http://www.acacamps.org/norcal/campworks-2014-honoring-human-connection>

- **National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony Opportunity**

Due to the State 4-H Office by: May 16, 2014

This year the National 4-H Hall of Fame Task Force would like to offer two 4-H youth the opportunity to play a unique role in the 2014 National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony scheduled for October 10, 2014 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Task Force is soliciting nominations and will select one youth member to serve as the Youth Master/Mistress of Ceremonies and one youth member to serve as the Entertainer. Details on how to apply are provided on the respective applications:

[National 4-H HOF Entertainer Application](#)

[National 4-H HOF Master/Mistress of Ceremonies Application](#)

Applications are due to the California State 4-H Office by May 16, 2014 so applications can be reviewed and nominations from California selected and submitted by the deadline. If multiple applications are received the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee will review and recommend nominees to Shannon Horrillo, the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final selection. That State 4-H Office will submit the application packets from state's nominees by the deadline. If you have any questions, contact the State 4-H Office at ca4h@ucanr.edu or 530-750-1334.

- **2014-15 Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees**

The State 4-H Office is accepting statewide 4-H Advisory Committee applications for the 2014-15 program year. 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. **Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2014 or online by 11:59pm on May 31, 2014.** For more information, see:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory_Committees/

- **4-H State Field Day**

May 31, 2014, 8:00am-6:00pm

UC Davis Campus-Wellman Hall



Revamped State Field Day Webpage:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/>

Here you will find an interactive map along all the exciting activities you can participate and enjoy!

New this year at State Field Day: 4-H Engineering and Technology Showcase

Have a 4-H Engineering or Technology project you will like to showcase or demonstrate? Apply here: http://ucanr.edu/exhibit/display_application!

Funding for supplies, materials or handouts is available, contact Steven Worker for more information, sworker@ucanr.edu.

- **2014 State Fashion Revue**

May 31, 2014

State Fashion Revue is coming Saturday, **May 31, 2014** in Olson Hall, UC Davis, as part of California 4-H State Field Day. **Registration is open April 1 to May 17 to members who qualify at the county level.** Entry categories are Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased \$40, Upcycled, Denim Challenge, and Apron Challenge. Counties must send one judge per five entries. Register judges and room monitors at <http://ucanr.edu/sfr2014judges>. SFR service projects include drawstring bags for foster children and walker/wheelchair bags for seniors. Activities at SFR include pattern exchange, make it take it crafts, skillathon, and fun workshops. It is possible to be dual-entered in SFR and State Presentation Day. See the SFR website for complete details: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>. We hope everyone enjoys preparing for this wonderful day and hope to see you all there!

- **Save the Date: 2014 State Fair 4-H Throwdown**

July 22nd and 24th

Three teams compete each round with a secret ingredient in each round! A panel of judges yet to be named will judge the 3 course creations!
Registration opens in March!

The daily schedule:

Round One: 11am-1pm

Round Two: 1:30pm-3pm

Champion Round: 3:30pm-5pm

Start prepping now for the State Fair 4-H Throwdown! Only 12 teams can compete. Register here: <http://ucanr.edu/4h-throwdown>



- **Equine Updates:**

- **Save the Date: State 4-H Horse Classic**

June 25th-30th

Brookside Equestrian Show park, Elk Grove, CA

- **Hosting a Qualifying Horse Show?**

Register your show here: <http://ucanr.edu/qualifying-shows> for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2014 California Horse Classic.



Criteria for a Qualifying Show:

- Show verified by County
- Up to 3 shows per county
- Each horse show must be registered
- The Horse Show must offer the same class categories that are offered at the State 4-H Classic (they may offer more if they choose too)
- Management of each show is required to send show results to Sarah Watkins at the State 4-H Office

Please submit results on this form: Classic Qualifying Show Results Sheet

Results can be sent via email to spwatkins@ucanr.edu.

- **Looking for a Qualifying Horse show for the 2014 California 4-H Horse Classic? Visit**

<http://ucanr.edu/classic-qualifiers> to find a Horse Show near you!

- **California State Fair Youth Competition Deadlines**

- Youth Art..... April 18
Fine Art, Crafts & Hobbies, Fashion & Textile, Media
- California Kidz Kitchen.....June 20
Baking, Canning
- Junior Livestock (all)June 6
- Fur & Feathers
 - Junior Rabbits.....June 6
 - Junior Poultry.....June 6
 - Junior Dog Care & Training.....June 6
 - Junior Cavy.....June 20

Watch for 2014 Competition Handbooks and enter online at www.bigfun.org

The **2014 California State Fair** runs **July 11-17** at Cal Expo in Sacramento.

All shows are open with no prerequisites for entry.

Questions? Contact the State Fair Entry Office at (916) 263-3149.

- **State 4-H Leaders Forum 2014**

Time of Inspiration - When was the last time you felt inspired at a 4-H project meeting? This year for the California State Leaders Forum- "101 Ways 4-H Thrives" we aim to rekindle our capacity for inspiration and innovation; for the inspiration of what we do in 4-H, for relishing the inspiration of the people we know in 4-H, for the inspiration of strengthening our vision for the future of 4-H. Come join your fellow 4-H leaders and staff for an inspiring and innovative experience, a networking opportunity; inspiring and refreshing your 4-H commitment at the State Leaders Forum in Sacramento on **Nov. 14 - 16, 2013**. We will be updating the web page <http://ucanr.edu/slf2014> for information, soon.

The SLF Workshop Request for Proposal Form will be ready soon for you to fill out and submit. **Proposals are due by June 30**. Contact Sandy Cohen (530) 210-6993 / sandybear74@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Don't forget about innovative displays!

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 get them "inspired". Thank you for your inspiration to our 4-H families as a volunteer leader!

PROGRAM UPDATES

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- **4-H History Preservation**

You can read the January newsletter at http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Newsletter/PDF/4HHPP_Newsletter_v05_n01_2014-01.pdf

- **New at State Field Day, May 31, 2014- Thriving in Science and Engineering Poster Contest!**

For youth who are enrolled in a Leadership Development Project using the iThrive materials—enter the poster you create for chapter five at State Field Day.

Official Entry Rules

- No pre-registration is required.
- No previous entry at county or sectional level is required to enter State contest.
- Entries are limited to members aged 12-19 who are enrolled in a Leadership Development Project using the iThrive 3 materials.
- You must follow the prompts as stated in iThrive 3, page 28.
- The following information is required in a 3 x 5 inch area on the upper left corner of the poster:
 - Member Name and Age
 - County
 - 4-H Club

Contest Details

- Divisions: Intermediate (ages 12-14), Senior (ages 15-19)
- Danish Judging system using these criteria:
 - Inclusion of all prompts
 - Communicates thriving concepts
 - Creativity overall
 - Neatness
- Posters may use a wide variety of media arts including electronic, collage, handwritten and drawn, photography, etc.

Awards

- Within each division, entries will be awarded gold, blue, red or green seals. All gold winners will receive a special-edition, Thrive contest hat pin (this pin is different than the iThrive hat pin).

HEALTHY LIVING

- **The Great American No Bull Challenge**

The Great American NO BULL Challenge is a student-led National video contest and Teen Video Awards show dedicated to bullying prevention and promoting empathy, respect, and inclusive communities using the power of music and the magic of filmmaking.

Who's Eligible: U.S. students in middle or high school aged 13-18.

Video Upload Begins: NOW!

Video Upload Deadline: April 30, 2014

Public Voting Period: May 5 – May 16, 2014

Nominees Announced: June 6, 2014

August 8 - 9, 2014 - NO BULL Conference and Teen Video Awards

Download a one page flier and information using this link: <http://nobullchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2014-NO-BULL-One-Sheet.pdf>

Also visit the campaign homepage and view the winning videos from last year at: <http://nobullchallenge.org/winning-films-2013>

- **#4hwaterwed**

Start the New Year with a pledge to drink more water! Each Wednesday take a picture of yourself drinking water and post it to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Be sure to #4hwaterwed to show your commitment to healthy living, or more information on the importance of hydration and ideas for your club visit:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/HealthyLiving/Water For Better Living/>

- **FREE Pin For Newly Elected Healthy Living Officers!**

Congratulations! California has nearly 50 newly elected Healthy Living Officers!

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://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Publications/>

*To receive your FREE Healthy Living Officer pin please email the name of your officer and club to Anne Iaccopucci at amiaccopucci@ucanr.edu.

CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP

- **Youth Leadership Opportunities**

- **America's Promise Alliance** is offering youth scholarships for young people working with their peers to end the dropout crisis to attend the Building a GradNation Summit in Washington, DC in March. More info: <http://bit.ly/1bA1esq>
- **The Alliance for a Healthier Generation** is accepting applications for their Youth Advisory Board of young leaders committed to solving childhood obesity issues. More info: <http://bit.ly/1evXsDe>
- **FEMA** is looking for youth leaders who want to expand their impact as national advocates for youth disaster preparedness as part of their Youth Preparedness Council. More info: <http://1.usa.gov/1fAuWgi>

- **Save the date! California Focus is June 13-17, 2014**

Look for online registration in March.

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.

- **Positive Youth Development in the Context of the Global Recession**

October 23-25, 2014

Prague, Czech Republic

Join SRCD for their first meeting in Europe! Youth have been particularly hard hit by the global economic recession. Many young people are trapped in endless cycles of unemployment, underemployment and/or of being forced back to education because of lack of job opportunities. Alarming numbers of skilled young graduates decide to migrate for a better future to wealthier countries. The “brain drain” of less wealthy societies is one of the deep wounds of the current crisis. However, the economic crisis may also have long-lasting and pervasive consequences on youth’s adaptation and development. It thwarts the aspirations and goals for the future of young people, and presents serious obstacles in their professional and personal adaptation.

The submission site is now open! **Deadline is March 26, 2014, 8:00PM EST**

Click [[here](#)] to submit.

Click [[here](#)] for the full Call for Submissions

- **Surgeon General Report Says 5.6 Million U.S. Children Will Die Prematurely Unless Current Smoking Rates Drop**

Approximately 5.6 million American children alive today – or one out of every 13 children under age 18 – will die prematurely from smoking-related diseases unless current smoking rates drop, according to a new Surgeon General’s report. Over the last 50 years, more than 20 million Americans have died from smoking. The new report concludes that cigarette smoking kills nearly half a million Americans a year, with an additional 16 million suffering from smoking-related conditions. It puts the price tag of smoking in this country at more than \$289 billion a year in direct medical care and other economic costs. For the full report and video podcast visit: <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/50-years-of-progress/index.html>

- **STEM Integration in K-12 Education: Status, Prospects, and an Agenda for Research**

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=18612

Leaders in business, government, and academia assert that education in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) is vital not only to U.S. innovation capacity but also as a foundation for successful employment, including (but not limited to) work in the STEM fields.

- **Report Examines Effect of Mentoring on Youth**

“[The Mentoring Effect: Young People’s Perspectives on the Outcomes and Availability of Mentoring.](#)” The publication links mentoring to significant life outcomes for youth and highlights a substantial gap that exists in America: one in three young people will reach adulthood without having a mentor. A nationally representative survey of youth informs this report, which reveals that at-risk youth with mentors are much more likely to attend college, participate in extracurricular activities, take on leadership roles, and regularly volunteer in their communities. View or download the [report](#) and [executive summary](#). Access resources from [OJJDP](#) and [MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership](#)

- **OJJDP Relaunches Updated Model Programs Guide**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has re-launched its [Model Programs Guide](#) (MPG), an online resource of more than 180 evidence-based prevention, intervention, and reentry programs for juvenile justice practitioners, policymakers, and communities. MPG now uses the Office of Justice Programs’ [CrimeSolutions.gov](#) program review process and includes programs addressing a variety of topics, including child victimization, substance abuse, youth violence, mental health and trauma, and gang activity. In addition to providing program profiles, MPG offers information on program implementation, literature reviews, and resource links. Access the [Model Programs Guide](#) for easy access to evidence-based juvenile justice resources

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