

4-H

CLOVER NOTES



LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

September 2015

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please call Roy Hillstock at (626) 586-1972 or email at rlhillstock@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 September 2015

Recently, some parents have inquired about the University's photo release policy. The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program has always maintained a policy where parents (and youth for that matter) can ask to have a photo removed from any UC publication and UC owned website. The University takes very seriously the privacy consideration of parents and will honor any request to have pictures of themselves or youth removed. Having said that, please keep in mind that it is practically impossible to have an opt out option for families. Here are three examples to highlight the difficulty in having one:

Scenario 1:

Camp staff take over a yearly picture of over 150 campers and that is put on the county website. Since we do not know all 200 youth we are not able to verify which youth did and which did not sign the photo release (identifying each and every youth to ensure we have a photo release, and then photo shopping the youth out whose parent's did not sign it would be extremely time consuming.

Scenario 2:

Pictures of youth are taken at presentation day and then a family sends the picture to the county office but it has some other youth in the background and we don't know the names of the youth so we can't check to see if they signed a photo release.

Scenario 3:

There are 400-500 youth at State Leadership Conference, and we have pictures being posted on our Facebook page (which is monitored by 4-H state office staff), website, and afterglow from the event - we would not be able to use any of these if we had an opt out option because we would not know the names of the youth to be able to use any of the photos. Youth are not self-identified in pictures used for these purposes.

CLUB

- **Montana- California Exchange**
Alexa Sutter, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

Last year, several members from the PVP 4-H club, including myself, went on an exchange trip to stay with 4-H members from Lake County, Montana. We each had a host family and had the opportunity to learn about the lifestyles of people from other parts of the country. It was an unbelievable experience because I met so many new friends and learned so much. We got to try and see many new things like working on a farm, visiting a buffalo range, and go river rafting.



This summer, the 4-Hers from Montana came to stay with us for a week. We had a spectacular time showing them the sights around Los Angeles as well as activities that we enjoy on a regular basis like going to the beach. The Montanans enjoyed hiking to the Hollywood sign, visiting the Santa Monica Pier, learning how to surf, and much more. The thing that shocked them the most about Los Angeles was the sheer amount of people everywhere. The Californians and Montanans bonded so much in just one, short week and I am so thankful that I made many great new friends.

- **Climbing Mt. Whitney**
Dee Keese, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club Leader

July 14th several PVP 4H Leaders Climbed Mt. Whitney led by backpacking leader Nancy Wildman.



DISTRICT

- **District Responsibilities for County Events for 2015-2016**

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

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

Lunches for county record book judging – Sept. 19 and Sept. 26, 2015 – NSG

County Judging Day – Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 – AV

County Field Day – Saturday, March 21, 2015 – SFV

Leaders' Appreciation event – Saturday, June 6, 2015 – NSG

Lunches for county record book judging – Sept. 17 and Sept. 24, 2016 – SSG

For the County Council Meetings:

Oct. 3 – AV

Jan. 30 – SSG

April 2 – SFV

May 14 – NSG

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

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Districts are now electing the remainder of their officers and committee representatives for this 4-H program year. All districts should have two elected representatives on the county Incentives and Recognition Committee. The current county I&R Committee members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Dee Keese and Peter Michel from SSG and Carrie DeYoung from SFV. There are no representatives from AV. Please notify Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) with the names of newly elected I&R district representatives. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/School in LA.

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, September 15 by 4pm or by 9pm on Wednesday, September 16 to an I&R Committee representative. If a district does not have an I&R representative, record books will need to be turned in on Tuesday, unless they are delivered to an I&R committee member in another district

COUNTY

- **Los Angeles Record Book Competition**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The county record book competition will be run much like last year. Members should plan to submit their records on the forms from the Record Book Manual 2011-2014 or the new Record Book Manual 2011-2015. The 4-H program year ended June 30. Your current record books should contain your records up to that time.

When entering their record book, members should complete the Record Book ID form indicating their choices for project recognition and request for leadership recognition. All senior books will be evaluated for Senior Awards of Excellence in Leadership, Community Service, Achievement, S.E.T. and Healthy Living. Good record keeping is a life skill. Take the time to complete your 4-H records in a way that you will enjoy looking at in years to come. Your 4-H record book can be a reference for future college and job applications.

The completed record books should be turned into the 4-H office by 4pm on Sept. 15 or to a Incentives & Recognition Committee Member (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Dee Keese, or Carrie DeYoung) by 9pm on Sept. 16. Record book judging will occur Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26. The results of the judging will be announced at the County Awards program on Oct. 10 at Belvedere Park around 2:30pm, after the county Pet Symposium.

If you have any questions about record books, please contact Noel Keller at nkeller91711@gmail.com.

- **BE SURE TO USE - [Record Book Manual 2011-2014](#) and Forms**
Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Record Book Manual 2011-2014 is the 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 2011-2014 manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Do not use the forms from prior Record Book manuals.

- **Officer Book Gold Medal**
Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Did you do a great job as a club officer last year? If so, be sure to submit a 2014-2015 Officer Book for the officer book recognition program. The information and forms for the 2015 Officer Book Recognition Program are on the county website under APPLICATIONS. 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. 2014-2015 Officer books are due at the same time as 2014-2015 record books, September 15 to the 4-H Office or by September 16 to an Incentives and Recognition Committee member (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Dee Keese).

- **Club Representatives for County Record Book Judging**
Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

REMINDER – If a club submits record books to the County Record Book Competition, that club needs to provide a judge for one of the Record Book judging days, Saturday September 19 or September 26. The judging again this year will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran School/Church (6338 N. Figueroa St., LA, 90042). Judging record books is a good way to learn about record books for your club. No experience in judging is required. There is an orientation for judging at the start of each judging day. A club can only have up to three club representatives for judging, Judges do not judge record books from their own club. Judges should plan to stay from 9am until about 5pm, with a lunch and snacks provided. Contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) with the names of judges by Thursday, September 17.

- **State Record Book Competition**

State Record Book competition is focused on selecting senior 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, goal management skills, and leadership and citizenship development are selected as state medalists and/or state winners.

Age Eligibility: Senior 4-H members (at least 14 years of age and no older than 19 years old by December 31 of the program year for which the book is being entered) are eligible to enter state competition.

Requirement to enter: To be eligible for 2015 State Competition, members must complete the [California 4-H Quick Start Record Book Course](#) by June 30, 2015. If you did not complete the course and did not send in your letter of intent to submit a state record book and you still would like to consider doing it, please contact Noel (nkeller91711@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

- **[State Leaders' Forum 2015 – "Keepin' It Fresh"](#)**
Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

Registration is now open for the State 4-H Leaders' Forum to be held in San Diego at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on November 6, 7 and 8, 2015. The theme this year is "4-H; Keepin' It Fresh". The 2015 California State Leaders' Forum aims to rekindle our capacity for inspiration and innovation. 4-H volunteers and staff from throughout the state, involved in all parts of 4-H, are invited to be inspired and strengthen our vision for the future of 4-H. State Leaders' Forum is a networking opportunity and a fun weekend too. Join us to refresh your 4-H commitment! Along with meeting leaders from all over the state, participating in informative workshops, networking with other leaders in your project areas and getting recharged with that 4-H spirit, you will learn more about our plans for the future. Go to the State 4-H Leaders' Forum website to get more information about registration, lodging, sessions and all the special events. Start planning now to be there.

The LA County council has some scholarships to help leaders attend the State Leaders' Forum, especially if they are attending the Forum for the first time.

Note that the State Leaders' Forum is not being held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove this year. It is being held in nearby San Diego.

- **[Junior All-Star Program – \(Application due by October 1, 2015\)](#)**

The Junior All-Star Program is a non-competitive leadership program targeting youth in 8th through 11th grades or 13 and older. The program has several goals, including:

- Serving as a bridge to the 4-H All-Star Program, and other leadership programs;
- Providing meaningful leadership training and growth opportunities for teens;
- Providing opportunities for volunteerism and community service;
- Maintaining teens interest in organized youth development programs; and
- Providing opportunities for teens to have fun!

The Junior All-Star Program will be open to any 4-H member who is or will be starting eighth grade in the fall of the program year in which he/she is selected to serve. While this is a non-competitive program, youth must complete an application form, and meet the following criteria:

- Have completed 1 year as a junior/teen leader in 4-H, or be enrolled as a junior/teen leader for the current year;
- Involvement in a 4-H county-wide committee or significant involvement on the club level; and/or involvement in activities outside of 4H, in church and/or community activities, volunteer and/or work experience;
- Strong interest in leadership development;
- An ability to attend various meetings, events and activities during the program year; and
- Willingness to plan and/or participate in at least one leadership or community service project through the Junior All-Stars Program.

For more information about the Junior All-Star Program go to: <http://celosangeles.ucanr.edu/files/172728.pdf> or contact the 4-H office at 626-586-1972.

- **[IMPORTANT LA County Leaders' Council Meeting – October 3](#)**

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

The next LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting is Saturday, October 3. All 4-H volunteers, leaders and senior members are welcome to attend. We need the ideas, suggestions and comments from everyone to make our 4-H program great and effective for our youth.

This will be a very important meeting for planning the LA County 4-H program year. The approved 4-H LA County calendar for 2015-2016 will be reviewed. The remaining council officers for 2015-2016 will be elected. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the planning of our LA County 4-H program. The agenda for this meeting will be sent out and will be available on the county council page on the LA County 4-H website.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 10am in the AV district (location TBA). If you are unable to attend this meeting, but have comments or suggestions that you want shared at this meeting please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **[Summer Camp Head Youth and Adult Director Applications](#)**

2016 Los Angeles County 4-H Summer Camp Head Youth and Head Adult Director Applications are **due by Saturday, October 3, 2016 with interviews Sunday, October 4, 2016**. The Head Adult and Head Youth Director have the following responsibilities:

- Be familiar with the camp Policies and Procedures
- Be familiar with all the staff jobs of the different staff members
- Provide the help to any staff member that requires it to get their jobs done
- Consult with individual camp staff members and hold daily staff meetings to assure harmony and good spirit throughout camp
- Plan and organize the camp program
- Assign Youth Directors to evening programs, etc., to insure a smooth and safe operation of camp
- Plan as carefully for Staff Training Weekend as you do for regular camp. The success of the camp is your responsibility
- Complete the necessary reports and submit them to the proper persons (i.e., Camp Manager, Los Angeles County 4-H Office, Los Angeles County Council and the Camp Committee)
- Coordinate with the LA County Council Treasurer and submit to the L.A. 4-H County Office, Camp Committee and the L.A. County Council a financial report on camp
- The Head Youth Director's registration fee is waived and he/she will be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses up to \$150.00

- **L.A. County 4-H Pet & Science Symposium**

Los Angeles County 4-H will host its annual Pet & Science Symposium on Saturday, October 10, 2015, from 10am to 2pm. This FREE event is for both 4-H members and the general public. The day includes speakers and displays on a variety of pet-related topics and science. The event is held at [Belvedere Park, 4914 E. Cesar E. Chavez, Los Angeles, CA 90022](#). For more information go to: [Pet & Science Symposium](#).

- **LA County 4-H Awards Day – October 10**

County Awards Day is where we recognize those who submitted record books, officer books along with Senior Awards of Excellence and Junior/Teen Leadership. County Awards Day will be held on Saturday, October 10 at [Belvedere Park, 4914 E. Cesar E. Chavez, Los Angeles, CA 90022](#). County Awards Day starts at 2:30pm following LA County 4-H Pet and Science Symposium.

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

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

Senior 4-H members are all welcome to attend the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meetings during the year. There are only four such meetings and they occur in September/October, January, March and June. Let your opinions and suggestions be heard. The Council wants to hear from LA County youth about our LA 4-H program and opportunities. Please try to come to one of our meetings. We are also encouraging youth to apply for officer positions on the Council. A youth/adult team could be created to fill a position. Please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you have any questions about any of this.

Senior 4-H member and the one of the new LA County 4-H All Star Camille Norczyk of Greenleaf 4-H Club was elected as the 2015-2016 2nd Vice-President (Youth Voice) of the LA County 4-H Leaders' Council. Camille will be attending the council meetings and presenting the youth opinions, suggestions, concerns and ideas to the council. If you are unable to attend the council meeting yourself, let Camille be your youth voice at the council meetings. Contact her with your concerns, suggestions, ideas and opinions.

- **4-H Records for 2015-2016 (this new year)**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

The state 4-H office has come out with a new California 4-H Record Book Manual (for Junior, Intermediate and Senior Members) 2015-2016. This manual describes the record keeping that should be done for this new current program year for 4-H. The new corresponding forms can be found in a new California 4-H Record Book Forms 2015-2016 manual. Both manuals are now available on the state website and will be available on our county website soon. A corresponding manual for adult leaders is due out soon. Please start using these forms now for 2015-2016 records. The current revision date on the Record Book Manual 2015-2016 is August 28, 2015.

For records for last program year (2014-2015) you should use Record Book Manual 2011-2014 or Record Book Manual 2011-2015. These are the forms that you should use for the 2015 county Record Book judging. Please contact your club leader or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you have questions about this. Remember that record books for the county record book judging are due September 15 by 4pm to a 4-H office or by September 16 by 9pm to a I&R committee member.

- **4-H Graduate Certificate and Pins**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

As 4-H members graduate out of the LA County 4-H program each year, they are recognized at their district Achievement Day programs. Club leaders should notify Charlene Moore in the AV 4-H Office with the names and years of 4-H experience of their 4-H graduate so that certificates and pins can be prepared in time for their district achievement events. Please contact Charlene Moore (moore@ucanr.edu) if you have any questions.

- **South Section 4-H Small Animal Field Day – Sept. 24, 2105**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council President

South Section 4-H is offering a Small Animal Field Day on Saturday, September 26th from 9am until 1pm at Mount San Antonio College, Agricultural Sciences Complex in Walnut. LA County 4-H members are invited to attend this fun filled day of awesome learning experiences. Come learn about rabbits, poultry, dogs, exotic birds, goats, cavies, fish, and even reptiles! Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. Registration will begin at 8am; program begins promptly at 9am. Parking permits required. They will cost \$3.00. Registration for the event is requested. Contact Barbara Crane (bcrane@mtsac.edu) or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer to help. This is a great sectional-level leadership opportunity for senior members. **The planning committee is looking for additional help.**

There will be guest speakers and informative sessions on showmanship, care, nutrition and choosing a show animal or pet. Bring photos and/or an educational poster (22 X 28) of your pets/small livestock for the Contest (4-H age categories), maximum of 2 photos and 2 posters. Look for more information on the South Section website.

- **State Leaders' Forum 2015**

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- **2015-2016 4-H Program Year**

Roy Hillstock, 4-H Staff

The 2015-2016 Program Year started July 1, 2015. All 4-H members must re-enroll to participate in 4-H. This is especially important for those 4-H members participating in fairs and other summer months activities. For members graduating out of the program that will be finishing up their projects and/or going to fair need not re-enroll. The 4-H Fees have increased for the coming 2015-2016 program year. **The fees are \$38 per youth and \$14 per adult.** The 4-H Online Enrollment Website is: <https://california.4honline.com>. If you have any problems enrolling, please contact me at (626) 586-1972.

- **Share your 4-H Experiences**

Roy Hillstock, 4-H Staff

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

- **Dates To Remember in**

Septembr

- 2nd NSG District Meeting
- 4th LA County Fair 9/4-27
- 7th Labor Day
- 12th [Sectional Council Meetings \(Youth and Adult\)](#)
- 15th [Record Books & Officer Books due to LA or AV Office by 4PM](#)
- 16th [Record Books & Officer Books due to I&R Member by 9PM](#)
- 17th [Incentives & Recognition Meeting](#)
- 19th [County Record Book Judging](#)
- 20th SSG Achievement Night
- 24th SSG District Meeting
[SGV Fair Meeting](#)
- 26th County Record Book & Officer Book Judging
- 28th [AV District Meeting](#)

STATE

DATES & DEADLINES

- 9/12/2015 - [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Archery \(Class #2\)](#)
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9/12/2015 - [South Central Section Leaders Council Meeting](#)
9/25/2015 - [Nomination Deadline: 2016 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards](#)
9/29/2015 - [National 4-H Food Challenge](#)
9/29/2015 - [2015 National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop](#)
10/7/2015 - [National 4-H Youth Science Day](#)
10/10/2015 - [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle \(Class #2\)](#)
10/17/2015 - [4-H and FFA State Livestock Quiz Bowl](#)
10/23/2015 - [4-H Record Books Due to State Office](#)
10/24/2015 - [The Future of 4-H Starts Today - Meeting](#)
10/25/2015 - [National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Conference](#)
11/5/2015 - [State Leaders' Forum Behind the Scenes Tour to Sea World](#)
11/6/2015 - [State Leaders' Forum 2015](#)
Additional State Updates can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar>

4-H All-Stars:

*Holly Whipple, Westside 4-H Club
Ru Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club
Camille Norczyk, Greenleaf 4-H Club
Jessica Fint, SFV 4-H Club
Meghan Tahbaz, PVP 4-H Club*

Jr. All-Stars:

*Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Kiran Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club
Rebecca Klose, PVP 4-H Club
Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Zella Roth, PVP 4-H Club
Wesley Rich, PVP 4-H Club
Alexa Sutter, PVP 4-H Club
Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Shannon Chen, PVP 4-H Club
Julie Sylvest, PVP 4-H Club
Michelle Sylvest, PVP 4-H Club
Rebecca Klose, PVP 4H Club
Sara Conlon, PVP 4H Club
Catherine Nunley, PVP 4H Club
Lilliana Brown, PVP 4H Club
Sean Pickman, PVP 4H Club
Nathan McPhaul, PVP 4H Club
Ashlyn Spaziano, Greenleaf 4-H Club*

2015-2016 LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Officers:

President: Dee Keese
Vice President: Noel Keller
2nd Vice President (youth position): Camille Norczyk
Secretary: Judylynn Pelling
Treasurer: Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart
Reporter/Historian:
I&R Committee Chair: Noel Keller
Agriculture Committee Chair:
Science Committee Chair:
Home Economics Committee Chair: Carrie DeYoung
Healthy Living Committee Chair: Meghan Tahbaz (youth)
Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary:
Leader Support Committee Chair:
Shooting Sports Committee Chair: Dee Keese
Publicity Chair (proposed new office): Peter Michel
Fundraising Committee Chair (proposed new office):
Civics Committee Chair: Ru Ekanayake (youth)
Technology Committee Chair: Mike Lopez
Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Judylynn Pelling
Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Carrie DeYoung
Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Dee Keese
Representative to the Sectional Council (adult): Rick Herbert
Representative to the Sectional Council (youth): Camille Norczyk
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