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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 October 2015

For the last several years, the 4-H program has been at the forefront of increasing science literacy skills for youth, particularly youth who participate in 4-H. The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program's SET initiative (Science, Engineering and Technology) has been integrated into lots of projects, events and other program experiences. One of the ways that youth demonstrate and apply their skills is through fairs, symposia, skill-a-thons and field days. This year, during the 4-H Pet and Science Symposium youth will have a chance to participate in a motion commotion science experiment. The county office will supply all necessary supplies for club members interested in participating in the experiment, which will follow the 4-H National Youth Science Day.

From the National Science Experiment

"The 4-H National Youth Science Day brings together thousands of youth, volunteers and educators from the nation's 109 land-grant colleges and universities to simultaneously complete the National Science Experiment. The 2015 National Science Experiment, Motion Commotion, provides young scientists the opportunity to construct an understanding of motion, stopping distance, and reaction time through engagement in hands-on, experimental learning. Participating youth will engage in individual and group exploration of the effect of motion and reaction time on our daily lives with an emphasis on healthy living. They will also plan an activity to engage their community while extending STEM knowledge beyond this experiment

Please join other 4-H members in this national event at the [2015 4-H Pet and Science Symposium](#).

CLUB

- **Meghan Tahbaz Recognized at Ham Radio Convention**

Dee Keese, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club Leader

Meghan Tahbaz was presented at the Ham Radio Convention in Torrance last month. She did a superb job highlighting Ham Radio in 4-H (also a nice explanation of what 4-H is). She was awarded an RCA Young Achiever certificate by Carole Perry who led the session and spearheads a national emphasis on involving young people in amateur radio.



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

- **[LA County Leaders' Council – Oct. 3](#)**

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

The LA County 4-H Leaders' Council will meet on Saturday, October 3rd in Antelope Acres at the Antelope Acres Community Center (8812 West Ave. E-8, Lancaster, CA 93536) at 10am. We thank the AV district and the Westside and Roadrunners 4-H clubs for hosting the meeting. 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 for this 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. 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).

The council has four meetings during the year, one held in each of our 4-H districts. Our next county council meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2016 at Cabrillo Youth Center (3000 Shoshonian Drive, San Pedro) and hosted by SSG district. This is the same location and date as the Junior Leadership Conference which is being planned by our LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors.

- **4-H National Youth Science Day**

Roy Hillstock, 4-H Staff

[4-H NYSD](#) is the world's largest, youth-led science experiment. The 2015 National Science Experiment, Motion Commotion, will enable youth to explore the physics of motion and distracted driving. This exciting activity will combine a speeding car collision and a distracted driving demonstration in a simulated activity that investigates the physical and human factors of motion.

This annual youth science activity will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, and will bring 4-H'ers together from all around the nation to complete this single, innovative activity. Los Angeles County 4-H will conduct this activity at our annual Los Angeles County 4-H Pet & Science Symposium. Hope to see you there!

- **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 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. 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](#).

- **County Awards Day – October 10**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

The annual County Awards Day program will again be held after the Pet Symposium. This year the event will be held on Saturday, October 10 at Belvedere Park in East LA (4914 East Cesar E. Chavez Ave., LA, 09922). The park is next door to our old LA 4-H Office. The event will begin after the Pet Symposium at approximately 2:30pm. Come for the Pet Symposium fun and stay for the awards ceremony. County record books and officer book awards will be announced, along with special awards for Senior Awards of Excellence and Junior/Teen Leadership. According to our district rotation assignments, for this event, SSG district will be doing decorations, NSG district will be the program, AV district is in charge of publicity and SFV district will be doing the refreshments.

- **South Section Healthy Living Summit – Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 at Mt. SAC**

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

Members and leaders are invited to participate in a new event this year, planned by one of our LA County 4-H members, Ru Ekanayake for South Section. Come, have fun and learn about healthy living activities and ideas that you can bring back to your club. The event is being held Sunday, October 11 from 2-5pm at Mt. SAC in LA County. Ru is hoping to have at least five representatives from each of the nine South Section counties attend and spread the Healthy Living ideas back to their counties. Connect with 4-Hers throughout Southern California on healthy living. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. It would be helpful to RSVP to Ru (sunflower934@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

- **ATTENTION LEADERS!!**

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

Do you need some new ideas for projects or club activities? Do you want to learn some 4-H best practices? Consider going to the State Leaders' Forum in San Diego this November 6-8. Once a year 4-H leaders from all over the state get together to learn new techniques, share skills and discuss ideas and network. This year this forum will be held in nearby SAN DIEGO, not up North. Come for the whole weekend, or just a part of it. You will come away charged up with 4-H spirit and ideas. See the next article for more information or contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **[State Leaders' Forum 2015 – “Keepin’ It Fresh” – November 6-8, 2015](#)**

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

- **New LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador – Abigail Wright**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

This year we have seven LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors. We have Jessica Fint, Camille Norczyk and Meghan Tahbaz as new Ambassadors. Sallie DeYoung (away at college part of the year), Ru Ekanayake and Holly Whipple are returning Ambassadors. And then we have Abigail Wright who was a Riverside County All Star last year and is now enrolled in LA County 4-H. We welcome Abigail to our LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador team and look forward to her participation and leadership in LA County 4-H activities.

- **[LA County 4-H 2015-2016 Calendar](#)**

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

The 2015-2016 LA County 4-H Calendar of events was approved at the May council meeting. Over the summer, a few additional dates became known and were added. The [2015-2016 LA County 4-H Calendar](#) is now on the county website. The dates on the calendar will be reviewed at the October 3rd council meeting.

The plan this year is to have the 2015-2016 LA County 4-H Calendar on the county website for viewing. If during the year, dates on the calendar need to be changed or added, please notify Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Each month adjustments to the 2015-2016 calendar dates will be listed in the Clover Notes.

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

Noel Keller, LA County 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 if you have any questions about this.

For 2015, 4-H Graduates who have been in 4-H three years or more and will receive engraved 4-H graduate pins are:

Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club

Alannah Byrne
Rachel Kasperson

Harbor Lights 4-H Club

Angelica Narvaiz

Leona Valley Racketeers 4-H Club

Kayla Rohaley
Baylea Hults
Dylan Davenport

Neenach 4-H Club

Morgan Hand
Coby Tyler

Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

Nathan McPhaul
Dryden Adair
Candace Choi
Sean Pickman
Trudy DelPonti

Pomona Valley 4-H Club

Charmaine McClain

Quartz Hill 4-H Club

Brian McCormick
Samantha McKim
Emily Means
Katie Moody

- **Club Goal Planning**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

Goal setting and following through to achieve the goals are an important part of the 4-H experience. Each year clubs are encouraged to set goals for the program year. The county offers a program to set club goals and to be rewarded for achieving the goals. At the beginning of the year, clubs are encouraged to use the 4-H Club Program Planning Guide, located on the county website, to plan their program year. Their plan can then be submitted with the LA County 4-H Club Program Planning Submission Form (also located on the county website) to the county I&R Committee. At the end of the program year, the club evaluates how they did meeting their goals and submits an end-of-the-year report to the county I&R Committee for review and awarding of an achievement seal for the club charter.

For more information about this program and/or questions, please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com)

- **2015 LA County Record Book Competition**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

The county record book judging was held Saturday, Sept. 19 and 26. We thank all the leaders who helped with the judging. We thank the NSG district (Eagle Rock Highland Park and Pomona Valley 4-H clubs) for providing lunches for the judges. We congratulate all the 4-H members who turned in their record books and for their accomplishments. 62 4-H members (12 Juniors, 20 Intermediates and 30 Seniors) turned in their 2014-2015 4-H records for judging. All senior books were evaluated for Senior Awards of Excellence in Leadership, Community Service, Achievement, S.E.T. and Healthy Living. 11 officer books were submitted for recognition. 21 Junior and Teen Leaders asked to have their records evaluated for a Junior/Teen Leader Merit Award.

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, and will be listed in the November issue of Clover Notes.

Contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you have questions about record books.

- **New Record Book Manual for 2015-2016**

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

The state 4-H office has released a new 2015-2016 California 4-H Record Book Manual, which is now considered to be the current manual and we are told to discard all previous record book manuals. Please use this manual for your 4-H records this year (2015-2016). A second manual California 4-H Record Book Forms 2015-2016 contains the forms to use with the first 2015-2016 manual. Please use these forms for your records this year. Across the top of each form is the phrase "California 4-H Record Book 2015-2016". DO NOT USE FORMS FROM PRIOR 4-H RECORD BOOK MANUALS. A third record book manual for leaders is due out this fall from the state office. We will have these manuals on the county website. The first two manuals are currently on the state website.

There are some changes for 4-H record keeping. Be sure to look at these new manuals as you record your 4-H activities during the year. The county I&R committee will be discussing the impact of these manuals on our county record book judging program.

- **New Presentation Manual for 2015**

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

The state 4-H office has released a new California 4-H Presentation Manual, version 2015. Please reference this new manual as you prepare to do speeches, demonstrations, interpretive readings and educational displays during the year. The major modifications include:

1. Including a one-page matrix of presentation requirements
2. Re-envisioning scientific demonstrations into a new Science or Engineering Presentation category
3. Removing the audio-visual presentation category; members may want to submit their work to the State 4-H Film Festival.
4. Discontinuing the Problem Solving category but adding a new Prepared Persuasive Speech category
5. Modifying guidelines for presentation days:
 - a) rename judges to evaluators
 - b) classifying presentations based on age (no longer based on grade)
 - c) allowing anyone to ask a question (not just the evaluators)
 - d) modifying the evaluating rubrics so they better access critical components of public speaking for each presentation type
 - e) instituting a variable award system, so that points required for awards (gold, blue, red and white) are now variable by level of presentation day
 - f) adding a platinum seal at the State 4-H Presentation Day
 - g) the 2015 Presentation Manual is the standard guide for all 4-H presentations and will be adopted by all County, Section and State 4-H Presentation Days starting in the 2015-2016 program year. The evaluation forms in this manual must be used at all 4-H Presentation Days.

The county I&R committee will be discussing the impact this new manual will have on our County Field Day this year. Changes will need to be done to comply with this new manual. Watch for more information about this.

- **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, rhillstock@ucanr.edu.

- **Dates To Remember in**

October

- 2nd [Deadline to apply for Summer Camp Head Youth & Head Adult Director](#)
- 3rd County Council Meeting (AV)
- 4th Summer Camp Meeting – Interviews/Selection
- 7th National Youth Science Day
NSG District Meeting
- 10th [LA County 4-H Pet & Science Symposium](#)
County Awards Day
- 15th SSG District Meeting
[SGV Fair Meeting](#)
- 17th AV Horse Show #1
- 18th NSG Achievement Day
- 19th Record Books for State Competition Due to County Office by 12PM
- 20th [Incentives & Recognition Meeting](#)
- 26th [AV District Meeting](#)
- 31st Halloween

STATE

DATES & DEADLINES

- 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](#)
- 11/2/2015 [2016 National Conference Application Deadline](#)
- 11/5/2015 [State Leaders' Forum Behind the Scenes Tour to Sea World](#)
- 11/6/2015 [State Leaders' Forum 2015](#)
- 11/13/2015 [State Record Book Judging](#)
- 12/6/2015 [4-H Day at Oakland Raiders](#)

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
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Alexa Sutter, PVP 4-H Club
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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
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