

# April 2017

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Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or (626) 586-1980. 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 April 2017

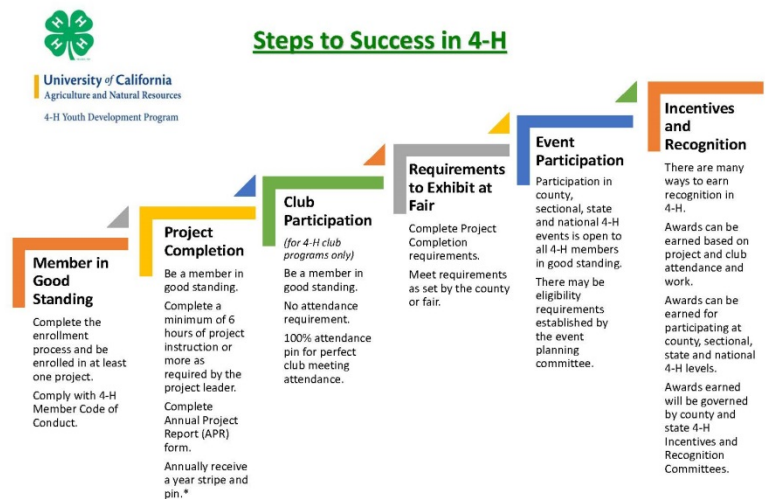
Dear 4-H Community,

What does “member in good standing” mean for you as a 4-H member? What about “project completion”? These and other terms are common in 4-H but there are different requirements across clubs and counties. To help make the 4-H experience fair for every member regardless of which club or county they participate in, the 4-H Policy Advisory Committee which includes 4-H members, adult volunteers, and 4-H YDP staff underwent the task of not only defining these terms but also documenting the [Steps to Success in 4-H](#). This document outlines:

What member in good standing means,

- What is required for project completion,
- How members earn a year stripe and pin,
- Club participation standards,
- Requirements to exhibit at fair,
- Participation in 4-H events,
- And, ways to earn recognition in 4-H.

As a statewide program delivered locally, we set out to standardize some key aspects of the program while allowing some flexibility at the local level. For example, six hours of project instruction is required but project leaders may require more based on the project and goals. Please review this document for more information so you know the steps to your success in 4-H. The new [Steps to Success in 4-H](#) and associated policy changes are effective July 1. We hope you find the [Steps to Success in 4-H](#) helps make your 4-H experience the best it can be.



\*Primary members, youth aged 5 to 8 years, receive a year stripe and pin for participation in a project. Project completion is not required. Junior/Teen leaders receive a gold stripe and year pin for completing the Leadership Development Report (LDR). Junior/teen leaders are not required to actively participate in the project in which they are a leader.

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Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy

- **Judging Day**  
**Macy 4-H Communications Committee**

On February 25, 2017, Macy Intermediate attended Judging Day at Palmdale High School. Judging Day is an event where 4-H'ers develop their critical thinking and decision-making skills. In preparation for the event, the adult leaders briefed the students about the procedures of the day. On Saturday morning, the Macy 4-H members signed in and were given a judging sheet for each room. Next, the students competed in different classrooms, trying their best to score the highest points according to a rubric. At the end of the competition, the students with the most points were given awards and pins.

Judging Day featured many categories that students were able to participate in. Some of the categories were: Clothing and Textiles, Family and Consumer Science, Mechanical Science, and Leisure Education. When a student entered a classroom, they went to either the Junior, Intermediate, or Senior section. There, they looked at the various boards with questions posted. Each student chose what they thought was the best answer. Then, they submitted their answer sheet to the judge. The student would go into the next classroom and follow the same process until the time limit was up or they finished all the categories. The judges would then grade all the papers based on a Danish scale.

After competing in the different classrooms, the members gathered together for an awards ceremony. The members that scored the highest points were given either a gold, silver, or bronze pin. Nine members from Macy 4-H won a total of 16 medals: 4 golds, 6 silver, and 6 bronze. Some of the categories where the Macy 4-H students placed were the following: Natural Science, Clothing and Textiles, Creative Arts, and Plant Science.

Judging Day at Palmdale High School was a success for the Macy 4-H team. Based on their prior experience and hard work, they did well at the competition. The students brought home many awards and pins. The Macy 4-H group is very proud of their accomplishments this year. They plan to attend next year and hopefully do as well, if not better.

- **4-H Is All A Buzz With It's New Project**  
**Megan Kitcko, Canyon Coyotes, 4-H Reporter**

4-H added a new project to its collection this year. We are excited to announce our Beekeeping Project run by our experienced beekeeper, Mr. Long. He has been beekeeping for 5 years now. He's won many awards and among them are: 2014 Best of Show, Wildflower Honey; 2015 Best of Show, Beeswax Candle; 2016 Best of Show, Beeswax Candle. Mr. Long took up beekeeping because he really likes honey.



Two of our bold beekeepers, Danielle Chourbagi and her brother Tyler, gave a presentation on bees and what they learn. The presentation was about how they use sugar water to feed the bees. They also learned how to use a bee smoker to smoke the bees out of the hive. They learned about the proper gear so they can handle the bees correctly. Danielle is 10 years old. She is interested in the bee project because of the different types of bees and how they produce different types of honey. She says, "I'm so excited about the project and how much fun it will be".

Remember: Home is where your Honey is.

- **2017 County Field Day Results**

Los Angeles County 2017 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue was held Saturday, March 11 at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut. This year the new 2016 (October version) Presentation Manual was used along with its new score sheets. We thank the North San Gabriel 4-H district for organizing and running the event. We thank the LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors, and our current Junior All-Stars project members for all their help with the event, including helping with set up, check-in, room hosting and the awards ceremony. We thank the Macy 4-H Club for providing the flag ceremony. We thank all the leaders, members, parents, alums, friends, staff and Mt. SAC, who also helped make the event a big success. This was a sunny, great day at Mt. SAC!

Award certificates were given to all 4-H members who participated. The possible seal levels this year were Gold, Blue, Red and White. Gold medals were given to the County Winners. Gold medal winners were eligible to enter Southern Area Field Day, which was held on April 1 at Mt. SAC. Congratulations to the following members for their accomplishments!

For the listings below, the following abbreviations are used:

ERHP = Eagle Rock Highland Park 4-H Club

PVP = Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club

SFV = San Fernando Valley 4-H Club

Pomona = Pomona Valley 4-H Club

### **Demonstrations**

Jill Okamoto – Pomona – Gold Medal

Lucia Brown – PVP – Gold Medal

Liliana Brown – PVP – Gold Medal

Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina – Pomona – Blue Seal

Jasmin Chavez – Macy – Red Seal

### **Illustrated Talk**

Sanne Sirmenis – SFV – Gold Medal

### **Science/Engineering Presentations**

Evan Lam - Macy - Gold Medal

### **Informative Prepared Speech**

Tyler Lam – Macy – Gold Medal

Conner Lam – Macy – Gold Medal

Evan Lam – Macy – Blue Seal

### **Persuasive Prepared Speech**

Liliana Brown – PVP – Gold Medal

Lucia Brown – PVP – Gold Medal

Jeffrey Abe – Quartz Hill – Red Seal

### **Interpretive Reading**

Victoria Morales – Macy – Gold Medal

Rebekah Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal

Georgia Pike – PVP – Gold Medal

Katherine Shannon – Quartz Hill – Gold Medal

Liliana Brown - PVP – Gold Medal

Kiran Ekanayake – PVP – Gold Medal

Jazmin Chavez - Macy – Gold Medal

Mark Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal

### **Interpretive Reading cont'd**

Rebecca Klose – PVP – Gold Medal

Nathanael Neidhart – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal

Lauren Leuvano – Macy – Gold Medal

Conner Lam – Macy – Gold Medal

Natalia Mendez – Macy – Blue Seal

Tyler Lam – Macy – Blue Seal

Samantha Hernandez – Macy - Blue Seal

Ada Hsu – Macy – Blue Seal

Francisco Gomez – Macy – Blue Seal

Evan Lam – Macy – Red Seal

Victoria Gomez – Macy – Red Seal

Lucia Brown – PVP – Red Seal

Jill Okamoto – Pomona – White Seal

Akzila Neidhart – Canyon Coyotes – White Seal

### **Interview Contest**

Georgia Pike – PVP – Gold Medal

Kiran Ekanayake – PVP – Gold Medal

Rebecca Klose – PVP – Gold Medal

Sanne Sirmenis – SFV – Gold Medal

Victoria Morales – Macy – Blue Seal

Victoria Gomez – Macy – Blue Seal

Julia Brown – PVP – Blue Seal

### **LA County Impromptu Speaking**

Victoria Gomez – Macy – Gold Medal

Liliana Brown – PVP – Gold Medal

Erin Murdoch – PVP – Blue Seal

Nikki Yunder – PVP – Blue Seal

Rebecca Klose – PVP – Blue Seal  
 Lucia Brown – PVP – Blue Seal  
**LA County Impromptu Speaking cont'd**  
 Lauren Leuvano – Macy – Blue Seal  
 Jazmin Chavez – Macy – Blue Seal  
 Sanne Sirmenis – SFV – Blue Seal  
 Samantha Hernandez – Macy – Blue Seal  
 Emily O'Neill – PVP – Blue Seal  
 Deborah Loseke – PVP – Blue Seal  
 Grant Alaniz – ERHP – Red Seal  
 Julia Brown – PVP – Red Seal  
 Tyler Lam – Macy – Red Seal  
 Nika Susnjar – PVP – Red Seal  
 Evan Lam – Macy – Red Seal  
 Sophie Loewner – PVP – Red Seal  
 Mark Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Red Seal  
 Kaitlyn Hanlon-Scardina – Pomona Valley - Red Seal  
 Lydia O'Neill – PVP – Red Seal  
 Conner Lam – Macy – Red Seal

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

Grant Alaniz – ERHP – Blue Seal  
 Rebecca Klose – PVP – Blue Seal

**State Format Impromptu Speech**

Lauren Leuvano – Macy – Gold Medal  
 Grant Alaniz – ERHP – Blue Seal  
 Jazmin Chavez – Macy – Red Seal

• **LA County 4-H Fashion Revue**  
**Rebekah Kasperson, Canyon Coyotes Leader**

There were lots of people at the County Fashion Revue this year. The categories were Traditional, Knit Challenge and Purchased. Some girls changed their patterns to personalize it to their style, as well as came up with their own pattern all together. Everyone wore cute outfits with all different styles. The variety of projects shown were pajamas, nightgowns, skirts, formal dresses and casual outfits. The exhibitors showed confidence during the fashion show as well as in front of the judges. We all had a lot of fun!

**Results:**

Emily O'Neill-PVP  
 Erin Murdoch-PVP  
 Rebekah Kasperson-Canyon Coyotes  
 Mary Sherwood-Eagle Rock  
 Sophie Loewner-PVP  
 Nika Susnja-PVP  
 Lydia O'Neill-PVP  
 Deborah Loseke-PVP  
 Nicoleene Yunker-PVP

County Winner (Gold) - Traditional Junior  
 County Winner (Gold) - Traditional Intermediate  
 Gold - Traditional Intermediate  
 Gold - Traditional Intermediate  
 Blue - Traditional Intermediate  
 Blue - Traditional Intermediate  
 County Winner (Gold) - Knits Junior  
 Gold - Knits Junior  
 County Winner (Gold) - Purchased Intermediate

Samantha Hernandez – Macy – Red Seal  
**State Format Impromptu Speech**  
 Natalia Mendez – Macy – Red Seal

**Educational Display Talks**

Natalia Mendez – Macy – Gold Medal

**Cultural Arts**

Georgia Pike – PVP– Gold Medal  
 Katherine Shannon – Quartz Hill – Gold Medal  
 Ada Hsu – Macy– Gold Medal  
 Rebecca Klose – PVP– Gold Medal  
 Francisco Gomez – Macy – Gold Medal  
 Mark Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal  
 Rebekah Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal

**Entry by Video**

Share the Fun Skit - Canyon Coyotes– Blue Seal  
 Aaron Boeker  
 Nathaniel Boeker  
 Michael Kasperson  
 Rebekah Kasperson  
 Christian Cook  
 Isobel Cook  
 Mark Kasperson  
 Carter Boeker  
 Ethan Boeker  
 John Helton  
 Madison Helton  
 Akzila Neidhart  
 Nathaniel Neidhart  
 Vincent Vasquez

**Persuasive Prepared Speech**

Enrique Morales – Macy – Gold Medal



- **Dare to Discover!! - San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair – April 22**

The San Gabriel Valley (SGV) 4-H Fair will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the Chino Fairgrounds in Chino. This small fair is organized and run by the NSG and SSG districts, but welcomes 4-H members from the other districts and neighboring counties to participate. The fair theme this year is “Dare to Discover”. There are project exhibits, livestock activities, a barbeque, baked goods auctions and fun activities for members. Admission is free. Check out details about this fair on the fair website [www.SGV4HFAIR.COM](http://www.SGV4HFAIR.COM). For more information, call 323-567-8543 or email [kenward49@aol.com](mailto:kenward49@aol.com).

The entry form deadline is April 13 (not postmark). If you are interested in participating in this fair or finding out more information, you need to act quickly.

- **LA County 4-H Leaders Luncheon**

Los Angeles County 4-H recognizes the work and effort of their volunteer leaders at a Leaders' Appreciation Luncheon. On even years, the event is organized and run by the LA County 4-H Office; on odd years (2015, 2017, 2019), leaders from one of the county's 4-H districts organizes and runs the event. This program year the luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 26750 Eastvale Road, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Ca. for more information, please contact Dee Keese at [swimdude64@earthlink.net](mailto:swimdude64@earthlink.net).

- **Record Book Workshop – May 13**

A brief record book workshop by Noel Keller will be held before the next County Council meeting on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. Please RSVP to Noel ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend so handouts will be ready for you.

- **2016-2017 Officer Book Forms**

The forms and information for the 2017 Officer Book Recognition program are available on the county website. All club and Hi-4H officers are encouraged to prepare their officer records for award consideration after the end of the program year. Officers should be working on this now. Officers are encouraged to make their office the best it can be and try for a Gold medal. The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work.

- **LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting – March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President**

The LA County 4-H Leaders' Council met on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Galpin Ford in North Hills. The meeting will be hosted by the San Fernando Valley district. We discussed the plans for the 2017-2018 program year including the budget, calendar and council officers. Please look at the county website under Los Angeles 4-H Leaders' Council for the starting draft of the 2017-2018 calendar and the nominations for 2017-2018 council officers. We approved the Keese and Steinberg Law Firm and Mark Bayaua for a Friend of 4-H award. The minutes of this meeting are on the county website under Past Council Minutes.

The next county council meeting will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. which will be hosted by the NSG district and held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church/School in the Eagle Rock area of LA. At this important meeting, we will discuss and vote on the 2017-2018 county council officers, budget and calendar. We need your input and support. Please plan to attend.

- **Current Nominations For 2017-2018 Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Council Offices**

Here are the current nominations:

**President**

**Vice-President**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (youth) – Katherine Shannon, AV**

**Secretary – Judylynn Pelling, NSG**

**Treasurer – Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart, SSG**

**Report/Historian**

**Agriculture Chair – youth Katherine Shannon, AV**

**Science Chair – Greg Yunker, SSG**

**Home Economics Chair – Melinda Kasperson, AV**

**Shooting Sports Chair – Dee Keese, SSG**

**Technology Chair – youth Xavier Cruz, SSG**

**Leader Support Chair**

**Incentives and Recognition Chair – Noel Keller, NSG**

**Civics Chair**

**Healthy Living Chair – youth Kaylin Kwan, SSG**

**Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary – Peter Michel, SSG**

We need representatives from all four LA County 4-H districts to serve as council officers. Please consider being nominated for a county council office. Election will occur on May 13, 2017 at the County Council meeting.

Email nominations to President Dee Keese at [swimdude64@earthlink.net](mailto:swimdude64@earthlink.net) or Vice-President Noel Keller at [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com). In addition to 4-H adult volunteers, senior youth members are eligible to hold most county council offices. An office may be shared with another person as “Co-“ officers. A youth and adult can share an office in a youth and adult partnership.

- **4-H Dates and Deadlines are available on the [Los Angeles County 4-H Calendar](#).**
- **California State 4-H Updates can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar>**
- **Share Your 4-H Experiences**  
4-H'ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 15th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, [rlhillstock@ucanr.edu](mailto:rlhillstock@ucanr.edu).

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**4-H All-Stars:**

**Abigail Wright, Greenleaf 4-H Club**  
**Camille Norczyk, Greenleaf 4-H Club**  
**Holly Whipple, Westside 4-H Club**  
**Katherine Shannon, Quartz Hill 4-H Club**  
**Kiran Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club**

**Jr. All-Stars:**

**Ada Hsu, Macy 4-H Club**  
**Alexa Sutter, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Alexander Nunley, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Andrew Nunley, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Ashlyn Spaziano, Greenleaf 4-H Club**  
**Catherine Nunley, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Jayce Gomez, Macy 4-H Club**  
**Leilani Hung, Macy 4-H Club**  
**Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley 4-H Club**  
**Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley 4-H Club**  
**Katie Hsu, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Leila Nuryen, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Sarah Yeck, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Ryan Hamm, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Enrique Morales, Macy 4-H Club**  
**Kaylin Kwan, Macy 4-H Club**  
**Lilliana Brown, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley 4-H Club**  
**Michelle Sylvest, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Nicole Kwan, Macy 4-H Club**  
**Rebecca Klose, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Sara Conlon, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Victoria Morales, Macy 4-H Club**  
**Wesley Rich, PVP 4-H Club**

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