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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 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

Dear 4-H Volunteer Family,

I believe that each one of you is the reason that our 4-H youth have wonderful and meaningful learning opportunities. The experiences that you facilitate are no doubt contributing factors to the development of thriving youth and healthy and stable communities. Although you may not hear from me or my office as often as we should to say thank you for your work and commitment, please know that we appreciate and value your contributions very much. In recent months, several issues have arisen that have caused some pause. Specifically, there have been issues about the way you communicate with each other and respect each other in your efforts to provide 4-H members a quality educational experience. It is my hope that you remember that the focus of our programmatic efforts is the 4-H member. Their growth in our program is dependent on this consideration. I am asking each of you to search within and ask this question: is the primary reason I volunteer with 4-H to serve the 4-H member? Do you exemplify – in words actions and deeds – the model of 4-H we want our members to show. If the answers are yes, then the guide of your work should be the 4-H Code of Conduct. It should influence every 4-H conversation; every 4-H decision; every 4-H interaction; every 4-H experience.

In the coming weeks and months, I'll be reviewing our adherence to the 4-H Code of Conduct with you and where it's not being adhered to address it. Our 4-H members deserve our best effort, attitude, intention and behavior – including what we say to each other, what we say on social media about each other and our subsequent reaction at all times. It is important that we conduct and comport ourselves in the manner consistent with the values and ideals that we agree to when we enroll in the program. The standard is high – and rightfully so - because we expect the very best.

Let's uplift and support each other on behalf of the 4-H member. Let's respect each other and the value we bring to the lives of our members. Go out and continue to do good work with the 4-H member at the center. It is not about how much money we raise, the number of ribbons, stars, pins awards we earn or that the youth earn under our leadership, it's about the positive youth development experience the member has with our guidance and support. Move beyond the self and put the 4-H member first.

If you have any questions or concerns or want to express goodwill or congratulations to someone, please contact my office. In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Keith C. Nathaniel, Ed.D.
County Director/4-H Youth Development Advisor

- **2016-2017 4-H Program Year**
Roy Hillstock, Computer Specialist

The 2016-2017 4-H program year has begun. All continuing 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 month 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 fees are \$38 per youth and \$14 per adult.**

- **Be Sure to Use To Use - [Record Book Manual 2015-2016 and Forms](#)**
Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Record Book Manual 2015-2016 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. This new record book manual is divided up into three manuals: instructions, forms and further explanations. The online record book system uses the forms from this 2015-2016 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.

- **[2015-2016 County Record Book ID Form & Information](#)**
Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Forms and information for the 2016 LA County Record Book Competition are available on the LA County 4-H website. The on-line recordkeeping will be the same as last year. For the LA County competition, the 4-H forms will need to be printed out and submitted. The 2015-2016 record books are due **Tuesday, September 13 to the 4-H Office by 4pm** or by **Wednesday, September 14 by 9pm to an Incentives and Recognition Committee member** ([Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Dee Keese and Peter Michel](#)). The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 22th after the county [4-H Pet Symposium](#).

This year we will again be awarding Junior and Teen Leadership Merit Awards and Senior Awards of Excellence. This year there is an additional Senior Award of Excellence that can be awarded in the area of Project Work. For more information about these awards, go to the [LA County, 4-H website \(APPLICATIONS/AWARDS\)](#).

- **Club Representatives For County Record Book Evaluating (Judging)**
Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

State 4-H wants to use the term “**Evaluator**”, where in the past we used “**Judge**”. We are in the process of trying to update all our information with this new term.

REMINDER – If a club submits record books to the county Record Book competition, then the club needs to provide an evaluator (the new term for judge) for one of the Record Book Evaluation days, Saturday September 17 or September 24. The evaluating again this year will be held at [Good Shepherd Lutheran School/Church \(6338 N. Figueroa St., LA, 90042\)](#). Evaluating record books is a good way to learn about record books for your club. No experience in evaluating is required. There is an orientation for evaluating at the start of each evaluation day. This year we will be using the new state evaluation method for record books so the orientation is needed by all evaluators. A club can only have up to three club representatives for evaluating. Evaluators do not evaluate record books from their own club. Evaluators should plan to stay from 8:30am until about 5pm, with a lunch and snacks provided. Contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) with the names of evaluators by Thursday, September 15.

- **[LA County 4-H Officer Book Gold Medal](#)**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Did you do a great job as a club officer last year? If so, be sure to submit a 2015-2016 Officer Book for the officer book recognition program. The information and forms for the 2016 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. 2015-2016 Officer books are due at the same time as 2015-2016 record books, September 13 to the 4-H Office or by September 14 to an [Incentives and Recognition Committee member \(Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Dee Keese and Peter Michel\)](#).

- **[Club Program Goals](#)**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Each year clubs are encouraged to plan club goals at the start of the program year. During the year the club works on trying to reach their goals. At the end of the program year, the club evaluates how well they did in meeting their goals for that year. If the club submits their goals to the [I&R Committee](#) by November 1, 2016 and submits another report at the end of the program year on how they did in meeting their goals (due by August 15, 2017), the club is considered for special seal consideration for their charter. For information about this opportunity, go to the [APPLICATIONS/AWARDS](#) page of the county website or contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

Reminder: If your club submitted its club planned goals last fall, remember to submit the follow up completed club goals report to the I&R Committee Chair, Noel Keller (421 E Juilliard Drive, Claremont, CA 91711) by August 15.

- **[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 (moore@ucanr.edu) if you have any questions about this.

- **[LA County Council Meeting – Saturday, September 10, 2016](#)**

Noel Keller, LA County Council Vice-President

The first meeting of the LA County 4-H Council will be Saturday, September 10. The Antelope Valley district will be hosting the meeting out in their area. All clubs should plan to have a representative at the meeting. Watch for more details about the meeting.

- **[2016-2017 District Responsibilities For County Events](#)**

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. 17 and Sept. 24, 2016 – SSG
- County Awards Day – Oct. 22, 2016
 - Program – SFV
 - Decorations and Set Up – AV
 - Publicity – NSG
 - Refreshments – SSG
 - Cleanup – all districts

- County Judging Day – Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 – AV
- County Field Day – Saturday, March 19, 2016 – NSG
- Leaders’ Appreciation event – Saturday, TBD – SSG
- Lunches for county record book judging – Sept. 16 and Sept. 23, 2017 – SFV

- **Now Southern Area, Not South Section**

Noel Keller, L.A. County Rep. - Southern Area Program Development Committee

As of July 1, 2016, the new California 4-H Management Board system has started and the section and state 4-H Leaders’ Councils have been disbanded. The state has been divided into 4 Areas. Los Angeles County 4-H is now part of the new Southern Area (7 counties – Imperial, Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura). Activities in the Southern Area are being planned by Event Committees under the Southern Area Program Development Committee of the Management Board. Noel Keller of Pomona Valley 4-H Club has been selected as the adult LA County representative to the Southern Area Program Development Committee and Xavier Cruz of Macy 4-H Club has been selected as the youth LA County representative.

The first meeting of the Management Board is Sunday, August 10 in Davis at the state 4-H office. John Trammell of San Bernardino County is the Southern Area Director on the Board. The first meeting of the Southern Area committee is TBD (probably in September). Plans are already moving forward on two fall Southern Area events – a Small Animal Field Day and a Healthy Living Summit.

Currently, the operation of the county, district, club and project 4-H activities will basically be the same as in the past under the new California 4-H Management Board system. Instead of LA County representatives to the South Section Council, we will now have an adult and a youth representative to the Southern Area Program Development Committee.

- **State Leaders’ Forum 2016 – Santa Rosa, CA – Nov. 11-13, 2016**

Noel Keller, LA representative to Southern Area Program Development Committee

Registration is open for the 2016 State 4-H Leaders’ Forum to be held in Santa Rosa at the Flamingo Hotel on November 11, 12 and 13. The theme of this year’s conference is “CONNECT THE DOTS”. The 2016 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! Go to the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLF/ 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 again not being held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove this year. It is being held in Santa Rosa.

- **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 August:**

- 5 – **Club Audit**
- 7 – **AV Awards Banquet**
- 15 – **AV District Meeting**
- 19 – **Antelope Valley Fair (8/19-28)**

Additional Los Angeles County 4-H dates and deadlines available on the [4-H Calendar](#).

SOUTHERN AREA

- **Southern Area 4-H Small Animal Field Day – Sept. 24, 2106**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council Past President

A Southern Area Small Animal Field Day is being planned for Saturday, September 24th at Mt. SAC in Walnut. 4-H members in Southern Area (that includes Los Angeles County) are invited to attend. Watch for more details. Save the day.

- **Southern Area Healthy Living Summit – Fall 2016**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council Past President

Christian Redman is planning a Southern Area Healthy Living Summit for youth and leaders for Fall 2016. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). Watch for more details.

- **Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) – January 20-22, 2017**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council Past President

T.I.C. is being planned by a Southern Area event committee of the new California 4-H Management Board. Kelly Dowlan is the adult TIC Director and Camille Norczyk is one of the youth TIC Co-Directors. Applications are now being taken for the TIC planning committee. Consult the TIC website for details and an application, or Kelly or Camille. The applications are due by July 31, 2016,

- **Southern Area Field Day 2017 Planning Meeting**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council Past President

The Southern Area Field Day will be run much the same as the South Section Field Day has been run in the past. A new 2015 4-H Presentation Manual is being evaluated now and there be some changes for the next year. The new area Field Day Planning Committee is planning to meet during the summer to discuss how to improve running the field day next year. Please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this discussion and planning OR if you have some suggestions that you would like passed on to this meeting.

STATE

DATES & DEADLINES

Statewide 4-H Calendar Updates

Date / Event Name

8/3/2016	California State 4-H Horse Classic
9/16/2016	4-H Citizenship Weekend
10/7/2016	WHY (We Help Youth) Conference
10/9/2016	National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference
11/4/2016	4-H Mindfulness Retreat
11/11/2016	State Leader's Forum
1/27/2017	LCORT (Leadership Conference of Regional Teens)
6/24/2017	Citizenship Washington Focus #4HCWF
7/16/2017	Leadership Washington Focus 2017 #4HLWF

Deadlines

8/8/2016	Scholarships for Higher Education - Applications Due
8/8/2016	Golden Clover Awards - Nominations Due
8/12/2016	WHY (We Help Youth) Conference - Registration
8/15/2016	4-H Citizenship Weekend - Registration
9/1/2016	4-H Mindfulness Retreat - Registration
9/1/2016	4-H Mindfulness Retreat-Chaperone Applications
9/23/2016	Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards - Nominations Due

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
Abigail Wright, Greenleaf 4-H Club
Katherine Shannon, Quartz Hill 4-H Club
Kiran Ekanayake, 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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Shannon Chen, PVP 4-H Club
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Sara Conlon, PVP 4H Club
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Ashlyn Spaziano, Greenleaf 4-H Club
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