



## July 2016

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](mailto: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 June 2016

Each July 1, the 4-H Youth Development Program transitions to another year of positive youth development opportunities for youth. Youth and volunteers also have a chance to reflect on the past year's challenges and triumphs; projects and events; record books and reports. I want to highlight a few very important considerations as you begin the program year. First, make sure that all youth and adults are enrolled in the program for the current program year before beginning any 4-H activities or participating in any events as a 4-H member (i.e., fairs and exhibitions). It is important because of liability issues. To enroll in the 4-H program in Los Angeles County, please visit:

<https://california.4honline.com>

Second, be sure that the activities you are participating in are a part of your club's program plan and include a citizenship component, teaches a life skill and/or offers a leadership opportunity for the member. Having these key components are critical to ensuring that youth who participate in 4-H have a positive youth development experience.

Third, if you have not already, please prepare all of your club's financial records and be ready to submit the Treasurers' Book for auditing in September. The Youth Treasurer – along with the Adult Treasurer - should have all receipts, cancelled checks and invoices and has reconciled the club checking/saving account so that all expenses and income are accounted for. Remember, that money raised in the name of 4-H should be used to support the positive youth development activities of the youth member so very little if any, should be rolled over to the next program year unless it's a part of a larger budgetary goal (i.e., raising funds for State Leadership Conference, raising funds to purchase a piece of livestock equipment).

All of these considerations can be found in the 4-H policy manual.

If you have any questions, contact me at (323) 260-3845 or [kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu).

- **PVP 4-H Field Trip to Madrona Marsh**

Nikki Yunker, Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club, Reporter

Ironically, this is the end of the official 4-H year but this is my first report as a PVP 4-H reporter. On June 10, 2016 the PVP 4H Gardening project invited all club members to join them for an exciting journey through Madrona Marsh Wilderness Park. Cindy Reid, the leader of the Gardening group, is an avid gardener and a well-known and respected member of the Madrona March Wilderness preserve volunteers group. We are very lucky to have her as a leader for our gardening project. It appears that birds, butterflies and various small insects are Cindy's friends and come out to personally greet her as she walks by their hiding spots.



We started our journey at the well-equipped laboratory inside the main building looking through microscopes.

We were able to identify and study the smallest creatures leaving in the seasonal ponds of the preserve. We learned that some of the species could dry out and stay alive for 10 years without water. The life in the water there is abundant and fascinating. We made a lot of amazing discoveries about the secret lives of the smallest pond dwellers.



I won't tell much more about them, as you should definitely visit Madrona Lab, look under the microscope, and find it out for yourself. Most of the activities are free in the Madrona Preserve.

After the lab, on the way to the preserve, the group viewed many California native plants. We walked through the gardens and across the street into the preserve. The preserve is

a home of many drought tolerant plants. We saw the queen of buckwheat, wild California grapes and the California golden poppy. We even saw a "Fried Egg" flower! The plant nursery in the preserve had small potted trees and plants waiting for planting by high school students and volunteers.

Despite the recent drought conditions, the pond was still surrounded by lush vegetation that provided shade for small Baja Chorus Frogs and various waterfowl including mallards and a snow heron. Our visit was concluded by taking a group photo on the picturesque bridge that spanned and overlooked the pond.





The staff at Modrona Marsh, many of whom had volunteered there for over 30 years, were extremely accommodating and added to the enjoyment of the field trip. The walk through the grounds was both pleasant and educational. We hardly noticed that our two hour trip had come to an end. Sadly, it was the time to say goodbye as Cindy locked the gate. See you next year!

We are looking forward to come back in September to continue with the various PVP 4-H activities.



- **Macy 4-H Club**

Communications Committee, Macy 4-H Club

Throughout the 2015-2016 school year, Macy 4-H Communications Committee has completed 2many articles and bulletin boards. We have written nine *Clover Note* articles, submitting an article every month since school has started. These articles inform readers about the latest news and accomplishments of the Macy 4-H Club. Our bulletin board designs show the students at Macy Intermediate the different projects that are going on.

Every Wednesday, the Macy 4-H Communications Committee meets to work on an article. Depending on where we are in the writing process, we will either think of recent events in the 4-H Club or continue writing our draft. After the article has been written, we start the editing process which can take many hours or several weekly meetings to complete. When everyone in the group is satisfied with the content of the article, the final product is submitted to *Clover Notes*.

In between the time when articles are submitted and the new one is started, we brainstorm ideas for the school's 4-H bulletin board. The display case that is usually decorated is in the hallway next to the cafeteria. As the students are standing in line to get their breakfast and lunch, many of them admire our effort and creativity. Our peers especially like it if the bulletin board has been recently updated. The design is changed every six to eight weeks.

The Communications Committee has been meeting weekly for nearly two academic school years. Every year, the group is comprised of five students ranging from 10-14 years of age. Our responsibilities include writing monthly articles for *Clover Notes* and decorating the official Macy 4-H bulletin board. Even though it is a huge commitment on our part, as students, we have learned the importance of cooperation and working together. This project has taught us that you have to work hard to achieve your goals.

## COUNTY

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

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

The 2015-2016 4-H program year ended June 30, 2016. All 4-H work, activities and accomplishments done from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 should be included in your 2015-2016 record book for that program year. Activities done this summer after June 30<sup>th</sup> should **not** be included with your **2015-2016** 4-H records.

- **Be Sure to Use To Use - Record Book Manual 2015-2016 and Forms**

Noel Keller, 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. 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](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)). Do not use the forms from prior Record Book manuals.

- **2015-2016 County Record Book ID Form & Information**

Noel Keller, Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

The forms and information for the 2016 LA County Record Book Competition are available on the county 4-H website under APPLICATIONS. The on-line recordkeeping will be the same as last year. For the county competition the 4-H forms will need to be printed out and submitted as hard copy. 2015-2016 record books are due Tuesday, September 13 to the 4-H Office or by Wednesday, September 15 to an Incentives and Recognition Committee member (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Dee Keese). The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 22nd after the county 4-H Pet Symposium.

- **LA County 4-H Officer Book Gold Medal**

Noel Keller, 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).

- **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](mailto:rlhillstock@ucanr.edu).

## SECTIONAL

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

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council Past President

Save the date of Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for a fun and educational Southern Area 4-H Small Animal Field Day at Mt. SAC. If you are interested in helping with the planning for this event, please contact Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)) or Barbara Crane ([bcrane@mtsac.edu](mailto:bcrane@mtsac.edu)). We need an LA County representative on this planning committee.

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

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council Past President

Youth Christian Redman from Orange County is planning a Southern Area Healthy Living Summit for youth and leaders for October 2016. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Christian Redman ([c.c.redman@gmail.com](mailto:c.c.redman@gmail.com)) or Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)). He is currently trying to set up an online planning meeting to occur this summer. We need an LA County representative on this planning committee.

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

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council Past President

T.I.C. is being planned by an 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](mailto: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

July 1, 2016 - [Ca 4-H Throwdown - Registration](#)

July 18, 2016 - [Champion Horse Show - Registration](#)

July 18, 2016 - [Educational Contests at 4-H Horse Classic - Online Registration](#)

August 8, 2016 - [Scholarships for Higher Education - Applications Due](#)

August 8, 2016 - [Golden Clover Awards - Nominations Due](#)

August 15, 2016 - [Citizenship Weekend - Registration](#)

September 1, 2016 - [4-H Mindfulness Retreat - Registration](#)

September 1, 2016 - [4-H Mindfulness Retreat-Chaperone Applications](#)

September 23, 2016 - [Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards - Nominations Due](#)

October 1, 2016 - [State Leaders' Forum - Registration](#)

Additional State Updates can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar>

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**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**  
**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**  
**Ashlyn Spaziano, Greenleaf 4-H Club**  
**Elizabeth Wright, Greenleaf 4-H Club**  
**Katie Hsu, PVP 4-H Club**  
**Leila Nuryen, PVP 4H Club**  
**Sarah Yeck, PVP 4H Club**  
**Ryan Hamm, PVP 4H Club**  
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