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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) 586-1980. 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 July 2017

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.

- **4-H Fair Report**
Nikki Yunker, Reporter for PVP 4-H

Youth all around the county got ready for the 4-H Fair by washing their chickens, brushing rabbits, making posters, baking treats, sewing hems, watering plants, and adding the finishing touches to their crafts.

The 2017 4-H fair was held at the Chino fairgrounds on April 22nd. The competition between projects was strong. This year, Arts and Crafts dominated the scene. All of the entries were very artistic, skillful and deserved gold medals or green rosettes.

Home and Economics entries showcased expertise with crochet, knitting, embroidery, and sewing. Projects made from yarn were very diverse, ranging from a fluffy blanket to fashionable doll clothes. Sewed garments were masterfully made and very stylish. However, the judges were very particular, for no Best in Show or Judge's choice were awarded. The consumer science outfit I put together won county with a gold medal and second place at the fair. However, since there were no other entries in the purchased category, the outfit was second-to-none at the fair.



The baked goods were culinary perfection and looked very delicious. There were even beautiful pink macrons. There was also an intriguing, spooky table-setting made for two.

Educational posters this year were spectacular. Each topic was different, interesting, and new. Some of them were even interactive; from touching Llama wool to tasting treats.

Poultry and rabbits were a popular choice for showmanship. Each animal rocked their personalities and were very well groomed. Large livestock was well represented with goats, donkeys, and other gentle giants.

The activities were plentiful at the fair. There was hobby-horse making, round robin, talent show, and an archery competition.

The fashion show had lots of participants wearing the glamorous apparel they sewed. From flowing dresses, lacey skirts, to soft pajamas, it was a true show of fashion.

The auctions and opportunity tables were very popular. The silent auction had lots of action with the sought-after gift baskets filled with goodies. The food auction was very successful. There were fresh apples, Meyer lemons, eggs, and lots of sweet treats like brownies, cookies, and cupcakes.

A large thank-you is extended to everyone who spent months planning the fair, the judges, the chair, and all of the volunteers who made the day possible.

Everybody enjoyed their day at the fair, and we are all looking forward to next year's 4-H fair.

- **Record Book Time**
By Shirley Byrne, Canyon Coyotes, 4-H Club Leader

It is getting to be that time of year again...RECORD BOOK TIME! As a 4-H mom, it was always a very stressful and challenging period, trying to get my children engaged, on task and get all of the record books organized and complete. The record book is an important tool in teaching members' how to maintain their finances, log their entries and catalogue their projects' progress. A special piece of completing the record book though, is writing their personal 4-H story that shares their life in and out of 4-H. In this story, the member shares how they have benefited from the 4-H program, their plans and goals for the future, and what they have learned throughout their years in 4-H.

As a 4-H leader my favorite part of judging the record book, of course, is reading the 4-H Story. It is incredibly rewarding to see how the member has progressed, learned and changed throughout the year. One particularly touching story was written by a Canyon Coyotes 4-H graduate who is successfully completing his undergraduate work at Cal State San Diego. In his story, he wrote "4-H has taught me life skills that are imperative to be successful in life and has given me lifelong friends along the way". He is one of many who are thriving and succeeding in their adult life after an active and fruitful career in 4-H. He continues, "These skills include: leadership, communication, and being independent." He gained these skills by holding the office of club treasurer and actively participating in several different projects. Through 4-H, there is an amazing opportunity for personal growth and leadership. All of the life skills learned through participating in 4-H preps the individual for a bright and successful future. He further states, "4-H is designed to help individuals become successful in life through a more traditional setting; hence, I believe that 4-H has given me the power to succeed more in life than other individuals who do not receive the effects of being a leader and being independent". 4-H is simply an organization that organizes the structure that provides opportunities for members. However, without amazing, dedicated and hardworking 4-H Leaders, none of these wonderful opportunities would come to fruition. "If it was not for my awesome leaders, who pushed me hard enough to accomplish my goals, I would not have prospered in my projects and probably would have not stuck with it. In this wonderful organization, where the members are given the tools, skill set and opportunity to learn the realistic and practical lessons, it would not be possible without the backbone which is of course, the wonderful leaders. These adults, parents, leaders, pour their time, energy, resources and heart into 4-Hers. Be sure to thank a phenomenal leader in your life!

- **4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment**

July 1, 2017 starts the 2017-2018 4-H Program Year. Any member participating in any 4-H activity after July 1, must re-enroll at <https://california.4honline.com>. Enrollment opens July 5, 2017. This is especially important for those youth and adult members participating in fairs and/or conferences. You **MUST** be enrolled in 4-H to participate in 4-H activities. Instructions on how to enroll/reenroll can be found on the [Los Angeles County 4-H Website](#). The **2017-2018 4-H Enrollment fees have increased to \$46 per youth and \$16 per adult**. These fees will be collected by your club leader.

- **2016-2017 4-H Program Year Has Ended**

The 2016-2017 4-H program year has come to an end. All 4-H work, activities and accomplishments done from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 should be included in your 2016-2017 4-H Record Book. Activities done after June 30th should not be included with your 2016-2017 4-H records. **BE SURE TO USE** Record Book Manual 2016-2017 and forms available on the [LA County 4-H website](#) for hard copy and online submissions. If you have questions, contact a member of the county [I&R Committee](#). **Do not use the forms from prior Record Book manuals.**

- **2016-2017 County Record Book ID Form & Information**

Be sure to use the 2017 Record Book ID Form for the Los Angeles County 4-H Record Book competition. The ID Form will need to be printed out and submitted as hard copy. 2016-2017 4-H Record Books are due by 4pm on Tuesday, September 12 to the 4-H Office or by 9pm on Wednesday, September 13 to an Incentives and Recognition Committee member.

- **County Awards Day – September 30th, 2017**

County Awards Day will be earlier this year. The event will be held after the County Council meeting on September 30th in the Antelope Valley District area. For this event, AV district will be providing the refreshments, NSG will provide the decorations, SFV will provide the publicity and SSG district will provide the program. At this time, the location for the event is TBD. Keep a look out for more information to come.

- **LA County 4-H 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 2016-2017 Officer Book for the officer book recognition program. 4-H Office Book forms and information for the 2017 Officer Book Recognition Program are available on the [LA County 4-H website](#). The evaluation of the officer records is done using the Danish system of judging so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work. 2016-2017 Officer books are due September 12 to the 4-H Office or by September 13 to an [Incentives and Recognition Committee member](#).

- **Emerald Star Program**

The Emerald Star program is designed for intermediate and senior 4-H members. In general, the Emerald Star project's purpose includes:

- Providing an opportunity for 4-H members to develop projects in their community or in 4-H beyond the club level
- Improving, creating, and expanding 4-H programs
- Helping individual 4-H members grow and improve in the areas of organization, leadership, and project planning

This program is designed to help youth learn about project planning, organization, and presentation. Typically, youth develop an action plan for some type of multi-county event. They then organize and facilitate this event. After completion and presentation of their project, they are awarded with the Emerald Star ranking.

- **Junior All-Star Application (due by October 1, 2017)**

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.

- **Los Angeles County 4-H Club Goals**

Each year 4-H Clubs are encouraged to set goals for the club at the beginning of the program year. During the year the club works on reaching their goals. At the end of the program year, the club reports how they did on achieving their goals. Clubs submit the planned goals by November 1 and then later report on their completed goals by August 15. Forms are sent to the I&R Committee Chair, Noel Keller.

Planning Guide & Form located at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/167444.pdf>. Download [LA County's 4-H Club Program Planning Submissions Form \(pdf\)](#)

- **LA County Youth Representative Needed!!**

The Southern Area Development Committee of the California 4-H Management Board plans the Southern California 4-H activities. The Southern Area is made up of the seven Southern California counties of Los Angeles, Imperial, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura. Each county should be represented on the Committee with two people - one youth and one adult. Currently Noel Keller is the adult LA County representative, but we need a youth for this next year. Xavier Cruz was our youth representative last year, but we now need a new youth to volunteer/apply for this youth position. The youth must be at least 14 years old. The term for the position is one year, starting July 1, 2017. This committee discusses what activities should occur, but does not actually run any of the events. Please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) or John Trammell if you are interested in applying for this position or want more information about this opportunity. LA COUNTY NEEDS TO BE REPRESENTED!

- **Southern 4-H Animal Field Day – Sept. 23, 2017**

Noel Keller, LA Representative - Southern Area Program Development Committee

Save the date of Saturday, September 23th, 2017 for a fun and educational Southern 4-H Animal Field Day at Mt. SAC. This year this event is being expanded to include large livestock. If you are interested in helping with the planning for this event, please contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com) or Barbara Crane

(bcrane@mtsac.edu). We need an LA County representative on this planning committee.

- **Southern Color Me Green 5K Run/Health Fair – Nov. 11, 2017**
Noel Keller, LA Representative - Southern Area Program Development Committee

Youth Jessica Poland from Ventura County is planning a Southern Color Me Green 5K Run/Health Fair for Saturday, Nov. 11 in Ventura. Save the date! If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Jessica or Noel. It would be great to have an LA County representative on this planning committee.

- **California Southern Youth Summit (formerly TIC) – Jan. 12-14, 2018**
Noel Keller, LA Representative - Southern Area Program Development Committee

The California Southern Youth Summit is being planned by a Southern Area event committee of the new California 4-H Management Board. Kelly Dowlan is the adult Director. This year the event, to be held at Pathfinder Ranch, will be open to Intermediate and Senior 4-H members. The event will occur on the MLK weekend.

- **4-H Calendar will be available soon on the [Los Angeles County 4-H website](#).**
- **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, rhillstock@ucanr.edu

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