



The 4-H Green Sheets

Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program

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From Stephanie's Desk:

I have received many questions about the 4-H record books lately here in the 4-H office. How does a record book work? Where do I get the forms and do I have too? These have been my biggest questions from 4-H'er's about record books. Record books are a valuable learning tool for all 4-H members to take advantage of. Record books are not only a great way to learn record keeping practices, they help document your entire 4-H experience in once nicely kept place so you can look back on it later in life. Record books are also how you earn stars for your 4-H hat and how you keep track of projects so you can apply for bronze, silver and gold project medals. Record Book forms can be found at www.ca4h.org

Here is how the record book judging process works:

Club Level

4-H Record Books are first reviewed at the local level by 4-H Community Club/Unit Leaders and Project Leaders. Club level judging is based on the Danish system where 4-H Record Books are judged against a standard. Seals are awarded based on the member's 4-H project work, personal growth and the book's organization. Through their personal achievements and 4-H participation, members may earn Star Rank recognition.

County Level

Members may submit their 4-H Record Books for county competition. Books are judged on the member's 4-H work, leadership and citizenship development, and personal growth. County level judging is done on the Danish system of judging, with all books judged against a standard. Judges provide a critique and suggestions for future growth and involvement. Counties may designate awards for 4-H Record Books in specific project categories and age groups based on meeting published standards.

State Level

Senior 4-H members are eligible to enter state competition. State competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. Books are judged against standard criteria and those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, leadership and citizenship development are selected as State Medalist and/or State Winner.

Please remember your record book is a year-round record of all your 4-H activities, projects and events.

Take time after each 4-H meeting or event to write in your record book to keep it up to date.

Bronze Medal Interviews

Bronze medal interviews are to be completed by your project leader. Eligibility for Bronze medals:

- Three years in a project, and has completed project materials or
- Thirteen years or older as of January 1 of the program year.
- Members should show growth in their project. This should be measured in part in relationship to 1) member's ability, 2) adult support, and 3) size or increase in the project over time.

Bronze Medal application is located on page 4 .

Applications are due March 19th, 2009 to the 4-H office



Leader Information:

Resources:

The **California Department of Conservation** is offering **Recycling Starter Kits** to agencies looking to encourage energy saving practices, natural resource conservation as well as create a small fundraising opportunity with California Refund Value bottle and can collection. For more information log on to, <http://www.bottlesandcans.com/cart/store.cfm>



California's
4-H Volunteers

California 4-H Volunteer's has a special website for leader's to network, Blog, receive newsletters, and review online volunteer leader courses.

Check it out: <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>

National 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination

Do you know of a 4-H volunteer, supporter, staff member or other 4-H pioneer deserving of recognition for their significant contributions and dedication to 4-H programs? Nominations are now being accepted for the **Class of 2009 4-H Hall of Fame**. Each nomination can be sent to the CA State 4-H Office, attn: Mignonne Pollard at mypollard@ucdavis.edu. The deadline to submit nominations to the state office is: **February 13, 2009**. Nomination forms can be found at: http://128.120.153.66/4hresource/updates/attach/2009/January09/NAE4HA_2009.doc or call the 4-H office, 763-8015.

CLOVER SAFE NOTES

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Clover Safe Notes are always updated and expanded. This month there are new Clover Safe Notes on the following topics: (1) Campfire Safety (2) General Tractor Safety and (3) Plants Poisonous to Animals. There are five additional topics. Please go to the link for information on how to improve project safety: http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/Clover_Safe_Notes.htm



Member Opportunities:

2009 Ag Day Essay Contest (7th - 12th Grade)

Theme - "Agriculture — Every Day in Every Way"

Length - Essays must contain no more than 450 words

Eligibility - Students in grades 7-12 in the 2008-2009 school year

Prizes - State winners (one per state) - \$100; National winner - \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. The winner will be recognized on March 12, 2009 at the Celebration of Ag Dinner to be held at the Whitten Patio.

Deadline - Entries must be received by: **February 9, 2009**

Rules, entry form and contest details available at www.hpj.com/agdayessay

SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:

2009 Ag Day Essay Contest Agriculture Council of America
11020 King Street Suite 205 Overland Park, KS 66210

E-mail to: essay@agday.org

Citizenship Project Opportunity

4-H and Red Cross are partnering together to collect, pack and distribute "**Hero Packs**" for children in Southern California whose parents are serving in the military and are currently deployed. Items needed for the packs include pre-paid phone cards, postage stamps, stationary, disposable cameras, pens, pencils, new stuffed animals, and entertainment vouchers (movie tickets, video store, miniature golf, etc.). A Hero Pack Party to assemble the packs is scheduled for **March 21, 2009**. If your club would like to donate items for the packs or your time to assemble packs please contact Chanda Gonzales at chandagonzales@gmail.com or 951-323-7421.



County Wide Rabbit Project

County Wide Rabbit Project meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:30pm. Call Project leader Marilou Moschetti for location, 688-2696



Member Opportunities (Cont.):



The **2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador** applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2009,

have leadership and event planning experience, and ability to represent the 4-H YDP. 4-H State Ambassadors plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference, represent the California 4-H YDP, and conduct team projects. Applications are due **March 31, 2009** and available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>

Present a mini-track or workshop at the **2009 California 4-H State Leadership Conference, August 6 - 9, 2009 UC Merced**

"SLC: It's a BIG Deal." Mini-Track (2.5 hours on Friday, August 7) and workshop (1.25 hours on Saturday, August 8) proposals are now being accepted. Sessions should focus on science, engineering and technology (SET), community service, citizenship or leadership topics. Proposals are due Friday, **February 27, 2009**. Forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/2009%20SLC%20Educational%20Proposal.pdf>



Presentation Day

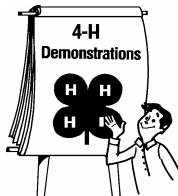
Presentation Day will be on **Saturday March 21st 9:30am-1pm**. Check-in Starts at 9:00am.

Come and do a presentation or talk on your favorite subject, poem, skit, project, or life's passion.

Registration forms are due to the 4-H office by **March 1st**. Form on page 5.

This event will be a potluck. Please contact Brittany Newton 227-3333, boomoney07@yahoo.com and let her know what type of dish you can bring.

Gold medal winners at county, may go on to Tri-County Presentation Day, that will be April 18th at Anzar High School in Hollister (highways 101 & 129).



Awards, Essays, Grants, & Scholarships

Contact the 4-H Office for more information at: 763-8015
Apply and get money for school or a special 4-H project!

Awards

Christopher Columbus Award –FEB 9
<http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com>

Grants (to apply for non 4-H grants, youth must work collaboratively with county staff to receive a grant due to state policy)

4-H GIS GPS Community mapping –SEPT '08 TO MAY 1
<http://www.esri.com/grants/esri/education.html>

Do Something Grants -YEAR ROUND
<http://www.dosomething.org/programs>

Ronald McDonald House Charities Grants -SEPT 4
<http://www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/grants/how-to-apply/>

Essays

2009 Bee Keeping Essay Contest –FEB13
Topic: "The Dance Language of Bees"
<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2009BeekeepingEssay.pdf>

Scholarships

Best Buy Scholarship Program \$1,500 –FEB 15th
http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/scholarship.htm
Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship –FEB 16
<http://www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/>

California Farm Bureau Scholarships –MAR 1
www.cfbf.com/programs/scholar/

South Central Sectional 4-H Council Scholarship up to \$1,000 –APRIL 1 Call the 4-H Office for application, 763-8015

California 4-H Higher Education Scholarships –APRIL 30
<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/>

2009 Daisy/4-H Shooting Sport Scholarship –MAY 15
<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>

West Coast Equine Foundation Scholarship –June 30
<http://www.murietaequinecomplex.com/scholarship.htm>



Bronze Medal Application

Community Club Leaders need to turn this form into the UCCE/4-H Office

Name:				Age:	
Address:				Years in 4-H:	
				Birth Date:	
Phone :		E-Mail:		4-H Club:	
Project Area		Years in This Project		Judge Signature	Date
Applicant Signature:				Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:				Date:	
Community Club Leader Signature:				Date:	

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Approved Areas:

ANIMAL SCIENCE	FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE	HEALTH & LEISURE
ENGINEERING	PLANT SCIENCE	RESOURCE SCIENCE
	SOCIAL SCIENCE	

Community Club Leaders need to turn this form into the UCCE/4-H Office after Club level interviews are completed.

Due March 19th, 2009

Santa Cruz County 4-H Presentation Day

Saturday, March 21st, 2009 – Quail Hollow School (325 Marion Ave, Ben Lomond)

Registration Form

Club: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Yrs in project: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Category: ___ Primary (5-8 years old) ___ Junior (Grades 4- 5)
 ___ Intermediate (Grades 6- 8) ___ Senior (Grades 9-12)

Type of Presentation:

Demonstrations (Team/Individual presentation. Demonstrations use the "show how" method to teach a skill.)

Illustrated Talks (Team/Individual presentation. Illustrated Talks use models or other visual aids to teach something.)

Scientific Demonstration and Illustrated Talks (Team/Individual presentation. Uses scientific steps to solve problems. School assignments or science fair projects are not appropriate for this category.)

Educational Display (Team/Individual presentation. An organized visual presentation of a program or a concept. This category is not a science fair project, collection or project exhibit.)

Prepared Speech (Individual presentation. Purpose is to persuade, inform or educate the audience on a single topic or issue. Notes may be used if they do not detract from the speech.)

Impromptu Speech (Individual presentation. Pre-announced topics are randomly drawn and the member has 3 minutes to develop a 5 minute maximum speech.)

Interpretive Reading (Individual presentation. Any published written work that is appropriate may be used. No costumes are allowed. Time limit is 5 minutes. Political and religious material is not appropriate.)

Cultural Arts (Individual or Group performance of dance, costumed dramatic reading, musical, dance or other performing arts.)

Share the Fun (Members may compete in this category in addition to one of the above. This is a group skit or presentation that focuses on health, safety, community pride, recreation, citizenship or other 4-H project or activity. Time limit is 15 minutes.)

Audio-Visual Presentations (Team/Individual presentation. Any informational or instructional programs presented with slides, video, or digital representations. This can be a team of 2 or done as an individual. **Presenters must provide all of their own equipment.** Time 5-10 minutes.)

Problem Solving Presentations (Uses a prepared fact pattern as the basis for developing an action plan. Can be one or two people. Time 5-10 minutes.)

Presentation Title: _____

If a team or group presentation, list others, attach list if necessary:

Name(s) _____

Does your presentation need to be done outside? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you presenting more than one presentation? ___ Yes ___ No

Will you be using audio/visual i.e. computer, slides, other? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please list: _____

Please identify any special needs or circumstances that may impact the delivery of your presentation:

Return to the 4-H Office, 1432 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville, CA 95076 Fax: (831) 763-8006
Due to 4-H Office by March 1st, 2009

Council Officers
 President: Dorothy Chittenden-Williams
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 Treasurer: Randy Turnquist
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 Deadline for newsletter articles is the third Thursday of every month

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Hours: Tuesday: 7:00am-12:00pm
 Wednesday: 7:00am-12:00pm
 Friday: 1:00pm-6:00pm

February 2009

13-16	Snow Camp
16	Presidents Holiday - Office Closed
19	County Council Meeting
19	Newsletter articles due
23-25	Western Regional Leaders Forum

March 2009

19	County Council Meeting
19	Newsletter articles due
19	Club Level Bronze Medal Apps due in 4-H Office
21	County Presentation Day & Medal/Scholarship & All Star Interviews

Camp Sylvester, Pine Crest
 7pm, Aptos Grange
 To 4-H Office
 Denver, Colorado

Quail Hollow School, Ben Lomond
 325 Marlon Ave, Ben Lomond



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