



The 4-H Green Sheets

Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program

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June 2009

Summer Camp 2009
"Cowboy Ways & Happy Days"
July 24th-27th, 2009

Come and enjoy a wonderful 4-H camping experience at our annual 4-H summer camp; held at Camp Loma in the Santa Cruz Mountains. This camp is for 4-H youth and certified 4-H volunteers.

Youth and adults will enjoy a scenic hiking experience, fun crafts classes, campfire sing-a-longs, swimming, great food and camp with amazing 4-Her's from around our county.

Camp is \$120 per camper with a \$20.00 cleaning deposit.
Due before June 22nd, 2009

Registration forms are available at www.randyt.com or
<http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu>

Please contact the Camp director Robin Turnquist, 688-4750 for more information.





Leader Information:

State Fair Opportunity

Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair

Once again The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair (**August 21 - September 7**). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences, as well as, the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of service projects also make for good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone who may be interested in learning even more about your 4-H project. Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Further, each shift must have an adult or older teen in the booth at all times. To sign-up, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/>.



State 4-H Leaders' Forum 2009

November 6-8, 2009 at Asilomar Conference Center. Some of the best, most practical learning for 4-H volunteers happens there. You'll come home loaded with ideas and activities and the enthusiasm to implement them. **4-H SET sessions will include teaching process concepts on experiential and inquiry learning and on specific curricula (TBA; may include alternative energy, veterinary science, robotics, etc.)** Education session proposals are being accepted until June 25, 2009. Registrations range from \$250.00 to \$310.00 and are due September 1, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/>

Special Needs Youth Thrive in 4-H

May 20th, 2009 Clover Corner News

In Kitsap County, Washington State, 4-H clubs welcome youth with differing abilities. 4-H clubs provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers with special needs to thrive while also giving back to the community.

Vickie Hoefer leads the Justice Riders Club in Olalla. Her son Terry, 16, has cerebral palsy and David, 18, a mild form of autism. "4-H has made them feel so independent," said Hoefer. "They like being part of a group and knowing they are part of society. Their disabilities don't stop them from participating," she added.

Terry's mini horse, Ra, and David's quarter horse, Buddy, provide life skills in responsibility, caring and communication. Record books are a collaborative effort as Vickie does the typing and the boys track the data. Community service is intrinsic to Hoefer's club. Their current project is sending greeting cards and raising money to help a soldier in Iraq. Since joining 4-H, Hoefer has seen her sons' willingness to reach out to others grow. "They like working with other people and getting things done," said Hoefer. "It brings them a sense of well being. They have a feeling of 'I did it and nothing can stop me.' It's a great sensation."

This past summer the brothers participated at the Kitsap County Fair showing Ra and doing herdsmanship in the barn. "I liked taking leadership in the group," said David. "I helped decorate the stalls and I liked helping others and encouraging my fellow club members." Terry also took his horse to the petting farm at the Fair. "I liked telling the public about my animal and letting the public see a disabled person can have fun in 4-H," said Terry.

Kelly Fisk, Kitsap County 4-H Youth Development Coordinator, works with clubs to ensure members receive services to accommodate individual needs. "It's important for people to understand that special needs members are just as capable as anyone else in challenging themselves and achieving success," said Fisk. "A number of people see the disability and not the child. Expectations are then lowered and the child is not pushed to their individual capabilities because of lack of knowledge or inexperience with the disability and modifications that can be made," added Fisk.

For resources on how to support youth with special needs in your club, please contact the 4-H office, 763-8015.

(Story adapted from content written by Betsy Fradd, WSU Extension 4-H)



Member Opportunities:

4-H Grants

California 4-H Service Learning Grants

Do you need money to carry out your service project? Each year the California State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the **California 4-H Service Learning RFP**. Groups can request up to \$5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application and information is available on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>.

Examples of past projects are also listed.

The application is due **September 15, 2009**.

Any Ideas for a Countywide Service Learning Project?

This year, our program would like to submit a proposal for another service learning grant with county-wide participation, but we would like input from 4-H families regarding what their interests would be.

Some great ideas have been suggested already;

1. Build aquatic robots, some with waterproof cameras, to retrieve trash from area sloughs, rivers and harbors. 4-H youth could partner with MBARI, Watsonville Wetlands Watch and other local water quality agencies. These robots could also be used to collect water samples for bacteria/quality testing.
2. A year-long partnership with a convalescent home and gardening therapists to build/plant/maintain raised planter boxes. Youth could work alongside the elderly, giving seniors much appreciated companionship.
3. Partnering with County or State Parks Department to remove non-native plants for habitat improvement. The project could also include developing informational signs along trails to educate park visitors about native vs. non-native plants and local ecosystems.

Please discuss these ideas - and your own - with your Club, or phone the 4-H office 763-8015 to talk to Stephanie about service learning grants.

Fair News

San Benito County Fair Livestock Entry List Open

The list is currently open for Santa Cruz County to take 10 sheep, 10 swine, 10 market goats and 2 beef to the San Benito County Fair. Each youth can only take one species. List closes at 5pm, June 16th. If we receive more than 10 youth per category we will have to draw names for each species.

Please call into the 4-H office 763-8015 to put your name on the list.

Santa Cruz County Fair Flower Planting

June 24th 2009

5pm-7pm

Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds

Come and plant flowers at the Santa Cruz County Fair's annual flower planting. There will be thousand of flowers trucked in that will need to be planted all around the fairgrounds.

Come and bring your whole family to this fun community service event. BBQ to follow flower planting.

For more information please contact Emily at the Santa Cruz County Fair Office, 724-5671





4-H News & Resources



Camp News

Good News From Camp Loma! The lawn is seeded and should be great for Summer Camp! Come help get the swimming pool ready on the next workday - Saturday June 6 and Sunday June 7, from 10am till whenever. Want to camp overnight? You can! Call Sherri Bonnema at 722-9241 to RSVP for camping and coordinate what food to bring.

Projects

Pen Pal Project

Are you interesting in establishing a **pen pal relationship with a student in Kenya**? California 4-H has made a contact with a school administrator who oversees a Catholic school in Kenya and will establish a pen pal program so that students 13 to 17-years-old can communicate with one another and share information about their lives. Please contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520 if you are interested in communicating with a Kenyan youth.

From our 4-H Members

My Experience at the Spring Fair 2009

This year at the Spring Fair, my chicken won Reserve Champion of the show. My chicken is a Silver Duckwing Old English Game Hen. Her name is Samus. I got her in January at the Hollister Gold Coast Poultry Show. I think she won because her feathers were in good shape and she was really clean. I won a waterer filled with candy. I wonder how she will do at the Santa Cruz County Fair? Be sure to look for her there!

Eli Lopez
Corralitos 4-H

Countywide Rabbit Project

Meets every third Sunday of the month from 1-3pm at the Ag. Extension office in Watsonville. The June rabbit meting will be June 14th (instead of June 21st, due to Fathers day weekend). Please call project leader Marilou Moschetti for more information or to join, 688-2696



21st Annual Felton Remembers Parade
Saturday May 23rd

Music & Marshmallows

June 27, 2009
5:30pm-7:30pm
Rio Del Mar Beach

Come and join our 4-H families for an evening of campfire songs, story telling and roasting marshmallows & hot dogs.
ALL ARE WELCOME!





What is S.E.T.?

SET. You may have heard people talk about it before or simply heard it mentioned. But do you really know what SET is? Or even what it stands for? SET stands for Science, Engineering and Technology. It is a program that 4-H is implementing with the hope of teaching 1 million young people about science, engineering and technology, as well as give them the tools to help them excel in those fields. The SET program hopes to reach that number no later than 2013.

The United States is falling behind in the fields of science, engineering and technology when compared to other countries. Only about 15% of all United States college graduates earn a degree in science, while only 18% of high school seniors are considered proficient at science. The SET program was implemented to stop this decline and to give science a boost. SET programs hope to get young minds interested in science again, and to boost the number of college students graduating with degrees in fields of science, engineering and technology.

SET as many different subjects to teach and a variety of ways to teach them. SET subjects can be taught at camps, conferences, additions to projects or as their own project. Some of the curriculum offered relating to SET are fingerprinting, science of cake baking, electricity and robotics. If you would like to incorporate some SET curriculum at your club level or simply have questions about SET, contact Lynn at lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu or Emily at eturnquist@ucdavis.edu

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Nickelodeon's The Big Green Grants program funds teams of youth and adults to help bring resources to their community. Each Green Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for resources to schools and community-based organizations to support environmentally-friendly projects that educate and inspire kids to (1) take care of the environment; (2) be active and live healthier; and/or (3) engage in community service. Applications are accepted between April 22 and December 31, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.bghevent.com/grant/index.htm>

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

Create a 4-H SET Video and Win Great Prizes!

Get ready to create your own 3-5 minute video that helps staff and volunteers implement SET. Between May 8 – June 19th the National 4-H Council will be accepting video entries. Any 4-H educator, volunteer, staff member or specialist may enter a 3-5 minute digital video that can be posted to the internet. More information is available at <http://4-h.org/set/videochallenge.html>

CURRICULUM

The **BirdSleuth** curriculum gets youth outdoors watching and identifying birds! The modules, designed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology are specifically geared toward middle-school students. Each module focuses on a specific aspect of bird biology or behavior. Each is designed to help students ask, and answer, their own questions about birds—true scientific inquiry achieved through engaging activities and a healthy dose of fresh air. Each module comes with teacher materials, a student journal, a resource DVD, and more. To learn more about BirdSleuth, visit www.BirdSleuth.net

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

June 2009
 12 State Leadership Conf. registration due
 18 County Council Meeting
 18 "Green Sheets" Articles due

July 2009
 4 Independence Day- Office Closed
 16 Newsletter articles due
 24-27 Summer Camp @ Camp Loma
 31 2008-09 Club Secretary & Treasurer Books due to 4-H Office

State 4-H Office

4-H CALENDAR 

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