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Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program



The 4-H Green Sheets

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Dear Santa Cruz County 4-H Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you that after two years of dedicated service to the Santa Cruz County 4-H program, Heather Holmstadt has resigned from her position as the 4-H Program Representative to pursue a career in nursing, effective June 29, 2007. Please join me in wishing Heather the best of luck in her educational pursuits.

The University of California Cooperative Extension recognizes the important role that Program Representatives provide to the 4-H community, and has released the position for recruitment.

Applications are available in hard-copy form from the UCCE Office, as well as on our website at <http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu>. Applications will be accepted until 4:00pm, Friday, May 11 with the intention of having the new person on board by early July, 2007.

Please assist me in promoting this opportunity in the community. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty".

Youth Development Advisor

County Record Books Due

Record Books are due in the County Office by **May 17, 2007**. Now is the time for all members to be working to get their books up to date and ready for judging at the club level in time to meet their clubs due date. All books that have received a gold seal from their club are eligible to be entered in the county-wide judging.

What is a Record Book?

It is a written report of your 4-H participation and accomplishments. You record the things you did as well as the things you learned in 4-H.

Why Do We Do Them?

The main reason is to be recognized for your accomplishments and to document what you have learned in the 4-H Program. In addition, members can earn Star Rank Awards to display on their hats. Through the process of putting together a record book, however, you also learn many valuable life skills which will benefit you in your school work and throughout your life.

How Do I Learn How To Do A Record Book Correctly?

The forms and the instructions are available from the 4-H Office. Club and project leaders and older teens in your club may be able to give you information and assistance. There is more information available on-line and there may be trainings available through your club. The very best way to do a record book is to just get started! Do the best you can, learn from that and improve each year.

Are There Different Requirements for Different Ages?

Yes.

Primary Members (ages 5-8) use an abbreviated record book format made especially for them.

Junior Members (ages 9-13) and Senior Members (ages 14-18) use the PDR (Personal Development Report) format which has clear and easy to follow instructions.

Forms and instructions on the State 4-H website: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/forms/index.asp> and in the 4-H office.

Is It Too Late to Do a Record Book if I've Never Done One?

Absolutely not! You will need to reconstruct your records for past years with the help of your leaders, parents, and other members. The important thing is to start and do the best you can. You will never regret the work you put into this process as it will benefit you greatly as you continue in 4-H, school, and life.

If you have any questions please contact your club leader or the 4-H Office, 763-8015.

Mission Statement for the California 4-H Youth Development Program

"The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development."



2007 4-H Camp - "Caravans and Fortune Tellers"

Start planning your summer now! 4-H Camp will be held **Friday, July 28th through Monday, July 31st at Camp Loma**. The cost is \$90.00. Registration forms are available at randyt.com or on the county 4-H website at <http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu>. For those interested in being a camp counselor sign up with Robin Turnquist as soon as possible. If you would like more information about camp or wish to sign up as a counselor contact Robin Turnquist at 688-4750.



Nurse needed for Camp - A nurse or EMT is needed for this year's camp. Their camp fee and child's camp fee will be paid for. They will need to attend new leader orientation and be fingerprinted, the livescan and 4-H insurance fees will also be paid for. Those interested please contact Robin Turnquist at the number above.

New Leader Orientation

There will be a New Leader Orientation on Wednesday, May 23rd beginning at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the La Selva Beach Community Center on Estrella, next to the Fire Department. Childcare and pizza for the kids will be provided. Please RSVP to Heather at the 4-H Office by Thursday, May 17, 2007.

Tri-County Presentation Day Results

There were six presenters representing Santa Cruz County at the Tri-County Presentation Day held March 24th at Salinas High School. The presenters included Cami Newton of Soquel 4-H and Aleksey Huff, Leslie Crill, Edee Wildman, Sondra Wildman and Emily Yanez all of Felton 4-H. All of the presenters did a great job and received gold medals for their presentations! They are now eligible to participate at the State 4-H Presentation Day held May 26th at UC Davis. Thank you to Elaine and Tracy Kennedy of Felton 4-H for judging at the event.

Clover Safe

The publication, Clover Safe, will be brought to you each month by ANR's Division of Environmental Health and Safety. These one page documents offer tips and activities for health and safety concerns in different 4-H project areas. New subject areas are continually being added to the listing. These materials are designed to be used at project leader meetings.

A link has been created on the County 4-H website, http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development. Check them out!

Horse News

State 4-H Horse Classic

The State 4-H Horse Classic will be held July 18-22, 2007, at the Murieta Equestrian Complex near Sacramento. The educational events (hippology, horse judging, horse bowl, demonstrations & public speaking) and the horse show classes (English, Western and Gymkhana) will be all offered. More information about the classes, rules and entry due dates will be available in early April at the official web site, <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>.



NEW for 2007: The state 4-H equine education advisory committee recently ruled for 2007 that to participate in the state 4-H horse classic horse show classes, 4-Hers do not need to qualify. Counties are still being encouraged to sponsor local horse shows so participants will have the opportunity to practice, receive feedback and improve their skills before the state event.

Equine Education List Serve

All horse leaders and members are invited to join the Equine Education List Serve. Go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/> to sign up. This is now the official site for your 4-H equine information about events and resources.



OLDER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Want YOUth: Laughing, Living, Learning and Loving! Attend the 4-H State Leadership Conference!

The 2006-2007 California 4-H State Ambassador Team would like to invite you to attend the 2007 State 4-H Leadership Conference being held August 2-5 at UC Davis. This four-day leadership conference is open to high school-aged 4-Hers and is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow 4-H members from across the state.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, educational tracks and workshops and lots of fun! This year's keynote speakers include teacher, counselor, author and speaker Toody Byrd, self-help guru Josh Shipp, and continuing a tradition started at last year's conference, the 4-H State Ambassador Team. Tracks and workshops will range in topics from digital video editing and team building activities, to animal science and leadership skills. Evening events will include a relaxing night of games and team building activities on the first night and a luau Friday night in the biggest free form pool west of the Mississippi. During the luau there will be the annual sectional volleyball tournament as well as movie and board games in the pool side lounge. On the final night of the conference there will be a formal dance under the stars to wrap things up.

Registration is due to your county 4-H office by June 22, 2007, so there is still plenty of time for fundraisers. **The sooner registration forms are turned in, the better your chances are of getting the tracks and workshops you want.** The registration fee of \$380 covers food in the all-you-can-eat, top-of-the-line UCD Segundo Dining Commons and a four night stay in the high-rise Segundo Residence Halls. Registration forms are available online at http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/ or at the 4-H Office.



Financial Aid Applications for State Leadership Conference

The Wells Fargo Foundation, through a gift secured by The California 4-H Foundation, has generously provided funds which will allow youth to attend the 2007 4-H State Leadership Conference.

Financial assistance will be allotted on an "as needed and available" basis and is not transferable. Delegates may ask for up to \$330 of financial aid. Financial aid selections will be based on:

- Income of the family and family size
- Contribution to the diversity of the 4-H State Leadership Conference (e.g. participation in different delivery modes, those requiring special needs, etc.)
- Extenuating circumstances such as the death of a parent, parental unemployment, etc.
- Preference to those not having received financial aid previously
- Those demonstrating an active interest in developing and utilizing skills learned after the conference
- Expected transportation costs to the campus hosting the conference based on geographic distance

Upon returning from the conference, all youth receiving financial aid must complete the following:

- Write a letter of thanks to the Wells Fargo Foundation.
- Include a brief summary describing how the conference experience impacted the delegate and what actions were taken after the conference.

Forms are available on the county website, http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/. Application forms need to be returned to the State 4-H Office by **May 25**. Counties will receive notification of funding by **June 4**. Please note that the 4-HYD Advisor or Program Representative from the county must sign the application, as well as the youth requesting financial aid.

California Range and Natural Resources Camp

The 23rd Annual California Range and Natural Resources Camp, for 15- to 18-year old youth, will be held at the Elkus Youth Ranch outside Half Moon Bay, June 17 - 22, 2007. Sessions and activities include: riparian watershed management; rangeland management; wildlife management; forestry; rangeland-urban interface; a tour of an operating ranch; and a team project planning competition. The top three campers receive belt buckles and are eligible to attend the High School Youth Forum in Louisville, KY, January, 2008. More information is available at: <http://www.casrm.org/CaSRM11.shtml>. Application deadline is **May 14, 2007**.



State 4-H Field Day

This year's State 4-H Field Day will be held Saturday, May 26, 2007 at University of California, Davis. Events will be held at Wellman, Olson and Hart Halls.



Events during the State 4-H Field Day:

- State 4-H Presentation Day (*pre-registration required by May 21*) – public speaking competition for 4-H members
- State 4-H Horticulture Contest – state qualifier for the National 4-H Horticulture Contest
- State 4-H Fashion Revue (*pre-registration required by May 12*) – clothing competition for 4-H members
- Judging Event – learn about making choices and decisions

Schedule for the Day:

7:30 – 9:00	Check-In	Wellman Hall
7:30 – 9:00	Fashion Revue Check-In	Olson Hall
9:00 – 3:00	Silent Auction Open	Grass in Front of Wellman Hall
8:30 – 9:50	Judges' Orientation	Wellman 2
8:30 – 9:00	Room Host Orientation	Wellman 126
9:00 – 10:00	Opening Assembly	Grass in Front of Wellman Hall
9:15 – 9:30	Fashion Revue Orientation	Olson Hall
9:30 – 12:00	Fashion Revue Judging & Workshops	Olson Rooms
10:10 – 12:00	Presentations	Wellman Rooms
10:00 – 1:30	Horticulture Contest	Hart Hall 1150 and 1128
10:30 – 3:00	Judging Event	Wellman Lounge
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 3:45	Presentations	Wellman Rooms
2:00 – 3:30	Fashion Show and Awards	Grass in Front of Wellman Hall
4:00 – 6:00	Awards Assembly	Grass in Front of Wellman Hall
6:30 – 8:00	Evaluation Meeting	Wellman 2

For more information on lodging and directions visit, <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday>. The Event Coordinator is Steven Worker, State 4-H Office at 530-754-8519 or smworker@ucdavis.edu.

Evaluation Meeting

A meeting will be held on May 26 in Wellman Hall Room 2 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm to evaluate the event and establish the committee for 2008. All youth and adults are welcome to attend.

2008 State 4-H Field Day Logo Contest

Submit a design in the **2008 State 4-H Field Day Logo Contest!** At this year's State 4-H Field Day on May 26, 2007 at U.C. Davis, 4-H members will be asked to vote on designs submitted by 4-H members. Logos must be submitted by 10:00am on **May 26, 2007** at the contest. For more information, please contact Seth Washman, Placer County 4-H member at newdew@sbcglobal.net or the website at: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday>.

2007 Golden Clover Awards

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H Members, 4-H Volunteers, and 4-H Groups may be nominated or self-nominated in any applicable categories. Individuals and groups may only win once in a category every three years.

Applications must contain the Cover Page, Essay Questions and optional components of letters of recommendation and other additional materials including photographs, clippings, videos, flyers, and stories. Each category will be awarded \$500 to be used at the discretion of the award winner(s). Also awarded are a medallion, pin, and recognition on the 4-H website. Winners will be announced at the 4-H State Leadership Conference and State 4-H Leaders' Forum. Applications are awarded in 11 member categories, 11 volunteer categories and 8 group categories. Volunteer Awards in memory of Keith Barnes are sponsored by the California Farm Bureau Federation.

Applications are due **August 31, 2007**. For more information and applications, please visit <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/index.asp>.

2007-2008 Statewide Advisory Committees

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is seeking 4-H members, volunteer leaders, and staff who are interested in applying for **2007-2008 Statewide Advisory Committees**. The committees include: Program Advisory Committee, Policy Advisory Committee, Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee, Equine Education Advisory Committee, Citizenship Service-Learning Advisory Council, International Exchange Advisory Committee, and the Cultural Awareness, Statewide Education Task Force. The information and application packet is available at [http://ca4h.org/council/4-HYDPStatewideCommittees\(2007\).pdf](http://ca4h.org/council/4-HYDPStatewideCommittees(2007).pdf). Applications are due **June 30, 2007**.



2007 State 4-H Record Books

Books eligible for State judging must meet the following criteria:

- * 4-H member is at least 14 years of age by December 31, 2007 and no older than 19 years old by December 31, 2007.
- * 4-H member was enrolled in the 4-H Youth Development Program during the entire program year for which the 4-H Record Book is being submitted.
- * **Folder:** Label on upper right-hand corner of front cover: 1) Name, 2) County, 3) Address.
- * **Correct formatting:** handwritten or 12 point font typewritten in Garamond, Arial, Times New Roman or Helvetica in black ink.
 - 1 ½" inside (left) margin.
 - Page limitations not exceeded.
 - No plastic page covers.
- * State 4-H Judging Cover Page completed and with proper signatures
- * Personal Development Report completed and with proper signatures
- * My 4-H Story written and no more than 6 pages, single-sided included.
- * **Projects:**
 - An Annual Project Report Form for each project completed
 - A Junior/Teen Leadership Report for each Junior/Teen Leadership reported
 - County Supplemental forms removed
- * **Collection of 4-H Work –**
 - No more than 11 page total, including: No more than 2 pages of Newspaper clippings (single-sided), 2 pages of letters (single-sided), 2 pages of flyers/brochures and 5 pages of photographs (single-sided)
- * **Previous Years' Materials** removed.
- * Three summary pages included:
 - ___ Project ___ Leadership ___ Citizenship



Judging will take place November 30 - December 2, 2007. Books **must be postmarked by October 31, 2007** and be limited to the twelve-month period for the 2006-2007 program year. The Record Book form is now available in PDF format with form fields at: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/index.asp>, and members can download the file onto their own computer. Information and additional forms are available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition.asp>, including the "County Check Sheet" that must be filled out by either the County 4-H Staff or a volunteer committee before the book is submitted to State Judging. In addition, the State 4-H Office is seeking judges for the state competition. Applications are due September 30, 2007.

4-H Booth at California State Fair

The California State Fair is fast approaching (August 17th-September 3rd) and once again The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences and the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available through the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Small 4-H projects are welcome (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of community service projects also make good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books.

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 and 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/>.

The Green Sheets

is the newsletter of the Santa Cruz 4-H County Council and the UC Cooperative Extension Office.

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Deadline for newsletter articles: 3rd Thursday of each month

Submissions may be sent to:

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4-H CALENDAR

May			
17	Newsletter articles due	4-H Office	
17	County Record Books Due	4-H Office	
23	New Leader Orientation	La Selva Beach Comm. Center	6:00 PM
24	**County Record Book Judging - date & location change	Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr	6:00 PM
24	**County Council Meeting - date change	Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr	7:00 PM
25	SLC Financial Aid applications due	State 4-H Office	
26	State Presentation Day/Field Day	UC Davis Campus	
28	Memorial Day - Office Closed		
30	Club Leaders - All Reasonable Efforts report due	4-H Office	
June			
10	County Awards Event	Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr	1:00 PM
22	State Leadership Conference registration due	4-H Office	
21	County Council Meeting	Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr	7:00 PM
21	Newsletter articles due	4-H Office	
July			
4	Independence Day - Office Closed		
19	County Council Meeting	TBA	TBA
19	Newsletter articles due	4-H Office	
27-30	Summer Camp	Camp Loma	

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