



The 4-H Green Sheets

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State Fair Outreach 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/>.

"Around the World in 4 Days"

Camp Loma 4-H Camp
2010

When: July 23-26, 2010

Where: Camp Loma, Santa Cruz Mountains

www.camloma.org

Forms: http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Registration_2010/

Or call the 4-H office, 763-8015

Forms are due: **June 1st, 2010**

To Robin Turnquist, 688-4750, 1528 Wilshire Drive, Aptos, CA 95003





Leader Information:

Funding for Volunteers

4-H club support funding is available through the **Bob and Pat Dean Memorial Legacy Fund** for California 4-H members or volunteers. Funding is intended for activities that meet the following criteria: 1) enable youth to develop citizenship, leadership, or life skills; 2) support the development of new and innovative 4-H projects benefiting 4-H members; 3) increase public awareness of the 4-H Youth Development Program; 4) expand the reach of the 4-H Youth Development Program (new youth, new audiences); 5) provide continuing benefits to the applicant's local 4-H Club or project.

Application information is available at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/>

Applications are due **September 15, 2010**

Youth Garden Grants offers awards for schools and community organizations with child-centered garden programs. The National Garden Association helps youth learn vital life lessons from working in gardens and habitats. Priority is given to programs that emphasize: nutrition or plant-to-food connections; environmental awareness/education; entrepreneurship; and the social aspects of gardening. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years. Applications are due by **November 2, 2010**. For more information, please visit <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>

Resource's

The American Society for Engineering Education maintains a pre-engineering website designed for students and teachers. The website contains lesson plans, activities, and programs designed to enhance the math and science skills of students, grades kindergarten through twelve. Visit <http://teachers.egfi-k12.org/> for teachers' resources and lesson plans or the students' webpage at <http://www.egfi-k12.org/>

Conferences

WRLF 2011

The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.

Leader's Forum 2010

The **2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum**, with the theme of, "Upgrade! S.E.T. your system! Go!", will be held **November 5-7, 2010** at the **Asilomar Conference Center**. Portions of the forum will focus on sharing ideas about the various ways that 4-H educates its members in the Science, Engineering, and Technology initiative, facilitated by volunteers and staff. Workshop proposals are due **July 1** and forum registration is due **September 1**. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf>.

National Sheep Conference

4-H members involved in sheep projects may be interested to plan ahead and attend the **2011 National ASI Convention**, planned for **January 19-22, 2011** in Reno, NV. You may visit the American Sheep Industry site, http://www.sheepusa.org/Future_Convention_Dates for more information. Please note: There is currently no CA funding available to assistance with attendance.





Member Opportunities:

State 4-H Activities

Send in Your 4-H Story

Have your members completed the My 4-H Story from their 2009-2010 Record Books? Have them submit their stories with an embedded photograph for a chance to win \$25 and be featured on the Member Highlights section of the new 4-H website. Stories with photographs are due by July 31. For more information and to submit a story, please visit <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4879>

Incentives & Recognition

Youth Service America (YSA) has created an **Everyday Young Hero Award program**. This is an opportunity to provide recognition to a dedicated individual involved in 4-H, age 5-25, that goes above and beyond to help their community. Award winners are recognized with a certificate, letter and a feature on the YSA website. The applications for awards recipients is an ongoing process. You may visit www.YSA.org/awards/hero that deserving 4-H'er today!

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National 4-H Conference 2011

Applications are currently being accepted for the **2011 National 4-H Conference**, to be held on **April 2-9th**. Applications are due by **October 1, 2010**. Please check the state website for an application. The National 4-H Conference has been an amazing experience for the lucky few that are selected every year for a trip back to Chevy Chase MD and the National 4-H Conference Center. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. More information can be found ! at: <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/> or please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong: 530-752-5644

Grants

Best Buy @15 Community Grants- Through the @15 Community Grants Program, Best Buy teams across the United States to select non-profit organizations that provide positive experiences to help teens excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills. This year, the Best Buy Children's Foundation will give \$2 million through their Community Grants Program to support programs that serve a diverse population of young teens in the areas of learning, life skills, leadership or relationship development. This is an annual grant program with applications accepted **June 1-July 1, 2010**. Maximum award is \$10,000. For details, please visit: www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/local_donations.htm

The American Medical Association Foundation has sponsored the **Healthy Living Grant Program**. Grants with a maximum value of \$5,000 will be awarded to public health projects that focus on one of three areas: Nutrition/Physical Fitness; Alcohol, Substance Abuse, and Smoking Prevention, and Violence Prevention. Eligible projects will focus on serving at-risk youth between 2-21 years old. For more information, visit: www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/ama-foundation/our-programs/public-health/healthy-living-grants.shtml.

Online Activities

The new **ATV Safety online mini site** is now available! The ATV site is sponsored by the Specialty Vehicle Association of America (SVIA) and the ATV Safety Institute (ASI). The site promotes safe and responsible use of ATVs, thereby reducing accidents and injuries that may result from improper ATV operation by the rider. Great new interactive tools and resources are available, including e-Learning Courses, Safety Tips, and ATV Safety Videos. As a member, you can access various features, including the ATV Riding Game- "Treadsylvania," Geo-Mapping, and a Calendar and Discussion Forum. We encourage you to visit the site at www.4-h.org/atvsafety and become a member.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

California Science Education Conference



The 2010 California Science Education Conference is October 22 – 24, 2010 in Sacramento, California. This is the premier professional development event for science educators, with emphasis on all areas of science education from life science, environmental science, physical science, and more. The closing keynote address will be given by Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage from Discovery Channel's MythBusters.

Registration forms are due by October 8, and more information can be found online at http://www.cascience.org/csta/conf_home.asp

NASA is sponsoring Basics of Rocketry Workshops throughout the country to promote rocketry as a means of engaging youth in science, engineering, technology, and mathematics. These hands-on workshops introduce educators to the basic concepts of rocketry, prepare them to teach these topics to their students, and assist them in building their own rocket! For additional information, contact Dr. Wendy Holforty at Wendy.L.Holforty@nasa.gov or visit <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/teachingfromspace/educators/rocketry-workshops.html>

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

PBS Kids is hosting the 2010 Trash to Treasure Competition, an opportunity for youth ages 5 through 19 to display their talent and creativity. The competition requires that applicants take old trash and recycle, reuse, or reengineer their everyday items into a new invention that can either protect the environment, move things or people, or be used for play. The competition deadline is September 5, 2010 at 12:00 noon (ET). For more details, complete rules, and online registration, visit <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html>



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August Upcoming Events:

- 7 Entry forms due for Santa Cruz Co. Fair
- 19 **County Council Meeting**
- 19 Newsletter articles due
- 28-29 S. C. County Fair Booth Work Days



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

Please call the office prior to your visit to check schedule changes that may occur

4-H Council Officers

President: Jennifer Pacella
Vice President: Stephanie Hedgpeth-Lopes
Secretary: Joan Wildman
Treasurer: Randy Turnquist

The Green Sheets is the newsletter of the University of California Cooperative Extension Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development Program.

Deadline for newsletter articles:
Third Thursday of every month to the 4-H Office



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