



The 4-H Green Sheets

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One simple step we can take to help raise \$1,000,000 for 4-H

Here's an easy (and free) way for us all to help support 4-H... If everyone involved in California 4-H would take this simple step we could raise up to \$1,000,000 for 4-H programs across California.

Currently, HBO is teaming up with Network for Good to promote an inspiring documentary film "A Small Act" by giving away FREE \$10.00 Good Cards to donate to charity. Our California 4-H family has a unique connection to this inspiring film. It was made by Jennifer Arnold, the stepdaughter of Santa Barbara County 4-H Advisor Michael Marzolla and is currently playing on HBO. Check out the website at: <http://asmallact.com>.

For a limited time, while supplies last, everyone can get a FREE \$10.00 gift card to donate to The California 4-H Foundation and designate it to support the 4-H program of your choice within California. It's VERY SIMPLE to get a FREE \$10.00 Good Card. Simply go to <http://itsh.bo/yoursmallact> to get your Good Card. It will take 48 hours for your Good Card and Good Card Redemption Code to be delivered to you via e-mail. Then Follow these EASY steps to donate your \$10.00 Good Card to The California 4-H Foundation AND designate it to your local 4-H program.

To Redeem Your Card and Donate to 4-H:

1. Go to www.networkforgood.org

2. Click on Donate

Charity name = 4-H

State = California

3. Click on Search Choose the link 4-H Clubs and Affiliated 4-H Organizations in Davis, CA 95617 (This is The California 4-H Foundation)

4. Click on Donate Now

5. Click Redeem Good Card

6. Fill out the form, under Designation put you specific County or program of choice (ex. Statewide Shooting Sports Program, or Yolo County 4-H Club Program)

It is that simple! When we receive our monthly distribution of all donations made on behalf of 4-H from Network for Good, we will sort by program and distribute the funds directly to the appropriate county or program director. The California 4-H Foundation will distribute 100% of funds raised distributed to the programs designated. As with all designated donations, we retain no processing or administrative fee. Help your favorite 4-H program

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."



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>

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>.

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:

Fundraising

From the State 4-H Foundation

Appeal Letter Assistance - The California 4-H Foundation will provide assistance to local 4-H groups in preparing direct appeal letters. We can provide coaching and tips to assemble a powerful database of donors, help you craft a locally focused powerful letter, provide support for printing and mailing, and offer assistance with donor stewardship. For more information contact: Amy McGuire, our new Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations at almcguire@ucdavis.edu.

Local Fundraising Planning and Support - The Foundation is working intensively with several counties to develop fundraising teams to increase local fundraising. By developing and implementing local fundraising plans, communities will increasingly coordinate all the fundraising done by local 4-H groups and supporters to both maximize the existing efforts and to reach new donors. For a copy of a logic model that breaks down the thinking behind this effort please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/files/27938.doc>
For more information, contact Annette Leeland at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.

Grants

Service Learning Grants

Are you addressing a current issue in your community? Do you have a new idea that will help solve a local problem? If you have the ideas and the manpower and need some money to make your project happen, submit an application through the Service-Learning RFP Program. You could receive financial assistance up to \$5,000 for your service-learning project. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and applications are due **September 15, 2010**. Apply for funding to support your community. Applications are on-line at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/> at the

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.

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



UPCOMING TRAININGS

The 2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum will be held November 5-7, 2010 at the Asilomar Conference Center. This year's theme, "Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, GO!" emphasizes sharing ideas about the various ways that the 4-H Youth Development Program educates its members in science, engineering, and technology. The Saturday evening science fair is one opportunity for 4-H adult volunteers to learn about the wide array of 4-H SET activities and curricula available for their 4-H projects. Register to lead an activity or display at the science fair by October 1, 2010 at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/20560.doc>. Registration is due September 1. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>

Save the date! – February 5, 2011 – for the 3rd annual statewide 4-H science, engineering, and technology workshops! Workshops will take place in multiple locations across the state. The locations and the curricula are still being planned. If you have suggestions, please send them to Steven Worker at smwoker@ucdavis.edu

CURRICULUM

Lead a 4-H gardening project this year! Gardening projects help youth learn about the earth, life, nutrition, and agriculture. Here are curricula useful in planning a 4-H gardening project:

4-H SERIES It Came From Planted Earth provides activities using the scientific process and discussions to gain a better understanding of agriculture. Youth begin to gain knowledge about agriculture and its application in the real world. Each session provides hands on activities for youth to explore agriculture from the beginning seeds to the foods we eat to the importance of water and soil to production. Further exploration is given about current issues in agriculture from biotechnology to integrated pest management to urban-rural interface. <http://www.ca4h.org/files/13928.pdf>

The Growing Classroom - Garden and Nutrition Activity Guide includes topics on soil, plants, cycles, ecology, weather, nutrition, and food systems. Also includes team-building and sensory exploration activities, organic gardening skills, and information on how to create and sustain a successful school garden program. <http://www.lifelab.org/store-curricula.html#tgc>

GrowLab Activities for Growing Minds help spark youth curiosity about plants and invite them to think and act like scientists. Developed by the National Gardening Association and written and field-tested by educators, this complete curriculum uses fun, illustrated activities to explore plant life cycles, examine plant diversity, and investigate the interdependence of plants, humans, and other living and nonliving things. <http://www.gardeningwithkids.org/10-4008.html>

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The Inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival, hosted by Lockheed Martin, will be the country's first national science festival and will descend on the Washington, D.C. area in the Fall of 2010. Opening on 10/10/10 with a gala concert of amazing science songs performed by over 200 children and adults at the University of Maryland, the Festival promises to be the ultimate multi-cultural, multigenerational and multi-disciplinary celebration of science in the United States. More information is available at www.usasciencefestival.org/



AUGUST 2010



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 SC Fair Entries Due
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Council Mtg. 7pm Aptos Grange	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Feature Booth Workday
29 Feature Booth Workday	30	31				

September Upcoming Events:

1 State Leader's Forum Early/room
Registration Due
1-6 Monterey County Fair
4-5 S. C. County Fair Booth Work Days
6 Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed
11-12 Feature booth Work Days
12 Food Safety Training

12 Feature Booth Judging-S. C. County Fair
(12pm Harvest Building)
14-19 Santa Cruz County Fair
16 Newsletter articles due
20 Booth Clean-up 8am - 5pm
No County Council Meeting

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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

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Deadline for newsletter articles:

Third Thursday of every month to the 4-H Office



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