



From the California 4-H Foundation

November is a time to reflect on our many blessings. This is a gentle reminder to extend a special thank you to the parents, volunteers and other 4-H supporters who make our programs work. At the Foundation, we are indeed very grateful to the generous 4-H community that has answered our calls for support, resulting in over 300 new donors this past year!

We have seen this same level of commitment and support for 4-H in counties throughout the state. In October, Sacramento 4-H held a "Leading the Way" breakfast with over 60 people in attendance. They heard and saw firsthand how 4-H has directly impacted the county, the parents, the volunteers and the youth who live there. Thanks to moving testimonials by current and former 4-H members and volunteers, the event resulted in gifts and pledges that will directly support programs in Sacramento County. It is the Foundation's goal to support similar events throughout California in the years ahead.

Lastly, the Foundation will be holding a fundraising workshop at the November State Leader's Forum. We will also be formally introducing the ***Revolution of Responsibility*** Centennial Campaign to state leaders and volunteers. We hope to ignite a spark around the Revolution and have volunteers leave the conference feeling energized, motivated and prepared to work with their youth in to create a truly impactful service learning project. Visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/> for more information.

County Updates:

Please visit the county 4-H website at <http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/>
 For more information about our local 4-H program, forms and updates.

Snow Camp 2012

Come join us for a fun weekend of Skiing, Snowboards, sleding and hot apple cider by the fire.

When: President's weekend February 17-20, 2012

Where: Camp Sylvester, Pinecrest, CA (www.campsylvester.org)

See page 5 for more information

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:

Conferences

State Leader's Forum

"THE MAGIC OF 4-H: TRANSFORMATION" SLF November 11, 12, 13, 2011

Come this November to the State Leader's Forum in Pacific Grove. Stay at the historic Asilomar conference grounds, enjoy walks on the beach, meet new friends, and re-connect with old friends. Coming to any conference is always a rejuvenating experience – it gets you 'revved-up' for the year to come. You hear new ideas and get excited to try that 'same ole' project in an entirely new way. And this year's conference is guaranteed to do all of the above, and more.

We have top-notch speakers lined up: Andrew Bosworth, former Diamond Star and current Director of Engineering at Facebook; Carolee Hazaard, who calls herself an 'opportunist' and community service activist; and Ralph Flynn, local businessman with a goal to keep everyone motivated to do the best they can. Plus you'll hear from Sandy Cohen (the State 4-H Leader's Council president); Shannon Dogan (our Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy); Annette Leland (Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation); and Steven Worker (4-H SET Coordinator) – to name a few.

The workshops we have are terrific: communication, technology, project work, healthy living and much, much more. There will be time to visit with friends, time to ask your questions, and time to enjoy the day. Go to: www.ca4h.org; click on 'programs' and then 'conferences'. Download the registration forms (one for the conference, and one for your room) and sign up today and be transformed!



"Save the Date!"

2012 California 4-H Camping Conference March 23 – 25th, 2012

Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA
There will be hands-on training for adult and teen leaders who help plan and administer 4-H camping programs. More details will follow in the next edition of Updates.



Western Regional Leaders Forum

National 4-H

[Youth in Mississippi Start a Social Media Revolution](#)

When the town of Lucedale in George County, Mississippi, was struck by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, traditional media (television and radio) were used in the advanced efforts to warn the public. Popular social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter weren't used in the town's communication plan, although they are heavily used among the general public.

View full article at: www.4-H.org



4-H Member Opportunities:

Fashion Revue

The **State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee announces categories and service projects for **2012!** Entry categories returning from 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased (with \$100 limit), and Wearable Art-Embellished. The Recycled category will not be offered at State Fashion Revue for 2012; counties may choose to include it at local events only. The \$15 Challenge was so popular in 2011, it will become the \$19.99 Challenge for 2012. It has the same rules (shoes and sales tax don't count, receipts required) but the limit is increased to \$19.99 to allow more creativity. We are adding a second challenge, called the Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity #7161, view A only, and model it with a garment or garments that coordinate with the tote bag. SFR will be coordinating two service projects. The Quilts for Wounded Warriors is returning because the American Legion needs more quilts. Statewide, 4-H created sixty quilts in 2011 and we look forward to even more in 2012. Our second service activity is the Million Pillowcase Project, for handmade or decorated pillowcases. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join our committee, please visit our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

From National 4-H Council

National 4-H Council has announced the annual **Youth in Action awards** opportunity. If you know of a 4-H youth between the ages of 14-19 who has made a significant impact in their community, consider nominating him or her today. A youth who is nominated will also need to apply for the award at <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action-awards/> by November 1, 2011. An application and more information is available at: <http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/2011/>.

LCORT

Leadership Conference of **Regional Teens**
"Reeling in Success Through 4-H"

When: January 27-29, 2012

- Check-in: Friday, Jan. 27th, 6-9pm
- Adjournment: Sunday Jan. 29, at noon

Where: Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger CA

Who: 7th-9th Grade 4-Her's

Cost: \$140 – includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast) snacks, all registration materials and LCORT T-Shirt (\$150 after Dec. 1, 2011)

Why: To define and develop your leadership abilities. To have an opportunity to meet and share ideas with other 4-H youth and adults. To expand your perspective on the world around you and to have an enjoyable time!

To Register: Forms can be found online at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/122083.pdf> or in the 4-H office. Forms are due to the 4-H office by November 10, 2011.

Council

The 4-H Council of Santa Cruz County meets on the Third Thursdays of the month, except for December, February, July & September.

The 4-H council is open to all 4-H members and 4-H leaders.

The 4-H council of Santa Cruz County would like to invite you to attend our next council meeting on Thursday November 17th, 2011, 7 pm at the Aptos Grange, 3555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos.

*Please come and get involved in **YOUR** county 4-H program!*



4-H Member Opportunities Continued:

Citizenship & Travel

2012 Citizenship Focus Program

California Focus – June 15-19, 2012

Washington Focus #1

Heritage Trail I – June 24-30, 2012

Road to Democracy – June 24-July 2, 2012

Washington Focus #2

Heritage Trail I – July 8-14, 2012

Global Journey – July 8-17, 2012

Meet 4-H'ers from across California while you expand your life skills and learn more about your community and state. An information packet will arrive in your county 4-H office by mid-October or information is available now on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/>. Registrations are due January 16. For questions contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

The **National 4-H Conference** is a working conference in which youth and adults develop 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.

Applications are now available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>
For more information please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu

Important dates to remember:

2012 National 4-H Conference

March 24 – March 29, 2012

October 31, 2011 Applications due

November 14, Notifications out to applicants

December 10, Team Meeting State Office

February 11, Team Meeting State Office

Funding

Come Join the Revolution of Responsibility!

2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California and the 4-H Program will celebrate by giving back to their communities with youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by actually leading, collaboration by forming relationships with other groups and agencies, and citizenship skills by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. The Revolution of Responsibility will celebrate the power of youth taking action and will consolidate all the various funding programs that are provided by the State 4-H office. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding (up to \$1,000) to support service-learning projects related to either club or project activities. An on-line application is available at: <http://ucanr.org/join/>. The next application deadline is **January 15. If you can't submit by January 15, 2012, applications will also be accepted for a third submission round until April 15, 2012.** For more information check out the web site at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/> or contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

The **Everyday Young Hero Awards** are offered and awarded on a weekly basis to youths from around the world, ages 5-25, who exemplify commitment to service. If you know of a youth that is deserving of nomination for this award, visit: www.YSA.org/awards/hero today.

2011 Promise Neighborhoods Program –

Through the U.S. Department of Education, grant opportunities for this program and applications have recently been made available. Grant recipients will be selected no later than **December 31, 2011**. For more information, visit:

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/promiseneighborhoods/index.html>.

Santa Cruz County 4-H Snow camp

Join 4-H'ers from all over Santa Cruz County on February 17-20, 2012, at Snow Camp. Snow Camp is a semi-structured, family-oriented winter camp. Spend the weekend at Camp Sylvester in Pinecrest, just three miles from Dodge Ridge. Have breakfast and pack a lunch in the heated mess hall at camp before you take advantage of daytime activities on your own: ski and snowboard at Dodge Ridge; ice skate at Long Barn, sled at nearby hills or build the perfect snowman or sled run across the street from camp, play board games and cards in the mess hall. Come back to camp for hot cocoa, dinner and evening activities. Enjoy the heated cabins and hot showers, too! Camp chores will include kitchen help, restroom, cabin and common area cleanup. Chores will be assigned by cabin.

All 4-H members must be accompanied by a parent or other adult. All adults MUST have attended 4-H Leader Orientation, be properly enrolled in the 4-H Program and have been fingerprinted at least 1 month prior to attending Snow Camp.

Cost of Snow Camp is \$100 per person, 9 years and older, \$80 per person ages 5-8
Deadline for registration is Friday, January 20, 2012.

We encourage each person to bring a box of hot cocoa or cider packets and a package of cookies to share. We'll have hot water for beverages going all day. Camp does not provide linens or bedding – make sure to bring sleeping bags, pillows and towels.

Fill out the registration form, 4-H medical release and 4-H Code of Conduct and send it, with your registration fees, to Snow Camp 2012, c/o Felton 4-H, 300 Moon Meadow Lane, Felton, CA 95018. 4-H registration forms are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Publications/> under 4-H Enrollment Forms.

See you there! Call John Detke (831) 335-1285 for more information.

Directions: www.campsylvester.org

580 East towards Stockton

I-205 East towards Tracy/Stockton

Merge onto I-5 North then merge 120 East toward Sonora/Manteca.

Merge onto I-99 North toward Sacramento, exit onto East Yosemite/120 East

Take 120 East toward Sonora in Manteca (stay with 120 through Escalon to Oakdale)

In Oakdale, turn left to 108 East (stay with 108 East through Sonora to Pinecrest)

Camp Sylvester/Dodge Ridge is located 30 miles east of Sonora

Turn Right off Highway 108 to Pinecrest, then onto Dodge Ridge Road and you are there

Camp Sylvester is on the left hand side. If you reach Dodge Ridge Ski Resort – you've gone too far!!





Santa Cruz County 4-H Family Snow Camp

February 17-20, 2012

Registration due by Friday, January 20, 2012

Additional forms and information can be found at:

[http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Camps - Conferences/](http://cesantacruz.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Camps_-_Conferences/)

Name:		Club:	
Address:		Home Phone:	
		Cell Phone:	
Email:			
Emergency Contact:		Phone:	

Family Registration				
Name	Gender	A/M/P*	Special Needs*	Cost*

***A/M/P:** Please indicate one: Adult (over 19) Member (9-19) Primary (5-9)

***Special Needs:** Indicate any diet, medical or other needs

***Cost:** \$100.00 per adult or member; \$80.00 per primary member

No late registrations will be accepted.

Cost Includes: Three nights lodging at Camp Sylvester, Pinecrest, February 17-20, 2012

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday

Breakfast on Monday; kitchen is available for use Friday night

Check in: 5:00pm -10:00 pm Friday, February 17, 2012;

Check out: 10:00 am Monday, February 20, 2012

Campers are each requested to bring a box of hot cocoa or cider packets and a package of cookies to share.

Camp does not provide linens or bedding - make sure to bring sleeping bags, pillows and towels.

Attendance at snow camp is a privilege. All Adult Members must have attended leader orientation and have been fingerprinted prior to attending camp. Members **MUST** be in good standing in their clubs and **MUST** abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct while at Family Snow Camp.

Please make checks payable to: **Santa Cruz County 4-H Snow Camp**

Mail Registration form by January 20 to:

Family Snow Camp 2012
c/o Felton 4-H
300 Moon Meadow Lane
Felton, CA 95018

Questions? Call John Detke or email: jdetke@yahoo.com

Santa Cruz County 4-H Club Reports

Felton 4-H club report: October

Just before the October community club meeting, members got to have fun while learning during the National 4-H Science Experiment, "Wired for Wind". We set up tinker toys, fans, cups, scissors, glue, and all sorts of building tools. Kids came an hour before normal meeting time and set about building small windmills. We measured how fast each could spin with a special device. The kids really enjoyed competing with their friends to see whose windmill turned the fastest. We showed the members how the wind pushed the blades of their gadgets, and how turning the blades can give the toy a chance to spin faster.

The Felton 4-H board members implemented a new and fun role for members attending our club meetings. At each meeting, our Sergeant-at-Arms, Becky Crill, will deputize a youth member to help keep the room quiet. In September, Nadia Kvamme was selected and October found Mercedes Molloy as the "Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms". Nadia took Becky's seat and assisted the president in September, in October, Mercedes patrolled the back of the meeting room to keep chatting adults in check, while Becky watched the room from the front. It was very effective!

Recently, some Felton 4-H members attended the "Fair Share at the Beach" at Seacliff Beach, put on by our events chairperson, Simone Bushard. Thanks Simone! S'mores were enjoyed by all!

On October 15th, Felton 4-H members stood in front of Scotts Valley Safeway and the Felton New Leaf Market. We offered cookies and snacks in our often used "Reverse Bake Sale" and solicited donations of money or store receipts. The receipts were used later to collect 10% of the price of the goods, using a program called Escript. In cash donations, we made \$484, in Escript, approximately \$45. Thanks to everyone who helped with baked goods as well as manning the tables.

Also on October 15th, The Ham Radio Project attended the Annual Ham Cram in Santa Clara, and two youth members and one adult member earned their Ham Radio Technician's License. Congratulations Avery Laurin, Becky Crill, and Beverly Porter!

-Submitted by Michaela Crill, Felton 4-H club reporter 2011-2012

An Awesome Time at Corralitos 4-H By Cory Margo

On Friday, October 21, the Corralitos 4-H had a Halloween party. There were a lot of games such as mummy wraps, a cupcake decorating contest and costume judging. Also, there was a haunted forest and a lot of scary snacks like "cookie fingers." Fun dancing took place with a black light adding to the festivities. We had a great turnout and a great time!

Club report submissions are due by the third Thursday of the month to the 4-H office (or 4-H council meeting that month). There are various ways a 4-Her can submit a report for publishing. You can email your report in to the 4-H Program Rep at fontana@ucdavis.edu, mail to 1432 Freedom Blvd Watsonville, CA 95076 or Fax 763-8006.



UPCOMING TRAININGS

For more information on SET please visit:
<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>

USA Science & Engineering Festival

April 27-29, 2012 in Washington, DC. <http://www.usasciencefestival.org/#>

This 2nd Festival will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers with school programs and nationwide contests throughout the 2011/2012 school year and a finale Expo in Washington DC in April. The Expo is the nation's largest celebration of all things science & engineering and features over 1,500 hands-on activities and over 75 performances.

4-H Science Professional Development Webinars: <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/professional-development-learning/professional-development-calendar.aspx>

- Monday, **November 14**, 2011 (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST) 4-H Science – Are you 4-H Science Ready? (part II) - 4-H Science Competencies: Assessing Your 4-H Knowledge and Skills
- Tuesday, **November 15**, 2011 (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST) 4-H National Directory of Materials (part II)
- Wednesday, **November 16**, 2011 (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm EST) 4-H Science Evaluation Community of Practice Webinar on Evaluation Basic Skills (part III)
- Thursday, **November 17**, 2011 (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST) 4-H Science Promising Practices Partnering with AmeriCorps Programs

Research: Science Education in K-12: A new report by the California Teachers Association has shown that the U.S. and California in particular has been slipping when looking at standardized tests measuring the science knowledge of K-12 students. www.cta.org/Professional-Development/

Resources

Understanding Science: A great resource for teachers to learn new ways and methods to emphasize certain science topics. Included are several activities to help jumpstart the students' creativity and understanding. <http://undsci.berkeley.edu/>

TechXite: Discover Engineering: Provides activities across a wide range of technologies in order to offer opportunities for middle school students to explore aspects of engineering that are most exciting to them. Modules include topics of biomedtech, wireless communication, and solar energy, rain-water harvesting, bioimaging, and transportation. Twenty-six 4-H Club, afterschool, and military club sites in California are participating in a pilot project (Santa Cruz, Monterey, Butte, Merced, Yuba, Solano, Inyo/Mono, and Los Angeles). More information at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/TechXcite/>

Promising Practices in 4-H Science Education: These promising practice articles are published by the National 4-H Council every other month in their 4-H Science Professional Development Connection e-newsletter. Each article focuses on a new aspect of program development and improvement with a greater emphasis on how to make the 4-H program more marketable. <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Initiative/PP/>



NOVEMBER 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Co. Harvest Party
13	14	15	16	17 County Council, 7pm Aptos Grange	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Office Closed for Thanksgiving			
27	28	29	30			

Upcoming 4-H Events & Deadlines

January 2012

- 2 New Years Holiday – Office Closed
- 16 Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
- 19 County Council Meeting**
- 19 Newsletter articles due
- 27-29 LCORT - Wonder Valley Ranch, Fresno

February 2012

- No County Council Meeting**
- TBA Medal Applications due to 4-H office
- TBA Co. Presentation Day Applications due
- 16 Newsletter articles due
- 17-20 Snow Camp**
- 20 Presidents Holiday - Office Closed

4-H Youth Development Staff

Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty: Youth Development Advisor lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu

Stephanie Fontana: 4-H Program Representative sfontana@ucdavis.edu

Hours: Wednesday: 8am-12pm, 1pm-5pm
Thursday: 8am-12pm, 1pm-5pm

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

4-H Council Officers

President: Robin Turnquist

Vice President: Stephanie Hedgpeth-Lopes

Secretary: Autumn Bushard

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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