



News & Views

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

SLO COUNTY 2014 4-H PRESENTATION DAY!

SLO County's 4-H Presentation Day is being held on **Sat., February 8, 2014**, on the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering Building. Entry forms are available at **slocounty4h.org** by clicking on "Registration Forms & Applications". **ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE** in the 4-H OFFICE by **Wed., January 29, 2014**. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with **Opening Ceremonies starting promptly at 9:00 a.m.** If you aren't planning on doing a presentation, please consider coming to Presentation Day to cheer on your fellow 4-H'ers and learn about all of the different projects that are offered in San Luis Obispo County!



As always, 4-H'ers who earn a Gold Medal at County Presentation Day will be eligible to advance to the Sectional competition. The **2014 Sectional 4-H Presentation Day** is being hosted by our county and will be held on **Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Cal Poly**. Details will be provided to eligible medalists.

"Be Distinctive" in 2013-2014!



The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program is excited to announce our annual awards program — **"4-H Youth of Distinction"**, formerly known as the Young Achiever Award! Like the Young Achiever Award, **4-H Youth of Distinction (YOD)** will focus on honoring 4-H members who demonstrate leadership skills in their 4-H clubs, schools and community, while also providing an opportunity for nominees to talk about how they incorporate their interests into 4-H projects, and reflect on their 4-H goals and accomplishments. The addition of these questions is an exciting and meaningful step that the San Luis Obispo County 4-H program is taking to engage and participate in the ***iThrive*** curriculum!

The **4-H Youth of Distinction** award works on a Nomination basis, and 4-H members can be nominated by any adult volunteer, with the exclusion of family members. **Note: All 4-H YOD nominations must be approved by the nominee's 4-H Community Club Leader.**

Nomination forms must be received in the 4-H office by Friday, January 17th, 2014.

The **4-H Youth of Distinction** award recognizes 4-H members from three different Grade Groupings: (6th, 7th), (8th, 9th) and (10th, 11th, 12th). Nominees will be evaluated; and up to 25 youth will be selected to receive the San Luis Obispo County **4-H Youth of Distinction** Award!

A letter providing detailed information along with the nomination form has been sent to all SLO County 4-H Community Club Leaders and the nomination form can also be accessed on our website <http://www.slocounty4h.org> by clicking on "Registration Forms & Applications".

SLO County's 4-H website is:
<http://www.slocounty4h.org>
State 4-H website: <http://www.ca4h.org>
SAFETY NOTES: <http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/>



National & State 4-H News

**For more information from the STATE 4-H OFFICE,
visit
<http://www.ca4h.org/News/>**

4-H curricula: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Curriculum/>
4-H project sheets: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Project_Sheets/
Service learning: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Support/RofR/>

- **2014 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest**

Each year the Foundation sponsors an essay writing contest for active (fees paid) members of 4-H clubs across the country. There are cash prizes for the national winners: 1st Place - \$750.00; 2nd Place - \$500.00; 3rd Place - \$250.00. National and state winners receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. All essays must be submitted electronically to Eric Mussen, ecmussen@ucdavis.edu, and are due on or before **February 15, 2014**. More info and rules: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/176473.pdf>

- **4-H Volunteer Café**

Are you a club or project leader who is tired of doing the same old activities month after month? Maybe you need something designed just for you to be encouraged and encourage your own personal growth. The 4-H Volunteer Café is a place designed just for you providing encouraging and thought-provoking articles of how the principles of positive youth development translate into your 4-H experience, it offers tons of resources for you as a 4-H volunteer that you can use immediately in your meetings and gives you a place where you can contribute your own experiences and challenges. To check out the 4-H Volunteer Café, use the following link: <http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/>.

- **#4hwaterwed**

Each Wednesday the California State 4-H Office will post a resource or fun fact about water on our Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to repost using #4hwaterwed. For more information on the importance of hydration and ideas for your club visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/HealthyLiving/Water_For_Better_Living/

- **State Leadership Conference August 14-17, 2014** U.C. Santa Cruz "Raiders of the Lost Leadership" The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. **Check our website, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for updates and exciting announcements!**

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EXCITING 2013-2014 EMERALD STAR PROJECT!



The Emerald Star Project **"Treats for Our Troops"** continues to support our men and women serving in the armed services outside of the United States and their families.

Recently we added *Military Working Dogs* to the serviceman 4-H can support. Working dogs are paired with a single individual after their training and are called their "handler". They usually stay with their handler for at least a year and sometimes longer.



Today's working dogs are outfitted with vests that have cameras and durable microphones that send important audio and visual information to their handlers. These dogs are trained to detect explosives and many other things that keep our troops safer. They are dogs however - and love to play just like our dogs here. *If you would like to send tennis balls, solid-dry dog chew toys or dry biscuit type treats they would enjoy them!*

Our 4-H members are learning to give of their time by shopping, organizing, collecting and the teamwork it takes in packaging of these items. They will get a sense of accomplishment that they gave of themselves to support someone who is far away from home and family. Community service should be a regular part of our lives.

The committee sends out boxes each month and **the boxes for December will contain Christmas cards and letters of encouragement along with personal hygiene supplies.** It has actually turned quite cold there (in the 20's and 30's) and the troops are in need of items for warmth. These can include beanies that are plain and dark in color - brown, olive or black. They can also use things to keep their hands warm. This is also the time we can send chocolate because it won't melt! To help keep the county office as organized as possible, it would be best if your 4-H club could bring the items packed (but not taped) in a Large Flat Rate box - Priority Mail, these are free and available at all post-offices in the county. If you would like a complete list of things to send, please contact Ashley at ourbeautifulrose@gmail.com or cell phone 305-8953.

We sent four boxes out in November and continue to receive donations from our 4-H clubs! It means a lot to these men and women, and is a boost to their morale to know that people are thinking about them and supporting them back home. We received



more pictures from the troops there thanking us for the gifts - see pics



Thank you SLO County 4-H!

Thank you Nipomo Foothill and Huasna Valley for your generous contributions to the "Treats for Our Troops" project last month! We look forward to seeing what San Luis Obispo County 4-H members can do!!

Pictured:

Devin Eisert 19D Cavalry Scout; Former 4-H Member - Swine Gilroy, CA
Dogs: Isi, Coffee and Storm

Dogs Isi and Storm at work
C/4-9 Cavalry Group
C/4-9 Cavalry Group opening package



Vandenberg Air Force Base



4-H OPPORTUNITY

SAVE THE DATE!

Leader Appreciation & Training Event

Saturday, January 25, 2014

UCCE Auditorium, San Luis Obispo

TIME: 8:30-9:00 Registration

Event Program starts at 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

The County 4-H office needs your help! We need a Countywide Presentation Day Adult Volunteer to work with the Presentation Day youth committee to host our two Presentation Day events in 2014. We just need an adult who likes working with established procedures and you will be trained by our existing adult volunteer to show you how to host our two events:

County Presentation Day, February 8, 2014

Sectional Presentation Day, March 8, 2014

**Please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943
if you can help us out!**

Create an Atmosphere Where Learning is Fun!

It's always an exciting time when a new 4-H Program Year begins! There are great possibilities ahead; a new slate for sharing good times, learning new things and growing as a person and citizen of our world. It is especially important then, at this time of year, to stop and consider what "4-H" means to us – our members and families and how each of us contribute to making the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program the amazing and positive experience that it is.

There are many ways we do this. But the foundation is our parents and adult volunteers and the behavior they model. So, now that the new program year has begun, and we see old friends and meet new ones, let's all remember the reason we're here: *To create an environment where learning is fun, in an atmosphere of trust, and in a way we can be proud our members will emulate.*



We CAN "Make the Best Better" by practicing a few basic principles:

- Provide encouragement and support. Allow your child to experience the full process of 4-H, no matter the outcome.
- Keep your expectations realistic and open. Knowledge and life skills take time to develop.
- Support your child's efforts. Provide resources and supplies for projects.
- Respect youth ownership of projects. Allow your child to do his/her own project.
- Encourage your child to focus on the positive in the experience or situation and less on competition.
- Allow your child to make mistakes. We learn through our mistakes and in correcting them.
- Encourage your child to do his or her best, not to be better than someone else.
- Treat others in a courteous, respectful manner.
- Be respectful of adult volunteers. Allow leaders to lead, and give them your support.
- Deliver and pick up your child on time for events and meetings.
- Help out cheerfully and often. Follow through when you volunteer.
- Demonstrate ethical behaviors.
- Treat animals humanely and teach your child to provide appropriate animal care.
- Attend meetings and participate in activities and events. It makes for a lighter load on each and is more fun for everyone.

They're good for us, and good for our youth!

4HONLINE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

ONLINE ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION PROCESS for the 2013-2014 4-H Program Year

Hello 4-H Families!

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program is now using an online registration program called **4hOnline** for our enrollment process. **For instructions on how to enroll online in your 4-H club for the 2013-2014 4-H Program Year, please go to the county website:**

www.slocounty4h.org, and click on the Registration Forms and Applications link.

NOTE: After you log into **<https://ca.4honline.com>** you will need to use the email address that is on file with the County 4-H office. This is usually the email address where you receive the 4-H newsletter. *If your email address does not work—try using it in ALL CAPS as it is case sensitive.* If you are having trouble logging into the 4hOnline system, contact the 4-H office at 781-5943 or via the email address: dharris@co.slo.ca.us

Also Note: The 4hOnline System will prompt you to print out the Youth Medical Release forms (two pages); Adult Project Leaders will have to print out the Medical Release forms as well; fill them out and turn them into your 4-H Community Club Leader along with the \$34.00 Insurance Fee for Youth Members; \$12.00 for Adult Project Leaders. **Fee Payments are not online—please give your insurance fee payment to your 4-H Community Club Leader.**

It is important that you **do not create a new profile if you are a Re-Enrolling 4-H member** as you already have a database profile in 4hOnline.

Please see the instructions on how to re-enroll.

We have held trainings for your 4-H Community Club Leader and/or Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator (VEC) for your 4-H club for this new online registration site:

<https://ca.4honline.com>

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Canyon Country 4-H County Pop-Top Campaign!

With the end of the year coming near, the Pop-Top Collection Drive is still going strong! We need EVERYONE's help to make this the BIGGEST collection year EVER!

This year our sponsorship of the Pop-Top Collection has a generous matching donor. That means that every donation we make, say 100 pounds of pop-tops, becomes 200 pounds!

They're everywhere! Pop-Tops are hiding on soda cans, pet food cans, tuna cans, even fruit cans and we are ALWAYS collecting!



These Pop-Tops, and the money made from them go directly to our local Ronald McDonald House of Central California. This House is attached, by a sidewalk, to Children's Hospital of Central California. Every penny goes to provide rooms and care for the families whose children are in the hospital.



A night at the Ronald McDonald House is only \$15 (no one is ever turned away if they can't pay). The family gets a beautiful room, with a private bathroom, furnished for their comfort. Volunteers come in each evening to prepare wonderful home cooked meals for the families. To these families, nothing is better than knowing you are cared for so you have no worries but to help your child get better and go home.

Please collect all pop-tops and drop them off at the 4-H office or call Pam Moring at (805) 286-8505, and make your donations count!

Popping a top for Ronald McDonald House is fun Community Service and it's the right thing to do!! Thank you!

Jesse-Ray Moring
Canyon Country 4-H
Community Service Teen Leader



Canyon Country 4-H Club is All About Community Service



Hi there! My name is Jesse-Ray Moring, and I am the Community Service Teen Leader for Canyon Country 4-H. Here at Canyon Country, our motto is "we're all about Community Service". Our members are amazing! Anytime there is a need in our Community, Canyon Country 4-H members are happy to help.

This year we have been collecting Pop-Tops, and toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House. No matter where we go, we're always thinking about getting donations to help families at the hospital taking care of their kids.

Canyon Country 4-H members have also been working hard on our "Treats-for-the-Troops" program. Our club collects all kinds of things that our local service members need to help provide a little bit of home when they're away keeping us all safe. We send jerky, DVD's, toiletries, and other goodies. Our baking and cooking groups, and other members, bake treats like cookies and brownies. We then package them up and mail them to Afghanistan, along with cards we made at our meetings. We've been doing this for almost four years now. We get a lot of smiles when our treats get to the troops! Canyon Country 4-H members love to help out where we're needed.

We know that by giving back to others, we learn that together we can make a difference!

Jesse-Ray Moring
Canyon Country 4-H
Community Service Teen Leader

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



Volunteers Needed!



**>>>> Attention Community Club Leaders, Project Leaders,
4-H Members, and Parents <<<<**

San Luis Obispo County's 4-H Youth Development Program, Community Service Key Leader, Pam Moring, is looking for Volunteers to serve on a Countywide Committee to plan and help with activities in Community Service!!

We will be organizing upcoming Community Service activities at different venues, such as the Food and Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue, as well as, County 4-H Field Day.

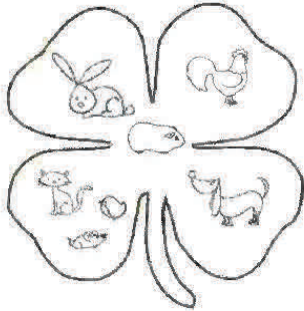
This is going to be an exciting opportunity for members to serve on a countywide committee, and help teach others that giving back to our Community is fun and rewarding!

For more information, please contact Denise Harris, 4-H Program Asst. at the 4-H office, by e-mail dharris@co.slo.ca.us, Fax (805)781-4316, or by Phone at (805) 781-5943.

**We hope that you will join us on this exciting
4-H Youth Program Development Committee!**

SLO COUNTY 4-H SMALL ANIMAL SKILLS DAY FLYER

FOR MORE INFORMATION: see www.slocounty4h.org Registration Forms and Applications Link



4-H Small Animal Skills Day

January 25th, 2014 9-3pm

National Guard Armory, Atascadero

Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry, Dog Care, Small Animals & Pets

\$5 per 4-H member for unlimited participation!

Register by January 3rd.

****Showmanship clinics and competition**

***(Dogs will have a clinic only)**

***a round robin competition for the showmanship winners!**

****Level Testing for each species**

****Trash to Treasure contest**

****Posters**

****Costume Contest at lunch**

****Community Service project**

****Participant raffle: the more activities you complete the more chances you get!**

****Jeopardy!**

Showmanship ribbons will be awarded in each division to 8th. Prizes will be given to the winners of each division in the costume contest, posters and Trash to Treasure.

Level testing pins will be sent to those passing tests.

In addition, each participant in each category will receive a raffle ticket to enter a prize give away.



Questions? Contact Tamara Johnson at 438-4113 or tkjohnso@kcbx.net

4-H COUNTYWIDE ENGINEERING PROJECT NEWS



2014 SLO COUNTY 4-H COUNTYWIDE ENGINEERING PROJECT

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This 4-H Countywide Engineering Project will have 4 Meetings:

1. **Saturday, Jan 11: Rockets**

at 8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero, CA 3:00 PM — 5:00 PM

We will be assembling and launching *Estes-type rockets*.

2. **Thursday, February 20 and**

3. **Friday, March 14 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby

Activity: We will learn how to use the **Arduino microcontroller**.

See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arduino> for a description of this small computer. **Arduino** is a single-board microcontroller to make using electronics in multidisciplinary projects more accessible.



4. **Thursday, April 10 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

Meet in the Cal Poly Building 20A lobby

We will learn how to program **Scribbler 2 robots** and potentially enter the Scribbler Robot contest on Saturday, April 12th during Cal Poly's Open House event in Mott Gymnasium starting at 10:00 a.m.



4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Pistol Discipline
Saturday, January 4, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 5, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Fresno County Peace Officer Range
7633 N. Weber, Fresno, Ca.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the pistol discipline will be held at the Fresno County Peace Officer Range, 7633 N. Weber, Fresno, Ca. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a level 1 pistol instructor and can lead a pistol project. The cost for this course is \$30.00 to cover the instruction binder each participant will receive. Participants will need to bring their own eye and ear protection and are encouraged to bring their own .22 rim fire pistol and/or own air pistols if they have them. To register for the course or receive more information, contact Sammy Ashworth at sdashworth@gmail.com or (559) 707-0755. (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County). Please fill out and bring this form:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2123.pdf>

Connect on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fresno-County-Peace-Officers-Association/101825493227619>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-4-H-Shooting-Sports/359716147438695>



2013 Toys-4-Tots Campaign



Hi there! This is Jesse-Ray Moring reporting in from the front lines of the 2013 Toys-4-Tots Collection Kick-off meeting! I'm the Toys-4-Tots 4-H Ambassador, and I need your help to make this a great year!

We have a collection box in the 4-H County 4-H office. All toys collected go to various locations in our county and end up helping kids everywhere. All toys collected in SLO County are given to kids in SLO County. When the need is filled, they go where they're needed. This means that we fill requests for the kids in our city, and then in San Luis Obispo County. When all requests for toys in San Luis Obispo County, are filled, the remaining toys will go to other nearby cities and counties!

Please bring all 4-H Toys-4-Tots donations to our box at the County Office by December 20th. If you can't get them there - call 286-8505 and we'll pick them up. We want to make a 4-H county-wide effort to show how many toys our clubs bring in. Together, our clubs can show what a 4-H outpouring can do.

Have each club member donate one new unwrapped toy, with a value of \$10 to a club meeting before December 20th (The toys can be on sale, just be valued at \$10 originally). Then when your club collection is finished, call for pick-up, or take them to the 4-H office!!

We will keep you all posted on our efforts and our final count!

We will have special recognition for clubs with the largest, per ratio to club size, donations received!

Ready, set, go get those toys!!

4-H SLO SCIENTIST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Attend the Introduction and Training Session To Become a 4-H SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator!

Would you enjoy leading children and adults together in hands-on science activities? If this sounds like fun, you could become a SLO Scientist Facilitator to lead or co-lead a 4-H youth/adult science group! Several 4-H members in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade come with a parent or other favorite adult to participate together as science teams in activities related to subjects including chemistry, watershed explorations, earthquake preparedness and local geology, or plant and soil science.



You don't need a background in science to lead our groups...just a desire to facilitate a small group of children and adults together "doing science" a couple times per month. **An introduction and informative training session to our terrific program will be held in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday afternoon, December 4, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.** Teen leaders are also welcome to attend.



For more information about the SLO Scientist program, becoming a Volunteer Facilitator to lead one of these groups and to reserve a space for our training session, **please contact Heather Daurer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5943**

SLO SCIENTIST NEWS

You Could Be A 4-H SLO Scientist! New Projects Beginning after the New Year!

Participating in a SLO Scientist group could be just the project you're looking for! Kids...bring your favorite adult...adults...bring your favorite kid...and enjoy the time together experiencing and experimenting through our curriculum-based hands-on science activities.



For more information about joining a SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science club, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5943.

Please take a look at our flyer located on the 4-H website: www.slocounty4h.org. Click **S.E.T.** on the right side of the page, then **SLO Scientists**.

As a current member of a local 4-H Club, you pay only the \$6.00 materials' fee to be in a SLO Scientist group.



4-H CLUB NEWS

The **Cerro Alto Horse Project** met at Tracy Johnston's house on Monday, November 18th. Members practiced showmanship with horses - BG, Stormie, and Rio. We learned how to set up the horse for evaluation, lead forward and back up, and walk and trot on the lead line. Then, the horses and members got a yummy snack. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 16th. *Submitted by Amber Quick, Cerro Alto*



On October 22, 2013 the Leadership group of Cerro Alto had a meeting. We talked about the basic qualities of a leader. We learned about everyone's qualities and to help we made a trail mix of our personal favorite leadership qualities. Our leaders, Kim Mott and Olivia Andrade, will work with us on skill of being a good leader.

Submitted by Katie Adams, Cerro Alto 4H Member
Photo (From left to right): Olivia Andrade, Katie Adams, Cora McEwan, Nick Lopez, Jasper Lanskey, Courtney Basden, Micheal Lopez, Melissa Mannon

Pozo's Officers take off for a new year

Pozo 4-H officers met with the community leader and planned out a new year. They decided on fundraisers and future activities. They had a great time and decided on a new officer position. Instead of being another snack officer Jessica Welcher will be the Healthy Living Officer. They are excited for a new year and looking forward to the all fun activities. With the goals they set and their ideas, they are ready to take off.

Submitted by: Alexis Whiteford

Morro Bay 4-H members were recognized at the SLO County 4-H Achievement Night on Oct 12, 2013. Amanda Weddle was recognized with the Youth of Distinction Award. Riley Haas won a College Scholarship. Emme Haas won a California Award for Gardening. Lacey Haas won a Gold for her Treasurer's Book. Amanda Weddle won a Gold for her Secretary's Book. Amelia Richardson and Hope Peters won a Gold for their Reporter's Book. Morro Bay 4-H was recognized as a Gold Seal Club.

Morro Bay 4-H members Alexander McKee, Amelia Richardson, Hope Peters, and Julianna Johnson attended the SLO County 4-H Leadership Workshop. The attendees did team building exercises, individual office responsibility exercises and completed a treat bag community service project. *(Please see Page 15 for Photos)*

Cerro Alto 4-H Club's first Beef Group meeting for the 2013-14 year was held at Mrs. Evelyn Rockwell's home on Tuesday, October 29th.

The evening began with an ice breaker game of Truth and Lies. Mrs. Lisa Rockwell-Harpster reviewed the Letter of Agreement for the large animal science projects for county fairs and Gracie Curtis and myself Calvin Levisay elected to be the Teen Leaders for the group. Animals (heifer or/and steer) members were going to take to county fairs was discussed. Fundraisers to be organized by Beef members to earn money to pay for county fair expenses were See's Candy and Hoover's Beef Palace. The next Beef meeting will be held on November 26th. Brittney Tierney and Donielle Harpster elected to present the Oral Report at the next General meeting held the first Thursday evening in December and Calvin Levisay to submit an article to Atascadero News, SLO County News Letter and Cerro Alto 4-H Club newsletter. *Respectfully, Calvin Levisay Cerro Alto 4-H Beef Group Teen Leader*

On Monday, October 21st, the **Cerro Alto Sheep group** held their first meeting at the Atascadero Grange Hall. The members introduced themselves and said what fairs they were planning on showing sheep at. We discussed the costs of our lambs and when we would need to get them. Alley and Beth Andrade gave a presentation on selecting a show lamb. The next meeting will be held on Monday November 18th at the Atascadero Grange Hall. *Submitted by Emily Patterson*

On Thursday, October 3rd, the Cerro Alto 4-H Club held their 2nd general meeting at San Benito Elementary school. The meeting started with the flag salute and 4-H pledge led by Cora McEwen and Grace Curtis. The minutes were read by Alyssa Hall and Faith Patterson gave the Treasurer's report. We covered old business and new business, like the coffee fundraiser and Coats for Kids. Sophie Johnston went over attendance and Brittney Tierney adjourned the meeting. Our next General Meeting will be held Thursday, November 7th at San Benito school. *Submitted by Emily Patterson*

4-H CLUB NEWS

The **Templeton 4-H Club** showed its gratitude to the Templeton American Legion by serving at the annual American Legion Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 13. Members and parents arrived early to set up the hall with festive table settings which included holiday-themed centerpieces. About 15 officers and junior/teen leaders and 6 adult volunteers helped serve over 60 Legion members and families. The 4-Hers, wearing their uniforms, served a turkey dinner and dessert of pumpkin bars to the veterans. A highlight of the evening was a performance of patriotic songs by a group of 4-H members. *Submitted by Hope Fardanesh*



Vineyard Halloween Party Estrella 4-H did a big party at the Vineyard Health Center in Templeton, California. We handed out treats to the residents in their rooms and in the common area. We mingled with the residents and listened to what they had to say. And besides treats, a member (Emily Wilson) brought her dog for the visit. This has been an event that has been fun and continues to be fun. We will be there for the Holidays. Members that attended were: Sydney Vinther, Makayla McDonald, Brogan Peterson, Ellie Zack, Cody Zack, and Emily Wilson. *Submitted by: Cody Zack, Reporter*



At the last **Cerro Alto 4-H Outdoor Adventure** meeting on November 16, 2013 we studied the ancient art of Dutch oven cooking. We had the most amazing teachers in the world, Buzz Jamrog and Cathy Loftis!! Cathy was kind enough to allow us to use her ranch (which was very beautiful). We learned how to heat and cook everything from cornbread to cobbler. We ate as a group in Cathy's home and Brittney taught us how to make a center piece.

Photo from left to right: Katie Adams, Cathy Loftis, Alyssa Hall, Matthew Tierney, Buzz Jamrog, Dawson Cruz, Kacey Journey, Brittney Tierney, Rene Tierney, Quinn Eigenhuis, Mason Eigenhuis, and Cati Neely
Submitted by: Katie Adams



Morro Bay 4-H Achievement Night photos for article on Page 14. *Left:* Riley Haas receives her 4-H Scholarship *Right:* Amanda Weddle with Youth of Distinction Award

Return Service Requested

4hOnline Enrollment continued year-round—Contact 4-H Community Club Leader

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2013 –2014

DECEMBER 2013

- 3 Online Record Book Training Workshop at Santa Barbara Public Library in Santa Maria, CA
- 4 SLO SCIENTIST Facilitator Training, UC AUD., SLO
- 20 TOYS-4-TOTS Deadline Collection Box @ 4-H Office

JANUARY 2014

- 3 Registrations Due for Small Animal Skills Day
- 11 4-H Horse Play Day (weather permitting)
- 11 Rockets Countywide Engrg. Proj., Atascadero
- 14 4-H Program Dev. Board Mtg.
- 15 4-H Mgmt. Board Meeting, UCCE Aud., SLO
- 17 Youth of Distinction Nominations Due
- 18 4-H Horse Expo, Nipomo (Rain or Shine)
- 25 Small Animal Science Skill Day, Atascadero Armory
- 25 Leader Appreciation & Training Event, UC Aud., SLO
- 29 SLO Co. Presentation Day Entry Forms Due

FEBRUARY 2014

- 1 Large Animal & Horse (Written) Level Testing, at the UCCE Aud. SLO
- 8 County Presentation Day, Cal Poly Ag Engrg Bldg.
- 9 4-H Horse Cambria Trail Ride
- 20 Arduino Countywide Engrg. Proj., Cal Poly
- 22 2014 Record Books Workshop, UCCE AUD., SLO
- 26 Sectional Presentation Day Entry Forms Due

MARCH 2014

- 1 4-H Horse Project Gymkhana Clinic
- 3 Camp K.I.N.D. Registrations Due in the 4-H office
- 8 Sectional Presentation Day
- 12 4-H Horse Proj. Written Level Testing, UC Aud., SLO
- 14 Arduino Countywide Engrg. Proj. Cal Poly
- 22 4-H Horse Proj. Gymkhana Field Day

APRIL 2014

- 4-6 CAMP K.I.N.D., Rancho El Chorro, SLO**
- 10 Robots Countywide Engrg. Proj., Cal Poly
- 12 Children’s Day in the Plaza, SLO
- 12 Canyon Country Dog Show, Santa Rosa Park, SLO
- 16 Jt. Mtg. MB & PDB Meeting, UCCE Aud., SLO
- 26 Food & Arts Celebration, Laguna Middle School SLO**

MAY 2014

- 3 4-H Horse English/Western Field Day
- 31 County 4-H Field Day
- 31 State 4-H Field Day, UC DAVIS Campus

JULY 2014

- 9-13 Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria Fairpark
- 16-28 California Mid-State Fair, Paso Robles Event Center