



Associate Director Updates

Now open New State 4-H Management Board Director positions!

Apply to become a 4-H State Management Board Director! Youth will make up 50% of the Director positions. Deadline is March 31. Learn more at http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Management_Board/. All youth (aged 16 by July 1) and adults are encouraged to apply! Positions available:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Resource Development Director
- Marketing and Public Relations Director
- Four (4) Area Directors representing different regions of our state.

Apply [online](#) or [download the application](#) and mail it to the State 4-H Office. Encourage your 4-H'ers, adult volunteers, 4-H parents, and program partners to apply too. For job descriptions, selection process and much more visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Management_Board/. Applications are due March 31st.

We are also recruiting for youth and adults to join the [Management Board Committees](#) and our [Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees](#). We encourage youth members ages 14-19 to apply. Applications for these committees are due May 31, 2016. Through participating on these committees you can help shape the 4-H YDP and make the best better!

WE'RE BUILDING SOMETHING NEW

California 4-H State Management Board

DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31

- Strengthen and expand the program
- Leadership for area programming
- Increase visibility in the community
- Connect state and area programming
- Monitor financial resources
- Measure and share program's impact

50% Youth

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4-H Youth Development Program

[HTTP://UCANR.EDU/P/54795](http://ucanr.edu/p/54795)

Did you know?

[4-H Mall: 4-H State shirts are Back!](#)

[New Jennifer Nettles Apparel](#)





Step into the future.

Stories from the Field



The 2016 Equine Field Day took place on February 20, 2016. This year we had over 200 youth and adults in attendance! The field day took place in Fresno, California at the Fresno State University Farm. Youth and adults were able to watch professional clinicians give presentations on a variety of equine related topics.

This year's schedule offered three concurrent educational sessions for each of the five 45 minute timeslots. Professional speakers included Dr. Alyx DeBenedetto who led a clinic on equine chiropractic, Lyndee Stairs who led a clinic on barrel racing, Rick Kelley who led clinics on

showmanship and western pleasure, Francesca Baron who led clinics on horse training and groundwork, Susan Henderson-Perry who led clinics on horse judging and equine nutrition, Dr. Mariya Pitel who led a clinic on equine acupuncture, Sarah Schneider Bellach who led a clinic on jumping, and Lynn Warren who led clinics on hippology and horse bowl. By attending these educational sessions youth and adults were able to expand their knowledge of various equine related topics.



At this year's event all of the attendees were entered into a door prize drawing and the door prizes were awarded following the conclusion of the educational sessions. Prizes included horse brushes, buckets, feed vouchers, saddle pads, western décor, and a double saddle rack, which were generously donated by Tractor Supply, Riverside Horse Advisory Committee, the Wilson Family, and Associated Feed. Overall, the event was a lot of fun and was enjoyed by both 4-H youth members and adults alike. Thank you to the Equine Planning Team for all of your hard work and dedication, and thank you to everyone who attended the event! I hope to see everyone at the State 4-H Horse Classic in August, 2016!





4-H is not a club, it is a family.

Ambassador Corner

Happy April!

Here are some updates from the State Ambassador team,

Last month, 4-H Ambassador Ashley and a group of 4-H members got the opportunity to attend national spokesperson of 4-H Jennifer Nettles concert at the Fox Theater in Oakland. Along with the concert, the group got to have a meet and greet session with the singer and also take pictures. During the concert, she gave a special shout out to 4-H and the group reported back that they had a great time!

The 2016-2017 State Ambassador interviews took place on March 19th and we are excited to see the leadership that these candidates will bring in the next upcoming 4-H year.

Preparations are underway for this year's California Focus conference! The team is putting together educational workshops on Informed Decision making, Advocacy, Activism and how to use your voice to effect positive change. Join us in our State's Capitol! Register to attend California Focus June 17th to the 21st. For more information and to register visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/. Deadline is May 2nd!

State Leadership Conference 2016 is coming up! Follow California 4-H social media to find out what amazing adventures we will have this year. We are currently planning our workshops on our educational platform, Social and Emotional Health. We hope you will join us at Humboldt State University from July 28th to July 31st! http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLC/

State Ambassadors Steven and Brennen will be at the Statewide Camping conference April 1-3, presenting a workshop on Youth-Adult Partnerships. If you see them make sure you say hello.

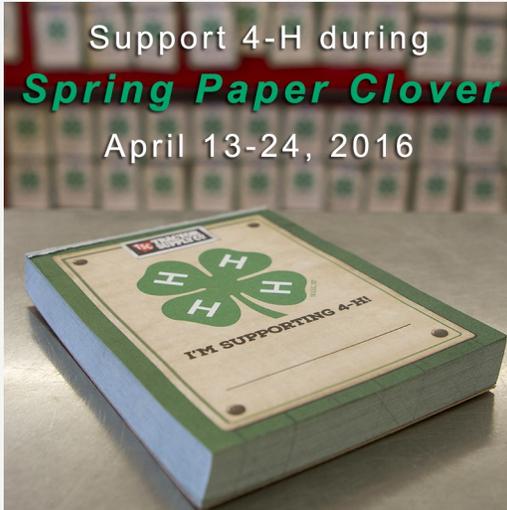




California 4-H Foundation Updates

4-H : Head, Heart, Hands, Health—
The stepping stones to success.

Support Your Local 4-H Youth!



Support 4-H during
Spring Paper Clover
April 13-24, 2016

If you happen to walk into a Tractor Supply Company store in mid-April and you see huge displays of paper clovers hanging from ceilings and windows, be on the lookout for smiling 4-H'ers at the front of the store or at the registers encouraging you to donate and join in on the fun!

Last fall, California raised the third highest amount of donations in the nation. We had four stores in the top ten including the stores in Turlock, Yuba City, Riverside and Sonora. Overall, in our state we raised an incredible \$36,000 from generous donors like you. Thank you to all of the participating Tractor Supply Stores and to all of our partners who bought a Clover!

Chatom 4-H Club leader Angel Toste is very appreciative of Tractor Supply Company and her local community that supports the campaign. She says,

"It is a great partnership. It also gives my children the opportunity to promote 4-H and talk about their projects, reinforcing what they have learned, improving confidence and public speaking skills. I feel that people are more likely to donate when they can hear about how the money helps 4-H youth and see who the money is going to. I also think it is important for the 4-H kids to directly thank the people donating."

Locally, when you buy a Paper Clover, your donation directly helps your community's 4-H youth by supporting countywide events such as Presentation Day and Small Animal Field Day. You also help support the recognition of hard-working 4-H youth through helping to provide funding for scholarships, awards and pins. Your support also helps send kids to 4-H summer camp.

Special Opportunity to see Government and 4-H Youth in Action

The California 4-H Foundation is pleased to provide additional support to the 2016 California Focus youth conference to reduce this year's conference fees so more youth can participate.

Participants make new friends from across California while they experience California's government in action by participating in the legislative, political, and judicial processes. California Focus combines hands-on involvement in workshops, debates, simulations, tours, and fun activities. This year's conference will take place June 17-21 in Sacramento at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza.

The special focus for this year's program is #TrueLeaders and developing a California Youth Action Platform. Our goal is to have 4-H youth from ALL of our counties represented at California Focus this year.

There will also be a special alumni networking opportunity hosted by the California 4-H Foundation for 4-H alumni to meet our current Cal Focus students and to catch up with old friends.

For more information and to register for Cal Focus, click here http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/



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4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check out our statewide [calendar](#) of events, dates & deadlines!

March

3/31 [4-H Management Board Director Apps. Due](#)

APRIL

4/1 [State Leader's Forum Registration Opens](#)

4/1 [CA 4-H Association Retreat Registration Due](#)

4/1-3 [California Camping Conference](#)

4/9-16 [2016 National 4-H Conference](#)

4/15-17 [Global Youth Service Day](#)

4/15 National 4-H Hall of Fame MC & Entertainment Nominations Deadline

4/20-22 [4-H Grows Here Professional Conference](#)

4/23-24 Shooting Sports Rifle Certification

MAY

5/10-12 [Navigating Difference Conference](#)

5/4-6 [CA 4-H Association Retreat](#)

5/21 South Section Field Day and Fashion Revue

5/23-25 [State Animal Science Symposium](#)

5/28 [State Field Day at UC Davis](#)

JUNE

6/1 [Scholarships for Higher Education App. Deadline](#)

6/17-21 [California Focus](#)

JULY

7/10-16 [Washington Focus Heritage Trail](#)

7/10-19 [Washington Focus Global Journey](#)

7/11-15 [2016 Leadership Washington Focus](#)

7/28-31 [State Leadership Conference](#)

August

8/3-7 [California State 4-H Classic](#)

OCTOBER

10/9-13 [National Assoc. of Extension 4-H Agents Conf.](#)

NOVEMBER

11/4-6 [Mindfulness Retreat](#)

11/11-13 [State Leaders' Forum](#)

Citizenship



California Washington Focus PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION 2017 January 17-21, 2017

California 4-H has reserved space for you!

Registration is now open and space is LIMITED.

Join 4-H youth and volunteers from around the nation at Citizenship Washington Focus Presidential Inauguration 2017. This is the first time that 4-H has held a Citizenship Washington Focus event during the presidential inauguration.

4-H youth ages 14 - 19 (at time of conference)

http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CWF_Inauguration/

California Focus

June 17-21, 2016

Registration is now open Deadline May 2, 2016

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http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/



Never give in. Never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty— never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense. Winston Churchill

Animal Sciences



Animal Science Symposium: May 23-25, 2016

The Animal Science Symposium will take place at the UC Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine. The symposium is a train-the-trainer professional development approach for 4-H staff, key 4-H volunteers, and FFA supervisors/teachers on important topics and skills related to animal welfare and animal health. The event will provide foundational training on the new Animal Welfare Proficiencies. The symposium is not open to 4-H youth members, but a career fair will take place during the evening of May 23rd. 4-H youth are invited to attend to learn about potential careers in the animal science and agricultural industries. Registration for this event will open in February, 2016. For more information visit: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/.

California 4-H Horse Classic

Register your show at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/Equine_Qualifier_4-H_Events/ for it to be considered a qualifying show for the 2016 California 4-H Horse Classic. Please submit show results on the Classic Qualifying Show Results Sheet, which can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/162863.xlsx>.

Looking for a qualifying Horse Show for the 2016 California 4-H Horse Classic? Visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Horse_Classic/Equine_Qualifier_4-H_Events/.



State 4-H Field Day



Registration for the 2016 California State 4-H Field Day is now open! The State Field Day is scheduled for May 28, 2016 at UC Davis. Activities taking place at this year's field day include: the State 4-H Presentation Day, the State 4-H Fashion Review, the State 4-H Plant Science Contest, the State 4-H Film Festival, the State 4-H Interview Contest, the State 4-H Discussion Meet, and the State Field Day 2017 Logo Design Contest. Some activities may require prequalification and preregistration. To learn more about the event visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/.

Camping

2016 Camping Conference

The State 4-H Camping Advisory Committee invites you to attend the 2016 Camping Conference. Filled with enlightening workshops, engaging activities, and new ideas, this 3-day getaway is a great opportunity to improve your camping programs and meet others who are just as passionate about camp as you are! Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jim Cain, is an industry leader in teambuilding and adventure education. Plus, experienced 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth from around the state will be facilitating workshops such as "Nature Activities the Rock," "When Stuff Hits the Fan," "Astronomy," "Compliance Made Easy," and much more!

WHEN: April 1-3, 2016
WHERE: Nevada 4-H Camp, 1 4-H Road, Stateline, NV 89449
WHO: Teen camp staff, adult volunteers, & 4-H staff
COST: \$175 (by Mar 15th), \$35 (additional archery cost)



Find Out More:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Camps/Resources_for_Staff_and_Volunteers/CampingConference_128/
Camping Webinars for Camp Staff and Directors

Webinar on Training Youth Camp Staff

Recording - <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/p2scz7623d9/>
Presentation - <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/p7ka14dfm6f/>

Volunteer Development

State Leaders' Forum

November 11-13, 2016
Registration opens on April 1

Mark your calendars to attend the State Leaders' Forum. Come to Sonoma County and the Flamingo Hotel in Santa Rosa to expand your tool box when working with young people. The committee is motivated to create an enlightening experience for you. Scintillating speakers, first class workshops, and clever activities highlight the never-ending quest to ensure you will have monumental memories. We are searching for workshop presenters who are willing to share their out-of-seats delivery.

Please contact Education Chair - Linnaea Knisely (linnaeak@gmail.com). In the mean time visit the website <http://ucanr.edu/4hsf> for updates.

Communications & Marketing

New 4-H UC ANR logos now available

1. Spanish 4-H UC ANR logos! In color and all black, both horizontal and vertical alignment
2. All black versions of the 4-H UC ANR logo
3. Greyscale (formerly labeled B&W)

They are available for download from the Branding Toolkit on the UC ANR site: http://ucanr.edu/sites/Toolkit/Program_Art/4-H_logo/. They will be added to the 4-H Branding Toolkit on the 4-H website soon. A request has been submitted for all white versions of the logo.

New in Staff Resources - Marketing Materials <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/StaffResources/Marketing/>

1. 4-H National Photo library – link to Flickr album (note, this is a private album that can only be accessed from the link)
2. Brand Essence video (short and long versions)
3. Grow True Leaders Campaign Toolkit – learn how to get involved in the Grow True Leaders campaign starting April 4th.
4. Digital and Social Media images – these can be used in websites and social media sites. Recommend linking these images to your website.

Posters with UC ANR 4-H branding will be available soon. If you have immediate needs, please contact Suzanne Morikawa at Morikawa@ucanr.edu.

Social Media

Make sure you're subscribed to us on social media for updates on upcoming events, registration deadlines, and posts to share with your counties and clubs. We will be using these accounts in the 4-H Grows True Leaders campaigns starting on April 4th!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/california4H/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/California4H>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ca4h/>

Healthy Living

4-H THROWDOWN – STATE FAIR

This July at the California State Fair, all 4-H members are invited to take part in the 4-H ThrowDown. The event is divided by age and themes. Each team will consist of three youth members who will be given 15 minutes to prep and then an hour to cook a three course meal. A panel of judges will taste all prepared courses and award a winner.

For more information http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/HealthyLiving/Additional_Opportunities/

Healthy Living Continued



Save the date for the Mindfulness Retreat! Participants will increase their personal skills in leading a healthy lifestyle, and also gain skills needed to be a health advocate in their community. The retreat will address topics such as understanding mindfulness, exercise, stress management, community connection, relationship building, nutrition, and health advocacy! Designed for teens ages 13-19 and adults. For more information, see <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/HealthyLiving/Mindfulness/>

Military Program



According to campers and parents, the overwhelming benefits of attending camp are the **Connections and Relationships** they build with others.

Frequently, 4-H members will invite their friends to accompany them to camp. If there is a military installation in your county, invite a military youth to experience 4-H camp.

Evaluation

Are you interested in knowing how youth and families feel about 4-H after their first year in 4-H? Participate in the Youth Retention Study! Advisors, CE Specialists, and Academic Coordinators across the state (and in Idaho too!) are conducting a study to understand how we can keep youth coming back to 4-H, and we need your help! Encourage first-year youth and families to complete a short survey about their experience in 4-H. A survey link will be sent from the State Office in starting in late May 2016. We can also provide PDF copies of the survey for you to take to club or project meetings to ask first-year youth and families to complete. Then just send the surveys back to the State Office for data entry and analysis! Results will be shared with you in early Fall 2016 so you can see what helps bring youth to 4-H, and keeps them coming back! Please contact JoLynn Miller, 4-H Youth Development Advisor, Central Sierra Multicounty Partnership (jlmliller@ucanr.edu) or Kendra Lewis, Academic Coordinator for Evaluation (kmlewis@ucanr.edu) for any questions and copies of the survey.



Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Project Leader Course

What Discipline: Rifle

Where: Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club, 557 ½ Lakeview Rd. Watsonville, CA

When: Saturday, April 23, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. Teen leaders are invited, but must attend with an adult. Lunch will be provided both days for \$6.00 each day. If you have special food needs please contact the instructor. Lunch is typically a BBQ'd Burger and fixings one day, and a Sandwich bar (make your own) and fixings the second day. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified to lead a project in the shooting sports discipline of Rifle.

To register for the class contact: Randy Turnquist at randy@randyt.com or 831-566-2590.

For directions to the class site, visit www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org.

Other Updates

State Fashion Review

Saturday, May 28



State Fashion Revue is May 28, 2016 in Olson Hall at UC Davis as one of the 4-H State Field Day events. Registration is open until May 14 for youth who qualify to represent their county at <http://ucanr.edu/sfr2016register>. Youth who qualify for both SFR and State Presentation Day must register for both and note dual-entry on both. Counties must send one judge per five entries. Register judges and room monitors at <http://ucanr.edu/sfr2016judges>. Counties – please send your list of qualified delegates to the SFR Registrar at 2moores@mlode.com so their entries can be confirmed. Each county may send one delegate per age group in Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased \$40, Upcycled, Western Wear Challenge and Muslin Challenge. Thank you to the county councils and boards who have donated funds to support State Fashion Revue and to the members who are making Port Pillows and Recycled Bags for the SFR Service Projects. New this year at SFR is a Silent Auction. Donations are gladly accepted to help with the expenses of putting on the event. For detailed information about State Fashion Revue, go to http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

Come join members from **Collegiate 4-H** at UC Davis on April 30th, 2016, for a peek into college life and how you can still be involved in 4-H once you age out of the youth program!

Event planning for You See Davis Day is currently underway, so make sure to check our website at:

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Collegiate/Collegiate_4-H_at_UC_Davis/

See our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Collegiate4HatUCD/> for more details.

We hope to see you there future Aggies!

Other Updates

2016 National 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – Call for MC and Entertainment Nominations

Due to the State 4-H Office by April 15, 2016

The 2016 National 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is scheduled for October 7, 2016 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Applications are being accepted for a 4-H member to serve as the master/mistress of ceremonies and one to provide entertainment (vocal or instrumental) for this event. Details on how to apply are provided on the respective applications below. The State 4-H Office may nominate one candidate for consideration for each. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by April 15, 2016 so applications can be reviewed and nominations for California selected and submitted by the deadline. If multiple applications are received the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee will review and recommend nominees to Shannon Horrillo, Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final selection. The State 4-H Office will submit the application packets from states' nominees by the May 1st deadline. If you have any questions, contact the State 4-H Office at ca4h@ucanr.edu or 530-750-1334.

Please see the attached announcement and application forms. We look forward to once again having outstanding 4-H youth involved in the Hall of Fame ceremony this year.

[2016 National 4-H Hall of Fame MC & Entertainer Application State Leader Letter](#)

[2016 National 4-H Hall of Fame MC Application](#)

[2016 National 4-H Hall of Fame Entertainer Application](#)

Scholarships and Awards

[The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#)

Deadline: April 15

[The Awesome Foundation Grants](#)

Deadline: Rolling

[Karma for Cara Foundation Micro-grants for Service Projects](#)

Deadline: Rolling

[Home Depot Impact Grants](#)

Deadline: Rolling



THE 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my...

HEAD to clearer thinking,

HEART to greater loyalty,

HANDS to larger service,

HEALTH to better living,

for my club,

my community,

my country and

my world.

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