# CA 4-H Newsletter

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University of California
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4-H Youth Development Program

## Director Updates

A big thank you to the 4-H'ers who took the survey sent out statewide to help us better understand how to strengthen agriculture programs in 4-H! 727 youth from 4-H, FFA and Grange took the survey. Community college students will be taking the survey in the late summer. In the Fall, I will share what we've learned and what we are doing to improve programs and prepare youth for productive and successful careers in Ag. Stay tuned!

## California 4-H Foundation Updates

**CALIFORNIA ALUMNI & FRIENDS NETWORK -Save the Date July 21: California 4-H Alumni & Friends Night Out!**
Join fellow California 4-H alumni & friends (yes, that's you!) for an evening of networking, dinner, and fun with California 4-H youth! The evening will start with a beautiful 3-course dinner at a local Italian restaurant. From there, we invite you to join 4-H youth from across California as they kick-off this year's State Leadership Conference to be held on the UC Davis campus. Keep an eye out for your invitation. Seating is limited. Click here to register early!

**Event Schedule:**
**4:45pm – 6:45pm: Registration & Dinner**- *Three course Italian dinner at Osteria Fasulo. Registration: $25/person* *includes wine/beverages, 3-course meal, UC Davis parking pass*
**7:00pm: State Leadership Kick Off**- *ARC Ballroom, UC Davis campus. This year's theme :"Drive : Find Your Place on the Map."*
**8:00pm: Ice Cream Social**- *Mingle and meet 4-H youth from across California. Share your 4-H story and how 4-H helped you find your place on the map!*

Thank you for supporting California 4-H!

Effective June 1, Trish Bloemker Sowers joined the University of California Development Services team as the new Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation. Trish is a seasoned development professional with more than a decade of major and principal gifts experience in the university setting.

While she takes great pride in her previous development work, Trish is especially excited to help strengthen and enhance the CA 4-H Foundation. 4-H is the organization that has had the greatest impact on her life and there is no cause in which she believes more passionately than 4-H. As a ten year 4-H alumnae, Trish represented the Nebraska 4-H program as a state and national leadership winner at the National 4-H Congress, where she was selected to receive the Silver Presidential Tray for outstanding leadership. In addition, she was a delegate to National 4-H Conference, served as a member of the Nebraska Teen Awareness Team and held key leadership roles in four consecutive state conferences.

Trish is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and earned her Masters degree at the University of Nebraska, while working full time in the Nebraska State 4-H office. She is looking forward to getting to know more about each of the county 4-H programs as well as partnering with the dedicated staff and volunteer leaders across the state. To learn more about the California 4-H Foundation or how to support your favorite program, please contact Trish.

Last Call: "Raise Your Hand" and help California 4-H win $20,000!- The Raise Your Hand campaign ends in two weeks, and California currently stands in 10th place in the National competition. If you are a California 4-H Alumni, Friend, Volunteer, Parent or Grandparent, help us win $20,000 simply by signing up in the network!



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# 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check out our statewide calendar of events, dates & deadlines!

**June**
6/24-7/01 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
6/24-7/05 Extended Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)
6/30 Raise your Hand Campaign Ends

**July**
7/16-20 Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)
7/20-23 State Leadership Conference (SLC)
7/21 California 4-H Alumni & Friends Night Out!
7/31 Spark Surveys Deadline

**August**
8/6 California 4-H Management Board meeting
8/6 Scholarships for Higher Education appls due (online)
8/6 Golden Clover Award nominations due (online)

**October**
10/5 Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders
10/27 All Record Books entered in the State Competition due to State Office (sent electronically)

**November**
11/2 "STEM"ming into Animals Science, Growing True Leaders
11/3-5 Mindfulness Retreat
11/5 Evaluator applications for State Record Book Competition due (online)

**December**
12/7 Helping 4-H'ers Grow in Life and Work

## Scholarship, Award, & Grant Opportunities

Hispanic and Latino Students Scholarship Guide

Diamond Clover Award-This is the highest achievement for which a 4-H youth member or young adult volunteer is recognized. All youth members and young adults who achieve the requirements are eligible to receive this award. Awardees receive the California Diamond Clover Pin or Necklace Charm, a certificate and a recognition letter. Applications are accepted year round. Applications are reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awarded quarterly.

Scholarships for Higher Education applications are **due by 11:59pm on August 6th, 2017.**

Golden Clover Award nominations are also **due by 11:59pm on August 6th, 2017.**

## Leadership

### 2018 WASHINGTON FOCUS TRIPS

LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

save the date

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

**July 15-20, 2018**

**Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)** is the only national leadership development experience designed exclusively for 4-H'ers ages 12*-14. It prepares 4-H youth for the future by teaching them leadership skills using an experiential learning model based in 4-H curriculum and the living classroom of Washington D.C.

***Registration will open mid-October 2017***
***Must be 12 years old by first day of travel***

**June 16-23, 2018 (Conference Only)**
**June 16-26, 2018 (Conference + Extended Trip)**

**Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)** is designed for 4-H youth between the ages of 15* and 19. CWF offers a life-changing week that empowers 4-Her's to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities. Using the classroom of Washington D.C., participants will learn how our national government works as well as experience the grandeur of our nation's capital. The extended trip continues the learning experience to Gettysburg and Philadelphia, PA and Baltimore, MD.

***Registration will open mid-October 2017***
***Must be 15 years old by first day of travel***

**KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST NEWS ON THESE TRIPS**

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

CWF http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/WF/

Registration for all of these events is set to open mid-October 2017 and is on a first-come, first served basis

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Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't.
- Bill Nye

## Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)

**Pre-Order Your 2017 National Youth Science Day kits!** National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters are pleased to introduce the 2017 4-H National Youth Science Day challenge: Incredible Wearables. Incredible Wearables is a hands-on STEM project that challenges young people to build a wearable fitness tracker that will help people lead healthier lifestyles.

To complete the challenge, kids must work together to design, build and refine a wearable health-tracking device that is low-cost, easy-to-use and aesthetically appealing. Incredible Wearables is perfect for both classroom and out-of-school learning. The 75 to 90-minute hand-on project is highly adaptable and is suitable for 4th-12th graders. The 4-H NYSD kit is now available for pre-sale on the 4-H Mall website. Each low-cost kit can serve up to 10 youth at a time, and is re-usable.

## Positive Youth Development

**4-H Thrive 2017-2018 Project Leader Information iSprout * iGrow* iThrive**
Interested in bringing a fun and engaging educational experience to 4-H members in your county? The Thrive Educational Series offers age-appropriate curriculum for members at each level of their 4-H experience.

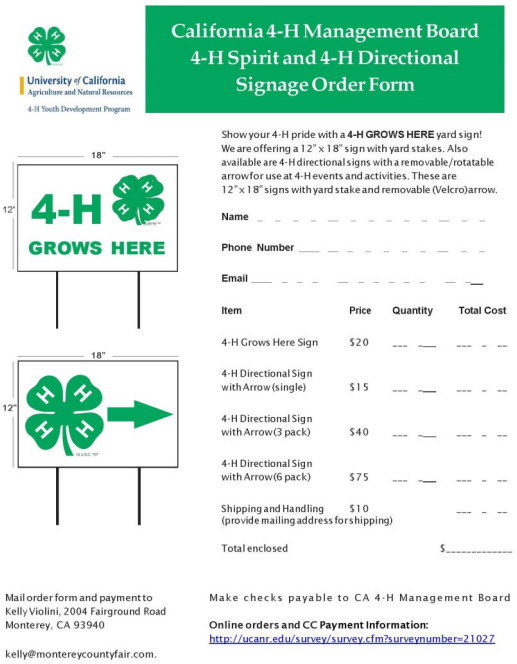
## Management Board Updates

**Youth Summit Staff Applications-** The State Management Board is organizing new conferences, transitioning from prior sectional conferences (WHY, TIC, CAL, LCORT) for youth 11-13 years of age. The Leadership Team 2018 will be selected from a pool of applicants who will be considered on the basis of a written online application, a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader, and the completion of a formal interview.

Members of the Leadership Team will meet regularly during the year to plan the event, work as a team, and prepare for the Summit. Please realize the commitment you make when you apply to be part of this dynamic team!

**Apply by July 1st! Click on the links below:**

- Northern
- Southern
- Central
- Bay/Coast: Applications are closed for the 2017/2018 Program Year. The conference staff are excited to plan a dynamic conference for Winter 2018!



California 4-H Management Board
4-H Spirit and 4-H Directional Signage Order Form

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Show your 4-H pride with a **4-H GROWS HERE** yard sign! We are offering a 12" x 18" sign with yard stakes. Also available are 4-H directional signs with a removable/rotatable arrow for use at 4-H events and activities. These are 12" x 18" signs with yard stake and removable (Velcro) arrow.

18" 12" 4-H GROWS HERE

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

| Item | Price | Quantity | Total Cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4-H Grows Here Sign | $20 | ____ | $ ____ |
| 4-H Directional Sign with Arrow (single) | $15 | ____ | $ ____ |
| 4-H Directional Sign with Arrow (3 pack) | $40 | ____ | $ ____ |
| 4-H Directional Sign with Arrow (6 pack) | $75 | ____ | $ ____ |
| Shipping and Handling (provide mailing address for shipping) | $10 | | $ ____ |
| Total enclosed | | | $ ____ |

Mail order form and payment to
Kelly Violini, 2004 Fairground Road
Monterey, CA 93940

kelly@montereycountyfair.com.

Make checks payable to CA 4-H Management Board

**Online orders and CC Payment Information:**
http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21027

**Show Your 4-H Pride**- The Management Board is selling 4-H Spirit and 4-H Directional yard signs to raise funds for 2017-2018 area events and conferences. Here is the order form, join us in showing your love for 4-H.

**Year-End Summary-** As the first year of the State Management Board closes, we wanted to share highlights of what we accomplished this year, with the help of many wonderful youth and adult volunteers.

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4-H is about building better citizens, teaching values and developing skills...It doesn't matter if you're from a farm environment or from a big city.

## Evaluation

It's that time of year! Tell us what you've learned in 4-H this year. Take your Sparks Surveys in the Online Record Book. You can find these surveys listed in the Online Record Book off to the right side. The surveys are names of different colors-be sure to take each color. Be sure to tell your friends which surveys you took and ask them to take theirs as well using the hashtag #4hsnapshot. Surveys are open **May 1st through July 31st!**

Ever wish you could access some of the great information that youth enter in their record books to help you tell your program's story? Now you can! County staff have access to Online Record Book data (no names of youth included). See how many community service hours youth reported, their star rankings, and other great information. To see how to access it, check out the "Online Record Book-What It Can Do For You" PowerPoint and recording at: http://ucanr.edu/sites/CA4-HA/PD/Webinar_Series/ or contact Kendra Lewis, Academic Coordinator for Evaluation.

## Record Books

The 2017-2018 Record Book Manual and Forms have been posted! Find them here. The new Manual includes minor changes to include language for use by SPIN Clubs and Afterschool Clubs.

REMINDER: Counties and clubs that host Record Book evaluations or competitions are ***required*** to use the evaluation processes and worksheets found here.

## Military Program

CALIFORNIA 4-H MILITARY PROGRAM

Tutor.com for Military Families understands the need for students to have fun over the summer! They also listened to parents who told them they want to keep their children's brains active during the break so they don't fall behind or lose motivation. With these things in mind the Military team has worked with the tutors to create some creative fun summer activities to help keep the brain fit during the summer.

You can find these activities at www.tutor.com/military/brainfit. Please feel free to disseminate them to anyone and every-one who works with military youth.

## Other Updates

County Ambassadors (previously known as "All-Stars") - A brand new, re-vamped handbook and administration manual for county ambassadors will be released by early July 2017. Contact your county 4-H office if you are interested in piloting this program.

**State Fashion Revue**- Congratulations to all the participants in the State Fashion Revue 201. Your hard work and creative results were definitely fashion-worthy. A tip of the hat to the state winners. We hope you enjoy wearing your garments. Thank you to all the parents, family members and project leaders who supported these 4-H members. The members of the SFR committee produced a stellar event and you are much appreciated. The theme, challenge categories and service projects for SFR 2018 will be announced in the near future. There are still openings on the committee for 2018. If you wish to serve on the committee or have suggestions for the committee, please contact Sue Moore , or Mary Engebreth.

# 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.

# PROMESA 4-H

Prometo usar mi...

**MENTE**
para pensar con más claridad,

**CORAZÓN**
para ser más leal,

**MANOS**
para ser más servicial,

**SALUD**
para cuidarme más,

por mi club
mi comunidad
mi país y
mi mundo

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4-H VOLUNTEER CAFE
A resource site for our 4-H Thrive leadership

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