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### DIRECTOR UPDATES

Everyone,

I am pleased to announce several new additions to our 4-H Youth Development Program team and a couple of new assignments:

- Erika Stephens (Shasta County) – I started in August as the 4-H Youth Program Development Representative of Shasta County. Before 4-H I worked in Childcare for 17 years. I worked for the Shasta Family YMCA for 12 of those years as a Site Director for the afterschool program. I grew up in Redding and I was in 4-H for about 10 years. I was apart of the Home Economics, Leadership and Shasta 4-H Rollers (roller skating drill team) Projects. I am looking forward to a great future with 4-H and the growth of 4-H in Shasta County!
- Mandi Bottoms (Statewide 4-H Healthy Living Coordinator). I am so excited to join the CA 4-H Team!. In my new role with 4-H I will provide direction and implementation of the 4-H Healthy Living Initiative. I have background in teaching and curriculum development, with a variety of related work experience including serving the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom and National FFA Organization. 4-H has a long history of promoting healthy living among youth and their families, and I am is delighted to use my experiences and talents to contribute to the overall vision of repositioning health to its important and appropriate place within the 4-H Program.
- Rita Boyes (Tehama County) - Hello California 4-H, I'm back! I am so happy to be returning to the 4-H program and to my home county- Tehama. I will be managing the club program and resident camp program. I will also be focusing on putting the power of the program in the hands of our volunteers. My previous work in Sacramento County has shown me there is power in giving volunteers ownership of the program. When volunteers are empowered they give more, care more, and have a clearer vision of the 4-H program. I am looking forward to this new 4-H chapter in my life and to working with all of you again.
- Stephanie Fontana (San Benito/Santa Cruz Counties) - As San Benito 4-H program Representative I am here to oversee the 4-H Youth Development Program. Working out of the San Benito Cooperative Extension office in Hollister, I am here to work with 4-H youth and leaders to provide San Benito County with a quality 4-H program that provides positive leadership and diverse programs for it's youth.

Please join me in welcoming these women to their new assignments!

Regards,

Sharon Junge

Acting Director, Statewide 4-H Youth Development Program

## CA 4-H FOUNDATION UPDATES

### Updates from the CA 4-H Foundation

At the [California 4-H Foundation](#), we are committed to helping 4-H state and county programs, volunteer leaders' councils and individual clubs have all the resources they need to create high quality experiences for more and more youth across California. This last month has seen a flurry of activity toward this end that we wanted to share with everyone.

### New organizational partnerships:

**TimeWarner Cable-** We have established a partnership with TimeWarner Cable in southern California that ties together their organizational initiative to Connect a Million Minds to our 4-H SET programming. The first step in this partnership has been an in-kind sponsorship for National Youth Science Day. This support includes the development of a PSA that encourages people to "join, volunteer, support" 4-H and drives them to the website to learn more. Future plans include identifying opportunities for TWC employees to volunteer with 4-H as a means to grow and deepen the partnership. For a preview of the PSA, click [here](#).

**California Landscape Contractors Association** The California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA) has signed on as a statewide sponsor for 4-H's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Science Experiment Day on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. The **California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA)** supports 4-H in their mission to work with youth through hands-on projects related to science, gardening, agriculture and healthy lifestyles. CLCA is excited to partner with 4-H, by connecting their local membership with 4-H programs and to support 4-H projects with volunteer time and expertise. CLCA has also provided a sponsorship of \$20,000 being used to offset some costs of events associated with science experiment being sponsored by local 4-H clubs throughout the state, and also to fund a limited number of additional projects that combine water quality and efficiency with landscaping, gardening, and environmental education. For more information, please contact Steven Worker at [smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu).

### Fundraising support and tools

**Online donations can now be designated to counties or programs and paid with a credit card.** Please check out the new California 4-H website ([www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)). On every page you will notice a large blue "Donate Now" button which will direct donors to the Foundation donation web page. Online donations can be designated to go to specific counties or to specific programs and may be paid by credit card. 100% of the amount pledged goes directly to the program or county designated. Donors also have the option of making recurring pledges and unrestricted donations to be used where the need is greatest.

**Annual Appeal support available:** Many groups and programs around the state conduct year-end fundraising drives (usually a letter asking for support called an annual appeal.) Amy McGuire, our new Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations has been reaching out to counties to offer support in developing and producing their annual year-end appeals. Amy has created a brief fact sheet that details what an annual appeal involves and will work with 4-H organizations to assess your group's readiness to undertake this fundraising effort. Click [here](#) to see the FAQ for annual appeals and contact Amy to explore partnering with the Foundation at [almcguire@ucdavis.edu](mailto:almcguire@ucdavis.edu).

### Upcoming fundraising trainings:

**Thrive Rollout Post-Conference Session- September 30 1-3:30 pm.** Join the California 4-H Foundation team and learn to develop and apply strategies that increase engagement in 4-H at all levels, more money, more volunteers, more partnerships, more youth, more stuff... This training will explore the 4-H Engagement

Model, build a one-page plan that can serve as a fundraising tool and begin to identify ways to widen the circle of support for 4-H programs, events and activities.

**State Leader's Forum** This year the Foundation will be offering two workshops for volunteer leaders to strengthen their fundraising skills and knowledge. Both were piloted and enthusiastically received at SLC and have been slightly modified to meet the needs of our volunteer leaders.

*Fundraising Basics:* This workshop will explore how to make fundraising a joyful and integral experience for everyone involved in 4-H- especially our donors and supporters. We will provide a brief overview of the fundraising process, examine the activities we are currently doing and develop strategies to improve their effectiveness. We will take away tools that will strengthen our abilities to make raising funds and friends for 4-H a fun and rewarding experience for everyone

*Engaging Alumni and Planning a Centennial Celebration:* 4-H in California will be 100 years old in 2013. What will the next 100 years for 4-H look like? Please attend this workshop if you are interested in helping to start the conversation about planning for the 4-H Centennial celebration, re-engaging alumni and creating the foundation for a vibrant 4-H in California for the next 100 years! Participants will learn

1. How to generate ideas on what a centennial celebration would look like both statewide and in local communities
2. How to use the Centennial Celebration as a way to re-engage alumni in 4-H
3. How to plan and coordinate local Centennial Celebrations to increase awareness and support for 4-H

**Position opening-** The Foundation has an opening for a Major Gifts Officer who will focus on Foundation and Corporate Giving. This is a critical role in helping to implement an ambitious strategic plan to exponentially grow the resources available to support 4-H Programming around the state. Click here to link to the job posting

<https://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameSet/FrameSet.jsp?time=1284154691615>

Annette Leeland  
Executive Director  
California 4-H Foundation

## HEALTHY LIVING INITIATIVE

- The **UnitedHealth HEROES grants** an opportunity for individuals to create interactive programs that are focused on fighting childhood obesity in their own community. If you would like to receive up to \$1,000 in funding to support your service-learning project that focuses on eliminating childhood obesity, visit <http://www.YSA.org/HEROES>. The deadline to apply is **October 22, 2010**.
- The **2010 Sports Nutrition Conference: Fueling Fitness and Performance** will be held **October 29, 2010** at the University of Arizona. This conference will be an opportunity for health professionals of many backgrounds to collaborate on the latest in nutritional sport science. For more information and to register, visit: [http://cals.arizona.edu/nutrition/sports\\_conference](http://cals.arizona.edu/nutrition/sports_conference).
- The **PTA Healthy Lifestyles** grant promotes good nutrition and regular physical activity in order to address the nation's childhood obesity epidemic. This grant emphasizes the important role families can play in keeping their children healthy and ready to learn. In celebration of PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month each November, National PTA offers PTA Healthy Lifestyles Grants of up to \$1,000 to local PTAs. [Click Here](#) for more information.

- **Cooking with Kids**

The website contains video segments, recipes, and classroom materials. The program shows how easy it is for kids to prepare snacks and meals that taste good and that are good for them – using the five food groups as a platform for nutrition messages. Each segment of “Cooking With Kids” was developed with a registered dietician.

“Cooking With Kids” is designed to address the following issues:

- 1) Kids don’t cook and have become accustomed to fast or snack foods.
- 2) Parents should cook more with their kids to educate and facilitate good communication.
- 3) Kid-friendly, good tasting and easy to prepare recipes and meals are hard to find.

Click here for more information: <http://cookingwithkids.org>

- **Schools improving food options**

More schools are engaging in healthy eating actions, according to the latest “Back to School Trends Survey” from the School Nutrition Association (SNA). A full 95 percent of districts are increasing offerings of whole grain products, 90 percent are making fruits and vegetables more available, 66 percent are reducing sugar, and 51 percent are increasing vegetarian options. Schools also say they are diversifying their menus and offering more ethnic food choices. View SNA survey results at:

<http://www.traytalk.org/school-cafeterias-offering-healthier-options-this-fall/>.

## IDEAS THAT WORK

- **Three new curricula** have been recently been added to the national directory. You will soon be able to order the educational materials from the University of Minnesota and project coordinator Dorothy Freeman for *Exploring Your Environment*. The curriculum teaches basic ecological concepts that help youth understand how nature works and how we affect it and are affected by it.
- The second curriculum is from the University of Vermont and project coordinator Diane Mincher for *Food, Culture, and Reading*. This nutrition education program uses literature as a learning tool for food, nutrition, healthy living, and cultural education.
- The third curriculum is from the University of California and project coordinators **Sharon Junge and Martin Smith** for *There’s No New Water*. Written by **Martin Smith, Steven Worker, Maggie Kelly, and a team of undergraduate students from UC**, this water conservation and water quality curriculum is grounded in the concept that water is a non-renewable, finite natural resource whose quantity and quality must be responsibly preserved, protected, used, and reused.
- The Department of Education has sponsored a **Federal Summit on Bullying Prevention**. The website created to house and provide numerous resources on this prevalent topic is available at: [www.bullyinginfo.org](http://www.bullyinginfo.org). Please visit this resource today for ideas to utilize in preventing bullying.

## PROGRAMS

- Looking for a way to improve your leadership and citizenship skills? Delegates who participate in **California and Washington Focus** say they enhance these very skills as they engage in one of the citizenship study/travel programs and carry out a plan of action to address an issue in their school or community. The dates for the 2011 programs are:

**California Focus**

June 17 – 21 in Sacramento

**Washington Focus #1**

June 26 – July 4, Road to Democracy - Washington, D.C.; Williamsburg, Jamestown/ Yorktown

June 26 – July 2, Heritage Trail I – Washington, D.C.

**Washington Focus #2**

July 10 – 19, Global Journey - Washington, D.C, Philadelphia, & New York.

July 10 – 16, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C.

Financial assistance will be available. Applications and information will be up on the web by October 1.

More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/> or with Pat English, [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu).

- **California's 4-H International Exchange Program** will host students from Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway as well as send delegates outbound to Australia. Norway is a new opportunity for California 4-H. The hosting programs are all about sharing your summer time lifestyle with a teen from another culture. Come and be part of the excitement of learning about another culture and developing a friend in another country. Would you like to talk with someone who has hosted with the program in the past? Contact Pat English at [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu). Or check the web site for information at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/>.
- 4-H programs geared towards the 4-H camp experience will be interested in a new publication available in the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources Catalog. The publication, **Counselor-In-Training: Encouraging Youth Development Outcomes at Camp**, is available here: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/items/3521.aspx>.

## EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- **4-H Adult Train the Trainer Babysitting Course**  
The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Babysitting Training course open for adults over 19.  
Location: UCCE Monterey County 4-H Office  
**October 16, 9:00 – 1:00pm**  
By taking this course, you will become familiar with the curriculum that teaches youth how to care for children, how to solve problems, how to keep children safe and happy, and how to handle emergencies. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military afterschool sites. Participants will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Manual and a Student Guide. Bring a doll for fun! For registration information contact: Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu) or 530-21-6608
- **2010 State Leaders' Forum: Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, GO!**  
The 2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum, with the theme of, "Upgrade! S.E.T. your system! Go!" will be held **November 5-7, 2010** at the Asilomar Conference Center. Portions of the forum will focus on sharing ideas about the various ways that 4-H educates its members in all aspects of the 4-H Youth Development Program, facilitated by volunteers and staff. **Priority Registration Due October 1, 2010.** \$45 per person before Oct 1. \$50 per person after Oct 1. Talk with the 4-H leaders, staff and parents in your club and county, form a group, and come to experience "Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, GO!" at the 2010 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum! The South Section Forum Committee has been working hard to create an event that will be a fun, stimulating, and educational. For information, registration forms and list of workshops, visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF>.
- Applications are currently being accepted for the **2011 National 4-H Conference**, to be held on April 2-9th. Applications are due by **October 1, 2010**. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. More information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/> or please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong, [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-5644.

- **Lights On Afterschool**, the national rally for afterschool programs, is fast approaching! Register now at [www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaHostEvent.cfm](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loaHostEvent.cfm). The 11th annual Lights On Afterschool and call attention to the need for more afterschool resources. Register to participate and get your community excited about the innovative activities happening in your afterschool program! If you register by Monday, **September 20th** you will be entered to win 100 Lights On posters, 100 blinking light bulb buttons and a giant Lights On Afterschool light bulb balloon for your event.
- All youth and adults, involved in camp education programs are invited to a hands-on workshop which will generate new ideas, enthusiasm and energy into any 4-H camp. Experience the new **Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) Camp Activity Manual**, "Clues All Around Us". The workshop will help you make active learning fun and meaningful for campers. Mark your calendars to attend the training October 16 from 9:30 to 3:00 at the Cache Creek Nature Preserve in Woodland. For your \$20 registration fee you will garner a bag of resource material, a copy of the activity manual, many neat ideas, and the opportunity to exchange ideas with others. Lunch is included. Please contact Mary Engebreth, [maryengebret@comcast.net](mailto:maryengebret@comcast.net) or (707) 996-2981 for registration materials. Registration deadline is **October 6, 2010**.
- **4-H Youth Training Babysitting Course**  
The 4-H Military Partnership Program is offering a Babysitting Training course for Youth 12-17.  
**Location: Solano County 4-H Office**  
**October 23- 9:30-4:00 & October 24- 9:00-12:00**  
This training is designed to help youth learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. The youth will receive Child/Infant CPR training on the second day of the training. They will also receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag filled with essential supplies for babysitters. Bring a doll for fun! For registration information, contact Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu) or 530-219-6608.
- **A shooting sports training workshop to train volunteers in the rifle discipline** will be held in Ukiah, CA on **November 6 & 7**, from 8am-5pm both days. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the rifle shooting sports discipline. They will be certified as Volunteer Leaders and be eligible to serve a club or camp rifle project leader. There is a \$20 fee for the course. To get more information contact Linda Edgington at [lgedgington@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lgedgington@ucdavis.edu) or call 707-463-4495. To register for the class you must complete the *Training Request and Registration Form* found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4785.doc> and have it signed by your county 4-H staff person. Mail this form along with a check for \$20 made payable to *Mendocino County 4-H* to: Rifle Class 890 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. **This class is not open to leaders from Santa Cruz County or Ventura County.**
- **Fashion cents, the 2011 Challenge category will be the \$15 Challenge.** Members are challenged to coordinate and purchase an entire outfit for \$15 or less, not counting shoes. Additional categories for 2011 will be Traditional, Consumer Science-Purchased, Recycled, and Wearable Art-Embellished. In CS-Purchased, the limit has been reduced to \$100 for everything showing. The Recycled rules have been rewritten to differentiate between recycling an old garment into a new one and alterations. In WA-Embellished, the rules clarify that the original garment must be purchased. The SFR committee welcomes your participation in planning and presenting this state event. To join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at [chat2kd@unwiredbb.com](mailto:chat2kd@unwiredbb.com). For event information, the Challenge flyer, and 2010 photos, see the SFR website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The committee is looking for historic photos and stories about 4-H Dress Revue and SFR when it was part of State Leadership Conference. If you have any to share, please contact Sue Moore at [samoore@ucdavis.edu](mailto:samoore@ucdavis.edu).
- Mark you calendars for an upcoming conference, **Leadership for Tomorrow Conference: Investing in Communities**, to be held April 12-14, 2011 in Columbus, OH. This conference will be an opportunity for attendees to learn more about utilizing technology for community networking, building and leading partnerships and collaborations as much more! Proposals for presentations are also currently being accepted. Visit <http://leadershipfortomorrow.osu.edu> for more information on the RFP. Proposals are due **November 1, 2010**.

- The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Captain Planet Grants**  
The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects for children and youths. They will fund as many projects as its annual resources allow. In order to be considered for funding, proposals must: focus on hands-on involvement, and include children and young adults ages 6-18 (elementary to high school) with adult supervision. Deadline Date: **09/30/2010** Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Healthy Sprouts Awards**  
Schools and organizations that plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of three and eighteen in 2011 are eligible to apply for the Subaru Healthy Sprouts Awards. Eligible applicants must combine a garden program with education related to environmental, nutrition and hunger issues. The program provides Grant Packages to 30 schools or organizations that include a \$500.00 gift certificate for gardening supplies and curriculum, as well as additional curricular resources and literature. The application deadline is **October 1, 2010**. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Community Grants Available Through the Allstate Foundation**  
The Allstate Foundation is offering ongoing grants to promote safer communities, community revitalization, catastrophe assistance, non-profit organizations, environmental responsibility, and a more tolerant and inclusive society. To learn more, click the link: <http://www.allstate.com/citizenship/allstate-communities.aspx>.
- **Grants for Youth Promoting Collaboration**  
The Southern Poverty Law Center is sponsoring the Mix It Up Grants program, which provides \$500 for youth-directed activist projects that identify, cross and challenge social boundaries in schools and communities. There is no application deadline. For more information, visit [www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp](http://www.tolerance.org/teens/grants.jsp).
- **Computers for Learning Program**  
The Computers for learning program is a government program that matches the computer needs of schools and educational nonprofit organization with excess equipment in Federal agencies. Schools and Educational Non-profits in the United States are eligible to receive computers and computer equipment. There is no application deadline for this project. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Grants for Computer Software**  
The Microsoft Corporation is offering grants for in-kind support to help programs create community-based technology and learning centers that help promote technology literacy. Programs must have computer hardware that is needed to run Microsoft software, and personnel capable of installing and maintaining requested software. Applications are accepted year round. For more information, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/mscorp/citizenship/giving/apply>.
- **Comcast Foundation Grants**  
Comcast Foundation Grants are available to fund literacy, volunteerism and youth leadership development programs. Nonprofit organizations with 501 (c) (3) status operating within Comcast communities are eligible to apply. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. To apply organizations should verify that they operate within a Comcast service area and send a letter of inquiry to the Comcast Foundation. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

- **Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF)**  
Nonprofit organizations with 501 (c) (3) status and public agencies operating in communities where Lowe's stores and distribution centers are located are eligible to apply. Grant funds are available for community improvement projects. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Application awards are ongoing. To apply organizations will need to take an eligibility test. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).
- **Pay it Forward Minigrants**  
Pay it Forward Foundation's - Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund youth-identified projects with educational value that benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Programs must illustrate how their projects will embody a "pay it forward" concept, where benefits multiply exponentially in the community. Grant applications are considered throughout the year. For more information go to <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>.
- **Do Something Youth Grants**  
U.S. and Canadian citizens 25 or under are eligible to apply for \$500 Plum Youth Grants. These grants are designed to further the growth and success of recently created community action project or organization.
- **Do Something Grants for Youth Projects**  
Youth under the age of 25 years of age in the United States and Canada who want to create a community action project, or further the success of an existing program are eligible to apply for DoSomething.org Do Something Grants. One grant of \$500.00 will be awarded each week in 2009. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and stay active for consideration for two months after submission. For more information and to submit an online application, click [here](#)

## INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

- **4-H Record Books** are due to your UCCE county office 4-H staff by **October 22, 2010**. Visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/> for Record Book resources.
- **4-H Record Book Judging Applications** are due to the Statewide 4-H Office by **September 30, 2010**. Contact Quang "Hogan" Tong for more information at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu). Visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/> for a judging application.
- The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program** is currently seeking applications to nominate and recognize 4-H members in grades 5-12 for their volunteer activities in the last year. 4-H participants may apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Top high school and middle level volunteers will receive silver medallions, \$1,000 awards and a trip to Washington, D.C. All applications must be completed, printed out, signed and submitted to your county 4-H office by **November 1, 2010**.

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

- Please visit the 4-H Center for Youth Development's website, <http://www.ca4h.org/Research/CYD/> to find the latest research findings and updates of ongoing studies in the field of youth development.
- The first issue of the **Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development (JAFSCD)** is now available and online. This is a peer-reviewed journal of applied research and policy analysis and is free to the public at [www.AgDevJournal.com](http://www.AgDevJournal.com). You can view this free until the end of September before any subscriptions are needed.

## FOR 4-H STAFF

- **For Staff: FINAL REMINDER** – This is 4-H staff's last chance to register for the statewide 4-H Thrives! Conference to be held in Davis, California from September 28-30. Registration fees, meals, travel and lodging (up to \$59.50 per night + tax) will be provided for all 4-H county staff in attendance! Register for the conference now and take advantage of this capacity building opportunity to learn about cutting edge thriving concepts, volunteer development, and participate in the design of the Thrive roll out plan for the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The registration and hotel block reservation deadline is 5 pm this **Friday, September 17, 2010**. Register now: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=5275>
- **For Staff - Administrative curriculum** can be ordered on the new California 4-H website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/StaffResources/>, click on Publication Orders. If you need copies of publications, like Welcome to 4-H, Member ID cards, 4-H Safety Manual, various certificates, etc, place your order by **October 4**. Orders are downloaded in October, January, April and July. If you have questions, contact Pat English at [penglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:penglish@ucdavis.edu).
- **For Staff** – 4-H staff interested in learning about STEM Beyond the Classroom, Global Learning inn Afterschool and many other topics as well as collaborating with Afterschool specialists across the country are invited to attend the **2011 National Afterschool Association Convention**, April 16-18, 2011 in Orlando, FL. Afterschool professionals are encouraged to register early through December 17, 2010 for early bird registration. Visit [www.naaconvention.org](http://www.naaconvention.org) today. If you would like to submit your application for an RFP, visit: <http://www.naaconvention.org/default.asp?contentID=567>. RFP applications are due Friday, **October 1, 2010**.
- **For Staff** – The **2011 National Extension Conference of Volunteerism**, April 18-21, 2011 in Coeur d'Alene, ID, presents the opportunity for Extension professionals to gather and share resources and ideas from across the nation. The conference planning committee also extends the invitation to staff for workshop, research presentations, and poster session proposals. Visit <http://www.4h.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=119530>. Deadline for submissions is: **October 29, 2010**.
- **For Staff** – The **Annual 4-H Financial Reporting** for the 2009-2010 Program Year from county offices is due by **November 1, 2010** to the State 4-H Office online. All unit reports must be entered and marked complete in the online financial system. You may enter financial reports [here](#).
- **For Staff** - In lieu of a separate CYFAR Conference in 2011, The **2011 Department of Defense/USDA Family Resilience Conference: Forging the Partnership** will be held in Chicago, April 26-29, 2011. For those interested in submitting for a call for proposals, you may download the application form [here](#) and visit <http://www1.cyfernet.org/partnership2011/> for more information. Save these dates, as registration opens in January 2011.

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