



4-H E-News Updates

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DIRECTOR UPDATES

Hello 4-H Community,

As young people throughout the state are gearing up for California Focus it reminds us of all the opportunities 4-H provides for young people to be civically engaged and contribute to their communities. In fact, citizenship is an integral and important component of 4-H – young people participate in organized clubs and groups, serve as officers of their clubs, learn and practice democratic rules, conduct community service activities, serve in leadership roles at the county, state, and national level, and much, much more. Importantly, the adult volunteers epitomize the concept of citizenship with the time and devotion they give to our program in support of the young people.

Citizenship activities help strengthen important life skills such as leadership, empathy, communication, teamwork, problem solving, and critical thinking skills, while expanding young people's role in decision-making processes. In addition, recent research indicates that youth who participate in 4-H contribute more to their community than youth in other out-of-school time activities (e.g., Lerner et al., 2009). This is an important finding as it suggests they are on their way to a lifetime of contribution as adults.

In the coming months we will be rolling out the third and final initiative – Citizenship. To get a jump on these efforts try to do one thing to promote citizenship or expand your citizenship activities. For ideas visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/>

Regards,

Shannon Dogan
Director, Statewide 4-H Youth Development Program

CA 4-H FOUNDATION UPDATES

Updates from the CA 4-H Foundation

The Foundation is gearing up for the 2013 California Centennial Celebration and our goal is to have as many Californian's as possible reconnect, learn about, and engage with 4-H. To accomplish this we are developing a multi-pronged outreach effort that includes an increased presence at the State Fair. As many of you know, 4-H has an important historical relationship with Fair and the Foundation is working closely with its leadership to identify opportunities for more visibility at this year's Fair. On Saturday, July 23, **we will be hosting a 4-H Alumni Day** that will include discount tickets, a Photo Booth project, special giveaways, and as always, lots of

4-H kids participating in livestock activities. The Fair is also presenting an exhibit that chronicles its history, and photographs and memorabilia from the 4-H archives will be prominently displayed.

The Photo Booth project is a two day event that will chronicle the **Faces of 4-H**. Past, present, and future 4-H'ers will be invited to have their photo taken and tell their 4-H story. The project will be conducted by noted San Francisco photographer Christopher Irion who created a similar project for the UC Berkeley capital campaign. The Berkeley project may be viewed at <http://campaign.berkeley.edu>. **The 4-H Photo Booth Project will take place all day on Saturday July 23 and July 24. We need your support to spread the word!** Please invite your clubs and programs to attend the fair on one (or both) of these days and encourage them to stop by the 4-H booth located in the County Building for their Photo Booth experience.

The **Faces of 4-H** photos will be displayed in multiple venues – online, in print and in large scale murals created by the artist. As our Centennial Celebration nears in 2013, the **Faces of 4-H** will play an essential role in telling our 4-H story and it is our hope that it will be displayed in large-scale mural form at the Capitol building at a culminating centennial celebration event.

This year's State Fair runs from July 14 – July 31. Our booth in the County Building will be open for its entire run and will feature a variety of activities celebrating the great things that are taking place in our 4-H programs statewide. California Alumni Day will take place on Saturday, July 23 – be sure to get your discount tickets! And, don't miss out on the opportunity to have your picture taken at the Photo Booth – we want to join our **Faces of 4-H** community.

Check our website soon for more information about the Photo Booth and a link to the Alumni Day discounts and other fair news.

See you at the fair!

Annette Leeland

Executive Director
California 4-H Foundation

Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair

The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair (July 14 - July 31). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences, as well as the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of service projects also make for good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone who may be interested in learning even more about your 4-H project.

Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Each shift must have two adults in the booth at all times. To sign-up, visit <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6119>

IDEAS THAT WORK

- **Operation: Military Kids** is taking advantage of the benefits of social marketing, thanks to youth who attended a Speak Out for Military Kids workshop last March. Participants in the workshop created a California: Operation Military Kids Facebook page, and included photos and a special video they created. They then helped to spread the word about the page to their family and friends. Since then, the page has reached close to 100 members and is serving as a great resource for military youth and their families and those who would like to support them. To join in, visit <http://www.facebook.com/CAOMK> and "like" us.
- Congratulations to Kyle Geringer on his Best of Show Award from the California State Fair! His fantastic western style jacket and slacks were selected as the best from all age categories in the Youth Art & Design Expo Fashion & Textile Show. State Fair Judges Barbara Vineyard and Janie Steele agree, "It's a

great crisp outfit and well-coordinated. The lining is well done. It's great to see a young man excel!" Kyle Geringer is an El Sereno 4-H Club member in Santa Clara County, under the leadership of Lil Draxler. Kyle's entry will be on display in Expo Center Building #1 during the 2011 California State Fair, July 14-31. For more information visit www.bigfun.org.

PROGRAMS

- The California 4-H Program is actively looking for **host families** for **Japanese** boys for a 1 month exchange this summer. Families with boys ages 10 – 15 can host a Japanese boy from July 22 to August 18. Please help to provide an international experience for a boy wishing to learn more about how an American family spends their summer. Tetsunori, Tomoya, Kensuke, or Shuma would be thrilled to spend time with your family. You can learn more by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or penglish@ucdavis.edu or on the web at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International>. In addition, past host families are available to share tips and their experience.

EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- If you're attending State Field Day on May 28, you're welcome to walk over to Olson Hall to participate in the **State Fashion Revue** workshops and Make-it-Take-it activities held during the morning. There will also be a free pattern exchange, judging classes and County Corner displays. If you have made hospital gowns for "Operation Cover Up" or quilt squares or tops for "Quilts for Wounded Troops" you may bring them to Olson Hall. Everyone is invited to watch the SFR Fashion Show beginning at 2:00 PM at Wellman Hall. Find a comfortable spot to sit on the Wellman Hall lawn and cheer for your county's delegates as they model their SFR outfits and receive awards. Delegates from all over California have entered in all 5 categories - Traditional, Recycled, Consumer Science-Purchased, Wearable Art-Embellished, and the \$15 Challenge. Watch for complete SFR results which will be posted at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/>.
- **FilmFest 4-H** is a new event for youth ages 11-18 who are interested in learning more about filmmaking and the film industry. Young filmmakers can submit their work for screening consideration. Attendees of the Fest will be able to go to workshops and network among other film enthusiasts. You may submit **until June 1st for a fee of \$15**. More information is available at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest/>.
- **State Leadership Conference** – SLC is fast approaching! Sessions and workshops are filling up fast! Don't be left out. Sign up now at: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6257>. Last day to sign up is June 17, 2011. For more information please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu or your local State Ambassador.
- The 4-H **State Leadership Conference** brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. SLC will be held **July 28-31** at the UC Davis campus. **Military youth ages 14-19** interested in attending the conference can register online here: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/> and choose "Operation Military Kids (OMK)" as their county.
- **State Leadership Conference Alumni Luncheon for former Diamond Stars and State Ambassadors and their advisors**. The State Ambassador program would like to invite all former Diamond Stars and State Ambassadors to a Lunch at UC Davis on August 1st. It is both a working lunch and a chance for past members to meet and see each other again. The retiring Ambassador team will present their year to a panel for discussion and the new Ambassador team will present their proposal for the next year. Please send your current address to Quang "Hogan" Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu so we can send you a formal invitation. We look forward to hearing from you.
- A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held, **Saturday, June 25, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 26, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road

140 in Tulare. 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. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz or Ventura Counties). For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm.

- Operation Military Kids and the 4-H Military Partnership Program are providing special opportunities for military youth this summer, for little or no fee. Military youth of all branches, ages 9-18, are invited to attend **Operation: Boots Off camp, July 22-23** at Naval Base Ventura. The objective of the Operation: Boots Off curriculum is to prepare kids for the return of their service member – a stressful time for any military family. Operation: Boots Off helps young people map out and implement individualized plans that will assist them in navigating the reunion and reintegration process in a meaningful and educational way. The cost for this camp is \$15. To register, visit: <http://ucanr.org/bootsoff>.
- The California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is looking for volunteer support for **San Francisco Farm Day on Oct. 20, 2011**. This event will include school garden demonstrations, among many others and allow approximately 10,000 students to participate in agriculture based activities in new ways. If you would like to help with this event, you can fill out the [online form](#) to be contacted with more information.
- **4-H: The Magic of Transformation**. That is the theme this year for the **2011 State Leader's Forum**. This conference, for volunteer leaders and put on by volunteer leaders, promises to be especially wonderful this year as it will begin on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year – **November 11, 12, 13, 2011**. Registering is easy! Just follow this link: www.ca4h.org/programs/conferences/SLF/, download and fill out the form, and mail it in! (with a check). Do this all by September 1st and receive a discount! Friday night will be extra special, as our new State 4-H Director, Shannon Dogan, has agreed to speak to us. In fact, she has promised to spend the entire weekend at Asilomar! This will be a very meaningful way to meet, speak, and interact with her. She will be able to tell us about the Magic of working within the University framework. Also on Friday our speaker will be Andrew Bosworth. Andrew, a former California Diamond Star, currently works for Facebook. He has used his engineering skills to work on and create many of the on-going features of Facebook, and he has used his 4-H skills in managing groups, meeting deadlines, talking to the press, and developing new ideas. One idea he is very proud of is his 6-week 'bootcamp' program that he developed and manages for all the new engineers to go through as they learn about working at Facebook and discover where their 'niche' will be. Andrew will talk to us about the Magic of Social Networking. We can't wait for you to come and experience all this! Vicky Bosworth, Chair, 2011 SLF Committee, vgboz@comcast.net.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **COMING THE FALL OF 2011!!** The State 4-H Office will consolidate the Requests for Funding for Service-Learning, Healthy Living, SET, and Legacy into one application. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding to support service-learning projects related to their project or club activities. Watch for the release of the online application by July 1. All applications will be due **October 15** with a limit of \$1,000 per application. Projects must have a service-learning emphasis and can be related to 4-H SET, healthy living, citizenship, leadership or project work with the goal of creating positive change in your community and increasing the visibility of 4-H. Contact Pat English for more information, penglish@ucdavis.edu.
- Eastman Kodak Company, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society have teamed up again this year to present the **2011 Kodak American Greenways Awards** in which organizations can be selected and honored for their work at improving greenways, trails or waterways in their community. If you would like to apply for the award, visit: <http://grants.conservationfund.org> for details. The applications are due **June 15th**, with grants ranging from \$500 - \$2,500.

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

- Please congratulate the following 4-H members for being selected to be **2011-2012 State Ambassadors!**

Jessica Choi	Alameda County
Kelsey Arbuckle	Contra Costa County
Cayci Allison	Kings County
Candace Corrales	Los Angeles County
Amanda Ho	Los Angeles County
Spencer Downey	Merced County
Kaytlin McIntosh	Nevada County
Caitlin Audycki	Sacramento County
Kayla Withrow	Sacramento County
Peter Warrick	San Mateo/San Francisco County
Kate Lyn Sutherland	San Mateo/San Francisco County
Peri Wong	San Mateo/San Francisco County
Sarah Lloyd	San Mateo/San Francisco County
Rebecca Kirby	Santa Clara County
Tanner Newton	Santa Cruz County
Justin Bopp	Stanislaus County

Their hard work, perseverance, and years of service earned them the highest award that the State of California 4-H Youth Development Program can give. They will start on their 14 month program of service June 10th. Members and families interested in the State Ambassador Award should contact Quang “Hogan” Tong at qtong@ucdavis.edu or our website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/>.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

- Please visit the **4-H Center for Youth Development's** website, <http://www.ca4h.org/Research/CYD/> for the latest research findings and updates of ongoing studies in the field of youth development.

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