



The newsletter of the University of California
Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program,
Santa Clara County

Mission: The University of California 4-H Youth and Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth and development

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this FREE EVENT!!



*Patty Kurdi 4H Volunteer and
Jad Kurdi, Teen Leader of 4H Globetrotters*

Do you wish you could travel the world freely, explore exotic foods, and meet people from different countries? We do just that every month in 4H. **GLOBETROTTERS.**

El Sereno 4-H Club in Saratoga offers a project that simulates travels all around our world. So far we have traveled to China, India, Honduras, Canada, Lebanon, Italy, Germany, Poland, and Mexico. We enjoyed many foreign dishes, watched and learned about belly dancing, and Indian folk dancing, made Italian pizza, carved beautiful Polish eggs, learned to write in Chinese and so much more.

Our project members would like to invite all of you to our last project meeting of this year on **June 19th** by hosting a **WORLDWIDE-GLOBETROTTERS** Potluck. Our intention has many angles.

First, we offer you a chance at **COMMUNITY SERVICE**, by asking each family to bring a **NEW** game or toy for a child. We selected an organization to be the recipient of these gifts and they will attend our event and will thank you all personally.

Second, we are promoting this event to non-4H members to show them what 4-H has to offer. We will be extending an invitation to county offi-

cial as well. We are asking Mayor Chuck Reed, Council Member Kansen Chu and the San Jose Mercury News to attend this event to give us some much needed media attention.

Third and lastly, we offer each of you an opportunity to share in our goal to explore diversity and multi-cultural awareness as well as continue to respect and understand your fellow man. Our youth are our future and it begins here and now. Join us and let's show our community what it means when we say, "and our hands for larger service, for our club, our community, our country, our WORLD!"

WHAT: WORLDWIDE GLOBETROTTERS DINNER POTLUCK

WHO: All SCC 4H Families plus bring a friend who is not enrolled in 4H Friend

WHEN: June 19th 6:30pm-8:30pm (Saturday Dinner)

WHERE: 1555 Berger Drive Bldg. 2, San Jose in the Auditorium

BRING: Your whole family, an international dish to share (for 12 or more), a non-4H friend, and a **NEW** game or toy to donate for a children's charitable organization.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Dress "casual". We might mingle with a city official, with new and old friends, and expect to see a news reporter interviewing people. You will see El Sereno's Globetrotters compete in a Jeopardy Game, hear a final speech from a member's last year, and have some good old fashioned 4-H fun as we wrap up our 2009-2010 year.

RSVP to pattykakeskidz@yahoo.com with number of people in your groups and international dish you are bringing.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP
Monday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.
Berger Drive Cafeteria

Was your 4-H year full of opportunities and challenges? We would like to hear how your 4-H year went. This opportunity can be achieved by completing a 4-H Record Book.

Record books are an important part of 4-H. In the process of completing one, you will learn record keeping skills, writing and evaluation skills in analyzing your achievements or your challenges. It also creates a collection of useful and sentimental information for future reference for college applications and for creating a resume.

The new Record Book forms are now available in PDF format with form fields at: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/index.asp>, and members can download the file onto their own computer. Information and additional forms are available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition.asp>

For instructions, please download the 4-H Record Book Manual and Instructions. The PDR Form is available in Long, Short, or mini-short length. The Project Report Form is available in long or short form. A Jr./Teen Leader Report is due for each project that you were Jr/Teen leader in. Please follow the directions carefully! Please read the Record Book Club Evaluation Template and use it as a guide in writing your book. This template is used to judge books such as; the member's 4-H work, leadership and citizenship development, and personal growth.

If you are planning to complete record book for State competition follow all the directions provided on the State 4-H website at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition.asp>

County Record Book judging will take place in August shortly after the Fair. Record Books may be entered in the Santa Clara County Fair. If you have any questions please call Theresa Johnson 408-270-3620 or email: go2johnson@sbcglobal.net.

4-H Shooting Sports
Leader Certification for Archery

A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in Bakersfield, CA on:

Saturday, May 22 **8 AM – 5 PM**
Sunday, May 23 **8 AM – 5 PM**

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery trainers and can instruct archery club projects and camps programs, or certify local volunteers. Attendance at both days is required.

Location: UC Extension Office, 1031 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield. The cost will be \$20 and includes lunch on Saturday and class materials.

For more information, contact Robert Claffy 661-829-1658 (evenings) or email rclaffy656@aol.com. You must contact him in advance to reserve a spot in the course.

4-H Shooting Sports
Leader Certification for Pistol

A shooting sports training workshop for the pistol discipline will be held in on:

Saturday, May 22 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. S
Sunday, May 23 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. S

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as pistol trainers and can instruct pistol club/county projects and certify pistol volunteers. Attendance at both days is required. The class size is limited and restricted to adults only who are age 21 or older.

The first day of the course will be held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center Room G, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto. The second day will take place at the Safety First Shooting Association in Winton (Merced County).

For more information, contact Jim Atherstone 209-993-7971 or email: jatherstone@ssjid.com

**My Experience at
Sectional Presentation Day**
Ayano Grzymala, El Sereno 4H

Have you ever been to the Sectional Presentation Day? This was my first experience and I almost could not make it (it was my brother's birthday). Wow, was I glad that I could attend..

I presented a puppet show called Alice in Wonderland with my fellow puppeteers. The performance went very well although we had a few misshaps: one of the curtains did not close, the tree where the cat sat was partially hidden to the audience, and one of the puppet's foot bar dropped down onto the stage. We still managed to earn gold! And we are hoping to get gold at State as well.

All the participants seemed to enjoy their time there. I was watching others perform. The puppet show from Alameda 4H presented what it meant to be a 4Her and it was funny but I liked ours better, of course! There was also a silent auction and the money raised was to go to the 4H program which would help to build a park. The only disappointment was that there was no snack bar:(Overall, my experience was fun and enjoyable. I cannot wait to see what State Presentation Day is like.



4-H Re-Enrollment
Fe Moncloa
4-H Youth Development Advisor

Last month I enthusiastically stated that 4-H re-enrollment would take place in June—as in next month. The reason for this change was to align the program with the database. However, I have yet to hear from the California State 4-H Office whether the fees will increase for next year and what that dollar amount will be. Much to my chagrin I have to ask you to **wait** and until we know what the fees are.

I understand that for most clubs, the last club meeting will be in June and that re-enrollment will not take place until the Fall. So be it. I cannot ask a youth-person or/and an adult to re-register for the 4-H program without communicating the registration fees.

I also understand the need by some clubs to get things going on the re-enrollment process since many families prefer to use paper forms. In any case, stay tuned until I know what the fees are. I am in communication with several club leaders about this, and I appreciate your patience and understanding..

**4-H Secretary
Goodbye Valeh!
Hello Jenel!**

Valeh Pakdaman is moving to Social Services on May 17th. Her last day serving as 4-H Secretary is May 14th. We thank Valeh for her dedication and service and wish her well in her new assignment.

Jenel Vincze will serve as the 4-H Secretary starting Monday May 10. Jenel is a project leader, club leader, has served as Council President, and chaired several county-wide events including Presentation Day. It is safe to say that she knows the 4-H program. She will be learning all of the UC aspects of the program and will support 4-H for 16 hours per week. Her phone number is: (408)282-3119. In the meantime her email is: cesantaclara@ucdavis.edu, but soon will get her own email.

Please join me in saying “thank you “to Valeh and in “welcome” to Jenel!

COUNTY FASHION REVUE



Kyle Geringer, El Sereno 4-H

County Fashion Revue was on April 17th at Berger Drive Auditorium. This year was a lot of fun. We had participants in every category this year, which was very exciting. We were each judged by our outfit, modeling, and our answers to the judges. The only sad thing out of the entire event is that the Ramezany's will not be chairing the event after this year. They went all out this year with things to do while we were waiting, showing us how to model, decorations and awesome prizes. Here are the list of all of the winners. Those that received a Gold will be able to go on to State Field Day to participate at State Fashion Revue on May 29th. We should have a representative in every category. Good luck to everyone!



Traditional

Eileen Hails - Jr. Blue

Kyle Geringer - Jr. Gold

Leah Hails - Inter. Gold

Cepideh Ramezany - Sr. Gold

Recycled

Savanah Nguyen - Jr. Gold

Becca Graybeal - Jr. Blue

Wearable Arts/Needle Works

Gabriella Stanton - Inter. Gold

Design Contest - Vest Challenge

Kyle Geringer - Jr. Gold

Cepideh Ramezany - Sr. Gold

Purchased

Danielle Stanton - Clover

Dustin Geringer - Clover

Carmeron Walters - Jr. Gold

Becca Graybeal - Jr. Blue

Kyle Geringer - Jr. Blue

Gabrielle Stanton - Inter. Gold

Benjamin Stanton - Inter. Blue

Tara Flesner - Sr. Gold

Rahimeh Ramezany - Sr. Blue

Cepideh Ramezany - Sr. Blue



Updates from the CA 4-H Office

- **4-H Alumni Initiative-** Share Stories and Return to 4-H Roots at the Alumni Reunion The 4-H brand is only as good as the people who represent it and live it each day. Those who are knowledgeable and take pride in 4-H, feel secure and respected in their jobs, and are recognized and appreciated for the good work they do make excellent Brand Ambassadors. Each day, we should define what it is within 4-H that sparks our enthusiasm, creativity and drive. That will shine through when talking to others. Recognizing that alumni are the program's best ambassadors, efforts are underway to re-engage as many alumni as possible. If you are an alumnus, the 4-H Foundation wants to hear your stories, draw on your experience and expertise, and gather information about how 4-H has impacted your life and the state as a whole. The 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a 4-H Alumni Reunion as an opportunity for alumni to re-engage, learn about 4-H today, share stories and meet up with old friends. The Alumni Reunion will be hosted by the 2010 State Ambassadors (formerly known as Diamond Stars) in conjunction with the 4-H State Leadership Conference. The Reunion will take place **July 30, 2010, on the UC Davis campus**. We are inviting local 4-H organizations to encourage participation by their former members and to forward lists of alumni (including contact information when you have it) so we can invite as many guests as possible to this event. For more information, to be added to the mailing list for this event or to share your 4-H story, please contact Annette Leeland at aleeland@ucdavis.edu.
- April 2010 is National County Government Month in California. The theme this year is **Healthy Counties**, and Humboldt County will focus on the youth of their county by showcasing youth programs and highlighting the role each plays in the healthy sustainability of their communities. On **April 27th**, Humboldt County's 4-H all Stars will give a short presentation to the County Board of Supervisors with a follow up from the Humboldt County Ag Department on the importance of the program and its positive benefits to the future of Humboldt County.
- County Cooperative Extension 4-H YDP offices wishing to participate in this year's **Tools of the Trade I. Giving Kids a Lifetime Guarantee! and Civic Engagement training** will receive \$500 to assist in replicating the training in their counties. The funding can be used for travel, supplies and training materials with the goal of reaching after-school providers who in turn agree to reach another 10 afterschool staff with at least 8 hours of training. Train-the-trainer trainings will be held in Davis (5-25-10), Los Angeles (5-21-10), Contra Costa County (5-26-10), San Diego (8-17-10) and Merced County (TBD). If you would like to host a statewide training in your county, please contact Sue Manglallan, Keith Nathaniel, or Sharon Junge.
- The **State Leadership Conference 2010 "Operation 4-H"** is now online at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/>. Financial assistance will be allotted on an "as needed and available" basis and is not transferable. Applications are due **May 15th**. Delegates may request up to \$330 of financial aid. Please direct questions to Quang "Hogan" Tong at 530-752-5644 or email at qtong@ucdavis.edu.
- **State Leadership Conference registration** deadline is **June 14, 2010**. Please check with your local county office for local registration may require you to register sooner than that!!! Operation 4-H State Leadership Conference 2010 at UC Davis! Come share the fun and experience! Visit: <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/conference/slc/> for more information.

Updates from the CA 4-H Office (cont'd)

- Are you interested in participating on a **4-H State-wide Advisory Committee**? 4-H Youth, Adult Volunteers, County Staff and Administration are all encouraged to apply for this opportunity. The committees you may apply for are: **Policy Advisory Committee, Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee, Citizenship/Service Learning Council, International Exchange Support Advisory Committee, Equine Education Advisory Committee, Animal Science Education Advisory Committee, Camping Advisory Committee, CA 4-H Technology Leadership Team, and Healthy Living Advisory Committee**. Applications for the 2010-2011 Statewide Advisory Committees are due postmarked by **May 31, 2010**. Please click [here](#) to download an application today. You may contact the State 4-H Office for any questions, 530-754-8518.
- **4-H Equine Advisory Committee** chair person is sought. Jeanne George, 4-H YD Advisor for Tehama and Glenn counties has very ably served for a number of years as the 4-H Equine Advisory Committee chair and guided the statewide educational efforts of this group. Jeanne will retire this June, after nearly four decades of service to 4-H and the University. We all know her "boots" will be hard to fill, especially as chair of this important advisory committee. If you have any interest in leading or co-leading this committee, please contact the State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518 or Jeanne George, jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu.
- Are you a 4-H member or volunteer with experience and interest in technology? Apply to the **2010-2011 California 4-H Technology Leadership Team (CTLT)**! The CTLT increases the use and awareness of technology in the 4-H program through workshops, providing IT support, assistance to 4-H Clubs, and at statewide events. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age or older. Membership is a fourteen-month commitment, July 2010 through August 2011. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2010**. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/compcorps/>.
- **Range camp** is a week-long program for high school students (14-18) which focuses on environmental science and natural resource management. This year's camp will run from **Sunday, 6/20 to Friday, 6/25, at the Elkus Youth Ranch** in Half Moon Bay. In addition to lectures and outdoor activities related to these topics, we'll be discussing professional careers and related fields of study at the college/university level. The camp brochure, announcement flyer, and application forms can all be downloaded from the bottom of <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>.
- The **Championship 4-H Horse Show** will be held **June 25-27, 2010** at the Santa Cruz County Fair in Watsonville, CA. Entries are due June 1st with an early bird special open until May 15th. New classes being offered such as gymkhana walk/trot, versatility and elite showmanship. Information and rules are online at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>.
- The first annual **Big Tent Conference** will be held **November 18-20, 2010** in Houston, Texas. This year's conference theme is "**Connected Communities-Thriving Youth**." The conference will host keynote speakers, sessions, art, music, and entertainment. Each day will be packed with learning opportunities to encourage collaboration between participants and stimulate creative thinking focused on helping youth thrive. Register online at <http://www.bigtentconference.com/register-now> and take advantage of the early bird registration now through October 1, 2010.
- The EPA has announced the **4th Annual Rachel Carson Contest** and is seeking entries for creative projects in the areas of poetry, photography, essays and dance. Entries need to be from a team of two or more. Entry deadline is **June 16, 2010**. For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>.

Updates from the CA 4-H Office (cont'd)

- The **Golden Clover Awards** recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff, and groups within the 4-H YDP. Applications are due postmarked by **May 31, 2010**. The 2010 applications are now available on the state website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover>. Please nominate a worthy candidate that you believe is deserving of this great honor. Please direct questions to Quang "Hogan" Tong at 530-752-5644 or email at qtong@ucdavis.edu.



For more information on upcoming 4-H events visit us at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hinfo/calendar/>

4-H Calendar

May 2010

- 5/11** 4-H Council Meeting
Berger Drive Auditorium
7:15-9:00 p.m
- 5/15** Sectional Council Meeting
.Sonoma County 4-H center
Rohnert Park
8:00– 12:00 p.m.
- 5/22** Club Leader Training
1553 Berger Drive
Conference Room 1
8:00 a.m to 5:00 pm.
- 5/24** Record Book Workshop
Berger Drive Auditorium
7:00– 9:00 pm
- 5/29** State 4-H Field Day
UC Davis
ALL DAY

June 2010

- 6/1** Summer Camp Applications
Due at County 4-H office
- 6/19** Worldwide Globetrotters
Dinner Potluck
Berger Drive Auditorium
6:30-8:30 pm

University of California
Cooperative Extension
Santa Clara County
4-H Youth Development Program
1553 Berger Drive
San Jose, CA 95112
http://cesantaclara.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development



*Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday*

All meetings and events are open to
EVERYONE! Please come!

*TIMELY TOPICS is published monthly through the cooperative efforts of the
University of California Cooperative Extension and the County of Santa Clara.*

*Fe Moncloa, Editor
4-H Youth Development Advisor and Acting County Director
(408) 282-3107
fxmoncloa@ucdavis.edu*

*Valeh Pakdaman, Design and Layout
4-H Secretary,
(408) 282-3116
cesantaclara@ucdavis.edu*

Deadline for articles is the 15th of each month.