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SANTA CLARA & STATE 4-H FASHION REVUE

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The theme for the State Fashion Revue for 2015 is "Through the Looking Glass"

As Santa Clara County has always done in the past, we will have the same categories that they offer at the State competition.

Incorporating participant suggestions, at the State level, the two challenges for 2015 will be Costumes and Jackets. The Costume Challenge uses any technique, any materials, and any pattern, with no project requirement. The Jacket challenge represents the sewing project and has tiered requirements: Juniors make a jacket using any pattern; other garments may be purchased or sewn. Intermediates make a jacket using any pattern and one other garment for the outfit. Seniors make a complete outfit including the jacket. The Traditional, Upcycled, and Consumer Science Purchased \$40 will all return for 2015. 4-H age divisions statewide for 2014-2015 are Juniors 9-10, Intermediates 11-13, and Seniors 14-19. Please see the SFR website for more information: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H Events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H%20Events/SFD/SFR/)

Stayed tuned for more information as we get it.



Therapy Dog Testing

By: Anika Bhatia Pleasant Acres 4-H

On Tuesday, September 16th, I went to the therapy dog testing event at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. There were many different breeds of dogs, but the most common ones were German shepherds, golden retrievers, collies, Labrador retrievers, and bulldogs. These dogs have all been training to become therapy dogs. Therapy dogs visit hospitals so that the patients can take their minds off being hospitalized for a little while, and play with the dogs. For a dog to become a therapy dog, he or she must receive special training and pass a test. Therapy dogs in training must learn to be tolerant of children, not be afraid of loud noises and big crowds, never eat anything off the floor, have good behavior, and be very gentle and friendly.



The dogs were being tested individually in a specific way. First, the owner and the person evaluating the dog would walk the dog around and between the orange cones that were set up around the room. When a dog is in a hospital, he or she must learn not to get distracted or scared. To test this, people rolled around in wheelchairs and made noise to try to distract them. The 4-H members and I were given toys such as hula hoops, jump ropes, and balls to play with in the middle of the course. One of the volunteers kept dropping a clipboard on the floor to see if the dogs would get startled. The dogs were extremely disciplined. They were so focused, that they didn't even turn their heads!

On the other side of the room was an obedience class, with four dogs and their owners. The dog trainer showed the dogs how to perform three basic commands: sit, stay, and heel. This was a really fun event and a great learning experience. I learned a lot about how therapy dogs are trained and disciplined.

Santa Clara County Record Book Awardees

Congratulations to the following 4-H'ers, whose record books were judged this month.

<u>Coyote Crest</u>		<u>Rolling Hills</u>	
Aaron Alger	Gold	Ethan Chi	Gold
April Alger	Gold	Ryan Chi	Gold
Cooper Delisle	Gold	Adhithi Fernandes	Gold
Emily Friesen	Gold	Nikitha Fernandes	Gold
Hayden Green	Gold	Leah Hails	Gold
Alyssa May	Gold	Eileen Hails	Gold
Santiago Piva	Gold	Astoria Ho	Gold
Paula Piva	Gold	Ethan Ho	Gold
Kayla Wensmann	Gold	Jada Ho	Gold
Wyatt Wolfe	Gold	Mateo McCullough	Gold
Emmitt Wolfe	Gold	Alyssa McCullough	Gold
Joseph Delisle	Blue	Caroline Elsie Spencer	Gold
		TJ Suit	Gold
		Andy Suit	Gold
		Theresa Willard	Gold
		Nathan Chi	Blue
<u>El Sereno</u>		<u>San Martin</u>	
Alexander Call	Gold	Katie Boynton	Gold
Alysia Call	Gold	Gracie Dudek	Gold
Rebecca Call	Gold	Ksenia Medvedeva	Gold
Kyle Geringer	Gold	Elizabeth Widman	Gold
Dustin Geringer	Gold	Camille Widman	Gold
Ayano Gryzamala	Gold	Naseem Faridnia	Red
Taylor Wiley	Gold		
<u>Homesteaders</u>			
Jackie Penner	Gold		

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle Discipline

Saturday, December 6, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bakersfield, CA

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. 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@ucanr.edu



If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C., by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, have honored tens of thousands of middle level and high school students over the past 18 years solely for their volunteer work.

[Apply now](#) for the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, spirit.prudential.com

Learn more from last year's recipients: http://youtu.be/Jb_vY3gvowQ

Save the Date:

2015 State Field Day/Sectional Presentation Day is **May 30, 2015** (Not on Memorial Day weekend). All details here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/

The special recognition and impromptu topics have been posted. You can find them here:

[2015 Impromptu Topics](#)

[2015 Intermediate Problem Solving Prompts](#)

[2015 Senior Problem Solving Prompts](#)





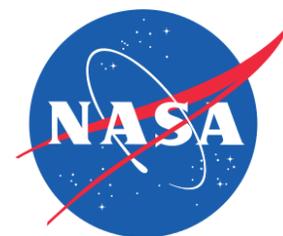
Are YOU ready to ROCKET?

4-H is partnering with NASA Ames to bring scientifically-proven FUN to Mega Field Day at Emma Prusch Farm Park on Oct 4. We're looking for teen volunteers (13+) to help us:

- Construct awesome rockets to carry a vital payload
- Share your rocket-building skills with younger participants
- Launch the pneumatic-powered rockets toward a target
- Judge which rockets are closest to the target

What do you get?

- Improve your hands-on engineering skills
- At least 4 community service hours
- An invitation to attend Open House at NASA Ames in Mountain View for a repeat performance on Oct 18
- Recognition and gratitude!



Volunteers **do not** need to be 4-H members. To sign up, use the following form: <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=13773> For more info, contact Karen Werner Bryce on (408)282-3116 or kwernerbryce@ucanr.edu.



BECOME A PROJECT LEARNING TREE TRAINER!!



ALL CHILDREN LEARN OUTSIDE!!

2014 PLT Leadership Workshop

- WHO:** CA Educators (formal and informal) & Resource Professionals
- WHEN:** October 10 & 11, 2014
Friday 1 pm - Saturday 4 pm
- WHERE:** Walden West
Science and Sustainability Center
Saratoga CA
- COST:** \$50.00 to help cover food, lodging, and workshop materials

As a participant in this workshop you will:

- Become a facilitator for Project Learning Tree workshops in your community
- Learn how to plan and facilitate a PLT workshop using PLT criteria, resources, and time tested methodologies
- See how to share information on additional resources including PLT GreenSchools! and GreenWorks Grants, and National PLT support materials
- Receive the Project Learning Tree Facilitator Binder filled with tools to help you plan, design, and implement your own workshops and presentations
- Be included in CA PLT Network for additional EE opportunities and continued Professional Development
- Learn how to engage educators in your community to work together and build EE best practices
- Work with National PLT and CA PLT to address and support Environmental Literacy, academic Standards and shifting policies for Environmental Educators

More info:

Email stderby@ucanr.edu

To Register:

Online <http://ucanr.edu/traintrainerregistration>

Registration open until October 6, 2014

Details and map to follow upon registration.



A note from the office: this is a great training opportunity for any volunteers interested in teaching about the environment, and PLT resources are fantastic! —Karen



ROAD TO DEMOCRACY: JUNE 28 to JULY 7, 2015
HERITAGE TRAIL CWF ONLY: JUNE 28 to JULY 4, 2015

WHAT?

Thousands of young people from across America come to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center every summer to participate in CWF, a citizenship and leadership program held in Washington, DC. Through a series of speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, participants learn the importance of citizenship and social responsibility and are given the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine skills needed to be an outstanding leader on both a local and national level.

WHY?

Impact and action planning – Our focus is life-long civic engagement, and delegates leave with a plan of action to tackle issues facing their own communities when they return home.

Living classroom of Washington, DC – Collegiate Program Assistants, serving as facilitators, tour guides and role models immerse delegates in the culture and history of our country through onsite discussions at DC's most spectacular locations.

More than just monuments – Through hands-on educational workshops, youth learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who shaped it.

Diversity, friendship and fun – CWF is a once in a lifetime opportunity to exchange ideas, practice respect, form friendships and share experiences with those from all across the country.

Exclusively 4-H focused – CWF is a 4-H tradition that dates back more than 50 years, and is the only such national citizenship and leadership program offered exclusively to 4-H members.

WHO?

4-H Youth ages 15-19

CWF is the only national citizenship/leadership program offered **exclusively** to 4-H members.

WHEN?

June 28th to July 4th or 7th of 2015. Visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/WF/ to see your options.

WHERE?

National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD; one mile from Washington D.C.

For more information or questions visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/WF/ or contact Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu.



WHAT ARE OTHERS SAYING?

"CWF has been the highlight of my 4-H Career."
-- 4-H Delegate

"What I enjoyed the most about CWF was the fact that I got to interact with people from different communities with different backgrounds than my own."
-- 4-H Delegate

Do you know HowToSmile?

A fantastic resource for fun, hands-on science and math activities: www.howtosmile.org

(The SMILE stands for Science and Math Informal Learning Educators.)

You can sort by age, materials, subject, even time available. Here's a great water activity for ages 8+: <http://howtosmile.org/record/3649>

CALIFORNIA FOCUS



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 **June 19-23, 2015
Sacramento CA**

A unique
citizenship
educational
experience
for youth
ages 14-19.



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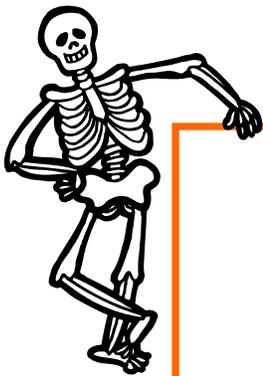
Witness California's government in action by participating in the legislative, political, and judicial processes.

As a conference delegate you will:

- Register to vote, conduct a primary election, and develop a political campaign through a two party system.
- Elect constitutional offices.
- Analyze the needs and issues of your district and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make your bill a law.
- Create a service plan of action for your community
- Meet California law makers
- Tour the State Capitol, Governor's office and 3rd Court of Appeal
- Participate in fun recreational activities, tours and cultural events
- Make new friends

California Focus can be the beginning of a life of public participation that leaves you with a strong determination to become involved in your community. Don't miss being a part of this stimulating, fun-filled learning adventure in Sacramento with opportunities to gain new ideas, experiences, and perspectives.

For more information visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/.
For questions, contact Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu.



All-Stars to Host Halloween Dance

The All-Stars will be hosting their second dance of the year on October 24th from 7pm - 11pm at the Pepper Steak building at the fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to come, we just ask that Clovers leave at 10. The Dance will be a costume dance so feel free to dress up or not, it's your choice.

Hope to see you there!

Thanks

The All-Stars: Becca Graybeal, Cameron Walters,
James Freeman, Kyle Geringer



Now accepting applications for Space Explorers!

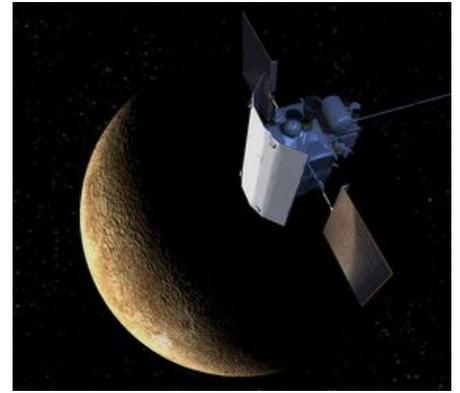
How would you like to gain real-world experience while conducting authentic scientific research on a **NASA mission project**, all from the comforts of your classroom or even home? The Student Planetary Investigators program is waiting for your participation! Student teams will have the opportunity to learn about Mercury in new and exciting ways! Through the use of mission software, students will have the opportunity to explore the surface of Mercury, and possibly have their work featured on the MESSENGER (<http://messenger.jhuapl.edu/>) website! Through the Student PI program, your students will gain valuable experience in technical and scientific skills as well as practice in essential soft skills such as teamwork, public speaking, asking thoughtful questions, and research methodology.

The program is free and open to teams of students across the country, high school through college. Student PI provides students with authentic research experiences in the classroom. The program is conducted via distance learning technologies and is designed to provide maximum flexibility for student teams while they work directly with NASA mission scientists. Live sessions are mostly conducted during after school hours; the sessions are archived for teams that wish to watch at alternate times. Students communicate regularly with peers and NASA science team members through live sessions and an online bulletin board that is moderated by the Student PI Program coordinator. The Student Planetary Investigator (PI) Program was created by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) Space Exploration Sector, Education and Communication office with support from NASA mission and instrument science and engineering teams. We hope you will join us in exploring Mercury.

Apply today to join this historic mission!

For more information on Student PI, e-mail bgrigsby@suhsd.net.

To apply to participate, complete an application today at <http://studentpi.jhuapl.edu/application/>.



Food Safety Education

Does your club serve food at meetings, events or fundraisers?

If so, please ensure a trained volunteer oversees food service. Anyone can complete the training online at no cost, it takes less than an hour and your certification will last for three years. And, it might keep any one of us from getting very ill!

<http://safety.ucanr.org/Programs/Food Safety Education/>

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/Intro/>



4-H Discussion Meet- New Project!



This new project was unveiled at State Leadership Conference and will be offered to senior 4-H members (15 yrs and older). The project is modeled after the Young Farmers and Ranchers discussion meet sponsored by the California Farm Bureau.

Project meetings will be held to prepare for the competitive event. It is suggested that the first round of competition be held at Sectional Presentation Day. Discussion meet questions will center around Healthy Living, SET, Citizenship and General 4-H membership. Top competitors at Sectional will advance to the 4-H State Field Day.

Curriculum has been developed for leaders and members. To better understand what a discussion meet is like, you may wish to watch the Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion meet competitions on YouTube at: <http://www.fb.org/index.php?action=programs.yfr.discuss>.

If you are interested in learning more about starting this project in your county, please contact Louise Draxler-Silacci at 559-582-6952 (home) or 559-639-9800 (cell) or moo-lu@unwiredbb.com. Also checkout the 4-H Discussion Meet website at: <http://4hdiscussionmeet.weebly.com/>

Happy Discussing!!!

4-H Calendar

October 2014

- 10/4** 4-H Mega Field Days/ Harvest Fair, Emma Prusch Farm Park, San Jose
- 10/4** Shooting Sports Archery Certification Workshop, Winton
- 10/7** SCC 4-H Council Meeting
- 10/11** Executive Officer Training, Alum Rock Library, San Jose
- 10/18** Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, Winton
- 10/21** Record Books due to County Office
- 10/25** County Achievement Night, Lions Club Hall, San Martin

November 2014

- 11/8** North Central Sectional Skills Day, Stockton CA

December 2014

- 12/6** Shooting Sports Workshop, Rifle discipline, Bakersfield

http://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/Events/

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