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Hello Santa Clara County 4-H!



Welcome to the July edition of Timely Topics. Do you like what you see here? Would you like to be part of the Timely Topics' crew? Do you have an article to share? Some shout outs to wonderful achievements? Is there a volunteer that you would like to honor? Well, this is the place. The newsletter will be published each month. Articles and contributions must be received by the 6th of each month. Articles and contributions that include photos will be given priority. Submit all articles, contributions and photos to sjweaver@ucanr.edu



Best in Sportsmanship: Kyra Neilly

Photo and article submitted by Paula Piva, Coyote Crest 4-H

Sportsmanship is not just about being nice. It is much more important than that.

It's about realizing that you could not compete without an opponent and that

she has the same goals as you. ~

Stephanie Deibler

Would you be willing to give up a higher placing in a competition to do the right thing? My name is Paula Piva, I am 17 years old, and I am from the Coyote Crest 4-H Club. On Monday, July 31 - I competed in Graduate Sub-novice Dog Obedience. Once we received our awards, I placed 3rd out of a group of three. As I started to leave the ring, Kyra Neilly approached me and asked to see my scores. She told me that she believed that there was a mistake, because her dog had only lost three points in the long sit whereas mine had lost 25. As soon as she pointed this out to me, I realized there *had* been a mistake with our scorecards. My dog got up and sat back down during the long sit, while Kyra's had walked down to the middle of the ring. My dog only lost 3 points whereas hers lost 25. Our scores had been accidentally switched on our scorecards by the judge. Even though pointing out this mistake would put her in third place as opposed to second, Kyra did the right thing, and of which I am truly grateful and inspired to imitate. Thank you - Kyra.



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Leadership Washington Focus 4-H Leadership Program

By: Emily Dougherty, Coyote Crest 4-H Club



Leadership Washington Focus was held July 16-21 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland (a suburb of Washington, DC). This is a national leadership development experience designed exclusively for 4-H'ers ages 12-14. Seven 4-H members from California traveled across the country to attend this amazing conference.

We met 4-H'ers from 10 other states. At the conference, we learned effective ways to enhance our confidence, collaboration, communication and critical thinking. We had many workshops to build our skills and a fun clothespin trade where we got to meet all of the other kids from other parts of the country.

Besides learning sessions at the Conference Center, we also toured the U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theater, Library of Congress, U.S. History Museum, Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum and did a night tour of Washington, DC. The week ended with a banquet and carnival. This is an amazing opportunity to experience 4-H on a national level and meet 4-H'ers from across the country who will become lifelong friends. Next year's dates for this conference are July 15-20, 2018. Registration will open mid-October 2017

*Must be 12 years old by the first date of travel.

Photos Submitted by Emily Dougherty





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4-H at the Santa Clara County Fair 2017

Photo and article submitted by: Anika Bhatia, Pleasant Acres 4-H

Whenever I'm asked about my extracurricular activities, I always mention 4-H. I've noticed that not many people know about this program, due to the fact that agricultural sciences aren't considered common knowledge anymore. However, 4-H encompasses much more than just livestock and showmanship. Attending any Fair with 4-H participants is a great way to learn more about this organization as a whole.

I participated in the Santa Clara County Fair for the first time this year, and had the opportunity to learn about the numerous hobbies and skills that us 4-Hers have mastered over the course of the year. Some of us excel in the visual arts, creating stunning paintings and developing breathtaking photos. Some of us consider ourselves budding bakers, as we spend hours developing the perfect recipe for a dessert to enter in one of the many categories. Some of us have the patience, compassion, and knowledge to care for and train a show animal, in hopes of receiving a blue ribbon or an ornate belt buckle.

After spending a week with 4-Hers from different clubs, I learned a lot about the different projects they participate in. I entered the Fair with barely any knowledge of large animal showmanship, and left with the definitions of numerous terms and qualifications. For example, the term "ham sandwich" is used to describe a position where the swine is placed between the judge and the participant.

By participating in the Fair, I was able to teach the public about my guinea pigs, also known as Cavies. I was especially proud of my Silver Solid Cavy that won Best of Fair. You'd be surprised at how many people mistook them for hamsters, rabbits, and even squirrels! A handful of families felt inclined to adopt guinea pigs of their own after listening to our presentations.

Prior to the fair, I'd never been that interested in baking. However, I was required to also enter a competitive exhibit. I decided on mango pie, and ended up winning a Star Blue Award in that category! This experience has given me the confidence to continue baking.

We are all gifted with different sets of skills, but at the end of the Fair, we all have something in common. We all had the courage and confidence to put the fruits of our labor on display for the public to see. No matter how many awards we receive, we've been taught that there are always areas we can improve in. 4-H's motto, "To Make The Best Better", has inspired numerous 4-Hers to do the best work they are capable of.



Also, here is a link to an article that was published in the Mercury News.

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/08/02/san-jose-teen-prepares-for-santa-clara-county-fair/>

And see the video here:

<http://newsvideo.mercurynews.com/4H-participants-prepare-to-show-their-animals-at-Santa-Clara-County-Fair-32780517?playlistId=19353>



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4-H All Star Corner

DRIVE: Finding Your Place On The Map - SLC 2017

Photos & article submitted by
Chloe Tuckness, All Star

This past July, local 4-H members had the opportunity to represent Santa Clara County at State Leadership Conference 2017. State Leadership conference is a yearly weekend dedicated to bringing together delegates from all over California, to meet, talk, connect, and learn about leadership, civic engagement, and goal-setting. Hosted at UC Davis, this conference was saturated with inspiration in speakers, sessions, other attending youth, activities, and social events. One fun highlight of State Leadership Conference, or SLC, was the tours.



Early arriving delegates were fortunate enough to spend the first day gallivanting on tours. Some went to see museums, a bee farm (called Häagen-Dazs)... there was some belief that this tour was the ice cream factory), the UC Davis campus, agriculture hubs, barns, Old Town Sacramento, research facilities, and a few went off to a day at the waterpark! These tours not only gave a chance to have some fun with strangers, but learn about something that you might be passionate about. Know you're going to study agriculture? A tour of the UC Davis campus barns would pop out to you, whereas maybe an art lover would sign up for a museum. There was truly something for everyone. Added to the many events at the conference were the sessions. Sessions are given on a variety of subjects, by a plethora of different people. There were roughly 20 unique sessions offered, and the subjects change every year! Some are more for fun, others are heavy on leadership, and a few teach a trade that others may be passionate about, such as filmmaking! One of benefit was the *Own It: Leadership session*, geared directly toward the All-Stars across California: how to lead, direct, respond, communicate,



and work well as a team. These management skills gave me and the rest of the Santa Clara County All-Stars skills that we will put into practice to become better leaders in the coming year of serving the county. In conclusion, SLC was a success in learning about what it means to be a leader, setting yourself reasonable and achievable goals, making partnerships with those inside and out of your comfort level, and finding your place on the map.

Santa Clara Delegates at SLC.



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Santa Clara County has three Diamond Clover Recipients for 2017.

Congratulations to Jackie Penner, Astoria Ho, and Jada Ho!

- Gemma Miner, Interim Statewide 4-H Director



The California 4-H Diamond Clover Award was established to recognize exemplary effort, learning & growth of 4-H members. The Diamond Clover is the highest achievement for which a California 4-H youth member is recognized.

Each of these 4-H youths can be very proud of their achievements to become a competent, confident, caring leader of character who is connected to others, and contributes to their community. They can be proud of the many years that they have grown in 4-H. Their leadership and organization as a teen leader is commendable. 4-H has helped each of them grow into a compassionate and well-rounded leader. Because of their achievement in 4-H as a youth member, we are confident that they will continue to make a difference in the community in the future. Congratulations and thank you for your contributions to 4-H! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Junior Fair Board

*Photo and article submitted
by Rylie Weaver,
Pleasant Acres 4-H*



I've gone to the Fair ever since I can remember. When I heard that there was a Junior Fair Board, I jumped on the opportunity to apply and experience something new. Many 4-H and FFA youth applied to be part of this team. I was excited to be appointed to one of the positions. My job as the "Small Animals Representative" meant I played a part in just about everything that went on in small animals. Aside from the specifics, my Fair Board position offered me a chance to give back to the fair, yet also the chance to learn and appreciate all the planning and effort that goes into the fair. Contributing to the community of Fair and working with both FFA and 4-H youth was simultaneously challenging and rewarding. It gave me a unique experience among all the leadership opportunities I've had in 4-H. It was a busy week; and the sense of accomplishment when things went well was very rewarding. As a team, we will continue to meet and plan for the 2018 Santa Clara County Fair. For those who love the Fair, are looking to give back and learn more; I highly recommend applying to be part of the Fair Board next spring. It truly is a unique opportunity for those willing to take it.



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Global 4-H Network Summit Ottawa 2017

Photos and article submitted by Ethan Ho, Sunset 4-H

Global 4-H Network Summit was the epitome of brilliant planning integrated with lots of strong and interesting speakers. I learned so much from the four full-days of sessions and how Canada 4-H program is different from ours. The summit was an amazing mixture of cultures with a variety of people from all over the world. Being able to live in a place where you are not familiar with is very interesting and a unique opportunity. That is what I really got a taste of during my one week trip to Ottawa. Their culture is so different from mine even though we only live across the border from each other. They took me out to try tons of different foods like poutine, which are French fries slathered in gravy with cheese curds. I also found it interesting the way they talked and how they slurred some words but not others and added “ay” at the end of questions and phrases. It was a lot of fun just being with them learning about all their hobbies and how much smaller their towns were compared to mine. Canada 4-H is extremely different from California 4-H for a multitude of reasons. As an All Star, one of my biggest takeaways was how different their ambassador program was and how we can improve ours. In Canada, they focus on entrepreneurship and community service, both things that we could really make an effort to do more. Their ambassadors also do a lot more outside of their programs, going to outreach events multiple times per month talking about 4-H and all the good work that they do. I would really love to explore more exchange programs between our border neighbors. The trips could be very similar to other exchange programs except that this would be a very good option for a lower cost trip. The sessions during the day were also equally outstanding. Each day there were over ten workshops, each professionally led by other 4-Hers. One of my personal favorites was the mentorship circles, where we would rotate and talk to six different mentors. The person I enjoyed most talking to was Kim McConnell. Mr. McConnell is the founder of Ad Farm, an agricultural organization based in Calgary which has now expanded to other U.S. and Canadian cities such as Kansas City, Sacramento, Fargo, and Guelph. He is also on the board of the Calgary Stampede and the Canadian 4-H board. He taught us how to grow a small business through a strong network, and how to find good people that would invest and help you. I also attended his workshop where he was giving advice on board governance. Global 4-H Network Summit was an extremely memorable experience and I loved it.

I hope some of you will apply to the next Global 4-H Network Summit in Tanzania 2020!!





4-H Computer Science Pathways

By: Santiago Piva and Fiona Reyes

The 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H) and Google are coming together for a first-of-kind collaboration to bring computer science, computational thinking, communication, and collaboration skills to kids across the country, establishing a 4-H Computer Science Career Pathway.

The goal of the collaboration between 4-H and Google is to empower the next generation to succeed in any career field. Beyond the technical skills, learning CS builds skills in a wide range of important areas, including problem solving, digital fluency, and creativity. During this first year, we hope to reach an estimated 700 youth across Santa Clara County, mentor new teen leaders, have more 4-H adult volunteers leading CS projects in their community clubs, provide opportunities for youth in after school programs to learn more about 4-H and computer science, and expand the scope of 4-H in Santa Clara County.

What: A Computer Science project for any 4-H youth member in Santa Clara County.

When: Every Wednesday evening for 10 weeks. Starting September 27, 2017 to November 15, 2017

Where: Meeting locations will rotate from Berger Drive, San Martin Lion’s Club, and an additional location

Contact us: Register in the 4-H CS Pathways Interest List here <http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?id=180>

We are looking for youth participants, youth leaders for activities, and adult volunteers.



Meet our 4-H Computer Science Pathways team:

Fiona Reyes and Santiago Piva, working with Curtis Ullerich, Claudia Damiani, and Fe Moncloa!

We are very excited for the upcoming year! There are so many different opportunities in computer science and we would like to invite you to come and explore them with us. In addition to the ten-week long computer science project, we will be hosting computer science booths at festivals and fairs, leading computer science activities at club meetings, giving workshop presentations at 4-H and non 4-H conferences, and much more!



4-H Outreach

Fandango Outreach Event

Photos and article submitted by: Anna Dougherty & Emily Dougherty



Representatives from Coyote Crest and Sunset 4-H clubs held an outreach event at the Family Fandango event held August 5th at the Historic Bernal Ranch in Santa Teresa County Park. The Fandango is an event to celebrate the history of early California from the 1770s-1880s with games, crafts, ranching activities along with traditional dancing performances by local groups. We had chickens for the attendees to pet, a game to play and lots of information about local 4-H opportunities. Many adults and children stopped by our booths and learned about 4-H.

Member Tip of the Month

The official 4-H Name includes 4-H, 4-H Youth Development, or 4-H Youth Development Program. When using the term “4-H” it must conform as follows:

- Numeral “4” separated from a capital “H” with a hyphen (not a dash, slash, or space).
- It is well documented in English usage, as well as in the most familiar style manuals, that you should never begin a sentence with a numeral. To comply with this rule, you would need to begin a sentence using “Four-H.” This language rule, however, is contrary to the regulations set down for use of the 4-H Name and Emblem; if such a situation arises in writings, it is far better to re-word the sentence slightly to avoid the language rule. An exception to this would be in writing news headlines where the 4-H name would be better served by using the familiar numeral-hyphen-letter combination to provide instant recognition.
- Avoid separation of any of the elements of the 4-H Name at the end of sentences. This can sometimes be difficult because some software programs override user commands. Often, these overrides do not become visible until after printing or posting to a Web page: careful scrutiny of text after trial printing or posting is advised. Do not use the 4-H Emblem in place of the word “4-H” in a title or text.



4-H Adult Volunteers:

What they say about support from and impacts of the 4-H program

The voices and faces of the 4-H program are often of our thriving youth. Maybe you see our youth at fairs highlighting their animal, food, art, science, or other projects; maybe you hear their voices on the radio talking about an upcoming 4-H summer camp or leadership opportunity; or maybe you read about the community service our 4-H youth provide. In all these scenarios and so many more, 4-H Adult Volunteers are standing alongside our youth to foster their learning, development, and leadership. The volunteers of 4-H, of which there are 7,953 (as of May 2016), are the backbone of 4-H. Given their significant role, the California 4-H program wanted to know the experience of our volunteers...so we asked them! More than 1,100 volunteers completed an online survey; here are some of their stories.

More than any other area of need identified by volunteers, help with project specific curriculum content was the highest. Volunteers would like information and training on content, how to teach the content, and how to plan the content across a project year. Here is what some volunteers said: “I would like to have County curriculum that all project leaders agree to teach.”; and “I would love classes on how to structure Project meetings, create a year of project meetings, etc.”.

Several volunteers stated they wanted support on the day-to-day process of running a 4-H Club, like organizing and running club and project meetings and club paperwork, how best to help their 4-H youth complete the 4-H Record Book, implementing the California 4-H policies, as well as training on organization and time management. Some volunteers said, “How to set up and develop a project meeting, how to utilize youth leaders, and assisting youth with filling out project and leadership forms.” and “Trainings that would reinforce state policies and procedures, online record books, and online registration, judging events, etc...”

Finally, the last top need identified by volunteers was training on child development. Volunteers want to know not only how to teach different age groups but also how to foster the partnership they have with youth and guide leadership development. Volunteers mentioned that they wanted more professional development on: “working with youth in adult youth partnerships, working with primary, Jr, and intermediate members, developing programs to interest high school age youth” and “Learning to guide the youth toward being leaders themselves...”

Volunteers were also asked to tell us about the effect 4-H has on their personal development. From all their responses five themes rose to the top: 1) most volunteers have an increase in skills related to serving as a 4-H volunteers, such as leadership, public speaking, and teaching; 2) volunteers shared they increased in their emotional growth such as confidence and self-esteem, experiencing 4-H as a positive pivotal moment in their lives, and exposure to new experiences; 3) volunteers experience a sense of gratification mostly from working with youth and in part in working with adults; 4) volunteers build community connections, have a greater sense of community engagement, and develop social skills and relationships; and 5) volunteers were impacted by their relationship with the 4-H program in terms of their sense of belonging or not belonging and extending the program to their community.

The needs of volunteers’ development and the impact of 4-H on their personal development tells us a story that will help address volunteer needs and to further provide opportunities for growth. This is important as our volunteers are essential for the growth and sustainability of the California 4-H program.

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Save the date!
Santa Clara County
Adult 4-H Project Leader Conference
Sunday, November 4
Location TBD



Youth Enrollment for the 2017-2018 Project Year

4-H online family enrollment for the new 4-H year (2017-18) is now available. A great change will be the online recording of Treatment Authorization forms & waiver information. Once the online enrollment is completed and member's status is pending, enrollment fees are to be submitted to your club's Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator.

Volunteer Adult Enrollment and Online Training for 2017-2018

In 4-H, we hope to instill a desire for life-long learning in youth. 4-H volunteers can best model life-long learning by continuing to gain new knowledge and insight themselves. 4-H, with the direction of UC ANR, is aligning volunteer development requirements for all UC ANR programs statewide. Beginning this year, 4-H volunteers are required to complete between 1-3 hours of volunteer development courses annually to meet these requirements. As you complete your online re-enrollment, you will see the specific directions included as a newsletter on your 4-H online home profile page. Thank you Volunteers!





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4-H Calendar

County, State and Nationwide Events

Click on the highlighted links

[for more information:](#)

4-H Online Enrollment Open, Now

Begin registering for the new 4-H program year.

<https://ca.4honline.com>

Citizenship Weekend

Location: Walden West Science Center

When: **September 22-24** 2017

Registration: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Citizenship_Weekend/

Computer Science Pathways

When: Weekly beginning September 27

<http://ucanr.edu/u.cfm?id=180>

ABC Share/The 4-H Games

Location: Monterey County Fairgrounds

When: **September 30** 2017, 10AM- 3PM

RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/ne3XzaeAuTs8xKJS2>

Prusch Park Music Festival 4-H Outreach Opportunity

Sunday, October 1

Martial Cottle Park Harvest Festival 4-H Outreach Opportunity

Saturday, October 7

Leadership page

National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2017

2018 Washington Focus Trips

Save the date

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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

Homesteaders Ranch – in The Santa Clara Weekly Newspaper

<http://www.santaclaraweekly.com/2017/Issue-29/santa-claras-homesteaders-4-h-club-makes-the-best-better.html>

4-H National Youth Science Day

October 4, 2017 is the 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD), the world's largest youth-led science experiment. Every year thousands of youth take part in the National Science Experiment focusing on important STEM topics and issues. Register your club's events, get a toolkit of resources to promote your event, training guides and webinar information and more at the [4-H National Youth Science Day webpage](#).



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