



September 2017 Issue VI

Hello Santa Clara County 4-H!



Welcome to the September 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 10th of each month. Articles and contributions that include photos will be given priority. Submit all articles, contributions and photos to sjweaver@ucanr.edu

Welcome to 4-H in Santa Clara County!

On behalf of the University of California, Cooperative Extension I extend a warm welcome to new families joining 4-H and to returning families. The 4-H Youth Development Program offers youth experiences where young people learn by doing. Kids participate in a variety of activities and projects in areas like health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement in a positive environment where they receive guidance from teens and adult mentors, and are encouraged to take on leadership roles.

It is truly an exciting time to be a 4-H'er in Santa Clara County. Our youth continue to provide leadership to clubs, conferences, county events and camp. Young people in metropolitan areas have the opportunity to raise animals in five facilities in city, county or school district land in Cupertino, Santa Clara, Milpitas and two facilities in San Jose.

In 4-H kids have an excellent opportunity to learn 21st Century skills (e.g. critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation, communication, collaboration, and public speaking) while enjoying a variety of activities or projects.

This week I had the pleasure of interacting with successful 4-H alums who work in the science and technology industry in the San Francisco Bay Area. As part of a team, I visited the offices of Google, VEVO and Facebook. Each person shared their 4-H story and they attributed their successes to what they learned in 4-H. It did not matter to them what project they were in, but what mattered were the soft skills they learned that are transferable to their jobs. Leading projects, organizing events, summer camps, or participating in service activities helped these professionals have confidence in themselves as young adults and in their professional jobs.

I hope that every 4-H'er has similar opportunities in our program. I hope youth learn something new, make new friends, and become better friends with youth and adults, while they gain new life skills and develop the ability to lead others throughout life and be successful.

In partnership with 4-H Volunteers, we have a wonderful opportunity to help children in their development by facilitating an understanding of themselves, the people around them and their world. Thank you to all 4-H volunteers who are committed to make this happen. This year holds great promise, and I look forward to what we will accomplish together.

Fe Moncloa, Ph.D.

4-H Youth Development Advisor



Get the best of your outreach efforts right in your school.

by Claudia Damiani



Like every beginning of the 4-H Youth Development Program year, we are excited about inviting old and new friends to join in a fantastic 4-H journey. There are several ways you can let people know about the multiple activities, projects, and opportunities 4-H offers in Santa Clara County. Here, there are a couple of ideas that you can implement in your school.

- ✿ Ask your principal if your 4-H community club can participate during the Back to School Night or Fall Festival. You might be able to bring some fun games, host a virtual reality trip in coordination with the Computer Science project leaders, showcase last year's projects, or have an interactive animal display. The possibilities are infinite! Just remember to provide updated information about your club's next meeting and bring some flyers.
- ✿ Additionally, you can post a message on the school marquee or school newsletter to let everyone know that 4-H will participate during the Back to School Night and the great activities you will offer.
- ✿ In coordination with your community club leader, ask if you can post on the school website or in the online newsletter an invitation to participate in your club's next meeting or event.
- ✿ Lastly, you can ask your principal about adding 4-H YDP flyers in the packages the school sends home weekly.

Share your ideas of how to bring 4-H to your school by posting in social media and using #4HGrowsHere and tagging us @4Hinscc.

For questions or help with your recruiting efforts, contact the 4-H YDP office at scc4hprogram@gmail.com.



EVENTS – NEWS - LEARNING - EXCITEMENT

There's still time to sign up for: The Computer Science Pathways Project

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

Questions and Answers About the Computer Science (CS) Pathways Project

by Santi Piva

"What will project members do during meetings?"

We will do a ten-week series of CS First lessons on Scratch programming, using the Storytelling unit which can be found at <https://www.cs-first.com/clubplan/storytelling>.

"What is the suggested age group?"

At the moment, we encourage anyone age 9 or older to join the project. In order to keep the learning process as effective as possible, we are aiming to group participants with similar levels of experience. We'll see how the project goes with this age range and re-evaluate for the future.

"What activities can youth volunteer for?"

Youth can volunteer by helping with outreach activities at various events! This can include setting up Virtual Reality goggles, helping with soldering, or even teaching Scratch on Chromebooks! We also welcome youth interested in helping facilitate project meetings. The number we're able to accept will depend on enrollment.

"Where will the meetings be held?"

The first meeting will be on September 27th at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office in Santa Clara





EVENTS – NEWS - LEARNING - EXCITEMENT

All Star Corner

Chloe Tuckness, Connor Lydon, Paula Piva, Fiona Reyes, Ethan Ho, Ashley Jordan, Dustin Geringer

Member Message, Volunteer Opportunity, and 4-H Patriotism

To Make the Best Better....

All 4-H'ers can recognize this as our motto. But how far do we take it? As a county?

As a club? The All-Stars would like to extend congratulations and encouragement to every member coming into a role of leadership, at any level. We'd like to tell you to keep originality and ingenuity in your club, as well as the community of 4-H. Make the best better this program year, and take opportunities for growth. Perhaps that's through a role on the Executive Board, or through leading a project you're passionate about. Grow in 4-H! Opportunities are never short in 4-H, so take advantage of ways to constantly better yourself, your club, your community, your country, and your world. Best of luck to you all!

One opportunity for growth in 4-H is at an upcoming event the All-Stars are supplying volunteers for: **The American Sewing Gala** is having an Autumn fashion show, on **September 30th from 8am-4pm** at Lincoln Glen Fellowship Hall (2700 Booksin Ave, San Jose) and volunteers may sign up for shifts. For this event, we're asking for volunteers to come ready to help with set-up, clean-up, serving, and modeling! If you plan on coming, we encourage you to wear your 4-H whites! If you don't have whites, your club shirt will do. *Please email Dustin Geringer at dgerin12@gmail.com to RSVP by September 23.*

Finally, be watching out for National 4-H Week! This year, October 1-7th is reserved for 4-H members to exercise patriotism and raise awareness for 4-H. We are conducting activities at Martial Cottle Park and Prusch Park. More information about events and social media challenges to come. Mark your calendars for National 4-H Week 2017!

Save the date! February 9 - 11, 2018

**Leadership Overnight Conference at Walden West
registration will open soon – open to ages 12 and up.**



State Record Books

**If you have submitted "Intent to Submit"
for the State Record Book Competition
you should have received an email with the following instructions:**

Follow the rules in the 2016-17 Record Book Manual, found on the State website (http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Member_Resources/RecordBook/RBCompetition/StateCompetition/)

The State 4-H Judging Cover Page must be included with 4-H Record Books entered for State Evaluation. The Cover Page may not be altered. 4-H Record Books missing the Cover Page will be reason for disqualification.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/207542.pdf>

County Check Sheet must be included with 4-H Record Books entered for State Evaluation. 4-H Staff from the County 4-H Cooperative Extension Office, must complete the checklist and ensure the completeness of the 4-H Record Book. 4-H Record Books missing the Check Sheet is reason for disqualification.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/190827.pdf>

Timeline:

- **Oct 6, 2017:** Record Book is Due to the County Office or can be dropped off at the Geringer home (Please email Sandi—see below)
- **Oct 27, 2017:** 4-H Record Books electronically submitted to State 4-H Office (County Office to complete)
- **Nov, 2017 - Jan, 2018:** State 4-H Record Book Competition
- **Mid/End January, 2017:** Results released, members notified



Please email Sandi Geringer at srgerin225@sbcglobal.net if you submitted The "Intent to Submit" to the State 4-H Office and did not receive an email with the above information.



EVENTS – NEWS - LEARNING - EXCITEMENT



4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

4-H Volunteers, are you interested in sharing your Shooting Sports skills with 4-H youth?

A **Rifle Project Leader Certification Course** will be held on **Saturday, October 7, and Sunday, October 8** in Morgan Hill, CA. This class teaches the National 4-H rifle project curriculum, Shooting Sport's role in developing member's life skills, advanced rifle marksmanship skills, and local resources for competitive and recreational rifle shooting.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes a resource binder, plus breakfast and lunch on both days.

This class is **limited to ten** 4-H Enrolled Adult Volunteers and you must attend both days to become certified to lead rifle shooting sports projects.

Sign-up online at: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=21676>

For more information, please contact Mike Davis Davisfamilyfarm@sbcglobal.net.



October 4, 2017 is the 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD), the world's largest youth-led science experiment. This year, the NYSD activity is "Incredible Wearable Kits," which allows kids to build wearable fitness trackers. This activity is suitable for 4th-12th graders. In addition, 4-H clubs can promote other STEM activities.

Register your club's event; 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.](#)



EVENTS – NEWS - LEARNING - EXCITEMENT

2018

PRUDENTIAL
SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY
AWARDS

HOW TO APPLY



ARE YOU A MIDDLE LEVEL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING?

In each state and Washington, D.C., the top middle level and high school youth volunteer will be named State Honorees and will receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., in late April 2018. Runners-up will also be selected in each state and named Distinguished Finalists, receiving a bronze medallion. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. All state-level honorees will be announced in February.

During the trip, 10 of the State Honorees will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive \$5,000 awards, engraved gold medallions, crystal trophies for their schools or organizations, and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice. Local Honorees who qualify can also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

For application and certification questions, or to request a paper application form, call [855.670.4787](tel:855.670.4787).

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Since 1995, the program has honored more than 120,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level.

Apply for a 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C., in late April!

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Complete the application and the student/parent agreement; then, on the "certification" page, email or print and deliver instructions to the 4-H Office or someone listed below by October 31, 2017.

Certifiers review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) for state-level judging (deadline: November 17, 2017).

Your application can be certified by your school principal or head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or Affiliate of Points of Light's Hands-on Network.



4-H Outreach Opportunities

Emma Prusch Park Mountain Music Festival

Sunday, October 1, 2017 10 am – 5 pm

The Emma Prusch Park, Mountain Music Festival is an awesome 4-H Outreach Opportunity for Santa Clara County 4-. All Clubs are invited and encouraged to participate as ambassadors of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Please contact your club's leadership team and sign-up to provide fun and learn-by-doing activities for the many families who will attend this annual event.

The park is located at 647 South King Road in San Jose, near the intersection of Hwy 101/280/680.

Admission and parking are FREE.

For more information, visit the website @
<http://www.pruschfarmpark.org/mountain-music-fest.html>

To sign up to be part of the 4-H Outreach presence – use this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/lvU1WbXofvYmfESH3>

We are looking for volunteers to help with 4-H outreach -

- 1) Club booth - host a membership drive and introduce 4-H to festival visitors
- 2) Petting zoos - bring small animals as ambassadors for our 4-H programs, share with visitors, what you learn in 4-H.
- 3) Art activities - organize free hands-on art activities for families with children
- 4) Educational displays - bring your educational displays from the county fair and 4-H projects.



4-H Outreach Opportunities

Celebrating Our Agricultural Heritage on October 7

Third Annual Marshall Cottle Park Harvest Festival:

**Join 4-H on Saturday, October 7, from 10am - 3pm
At Martial Cottle's 3rd annual Harvest Festival.**

Sunset 4-H Club is organizing the 4-H presence at Martial Cottle Park's Harvest Festival on October 7th! We would like to invite all of Santa Clara County 4-H to join us and showcase our program to the public.

We are looking for 4-H'ers to:

Bring their animals and projects for the day to put on a display.

Show off their stuff with project exhibits

Provide interactive activities for the public.

If you're club or project is interested in participating, please contact Sunset 4-H Club Leader, Katie Oxford, at sunset4hclub@gmail.com

We always have a lot of FUN!

[More about Harvest Festival](#)



Martial Cottle Park, San Jose
Stock photo courtesy
of Sandis.net



WIN A GIFT CARD!

Help us learn more about what 4-H does for you! We are giving away a **\$10 Target gift card to the first 50 youth that complete all their Sparks Surveys** in the Online Record Book. Surveys open October 1, 2017 and close January 31, 2018. Gift cards will be mailed to you in early November. Winners will be notified via email in late October.

Without the **Sparks Surveys**, we wouldn't know this about our 4-H youth:

85% are interested in science

86% have a positive attitude towards physical activity

83% are involved in their community



"What I like most about 4-H is that I can be who I want to be. I can express myself at the meetings and I'm able to raise an animal. I really enjoy doing that. I love the activities that 4-H has to offer such as cooking, food preservation, outdoor cooking and being able to volunteer my time to help my community"- Youth, Santa Barbara

To access the surveys, use this link: <https://4horb.ucanr.edu/login.cfm>

Your 4hOnline login email is the same to login to ORB. Surveys you need to take will all be listed – it's easy to take them!

4-H Camp Enthusiasts - Save the Date!

The 2018 4-H Camping Conference will be held April 6 - 8, 2018 at Redwood Glen in the Santa Cruz Mountains (between San Francisco and Santa Cruz.)

The camping conference is a biannual event which provides 4-H teen leaders, volunteers and staff the opportunity to improve their camping programs and meet others who are just as passionate about camp as they are. The conference is filled with enlightening workshops, engaging activities, and new programming ideas.

Additional information will follow!



NEWS- National 4-H Events

The National 4-H Western Heritage Conference and Championship Shoot August 1 – 3,

Date 8/18/17 Submitted by: John Borba, 4-H Youth Development Advisor, Kern County

In historic Fort Benton, Montana. the 4-H Western Heritage Project combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with the fastest growing shooting sports discipline in the world – western action shooting. The purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West from the period of around 1860-1900 through a living history approach to learning while instilling the concepts of firearms safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history.

This year, for the first time ever, a 4-H Western Heritage team from California attended this national event. Seven 4-H members from Kern County and one from Santa Clara travelled to Fort Benton to participate in the program. The youth participated in their county project and then attended their state event to prepare themselves. Although the program involves shooting, the emphasis is on education. The 4-H member's entire score for the event is also comprised of how well s/he scores on a history test and their interviewing skills. Museum visits and more than thirty different educational sessions were available for the youth and their families to participate in.

Congratulations to our Santa Clara County member who placed at the event:



Senior Division – Boys Interview Skills

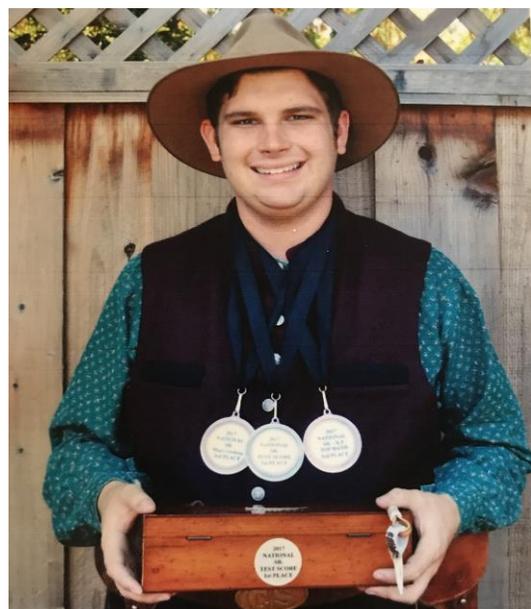
3rd Place, Thomas Aquino, Santa Clara County

Senior Division – Historical Testing

1st Place, Thomas Aquino, Santa Clara County

Senior Division – Overall Top Hand

3rd Place, Thomas Aquino, Santa Clara County





EVENTS – NEWS - LEARNING - EXCITEMENT

4-H Calendar

County, State and Nationwide Events

4-H Online Enrollment Open, Now

Begin registering for the new 4-H program year.

Contact your club's Volunteer Enrollment

Coordinator to make your payment.

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

Computer Science County-wide Project

When: Weekly beginning September 27. 6-7 p.m.

Where: 1553 Berger Dr. Bldg. 1, second floor.

Who: 4-H members 10 yrs. old and up. **To sign-up** for this great project, complete this survey

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

ABC Share/The 4-H Games

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

Where: Monterey County Fairgrounds

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

Save the dates for these County 4-H events:

4-H Club Youth Executive Board training

October 22

For Club President, Secretary, Treasurer
1553 Berger Dr., Bldg.1, 2nd floor, San Jose

4-H Leadership Overnight:

Walden West, February 9 – 11, 2018

Registration coming soon

4-H Summer Camp:

Ages 9 - 19

Camp Butano, June 12 -16, 2018

Camp Staff, June 11 – 17, 2018





EVENTS – NEWS - LEARNING - EXCITEMENT

Follow us on social media and
keep in touch with 4-H! Twitter:
[@4Hin SCC](#)
Facebook: [@SCC4H](#) and [@Scc4Hespanol](#)



TIMELY TOPICS is published monthly through the cooperative efforts of the University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program staff, 4-H volunteers and 4-H members of Santa Clara County.

- ☐ Deadline for articles is the 10th of each month. Email to sjweaver@ucanr.edu
- ☐ *Fe Moncloa*, Editor 4-H Youth Development Advisor (408)282-3107 fxmoncloa@ucanr.edu
- ☐ *Susan Weaver*, Design and Layout, 4-H Program Representative (408) 282-3119 sjweaver@ucanr.edu
- ☐ *Claudia Damiani*, Contributing Editor, 4-H Program Representative (408)282-3116 csdamianifontana@ucanr.edu

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All meetings and events are open to 4-H members, parents and 4-H volunteers. Please come!

Copyright © 2014 The Regents of the University of California.

UCCE Santa Clara County 4-H OFFICE
1553 Berger Drive, Bldg. 1
San Jose, CA 95116



UC
CE

Check out our website for more updates and resources:
[http:// http://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development](http://cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development)

It is the policy of the University of California (UC) and the UC Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources not to engage in discrimination against or harassment of any person in any of its programs or activities (Complete nondiscrimination policy statement can be found at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/anrstaff/files/169224.pdf>). Inquiries regarding ANR's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Linda Marie Manton, Affirmative Action. Contact, University of California, Davis, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618-7774, (530) 750-1318.