



### Hello Santa Clara County 4-H!



Welcome to the October 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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles and contributions that include photos will be given priority. Submit all articles, contributions and photos to [sjweaver@ucanr.edu](mailto:sjweaver@ucanr.edu)

#### Coaching 4-H Teen Leaders for Success by Fe Moncloa

Youth-adult partnerships is one of the key elements in 4-H. These partnerships are appropriate for youth 12 and up and take place when youth and adults work together in a positive and respectful manner toward a common goal, each contributing their unique strengths to the project AND to the relationship.

In 4-H youth have multiple opportunities to partner with adults:

- In 4-H clubs: in projects level as Teen and Junior leaders, as an Officer in the club, organizing a club outreach/community service event (s).
- At the County level: youth may serve as Camp Director, Camp Staff, co-chair a county-wide event, or hold a position at the Santa Clara County 4-H Council.

Teen Leaders (ages 14-19) plan, set up, and conduct the project meetings under the guidance of the adult Project Leader. This is one of the instances when youth-adult partnerships take place. Each year, Project Leaders identify the number of Teen and Junior Leaders the project will need. These decisions are equitable to allow various teenagers to serve in leadership positions.

The following information has been adapted from a UC ANR (1998) publication titled "Teenagers as Teachers: Twelve Essential Elements" by Faye Lee, Shelley Murdock and Carole Paterson.

#### Key elements of a successful Teen Leader program:

- Teen Leaders participate in Thrive and identify a spark.
- 4-H teens teach children who are at least two to three years younger than themselves.
- Teenagers are responsible for all teaching, sharing with other Teen and/or Junior Leaders
- Teenagers teach small groups of children, not one-on-one.
- Teenagers are trained on how to teach younger children and teach a particular subject matter curriculum that they have expertise in
- Adults regularly express their confidence in the teen's ability.
- Adults have high expectations of teens and regularly express this to teens in a constructive manner.
- Adults provide teenagers with flexible curricula that can be revised or "tweaked" as needed fosters success.

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### Coaching 4-H Teen Leaders for Success by Fe Moncloa (continued)

#### Successful 4-H project leaders that support Teen Leaders:

- Respect teenagers and children.
- Recognize, promote and celebrate diversity.
- Build on the strengths of individual teenagers and the teenagers as a team.
- Respect individual differences and work with teenagers: wherever they “are”.
- Allow teenagers’ “voices” to be heard. Teens are encouraged to improve the program.
- Support teenagers in and outside of 4-H
- Provide opportunities for feedback and debrief of teaching experience. Feedback: “I like the way you.....” and “Next time, I wish you....(list planned improvements).”
- Celebrate accomplishments

#### Characteristics of Quality teams of Project and Teen Leaders::

1. Share a common goal
2. Value the rights of every member
3. Critique ideas, not people
4. Capitalize on the strengths of individuals
5. Immediately resolve areas of conflict.

Please see the Responsibilities and requirements for Juniors and Teen Leaders.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Clubs/JuniorTeenLeaders/>

### YES Abroad

The KENNEDY-LUGAR YOUTH EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD (YES ABROAD) was launched in the aftermath of September 11, 2001 to advance mutual understanding between the United States and countries with significant Muslim populations. YES Abroad provides full scholarships to American students (ages 15-18) to live with a host family and study in local high schools for one academic year in countries in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Balkans.

2018-19 Application: Opens September 5, 2017 - Closes December 5, 2017

Scholarships Available: 65



## American Sewing Guild Gala



By Dustin Geringer

On September 29<sup>th</sup> some of 4-Hers were at the American Sewing Guild helping out with their Gala.

We helped set up the event, served water, tea, lemonade and coffee, cleared the tables and help clean up the hall. Some of us even joined in on the fashion show with the outfits we made at for the County Fashion Revue. This event was a great way to show the American Sewing Guild what 4-H is all about.

The ladies were very excited to have us there and would like us to come back next year!

## Tinsel

*Contributed & photographs by: Malia Sheaffer*

Hi, I am Malia. Last week, I got a cavy (guinea pig). She is white and gray but a more professional way to call her color is broken silver agouti. She is a teddy breed. That means instead of her hair lying flat, her hair sticks up like a teddy bear. Her name is Tinsel. She is really young at only eight weeks old. On her first day at our house, she scampered through the entire cage investigating every inch. She wasn't afraid at all! When I went to go pick her up, she kept moving and wouldn't sit still! My sister got a guinea pig too and hers was really shy. Tinsel really likes to eat all the time. She also likes to smell almost everything. When we gave her a bath, she even tried to smell the water! Oh, she got a big surprise putting her head in the water. I got my cavy because I will show her at competitions like our Santa Clara County Fair. I am excited to show her but for now I am happy playing with her!





## **All Star Corner**

**Submitted by The Santa Clara County 2017-18 4-H All Stars:**

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

### **Autumn Enthusiasm**

This past month has been full of great things for Santa Clara County! With finishing up Club Officer Installments, the All-Stars have all found encouragement and pride in our wonderful county - and in the spectacular members of 4-H that are within it. One way we saw you working out your 4-H muscles this month was with National 4-H Week! Several of you were out tackling the world in outreach, patriotism online, and talking to your friends about 4-H.

Some events where we took action were at the Emma Prusch Mountain Music Festival and the Martial Cottle Harvest Festival, where several members in the Santa Clara County 4-H program came to do outreach to potential members and their families - with success! Hundreds of people over these two events gained knowledge of animals and the care needed to own them. Festival attendees were given opportunities to win various 4-H merchandise while hearing about the program.

Finally, the All-Stars will be hosting a Fall Dance in November, and will be making cards for veterans at the event. Feel free to drop off cards that you or your club has already made! This is a great opportunity to have community service in an upcoming general meeting in order to support those who have served our country. Guidelines for this are no glitter or things that could fall off the card, no harmful words or images, and only sign your first name and title as a 4-H member if desired. More information on the dance and service will follow very soon!

**Save the dates!**

**February 9 - 11, 2018**

**Leadership Overnight Conference at Walden West**

**registration will open soon – open to 4-H youth, ages 12 and up.**



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# ***FALL DANCE***

*Join us November 11th for a dance!*

*Who:*

**4-H'ers of all ages are welcome!**

*When:*

**November 11, 2017 from 7-10 pm (7-9pm for Clovers)**

*Where:*

**Pepper Steak Building at Santa Clara County Fairgrounds (344 Tully Road, San Jose 95111)**

*PLEASE BRING:*

**A snack to share with everyone, some groovy dance moves, and cards for Vets!**

*Come in your Halloween costume if you'd like!*

*Community Service:*

**We will be having a table set up to make / bring cards for Veterans to celebrate Veteran's Day. Have your club make some at your General Meeting and drop them off! The All-Stars will make sure that they get sent out.**

We hope to see you all there! Email us at [4hscallstars@gmail.com](mailto:4hscallstars@gmail.com) with any questions.

*-Your 2017-2018 All-Star Team*



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### Visiting Animals

*Contributed by Jared Mauro*  
Hilltop 4-H members Lily Mendoza, Saige Mendoza, and Jared Mauro spent a day with Preschoolers from a program at Sacred Heart Community Services in San Jose. It was the first time most of the children had seen farm animals. They learned the names of the farm animals in English and about the care of the animals. The children were most interested in feeding, walking, and hugging the animals.

### Petting Zoo Fun

*Contributed by Siobhan Murphy*

On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Hilltop 4-H hosted two petting zoos. The first was at Campbell Christian Church, and that afternoon, they were at Sunnymont School. I am from Pleasant Acres 4-H and I went to help out at Campbell Christian Church. I brought my guinea pig, Puck, and joined the petting zoo with Hilltop 4-H. There was another guinea pig, 2 goats, about five chickens, and a rabbit at the petting zoo. There were plenty of kids who were attending the fall festival who were interested in petting animals. I was responsible for allowing them access to the animals, making sure the animals were shaded and safe, and giving the animals a break when they were all petted out!

I found the kids to be gentle and careful with the animals.

I also had time to walk around the festival which had games and food trucks. They had a bounce house and a dunk tank available. Personally, I enjoyed the "Cake Walk" which consisted of people of all ages walking around in a circle on numbered placemats while music played. When the music stopped, they spun a wheel, called a number and one participant won a plate of homemade baked goods as a prize! I thought this was very generous as the tickets to play were only \$1. On my second try, I won a plate full of Ghiradelli double chocolate chip cookies! Totally worth it!





## Martial Cottle Clean Up Day

By Dustin Geringer

On Sunday, **November 12th** we will once again be helping to spruce up Martial Cottle Park. We are planning on being there from **11am till about 3pm**. We will be planting trees, pulling weeds, and spreading wood chips around the trees among a few other things. Santa Clara County 4-H holds the Color Me Green 5K at Martial Cottle Park each year. This year we will have the 5K at Martial Cottle Park on March 18th along with a "4-Healthy Fair". We are able to do this by helping them to get the park ready for Spring. We would like to put in about 30-35 hours. This is really easy as each person will accumulate their time. If we have 15-20 4-Hers (or family and friends) put in 2 hours on November 12th, then we have accumulated 30-40 hours. Please email me at [cmg5kscc@gmail.com](mailto:cmg5kscc@gmail.com) if you have any questions or can come and help for an hour or two. Everyone had a great time helping last year and it was really appreciated by Martial Cottle Park.

We can also sign off for Community Service hours for school

## Making the most of your 4-H donation dollars-Employer Matching Gifts

Source: CA 4-H State Newsletter



Many corporations match donations made by employees to a wide range of nonprofit organizations, encouraging employee charitable giving and extending their corporate philanthropy. In some cases, corporations will even donate additional funds based on the number of volunteer hours contributed by employees to organizations like 4-H. Needless to say, our state and local 4-H programs have benefited greatly from these generous corporate matching programs.

To determine if your employer offers a matching program, you'll find a link in the upper left hand corner on the [CA 4-H Foundation's donation page](#) labeled "Employer Matching Gifts." This link provides a quick path to determine if your employer offers a matching program. Taking advantage of these matching programs helps to make an even greater impact in support of California 4-H programs.

United Way campaigns are another way to support the CA 4-H Foundation. Not all United Way campaigns list 4-H as a giving option but you may direct your giving to support the CA 4-H Foundation by writing it in in the "other non-profit" section of the United Way pledge form. Be sure to include the CA 4-H Foundation's EIN# 23-7327765. Your 4-H/United Way giving may be unrestricted or designated to your favorite state or county program.

Thank you for your support!



## 4-H Outreach Opportunities

### Outreach at the 2017 Santa Clara County Fair

*Article and photos submitted by Rebecca Call, El Sereno 4-H Club*

El Sereno 4-H Club's Rabbit and Cavy projects began organizing the outreach area at Santa Clara Fair several years ago as their Service Learning Project. The first year, our outreach area consisted of one portable table with a few chairs set up at end of the barn, where youth could bring out animals to show to the public. The youth were responding to a need – the desire of visitors to touch animals. Setting up a table meant that the public would be less likely to allow their children to put their fingers in cages. The following year, the teen and junior leaders approached Mr. Haggerty, who allocated a real space for the tables. Once we had this assigned space, the Service Learning Project started to grow. Each year, another table was added as more activities were offered, from Scavenger Hunts to a craft table, along with a very popular egg-decorating activity. Our project was now meeting the need of the young visitors who wanted to touch animals. Yet we weren't meeting another need: we weren't effectively communicating to families about 4-H.

By 2016 we were having record numbers of visitors come through the Fair. Other clubs and projects were sharing the work of running the booth, but we were all stretched to the limit, often dealing with many children crowding around waiting for a turn to pet an animal. It was great having so many visitors, but we were frustrated that we did not have time to talk to more than a fraction of them. We knew that hundreds of potential 4-Hers were slipping through our hands, simply because we were too busy to interact with them.

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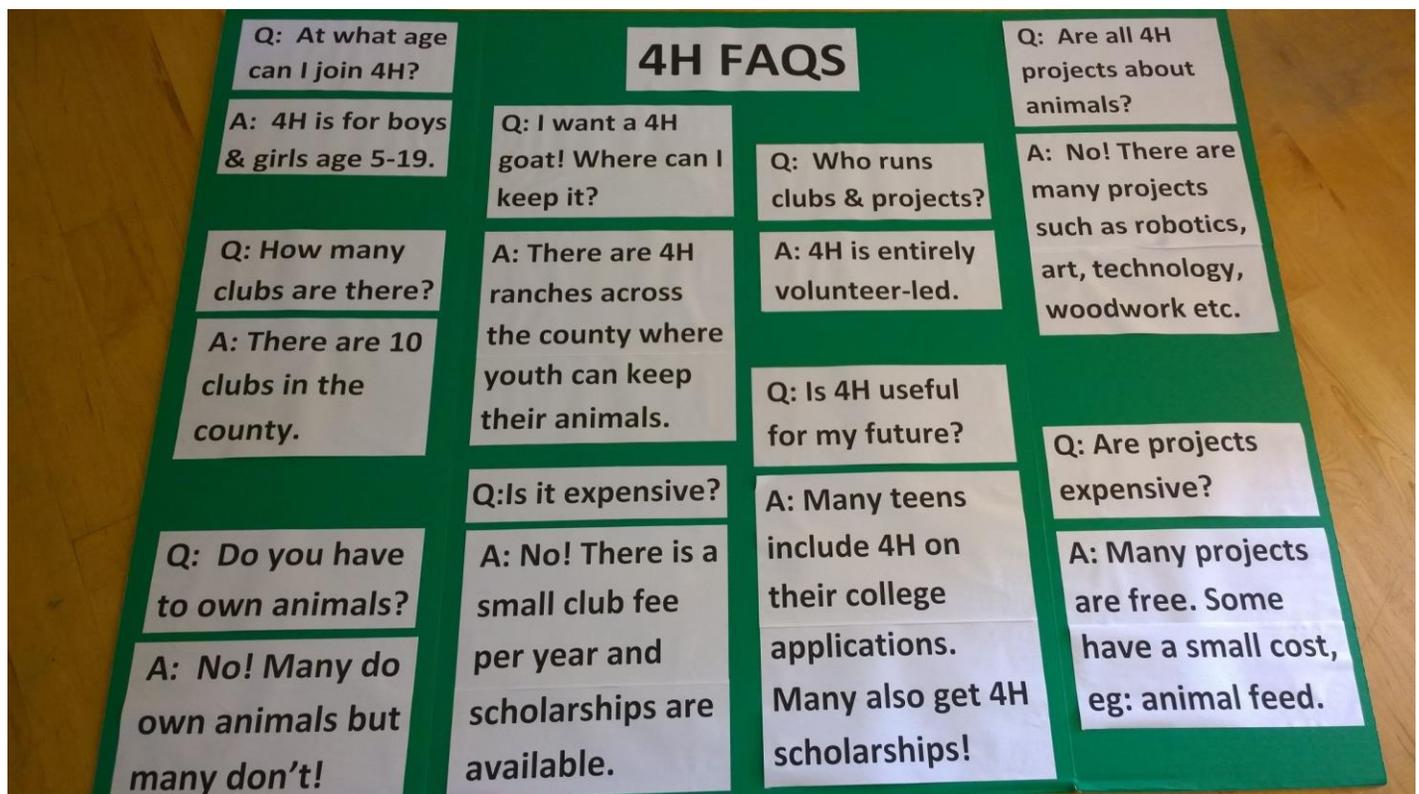




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After Fair, the youth identified factors that made their outreach less effective, and started to plan for solutions for 2017. They created a large '4-H FAQ' board which they posted behind the booth, so that the public would get quick information to questions that we might be too busy to answer in person. Individual members went to each club to ask for more volunteers to help at the booth. Teen and Junior leaders sent out emails, made phone calls, and spent hours meeting and texting back and forth as they planned for a better, more efficient outreach effort.



Their most exciting and innovative idea was to ask for a microphone so that they could showcase 4-H to crowds, not just to individuals. They planned events to draw in the public, such as the hugely popular Cavy and Rabbit Costume Contests. They undertook a major fundraising effort to buy rosettes for every contestant. On the day, large crowds gathered to watch the amazing entries in both costume contests. While Mrs. Teagle and Rylie Weaver interviewed the contestants and gave out ribbons, adult volunteers approached families in the crowd and gave out dozens of 4-H Flyers. Throughout the rest of the Fair, the youth organized live demonstrations for the public. Talking into the microphone with amazing poise, different groups showcased 4-H, for example with a mock goat show, a comparison of cavy breeds, demonstrations of showmanship, poultry care, milking dairy goats, and discussions about various aspects of cat breeds and showing.

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As the Fair progressed, more and more youth stepped forward and took the microphone. The teen leaders prompted speakers to include information about 4-H before and after each demonstration. While the public stopped to watch the demonstrations, 4-H volunteers approached families in the audience, handing out flyers and answering questions.

There is one easy way to measure whether this outreach was successful. The 4-H office received emails and phone calls after Fair from families wanting more information about 4-H. Some adult leaders gave out personal contact details. We don't know exactly how many families joined 4-H due to the outreach efforts at Fair, but El Sereno 4-H has at least six new families directly because of this outreach effort. Our rabbit and cavy projects are larger than they've ever been. What's more, because of the way these families started to engage with 4-H, their energy is awesome; they saw 4-H in action and are fired up to get involved.



The Service Learning project members are already looking toward next year. Did we do a good job? Yes! But could we do better? Undoubtedly. Next year the youth plan to have demonstrations running continuously throughout public hours. They hope to have their FAQ poster made into large banners. They need a bigger supply of flyers so we don't keep running out. They need a large map so the public can see where clubs are at a glance. They need more helpers at the booth. They need a far greater number of adult and teen volunteers who are confident about approaching the public and talking about 4-H.

The youth started this ball rolling with their commitment and vision for outreach. Now they need enough support to really capitalize on their hard work and reach every visitor, so no child loses the opportunity to join 4-H just because there was no adult available to talk to them when they passed through the barn at Fair in 2018.



## NEWS- AREA and STATE NEWS



### **The 2017-2018 CA 4-H Management Board Welcomes Two New Members**

Source: CA 4-H State Newsletter

Aubrey Stacy (second from the right) joined the Management Board as Central Area Director. Kate Lyn Sutherland (fourth from the right) is the new Marketing and Public Relations Director. They join (from left to right) Sue Garcia (Secretary), Sarah Lloyd (Vice Chair), Trent Baldwin (Bay/Coast Area Director), Curtis Ullerich (Chair), Kate Lyn Sutherland (Marketing and PR), John Trammell (Southern Area), Aubrey Stacy (Central Area), Ed Ho (Treasurer). Missing from the picture are Kelly Violini (Resource Development Director) and Ryan Cleland (Northern Area Director).

### **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!*



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### [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>

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- [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle](#)  
11/18/2017
- [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Shotgun](#)  
11/18/2017
- [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Archery](#)  
12/9/2017
- [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Pistol](#)  
12/9/2017
- [4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle](#)  
12/16/2017

[National 4-H Conference](#)  
April 7 - 14, 2018

[California Focus](#)  
June 22 - 26, 2018

[2018 California 4-H Horse Classic](#)  
June 27 - July 1, 2018



[Save the dates for these County 4-H events:](#)

### [4-H Leadership Overnight:](#)

Walden West, February 9 - 11, 2018

Applications coming Soon

### [4-H Summer Camp:](#)

**Ages 9 - 19**

Camp Butano, June 12 -16, 2018

Camp Staff, June 11 - 17, 2018





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