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I pledge
My head to clear thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service, and
My health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country, and my world



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Teens more exposed online than you know

By Stan Trevena

What I see of teens and their use of the Internet is disturbing. As the director of technology for Modesto City Schools, I have worked closely with law enforcement for the past 15 years and have been online for the past 25. I have four children, all avid Internet users.

A lot of young people have been interacting on Internet services such as MySpace, Xanga and LiveJournal. An article Nov. 3 in The Bee's Buzz section ("Diary of a generation," Page E-6) from a Pitman High School student raved about online diaries. Users are given "space" to post their stuff -- including pictures, a blog (short for Web log, like a diary) and links to music and comments from those who visit the site. An instant messaging service is included. These sites give people a place to express themselves. But these are public spaces that anyone can view -- and that's the problem.

Popularity is measured by the length of your "friends" list. Most students are not selective about who they accept as a "friend." If you visit MySpace without logging in, you can view most all of the content on the pages. Using the MySpace search feature, you can quickly navigate to a specific school's list of students and then browse pictures that link to user pages. Teens can lock down their pages using the privacy settings, but very few do. Without taking this step, everything is public by default. Many teens believe that only their friends can view the sub-areas of their sites. That's false.

I went with a friend to MySpace to look for his son. He doubted that his son even had a site. Starting with the name of his son's school, it took only a few minutes to locate his son by his picture (he was using a fake screen name). We were able to read his blog entries and see his paintball and prom pictures. As we scrolled to the comments section, private information appeared — not from him, but from the postings of his friends. His first name was used in several entries; we found his last name in another.

More disturbing, a friend had left a message arranging a meeting after work (complete with time and location). Another entry had the friend's cell phone number. Clicking on that friend's picture took us to his site and we found plenty of personal information on him, including where and when he worked and the details of a party planned for the weekend. These services attract online predators. They're like online catalogs complete with pictures of potential victims for the estimated 50,000 predators trolling the Internet at any time.

The Los Angeles district attorney's "Protecting Our Kids" Web site says 71 percent of parents stop monitoring their child's Internet use after the child turns 14; yet 72 percent of all Internet-related missing children are 15 or older. Ironically, you have to be 14 to have a MySpace.com account. Parents often immerse themselves in their children's sports and academics. Why do they ignore Internet use?

I am not advocating these services be banned — quite the opposite. However, when using them, students must keep safety and privacy in mind. Predators are always looking over the shoulders of our kids, and they need to take a defensive stance.

Everyone should see what these sites are about. It's a social phenomenon, but a big threat to the privacy and safety of our kids. Talk with your children about online activities. One of the best sites to learn more about Internet safety and privacy is the LA district attorney's (<http://da.co.la.ca.us/pok>). If you think this is not a problem, visit the Perverted Justice Web site (www.perverted-justice.com).

Trevena is director of information and technology services for Modesto City Schools.
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COUNTY NEWS

Judging Day

Los Angeles County Judging Day is a countywide event where 4-H'ers learn teamwork and cooperation as members of a judging team while developing their decision-making skills. Judging Day will be Saturday, **February 25, 2006** at Paramount High School, 14429 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723. SSG District Council is hosting this exciting event and invites all 4-H'ers to come and participate. Food and snacks will be available for purchase. Judging Day information packets will be mailed to all Club Leaders and added to Cooperative Extension's website to download at: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>.

For more information contact Johanna Stewart at 714-330-5409

Presentation Day & Fashion Revue

Presentation Day & Fashion Revue will convene March 25, 2006. Presentation Day is one of the most valuable assets of our 4-H program. This is a day where 4-H'ers share the skills and knowledge they have acquired in their 4-H projects. By learning public speaking and demonstration skills 4-H'ers prepare themselves for college and the workplace. 4-H members may observe and gain knowledge relating to many different 4-H projects. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend. If you have never been to Field Day before you will be surprised at the poise and abilities of these 4-H members.

All members of the LA County 4-H are invited to participate in LA County Presentation Day. 4-H Presentations are very informative and will certainly enrich individual knowledge. Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking are also interesting. Fashion Revue showcases our best LA County 4-H clothing projects. Share the Fun Skits, Cultural Arts Presentations, and Song Leading contests are creative and entertaining.

4-H members attend to participate\observe and learn\receive awards, recognizing their individual skills and knowledge. Remember it's a 4-H "Family Affair", and encourages

parents and friends of 4-H to attend and support the youth. Medal winners will be eligible to go on to Sectional Field Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2006.

More information will be available online at Cooperative Extension's website at: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu> and in the March edition of Clover Notes.

Emerald Star Project

If a member has earned Gold Star Rank or will be 16 years old by January 1, 2006, they can consider doing an advanced leadership project and earn an Emerald Star for their hat. An Emerald Star Project can be started at any time during the year. Do you have an idea for an activity you could plan and run to benefit the county 4-H program or your community?

Call the 4-H office for a packet of information on the Emerald Star Program. Each 4-H district has an Emerald Star advisor. You can work with the Advisor from any of the districts.

Be a 4-H All-Star

All-Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the County level. The All-Star award affords 4-H members the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills on a countywide basis. Each year Los Angeles County selects several 4-H members who have applied and are deserving of this rank to become All-Stars. The Los Angeles County 4-H Program expects its All-Stars to contribute to the 4-H Program during the next program year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Any 4-H member is eligible to apply for the All-Star award who:

1. Is 15 years of age as of January 1 of the year of application (2006);
2. Has completed two years of 4-H Club work;
3. Has Gold Star Rank and/or demonstrated leadership skills and qualities;
4. Shows strong interest in continuing in the 4-H Youth Development Program and has specific ideas regarding ways in which he/she can give guidance and leadership to some phase of the 4-H Program;
5. Has actively participated beyond the 4-H club level.



Hints for New 4-H Members

The following are some suggestions for new members to help you get the most out of your 4-H experience.

- Attend all your club and project meetings, if possible. If you must miss meetings for health and/or family emergency reasons, be sure to let your leader know before the meeting and make arrangements for make-up, if necessary. That's part of learning to be a responsible person.
- Read newsletters from your club and the county newsletter, "Clover Notes". They let you know about the important dates and activities you can be part of.
- Ask questions when you don't understand, or need help. Key club and project leaders, teen leaders, county All-Stars, and the 4-H Office are all here to help you. Good luck with your involvement and above all, have fun.

Junior/Teen Leader

Junior Leaders are 4-H members in the 7th and 8th grade who help lead a 4-H project. Teen Leaders 4-H members are in 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and above grades who lead a 4-H project. To be a Junior/Teen Leader, the member needs to be enrolled in their club's Leadership Project. They fill out the goals and plans of the first two sections of the Leadership Plan and Report Form, and have the form signed by their Leadership Project Leader and the leader of the project for which they will be a youth leader. While they are a Junior or Teen Leader, they can wear the Junior or Teen Leader patch on their 4-H hat. At the end of the year, they will need to complete the Leadership Plan and Report and have it signed by their Leadership Project Leader and their project leader. They should also complete an Annual Project Report for the Leadership Project.

Hi 4-H

Each district can have a Hi 4-H program. 4-H members who will be at least 14 years old by January 1, 2006 or who will be in 9th grade or above are eligible for Hi 4-H activities (ROPES, Snow Camp, T.I.C. conference, State Leadership Conference, etc.). You don't have to attend Hi 4-H meetings to attend the special Hi 4-H events. This year 13 year olds are again invited to attend Hi 4-H activities as guests.

The sectional level Hi 4-H is called the sectional Teen Council. It meets before sectional 4-H Leaders' Council meetings at Mt. SAC. The Teen Council plans social and educational events, plus runs the T.I.C. conference in January and a food booth at sectional field day in May. Our senior members can be part of the Teen Council. Our senior members can attend their events. Consider being more active on the sectional level. The county level Hi 4-H program will only exist if there is sufficient interest this year. Contact the county 4-H leaders' council if you are interested in participating in a county level Hi 4-H program.



SUMMER CAMP RESERVATION FORM



<http://www.4hsummercamp.com>

FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED

\$20.00 DEPOSIT PER CHILD

Non-Refundable



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PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE REMIT THIS FORM TO:
4H OFFICE-UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
4800 E. CEASAR E. CHAZEZ AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90022
ATTN: KEITH NATHANIEL
323-260-3845

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB:

<http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu> or <http://www.4hsummercamp.com>

Do you know a special “Friend Of 4-H?”

Each year the LA County 4-H Leaders’ Council honors individuals and organizations that have been especially supportive of our LA County 4-H program. The council honors up to five special Friends of 4-H each year. Nominations from our 4-H districts are presented to the county council at the May council meeting and the actual honor is presented at our July County Awards Day. If you know of someone or some organization that has been especially supportive of the 4-H Los Angeles County, district or club program, consider contacting your 4-H district council about making a nomination. More information about this honor follows, including a nomination form and a list of some of the past recipients of this honor.

"FRIEND OF 4-H"

AWARD: "Friend Of 4-H" Meritorious Service Recognition

DONOR: Los Angeles County 4-H Youth Council

PURPOSE: Provide recognition to individuals who have contributed to Los Angeles County 4-H Youth Program.

CRITERIA: As expressed on nomination form

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- I. **Citizenship** - As exemplified by participation in civic, church, school, 4-H and other youth, public service and related activities denoting concern for the welfare of others and responsible citizenship in a democratic society.
- II. **Leadership** - As exemplified by qualities of leadership and acceptance of leadership responsibilities in civic, church, school, youth professional, business and related activities.
- III. **Career Accomplishments** - As exemplified by accomplishments and success in chosen profession or occupation.
- IV. **Personal** - Evidence of the influence to 4-H by applicant in relationship to family, home, career, public service, skills, interests, adherence to ideals of 4-H and continuing commitment to 4-H.

For a complete packet contact Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

Some of the past recipients of the "FRIEND OF 4-H" award:

- 1977 - Ann Gregg - Antelope Valley
- 1978 - Pat Simi - Antelope Valley
- 1979 - Ken Johnson- Bank of America
- 1980 - Los Angeles County Farm Bureau
- 1981 - Bob Dryden from 4-H Camp
- 1982 - John Stearns of Ag USA
- Vicki Gladney LA County Fair
- 1983 - Clyde Kennedy - Horse Show judge/instructor/ Friend of 4H
- Bob and Flo Seibert from Antelope Valley
- 1984 -1988 - No Award
- 1989 - Mt. San Antonio College
- Barbara Crane
- Harold Peck
- Lee Petty
- George Estes
- Chuck Hewitt
- Art Boster
- Dr. Larry Kelly, Veterinarian
- Shirley Wilhite, Past 4-H Leader, active IFYE Program, etc.
- Thelma Kelly, Past 4-H Leader, IFYE Program, etc.
- Richard Kruse, Kruse Milling, 4-H Supporter
- Bernard Douglas, Poly High
- 1990 - 1992 - No Award
- 1993 - Steve Pietrolungo, Canoga Park High
- 1994 - Larry Shomo
- City of Glendora and John Aquirre
- Earl Williams
- Pat and Pete Weber
- Roy Murdock
- Leland Clark
- Harry Prinz
- Wayne Ham
- Ron Sardico - Manager Palmdale Bank of America
- Wyman, Ag. Instructor - Antelope Valley High School, Ed
- 1995 - Jamie Robert Garner
- Imperial Schools
- Security Trust
- Leona Valley Realty
- Dr. Art Evans
- Leona Valley Improvement Assoc.
- AV Fair & Alfalfa Festival
- Kruse Feed & Grain
- Farm Bureau
- 1996 - Dave Carman Award Ribbons
- Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies
- 1997 - Rich Phegley
- Johnny Milano
- Christina A. Hutson, DMV
- Deputy Burke Roche
- Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke, LA County Supervisor, 2nd District
- 1998 - Grace Episcopal Church
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- Gardena Rotary Club
- Jane and Bert Boeckmann
- 1999 - Dr. Richard C. Elton
- Larry Shomo
- USA Waste
- 2000 - Petsmart Company
- Del Mar Van Dam of Van Dam Farms
- Rolling Hills Covenant Church
- 2001 - John Fusano - East Valley Feed and Tack
- Los Angeles County Farm Bureau
- Oil Operators Inc.
- Southern California Edison
- 2002 - Los Angeles Times
- Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church
- LG Construction

SOUTHERN SECTIONAL NEWS



Western Regional 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum 2006 March 1-5, 2006 - Sheraton City Centre - Salt Lake City, Utah

Join over 500 volunteers from the 13 western states in a FUN learning environment. Western Regional Leaders Forum is a great opportunity to meet others and share ideas which can be implemented in your local youth program.

Interactive workshops, sewing lab, computer lab and much more await you in learning the newest and coolest techniques in working with youth. There is also time built in for educational tours and time to visit with new and old friends.

4-H volunteers and community partners come together once a year for this event and 2006 is Utah's turn to host. You need not be a 4-H volunteer to participate; there is much to share between those working in a myriad of youth serving organizations. For questions about WRLF 2006 contact Deb Jones at debj@ext.usu.edu.

For a complete packet visit <http://wrlf2005.org/> or call Roy Hillstock (323) 260-3854.

Southern Sectional Field Day (Presentation Day)

Mt. SAC is also the home of South Section Field Day, May 20, 2006. Park in Grey Lot G (most convenient) or Blue Lot D-2, and go to the Building 26 courtyard area.

Entry forms for South Sectional Field Day are due by Saturday, April 8, 2006 (Sectional Leaders Council meeting). All forms must be submitted by each County Representative, with one county check for the entry fees.

Entry forms for South Section Fashion Revue are due by May 1, 2006. It is held in conjunction with South Section Field Day on May 20, 2006. All forms must be submitted by each County Representative, with one county check for the entry fees.

Sectional Field Day gold medalists & parents: Please be prepared to decide that day, after the awards presentation, whether you can attend State Presentation Day, held on Saturday, May 27, 2006, at UC Davis. Registration will be held following the awards presentation. Also, please be prepared to volunteer for judge or room host duties.

Everyone should help in order for the event to run smoothly!

STATE NEWS

2006-2007 California 4-H State Ambassador Application

Due March 31, 2006

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors and 4-H State Ambassador Advisors will be selected in order to:

- Support the Mission and Direction of the University of California 4-H YD Program
- Support various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, leadership development opportunities and community service
- Assist in the introduction of innovative programming through a Service Project
- Provide leadership in the development of the 4-H State Leadership Conference
- Recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments within the area of leadership

4-H State Ambassador are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the California State 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador Advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working with older youth in the areas of leadership and community service.

Term:

4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning at the Orientation, July 7-9, 2006 and ending August 31, 2007. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term.

Eligibility Requirements:

Youth: 4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H Youth Development Program member, and be at least 16 years of age as of January 1, 2006, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2006.

Adult: 4-H State Ambassador Advisor candidates must be a 4-H volunteer leader with at least one year of experience in facilitating and challenging teens in the duties associated with being a 4-H State Ambassador. Adult advisors must be at least 21 years of age. Preference will be given to those not related to any current 4-H State Ambassador youth candidate.

Sponsorship of the 4-H State Ambassador Program:

The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation provide financial sponsorship of the California 4-H State Ambassador Program, which includes ambassador travel and other expenses, through The California 4-H Foundation.

For a complete packet go to: <http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/index.asp> or contact Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 to have a packet mailed to you.

22nd Annual Statewide Postal Shoot

Siskiyou County 4-H Leaders Council will host the 2006 Statewide Postal Shoot. The following is a list of procedures and rules for participation in the 2006 Statewide Postal Shoot.

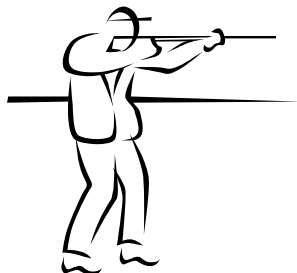
1. The registration process is as follows: All registration forms must be sent to the UCCE office of the county in which each participating 4-H club resides. Each club's registration check shall be made out to the local county's 4-H council, and should cover the total number of category entries times the entry fee of \$4.50 per category entry.

The county 4-H Youth Development Advisor, 4-H Program Representative or other UCCE 4-H authorized individual shall sign the registration form to verify that all entrants, adults and youth, are currently enrolled in 4-H.

On or before the postmark date of March 10, 2006, the UCCE 4-H office personnel shall send the registration forms and one single check per county to the Siskiyou County Leaders Council, 1655 South Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097.

2. After receiving and processing the registration packets from each county, labeled targets and trap score sheets will be mailed to the participating shooting sports leaders by May 6, 2006.
3. A California 4-H State certified Shooting Sports Leader must supervise all shooting and sign all target sets fired (Leaders must be certified in the discipline of the category of the target being verified, i.e., leaders certified in Rifle may supervise rifle events, Shotgun leaders may supervise trap events, etc.). For more information on becoming certified in the various disciplines, go to <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/projresource/shootingsports/certified.asp>.
4. After scoring the returned targets, the results will be compiled and distributed through the UCCE offices. Ribbons, medals and trophies will be sent to the participating counties for the shooting sports leaders to distribute.

For additional information contact Jacki Zediker, 4-H Youth Development Program Representative at Tel. (530) 842-2711 Fax (530) 842-6931. For a complete application go to: <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>.



2006 State Leadership Conference

The conference- "*Take A Risk: Leaders, Heroes, and You*" -will provide high school aged youth and adult 4-H volunteers with an opportunity to engage in hands on learning experiences, while developing leadership and social skills. Delegates will have an opportunity to learn the challenges and responsibilities of being a leader, and the importance of leadership in every day life. Along with social development and the university experience, the educational workshops form an integral part of this conference. Workshops address many subject areas, but all embody the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program mission of providing education in the areas of citizenship, leadership, and life skills

For an application to attend or present a workshop contact Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or email at: rhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

2006 Japanese Exchange

The **2006 4-H Japanese Exchange** will be an outbound program this summer with 4-H members and volunteer leaders participating in a month-long exchange with host families across Japan. Information and applications are available in county 4-H offices and at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp>. An additional Nihongo language program is also available. For more information, contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520 or at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu. A registration packet and \$100 non-refundable deposit are due **February 20, 2006**.

Present a workshop at the 2006 4-H State Leadership Conference!

The conference will take place August 10-13, 2006 at UC San Diego. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/conference/slc/>. Workshop proposals are due March 10, 2006 to the State 4-H Office.

"4-H You See Davis Days"

The UC Davis Collegiate 4-H Club is pleased to present "4-H You See Davis Days" for high school students on April 20-22, 2006. This three-day, activity-filled event is an opportunity for participants to experience college life at UC Davis. Registration forms are due March 20, 2006 and may be found at: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays2006.htm>. For more information, contact Sara Leisgang at (408) 921-4201 or sbleisgang@ucdavis.edu

4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Certification

The **4-H Shooting Sports Trainer Certification Workshop for Rifle** will be held **February 18-19, 2006**. The training will be held at the True Sportsman's Club in Ione (Amador County). Upon completion of this course, participants will be certified as a 4-H shooting sports trainer and volunteer leader in the rifle discipline. Participants must attend both days of training. For more information, contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or jaborba@ucdavis.edu

California 4-H Camping Task Force Camp Conference

Save the date! The California 4-H Camping Task Force will host its **first Camp Conference May 5-7, 2006** in Northern California. The weekend agenda provides rich information on camp program ideas; opportunities for certifications in shooting sports, food safety and ropes course; in-depth training on environmental education curriculum; and the release of the new Camp Risk Management Workbook. Youth, volunteers and staff involved in 4-H resident, day, and weekend camp programs are encouraged to attend. A second training in Southern California will take place in Fall 2006. For more information, contact Marianne Bird at (916) 875-6811 or mbird@ucdavis.edu

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day

The college of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will be holding their annual agricultural and environmental sciences field day on Friday March 3rd and Saturday March 4th 2006. This field day is open to FFA and 4-H high school students from California and surrounding states. These high school students come to Davis to compete in different agriculturally-based judging contests, ranging from livestock judging to agriculture computer applications. UC Davis students from a variety of majors coordinate the contests. Faculty and staff in CA&ES serve as advisors for these contests.

The students of the college of agricultural and environmental sciences have been working hard to put these two field days together and we hope any interested FFA or 4-H organization will be able to attend these events.

For registration information go to: <http://www.calaged.org/registration> to download the Field Day Competitive Events Program or click the link for the on-line registration.

For more information contact Garrett Pedretti at (530) 752-4939.

Staff Spotlight

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is supported by a large group of outstanding and dedicated staff. The 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee would like to recognize the innovative and outstanding programs of each county office and the county staff that contribute so much to the California 4-H Youth Development Program.

Each month, a new county office will be highlighted on the state 4-H website at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/spotlight/> 4-H members, volunteers, other staff, and donors will be able to read about that county office and browse archives for previous highlights.

For more information, please contact Steven Worker, California 4-H Youth Development Program at (530) 754-8519 or email at: smworker@ucdavis.edu

2006 Statewide 4-H Scholarships

Dean Memorial Legacy Scholarship

Award: Three \$1,000 scholarships are available

Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing any field of scholastic endeavor at accredited colleges or universities in the United States.

Mabel W. Jacks Scholarship

Award: Five \$700 scholarships are available

Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing any field of scholastic endeavor at accredited colleges or universities in the United States.

American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) Agricultural Scholarship

Award: Two \$1,000 scholarships to attend a four-year university in California

One, \$250 scholarship to attend a two-year community college in California

Eligibility: Awards shall be given to students pursuing a degree in agricultural education, agricultural management or agricultural financial services.

All applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher in core/academic subjects, based upon a standard 4.0 scale.

Samarin Family Vocational Education Scholarship

Award: One \$1,000 scholarship is available

Eligibility: Applicants must be enrolled in a vocational/trade school or Junior College vocational training program

4-H statewide scholarship information and applications are now available.

High school seniors and those in college are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available in a number of various criteria and award amounts. Scholarship applications are due April 30, 2006 and available at: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/index.asp>

National News

National Opportunities:

For Youth: The **Christopher Columbus Awards Program** combines science and technology with community problem-solving. Middle-school age students work in teams with the help of an adult coach to identify an issue they care about and, using science and technology, work with experts, conduct research, and put their ideas to the test to develop an innovative solution. Teams do not need to be affiliated with a school to enter. The maximum award is \$25,000 with an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend the program's National Championship Week. For information, visit: <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>. Deadline is: **February 13, 2006.**

For Youth: Nickelodeon will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006 through the *Let's Just Play Giveaway*. This program offers youth around the United States, ages 6-15 (partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders) the opportunity to take action and apply for funds to improve their school or community program's fitness resources. The maximum award is \$5000. For information, visit: http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/. **Rolling deadline until May 31, 2006.**

USDA launched the Spanish-language version of MyPyramid.gov

USDA recently launched the Spanish-language version of **MyPyramid.gov**, an online guide designed to help Americans live healthier lives. *MiPirámide: Pasos Hacia Una Mejor Salud*, translated, *My Pyramid: Steps to a Healthier You*, provides nutrition and exercise guidance within the Latino community. **MiPirámide** will make it easier for Spanish-speaking Americans to find nutrition information vital to good health and personalize that information to their own lifestyle. Look for En Español (in the upper right-hand corner) at www.MyPyramid.gov to access MiPirámide. The **2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans** and consumer brochure are available at www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines. For the full USDA press release, go to: <http://www.usda.gov/>

Resources Needed! A message from Mississippi 4-H

"Friends-- Our total 4-H family from across America has been unbelievably generous toward our children here in Mississippi following Katrina. There will never be enough thanks to offer. The level of devastation has not diminished but has only hit us hard again with the change in season. We have an urgent need for "coats for kids" from toddler through teen. Our group that went to the coast today carried 300 coats and found they were short 2,500 just at one school. As warm as the coast is in the summer, winters are cold and the wind and moisture magnify the discomfort. Children need NEW coats, sweaters, socks, sweatshirts, headwear, and blankets. New, because we simply don't have the means to have used items cleaned, prepared and delivered in time."

"If any of you have personal connections with suppliers/distributors/dealers who might be able to help us we would appreciate it. We are making some direct contacts ourselves but sometimes it's the "who" you know that is important. Yes, money, so designated, would allow us to purchase coats."

"Any provided items should be sent to Operation 4-H Relief. Mississippi 4-H, Bost Building, Mississippi State University, MS 39762. All gifts will be received as 501c3 contributions." For more information, contact Morris Houston at (601) 829-3611 or (601) 906-1694.

2006 National 4-H Technology Leadership Conference **ScienceEngineeringTechnology (S.E.T.) for the 21st Century**

When: Mon-Thur, July 24-27 2006

Where: University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

Who: 4-H Members age 14-18 & their advisors / mentors

Science, Engineering and Technology are national 4-H program priorities. It is in the integration of these skills through-out 4-H (in addition to developing cool technology and science project areas!) that we can most effectively impact the development of life skills in 4-H members. Make sure you are SET for the 21st Century! Select one of the Conference Focus Areas for in-depth exploration of how technology, engineering and science can be a part of every 4-H project.

Technology Conference Focus Areas Select 1 of 15 Focus Areas for activities and ideas to include technology tools and science process skills in any 4-H Project or Event. Mentors work with a team of up to 20 delegates as we learn technology and science 'life skills', discuss ethical issues, identify career opportunities, and explore applications in 4-H and our daily life.

- Leadership: Leadership skill-building is built into each focus area.
- Hands-on Learning: Computer labs and other technology and tools will be provided to learn new skills.
- Career Fair / Share Fair: Each state is asked to exhibit its 4-H SET programs to each other and industry leaders at this joint event.
- Internet Access: Internet access available to delegates through wireless network, in dormitories and in labs.
- Accommodations: Delegates are housed in the Harper Schramm Smith dormitory complex located on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus.
- PostConference: We are pleased to offer Operation Military Kids Computer Lab and Beginning & Intermediate GIS as our after-conference workshops, Thurs afternoon through Friday, separate registration and fee (\$100).
- And More: State Night Out, skillathons, dance (including the science and technology of dance special effects!), computer rehab service-learning event.
- Sight-seeing: Plan your trip to include the sights of Lincoln – including the Strategic Air & Space Museum, Henry Doorly Zoo, USA Roller Sports National Championship, the world's largest corn 'maize' and the exact spot where the American West begins!

For additional conference details and registration, go to <http://4HNTC.4-H.org> or email 4HNTC@lists.umn.edu.

Scholarship Application

The California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation was organized to give aid to students with a desire to pursue a career in the agricultural industry. The scholarships are awarded annually based upon academic achievement, career goals, extracurricular activities, determination, leadership skills, and a commitment to study agriculture.

Who is eligible?

Any student entering or attending a four-year accredited college or university in California and pursuing a career in the agricultural industry. Students entering or attending a junior college are not eligible. Students must be a resident of the State of California.

How many scholarships are given, and in what amount?

Each year, the Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors determine the award amounts depending on the funds available. In recent years, the range has been \$2,000 to \$2,750 , for 30 or more recipients each year.

In addition to the regular scholarship recipients, four special awards are given: the Frederick J. Heringer Honorary Award, the Howard P. Wackman II Memorial Scholarship, the John H. Wiechman Memorial Scholarship and the Carolyn S. Richardson Memorial Scholarship. Any individuals fitting the criteria for these awards will be selected by the Foundation board. No additional application information is needed.

Requirements

Applications are accepted each year between January 1 and March 1 and must be accompanied by the following applicable items:

- High school transcript(s)
- Junior college transcript(s)
- College transcript(s)
- Two (2) current letters of recommendation

Application Deadline is March 1, 2006

For more information or to receive a scholarship application, contact Darlene Licciardo at (916) 561-5520 or email at: dlicciardo@cfbf.com



**California 4-H Youth Development Program
Golden Clover Awards**

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
Due June 30, 2006

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement by 4-H members, volunteers, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Stories will be shared with the 4-H community, as well as donors, and on the website.

Eligibility

4-H Members (4th grade and above and at least 9 years old), 4-H Volunteers or 4-H Groups (may include 4-H Staff) may be nominated or self-nominated in any applicable categories outlined below. Individuals and groups may only win once in a category every three years.

Award

Each category will be awarded \$500 to be used at the discretion of the award winner(s). Also awarded is a medallion, pin, recognition on the 4-H website, and announced at the State Leadership Conference and State Leaders' Forum.

Application

Applications must contain the Cover Page, Essay Questions and optional components of letters of recommendation and other additional materials including photographs, clippings, videos, flyers, and stories.

Categories

<i>Applications are awarded in 11 member categories, 11 volunteer categories and 8 group categories.</i>		
Member – <i>Innovative Ideas</i>	Volunteer – <i>Innovative Ideas</i>	Group – <i>Innovative Ideas</i>
Member – <i>Fundraising</i>	Volunteer – <i>Fundraising</i>	Group – <i>Fundraising</i>
Member – <i>Collaboration</i>	Volunteer – <i>Collaboration</i>	Group – <i>Collaboration</i>
Member – <i>Outreach</i>	Volunteer – <i>Outreach</i>	Group – <i>Outreach</i>
Member – <i>Special Events/Activities</i>	Volunteer – <i>Special Events/Activities</i>	Group – <i>Special Events/Activities</i>
Member – <i>Marketing/Visibility</i>	Volunteer – <i>Marketing/Visibility</i>	Group – <i>Marketing/Visibility</i>
Member – <i>Citizenship</i>	Volunteer – <i>Citizenship</i>	Group – <i>Citizenship</i>
Member – <i>Mentor</i>	Volunteer – <i>Mentor</i>	Group – <i>Youth/Adult Partnership</i>
Member – <i>Leadership</i>	Volunteer – <i>Salute to Excellence</i>	
Member – <i>Strive for Excellence</i>	Volunteer – <i>Lifetime Achievement</i>	
Member – <i>Extended Service to 4-H</i>	Volunteer – <i>Young Leaders</i>	

For more information, please visit <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/> or contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8519.

"75th Anniversary"
Diamond Jubilee San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair
Friday, April 21, 2006 to Sunday, April 23, 2006
At: The Chino Fairgrounds
Chino, CA

Next Meeting

SGV 4-H Fair Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2005
Time: 7:30 P.M. Sharp! to 8:30 P.M.
At: Mary Lash's House in Downey, CA
9497 East Foster Rd., Downey, 90242

Honor Court Selection

Hi 4-Her's who are 14 years and older can be selected to be on the SGV 4-H Fair Honor Court. You must attend your next 4-H District Hi 4-H Meeting in December 2005 to be nominated for the Fair Honor Court and to run for King & Queen of the 2006 SGV 4-H Fair.

4-H Alumni Search

We are in search for old 4-H Members to come back for a special celebration to celebrate the
75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee SGV 4-H Fair.

E-mail: info@sgv4hfair.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

1	NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
9	I&R Meeting
11	Monte Farmers Fair & Skills Day
13	SFV Council Meeting
14	Valentines Day / SSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
16	SGV 4-H Fair Meeting
20	Presidents Day – County 4-H Offices Closed
25	County Judging Day (SSG)
27	AV Council, Hi 4-H & Horse Meeting

March

1	NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
3/1-3/5	Western Regional Leader's Forum (WRLF)
9	I&R Meeting
11	SSG Fashion Revue
12	NSG Home Ec & Field Day
13	SFV Council Meeting
14	SSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
16	SGV 4-H Fair Meeting
17	St. Patrick's Day
18	County Council Meeting / Camp Committee Meeting
25	County Presentation Day (Field Day)
27	AV Council, Hi 4-H & Horse Meeting

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4-H All Stars

The 2005-2006 All-Star Candidate(s):

- **Vanessa Cramer**
- **Felicia Byrne**
- **Heather Ealy**

The All-Star Advisor is

- **Elizabeth Cramer**

The County Leadership Team consists of all the prior years' County 4-H All-Stars that are still active 4-H members. This year the team includes:

- **Desiree Cramer**
- **Jennifer Heckel**

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