



**May 2014**

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please call Roy Hillstock at (626) 586-1972 or email at [rhillstock@ucanr.edu](mailto:rhillstock@ucanr.edu). We welcome submissions, especially for Club News. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to be posted in the following months' edition.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or (626) 586-1972. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#). We look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

## **POLICY**

### **4-H Policy and Information Update**

#### **Cooperative Extension turns 100!!!!**

May 8, 2014 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act by President Woodrow Wilson. The Smith-Lever Act established Cooperative Extension and launched one of America's –if not the world's – most unique system for delivering quality information, research and programs to every community in the country. From 4-H and nutrition to agriculture and natural resources, Cooperative Extension has been present and engaged in hundreds of thousands of communities and millions of lives through the years. To give you a sense of how monumental Cooperative Extension is the growth and development the country, we only need to look at the thousands of US patents in agriculture land-grant universities hold. The patents have led to fruit, nut and vegetable varieties that are more nutritious, resistant to pest and disease and accessible to millions of people. Because of Cooperative Extension, we are able to not only feed a ever growing US population, but also to feed the world.

I invite each of you to join us in celebrating Cooperative Extension's 100 anniversary

The event will be:

[May 8, 2014, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.](#)

[Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum](#)

[18127 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220](#)

See attached flyer:

## CLUB

- **Palos Verdes Peninsula TARC Team**

Kiran Ekanayake, Clover Notes Reporter, PVP 4-H Club

Recently, the Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club TARC team qualified for the TARC finals. TARC stands for Team America Rocket Challenge. The goal is to launch a model rocket that flies within the given time and achieves the correct altitude, all while protecting the payload inside: two eggs. The winners of TARC get cash prizes. Teams from all over the nation compete in TARC. Once the teams feel their rockets are ready, they have three qualifying flights. The scores of the two best flights are taken and added. Then, the top 100 teams go to the finals in Washington, D.C. The PVP 4-H TARC Team is part of the club's Rocketry Project. The TARC team made it to the finals last year and placed very high. They hope to do the same again this year.



"The four members of the TARC team ready to launch their rocket"

## COUNTY

- **LA County 4-H Event Pass Competition Drawing Entry**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



LA County 4-H events are an important and valuable component of participating fully and thriving in the 4-H Program – Livestock Symposium, Judging Day, Field Day, Food Faire and Pet Symposium are all fantastic opportunities for learning - while having fun. This year, LA County 4-H held a special **Event Pass Competition Drawing** for 4-H events. Entrants were to have attended two out of three 4-H events which included:

- Livestock Symposium
- County Judging Day
- County Field Day & Fashion Revue

Following event attendance, youth completed an online survey about which events they attended and some important things that they learned/experienced at the events. The prizes included three Tablets and a variety of gift cards. Congratulations to the Tablet winners – way to go!

Ethan Boeker of Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club  
 Xavier Cruz of Macy 4-H Club  
 Grant Alaniz of Eagle Rock/Highland Park 4-H Club

We hope to have lots of participation in 4-H events and activities in the new 4-H year. See you soon!

● **2014 San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council President

The 83rd annual SAN Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair was held Saturday, April 26 at the Chino Junior Fairgrounds in Chino. Special thanks goes to our fair executive directors Meghan Tahbaz and Danielle Sevilla, and all the other directors, chairs, assistants, leaders, parents, friends and members who helped make this a fun, successful fair. We congratulate the following for their special honors:

Fair Queen – Dryden Unszusz, PVP  
 Fair King – Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley  
 Other Fair Court member – Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley  
 Other Fair Court member – Rachel Klose, PVP  
 Other Fair Court member – Charmine McClain, Pomona Valley  
 Other Fair Court member – Camille Norczyk, Greenleaf  
 Other Fair Court member - Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley

Best Youth Fair Director award – Meghan Tahbaz, PVP  
 Best Youth Fair Director award – Mei Matsuo, PVP  
 Best Youth Non-Director at Fair award - Glenys Rich, PVP  
 Fair Sweepstakes Trophy – Pomona Valley

**Available Winners:**

<b>Club Trophies:</b>	<b>Trophy</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
Aerospace & Rockets	PVP	ERHP	
Ag. Sel. & Collection	PVP		
Arts & Crafts	Harbor Lights	Pomona Valley	Greenleaf
Automotive	PVP		
Baked Goods	PVP		
Beef Cattle			
Beekeeping	PVP		
Beginning 4-H	Pomona Valley	ERHP	PVP
Bicycles			
Camping & ...	PVP		
Cat Care			
Cavies	PVP		
Child Care			
Climatology			
Clothing & Textiles	PVP	Greenleaf	
Computers	PVP		
Crops, Veg. & Fruits			
Dairy Cattle	PVP		

**Available Winners:****Club Trophies:**

	<b>Trophy</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
Dairy Goats	PVP		
Dairy Products			
Dog Care	PVP	Harbor Lights	
Eggs	PVP		
Electricity	PVP	ERHP	
Entomology			
Feature Booth			
Food Preservation	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Foods & Nutrition	Pomona Valley	PVP	Greenleaf
Graphic Arts			
Group Determined			
Guide Dogs	PVP		
Heritage Arts	PVP		
Home Arts & Furn.			
Horses	PVP		
Individ.& Grp. Sports	PVP		
Indoor Mini-Gardens	PVP		
Leathercraft	PVP		
Marine Biology	PVP		
Ornamental Hort.	PVP		
Pets & Small Animals	PVP		
Photography	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Plant Science			
Poultry	PVP	Harbor Lights	ERHP
Primary Participation	Pomona Valley	Greenleaf	ERHP
Rabbits	PVP	Harbor Lights	
Sheep			
Shooting Sports	PVP		
Swine	PVP		
Table setting	Greenleaf		
This is 4-H	Pomona Valley		
Tractor & small Engines			
Tree, Plants & Flowers			
Veterinarian Science			
Wildlife	Pomona Valley	PVP	
Woodworking	Greenleaf	PVP	
Wool			

- **LA County 4-H Summer Camp**  
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



Believe it or not, it's almost time for LA County 4-H Summer Camp!

If you aren't already signed-up to receive Summer Camp updates, you can do so by going to the website:  
<http://www.4hsummercamp.com/>.

Before you mail your paperwork and checks to the county office, **make sure you enroll your child online first.**

To enroll your child in 4-H for summer camp, go to the Online Enrollment Website:

<https://california.4honline.com/Login.aspx?40472F4547534E39717170733D>.

Instead of joining a club, you will join "Summer Camp." For any questions regarding enrollment, contact Roy Hillstock at [rhillstock@ucanr.edu](mailto:rhillstock@ucanr.edu) or by phone at (626) 586-1972. Following your enrollment, you will need to send a second check for \$34 made out to "LA County 4-H."

Again, here are the steps to follow for signing-up for LA County 4-H Summer Camp:

- Enroll your child online.
- Download the paperwork from the Summer Camp Website.
- Fill out the Summer Camp Registration Form and Accompanying Medical Release/ Medical History Forms.
- Send two checks to Dawn, one for Summer Camp Registration for \$75 made out to "LA County 4-H Summer Camp" and a second check for 4-H enrollment for \$34 made out to "LA County 4-H." In the memo line on the check, please specify what each check is for and the name of the child.
- Mail all paperwork and checks to:

Dr. Keith Nathaniel  
LA County 4-H Summer Camp: Registration  
UC Cooperative Extension  
700 W. Main Street  
Alhambra, CA 91801

The time period for Early Bird Registration as now passed, and enrollment for Summer Camp will be \$350 postmarked by June 1<sup>st</sup> and \$400 thereafter. Full Payment for Camp Registration must be paid in full by June 13, 2014.

We have a wonderful camping experience planned for youth who attend the LA County 4-H Summer Camp, and updates will be forthcoming. For more information, check out the Summer Camp Website:  
<http://www.4hsummercamp.com/>.

- **Important Planning Meeting for LA County 4-H – May 10 – 9am-Noon**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council President

The LA County 4-H Leaders' Council will meet on Saturday, May 10 from **9am until noon** at Galpin Ford, Explorer Room, 15555 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 41906. Please see the meeting agenda including meeting notes and location directions on the county 4-H website. Please park in the Galpin Lot on the west side of Orion, not the customer service area. We thank the SFV district for hosting this meeting. We will be discussing and finalizing plans for the 2014-2015 program year including the budget, calendar and council officers. We have asked districts for their district dates for 2014-2015, their nominations for 2014-2015 county council offices, their suggestions for the council budget for next year, and their suggestions for a great 2014-2015 LA County 4-H year. Please forward additional information, dates and nominations to Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)). We need to get everyone involved with the planning for the LA County 4-H program for next year. All clubs and districts should have a representative at this meeting.

There will be an informal 2014-2015 LA County 4-H calendar planning meeting from **8:15am until 8:55am** before the meeting at the same location. All are welcome.

- **Districts, Clubs & Committees – Need Your 2014-2015 Event Dates NOW**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council President

The LA County 4-H event calendar will be discussed and approved on May 10th at the county council meeting at Galpin Ford in Van Nuys at 9 am. We need the event dates of all committees, districts and clubs for the calendar. After the calendar is approved, events will need to fit around the already approved event dates on the calendar. Get your event date on the calendar NOW. Please send your event date information to Noel Keller at [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com) by May 8th so it can be added to the calendar draft for approval on May 10th. Decisions about conflicting dates will be made on May 10th. Plan to be at the council meeting for the discussion on the calendar dates.

- **Great Leadership Opportunity for Senior Youth**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council President

The LA County 4-H Leaders' Council is looking for youth to participate in the council. We encourage senior 4-H youth to consider taking an officer on the county council, which plans and runs county activities during the year. Please also consider volunteering for an event committee. Try to seek out leadership opportunities above the club level. Grow in your leadership skills by participating in the planning and running of county events.

- **South Section Field Day – May 17th**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council President

The South Section 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue will be held at Mt. SAC on Saturday, May 17th. Everyone is invited to attend this event. You do not need to have competed at or attended County Field Day to attend. Here is your chance to attend a sectional event in our own county. You can watch the competitions, participate in the judging contests, try impromptu speaking and/or watch the fashion revue and the share the fun performances. Save the day! Plan to attend.

If senior youth would like to be a Room Host (MC and Room Supervisor) for this event, please contact Noel Keller at [nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **2014-2015 State 4-H Advisory Committees – Applications Due May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Noel Keller, South section 4-H Leaders' Council

We want the Los Angeles County 4-H voice heard in the state 4-H planning. All 4-H members, adult volunteers, county and state 4-H YDP staff, as well as community partners are encourage to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. Please consider applying for a position on one of the following state advisory committees:

- Policy Advisory Committee
- Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee
- Citizenship/Service Learning Advisory Committee
- Animal Science Education Advisory Committee
- Camping Advisory Committee
- 4-H Technology Leadership Team
- Healthy Living Advisory Committee
- Shooting Sports Advisory Committee
- Travel expenses for any meetings are provided.
- Applications can be submitted online. Applications are due by Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, see: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Adminisrtration/Advisory> Committees/
- Sallie DeYoung, Dennis DeYoung, Ru Ekanayake, Dawn Fuller, Charlene Moore and Keith Nathaniel are currently serving on state advisory committees. Please consider getting involved with this important planning function of the state 4-H program.

- **Sectional Leaders' Council Meeting – April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council President

The South Section 4-H Leaders' Council met on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Science Complex at Mt. San College in Walnut. Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Dee Keese and Rick Herbert were the LA County 4-H leaders attending. Discussions at the meeting included what is happening in the evaluation of the state 4-H program, plans for sectional field day and fashion revue and what the other Southern California county 4-H programs are doing. For our Make-It-and-Take-It session after the meeting, we learned a simple method to itch glass. The draft of the minutes of this meeting will be on the south section leaders' council website soon. The next South Section 4-H Leaders' Council meeting will be Saturday, June 12 at 10am at Mt. SAC.

- **State 4-H Leaders' Council – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council President

The State 4-H Leaders' Council met Saturday, April 26 in Ontario at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel. LA County 4-H leader Noel Keller attend the meeting. This was a great opportunity for our members and leaders to learn about 4-H at the state level. The state council decided to continue to sell the items associated with SLF 2013 – t-shirt, pens, magnets and pins. Money raised from the sale of these items will go into a new Youth Fund of the State 4-H Leaders' Council. A committee was set up to set some guidelines for using this new Fund. A new event of business meeting discussion skills has been proposed for field day. More information and a manual on the event will come out after this summer. Age levels will be the standard for 4-H activity participation starting with July 2014. Age levels are based on your age on December 31 of the program year. State record book judging will be done much the same as last year. For more information about the minutes of this important meeting, consult the State 4-H Leaders' Council website. The next State 4-H Leaders' Council meeting will be Saturday, October 25 in Davis.

- **State Future Task Force (FTF) Committee**

Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council President

A State Future Task Force Committee was established to evaluate the California State 4-H program and determine how it might be improved as we moved into our next 100 years. The committee is made up of representatives from each section, adults, members staff and some outside-of-4H people. Our representatives from South Section are adult Paulette Sauln from San Diego County, Megan Chiatovich from San Bernardino County and Genevieve Mason from San Diego County. The current FTF committee has been meeting for about nine months and are concluding their review. The state would still like suggestions and your thoughts about the state 4-H program, but the review process will now be moving into determining solutions to the needs that have been identified. We are encouraging all volunteers to share their opinion by filling out an online survey, which can be found at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=11848%20>. It is asked that volunteers promote working with the state office to help solve our enrollment crisis. How can we get more youth in the state to join our program? How can we spread the word about the great opportunities for youth in our program? How can our program stay relevant to needs of our youth? Share your thoughts, comments and suggestions. Please contact Noel Keller (or one of our South Section committee representatives) for more information about this evaluation of the state 4-H program and restructuring process.

- **LA County 4-H News Blast**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council President

In an effort to reach more people with LA County 4-H news, we are trying a brief one-page monthly newsletter, called the LA County 4-H News Blast. This brief one-page newsletter will be sent to club leaders monthly to pass on to their 4-H members and leaders as a reminder of upcoming events and an encouragement to check out more information about activities on the county website, Clover Notes and office emails. Please contact Noel Keller ([nkeller91711@gmail.com](mailto:nkeller91711@gmail.com)) if you are interested in helping with this or have information that you want included in the next News Blast. Let Noel know if you like the News Blast and find it helpful.

If you are not receiving a monthly copy of the News Blast, please contact your club leader.

- **Updates for the LA County 4-H 2013-2014 Calendar**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leaders' Council President

Please note the following changes to the LA County 4-H 2013-2014 Calendar that was published at the start of the 4-H year. These updates have been made to the LA County 4-H calendar that now exists of the LA County 4-H website.

- May 8 – Cooperative Extension 100th Birthday Celebration
- May 10 – LA County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting
- May 20 (not May 21) – county I&R committee meeting
- May 31 (not May 24) – State Field Day and Fashion Revue in Davis



- **Dates To Remember in**

**May**

- 3-4th- Summer Camp Staff Training (Prado Regional Park)
- 7th- NSG District mtg.
- 10th- 2<sup>nd</sup> AV 4-H Trail Trials
- 11th- Mother's Day
- 15th- SSG District mtg. / SGV Fair mtg.
- 17th- Sectional Field Day & Fashion Revue
- 18th- Competition Shoot (make-up)  
Camp Committee mtg.
- 19th- AV District mtg.
- 21st- I&R Committee mtg.
- 26th- Memorial Day
- 31st- State Field

## STATE

### SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- **Green in Action Award**  
Deadline: April 30  
More [info](#).
- **Golden Clover Applications**  
Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2014  
Apply soon!  
More [info](#).
- **National Institute of Justice's Investigator-Initiated Research: The Comprehensive School Safety Initiative** Deadline: 11:59 p.m. ET on May 20, 2014  
More [info](#).
- **World Summit Youth Award (WSYA)**  
Deadline: June 15  
More [info](#).
- **Higher Education Scholarship Applications**  
Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2014  
Apply soon!  
More [info](#).
- **SAMHSA's Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Cooperative Agreements**  
Deadline: May 19, 2014  
Full details [here](#).
- **National Center for Building Community Trust and Justice grant**  
Deadline: 11:59 p.m. eastern time on June 18, 2014  
More [info](#).

- **NAFB Foundation Scholarship Program**  
Currently the NAFB Foundation offers three college scholarships. [Learn more](#) about this exciting opportunity.

## DATES & DEADLINES

- **National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony Opportunity**  
**Due to the State 4-H Office by: May 16, 2014**  
Two youth will have the unique opportunity to play a unique role in the 2014 National 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony scheduled for October 10, 2014 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Task Force is soliciting nominations and will select one youth member to serve as the Youth Master/Mistress of Ceremonies and one youth member to serve as the Entertainer. Details on how to apply are provided on the respective applications:  
  
[National 4-H HOF Entertainer Application](#)  
[National 4-H HOF Master/Mistress of Ceremonies Application](#)  
  
**Applications are due to the California State 4-H Office by May 16, 2014** so applications can be reviewed and nominations from California selected and submitted by the deadline. If multiple applications are received the State 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee will review and recommend nominees to Shannon Horrillo, the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final selection. That State 4-H Office will submit the application packets from state's nominees by the deadline. For questions, contact the State 4-H Office at [ca4h@ucanr.edu](mailto:ca4h@ucanr.edu) or 530-750-1334.
- **2014-15 Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees**  
The State 4-H Office is accepting statewide 4-H Advisory Committee applications for the 2014-15 program year. All 4-H members, adult volunteers, county and state 4-H YDP staff, as well as community partners are encouraged to apply. The committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP. **Applications are due to the CA State 4-H Office postmarked by May 31, 2014 or online by 11:59pm on May 31, 2014.** For more information, see: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory\\_Committees/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Administration/Advisory_Committees/)
- **4-H State Field Day**  
**May 31, 2014, 8:00am-6:00pm**  
UC Davis Campus-Wellman Hall  
Revamped State Field Day Webpage: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Events/SFD/>  
Here you will find an interactive map along all the exciting activities you can participate and enjoy!  
  
*New this year at State Field Day: 4-H Engineering and Technology Showcase*  
Have a 4-H Engineering or Technology project you will like to showcase or demonstrate? Apply here: [http://ucanr.edu/exhibit/display\\_application](http://ucanr.edu/exhibit/display_application)! Funding for supplies/materials or handouts is available, contact Steven Worker, [sworker@ucanr.edu](mailto:sworker@ucanr.edu).
- **Looking for Photography Judges!**  
The California 4-H Photography Competition is looking for anyone age 16 and above to volunteer to judge photograph entries at the 4-H State Field Day on **May 31**. Only basic photography knowledge needed! Judges will meet at the competition at 9:15 am. Judging can last until 2:00-3:00 pm, depending on the number of entries and judges. Lunch will be provided! Interested? Contact John Trammell at [techdude4h@gmail.com](mailto:techdude4h@gmail.com).

- **State Fashion Revue**

Registration is open for youth who qualify to represent their counties. SFR is May 31, 2014 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Registration is [online](#) only until May 17. SFR categories and age divisions may be different from those in your county. If you also qualify for State Presentation Day, note that on your SFR entry. SFR check-in is 7:15-8:30 AM in Olson Hall, with judging and activities throughout the morning. Activities include Pattern Exchange (bring 5 and take 5), Make it take it crafts, workshops, and a new Skillathon. Please bring any contributions for the SFR service projects to Olson Hall: drawstring bags for foster children and wheelchair and walker bags for seniors. Complete registration and participation info: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/>

- **30th Annual California Range & Natural Resources Science Camp for High School Students  
June 15th-20th**

University of California's Elkus 4-H/Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay  
Mark your calendars for this great opportunity! **April 18th is the deadline for submitting applications for Range Camp!** Range Camp is a week-long camp experience for students ages 15-18 who have an interest in the science and conservation of natural resources in California. Students learn plant identification, principles of livestock and wildlife management, forestry, fire ecology, hydrology and water quality, geology and soils, and management of stream and river environments. Field activities include learning to read wildlife 'sign', outdoor navigation with compasses, maps and GPS, forest management, a tour of a working ranch, and a beach BBQ. Information and applications are available at <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>. Cost is \$400.00. Applications will be considered until May 30th if spaces remain.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### **POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- **ORB Internet Café**

The ORB Internet Café is provided to give staff and volunteers both individualized and group instruction on using California 4-H's Online Record Book System. The café is designed as a 3-hour workshop that combines presentation, hands-on practice, and group discussion. Participants will need to bring a laptop or tablet with them to the café. The following topics will be covered:\*

- Overview of the Features & Functions in the Online Record Book (Record Book, Social Media, Evaluation)
- Navigating the forms in the Online Record Book (PDR, APR, 4-H Story)
- Project & Club Leader Functions and Approving Forms
- Myth busters—unravelling some of the myths concerning ORB and its use

To bring this training to your county, please fill out the following request form.

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=9591>. Counties are responsible for covering the travel and lodging cost of the trainer for this event.

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\*Logging into the Online Record Book will not be covered in this training, please work with your county office prior to the training to secure your login information for the Online Record Book if you currently have not accessed the system.

- **4-H History Preservation Newsletter - Feb. 2014**

This year, National History Day offers 4-H'ers and leaders the opportunity to highlight different aspects of 4-H history under the theme "Rights and Responsibilities." Also, "Voices of 4-H History" captures memories of alumni, leaders, donors and others in audio/video records.

## **HEALTHY LIVING**

- **#4hwaterwed**

Start the New Year with a pledge to drink more water! Each Wednesday take a picture of yourself drinking water and post it to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Be sure to #4hwaterwed to show your commitment to healthy living. For more information on the importance of hydration and ideas for your club visit:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/HealthyLiving/Water For Better Living/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/HealthyLiving/Water%20For%20Better%20Living/)

## **CITIZENSHIP/LEADERSHIP**

- **California Focus**

June 13-17, 2014

California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities, and new friends from across California. <http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/CF/> Online Registration will be available April 1, 2014

- **Looking for an incredible leadership opportunity?**

We are seeking college-age students who are ready to expand their leadership and communication skills in an active setting. Serve as a district leader for California Focus, June 13-17, 2014 in Sacramento. As a district leader you would:

Participate in planning an educational conference around the theme of civic engagement.

Mentor high school students

Use your leadership skills

For more information, please contact Jenna Colburn at [jcolburn@ucanr.edu](mailto:jcolburn@ucanr.edu) or 530-750-1336.

- **State Leadership Conference**

August 14-17, 2014

UC Santa Cruz

Registration coming soon!

"Raiders of the Lost Leadership" The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. Check out our website, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for Updates and exciting announcements.

## **SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, and TECHNOLOGY (SET)**

- **4-H Robotics**

- **4-H Engineering and Technology Showcase**

May 31, 2014, 9:00am - 4:00pm, UC Davis

*Financially supported by Lockheed Martin*

Learn more and register at <http://ucanr.edu/fieldday>

Share knowledge, interact with youth and adults, and engage people in new activities! The showcase will feature robotics, woodworking, rocketry, gis/gps, engines, computers, automotive, farm machinery, and more. Youth exhibiting are eligible for a "4-H engineering" pin. Sign-up to exhibit!

- **4-H Robotics Opportunities in Fall 2014**

Do you want to lead a robotics project next year? Tell us the type of training you want: Lego Mindstorm, Junk Drawer Robotics, or other?

Is your 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics project willing to participate in a 4-H research project looking at what youth learn in robotics projects? Please contact us! Steven Worker at [smworker@ucanr.edu](mailto:smworker@ucanr.edu) or Richard Mahacek at [rlmahacek@ucanr.edu](mailto:rlmahacek@ucanr.edu)

- **Congressional Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academic Competition**

<http://studentappchallenge.house.gov/>

**Code due April 30, 2014**

This competition is a nationwide event that allows high school students from across the country to compete by creating and exhibiting their software application, or “app,” for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice. Only select districts have opted-in, so check whether you are eligible on the website.

- **Check out 2 New 4-H Project Sheets**

Engineering: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/183847.pdf>

Computers: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/183846.pdf>

## RESEARCH

- **The New Quality Standards for Expanded Learning**

Produced by the California Department of Education and the California Afterschool Network:

<http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/post/quality-standards-expanded-learning-programs>.

The standards include: safe and supportive environment; active and engaged learning; skill building; youth voice and leadership; healthy choices and behaviors; quality staff; diversity, access and equity; clear vision, mission and purpose; collaborative partnerships; continuous quality improvement; program management; sustainability.

- **Research on Grit**

Grit: the tendency to sustain interest in and effort toward very long-term goals.

Read more about Grit and download a 12-item youth survey to measure grittiness at

<https://sites.sas.upenn.edu/duckworth> (University of Pennsylvania).

Read the book by Paul Tough titled, *How children succeed: Grit curiosity, and the hidden power of character*.

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### 4-H All Stars:

*Ru Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club*

*Sallie DeYoung, San Fernando Valley 4-H Club*

### Jr. All-Stars:

*Katherine Cao, Pomona Valley 4-H Club*

*Kiran Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club*

*Daniel Espinosa, Harbor Lights 4-H Club*

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