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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 June 2016 (Repost)

The end of the 4-H program year is near (June 30) and I'm sure each of you has greatly impacted and enhanced the lives of the 4-H youth in your club. You have been a mentor, a leader, a teacher, a facilitator, a coach, and a friend to 4-Hers throughout the year. How can we harness the work you've done with them this year and translate it into the public having a better understanding of the work of 4-H? One way, is to have 4-H youth complete a record book. The record book documents in detail the value the program is having on the lives of 4-Hers and shows how impactful the experience has been. I encourage each of you to ask your 4-H members to consider doing a record book and capture their 4-H experience during this program year. I want to compile the information from the completed record books into a document that can be shown to county supervisors, state legislators and University of California representatives to demonstrate the value of the 4-H program.

It is my hope that the information I glean from the record books along with other evidence will continue to strengthen the perception and value of 4-H. The University of California, like other public institutions, continues to face the fiscal pressures of budgetary constraints, so the more we can document our worth, the better position 4-H looks.

CLUB

- **Macy 4-H Judging Day**
Communications Committee, Macy 4-H Club

On February 27, 2016, Macy 4-H attended Judging Day at Palmdale High School. Judging Day improves the 4-H members' decision-making and critical thinking skills. Two weeks before the event, students started preparing for the competition by using last year's poster boards. They were taught how to complete the Written Reasoning section by practicing verbal responses in a small group. After prepping for several weeks, the students felt more confident representing their club at Judging Day.

Macy 4-H arrived at the high school at 8:15 a.m. and registered. They received their judging sheets and a map of the campus. Members were paired up and went from classroom to classroom to start their judging. Their judging sheets were based on categories such as livestock, plant science, horses and ponies, clothing and textiles, and leisure education. For every category, there were five to six posters that were related to the topic. On each poster, there was a question and four possible answers. Each member had to rank the answers from best to worst according to the question. One out of the five or six posters required the participants to write a justification of their answer. After turning in their judging sheets, volunteers evaluated them based on certain criteria.

After the judging part of the day was over, members were given an hour and a half for lunch. The adult volunteers spent that time tabulating the scores. At 1:30 p.m., the award ceremony began and everyone who earned first, second, and third place received their pins in each category. Gold represented the highest ranking, silver was second, and bronze was third. Some people were able to reach the top twenty percent and were acknowledged with certificates. From Macy 4-H, 11 members received a total of 22 pins: 3 pins were gold, 8 were silver, and 11 were bronze. Macy 4-H is proud of the effort that their members showed.

Overall, Judging Day was a rewarding and exciting experience for all the students who competed. At the event, members were asked to rank items from best to worst which improved their ability to analyze and use their best judgment. The club's performance was a success because they were awarded a total of 22 pins. Their hard work and dedication definitely paid off!

- **Macy 4-H Field Day,**
Communications Committee, Macy 4-H Club

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, Macy 4-H attended Field Day at Mount San Antonio College. Field Day is an annual event for 4-H members to demonstrate their public speaking skills. Macy 4-H has been getting ready for this day since mid-February. The members started off by choosing which categories they wanted to participate in. Then, they decided which topics they were going to cover, brainstormed some ideas, and shared them with the other members. This process helped prepare students for the actual competition.

The members from Macy 4-H won a total of 60 awards: 36 were gold, 20 were blue, and 4 were red. Gold represents the highest possible ranking, blue awards are similar to second place, and red awards are comparable to third. There were 21 students that competed and a total of 60 categories that the members placed in. The club is proud of everyone who participated in this event. All the weeks of practice and preparation paid off with the amount of pins that the club won.

For several weeks, Macy 4-H members met with their club advisor after school to rehearse their prepared speeches and their reading selection. They also practiced the introductions that they would present to the judges. Some categories that they were able to participate in were: Interpretive Reading, Educational Display, Cultural Arts, and Prepared Speech. Several of the members prepared an interpretive reading, while others practiced their presentations out loud. Those that chose Educational Display made sure that their tri-fold boards looked visually appealing. They also made sure that both members had the same amount of information to share with the judges. A majority of the people who chose Cultural Arts ended up singing acapela or using musical instruments to accompany their presentation. For Prepared Speech, the students finished memorizing their speeches and worked on their oral delivery.

Macy 4-H had another successful year at Field Day! Not only did the members come home with plenty of medals to show for, they became more confident in their presentation skills. Now, students are less nervous and have more experience in competing with other clubs. Their motivation is at an all-time high. Members will definitely be striving for gold in the next level of competition known as Sectionals.

- **Macy 4-H Silent Auction**

Macy 4-H Communications Committee, Macy 4-H Club

On Thursday, May 5th, 2016, Macy 4-H held a silent auction to sell photographs. The auction took place at Macy Intermediate from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The pictures that were on display were taken by the 4-H members that were in the Photography Project last year. Most of the prints were random images that the members found fascinating in everyday life. The profit from the sales will be used to buy new cameras for the students. The money will also cover the costs of printing and matting the photographs for competitions later this year.

During the 2014-2015 academic school year, Macy 4-H participated in three different competitions. The competitions were the Montebello Unified School District PTA Visual Arts Contest, the 4-H State Field Day, and the Photography Contest at the Los Angeles County Fair. In preparation for these events, Macy 4-H held meetings to edit the photographs that they would submit. Ms. Lopez, the Adult Project Leader for the Photography Project, encouraged the members to take pictures of places, objects, and people that they found interesting. Select pictures were edited through the software, Lightroom, "a photo processor and image organizer." The photographs were later taken to be developed, matted, and then were ready to be entered into competition.

The silent auction was open to the public starting at 3:00 p.m. Matted photographs were placed on easels and displayed in the school library. On the tables, there were descriptions of the pictures along with the names and grades of the photographers. It also included the title of the photographs and all the awards it had won. There was a "Buy Now" table where pictures were sold at a bargain price of \$10. Those extra prints were never entered in a competition. As every buyer walked into the library, they were greeted by Mrs. Lopez, the parent volunteer. Every person signed in and was given an ID number. They were encouraged to walk around and look at all the pictures before they decided to place a bid on one. All the prints that were on display had a minimum bid; the ones that had won awards started at \$25 and the rest at \$20. A total of 20 prints were sold.

Macy 4-H sponsored the silent auction to raise money for the Photography Project. The event sold pictures taken by last year's members. Many of the student photographers found inspiration in everyday life, some pictures even had a special meaning. The auction was a great way to showcase all of the members' talents while also fundraising for the club. Future members of the club will definitely benefit from the new equipment that will be purchased for the Photography Project.

- **2016 South Section Field Day – May 21st**
Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council Vice-President

The South Section 4-H Field Day and Fashion Revue was held at Mt. SAC on Saturday, May 21st. Thank you to all the support people who volunteered from LA County for this event. Our LA County members cannot compete at the sectional level if we don't provide a proportionate number of judges (evaluators) and room hosts.

We congratulate the following members for their accomplishments:

Primary

Tzeitel Agbayani – Eagle Rock Highland Park

Share the 4-H Fun Skit -Canyon Coyotes (4-H and the Seven Dwarfs) - Gold Medal

Owen Rice

Peyton Rice

Akzila Neidhart

Mark Kasperson

Nathaniel Neidhart

Kaylah Brown

Michael Kasperson

Christian Cook

Rebekah Kasperson

Isobel Cook

Anna Mattice

Dailee Mattice

Cultural Arts

Rebecca Klose - PVP – Gold Medal

Katelynn Kanemori – Macy – Gold Medal

Ada Hsu – Macy – Gold Medal

Georgie Pike - PVP – Gold Medal

Demonstration

Xavier Cruz – Macy – Gold Medal

Jazmine Chavez – Macy – Blue Seal

Audrey Sparks – Macy – Blue Seal

Team – Alexander Nunley – PVP - Gold Medal

Team - Andrew Nunley – PVP – Gold Medal

Educational Display Talk

Nadia Gallarzo – Macy – GOLD medal

Natalia Mendez – Macy – Gold Medal

Victoria Morales – Macy – Gold Medal

Holly Whipple – Westside – Gold Medal

Team - Aidan Gallarzo – Macy – Gold Medal

Team – Enrique Morales – Macy – Gold Medal

Team – Haig Amloyan – Macy – Blue Seal

Team – Carlos Cruz – Macy – Blue Seal

Interpretive Reading

Liliana Brown – PVP – Gold Medal
Lucia Brown – PVP – Blue Seal
Mark Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal
Michael Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal
Rebekah Kasperson – Canyon Coyotes – Gold Medal
Tyler Lam – Macy – Blue Seal
Victoria Morales – Macy – Gold Medal
Nadia Gallarzo – Macy – Blue Seal
Rebecca Klose – PVP – Gold Medal
Ada Hsu – Macy – Gold Medal
Aidan Gallarzo – Macy – Gold Medal
Arek Terjimanian – Macy – Blue Seal
Kiran Ekanayake – PVP – Gold Medal
Kaylin Kwan – Macy – Gold Medal
Katelynn Kanemori – Macy – Gold Medal
Haig Amloyan – Macy – Blue Seal
Evan Lam – Macy – Blue Seal
Georgia Pike – PVP – Gold Medal
Enrique Morales – Macy – Gold Medal
Cassidy Dalva – San Fernando Valley – Gold Medal

Interview Contest

Liliana Brown – PVP – Gold Medal
Rebecca Klose – PVP – Blue Seal
Nadia Gallarzo – Macy – Gold Medal
Victoria Morales – Macy – Gold Medal
Xavier Cruz – Macy – Gold Medal
Kaylin Kwan – Macy – Gold Medal
Jayce Gomez – Macy – Blue Seal
Enrique Morales – Macy – Gold Medal

Prepared Speech

Lucia Brown – PVP – Gold Medal
Cassidy Dalva – San Fernando Valley – Blue Seal
Evan Lam – Macy – Blue Seal
Isabella Mendez – Macy – Blue Seal
Leilani Hung – Macy – Gold Medal

Impromptu Speaking

Intermediate – Audrey Sparks – Macy – Blue Seal
Intermediate - Kaylin Kwan – Macy – Gold Medal
Intermediate - Lauren Luevano – Macy – Green Seal
Intermediate – Grant Alaniz – Eagle Rock Highland Park – Green Seal
Intermediate – Evan Lam – Macy – Green Seal
Intermediate - Cassidy Dalva – San Fernando Valley – Gold Medal
Intermediate - Ada Hsu – Macy – Blue Seal
Senior – Xavier Cruz – Macy – Gold Medal

State Format Impromptu Speaking

Intermediate - Ada Hsu – Macy – Blue Seal
Intermediate – Evan Lam – Macy - Red seal
Intermediate – Enrique Morales – Macy – Red seal
Intermediate – Jazmine Chavez – Macy – Blue Seal
Intermediate – Kaylin Kwan – Macy – Red seal

State Format Impromptu Speaking cont'd

Intermediate – Lauren Luevano – Macy – Red seal

Intermediate – Natalia Mendez – Macy – Red seal

Intermediate – Victoria Morales – Macy – Red seal

Senior – Xavier Cruz – Macy – Blue Seal

Senior – Lucia Brown – PVP - Blue Seal

Extemporaneous Speaking

Xavier Cruz – Macy – Blue Seal

Entomology Contest

Senior - Rebecca Klose – PVP – Blue Seal

Horticulture Contest

Rebecca Klose – PVP – Blue Seal

- **Attention Seniors - State Record Book Competition - Deadline June 30**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

Seniors, if you plan on entering your 4-H Record Book in this year's State Record Book competition, be sure you are:

- Using the forms from the new 2015-2016 Record Book Manual
- Following guidelines and requirements stated on the [CA State 4-H website](#) -
- Submit an [Intent to Submit form](#) to the LA County 4-H Office by June 30, 2016 to (dafuller@ucanr.edu)
- Complete the online [California 4-H Quick Start Record Book Course](#) on the [CA State 4-H website](#) by June 30, 2016 (even if you completed it last year)
- Turn your record book to the county 4-H office by Oct 14th

If you have any questions, please contact a [LA County, Incentives & Recognition Committee Member](#).

- **2015-2016 Record Book Manual**

Noel Keller, LA County Incentives and Recognition Committee, Chair

Record Book Manual 2015-2016 is the only record manual and forms that should be used this year. The Record Book Manual is available on the state 4-H website and on our county website. The online record book system uses the forms from this 201-2016 manual. If you have questions contact a member of the county I&R Committee or Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **County Project Recognition for Members**

Noel Keller, Chair of the county I&R Committee

2016 LA County Record Book information is available on the LA County 4-H Youth Development Program website. For the LA County Record Book Competition, the 4-H online forms will need to be printed out and submitted as hard copy. 2015-2016 record books are due September 13, 2016 to the 4-H Office or September 14, 2016 to a [LA County 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee Member](#) (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Peter Michel, Dee Keese). The LA County Awards Program will be held Saturday, October 22nd, after the LA County 4-H Pet Symposium.

Senior 4-H Members are eligible to enter the State Record Book Competition. State 4-H Record Book Competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H Project Work. Books are evaluated against standard criteria. Those books displaying the most outstanding 4-H work, life skills development, and leadership and citizenship development are selected as state medalists and/or state winners.

Currently, LA County 4-H evaluates member record books with a focus on a member-designated project area. Awards are given out in project areas. At the State Record Book Competition, books are judged for the overall achievement of the member, without regard to just one project area. This year, seniors will again be able to select a project area for their record book evaluation at the county level. LA County 4-H will be changing the County Record Book Evaluating to be in line with State 4-H Competitions.

- **LA County 4-H Officer Book Gold Medal**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee Chair

Did you do a great job as a club officer last year? If so, be sure to submit a 2015-2016 Officer Book for the officer book recognition program. The information and forms for the 2016 Officer Book Recognition Program are on the county website under [APPLICATIONS](#). The evaluation of the officer records is done with the Danish system of evaluating so all officers have a chance to earn a Gold medal for their officer work. 2015-2016 Officer books are due at the same time as 2015-2016 record books, September 13 to the 4-H Office or by September 14 to an [Incentives and Recognition Committee member](#) (Noel Keller, Judylynn Pelling, Carrie DeYoung, Dee Keese).

- **District Representation on County Incentives and Recognition Committee**

Noel Keller, Chair of the County Incentives and Recognition Committee

All LA County Districts should have two elected representatives on the County Incentives and Recognition Committee. The current County I&R Committee Members are Noel Keller and Judylynn Pelling from NSG, Peter Michel and Dee Keese from SSG and Carrie DeYoung from SFV. There is no representation from AV. Please notify Noel Keller with the names of newly elected 2016-2017 I&R district representatives.

- **Healthy Living Activities Event – May 14**

Noel Keller, LA County 4-H Leader's Council President

On Saturday, May 14th, a LA County 4-H Healthy Living Activities event was held for 4-H Members put on by our very own 4-H

Healthy Living Chair, Meghan Tahbaz. The attendees enjoyed the event. Thank You, Meghan, and all those who helped! We will look forward to next year's Healthy Living event next year.

- **Districts & Committees –2016-2017 Event Dates Needed NOW**

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

The LA County 4-H 2016-2017 event calendar was approved on May 14th at the county council. Now that the calendar is approved, events will need to fit around the already approved event dates on the calendar. Please send your additional event date information to Noel Keller at nkeller91711@gmail.com as soon as possible.

- **Sectional Leaders' Council Meeting – June 11, 2016**

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

The South Section 4-H Leaders' Council will meet for the last time on Saturday, June 11th at 10am at the Ag Science Complex at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. All LA County leaders and senior members are encouraged to attend. Come and find out what is happening in the Southern California 4-H Program and the new California 4-H Management Board System. Consult the [South Section 4-H Leaders' Council website](#) for the agenda for this meeting. Lunch will be provided at a nearby restaurant after the meeting.

- **South Section TIC Planning Meeting – June 11, 2016**
Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Leaders' Council President

The Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) planning committee of the South Section Council just ran the food booth at South Section Field Day on May 21st at Mt. SAC and made money for some of the TIC conference expenses. The teen committee will next meet on Saturday, June 11th at 8:30am at the Ag Science Complex at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut. All senior 4-H members are invited to attend. Get involved at 4-H activities at the sectional level. The Adult TIC Director is Kelly Dowlan and Camille Norczyk of Greenleaf 4-H Club is one of the Youth Co-Directors.

- **South Section/Area Technical Team**
Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council President

The South Section Council formed a Technology Team called the South Section 4-H Short Circuit Crew, to provide technical support to the south section meetings and events, counties and clubs. The Crew was modeled after the state Technology Team and consists mainly of youth with a Youth Chair and an Adult Advisor. This is a great opportunity to expand your technology skills and provide service to southern volunteers and members. Christian Redman is currently the Youth Chair and John Trammell is the Adult Advisor for the team. If you are interested in applying or have questions, please contact John Trammell (jwtrammell87@gmail.com). Refer to the South Section Facebook page or the South Section website at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/Get_Involved/Councils/Sectional/South/Short_Circuit_Crew for general information about the Crew. The Technical Team will transition from the South Section to the Southern Area next year.

- **South Section Making Plans for 2016-2017**
Noel Keller, South Section 4-H Council President

Under the new California 4-H Management Board system, the South Section will be known as the Southern Area. The Southern Area will consist of the same counties as South Section except Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo are not included. Southern Area will be an area of seven counties – Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura. The South Section Council is now making plans for events that will occur during the first transitional year of this new state organizational system. We are setting up committees with approved budgets for these events. Each county should try to have a representative on these committees. Please consider volunteering for one of the committees below:

Southern Area Small Animal Field Day – Sept. 24, 2016 at Mt. SAC
Southern Area Healthy Living Summit – fall, probably October or November
Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) – Jan. 20-22, 2017 at Pathfinder Ranch
Southern Area Leaders' Retreat – 2017-2018

For more information, Contact Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com).

- **End of the 2014-2015 Program Year**
Roy Hillstock, Computer Specialist

It is time to finish up your 2015-2016 4-H work. The 2015-2016 4-H Program Year ends Thursday, June 30, 2016. All 4-H work done from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 can be included in your 2015-2016 4-H Record Book. Work done after June 30, 2016 should be included in the 2016-2017 4-H Program Year record books.

The 2016-2017 Program Year starts July 1, 2016. All 4-H Members must re-enroll to participate in 4-H. This is especially important for those 4-H Members participating in fairs and other summer month activities. For members graduating out of the program that will be finishing up their projects and/or going to fair need not re-enroll. The 4-H Fees for the coming 2016-2017 program year are **\$38 per youth and \$14 per adult.**

- **2016-2017 LA County 4-H Leaders' Council Officers**

President: Dee Keese

Vice President: Noel Keller

2nd Vice President (youth position): Kiran Ekanayake

Secretary: Judylynn Pelling

Treasurer: Mary Lash and Johanna Stewart

Reporter/Historian:

I&R Committee Chair: Noel Keller

Agriculture Committee Chair: AV

Science Committee Chair: Kenneth Krishmar/Yonker

Home Economics Committee Chair: AV

Healthy Living Committee Chair: Kaylin Kwan (youth)

Parliamentarian/Policy Secretary:

Leader Support Committee Chair: Carrie DeYoung

Shooting Sports Committee Chair: Dee Keese

Civics Committee Chair:

Technology Committee Chair: Xavier Cruz (youth)

All LA County 4-H Districts should be represented in the council. More than one person can be nominated for a position. A position can be held by two adults or a youth-adult partnership as Co-Chairs. Some council positions can be held by senior youth members. Please send nominations for any open positions to Noel Keller (nkeller91711@gmail.com). You can nominate yourself.

STATE

DATES & DEADLINES

June 15, 2016	State Leaders' Forum - Registration
June 28, 2016	Champion Horse Show - Early Registration
June 30, 2016	State Leadership Conference - Late Registration
July 1, 2016	State Leaders' Forum - Workshop Proposals Due
July 18, 2016	Champion Horse Show - Registration
July 18, 2016	Educational Contests at 4-H Horse Classic - Online Registration
August 1, 2016	Scholarships for Higher Education - Applications Due
August 8, 2016	Golden Clover Awards - Nominations Due
June 17, 2016	California Focus
June 18, 2016	Alumni Night at Cal Focus
June 19, 2016	California Range Camp
July 10, 2016	2016 Citizen Washington Focus-Heritage Trail
July 10, 2016	2016 Citizenship Washington Focus-Global Journey
July 11, 2016	2016 Leadership Washington Focus
July 12, 2016	California 4-H Throwdown - Junior Day
July 19, 2016	California 4-H Throwdown - Senior Day
July 28, 2016	State Leadership Conference
August 3, 2016	California State 4-H Horse Classic
October 9, 2016	National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference
November 4, 2016	Mindfulness Retreat
November 11, 2016	State Leader's Forum

Additional State Updates can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar>

4-H All-Stars:

Holly Whipple, Westside 4-H Club
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
Jessica Fint, SFV 4-H Club
Rachel Klose, PVP 4-H Club
Megan Okamoto, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Zella Roth, PVP 4-H Club
Wesley Rich, PVP 4-H Club
Alexa Sutter, PVP 4-H Club
Meghan Tahbaz, PVP 4-H Club
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Shannon Chen, PVP 4-H Club
Julie Sylvest, PVP 4-H Club
Michelle Sylvest, PVP 4-H Club
Charmine McClain, Pomona Valley 4-H Club
Connor Gowland, PVP 4H Club
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