



A monthly newsletter for 4-H Members, Leaders, Parents, Alumni, and Supporters in Santa Barbara County

Monthly Highlights

September 2012



Santa Barbara County 4-H Presents - National Youth Science Day

Saturday, October 6, 2012
Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

Location: Foothill Elementary School
711 Ribera Drive, Santa Barbara, CA
93111

This event is being put on by our Santa Barbara County 4-H Science, Engineering, & Technology (SET) Key Leader Kathy Foltz and her Program Development Board committee of adults and teens.

Take the 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge! Explore how robots can be used to preserve and protect the environment. Learn to think like a

robotics engineer. Assemble your own Eco-Bot robot. Design the control surfaces in order to manage a simulated environmental clean-up project. Test and measure the effectiveness of your control surfaces by recording how much of the spill is "swept up" by your Eco-Bot. The experiment will start every half hour - it takes about 1 hour to build and test the Eco-Bot, then you can participate in spill clean-up tests and engineer design changes for as long as you wish!

To ensure that we have enough materials available, please RSVP by Saturday, Sept. 22th at:

[www.sb4h.org/County_4-H_Events/
National_4-H_Youth_Science_Day/](http://www.sb4h.org/County_4-H_Events/National_4-H_Youth_Science_Day/)

Featuring These Science Exhibits Also:

- "It's a Small World" - Microscopes and model organisms!
- QuestBoards - Simple electrical circuits and switches!
- REEF - Marine organisms in a touch tank!

And More!

Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Goleta 4-H Club.

For more info on the event visit sb4h.org, or e-mail Kathy @ kathy.foltz@lifesci.ucsb.edu for more details.

Welcoming a new staff member to the 4-H Office!

Our Santa Barbara County 4-H Office is pleased to welcome a new full time staff member Program Representative II.

Andrea Borunda grew up in Oxnard, California and is a 4-H Alumni. She participated as a 4-H member through the Del-Norte 4-H club where she served as president and secretary. Andrea

participated in many 4-H projects, cooking, woodworking, including six years in the beef project showing at the Ventura County Fair. Andrea graduated from Cal Poly 2012 as an Agriculture Science major with a minor in Communications. While attending Cal Poly she worked as a student resident at the university's Beef and Poultry Department.



Andrea will be responsible for the support and maintenance of the existing 4-H program and short-term projects and development of new activities as needed. Please join us in welcoming her to the Santa Barbara County 4-H program! You can reach Andrea at aeborunda@ucdavis.edu or (805) 893-3410.

Required Meeting for Treasurers and Treasurer Advisors

Our first required Treasurer & Adviser Meeting will be held on Sunday September 16, 2012, 12:30 - 3:00, at the Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell Street, Los Alamos. This meeting will include an introduction to your Treasurer's Book for this fiscal year, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. We will be covering financial policy, budgets and forms.

Bring current Treasurer's Book, including completed reports for July and August, for review at the meeting. If possible, also bring last year's Treasurer Book. Treasurer's Book forms are available on the Santa Barbara County 4-H Website: <http://www.sb4h.org>.

Copies of monthly bank statements are available from Sherry Mills at the 4-H Office, email smmills@ucanr.edu or call 805-893-3409 to request copies.

For questions about the training or for help with filling out the forms, please contact Mary Anne Christensen, Santa Barbara County 4-H Management Board Treasurer at 805-344-4064 or 805- 448-6337 or maclosalamos@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you at 12:30 on September 16th.

Community Outreach Opportunities

A Cause 4 Paws

Sunday, September 9, 2012, 9am-2pm

Walkers wanted at the 11th Annual A Cause 4 Paws event! This event will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at Pioneer Park 1000 West Foster Road in Orcutt/Santa Maria. Sponsored by the Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation, the event helps raise funds to benefit programs to assist local animals in our county shelters. Lots of fun activities and contests. Registration is \$5 per youth 0-16 years; \$25 per adult. For more information visit www.sbcanimalcare.org. SB County 4-H will have an outreach booth at this event. To help with this booth, please contact Rose Aigner (p. 683-0527, email: roseaigner@cox.net) or Rick Sacks (p. 934-2223, email: ricksacks@kelloggsgarden.com).

Day of Caring

Saturday, September 15, 2012

United Way of Santa Barbara County will hold its 21st Annual Day of Caring on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Clubs may register a team of adult and youth ages 6 to take part in outdoor or indoor volunteer assignments at various locations in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, or Santa Ynez. For more information visit <http://www.unitedwaysb.org/dayofcaring>.

4-H Booth at the Lemon Festival

Saturday & Sunday, October 13 -14, 2012

Santa Barbara County 4-H will have a booth at the Lemon Festival at Girsh Park in Goleta the weekend of October 13 -14, 2012. Adult and youth volunteers are needed to help show and tell the community about 4-H. Booth hours are Saturday, 10AM-6PM and Sunday, 10AM-5PM. Come join the fun! Help run our interactive educational display. Greet the community. Enjoy the festival! To volunteer for a 2-hour time slot, contact Andrea Borunda (893-3409 or andreaborunda@gmail.com).

Veterans Stand Down

Saturday, October 13, 2012

The 2012 Santa Barbara County Veterans Stand Down event will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 Santa Maria Fairpark. Organizers are preparing to provide for up to 500 veterans this year. Although volunteers who work at the event must be at least 18 years old, young people may participate by donating personal care items, such as dental floss, soap, and shampoo. For more information visit <http://www.sbcountystanddown.com/>.

State 4-H News & Updates

National 4-H Week - October 7-13, 2012

National 4-H Week provides an excellent opportunity to honor the 4-H institution which is celebrating serving youth for over 100 years nationally. In 2013, the State of California celebrates 100 years. During National 4-H Week, 4-H members will be honoring this great organization in a variety of ways. 4-H members will set up window displays in local businesses showing some of the many projects in which they are involved. Radio, newspaper, and television will highlight 4-H members in action. The race is on! The first babies born during this week at Sutter Roseville Medical Center and Kaiser Roseville will each be made honorary 4-H members. Much 4-H memorabilia will be bestowed on each of the two newest 4-H honorary members. Gifts for these new arrivals will be greatly appreciated!

New Highest California 4-H Youth Award

The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/ Rationale: Most youth serving organizations have a highest honor—Boy Scouts have Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts have the Gold Award, Camp Fire USA has the WoHeLo Award. While the 4-H State Ambassador Program is a very high honor, it is a working honor and is prohibitive to many who may be deserving of a highest youth award.

2013 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards

The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service while promoting volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Additional information is available at <http://4-H.org/salute-to-excellence-awards>.

Award categories are as follows:

- The Volunteer of the Year Award is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, district or state level.
- The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award is for individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, district or state level.

To be considered, nominations should be received by October 2, 2012. All nomination packets will be reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee who will recommend one nominee for each category to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final approval. Please note there is no limitation on the number of nominees from each county.

2012 State Leaders Forum

It's time to register for the 2012 State Leaders Forum, coming November 9-11 at Asilomar. Save \$10 if you register by September 1st. Simply complete the survey or the printed form then mail your fee to the registrar. Use the Asilomar form to reserve your conference lodging and meal package. Rooms are being held for us until September 9th. "4-H in a Minute: Wake up to the Possibilities!" promises to be fun, relaxing, motivating, educational, and timely. Volunteer leaders and staff - join the South Central Section for workshops, games and prizes, including a drawing for an iPad and "Minute to Win It" competitions. Nancy Franz, our Saturday keynote speaker, brings new ideas from Iowa 4-H.

More information and forms are at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012> or contact Sue Moore, Registrar, 2moores@mlode.com.



Santa Barbara County 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Program

SB County 4-H Citizenship Key Leader Allan Jones is forming a Citizenship Committee of adult and teen volunteers to plan and organize a Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program for 2012-2013.

CWF is a year-long 4-H Citizenship educational experience for high-school youth which strengthens their understanding of the government's civic process, and boosts their leadership skills, communication skills, and overall confidence.

Delegates travel to the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland to participate in the Citizenship Washington Focus Program. They learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital, including an inside look at how government works from prominent guest speakers. They write bills, discuss a current issue facing our nation, and conduct mock elections, and congressional sessions that prepare them for leadership now and in the future. The experience includes time for fun and making new friends from across the nation through organized recreational activities, a cultural event at a local theater, and a dance.

CWF is a year-long program, beginning with registration in January and orientation in March. County delegations are expected to complete a study guide and prepare thoroughly for their Washington Focus program. During their participation in the program, all county delegations develop and carry out a community service/service-learning plan of action to address a current issue in their community. A final report on their service project is due September 15, 2013.

Delegate Criteria: Must be an enrolled 4-H member and have completed the sophomore year in high school or be sixteen years of age or older, or must be enrolled as a 4-H volunteer leader and 21 years of age or older with authorization from the county 4-H office.

It looks like the dates will be **June 23 -29 for the 7 day shorter version of the trip, at approximately \$1,840 per person; and June 23 - July 1 for the 9 day extended version, which is the 7 day itinerary plus 2 additional days for visiting Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg, at approximately \$2,200 per person.** The California State 4-H Office will release complete registration information, final dates, and fees in October.

For more information, please contact:

SB County 4-H Citizenship Key Leader Allan Jones (allan@santaynezvalley.com or 805-688-3949) or SB County 4-H Program Representative III Sherry Mills (smmills@ucanr.org or 805-893-3409).

Santa Barbara County 4-H - Countywide Projects

[To enroll in these projects, simply log onto 4honline to register.](#)

Fishing Project

Join in the fun with Rob Bellrose and his countywide fishing project. Stay tuned for details on field trips, project meetings, and more!

[For more details visit sb4h.org](#)

Porcelain Doll Project

Members will pick out a doll and purchase supplies at the first meeting. Through various meeting periods, you will learn about the craftsmanship and tools needed to complete a porcelain doll.

[For more details visit sb4h.org](#)

Pygmy Goat Project

This project is a comprehensive study of pygmy goats and showmanship. Members will learn about pygmy goats, body parts, health issues, how to care for them, and basic pygmy goat showmanship skills.

[For more details visit sb4h.org](#)

Horse Mastership Project

Fun, horse-oriented activities planned for horse lovers at all levels. No prior experience is required. You will receive a free manual about horses, their care and riding. Horse ownership is not required but is helpful.

[For more details visit sb4h.org](#)

Small Animal Science Events

Santa Barbara County 4-H Small Animal Science Event

<u>SHOWMANSHIP</u>		
Rabbit	Cavy	Chicken
Novice (Never Shown Before)	Novice (Never Shown Before)	Novice (Never Shown Before)
Junior (9-11)	Junior (9-11)	Junior (9-11)
Intermediate (12-14)	Intermediate (12-14)	Intermediate (12-14)
Senior (15-18)	Senior (15-18)	Senior (15-18)

Other Small Livestock Contests (All Species)

Photo	Poster/Display
Any Other Craft	Costume

Silent Auction

Proceeds to Benefit Santa Barbara County 4-H Small Animal Science Program

Entry Fee \$1.00 per Entry or \$5.00 unlimited

Entry Registration Deadline is 9/8/12 – Make checks payable to: Santa Barbara County Fair

Entry Fees to benefit Santa Barbara County Fair's purchase of new cages in rabbit and poultry barn.

Email Entries to: Jacquie Voorhees; onebrownfan@yahoo.com

Please Specify: Age, Species, Showmanship or Project Entered!

Contact Jacquie @ 805-714-6023 to register or for more information!

Event starts at 8:30 a.m. - [For more details visit us at sb4h.org!](http://sb4h.org)

Coming Soon: Save the Date

Santa Barbara County 4-H Leaders' Forum

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Righetti High School, Santa Maria

The Santa Barbara County 4-H Leaders' Forum is a day training for Adult Volunteers, Junior/Teen Leaders and Club Officers (6th grade and up). Come meet the Program Development Board Key Leaders and network with volunteers from clubs and projects throughout the county. Learn new skills, see the latest curriculum and resources, and hear about upcoming opportunities and events.



Santa Barbara County 4-H 8th Annual Beef Play Day at The Spanish Ranch

Hosted by Cuyama Valley 4-H and El Rancho Español de Cuyama

Saturday, November 3rd, 8:00am - 3:00pm

☞ "Inspire THIS Generation!"

Gold Medal Track	Silver Medal Track	Bronze Medal Track
<i>Advanced</i>	<i>(Intermediate)</i>	<i>(Novice)</i>
Advanced Fitting	Clipping & Fitting	Calf Grooming
Showmanship	Arena How-To	Halter Making
Choosing a Quality Calf	Breeder vs Market	Haltering & Leading
Making of a Champion	Time and Money	Your Tack Box
More!	More!	More!

More Hands-On ☞ More Arena Time ☞ One-on-One ☞ Parent/Leader Program
Parade of Clubs ☞ Lunch 'n' Learn Speakers ☞ Games, Prizes, Awards & More!

[Click here for more details and to download the entry form!](#)

Support our local 4-H program

with a donation to:

**THE CALIFORNIA 4-H FOUNDATION
for the
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 4-H FUND**

Every \$1.00 donated by October 31st, 2012
will be matched with \$1.00 from
The Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation
\$25,000 Challenge Grant.

Funds will be used to recruit, train and support
our volunteers to develop confident, articulate,
responsible young people engaged in their
communities.

100% of your donation tax-deductible donation
will help support 4-H in Santa Barbara County.

**We only have \$1,242 to
go to reach our \$25,000
goal by October 31st 2012!**

When you make a gift to California 4-H, you
are supporting one of the most effective
youth development programs ever
developed.

California 4-H is:

- [making a real impact in the lives of young people and their communities](#)
- [bringing together tradition and innovation](#)
- [leading the research in youth development](#)

Donate online today @ ca4h.org.



SAVE THE DATE

September 15	Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry & Dog Project Event Contact: Jacquie Voorhees	Santa Maria Fairpark
September 16	Treasurer Advisor & Treasurer Training, 12:30 – 3:00 Contact: Mary Anne Christensen	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
September 16	Program Development Board Meeting, 3PM – 5PM, Contact: Sherry Mills	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
September 21-23	Thrive Master Team Training, Contact: Hannah Grossman	Double Tree Hotel, Ontario
September 24	Management Board Meeting, 6PM-8:30PM, Contact: Mary Thieleke Jackson	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
October 6	4-H Science Event, Contact: Kathy Foltz	Foothill School, 711 Ribera Dr., Santa Barbara
October 7-13	National 4-H Week, Contact: Sherry Mills	N/A
October 9	4-H Proclamation Presentation, 9AM Contact: Sherry Mills	County Board of Supervisors Meeting, Santa Barbara
October 13-14	SB 4-H Booth at Lemon Festival, Contact: Hannah Grossman	Girsch Park, Goleta
October 22	Management Board Meeting, 6PM-8:30PM, Contact: Mary Thieleke Jackson	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
October 27	SB 4-H Leaders' Forum, Contact: Sherry Mills	Righetti High School, Santa Maria
November 3	Beef Play Day Contact: Pam Doiron	The Spanish Ranch, New Cuyama
November 9-11	California 4-H State Leaders' Forum, Contact: Sherry Mills	Asilomar
November 18	Share the Knowledge Adult Leader Training, 1PM-3PM, Contact: Linda Greco	Blockman School, Sisqouc
November 26	Program Development Board Meeting, 6PM – 8PM, Contact: Sherry Mills	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
December 15	Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry & Dog Project Event, Contact: Jacquie Voorhees	Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
January 26	County Presentation Day Contact: Kathy Thompson	Olga Reed School, Los Alamos
January 27	Program Development Board Meeting, 3PM –5PM, Contact: Sherry Mills	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
January 28	Management Board Meeting, 6PM-8:30PM, Contact: Mary Thieleke Jackson	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
February 24	Treasurer Advisor & Treasurer Book Review 12:30 – 3:00, Contact: Mary Anne Christensen	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
March 2	Sectional Presentation Day Contact: Kathy Thompson	Olga Reed School, Los Alamos
March 8-11	LEaD Conference, Contact: Linda Greco	Camp Ocean Pines, Cambria
April 6	Expo Craft & Food Festival & Fashion Review, Contact; Kathy Thompson	Righetti High School, Santa Maria
April 22	Program Development Board Meeting, 6PM –8PM, Contact: Sherry Mills	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos
April 24-28	Santa Barbara Fair & Expo	Earl Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara
April 29	Joint MB & PDB Meeting, 5:30PM, Contact: Mary Thieleke Jackson	4-H Office
May 4 (TBD)	Exhibit Day Set Up/Work Day Contact: Mike Norris	Santa Maria Fairpark, Santa Maria
May 11 (TBD)	Exhibit Day Contact: Mike Norris	Santa Maria Fairpark, Santa Maria
June 17	Management Board Meeting, 6PM-8:30PM, Contact: Mary Thieleke Jackson	Los Alamos Senior Center, 690 Bell St., Los Alamos,
June 22 or 29 (TBD)	County Record Book Judging	(TBA)
July 10-14	Santa Barbara County Fair	Santa Maria Fairpark, Santa Maria
July 21-27	Camp Wahoo! Contact: Pat Bradley or Jack Crane	Camp Yeager, Cambria