



4-H Memos



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4-H Fire Recovery Project

Are you interested in getting involved with fire recovery efforts? Do you want to know more about how digital photography, GPS, and computer mapping can aid in restoring natural areas destroyed by wildfires? Join the 4-H Fire Recovery Project to make a real difference in your community and learn the exciting techniques that are being used to monitor and restore San Diego County's natural areas. The 4-H Fire Recovery Project will provide youth with the tools to collect environmental data in areas of the county that were recently burned by wildfire, in turn providing county workers with valuable information about how burned vegetation is recovering from fire.

The project is just getting up and running, so it is the perfect time to join and get involved with the fun activities planned for the summer! Two workshops are planned for this summer, the first will be a field trip (several field trips will be planned so that individual groups will not have to drive too far) that will go over some basic photo-monitoring techniques with digital cameras as well as several activities designed to familiarize groups with GPS units. The second workshop will take place at the UC Cooperative Extension office in Kearny Mesa to introduce groups to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) where each group will learn how to manipulate the software, enter GPS points into a computer map, and create and print out a map of the groups photo-monitoring site locations.

As groups become more familiarized with spatial technologies, each group will have the opportunity to pick an environmental research activity that will be conducted at a photo-monitoring site and will involve the use of GPS, digital photography, and computer mapping. Some examples of possible research activities include water quality monitoring, plant identification, and soil monitoring. When the group has finished their activity they will be able to create and print out a map showing the location of their activity site as well as the data collected during the activity. Data logs, printed maps, and posters will be saved to add to a personal portfolio for each group member.

If you would like to learn more about this project we will be having an introductory meeting on July 24th from 10:00 am to 12:00pm at the UC Cooperative Extension 4-H Office. We will review the project in detail, set up times for groups to attend field trips, and distribute the Fire Recovery Project kits to each group. Each group will be outfitted with a backpack kit that contains a laptop computer, a handheld GPS unit, a digital camera, field binoculars, a compass, a first aid kit, wildlife field guides, and much more! The project is designed for youth groups ages 12-19 who are interested in a long-term (6 months to a year) commitment to the program. You do not currently have to be in 4-H to join the project, so please encourage friends and family members to get involved! You can also contact the Project Assistant, Caitlin Chason at (858) 495-5190 or clchason@ucdavis.edu if you would like to get more information about the project.

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Council Elections & Fair Evaluation Meeting

The election of County Leaders' Council Officers for 2004-05 will be held right before the **Del Mar Fair Evaluation and Leaders' County Council Meeting** on **July 12th at 7 PM**, in the 4-H Office. All 4-H Volunteer Leaders and all teen members 16 years of age or older are voting members of Council. The Council plans, implements and evaluates the Countywide activities for the 4-H Club Program, helps set local 4-H policies, and advises 4-H staff on important issues. There are also many committees that advise the council and assist the council in its work (be sure to read the *Opportunities to Help* article in this month's newsletter). The slate of officers for 2004-2005 are:

President: **Debbie McAdams**
 Vice President: **Cathy Mitchell**
Debbie Torres
 Treasurer: **Drew Middleton**
 Recording Secretary: **Suzanne Robertson**
 Corresponding Secretary: **Michelle Byrne**
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Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Awards In Memory Of Keith Barnes

Keith Barnes was a long time 4-H leader in Sacramento and Placer Counties. He spearheaded the effort to establish the California 4-H Leaders Council in 1972. Keith offered a simple philosophy for youth development: "We are here to teach 4-Hers to be good citizens. If they learn about their projects then that's ok too."

Registration Scholarship to attend the California 4-H Leaders' Forum at Asilomar. Any current 4-H volunteer leader that has not previously received this award may apply. The application can be downloaded from the state 4-H website or you can request a copy from the 4-H Office.

Golden Clover Award: Recognition for Outstanding Achievement. This is for members, volunteers and groups. Applications will be accepted in different categories ranging from "innovative ideas" to "mentoring". Awards will be \$500, a medallion, and recognition at State Leadership Conference and State Leaders' Forum.

More information is available at <http://ca4-Hresource/ir/>

Joshua Raser Selected Don Diego Scholarship Winner

Joshua Raser is the recipient of this years' Del Mar Fair Don Diego Scholarship for 4H. The scholarship is for \$5000. The scholarship was created in memory of Tom Hernandez who for years greeted fairgoers to the Del Mar Fair. Applicants for the 4H scholarship must be in good standing in the program and have participated (but not necessarily during the applying year) in a competitive exhibit department at the Del Mar Fair/ San Diego County Fair.

Josh will be attending Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo majoring in Ag Business. He was a member of the Escondido 4H Club and had been active in a leadership role in 4H not only at the local level but at the county and national level as well. He is a San Diego County All Star. He has attended the State Leadership Conference and participated in a leadership role at the San Diego County 4H Junior Leadership Conference.

Area Club Representatives to Council Needed

Volunteers are needed to represent each of the 7 geographic areas of San Diego County Leaders' Council. A key volunteer or volunteers from each of the 7 geographic areas is needed to assist the 4H Office in scheduling area leaders' meetings, co-leading the area planning meeting in the fall and assisting in setting up a phone or email tree for the area to get information out quickly to 4H families when necessary. The geographic areas by clubs are:

Area 1: Bonsall Fallbrook Oceanside	Area 2: Escondido Homesteaders Valley Center Valley Center Country Pauma Valley San Marcos/Vista	Area 3: Olivenhain Valley Rancho Poway San Dieguito
Area 4: Poway Ramona Paisanos Ramona Rancheros Ramona Rough Riders Ramona Stars Ramona Valley Ramona Wranglers Santa Ysabel/Julian Warner Springs	Area 5: Alpine Amigos Japatul Mt. Empire	Area 6: Golden Clovers Sagebrush
Area 7: Bonita/ South Bay Jamul Chaparros Animal Ambassadors Lemon Valley Leprechauns North Park		Area 8: Horsemanship for the Handicapped

Want to go to the State Fair?

The California 4-H Youth Development Program Office needs 4-H members to staff a 4-H booth in the "Counties" building on the weekends during the State Fair, which runs August 20 - September 6. The primary purpose of the display booth is to inform the public about today's 4-H Program and its benefit to the youth involved as well as the communities they live in. Small 4-H projects are welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a "feel" for what types of projects are available. Examples of community service projects make especially good stories. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone interested about your 4-H project.

Parking and fair admission tickets will be given to 4-H members that sign up for a 2-hour shift. If you are interested in staffing the booth, please contact Joan Ryan or Diane Martin at the Sacramento Cooperative Extension Office for the schedule (916) 875-6811.

Do you have any photos that "tell the story" of a 4-H program or project? If you do, please send copies to the State 4-H Office for use on the State Fair display booth. Pictures are the best way to show 4-H in action.

State 4-H Youth Development Office
 Photo Library
 One Hopkins Rd – DANR Building
 UC Davis, CA 95616

Scott Parker Moves to Environmental Issues Program

The 4H staff regrets to inform the 4H Club leaders and members that Scott Parker, 4H Club Program Representative has transferred to the Environmental Issues Program of the University of California Cooperative Extension. Scott has served as the 4H Club Program Rep for three and half years. Scott brought a very personal touch to the 4H Office and we will miss working with him. Fortunately, he just moved down the hall and when you come to the University of California Cooperative Extension Office you will have an opportunity to still see him.

A formal request has been made to the University to refill Scott's position as soon as possible.

Until the 4H Club Program Representative position is filled (hopefully this fall) please direct your calls to one of the following 4H staff members.

For enrollment, facility use agreements, and volunteer leader needs:

Colleen Tschumperlin: 858-505-6538

For general 4H information: Terry Walker 858- 694-2861

For all other 4H issues: Steve Dasher 858-694-8874

Sue Manglallan 858-694-8836

Announcements

SOUTHERN SECTIONAL 4-H PROJECT COMPETITION

Those members wishing to submit Sectional Project Applications must have their application submitted to the San Diego County 4-H Office by July 15th. The Sectional Judging will be held July 24th in the Los Angeles County 4-H Office. All records must be complete and proper signatures prior to submission. This year Form 77 is not required. Please review the Incentives and Recognition Handbook and download application and complete instructions from website <http://forhcucdavis.edu/4hresource/ir/index.asp>. Only one application per project can be submitted from San Diego County.

RAMONA JR. FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

The premium books for the Ramona Jr. Fair came out on June first. **Entry deadline is July 16th**. However a 4H member's entry must be submitted with the total club's entries. Contact your 4H leader and make certain that you are getting your paperwork done on time.

"PIECES OF THE PUZZLE" IS THE THEME FOR THE 2004 CALIFORNIA 4-H WHEP (WILDLIFE HABITAT EVALUATION PROGRAM) WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) Training Weekend. It will be held October 15-17, at Yosemite Bug in the Mariposa area. Registration materials are due **September 17, 2004** and available at <http://groups.ucanr.org/Earthforce/>

UC DAVIS COLLEGIATE 4-H IS OFFERING A COLLEGE WORKSHOP for high-school 4-H members, on October 2, 2004 at UC Davis. The workshop will consist of a practice SAT exam (by Kaplan) and information about financial aid and admissions. Registration deadline is **September 24**. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/collegiate4h/california/>

2005 4-H COMPUTER CORPS applications are now available online. The 4-H Computer Corps is composed of youth, volunteers, and staff ages 15 and above. The 4-H Computer Corps authors the state 4-H website (www.ca4h.org), conducts computer trainings around the state, and helps 4-H clubs design webpages. The deadline for applications is **September 30, 2004**. Applications are available at <http://ca4h.org/compcorps/Apps/>

Watch for Exciting San Diego County Fall Events for Members and Leaders

This fall some exciting activities are being planned for 4H members and leaders. These events include:

OFFICER AND LEADER TRAINING DAY – October 9th This is a Saturday event for members who are new officers or would like to become officers and learn about different 4H Club Officer roles and responsibilities. It is also a chance for leaders to attend workshops on a variety of topics to assist them in leading projects and working with 4H members and their families. Mandatory for all 2004-2005 4H Club Treasurers and the club treasurer mentor.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP – This workshop is being sponsored by the San Diego County 4H Leaders Council. A nationally known trainer on how to address and resolve conflicts between individuals will present the workshop. This workshop is open to both adults and teens.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - This is a conference for 6th through 8th grade 4H members to build their leadership skills and learn more about 4H. The conference is run by teen leaders.

ANIMAL PROJECTS WORKSHOP – A variety of sessions on topics about raising and caring for different animals and leading different animal projects will be covered by experts in those fields. This will be open for leaders, members and their parents.

NATURAL RESOURCES, FIRE ECOLOGY AND PHOTO-MONITORING – This will be a workshop open to 4H members and leaders interested in participating in a natural environmental resources project to help gather information about local fire damaged habitats and the recovery process of those areas.

STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ORIENTATION MEETING
All delegates and chaperones need to attend an orientation meeting on July 17 from 9:00-12:00 at the 4-H Office. This is for the Youth Summit, State Leadership Conference and Technology Conference.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Rifle Instructor Discipline

Saturday, August 21, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 22, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Woody, CA (East of Bakersfield)

Contact: John Borba (661) 868-6216

jaborba@ucdavis.edu

Record Book Evaluation Dates Set

Record Books of members' 4H projects and achievements are due, as a club group, in the 4H Office on August 6, 2004 by 5:00 p.m. Check with your Community Club or Unit Leader.

On Wednesday and Thursday, August 18 and 19, the Record Books will be categorized from 12:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Debbie McAdams at 619-669-1954 if you can help.

Record Books evaluations will take place on August 19 and in the evenings on August 20 and 21 at the 4H Office. Adult and Teen evaluators are needed. This is a good way to get involved and learn about record books to help your members. Each club who submits record books is required to also provide evaluators. Lunches will be provided by San Diego Leaders Council. Contact your Community Club Leader if you can help.

Officer books, including the completed Treasurer's Books, are due **September 30, 2004**.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY 4-H
JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CAMP

SESSION LEADER APPLICATION

Are you in 9th grade or older? Do you have an activity, project or leadership skills you want to share with 6th through 8th grade 4-H members? This sign up as a session leader for camp this fall. Because our usual camp, Camp Featherstone, burned last year, we are actively looking for a new site. But we still need to start putting the program together for this fall. So please start putting your sessions together and submit the application by Friday, September 10, 2004, to the 4-H Office.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ GRADE * _____

CLUB _____

NAME _____

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PHONE _____ GRADE* _____

CLUB _____

TITLE OF SESSION (no session from previous 2 years) _____

DESCRIPTION _____

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES NEEDED _____

*Session Leaders must be currently in the 9th grade or above

SESSIONS MUST BE 45 MINUTES IN LENGTH
SESSIONS MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS
SESSION LEADERS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT SESSIONS TWICE
MOST SESSIONS WILL BE PRESENTED OUTDOORS
SESSION LEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERALL PROGRAM OPERATION

Return completed application by Friday, September 10 to:
UCCE - San Diego County 4-H Office
ATTN: JLC Session Leader Application
5555 Overland Avenue, Building #4
San Diego, CA 92123

SAN DIEGO COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PHONE or CODE
July 12 12 17 20 24	Teen Council Meeting County Council Mtg./Fair Eval State Leadership Conference Orientation Meeting Horse Advisory Meeting Fire Recovery Introductory Meeting	6:00 p. m. 4-H Office 7:00 p. m. 4-H Office 9:00-12:00 4-H Office 7:00 p. m. 4-H Office 10:00 a.m. 4-H Office	Gate Code 5064# Gate Code 5064# Gate Code 5064# Gate Code 5064# Caitlin 858-495-5190
August 2 2 5-8 6 10 18-21	Teen Council Meeting County Council Executive Mtg Ramona Jr. Fair County Record Books Due Horse Advisory Meeting County Record Book Sorting/Judging	6:00 p. m. 4-H Office 7:00 p. m. 4-H Office Ramona Fairgrounds 5:00 p.m. 4-H Office 7:00 p. m. 4-H Office	Gate Code 5064# Gate Code 5064# Debbie 619-669-1954 Gate Code 5064# Debbie 619-669-1954
September 13 13 14	Teen Council Meeting County Council Meeting Horse Advisory Meeting	6:00 p. m. 4-H Office 7:00 p. m. 4-H Office 7:00 p. m. 4-H Office	Gate Code 5064# Gate Code 5064# Gate Code 5064#

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