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If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please don't hesitate to call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or email at rhillstock@ucdavis.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 323-260-3854. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#). We look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

POLICY

Policy Highlight of the Month

Business, and Risk Management in the 4-H Youth Development Program

As many you are aware, the 4-H Leaders' Council – including district councils, club councils – is not legal entity and does not have status as a legal entity. The council is not allowed to hire employees or enter into any agreements that might constitute a contract. For example, councils are not allowed to pay persons to judge or guest lecturer at events. This also extends to paying cooks, lifeguards or nurses for camp. In each case, a process for hiring has been established by the University of California in which an honorarium is paid, an independent contractor or a limited term employee are hired for the services. The process includes the council writing a check the UC Regents and the county office completing the process whereby individuals are paid for their services by the University. For more information on the hiring process please see the 4-H Policy Manual at: <http://www.ca4h.org/policy/chapter10/index.asp>

The justification and rationale for this policy is to protect the University and its entities (i.e., 4-H) against non-authorized obligations. In addition, councils are not allowed to enter into legal contracts and paying someone or a business for a service is a form of a contract. If a council enters into an agreement to pay someone for services, it unduly obligates the Regents of the University of California, which violates established policy. An authorized University employee, in this case the County Director, MUST execute agreements of this type.

For more information on how this applies to you or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (323) 260-3845 or kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu.

CLUB

- **New Clubs Honored**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

At the *Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Luncheon* on **Saturday, May 22, 2010**, the new 4-H clubs of Los Angeles were honored during the program. **San Fernando Valley 4-H Club** (Community Club Leader, Emily Mountford), **Harbor Lights 4-H Club** in San Pedro (Community Club Leader, Kim Espinosa), Encino Oaks 4-H Club (Community Club Leader, Susan Bernardo), and **Canyon Country Mustangs** (Co-Community Club Leaders, Michelle Lewis and Tracy Boldroff) are just the start of the many new clubs sprouting up all over Los Angeles. These leaders have really taken an active role in recruiting both members and leaders for their budding clubs and have already joined in the 4-H fun at many county and district events. Each club was presented with an honorary 4-H gavel, and we would like to thank them for their hard work and welcome them to 4-H!



COUNTY

- **Dee Keese, Los Angeles County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award Winner**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator



This year, at the Los Angeles County 4-H Leaders' Luncheon, **Dee Keese**, Community Club Leader of the **Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club**, was awarded the first ever *Los Angeles County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award*.

Dee is truly what 4-H is all about! For 35 years she has been a 4-H leader in every project imaginable and has been the Palos Verdes Peninsula Club Leader for 32 years. After raising 5 kids and many grandkids who were all involved in 4-H in their youth, Dee decided to make it her life's mission to selflessly mentor other youth in Palos Verdes through her 4-H Club. The largest 4-H club in Los Angeles, Palos Verdes Peninsula boasts 37 adult volunteers, 147 youth members and 33 projects!

In addition to having the largest diverse youth and adult membership, Dee also offers new and innovative projects that not many 4-H clubs offer. As a member at the PVP 4-H Club, youth have the opportunity to participate in Video Production, Martial Arts, Marine Biology, Beekeeping, and even a Pigeon Project that is one of only four in the United States to be affiliated with the American Racing Pigeon Union. Dee's club is the first club to offer the Surfing Project in the entire nation.

Since Dee's career began with PVP 4-H in 1978, she had helped mentor and support 23 All Stars in her club. She started a special "Junior All Star Program" in Los Angeles County and leads the Junior Leadership Conference each year. She has been the Los Angeles County Summer Camp Director for 23 years and the Summer Camp Head Director for 6 years. She assists each year in leading Los Angeles County Field Day, Judging Day, the San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair, Sectional events and is a County Council participant.

*“I love working with the kids and seeing the light bulb come on in the kids’ eyes when I take them into the beehives or when I take the High School kids backpacking , and introduce them to something new they have never tried before;
they mean everything to me.” -- Dee Keese*

Every month Dee provides 3-5 Community Service events and opportunities for her club members to take part in. Each Thanksgiving food donations are collected and distributed, and each Christmas Dee and her club members can be found serving the homeless at the Soup Kitchen in Palos Verdes. Throughout the year they also sew fleece blankets for seniors, knit scarves for the Special Olympics, collect and donate books to the Children’s Hospital, make hats for cancer patients, deliver local phone books and always help those in need.

Her guidance and tireless efforts have been rewarded with countless words of thanks, but we really feel Dee Keese deserves this special *Los Angeles County 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award* for changing the lives of youth not only in the Palos Verdes Peninsula, but all over Los Angeles County.

Dee, you are an asset to the Los Angeles County 4-H Program, and we thank you for 35 years of unwavering service and dedication. We all look forward to the next 35!

- **4-H Summer Camp**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Los Angeles County 4-H Summer Camp is almost upon us! **4-H Summer Camp** is scheduled for **June 27-July 3, 2010** at **Camp Seeley** in San Bernardino. 4-H Summer Camp is a week filled with fun “learning by doing” activities and the best food at any camp around!

Camp Seeley in San Bernardino is the source of many fond memories for a number of 4-Hers, young and old. Here are a few fun facts about Camp Seeley:

- Camp Seeley was the filming location for the 1998 film remake of “The Parent Trap.”
- The camp’s name was derived from the Mormon Seeley brothers who established an early sawmill at this location in the 1850’s. The ruins are still visible near the creek, and a large saw blade is still located in the camp parking lot.
- There is an interesting rock formation located in Seeley Creek near Camp Seeley which has an erosion pattern in the shape of a heart, thus, aptly titled, “Heart Rock.”



- In the summer of 1914, Camp Seeley was the first family camp built by the City of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation. The summer camp program that year hosted 95 boys in July and 110 girls in August.
- The Depression in the 1930s seemed to have no affect on attendance at Camp Seeley due to its low cost.
- Lake Gregory (camp attendees fish in this lake) is a manmade lake (named after Arthur Gregory, landowner) created in 1938. Lake Gregory replaced a natural lake, Moon Lake.

The cost to attend the camp is \$275 per person. Full or partial camperships may be available for those who need financial assistance to attend. 4-H Camp is limited to the first 200 youth who reserve a spot. Summer camp sold out last year, so send in the \$50 deposit today! For more details or to register online go to: <http://4hsummercamp.com/> or call Dr. Keith Nathaniel, UCCE/Los Angeles County 4-H at (323) 260-3845 or Carrie DeYoung, Camp Director at (818) 886-8028.

- **State Leaders Forum**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The *4-H State Leaders Forum* will be held this year from **November 5-7** at the Asilomar Conference Center in breathtaking Pacific Grove. The State Leaders Forum is a fantastic learning opportunity for Community and Project Leaders alike to learn more about what 4-H has to offer, as well as learn insightful new ideas for running engaging projects, fun events, the Science, Engineering and Technology Initiative, and adult/youth partnerships.

The theme for the conference this year is *Upgrade! S.E.T. Your System! Go!*. The **Southern Section Leaders' Council** (Los Angeles County 4-H is in the "Southern Section) is charged with putting on the popular and widely attended event for this year. Guest speakers, authors, staff and volunteers will lead lively discussions and workshops about a variety of interesting and useful topics that leaders can really use throughout the 4-H year.



Throughout the weekend, volunteers will have the opportunity to take gorgeous nature walks around the tide pools and crashing sea waves, receive free project curriculum, perform skits, learn new arts and crafts projects, view special 4-H displays, and most importantly, network with other 4-H Community and Project Leaders throughout the state. This relaxing setting, combined with several hundred people who all want to "Make the Best Better" for their 4-H clubs, is a lovely way to spend a weekend, and I encourage all of you to attend this year.

To find out more about the event go here: <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/> and also here: <http://www.ss4h.org/slf2010/home.html>. See you there!

- **All Star Leadership Project**
Ryan Halverson, LA County All Star

Please support the **LA County All-Stars' Leadership Project** by participating in this *countywide care package drive*. Our goal is to reach out and empower youth, through the active participation in this care package drive that will directly benefit our surrounding communities.

The All-Stars have identified and contacted 4 shelters that they wish to help this year through their leadership project. In the cities of San Pedro and Long Beach, we have contacted 3 battered women's shelters: Harbor Interfaith, the Long Beach Women's Shelter, and the Rainbow Shelter. These 3 shelters are in desperate need of our support because they collectively serve over 1000 women each month. We have also contacted another shelter in Van Nuys, Children of the Night-- an organization that helps children escape human exploitation by giving them a place to sleep and food to eat. These 4 shelters would appreciate as much assistance and support as they can get.

Here are the items we need for the care packages we are making:

Basics/Self Esteem

Toothpaste/Toothbrush
Hairspray/Hair gel
Comb/Hair brush
Soap/Shampoo
Nail Polish/Nail Polish Remover
Deodorant
Lip Balm/Chap Stick
Nail Clippers

Children/Creative Items

Crayons
Colored Pencils
Markers
Coloring Books
Stickers

Donations can also be dropped off at any time at Dee Keese's home up until July 15, 2010, at which time we will need to have all collections, so we can begin the care package delivery process. If you have any questions, please contact **Ryan Halvorsen** at 4HAllStarProject@gmail.com. We thank you for your generous support!

- **Farm Bureau Junior Livestock Add-On Contest**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

If you are a 4H, FFA, Grange, or independent student raising livestock to show at the AV Fair, the **Los Angeles County Farm Bureau (LACFB)** is awarding the top three students with a \$1,000 donation towards their animal. What's your story? The LACFB would like to hear your personal story about the hard work and benefits of agriculture (i.e. how your interest in agriculture began, why you chose to raise a particular breed of animal, your daily agricultural routine, etc.). Let your creativity shine; write a narrative (no more than 500 words) that contains at least two agricultural facts. Resources can be found at lacfb.org in the "related sites/links" and the "county crop report" sections. The deadline for the contest will be **Monday, July 12, 2010**. Please mail (postmarked) or drop off entries at the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau Office (41228 12th Street West, Suite A, Palmdale, CA 93551). Be sure to include your name, address, grade level, phone number and email address. Visit the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau website for contest rules and other application information at www.lacfb.org.

- **Outreach Round-Up**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

On **Thursday, May 6**, Los Angeles County 4-H made a presentation to a prospective new club leader from Burbank. **Wednesday, May 26**, an outreach presentation was given to a prospective leader from Santa Clarita, and on **Thursday, May 27**, another outreach presentation was made to **St. Cyril's of Jerusalem Elementary School** about the possibility of starting another new club in Encino!

Los Angeles County 4-H was mentioned in a fair-themed article in "**From Farm Road**"-- the *48th District Agricultural Associations'* Newsletter. <http://www.agfair.org/newsletter/48thNews5-6-10FINAL.pdf>

- **Online Re-Enrollment** – The time is coming for current 4-H members and leaders to re-enroll. After July 1, 2010, each 4-H member and leader will need to log in to their family profile and re-enroll. The process is the same as for new members except you don't have to create a profile. You can use the same cheat sheet that will provide you step by step instructions to enroll and add or change projects. You can access this sheet by clicking [here](#). The 4-H Online Enrollment website is: <https://california.4honline.com/>. You can do this between July 1, 2010 and December 31 (to compete at fair). Remember, you must be currently enrolled to participate in 4-H and 4-H activities. The fees are \$12 for youth and \$6 for adults. If you have any questions please call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854.
- **A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words**
Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

We would love to see all the fun activities your club has been involved in throughout the year. Please send in any photos of your club activities/events that you would like to be included in the slideshow for the Leaders' Luncheon and special newsletter features. You can email them to: dafuller@ucdavis.edu. Here's looking at you!

- **Share your 4-H experiences** - 4-H'ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 15th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, rhillstock@ucdavis.edu.
- **Dates To Remember:**
 - 6/2 NSG Council & Hi 4-H mtg.
 - 6/5 "Rain date for horse events"
ACA Camp Staff Training at CSUN
 - 6/6 Camp Committee mtg.
 - 6/12 ACA Camp Staff Training at CSUN
Sectional Council & Teen Council mtg.
 - 6/19 Pre-Camp Staff Training Day
 - 6/26 Antelope Valley 4-H Horse Fair Event
 - 6/27 Summer Camp (6/27 - 7/3)

STATE

- A **4-H shooting sports workshop** for the **rifle discipline** will be held at Border Tactical Range, 925 North Imperial Avenue, in **El Centro, CA** (Imperial County). The workshop will be held on **Saturday, June 12, 2010** - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and **Sunday, June 13, 2010** - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu. For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://bordertactical.co!m>
- The EPA has announced the **4th Annual Rachel Carson Contest** and is seeking entries for creative projects in the areas of poetry, photography, essays and dance. Entries need to be from a team of two or more. Entry deadline is **June 16, 2010**. For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>.
- The State Office is organizing a **Field Day South** and is looking for interested members and Leaders to volunteer to organize the event. All interested should contact Quang "Hogan" Tong 530-752-5644 or qtong@ucdavis.edu

- **Range Camp** is a week-long program for high school students (14-18) which focuses on environmental science and natural resource management. This year's camp will run from **Sunday, 6/20 to Friday, 6/25**, at the **Elkus Youth Ranch in Half Moon Bay**. In addition to lectures and outdoor activities related to these topics, we'll be discussing professional careers and related fields of study at the college/university level. The camp brochure, announcement flyer, and application forms can all be downloaded from the bottom of <http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>.
- **The Championship 4-H Horse Show** will be held **June 25-27, 2010 at the Santa Cruz County Fair in Watsonville, CA**. Entries are due June 1st. New classes being offered such as gymkhana walk/trot, versatility and elite showmanship. Information and rules are online at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>. Here are some of the new additions to this event:
 - New in 2010: Early Bird Special entries must have been postmarked by May 15th; if you enter four classes (\$20 each), the fifth class is free! Otherwise, all entries are due June 1st. Post entries will be accepted if 3 or more classes are entered by June 1st and there is \$10 late fee per class.
 - New in 2010: A Versatility Class will be held Friday evening for Western & English riders. Go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/Versatility%20Class%20Rules.pdf> for the rules. You may enter at ringside for \$5.00. Get a team together and practice!
 - New in 2010: Gymkhana has added a walk trot division. Riders can enter Gymkhana or Gymkhana (walk/trot) but not both. Novice and Green Horse are only eligible for Gymkhana (walk/trot). All ages will compete together in Gymkhana (walk/trot).
 - New in 2010: there will be Gymkhana "Cloverleaf Barrels" Warm Ups on Saturday evening. Two runs for \$5.00.

It is important that you receive project leader's and 4-H staff's signatures on your entry form. Plan now! Their signatures verify that you are a member of a 4-H program and a horse project member at least 120 days prior to the opening day of the show (February 18, 2010), have a UC waiver on file, and in good standing to participate. In addition, 4-Hers must be 9 years of age and not yet 19 years of age as of January 1, 2010, to participate. Horses must be owned or leased by the 4-Her at least 120 days prior to opening day of the show (February 18, 2010). To participate, there are no requirements of placing in qualifying shows. It is recommended that 4-Her and horse have participated in at least one local/county/regional horse show during the year.

- **4-H Equine Advisory Committee chair person** is sought. Jeanne George, 4-H YD Advisor for Tehama and Glenn counties has very ably served for a number of years as the 4-H Equine Advisory Committee chair and guided the statewide educational efforts of this group. Jeanne will retire this June, after nearly four decades of service to 4-H and the University. We all know her "boots" will be hard to fill, especially as chair of this important advisory committee. If you have any interest in leading or co-leading this committee, please contact the State 4-H Office, 530-754-8518 or Jeanne George, jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu.
- **The 4-H State Leadership Conference** brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training for high school 4-H members. The conference is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.

This year the conference is being held at **UC Davis July 29th - August 1st, 2010**. Please contact your local 4-H county office to register for this amazing event! Please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong for more information at 530-752-5644 or via email at qtong@ucdavis.edu or visit: <http://fourh.ucdavis.edu/conference/slc/>.

- **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop, Rifle Discipline, Bakersfield, CA**

Saturday, July 31, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 1, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at:

<http://www.5dogsrange.com>

- **Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course,
Muzzle Loading Discipline, 5 Dogs Range
Bakersfield, CA**

Saturday, August 21, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 22, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited.

There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of \$40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

- The **2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum**, with the theme of, "Upgrade! S.E.T. your system! Go!", will be held November 5-7, 2010 at the Asilomar Conference Center. Portions of the forum will focus on sharing ideas about the various ways that 4-H educates its members in the Science, Engineering, and Technology initiative, facilitated by volunteers and staff. Workshop proposals are due July 1 and forum registration is due September 1. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf>.

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Wesley Ho*
Jessica Kwan
Stephanie Kwan
Kirsten Landsgaard
Kelsey Schott

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Veronica Cubillos*
Madison Cumby*
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