Did you notice that your April Clover Lines did not arrive the first week of the month? Starting this month, Clover Lines will be delivered via e-mail or US mail around the 15^{th} of the month. We feel that we can better provide you with information and opportunities by sending out Clover Lines later in the month.

So often, we receive information from the State 4-H Office and well as from other sources right after the first of the month, and right after Clover Lines has been sent to the printer or mailed. Moving our newsletter date to the middle of the month will give us the opportunity to include all the latest news and information! Our goal will be to have Clover Lines posted to our website and mailed out by the 15th of each month, with the exception of August and November. (Those two months will have only postings to the website.) Those of you receiving Clover Lines via e-mail will receive an e-mail notifying you that Clover Lines is ready for viewing.

We hope that all of you are planning on joining us on Sunday, May 3rd for "Ready, SET, Go!", our Science, Engineering, and Technology Field Day! We have lots of fun hands-on activities planned, plus Food Faire, Fashion Revue, prizes, and much more! See the announcement in this issue of Clover Lines for more details. Bring your family and friends who might be interested in joining 4-H! It is going to be a great event!

Be sure to check out the information about the Kids, Cameras & Crops event that will be held on April 25^{th} at the University of California Hansen Agricultural Center (HAC) in Santa Paula. Bring your camera and spend some time taking photos that you can enter at the Ventura County Fair! Although photos entered in the Kids, Cameras & Crops contest do not have to be taken HAC, nor do they have to be taken that day, this is a great opportunity to walk the grounds and take lots of photos! See inside for additional information, and don't forget to call in your reservation!

Don't forget Earth Day, April 22nd. Do something special for our Planet Earth!

E-mail Issues:

The 4-H Office has been experiencing some technical difficulties sending e-mails to a large group of recipients. Although we have tried and tried to remedy this situation, we continue to have "issues". As a temporary fix to the problem, we will be using our County Extension Office website to send bulk emails. You will receive an email from Tisha Fisher, stating that you have a 4-H announcement ready for your viewing. You will need to click to that site, and the notice will be there as a posting to the 4-H portion of the website.

If you need to contact us regarding a notice, please send a new email to Tisha or Susan at the 4-H Office. Do NOT hit "reply" to the email notice, as it will not get to us directly. A new email to Tisha or Susan will be necessary.

We will let you know as soon as we can resume regular bulk e-mails. Until then, we thank you for your patience.





eatured Club Happenings

Citrus Valley 4-H by Madeline Van Dolah

Citrus Valley 4-H meets every third Monday at the Oak View Resource Center at 6:30.

President: Madeline Van Dolah, Vice President: Nathan Stanley, Secretary: Autumn Brobisky, Club Officers;

Treasurer: Kyler Heath, Sergeant Of Arms: Savannah Stanley, and Activities Director: Ben De Los Reyes.

Club Leaders: Laura and Warren Heath and Monica Stanley

Citrus Valley 4-H started off the new club year in September with our first meeting and a welcome to any new members. In October and November, we held free petting zoos at different community events, including Youth Day in Ojai. In November after our general meeting, we also held a part live, part silent auction as a club fundraiser. The fundraiser was open to the community, and we sold baked goods that were made or purchased by club members, projects donated by the jewelry making group, and white elephants. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we exceeded our goal of \$400. In December we fundraised again by selling holiday themed Sees Candy. In February after the General meeting, the club members participated in a project called Hearts for Heroes. Everyone made Valentines to send to the troops.

Citrus Valley 4-H members participate in many exciting projects, including swine, beef, sheep, pygmy goats, cooking, and jewelry making. This year, the club officers are all members of the leadership group. Citrus Valley 4-H makes it a priority that the youth primarily run the club, and the leadership group is a great way for the officers to practice their leadership skills!!! Some of the responsibilities of the leadership group members include getting speakers to come to the general meetings, (we've had a Feed Rep. and a Veterinarian so far) giving an oral presentation to build public speaking skills, helping plan each general meeting, typing copies of the monthly agenda, putting together a club scrapbook, and helping the vounger members with various projects at the meetings.

In the months ahead, Citrus Valley 4-H members will be getting their project animals and getting them ready for fair. We will also be having another free petting zoo in April, hosting several more interesting speakers at the general meetings, and teaching the younger livestock project members how to write a proper buyer's letter. Our last meeting before fair, will be our annual club BBO in July.



Conejo Valley 4-H

by Susan Trockey

Conejo Valley 4-H meets the 2nd Monday of the Month at the Cameron Center in Thousand Oaks. Club Leaders: Susan Trockey and Jenean Bass Club President: Kathy Bass, age 16

The Conejo Valley 4-H Club is very active in the many aspects of 4-H. Our entire membership participates in the Community Service Committee, where each month at our general membership meeting, the youth members organize and work on a community service activity. Our recent and some up-coming service activities include making no-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus, donating used books, and making cards for veterans, wounded soldiers, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also, sharing our theraputic small animals with Ride-On Theraputic Horse Center, Senior Concerns, and at the Ventura County Fairgrounds' Adventures in Agriculture.

Conejo Valley 4-H encourages their members to participate in presenting and exhibiting at the club, county and at State 4-H levels throughout the 4-H year. Members are encouraged to exhibit and attend their small animal science 4-H events Fur & Feathers, Super Field Day #3 and Avian Bowl. In April we will be having a club Pre-Fair Exhibit Day for family and consumer science projects. Also this year we are having educational poster presentations from all project sciences, "demonstrations in a bag" games, and opportunities for members to practice their demonstration speeches and preparing for County Presentation Day.

Fun activities the Conejo Valley 4-H members have planned for this 4-H year include a Monster Mash Party, Holiday Bash, Valentine Swap, funky hair meeting, Chili Cook Off, and an end of the year Bowling Party. Other events planned include volunteering at the Conejo Valley Cyclists' bike race, learning about llamas, hearing guest speakers educate our members and families about swine projects, and a guest speaker from Star Milling.

The Conejo Valley 4-H Club welcomes several new project leaders this year. Mrs. Paula Lipman returns for her second year leading the Service Dog, Scrap Booking, and Jewelry projects. Mrs. Julie Simko has started our first Cavy project this year, and Mrs. Antoinette Stanton is leading our

Arts and Crafts project. Antoinette was once a 4-H member herself, as a member of the Quartz Hill 4-H Roadrunners!

Finally, our Club's fun and success comes from the very eagerness of our members, and the support of their parents and family members, whom without their willingness to help would not make all the above possible. We are sincerely grateful for their commitment!

The Conejo Valley 4-H Club may not be the largest 4-H Club in Ventura County, just one of the clubs trying to make a big impact with the things we do!

Sincerely, Susan Trockey and Jenean Bass Conejo Valley 4-H Club Co-Leaders





Ventura County 4-H Fashion Revue

as part of SET Field Day Sunday, May 3, 2009 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Ventura County Fairgrounds

7 Categories -

- 1. Traditional
- 2. Purchased
- 3. Recycled
- 4. Wearable Art Embellished
- 5. Needle Arts
- 6. Apron Challenge -Simplicity Pattern #9565
- 7. County Special Jewelry

County medalists have the option of proceeding directly to State Fashion Revue without attending Sectional Fashion Revue. Medalist can opt to attend sectional and state, or sectional and not state, or state and not sectional. Please be ready to tell the Fashion Revue chair your intentions on the day of our event. Alternates will be chosen to attend Sectional if the medalist is unable to attend. Sectional entrants must complete the entry form and pay \$2.00 fee on the day of our event. Forms for Sectional must be sent together from the County 4-H Office. Entries for State are made by the individual medalists. Both Sectional and State forms and information can be found online at http://clubs.ca4h.org/southcouncil/Fashion%20Revue/index.htm for Sectional and http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/index.asp for State. Ventura County must send one judge to Sectional or our members will not be judged.

AGE DIVSIONS

- . Junior: Age 9-11 as of January 1 of current program year
- . Intermediate: Age 12-13 as of January 1
- . Senior: Age 14 and up as of January 1. A member is eligible to participate as a senior until December 31 of the calendar year in which they turn 19.

Primary members are not eligible to attend Sectional or State Fashion Revue. Primary members may enter County Fashion Revue in the Wearable Art and Jewelry categories only. Primary members will receive a participation ribbon and certificate. Primary members will not be judged.

Each participant must complete a Ventura County Fashion Revue Entry Form, the supplemental form for the category they are entering and a commentary. Additional information required is listed on the supplemental form such as fabric swatches, pattern envelope pictures, receipts and photos. **Please send 3 copies of all supplemental entry materials.** This is needed for the judges. All forms are available online from the Ventura County 4-H website. Note: There are no entry fees this year for county. If you are competing at Sectional, there is a \$2.00 entry fee due on May 3rd.

Any questions please contact Jennifer D'Atri at 805-582-0615 or jenniferdatri@yahoo.com.

ESTIMATED TIMELINE:

- . Check in at 2:00 p.m.
- . Judging Starts 2:30 p.m.
- . Fashion Show and Awards 4:30 p.m.

Please send your completed entries to:

Jennifer D'Atri

2382 Workman Avenue

Simi Valley, CA 93063

Entries due April 20, 2009

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Don't miss out on Scholarship Opportunities! Deadlines looming (April 30th)! Go to the website at http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/ for more information.

GOLDEN CLOVER Application

Check out the website at http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/ for more information on Golden Clover Awards. Application deadline is May 31, 2009.

4-H Small Animal Science Field Day 2009

Small Animal Science Field Day took place on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. It was well attended, with over 78 registered 4H members attending from 21 different clubs.

Counties represented were: Ventura, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Luis Obispo, Kern and Yolo. The 4-H members participated in Showmanship workshops for Poultry, Rabbits and Cavies; Knowledge Events for Dogs, Rabbits, Cavies and Poultry; Live Breed Identification for Rabbits, Cavies and Poultry. There was a Novice Rally-O Trial for Dogs, Silhouette Challenges, Crafts, Judging Events, Educational Poster Events and Door Prizes. It was a busy, fun-filled day for everyone. Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers!

Medals were awarded in the Knowledge Event and Poster Event. Trophies and Ribbons were awarded in the Live Breed ID and Rally-O.

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For a complete list of the participants & the Awards they received; Please E-MAIL <u>tiffsher@ucdavis.edu</u> & the lists will be E-MAILED to you.

Operation Military Kids

Did you know that First Lady Michelle Obama in recent weeks has said that more national attention must be paid to the plight of military families, and has turned their needs into one of the signature issues on which she will focus her attention? Supporting military families, she has said, is an issue "close to her heart." "They are husbands and wives keeping the family on track while their wives and husbands are deployed, on duty. They are grandparents, aunts and uncles, sisters and brothers who are taking care of children while single moms or dads in uniform are away." To learn more about 4-H's role in addressing the needs of military children, please visit our national site: www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org.



Small Animal Science PDC: Critter Corner

News & Information for 4-H SAS Projects









By Susan Trockey SAS PDC Co-Chair, VC 4-H Master Poultry Volunteer strockey@verizon.net

State 4-H National Avian Bowl Qualifier

Ventura County Teams Win 1st Place Seniors plan for Kentucky!

Six 4-H teams, 3 junior teams and 3 senior teams, competed Saturday March 21, 2009 in the State Avian Bowl Qualifier at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Both Ventura County teams won first place and went home with sparkling silver belt buckles!

The senior team (pictured right with Dr. Bradley center) is now eligible to compete at the National Avian Bowl competition in Kentucky this November. Ventura County Senior Avian Bowl team members included Katelyn Beckmann-team captain, Nicole Peterson and Olivia Knizek of Santa Rosa Valley 4-H and Zackary Thode of Sonoma County, with Kitty Beckmann of SRV 4-H as parent coach.

The Ventura County Junior Avian Bowl team members included Landon Lujan of SRV 4-H, Makayla Cozatt of Somis 4-H, Amanda Penicks of Riverside County and Amaya Dempsey of SLO County, with Kitty Beckmann of SRV 4-H as parent coach.





Dr. Francine Bradley, UC Davis Extension Poultry Specialist coordinated the Qualifier which is a knowledge test based on the National Avian Bowl Manual used throughout the country. Teams answer questions "buzzing in" on an electronic response system and must answer questions related to the many aspects of poultry with in a given amount of time.

Team members participating, and their families, attended from six California counties, which included Ventura, San Luis Obispo, Orange, Riverside, Yolo, and San Diego.

All participants won a placement ribbon and a participation bag of 4-H goodies sponsored by the Ventura County 4-H Small

Animal Science Program Development Committee. After the intense competition, all participants finished up the eventful day at Rusty's Pizza Parlor with an ice cream social hosted by Dr. Bradley. Good luck in Kentucky VC 4-H Seniors!

Deadlines Approaching for the 2009 4-H State Leadership Conference!

Registration materials are now available for the 2009 4-H State Leadership Conference, August 6-9, 2009 at UC Merced! http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/

Highlights:

- **→** \$375.00 per person
- → May 15, 2009 Financial Aid applications due
- → For High School 4-H members, 4-H volunteer leaders and 4-H staff
- → June 12, 2009 Public Registration Deadline

The **2009 4-H State Leadership Conference** will be held August 6-9, 2009 at UC Merced! UC Merced is the 10th campus in the prestigious University of California system and is proud to host this year's conference! High school 4-H members, adult 4-H volunteer and staff are invited to attend the conference. Delegates will stay in the residence halls, eat in the dining commons, participate in educational tracks and workshops, be motivated by Joyce Ester, Keith Davis and Cary Trivanovich, and engage in evening recreation! <u>Financial aid is available for youth delegates and due by **May 15, 2009**. Registration materials are due by **Friday, June 12, 2009** and available at http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/</u>

The University of California 4-H and Junior Master Gardener Programs and the Ventura County

Fair Present 3 Annual

"Kids. Cameras, & Crops"



Photography Contest Open to Ventura County youth ages 9-18

Explore our agriculturally-rich county in a creative way!

- · Investigate how plants grow
- · Learn photography basics
- Tour and photograph plants growing on the farm
- Submit your photos for competition and exhibit at the Ventura County Fair!
 This educational and fun program will kick-off on
 Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

at the Hansen Agricultural Center—located at 14292 W. Telegraph Rd. in Santa Paula

Bring your camera and join us at the farm!

Space is limited, reservations required. Call 805-662-6943 by April 23.

Information and official Kids, Cameras & Crops Contest rules can be found on the Ventura County Fair website: www.venturacountyfair.org or by calling the 4-H office at 805-662-6943.









It's Election Time!

All Ventura County 4-H Clubs should hold elections for the 2009-10 club year during the month of May, with installation of officers in June. Training for Club Officers will be conducted by the 4-H Office staff on June 24th and July 14th.

ALL CLUB TREASURERS ARE REQUIRED BY THE STATE 4-H PROGRAM TO ATTEND A TRAINING DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR CLUB TREASURERS.

We have scheduled two dates for this training. Treasurers may select to attend either June 24th or July 21st See list below for exact times.

NOTE: The Club Officer training and the Treasurer trainings are two separate programs. Treasurers should attend both the club officer and the treasurer trainings, while other club officers will attend only the club officer training.

June 24, 2009	<u>0</u> – 4-H Office	July 21, 2009	– 4-H Office
5:00 - 6:00	Treasurer training	5:00 - 6:30	Club Officer training
6:00 - 6:30	Dinner for treasurers and club officers	6:30 - 7:00	Dinner for treasurers and club officers
6:30 - 8:00	Club Officer training	7:00 - 8:00	Treasurer training

If your club needs information on how to conduct an election or about Installation of Officers Ceremonies, please contact the 4-H Office.



* * Remember to SAVE THE DATE! * *

Ready...

"SET"...

Go!

Ventura County 4-H 1st Annual SET Field Day!

Sunday, May 3, 2009, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Ventura County Fairgrounds

A fun afternoon for the entire family! Hands-on activities in a variety of project areas!

Food Faire and Fashion Revue will be held in conjunction with this event!

4-H LIBRARY

New S.E.T. Curriculum! Available Online!



Youth Development through Veterinary Science (2009)

Topic Area: Animal Science | Audience: Youth grades 3-6

The Youth Development through Veterinary Science Series is a 4-H Youth Development curriculum that introduces youth to many aspects of veterinary science. Modules include: 1. Behaving like Animals, 2. Fur, Feathers, Skin and Scales, 3. The Eyes Have it, 4. You've Got to Have Heart, 5. Dem Bones, Dem Bones, 6. Food in, Waste Out, 7. Is your Bird Feeling Blue?, 8. Is your Dog Feeling Down?, 9. Is Your Goat Feeling Green?, 10. Is Your Horse Healthy?, 11. Is Your Snake Sick? Download a copy of this curriculum.

4-H Office

The 4-H Office is open (except for County designated Holidays) Monday – Thursday, 9am to 5pm. Please call the 4-H Office at (805) 645-1470 for more information.

Staff Hours & Program Responsibilities

Susan Gloeckler (805) 662-6943
Hours vary; Please call for an appointment or to leave a voicemail message.
4-H Program Supervisor – Community Club Program, Policy and Procedure, New Unit Organization, Club Leader Advice, Training (Youth/Volunteer).

E-mail: sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu

Tisha Fisher (805) 645-1464 Monday – Thursday 4-H Assistant – Enrollment, Mailings, Pins, Equipment Check Out, 4-H Calendar, Event Support, 4-H Library, General Information, Clover Lines Editor. E-mail: tifisher@ucdavis.edu

Rose Hayden-Smith (805) 645-1466 County Director, 4-H Youth Development Advisor E-mail: rmhaydensmith@ucdavis.edu

4-H Event "Hotline" (805) 662-6885 4-H Information (805) 662-6869

Please feel free to mail, fax or e-mail articles about your Group's activities and events to the 4-H Office. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE**.

Pose Hayden-Smith

Rose Hayden-Smith 4-H Youth Development Advisor

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4-H Calendar

http://calendar.ucanr.org/ (change "Location" to Ventura County & "Category" to 4-H/Youth Programs, Click "Go!")

4/20	Fashion Revue Entry Deadline
4/22	Earth Day
4/23	Special Mandatory Club Leader Meeting, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. &
•	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office
4/25	Kids, Cameras & Crops Kick-Off Event
4/30	Scholarship Application Deadline
5/2	Heifer Tagging Date
5/3	Ready, SET, Go! Field Day, Fashion Revue & Food Faire @
	Ventura County Fairgrounds 1 – 4 p.m.
5/6	SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6 p.m.
5/15	State Leadership Conference Financial Aid Deadline
5/16	2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation
	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. @ 4-H Office
5/16	South Section Field Day at Mt. San Antonio College
5/17	4-H Equine Gymkhana at the Ventura Fairgrounds
5/18	2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation
	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office
5/20	EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m.
5/30	State 4-H Field Day/Presentation Day
5/31	Golden Clover Application Deadline
6/3	SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6 p.m.
6/6	Swine, Sheep, Goat, All other & Small Meat Pen animals
6/17	EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m.
6/21	State Leadership Conference Registration Deadline
	Washington Focus I - Road to Democracy*
	Washington Focus I - Heritage Trail I*
6/24	Club Officer & Treasurer Training Sessions

6/26-28	State 4-H Horse Classic @ Santa Cruz County Fair				
6/26-30	California Focus http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/				
6/30	2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation				
	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office				
6/30	2008-09 4-H Year Ends!				
7/1	2009-2010 4-H Year Begins!				
7/1	SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6 p.m.				
7/8	2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation				
	9:00 a.m Noon & 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office				
7/12-22	Washington Focus II - Global Journey*				
7/12-18	Washington Focus II - Heritage Trail II*				
7/15	EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m.				
8/5-8/16	5 2009 Ventura County Fair				
8/6-9	2009 4-H State Leadership Conference @ UC Merced				
8/19	EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m.				
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* For more info. visit http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus/					