“It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!” ~Mark Twain

Spring has sprung and here is the 4-H news for April:

4-H and History
Over the past century, 4-H has been at the forefront of experiential education, including both programs and processes. The stories of these unique ideas and their successful outcomes cannot be lost. To this end, in close collaboration with national 4-H headquarters at USDA, National 4-H Council, State and County 4-H programs, the [4-H History Preservation Program](http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/) will help obtain, digitize, and share 4-H history.

Gold Coast 4-H Thrive Master Trainer Workshop
To date, 104 adult volunteers and youth from 28 counties have become 4-H Thrive Master Trainers. By the end of April, that number will double and we will be close to reaching the project goal of establishing a statewide volunteer training system. Training for adult volunteers who lead Leadership Projects will be trained by local county Master Trainers in preparation for project launch in fall 2011. Look for training dates late this spring, summer or early fall. Teams representing Santa Barbara, San Luis and Ventura counties attended the Master Trainer Thrive training April 1-3 in Buellton. The Ventura team included three UCSB student volunteers: graduate student Hannah Grossman and undergraduates Mariana Cruz and Martha Gonzalez, along with yours truly, Michael Marzolla. Please stay tuned for more on the 4-H Thrive and check out the information on Thrive at the state 4-H website: [http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/](http://www.ca4h.org/About/Thrive/)
**Del Norte 4-H**

Del Norte 4-H meets the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Rio Del Valle Gym/Cafeteria in Oxnard. 

Club Leader: Anita Wilvert

Our 2011 4-H year has gotten off to a great start!!!! We now have five active projects.

Our Foods & Nutrition with members range from Mini to fifth year. Our big event in this project has been our annual Mother's Day Brunch. Last year we deviated so that our graduating member could plan, coordinate and be the main chef in a Mother's Day Dinner. On the menu was pork shoulder with homemade rub, cooked until almost done and grilled, risotto, green salad with mango dressing, home made dinner rolls and key lime pie which our members came the night before and made so that it set up. Floriculture and cake decorating are new projects this year. Floriculture has had two holidays (Thanksgiving and Valentine’s Day) at which members have made arrangements, marketed and sold. Some members are working to save enough for hopeful animal projects in next years fair. Cake Decorating will require working on this summer for our members to hopefully enter the fair with. Our Large livestock members are working hard to get their animals to Tagging Day and the Fair. Both of our members in this project have steers, so they have these animals for long months leading up to fair.

Del Norte serves all of Oxnard and Port Hueneme, so come join us. Call Anita Wilvert at 805-647-7783 for information.

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**Las Posas 4-H**

Las Posas 4-H meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Mount Cross Lutheran Church in Camarillo.

Club Leader: Chelle Smith and Cynthia Wucherpfennig

Las Posas 4-H in action again.

Recently Las Posas 4-H members’ were asked by the Ventura Cattleman’s Association to help cleanup after the annual fundraiser. The kids showed up bright and early on Sunday morning and within hours had the barn looking neat and tidy. We all had fun working as a team!!

A bright STAR in Las Posas 4-H is Dayle Morris 1 of 2 All Stars in Ventura County! Dayle has been travelling the county bringing awareness to all the local clubs of upcoming opportunities the 4-H All-Stars have to offer. Dayle will also be representing 4-H at Oxnard Earth Day as well as Ventura’s Earth Awareness Day!

Pictured left to right: Front Row; Drew, Emily Wray, Emily Orosco, Matt Geib, Addie Wucherpfennig, Linda Lamb, Kat Smith, Andrew Geib, Dan Orosco, Jimmy Hutchinson. Standing; Amanda Wray, Macklyn McCormick, Lute McCormick, Hayden Wray.

June Featured Club Happenings! will include an article from Loma Vista 4-H & Mira Monte 4-H.
New Adult Volunteer Leader Certification Dates have been scheduled!

Volunteering is not as scary when you know what the job entails. Ask your club leader or project leader exactly what you can do to help. Attend trainings, and learn more from the job descriptions below. They can also be found on the State 4-H website at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/Chapter6/.

- Club Leader Position Description http://www.ca4h.org/files/4771.doc
- Activity or Event Adult Volunteer Position Description http://www.ca4h.org/files/4770.doc
- Project Adult Volunteer http://www.ca4h.org/files/4772.doc
- Resource/Key Adult Volunteer http://www.ca4h.org/files/4773.doc

One volunteer position that currently does not have a position description posted is the Enrollment Specialist (Coordinator). You can view the responsibilities of this position on our website in Word format at http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/files/79835.doc or in PDF format at http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/files/79837.pdf

The dates for the New Adult Volunteer Leader Certification Training have been scheduled for;
1. Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
2. Monday, June 20, 2011, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Don't miss out, R.S.V.P. today.

The trainings will be held at the 4-H Office: 669 County Square Dr., Ste 100, Ventura, CA 93003-5401

The trainings will begin PROMPTLY. Due to the large amount of material, participants MUST be on time & MUST attend the entire training or they will not have completed this important part of the certification process.

R.S.V.P. required, please include in an e-mail to tifisher@ucdavis.edu ,
1. Your First & Last Name.
2. Your phone number.
3. The date of the training you will be attending.
4. Your mailing address so we can mail you the fingerprinting forms.
   o As soon as you receive the forms in the mail; contact a fingerprinting facility & schedule your fingerprinting appointment.
5. The name of the club you are volunteering for.

County Presentation Day
March 26, 2011  By Fern Vacca, Chair

Congratulations to all the 4-H members who participated at County Presentation Day on March 26th.

Here are the results:

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Thank you to the Judges: Manuela Walter, Gina Mulhern, Connie Vinson, Kyla Vinson, Lynnette Coverly, Kimberly Coverly, Nancy Mahon and Kathie Moore; All-Stars: Dayle Morris and Savanna Stanley; Committee: Elaine Fowell, Heidi Marshall, Michael Hilles, Travis Tucker, Lynnette Coverly, Kimberly Coverly, Erin Valenzuela and Debbie Meyer-Morris; Las Posas 4-H Club and all parents.

Gold Medal winners will compete at South Section Field Day at Mt. Sac. on May 21st.
The Ventura County 4-H Office needs your help!

The Ventura County 4-H Office has been receiving a lot of bounce back error messages on the e-mails that we have been sending out. The error messages varies as; “user does not have an account”, “user unknown”, “user account is unavailable”, “address rejected”, “invalid mailbox”, “host unknown”, “mail receiving disabled”, “users account is over quota”, “mailbox full”, “mailbox currently suspended”, “invalid mailbox”, etc.

Many of these bounce back error messages are also from the Clover Lines notice that states the newsletter has been posted to the website. Many members and volunteers have chosen this as their preference to receiving Clover Lines over the hard copy via the United States Postal Service.

4hOnline is available 24/7 for each individual to keep their contact information current; this beneficial not just for the 4-H Office but all of the Club Leaders too. The 4hOline website is found at https://california.4honline.com. All you need to access your personal records is the e-mail address of record (this is the e-mail address you last accessed the system with) and your password (you should keep this in a safe, secure location. If you forgot your password, the “I forgot my password function is available 24/7).

It takes a lot of time to research who the e-mail address belongs to and then to contact the person(s) for updated information so that we can stop receiving these error messages. If you have not checked your e-mails recently, please take a few minutes to do this so that we won’t receive messages of your box being full; if you’ve changed your e-mail address – please access your 4hOnline record and update your e-mail information so that we won’t receive messages that your account is invalid/doesn’t exist/user unknown/user does not have an account, etc.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this.

Bookkeeper Volunteer Wanted

Our county 4-H program needs a bookkeeper to handle daily treasury needs. The estimated time needed to do this job is 4-5 hours per month. Knowledge of accounting software is a plus. The duties include:

1. Keeping accurate financial records (copies of invoices, bills, etc.) relating to 4-H VMO, and accounting fully for all receipts and expenditures.
2. Receiving, recording, and depositing all funds in the 4-H VMO account.
3. Paying bills or making other authorized expenditures.
4. Furnishing monthly and annual financial reports.
5. Working closely with the council Treasurer to ensure the financial needs of the 4-H program are met.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please call e-mail your Name, Phone Number to the 4-H Office at tifisher@ucdavis.edu or call (805) 645-1464.

NEW County-wide Vegetable Gardening Project

A new partnership is forming between the Ventura County Master Gardeners Program and 4-H. We will be working together for the next year, to share science-based gardening knowledge of the Master Gardeners with the Gardening Projects of the Ventura County 4-H program. Funding for this unique project has been provided by a SET/California Landscape Contractors’ Assoc. grant. Each club participating in the project will receive materials to help share and inspire additional development of family, club and community vegetable gardens.

Clubs and projects interested in participating in the year-long project are encouraged to attend an interest meeting on TUESDAY, MAY 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the County 4-H Office. At the interest meeting, the schedule of “hands-on, hands-dirty” learning sessions will be provided along with additional information about this project. We hope you can join us!
Experiential Learning Workshop

What is experiential learning? While many definitions exist, the experiential process learning engages children in the activity, encouraging them to think more, explore, question, make decisions, and apply what they have learned. Learning how to better utilize an experiential learning style can increase the impact of your projects and activities with members.

We are honored to have Hannah Grossman, a graduate student at UCSB and 4-H program representative from Santa Barbara, coming to lead this workshop for 4-H leaders. The workshop will be **Wednesday, May 11th beginning at 6:30 p.m.** at the County 4-H office. Please R.S.V.P. for the workshop by e-mailing gwvanoni@ucdavis.edu or calling 805.645.1482, to ensure that we have enough materials.

Until then, Do, Reflect and Apply.

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YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN 4-H IN ANSWERING THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE!
From Mandi Bottoms, Healthy Living Academic Coordinator, 4-H Youth Development Program

As part of 4-H's involvement with the First Lady's Let's Move! campaign, 4-H National Headquarters has started a group to take the President's Challenge together—and you're invited to join us! The President's Challenge is for one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H youth are answering this call by achieving **100,000 awards by September 2011**.

The Presidential Active Lifestyle Award recognizes individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six consecutive weeks, five days a week (minimum 60 minutes for youth, 30 minutes for adults). 4-H is making this goal a top priority. National 4-H Council and Kraft are offering incentives for 4-H counties to get the most youth in their county to achieve the award. Signing up for the 4-H group is simple. All you have to do is register. It's quick, and there's no cost to participate!

**HOW TO JOIN**
1) Go to [www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/](http://www.presidentschallenge.org/natl4-H/)
2) Fill out the registration form.
3) After registering, start logging your activities. As you log activities you'll be able to track your progress toward winning a President's Challenge Award or Medal.

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Recognition and Scholarship Opportunities

**California 4-H Photography Contest at the 2011 State 4-H Field Day**
Event on May 28, 2011. Registration due by May 6, 2011. [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/)
The California 4-H Photography Contest is designed to provide an opportunity for regular 4-H members (ages 9-19) to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. For more information, please contact John Trammell at techdude4h@gmail.com.

**State 4-H Film Festival at the 2011 State 4-H Field Day**
Event on May 28, 2011. Registration due by May 6, 2011. [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/)
The theme for this year is: “Why should you join 4-H?” Make your commercial funny or serious; just remember to think outside of the box and be creative! Participants should be able to show their videos to their peers and spark an interest to get them to join 4-H. For more information, please contact Ashlyn Aiu at singthislouder@gmail.com.

**4-H Scholarships for Higher Education**
Due May 31, 2011. [http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/](http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/)
The California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education, in part through offering financial assistance in the form of scholarships. With help from donors, statewide scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors and college-attending students between the ages of 16 to 25. Candidates were 4-H members in high school and may now apply for funds to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, and room and board.
4-H LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

State 4-H Field Day
May 28, 2011 at UC Davis.  http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/
State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. Between 1,000 and 1,400 people attend the event. The event has a 'picnic' feel as people bring chairs and socialize for the day on the Wellman Hall east lawn. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event.

4-H State Leadership Conference
July 28 – 31, 2011 at UC Davis.  http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/  Registration will be open soon!
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 and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. Various 4-H SET sessions will be available, including water education, animal science, robotics, and more!

Financial Aid for 4-H State Leadership Conference
Through a grant from Wells Fargo and assistance from the California 4-H Foundation, financial aid is available to delegates wishing to attend the 2011 4-H State Leadership Conference.

State 4-H Leaders' Forum
November 11-13, 2011 at Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA
For 4-H Adult Volunteers.  http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/
The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. The 2011 theme is “The Magic of 4-H – Transformation.” Workshops are being sought and are due July 15, 2011.

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow network is seeking volunteers from every state and county in the U.S.

Our project, the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow network (CoCoRaHS) http://www.cocorahs.org provides an opportunity to help scientists all across the country measure and track a very important and highly variable part of the climate system -- precipitation. With an inexpensive rain gauge and a small amount of training (usually provided online but sometimes in classes taught locally by our volunteer leaders in each state), people of all ages can help from their own communities, schools and back yards. In most cases, volunteers have to purchase the rain gauge themselves (price around $30 including shipping), but we do have sponsors in some parts of the country.

Currently we have volunteers in every state and in about 75% of all counties across the U.S. But we need many, many more. Our volunteers range from kindergartners all the way up to people in their 90s. While the bulk of our volunteers are adults between the ages of 45 and 75, we are seeking more youth and younger adults to join the fun and learn along with us.

This will be a long-term project. Volunteers can participate as much or as little as they are able or interested. But by having thousands of volunteers nationwide, we can together track each storm system as it passes across the country and see how precipitation systems vary geographically, seasonally and inter-annually.

Because precipitation is so variable to begin with, detecting significant trends will take a long, long time and a lot of data (multiple decades at the least). Fortunately, we are tied in with the National Weather Service and their historic Cooperative Observer network, so our nationwide baseline data already goes back to about 1890.

When opportunities arise, please mention the CoCoRaHS opportunity. For more information or to point people to sign up, please go to http://www.cocorahs.org

Click the "Join CoCoRaHS" button in the upper right side of the page to sign up. Scroll down a short distance and you'll find links for ordering a rain gauge that will be shipped almost immediately.

If you have any questions, just send me an e-mail or contact us at info@cocorahs.org

CoCoRaHS is funded by a NOAA Environmental Literacy Grant and by the National Science Foundation Informal Science Education program.

Also, if your project would benefit from local climate expertise, keep in mind that almost every state has a "State Climatologist" who will do what they can to help provide you with historic data, climate descriptions, local trend and climate variability graphs, and much more. You can link to every state climatologist through the following website.  http://www.stateclimate.org

I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,
Nolan Doesken, State Climatologist Colorado Climate Center, Department of Atmospheric Science, Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO  80523  nolan@atmos.colostate.edu  970 491-3690
California 4-H S.E.T. has recently been highlighted in the article, "4-H Programs Focus on Science" in California Classroom Science, a publication of the California Science Teachers Association. http://www.classroomscience.org/4-h-programs-focus-on-science.

4-H Robotics: Engineering for Today and Tomorrow
Available for pre-order http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/Robotics.aspx
The Junk Drawer Robotics curriculum engages youth in understanding scientific concepts, the engineering design process, and technology creation. Junk Drawer Robotics provides youth experiences in science processes, engineering design principles and technology processes by working with household items and parts to complete simple design challenges. None of the levels require or use computers. Youth will use their Robotics Notebook to record their learning experiences, robotic designs and data from their investigations.

- Junk Drawer Robotics Track Level 1, Give Robots a Hand: Youth explore and learn about robot arms. Concepts covered include pneumatics, arm designs, and three-dimensional space. Big ideas include form and function, scientific habits of mind, and engineering design.
- Junk Drawer Robotics Track Level 2, Robots on the Move: Youth learn about robots that move with wheels, legs and underwater. Concepts covered include friction, basic electrical power and motors, engineering constraints, gear systems, and buoyancy.
- Junk Drawer Robotics Track Level 3, Mechatronics: Youth will explore sensors and analog and digital systems. The track introduces simple electronic components; youth will build basic circuits to see how the components work. They will investigate basic elements of programming and instructions for robotic computer control.

Science review material for students seatrek.org/scienceminutes
Science Minutes, a series of short videos that teach to National and Next Generation Sunshine State Science Standards. These video segments are a great way to introduce basic science concepts and to prep students for standardized testing! Topics addressed include climate, weather, cells, scientific research, seasons, tides, waves and much more! Science Minutes includes a DVD of 10 science segments plus an online classroom guide and activity for each segment.

4-H Veterinary Science Project http://aevm.tamu.edu/4-h-veterinary-science/
The 4-H Veterinary Science Project is a 5-year curriculum based project with 100 lessons and 50 activities that gives youth interested in veterinary medicine opportunities to work in the field. The project is career-oriented and job-training so students can determine if this is a field they would like to pursue. Students who participate in this project will work with licensed veterinarians at their practice. By doing this hands on training they learn the knowledge and skills that are expected of a veterinary assistant.

Understanding Science http://www.understandingscience.org
Visit this website for a great source of science curricula for all ages that includes such topics as galaxy classification, weather and erosion. The curricula involve forming a hypothesis, researching, data collection and analyses.

Start! Walking Now Combine SET and Healthy Living programming to pack a powerful punch! On this website, youth are encouraged to identify a walking path in their community. Using Google Maps, visitors can record their favorite walking path in an online database. Then with a free tool kit, go outside and mark your path with official “Start! Walking Path” signs. To help get others in your community on the road to good health, visit www.startwalkingnow.org.
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4-H Calendar

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

To help ensure you receive e-mails from us, be sure to add to your Safe/Green/Accept e-mails lists: ammarzolla@ucdavis.edu, tifisher@ucdavis.edu, 4hOnline [mailto:no-reply@4hOnline.com], and sagriffin@ucdavis.edu

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