

Clover Lines

"Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat" begins October 9th

by Ellie Morrison, Teen Leader for TOTSOCE, Loma Vista 4-H

October 9th is the kickoff of the 16th year for the 4-H hosted community service project known as Trick or Treat So Other Can Eat, also known as TOTSOCE (Tot-sauce) to many 4-Hers. **All 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate in this fun and worthwhile community effort to support local food banks.**

TOTSOCE is organized through Ventura's Loma Vista 4-H club, but is truly a county-wide canned food drive to benefit [FOOD Share](#), Ventura County's food bank. FOOD Share works with 150 agencies to feed over 74,500 hungry people each month throughout Ventura County. Through FOOD Share, these agencies serve children, families in crisis, low income seniors, the homeless, the disabled and many others who live in our communities and need help. Areas served include Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Ojai, Oxnard, Ventura, Camarillo, Santa Paula, Fillmore and Ojai, and others.

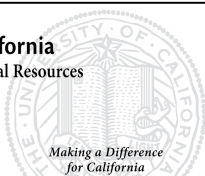
In 2011, over 6500 lbs of food were collected for Ventura County food banks through the TOTSOCE program! In addition to Ventura County 4-H clubs, other youth groups participation helped make 2011 such a success, including several Girls Scout troops, 3 county AYSO regions, church youth groups and the students at Cal State Channel Islands University. The goal for 2012 is to raise over 7500 lbs, and we need your help again to do it!



GETTING INVOLVED IS EASY: Each 4-H club in Ventura County is encouraged to participate in TOTSOCE, and is asked to assign a junior or teen leader to run the project. Leaders should email us at totsoc@gmail.com and include the club name, teen leader name, phone number and email address, the number of participating members, and a goal for the pounds of food the organization would like to collect. A 2012 "Starter kit" including door hangers, flyers, thank you notes, and instructions will be emailed to you with registration.

HAVE FUN WITH IT: There are many ways to collect the food donations. The typical door to door collection works great, as well as putting a food bin at club meetings, your school, church or workplace. Remember, any youth group can register and participate. Also this year, FOOD Share can accept online donations for TOTSOCE (during the Oct 9th-Nov 9th). A QR code and URL will be included in the Starter Kit materials, to make online donations an easy option for 2012. So help us get the word out and get your friends and their groups involved too!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! Please post photos and comments about your club or group participating in this fun event on our [Facebook page](#). Let's use this project to show what 4-H leadership can do for our community.



4-H Awards Mistakenly Overlooked at Fair

The Council Board and the 4-H All Stars extend our sincere apology for not having the results for the Pygmy Goat division at the 4-H award ceremony. We do want to recognize the winners as follows:



Registered Pygmy Goat – Wether

Grand Champion: Grace Van Splinter - Santa Rosa
Reserve Grand Champion: Rebecca Paxson - Santa Rosa

Registered Pygmy Goat

Senior Champion Registered: Kristen McEachron - Santa Rosa
Junior Champion Registered: Katelyn Beasley - Chief Peak
Reserve Jr. Champion Registered: Katelyn Beasley - Chief Peak

Pygmy Goat, Grade & Unregistered

Senior Champion: Grace Van Splinter - Santa Rosa
Junior Champion: Aliza Estrella - Sespe
Senior Reserve Champion: Phillip Cervantez - Bardsdale
Junior Reserve Champion: Aubree Duncan - Bardsdale

PYGMY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Novice: Kristen McEachron - Santa Rosa
Junior: Grace Van Splinter - Santa Rosa
Senior: Savanna Stanley - Citrus Valley

Special Thanks!

The Council would like to thank the parents and 4-H participants who gave hours of their time to do the Herdsmanship Judging at the Ventura County Fair this year. The following 4-H participants are being awarded Judging Pins for their time and effort.

Elizabeth Doody – Santa Rosa
Caitlyn Mongiello – Santa Rosa
Francesca Cerri – Santa Rosa
Joel Bautista – Santa Rosa
Tyler Bode – Sespe

We thank you very much for your hard work in judging large livestock this year.

4-H Awards Night is Thursday, Nov. 1st!

Record Book Awards will highlight an evening of fun for 4-H members and their family. Whether you're an award winner or just full of 4-H pride, you should be at Awards Night.



We hope you can join us on Thursday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Ottavio's Restaurant at 1620 Ventura Boulevard (near Carmen Drive) in Camarillo for a No-Host Awards gathering.

Please R.S.V.P. to venturafourhrsyp@ucdavis.edu no later than October 29, so that we can accurately plan for this special evening. Awards will be presented by the Ventura County 4-H All-Stars, Dayle Morris, Savanna Stanley and Elizabeth Paxson.

Visit www.ottavio.com to view the full menu and restaurant details.



NATIONAL OCTOBER 7-13, 2012 4-H WEEK

Online Promotional Toolkit is available for outreach efforts during National 4-H Week at <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits/>

The toolkit includes:

- Press release templates,
- Ads,
- Logos,
- Flyers
- Bookmarks

and much more to help make the most of local impact for this national week of celebration and awareness.

*November's Featured Club Happenings! will include an article from Tierra Rejada 4-H.
Featured Club calendar is at http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/Newsletter/*

Seeking Volunteers

There are currently a number of county-wide volunteer positions open. These want ads are provided to give you a brief insight into the position.

Presentation Days Chair

Preliminary and County Presentation Days are typically offered in the Spring to give members an opportunity to present their knowledge in a judged competition. The Chair would be responsible to recruiting additional volunteers to assist with planning the events, judging, etc. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact the 4-H Office at (805) 645-1464.



Council Corresponding Secretary

This position is responsible for creating and maintaining professional correspondence on behalf of the County 4-H Council, both internally and externally. Interested members/leaders should contact venturaco4hcouncil@gmail.com.

PDC (Program Dev. Committees) Chairs

Program offerings, events, project curriculum development and more can be accomplished in these efficient and focused committees. The Chair is responsible for recruiting a leadership team within the PDC, representing the varied projects represented within that program area. Additionally, the Chair coordinates meetings for the committee and serves as a resource to the event committees within the scope of the PDC. Currently, Small Animal Sciences, Skills Development, Family & Consumer Sciences and Science are seeking leadership. Interested members/leaders should contact venturaco4hcouncil@gmail.com.

4-H Office Assistance

Due to the limited hours of the staff serving the 4-H program, there are a number of projects waiting to be addressed. If you have the time, we will likely be able to find a project to suit your skills and talents. Hours are flexible and may fulfill work study/community service requirements. Interested members/leaders contact the office at (805) 645-1464 or tifisher@ucdavis.edu.

PLEASE READ & DISCUSS Social Media & 4-H

The increased use of social media – including texting, FaceBook, YouTube and Instagram – has created new issues in the 4-H program. There have been complaints about bullying and inappropriate use of language via these technologies among both youth members and adults affiliated with the program.

This is a serious issue and we encourage leaders to speak to youth about proper online behaviors and boundaries, and the increasing legal consequences relating to inappropriate use of technology enacted by the State of California.



The 4-H Code of Conduct applies to online technologies. 4-H members and adult volunteers will be held accountable for failure to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct.

Time for a Review

As the 2012-13 4-H year gets underway, there are a few resources to review to ensure a wonderful year for all members, leaders, parents and other volunteers.



- Code of Conducts
 - Adult <http://www.ca4h.org/files/16404.pdf>
 - Youth <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4715.pdf>
- Liability Insurance Q&A
<http://ucanr.org/sites/risk/files/23991.pdf>
- Project Leaders Digest
<http://www.ca4h.org/files/4462.pdf>
- Jr/Teen Leaders
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Clubs/JuniorTeenLeaders/>
- 4-H Volunteer Café—Blog to make the most of leadership role
<http://4hvolunteercafe.wordpress.com/>
- VC 4-H Calendar—Use iCalendar or email reminders to keep track of events http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/NewsMain/

Healthy Living

THE AMAZING RACE

CHALLENGING MIND, BODY AND PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITY

4-H is on the move! Are you on the move too? In this station-based activity, participants will learn creative ways to get moving while competing in an "amazing race."

The Amazing Race originally debuted as part of a 2-hour mini-track presentation at the 2011 California 4-H State Leadership Conference. The workshop content was designed to spark ideas of how physical fitness and health messages could be incorporated in a variety of 4-H settings, including project meetings, community club meetings, events and afterschool programs. These activities have proven to work equally well in a variety of formal and non-formal settings with youth and adult participants.

The entire race is free and ready to download and use at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/140052.pdf>



2012 4-H State Leaders Forum

Brrrrring! Wake up to the possibilities that await you at the 2012 California 4-H State Leaders' Forum! The conference will be held at the beautiful Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, Nov. 9-11. So, log on to <http://ucanr.org/slf2012> for complete details. Registration is online or with printable forms. Reservations for the Asilomar lodging/meal package are now being accepted. Highlights of this year's Forum:

- A keynote address by Nancy Franz of Iowa 4-H that will transform the way you present 4-H to your community.
- Assemblies filled with both fun and information including "Minute to Win It" competitions between 4-H sections.
- Opportunities to network with your 4-H peers from throughout the state.
- \$60 registration; \$235.50-374.50 per room. Room reservations due by October 9 at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/141178.pdf>

Remember: It only takes a minute to register, so act now. "He who gains time gains everything." ~ Benjamin Disraeli

Clover Safe Notes

Clover Safe Notes Spotlight for October: SAFE SCISSOR USE (Note #39). We use scissors at project and club meetings for all sorts of activities. It's a good idea to have a quick review of safe handling for these bladed tools now and again.



Clover Safe Notes can be reviewed and printed from the UCANR website at http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H_Resources/Clover_Safe_Notes_by_Number/

The website has safety training and safety coordinator resources on this page. Clover Safe Notes are useful when incorporated into appropriate projects or shared with the club during monthly meetings.



COUNCIL CORNER

Highlights from the Ventura County 4-H Council



The Council met on September 26th. Highlights of the meeting included a presentation from the chairs of the Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat food drive, Ellie & Gracie Morrison. Terri Hargleroad discussed the Super Field Day Committees formation and planning for next Spring's event.

Bonnie Frost announced that the Council is seeking constructive feedback for the County Fair. Evaluations will be gathered and reviewed by the Council Board before submitting to the Fair Board. The Equine PDC submitted a report which outlined recommendations for Horse Fair and announced upcoming Horse Play Day in October.

Gwyn Vanoni reviewed the revised New Leader Training, which will be available as an online module later this Fall for use as a project leader refresher. Additionally, a new booklet is in the final stages of review for families new to the 4-H program. The Animal Project Commitment Letter was made available at the meeting and is online at <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/files/153439.pdf>. Additionally, Gwyn Vanoni announced that there will be Animal Project Leader Meetings that will be scheduled in February and essential for any projects planning to go to the Fair.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 7p.m.** at the 4-H Office. All leaders, parents and members are welcome to attend. Leaders and members 14+ vote on business at the meeting. We hope that you will join us!

If you would like to work on a committee, serving as a council member or add an agenda item, please contact Jenean Bass, Council President, by email at venturaco4hcouncil@gmail.com. Agenda items should be received at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting for inclusion.

The Council's page on the VC 4-H website is http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/Ventura_County_4-H_Council/

New Leader Certification Orientations—Oct. 9th & Nov. 13th

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.

Club Leader <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4771.doc>
Activity/Event Volunteer <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4770.doc>
Project Leader <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4772.doc>
Resource/Key Leader <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4773.doc>
Enrollment Coord. <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/files/79835.doc>

New Adult Volunteer Leader Certification Trainings have been scheduled for: **Wed., Oct. 9, 2012 and Tues. Nov. 13, 2012 6-8 p.m.** Don't miss out -- R.S.V.P. today!

The training will be held at the 4-H Office. Please use the set of doors that face the condominium complex at 669 County Square Dr. Ste. 100, Ventura, CA 93003-9028.

The trainings will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Please follow the signs to the appropriate room.

Participants must attend the entire training in order to complete this portion of the certification process.

R.S.V.P. required. Please include in an e-mail: venturafourhrsfp@ucdavis.edu:

1. Your First & Last Name.
2. Your phone number.
3. Your mailing address so we can mail you the fingerprinting forms.
As soon as you receive the forms in the mail; contact a fingerprinting facility & schedule your fingerprinting appointment.
4. The name of the club you are volunteering for.



Funding Resources

National Ag Day Poster Art Contest

A winning piece of art will be chosen as the Official National Ag Day Poster

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) and Successful Farming are encouraging young artists to celebrate modern agriculture through the first ever National Ag Day Poster Art Contest. The contest is open to amateur artists enrolled in high school or college. The contest theme is *Generations Nourishing Generations*. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Successful Farming. The artist will receive a portion of the proceeds from limited edition prints and the original artwork will be on display in a public location. The deadline for submitting entries is Midnight (CST), October 31, 2012. For rules on the National Ag Day Poster Art Contest visit www.agday.org.

Amgen Foundation Grants

Deadline: Dec 31, 2012

Amounts awarded vary widely and depend upon the scope of the project. The minimum Amgen Foundation grant is \$10,000. http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/apply_for_grant.html The foundation seeks to advance science education, improve quality of care and access for patients, and support resources that create sound communities.



Thanks to **America's Farmers Grow Communities**, rural community members and farmers can help give back to local 4-H organizations. Now **through Nov. 30, 2012**, eligible farmers can enter for a chance to win \$2,500 that can be directed to their local 4-H. To plant your idea and encourage farmers to support your 4-H, go to GrowCommunities.com.

Grants for Youth

Funded by May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust The trust seeks to foster healthy development and future independence by increasing opportunities for children and youth up to age 25. Organizations should strive to achieve a long-term, sustainable difference in the lives of the people they serve, offering a comprehensive set of services designed to break the cycle of poverty rather than simply providing a service to meet immediate needs. Please [contact](#) the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust for more information and to apply for this funding.

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Water Fun Facts for All Ages



- ◆ Each molecule of water is made up of two hydrogen atoms bonded to a single oxygen atom.
- ◆ The existence of water is essential for life on Earth.
- ◆ Water has 3 different states, liquid, solid and gas. The word water usually refers to water in its liquid state. The solid state of water is known as ice while the gas state of water is known as steam vapor.
- ◆ Water covers around 70% of the Earth's surface.
- ◆ The three largest oceans on Earth are the Pacific Ocean (largest), the Atlantic Ocean (second largest) and the Indian Ocean (third largest).
- ◆ Water from a sea or ocean is known as seawater. On average, every kilogram of seawater contains around 35 grams (1.2 oz) of dissolved salt.
- ◆ The longest river in the USA is the Missouri River at 2,340 miles (3,770 km).

POLICY REMINDER:

Agreement/Contract Procedures

Per State policy, 4-H volunteers cannot sign facility use agreements/applications. Please see the State 4-H policy regarding "[License Agreements for Use of Facilities \(FUA\)](#)" found on their website in the policy chapter 10 for full details.

The Ventura County 4-H volunteer that is Coordinating or Chairing the 4-H meeting or event must be sure to plan as far in advance as possible to give plenty of time for all of the necessary paperwork to be completed.

Here's an abbreviated outline of information needed when coordinating a use agreement:

1. Contact the facility to see if your date and alternate date are available. Get use application along with details on cost (including deposits), insurance, forms and any other requirements they might have.
2. Read and complete (but do not sign) all of the forms.
3. Submit a copy of the forms to the 4-H Office along with the contact information for the site at least 30 days prior to the event to allow for routing time.
4. Receive confirmation of the reserved date(s) from the 4-H Office.

If you are planning to use the Fairgrounds, there are slightly different procedures, which you can view with the complete agreement instructions at http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/



4-H Million Trees

The 4-H Million Trees community service project was conceived by members of the Belmont (California) 4-H club. This project was adopted by the youth board of directors as one of the club's projects. The project was upgraded to an international campaign by the sheer magnitude of youth involvement.

The Vision:

- 1,000,000 new trees planted by 4-H youth.
- Added beauty and heritage to urban, suburban, and rural communities.
- Improved local air quality.
- Absorbed runoff and surface groundwater.
- Shade to help cool buildings, reducing air conditioning electricity needs and the pollution and carbon emission associated with power generation.
- Lowered greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel combustion by the trees' absorption of about 48,000,000 million pounds of atmospheric carbon dioxide per year.
- Replacement of trees lost to deforestation worldwide.
- Increased knowledge as 4-H youth make a difference and change the world, both individually and as groups.

More information is available at <http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/>.



4-H Library

Guide to Business Meetings and Youth Leadership in 4-H Clubs

South Carolina State 4-H developed this comprehensive and free online resource for club meetings and officers. It includes detailed descriptions for officers and potential responsibilities, sample agendas, minutes and calendars and much more.

Whether you are a new or experienced club officer, this guide has something to offer... including games and songs.

http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/volunteers/resources_businessmeetingguide.pdf

4-Hers share with friends at meetings!



4-H Office

The 4-H Office is open (except for County designated Holidays) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CLOVER LINES ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS:

It is best to e-mail articles about your Group's activities and events to the 4-H Office. Please e-mail your articles to CloverLines@ucdavis.edu

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE.

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October

4-H Calendar

http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/NewsMain/

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4-HOnline [\[mailto:no-reply@4-HOnline.com\]](mailto:no-reply@4-HOnline.com), gwvanoni@ucdavis.edu and rmhaydensmith@ucdavis.edu

10/1	Club Officer Training 5:30 pm @ 4-H Office
10/7-13	National 4-H Week
10/8	Tierra Rejada 4-H <i>Club Happenings!</i> article due
10/9	Club Officer Training 5:30 pm @ 4-H Office
10/9	New Leader Training & Certification 6-8 pm @ 4-H Office
10/9	Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat Begins
10/10	4-H National Youth Science Day
11/1	4-H Awards Night @ Ottavios in Camarillo 7 pm
11/4	Ormond Pointe Path Tours with All-Stars 1-3 pm
11/9-11	State Leaders Forum
11/13	New Leader Training & Certification 6-8 pm @ 4-H Office
11/22	4-H Office Closed for Holiday
11/28	4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Office 7 pm for Leaders and Youth (9 th grade+)
12/25	4-H Office Closed for Holiday
1/1	4-H Office Closed for Holiday
February	Animal Project Leader Meetings

3/21-24 Western Reg. Leaders Forum in Hawaii

5/25 State 4-H Field Day @ UC Davis



Helpful 4-H Links

Ventura County 4-H

http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/

VC 4-H Curriculum Library

http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/Leader/4-H_Library/

4hOnline Enrollment System

<https://california.4honline.com/>

VC 4-H Announcements & Calendar

http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/

Record Book Online

<https://4horb.ucanr.edu/login.cfm>

State 4-H Website

<http://www.ca4h.org>