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Fashion Revue, Sights Ahead



Overview

On February 11th the Ventura County Fashion Revue started at the UCCE Office in Ventura. Fourteen contestants entered a range of clothes and booths with interactive activities. The contestants entered clothes such as skirts, dresses and rompers. Some of the booths included Project Runway, sewing knowledge test, etc. What a successful and wonderful day!!

By Adler Striegel

Event Youth Board

The Family and Consumer Sciences Program Development Committee (PDC) created a youth board to help plan, organize, and manage the 2017 Food Fair and Fashion Revue events. The youth board members attended two evening meetings to help decide additional categories for judging such as hat decorating and jewelry making. The youth board was responsible for planning and preparing fun activities such as the Knowledge Bowl and Project Runway. At the Fashion Revue youth board members handed out participation awards. Members from the Conejo-Simi, Las Posas, and Loma Vista 4-H clubs served on the board.

By Livia Vertucci

Sewing for the Community

We had a wonderful community service project this year. The Daughters of the American Revolution asked if we would like to make large bags to hold veterans' belongings after they pass. These bags are given to the families of the veterans, and have a patriotic, special meaning. Thank you, Dannie Lee for mentoring our youth during this great project. The Daughters of the American Revolution have expressed their gratitude to the outstanding Youth in our County. Good Job Everyone!

by Anna Sorensen

Barbie Runway Project

At Fashion Revue there was a new workshop and competition this year! There were tons of materials set up for kids to create outfits for their Barbies on site. We had fabric of all kinds. There were paper flowers, buttons, jewels, and feathers for accessories. Kids made an outfit for their Barbies and during the set up, the PDC youth board and I created a Barbie runway on a table using a bright pink fabric and feathers and glitter. This was the most fun workshop we've ever had! I hope we do it again next year!! It was an amazing way for the kids to demonstrate creativity and craftwork. Practice making outfits at home until next years fashion revue comes along.

by Aurora McLean

Stage Presence

At this year's Fashion Revue 4-H members learned to put their best foot forward! Members participated in a garment

by Adeline Vertucci

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Club Happenings!

Del Norte 4-H

Meets 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Rio Del Valle Gym

Del Norte 4-H's membership includes children that attend Port Hueneme, El Rio, Rio, and Rio Mesa Schools. We are very diverse in that we welcome all children to join us which would include special needs kids, etc. Del Norte has a variety of projects which means we are not all about "cows and cookin'." Our projects include foods and nutrition, food preservation, floral design and horticulture, wood working, arts and crafts, and market sheep.

Some of our club events include Mother's Day Brunch, Father's Day BBQs, summer beach parties and major holidays. We celebrate with club pot lucks and lots of fun afterwards. Our members learn speaking skills by reporting at each club meeting what they did at project meetings and any community service they have participated in. Two of our members have been participating in an ongoing community service project by working in food share programs and helping serve meals for the hungry. Other club members can participate by volunteering with these members. Another project is feeding a hungry family for Christmas.

Since health laws are so strict now, the club voted to have each member participate by dividing up total costs from a reputable grocery store which a member chairing the event had researched several stores as to availability on a specific day, what they could expect for a certain number of people, and how much it would cost. Monies were collected at a club meeting, three members and one member's parent picked up the meal and drove it to the family on Christmas Eve. Del Norte participates in the fair by exhibiting in the youth building which was 73% and 100% participated in the market sheep project. We are open for club membership at any time. If you are interested in joining Del Norte please call Mrs. Wilvert at 805- 647-7783.

Featured Club for May is Las Posas 4-H Club. Articles are due 4.3.17

Featured Club for June is Loma Vista 4-H Club. Article is due 5.8.17

Featured Club calendar is at http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Families_-_Communities/4-H/Newsletter/



Calling All-Star Applicants...

If you are 14+ and have achieved your Gold or Emerald Star rank, consider applying for All-Star, Ventura County's highest star rank. (Unsure of your star rank? Check with your Club Leader.) All-Stars act as visible 4-H members - role models for their fellow 4-H members, their county, and their community. The All-Star rank recognizes members' leadership abilities, but it is also a working honor. Besides their regular projects and activities, All Stars assist with county events, develop a plan of action, and perform service projects. For more information and application, [visit http://ceventura.ucdavis.eduYouth_Development/4-H/MemberOpps/All_Stars/](http://ceventura.ucdavis.eduYouth_Development/4-H/MemberOpps/All_Stars/)

Applications are due May 1st!



ENROLLMENT CHANGES

PLAN NOW FOR YOUR CLUB'S ENROLLMENTS FOR THE 2017-18 YEAR!

There are new procedures for the 2017-18 4-H year enrollments. We are moving towards PAPERLESS! And there are new requirements for new and returning adult leader volunteers.

To help implement these changes smoothly, we are asking club to send the Enrollment Specialist AND Primary Club Leader, Co-Leader, or Assistant Club Leader to one of two meetings to launch the new processes. At this meeting, we will cover:

- Changes in Paperwork
- Changes in online enrollment procedures
- Changes in Club approval process
- Changes regarding Club Invoicing
- Changes in new and returning adult volunteer requirements
- Deadlines for re-enrollments, new enrollments, club-transfers, cross-clubbing, aging-out, club projects, and payment of fees
- Club administration how-tos for Year-End Reporting, Fundraising plans, and project leader lists.



Sign Up For One:

Monday, May 22, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. UC Cooperative Extension Office (669 County Square Drive, Suite 100, Ventura, 93033) <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=20224>

Or

Monday, June 5, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. UC Cooperative Extension Office (669 County Square Drive, Suite 100, Ventura, 93033) <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=20225>

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Seeking Volunteer Officials

The Ventura County 4-H Council is looking for the leadership team to lead them through the next program year. Leaders interested in finding out more or submitting their name, should contact Council President Jenean Bass at jeneanbass@roadrunner.com by Monday, May 15th. Offices on the County Council Board are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Reporter/Historian
- At Large Directors



The election will take place at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Wednesday, June 28th. The incoming and outgoing boards will work together through September to help ease the transition.

New Adult Volunteer Training

Volunteering is not scary when you know what the job entails. Ask your club leader or project leader exactly what you can do to help. For additional information, we invite you to review volunteer job descriptions at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Policies/Chapter6/> section VI. For whatever volunteer position you are looking to fill, start with a New Volunteer Training. Once your training is complete, you'll be asked to complete a LiveScan background check and complete the enrollment process through your club.

4-H New Volunteer Leader Training certification, April 10, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=20396>



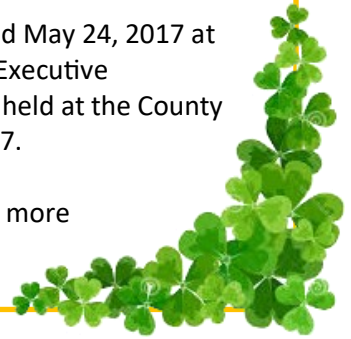
Council Corner

The Ventura County 4-H Council is comprised of all adult volunteers, and senior 4-H members (14 years old and up) 9th - 12th grade.

The Executive Committee is made up of officers; president, vice president, etc. The job of the Executive Committee is to consider and recommend to the County Council, you, 4-H Youth Development Program policies as well as other guidelines governing the county and local 4-H programs.

The next meeting will be held May 24, 2017 at 7:00pm at the UCCE Office. Executive Committee Elections will be held at the County Council Meeting in June 2017.

See the article on page 3 for more details.



SMALL ANIMAL FIELD DAY

Saturday, April 22 from 9 am to 2 pm

At HAREC – 14292 W. Telegraph Road, Santa Paula CA 93060

Registration Deadline MARCH 31, 2017

at <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=20227>

Entry Fee Per Child: \$8.00 Checks Payable to UC 4H VC

- *Showmanship Workshops for rabbits, cavies, poultry and pygmy goat! Wear your 4-H uniform*
- *Rabbit Hopping – Rabbits need to be on a leash*
- *Poultry Obstacle Course*
- *Knowledge Tests*
- *Educational Poster Judging with ribbon eligibility*
- *Ask Me Booth*
- *Speakers Corner*
- *Community Service Table - making cards for the elderly*
- *Craft Table*
- *Passport Activity – Go around to other projects and learn something new! If you complete your passport you get a recognition gift!*

Even More Fun...

- **Kona Ice**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Uniform Exchange**
- **Snack Bar**
- **Pack a lunch and bring a blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy a picnic on the beautiful lawn**



Large Livestock Super Field Day

May 20, 2017 from 9 am to 3 pm

Rancho Santa Rosa Club House, 11701 East Los Posas Road, Camarillo, CA

Activities to include:

- Swine Bowl
- Goat Shearing/Hoof Trimming
- Lamb Shearing
- Poster Competition
- Table Setting
- Uniform Exchange

Bring freshly washed and dried animals please.



Register by May 10 at

<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=20425>

- \$5.00 entry fee
- Lunch \$7.50 (optional)

Mail checks & forms to Virginia Reyes per registration instructions online

COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Reading to the Dogs

By Samantha Robinson of Conejo-Simi 4-H

The Conejo-Simi 4-H club has started an on-going community service project with the Ventura County Animal Shelter in Simi Valley. We've been visiting the animals in the shelter and reading to them. Our club has visited the shelter twice so far and plans to return in March.

At first, when we arrive, the dogs are barking. They are loud, noisy, and very hyper. When we start reading to them, amazingly most of them clam down. The volunteer coordinator was so impressed with how the animals reacted to having our club there that she actually started a program for organizations to come in and read to the dogs.



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Fashion Revue

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modeling and stage presence workshop. Participants learned about good posture, keeping hands relaxed, positioning their feet, doing pivot turns, and standing confidently judges. Participants also got to test their knowledge about what they learned about sewing by competing in a Sewing Knowledge Bowl. It was fun to see what we have learned.

Volunteers Make it Happen *by Samantha Robinson*

It takes a great many people to put on a large county event and it wouldn't have been possible to have the Ventura County 4-H Fashion Revue 2017 without volunteers. Thank you to the judges who graciously volunteered their time to make this event possible: Joann Kissling, Heidi Marshal, Susan Albitre, Kathy Nagata, Camille Vignolle. Thank you to all the parents who helped with our projects and drove us to the event and thank you for helping at the event. Thank you to everyone on the Consumer Science PDC committee for all the time you gave to plan and execute our event including the amazing youth board: Amanda Drew, Anna Sorensen, Livia and Adeline Vertucci, Adler Striegel, and Samantha Robinson for planning, setting up, running the stations, and cleaning up after the event. Finally, thank you to Annabel Faris for all her time. What an amazing event!

OPPORTUNITY, JUNE 2017:

SUMMER CAMP TEAM LEADERS

Are you looking for leadership opportunity to enhance your resume? Are you interested in learning how to protect our natural resources of land, air, water, energy and food? Do you enjoy working with children? If so, we'd like to hear from you!!

The 4-H Youth Development Programs at the Hansen Agricultural Research and Extension Center will again partner with the City of Ventura to present **Sustainable You! Summer Day Camp** for ages 9-12 June 19-23

We are looking for 4 enthusiastic teen leaders to:

- Help with daily camp set up and break down
- Assist with games and learning activities
- Assist with supervision of campers

Summer Camp Teen Leader Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in High school
- Must be available to attend a camp training session—date and time to be determined
- Must be available the entire week June 19-23, 2017 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Must be a self-starter and independent enthusiastic worker
- Experienced working with youth such as junior/teen project leader, babysitting, tutoring, etc.

This unpaid position is an unpaid resume builder. Email a resume (or PDR) and cover letter explaining why you are the right fit for a Sustainable You! Summer Camp Teen Leader to Annabel Faris in the 4-H office at awfaris@ucanr.edu.

Submission deadline is April 15, 2017



HEALTHY LIVING:

National 4-H Report

Recently the 4-H Healthy Living Program National Report for 2016 was published. Since it's conception in 2008, great strides in promoting healthy lifestyles both locally and nationally have occurred. The report listed a short, but rich list of things that can still be done to work towards thriving:

What can you do to advance the 4-H Healthy Living mission mandate?

- Use the materials generated by the National 4-H Healthy Living Management Team (e.g., logic models, Evaluability Assessment, 4-H Healthy Event Checklist).
- Integrate these goals and objectives into your work at the local, state, regional, or national levels.
- Establish multi-generational teams focused on advancing healthy living.
- Use teens as teachers, role models, mentors to continue to develop leadership in 4-H Healthy Living.
- Encourage colleagues to integrate 4-H Healthy Living best practices into all 4-H programming regardless of subject matter.
- Share these goals and objectives with relevant committees and administrators.
- Ensure programs are research-based and practices are consistent with healthy living recommendations.
- Develop policies consistent with healthy living research and recommendations.





Need Ways to Incorporate STEM?

Here's a Few Ideas.

Rolling Hills/Sunset 4-H Pygmy Goat Project in Santa Clara County

is incorporating STEM activities into our monthly meetings. Youth leaders plan interactive lessons and hands-on activities that are both fun and educational. For example, at one meeting, members used the process of guided inquiry to learn about goat breed, diet and behavior. One of the prompts was "Do Goats Eat Everything?" and members were expected to design their own procedure to answer that question. They later presented their findings in a data table that concluded goats did not eat everything that they were offered. At another meeting, members learned the principles of electric circuit by using everyday materials such as aluminum foil, wires, batteries and a pair of tweezers to create an interactive game. This game is based on a classic board game called Operation. It not only taught the members how to build circuits and how circuits work, but it also taught them about the body parts of a goat.

Do Goats Eat Everything?

	Apple	Banana	Carrot	Corn	Hay	Onion	Potato	Spinach	Strawberry	Tomato	Wheat
Alpaca	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Angora	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Arden	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Belgian	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Notes: Feed goats things not feed around the house, use of things for meat.
Conclusion: The goats did not eat everything not gave them.

Learn to make a scribbling, doodling drawing bot! Want to learn how to combine engineering and art? Here is a fun and easy way to create your own DIY art drawing machine. In this project, youth will learn about using a small motorized robot to create a one of a kind masterpiece! Some materials may need to be purchased at your local hardware store. For a step-by-step tutorial see [here](#).



Plan a field trip

- Water Treatment Plant
- Office of Weights & Measures
- Science Center
- Local Museum
- Lego League Finals
- Insectary
- ...and so many more

Visit the updated STEM pages on ca4h.org
<http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/STEM/Initiative/>

4-H Office Information

Office Hours by Appointment Only
 Closed on UC Holidays

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Article Submission

Deadline: first Monday of month for following issue consideration

Email articles to gwvanoni@ucanr.edu.

Include your name, club, name of activity, and if submitting images, please identify those pictured. Remember to hyphenate 4-H and use copyrights where appropriate. All submitted articles and images become the property of 4-H to be used in print and/or online per editorial discretion.

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Librarian Needed

We are currently seeking a 4-H Office Volunteer that would help keep the 4-H Lending Library up-to-date, make recommendations and highlight exciting offerings in the CloverLines and on Facebook. We expect that this responsibility would take 2-3 hours per month, at least one would need to be at the 4-H Office during office hours.

If you are interested or have questions, or if you'd like to check something out, please contact the 4-H Office.



CALENDAR

3/31 Small Animal Field Day Registration Deadline

4/1 Southern Area Field Day & Fashion Revue

4/3 California Focus Registration Deadline

4/7-9 Southern Area Leaders' Retreat

4/10 New Leader Orientation, 5:30-7 @ UCCE

4/15 Sustainable You! Teen Leader Application Deadline

4/18 State Leadership Conference Early Registration

4/22 Small Animal Field Day, 9-2 at HAREC

5/1 4-H All-Star Application Deadline

5/3 Large Livestock PDC Meeting, 7pm at HAREC

5/15 4-H All-Star Interviews

5/18 Equine PDC Meeting, 6:30 pm @ UCCE

5/20 Large Livestock Field Day

5/22 Enrollment Training, 5:30-7 @ UCCE

5/23 State Leadership Conference Registration Closes

6/5 Enrollment Training, 5:30-7 @ UCCE

6/21 Small Animal Sciences PDC Meeting, 6pm @ UCCE


6/16-20 California Focus

6/24-7/1 Citizenship Washington Focus

7/5 Large Livestock PDC Meeting, 7pm @ HAREC

UCCE – University of California Cooperative Extension County
669 County Square Drive, Suite 100, Ventura CA 93003

HAREC –Hansen Ag Research and Extension Center
14292 West Telegraph Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060



For more information on these and other upcoming events, please visit
<http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Families - Communities/4-H/NewsMain/>


iSprout iGrow iThrive

Thrive Master Trainers Wanted!

Interested in bringing a fun and engaging educational experience to 4-H members in our county? The Thrive Educational Series offers age-appropriate curriculum for members at each level of their 4-H experience.

[On the State Thrive site](#) you can find more information about how to get involved, order 4-H Thrive educational material and gain access to online resources.

It's That Time of Year!

- In most clubs, it's time for officer nominations in either April or May. See the most recent post on the Club Leadership Blog for tips on nominations.
- To review your records to ensure that completing your Record Book will be a piece of cake. Get a head start with the most up-to-date forms and manuals at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/>
- Reconnect with 4-H on Facebook. 
- Recruit next year's leaders now. It's as easy as attending an upcoming New Volunteer Training to get started. See page 4.
- Plan your Spring calendar. There are a lot of events and activities coming up in the next few months. Be sure to mark your calendars and register early. Visit the 4-H online calendar and use the iCalendar tools for easy reminders. <http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Families - Communities/4-H/NewsMain/>