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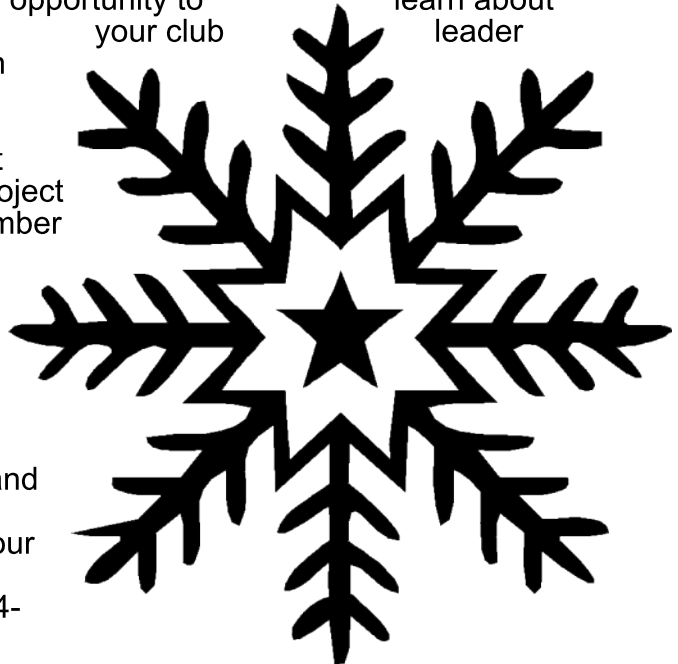
With the beginning of each new year comes so many opportunities. There are opportunities to grow, to learn, and to share. We hope that you take advantage of the many opportunities that the 4-H Program offers, at the county, the state, and the national levels. There are opportunities for members and leaders. Throughout the year, we will be letting you know of ways that you can participate!

Here is one opportunity that is very exciting! Time is quickly approaching when interested 4-H members and leaders (as possible chaperones) must submit applications for travel to Australia, Finland, or Japan as part of the 2008 International Exchange Program. All applications and deposits must be in to the 4-H Office by Wednesday, January 16th. For more information, contact the 4-H Office immediately, as those wishing to participate must be interviewed by the CA 4-H Office by January 15th!

Another date that you will want to mark on your calendar is Tuesday, January 22, 2008. From 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., we will be conducting a Presentation Workshop! Fern Vacca and a team of experienced leaders and members will be sharing information and helpful tips about Demonstrations, Prepared Talks, Power Point Presentations, Impromptu Speaking, Prepared Reading, and much more! This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about this key component of our 4-H Program. Contact your club leader or the 4-H Office for more information, and plan on attending!

The Food Faire committee has been hard at work putting together an event for not just foods project members, but for all 4-H members! See the December Clover Lines for more information, and to see how you can be part of this fun event!!!! You can also see all the Food Faire information on the website at:
<http://calendar.ucanr.org/eventdisplay.cfm?calendarid=28317&group=2372>

Start the new year out by joining in the fun and taking advantage of these and so many more opportunities offered throughout the year! Read your Clover Lines and visit the website often to learn about all the ways that you can get more from the 4-H Program!



“FUR & FEATHERS” SHOWS AND JR. SHOWMANSHIP EVENTS – HUGE SUCCESS!

By Susan Trockey

The Ventura County 4-H Small Animal Science Program Development Committee hosted their 1st 4-H Youth Only “Fur & Feathers” All Breed Cavy, Rabbit and Poultry Shows & Jr. Showmanship Events, Saturday, November 17th, 2007 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds.

California 4-H youth members were invited to participate and exhibit in various educational and life-science competitions. Members from seven counties attended including Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura.



Youth 4-H members, leaders and family members collectively organized, and facilitated these events from several Ventura County 4-H Clubs, which included Conejo Valley 4-H, Loma Vista 4-H, Las Posas 4-H, Mupu 4-H, Tierra Rejada 4-H, and Santa Rosa Valley 4-H. THANKS ALL!

Medals and ribbons were awarded to Educational Posters exhibited by the 4-H youth educating the viewer about facts and information of the care, breeding, anatomy, country of origin, and other, for each of the three animal species.

Medals and ribbons were also awarded in Jr. Showmanship competitions where 4-H youth exhibitors presented to a judge how to examine their cavy, poultry or rabbit for health and condition, breed characteristics, and to further demonstrate their scope of knowledge of the life-sciences for their individual animal.

Exhibiting in each of the three All Breed Conformation Shows, 4-H members' cavies, poultry or rabbits were examined by licensed judges who compared each specie to its breed's Standard of Perfection to award placements for each exhibit, and ultimately Best in Show. At the conclusion of conformation judging, the judges offered constructive and educational critiques for the animals

4-H OFFICE

The 4-H Office is open (except for county designated holidays) Monday through Thursday between 9am and 5pm. Please call the 4-H Office at 645-1470 for more information.

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Please feel free to mail, fax, or email articles about your group's activities and events to the 4-H Office.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE.

Rose Hayden-Smith

4-H Youth Development Advisor

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exhibited to the 4-H youth members. Primary 4-H members were awarded Participation Ribbons, as well as in all Primary Classes.

Youth members and their families also enjoyed eating at Dan's Greasy Spoon –THANKS FOOD CREW!! And shopping at fundraising tables hosted by Loma Vista 4-H, Chief Peak 4-H, and the Silent Auction tables which offered a variety of items for sale from handmade quilts and jewelry, t-shirts, Christmas ornaments and Beanie Babies.

Official T-shirts were made to order at the event, with the winning show design drawn by Amanda Marshall of Loma Vista 4-H. Educational tables at the Poultry Show were hosted by UC Davis, Avian Sciences Department, and another by the America Poultry Association and American Bantam Association Youth Program.

At the end of each Show, 4-H members took photographs in a "Beachy" themed photograph opportunity booth, placing their ribbons and animals on a boogie board, to pose along with dressed in their dapper, white and green 4-H uniforms. Congrats to all!

FUR & FEATHERS SHOW - RABBITS & MORE!

By, Brenda Bass

The first Fur and Feathers show was a great success! The rabbit show committee received entries from 7 counties including our own.



15 breeds of rabbits were shown, ranging from Netherland Dwarfs to Flemish Giants and English Lops. They were evaluated according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection under Judge Dick Swanson. Aside from this standard judging, the rabbit show committee put on a fun show – DQuties – for members with unshowable rabbits.

Ventura County rabbit showmen showed to the best of

their ability, and we had a VC sweep for first place in all three age groups. The junior winner was Spencer Wittrock, the intermediate winner was Sarah Bobardt, and the senior winner was Brenda Bass.

After this success, the committee will re-form in the future to plan for next year's show. We hope it will be another fun time!

"SPOOKTACULAR" PYGMY GOAT SHOW

By, Sophia Paden

This past October the Santa Rosa Valley 4-H pygmy goat project attended a NPGA (National Pygmy Goat Association) show in Norco, California called the "2007 Spooktacular Pygmy Goat Show".



Everyone in our group has worked very hard these past few months at practicing showmanship and knowing the anatomy of a pygmy goat. Most of the kids participated in showmanship with their goats at the "Spooktacular" show and did very well. We had a lot of fun talking with breeders about their experience with pygmy goats. Watching other breeders prepare and show their goats was also very educational and interesting.

Near the end of the day, everyone entered in the costume contest. We had a great time showing off our costumes and everyone won a prize. Everyone is looking forward to the "Spooktacular" show next October, and the shows we will attend throughout this new year.

Photo, left to right: Sophia Paden, Hoyt Yeatman, Caitlan Mongiello, Assistant Leader Brittney Behringer, Courtney Slotar, Ryan Slotar

STATE RECORD BOOK JUDGING

By, Fern Vacca

Five Ventura County 4-H Senior members submitted their record books for state judging and did very well. There were 129 books submitted to state and 19 members will receive cash awards as State Winners.

Congratulations to the following members who submitted their record books:

Alani Barajas - Sespe: Merit Award

Brenda Bass - Conejo Valley: Medalist

Katelyn Beckmann - Santa Rosa Valley: Medalist

Mira Brown - Loma Vista: State Winner

Nicole Peterson - Santa Rosa Valley: Medalist

All members will receive certificates; medalists receive a medal and state winners receive \$500.00. Our members all had excellent books and Ventura County 4-H can be very proud of their accomplishments. Next year, we look forward to having even more senior 4-H members enter state competition.

State Record Books are due at the end of October, following our county judging. Members must be 14 years of age as of January 1 of the year for which the book is submitted. Please check the state website for complete information. <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook>

If you have questions, please contact Fern Vacca, 642-2531.

ATTENTION RABBIT PROJECT MEMBERS

By, Jenean Bass

February 9 Get Ready for Fair Day/ Field Day

Come learn showmanship techniques from top showman from our county and a guest showman from Santa Barbara County.

Sarah Bobardt, Tierra Rejada 4-H

Kathy Bass, Conejo Valley 4-H

Brenda Bass, Conejo Valley 4-H

Chris Zack Mupu 4-H

And guest showman Michael Voorhees, Cinco Companas 4-H Santa Barbara County.

The small animal science rabbit committee hopes to create a rabbit video. If you would like to help please contact Mrs. Bass 493-5714. Thank you.

OTHER NOTES

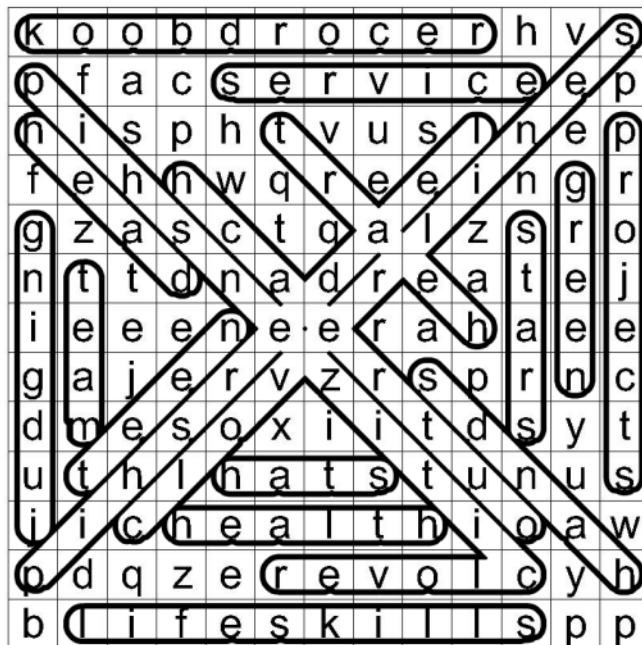
The **4-H Project Leader Digest** is available on the web at: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/21729.pdf>.

2008 **Statewide 4-H Recognition and Record Book trainings**. These trainings are targeted towards a county training team (max 10 per county) of 4-H members (7th grade and up), 4-H volunteer leaders, and 4-H Staff. Trainings will be held on various dates throughout the state (note: additional dates are being offered). Registrations are due January 31, 2008 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/council/i-r/index.asp>. Please call 645-1470 or 662-6943 if you are interested in attending. Financial assistance may be available.



CLOVER QUEST WORD SEARCH

(solution to last month's)



citizenship

health

recordbook

clover

heart

service

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judging

stars

green

leadership

team

hands

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hats

outreach

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projects

Ventura County 4-H Small Animal Science PDC's



SUPER FIELD DAY #2

Field Day Morning &

Get Ready For Fair Day Afternoon

A Multi-County Invitational with Medaling Events
Hosted by Loma Vista 4-H & Conejo Valley 4-H Clubs



Saturday February 9th, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Ventura County Fairgrounds

Featured activities and workshops include:

❖ Knowledge Bowl, Judging, Educational Posters medaling events.

NOTE: Only SAS project members may enter medaling events. Posters previously medaled, are not eligible.

- Be ready to test your knowledge of anatomy, illnesses, husbandry, and breed Id. for rabbit, cavy, poultry, dogs and pocket pets.
- Enter an educational poster explaining care or knowledge of a specie.

❖ Showmanship workshops for rabbits, cavies, and poultry

- Bring your showmanship animals in cages w/water & food
- Bring your showmanship tools, ie: walking stick, etc...



❖ Rabbit ear tattooing and cavy ear tagging - \$1 per animal

❖ Uniform exchange-Bring your outgrown 4-H uniforms to pass along to others

❖ Market animal project information for poultry & rabbit

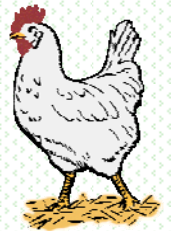
❖ Pet Costume Contest and games.

❖ Rabbit Showmanship Video available

❖ Coloring, crafts, and word games, door prizes and more.....

Please wear your 4-H uniform. You do not have to be in a SAS project, or entering a fair to attend. All are welcome, and please RSVP soon.

Snacks & drinks will be available. Please bring a picnic lunch!



Please mail the entry form below & check to:

Elaine Fowell, D.V.M.

952 Via Ondulando, Ventura, CA 93003

Please mail by: January 10th, 2007

805-644-9448, cpkpsmom@roadrunner.com

Make check payable to "Ventura County 4H" for \$5.00 ea. child. Note: SAS PDC Super Field Day #2 on check memo line. Thank You!

VC SAS PDC SUPER FIELD DAY #2 entry form:

How many Educational Poster(s) will you be submitting & what species? _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

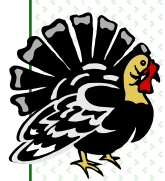
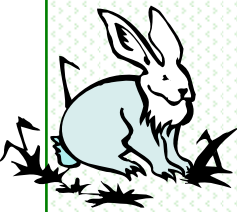
Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

4H Club & County: _____

Project(s) enrolled, circle those that apply: rabbit cavy dog poultry pocket pets

Other: _____



JANUARY



4-H CALENDAR

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| 1/1 | HAPPY 2008!!! | | |
| 1/2 | FOOD FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE | 5/7 | LIVESTOCK MARKET ANIMALS (HEIFERS), 8AM-10AM |
| 1/3 | FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE PDC MEETING, 3PM,
BARNES & NOBLE ON TELEPHONE RD IN VENTURA | 5/31 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| 1/9 | LARGE LIVESTOCK PDC MEETING, SOMIS SCHOOL | | EAR TAGGING FOR VENTURA COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR
LIVESTOCK MARKET ANIMALS (GOATS, LAMBS,
SWINE), 8AM-10AM |
| 1/12 | FOOD FAIR | 6/8 | SAS PDC DOG FIELD DAY |
| 1/12 | 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP, 8AM-4PM | 6/18 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| 1/13 | 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP, 8AM-4PM,
FOR MORE INFO GO TO:
HTTP://CA4H.ORG/PROJRESOURCE/SHOOTINGSPTS/I
NDEX.ASP OR EMAIL: DAN_BURNER@YAHOO.COM | 7/2 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| 1/16 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD | 7/30-8/10 | 2008 VENTURA COUNTY FAIR |
| 1/22 | PRESENTATION DAY WORKSHOP, 6PM-7:30PM, 4-H
OFFICE | 8/20 | SAS PDC MEETING/FAIR WRAP UP MEETING 6PM
LOCATION TBD |
| 2/6 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD | 11/7-9 | 2008 STATE 4-H LEADERS' FORUM |
| 2/9 | SAS PDC FIELD DAY MORNING AND GET READY
FOR FAIR DAY AFTERNOON | | |
| 3/5 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD | | |
| 3/29 | EAR TAGGING FOR VENTURA COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR
LIVESTOCK MARKET ANIMALS (STEER), 8AM-10AM | | |
| 4/11-13 | SOUTH SECTION LEADERS' RETREAT | | |
| 4/16 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD | | |
| 4/19 | EAR TAGGING FOR VENTURA COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR | | |