

Clover Lines

Challenges!

Here we are nearing the end of another 4-H year, and the beginning of a new program year. Before we know it, May and June will be gone, and with July 1 comes the start of the new 4-H year. But, before the current year ends, there is a lot of work to be done! It is a busy time of year, and although challenging, it can be very rewarding!

Club Elections: Once elections of club officers for the 2009-10 year have been held and the installation of officers conducted, the new board should meet to plan for the coming year, including preparing a budget and calendar. Club leaders will work with the incoming officers, challenging them to put together a plan for the year that includes fun, educational, inspiring meetings and activities. The 4-H Office will present training sessions for Club Officers and another for Club Treasurers in June and July to help them meet the challenges of their positions. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending one of the sessions. All club treasurers are required to attend a training session.

End of Year Tasks: Before the end of the club year (June 30), current club officers should review the Plans and Goals for the year, and evaluate their accomplishments. Although all goals for the year may not have been met, this evaluation process is an excellent learning tool, and helps the incoming board to make plans and set goals for the coming year.

Record Books: To some members record books can be a real challenge. It takes some time, and it takes some effort. But, record books are one of the most important and valuable part of our 4-H Program. Record books are a treasury of memories, lessons learned, successes and failures, and so much more! Years from now, you will look at your record book with fond memories of projects, leaders, friends, events, and more! Now is the time to make sure that your 4-H Record Book is up-to-date and almost ready to turn into your club leader. Put the finishing touches on it once you have attended your last project and club meetings of the club year. Your club leaders will let you know when they need to be turned in for club review. If you are interested in participating in the county record book program, see the dates listed in the calendar section of this issue of Clover Lines.

Enrollment: It is going to be extremely important that everyone re-enroll as soon as the new year starts on July 1. We will be contacting members and leaders via email with instructions and dates. Club leaders will also be contacting you with instructions. Please help us with the challenge of getting everyone re-enrolled in a timely manner!

*"Life is a challenge, meet it."
Mother Theresa, from Life Is*



Featured Club Happenings!

Del Norte 4-H

by Anita Wilvert

Club Leader: Anita Wilvert

Del Norte 4-H has been an active Club for over 30 years, serving all of Oxnard, and surrounding areas. At the present time, there are six families in our club. Projects include Foods and Nutrition, Animals and at present a new family taught us all how to make Mothers day floral arrangements. Our foods project featured 18 people at our Third Annual Mothers' Day Brunch with our Chef, Senior Gold Medal winner at Food Faire- Rogelio Pinedo.

We meet every third Monday at the new gym in El Rio located at the Rio Del Valle School at 7 p.m. We invite all who would like to visit and or join us. Local Club Leader Anita Wilvert can be reached at 805-647-7783.

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Las Posas 4-H

by Rochelle Smith

Club Leader: Rochelle Smith

Hi all,

Just wanted to share news as to what's new with Las Posas 4-H. On April 25th, our hiking group took the second hike of the year, we hiked to the Punch Bowls. Our first hike of the year was a four mile hike on Santa Cruz Island. After a three mile hike into the punch bowls we came to this beautiful waterfall. Pictured from left to right: Katarina Smith, Addie Wucherphening, Joy Lester, Macklyn McCormick and in front Andrew Geib.

Our final hike of the year will be in the Santa Monica Mountains ending up at a camp ground for an overnight campout! As a service project our hikers picked up many bags of trash on the hike out leaving the trail in better condition than the hike in. Our photography, fly fishing, sewing and cake decorating projects have been having fun. The sewing project has produced pajama pants that are just too cute. And the fly fishing crew just landed their first fish.



Small Animal Update

Things are beginning to heat up in the Small Livestock Barn. With only a few months before opening day of the 2009 Ventura County Fair we are hurrying to get things ready. At this point we hope you have had a chance to look at the entry book (**also available on the Fair's website at www.venturacountyfair.org**). You may have noticed that the small livestock section looks a little different. Here are some pages that will help you when you are putting your entry together.

Pages 105-109 youth rabbit, cavy and poultry show

Page 109 youth Market animals

Page 110 Showmanship

Page 111 Costume contest

Important dates to be noticed when looking through the entry guide:

Saturday, June 6, 2009, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM: **Market animal entries are due.**

Friday, July 17, 2009: Entries must be postmarked or hand delivered to the fairgrounds by this date.

August 4 – 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM: Rabbit and Poultry coop-in. It is very important that your animals arrive during these times. Poultry health inspectors will only be available during this time. If your birds have not been inspected they can not come onto the fair grounds.

August 5 - 8:30 AM: **Youth Rabbit and Poultry show.**

August 7 - 9:00 AM: Poultry Showmanship Friday,

August 8 - 9:00 AM: Rabbit Showmanship Saturday

August 9 – 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM: coop-out of youth rabbit and poultry entries. We are very sorry but there are not exceptions to the date or time. If you are not able to pick up your animals please make arrangements for someone else to pick up them up.

August 10 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon: coop in of Market animals. Poultry health inspectors will only be available during this time.

August 10 -1:00 PM: Market animal judging

August 12 - 8:30 AM: Open and Youth Cavy Judging

August 17 -8:00 PM – 10:00 PM or August 18 – 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon: Cavy and Market animal coop-out

Please make sure you mark these dates on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Ventura County Fair.

“Pure Bred & Home Grown” 134th Ventura County Fair August 5 – 16, 2009

Preparations are underway for the 134th Ventura County Fair, August 5-16, 2009. This year's theme is “Pure Bred & Home Grown”.

The entire Agriculture & Natural Resources Building team is busy planning to make this the best year ever. The Entry Guide is now online at <http://www.venturacountyfair.org> with lots of information and opportunities! There are some new opportunities for youth at this year's fair such as:

- Feature Exhibit – See Agriculture Department Division 100 Class 2
- Garden – see Wheelbarrow Contest
- Gardens & Entrepreneurs – see Uncle Leo's Contest
- Produce entries (4-H/Grange) – See Youth Expo Division 830 & 840
- Produce entries (Open) – See Agriculture Department Division 105-156
- Eggs – see Agriculture Department Division 160
- Junior Dairy – See Agriculture Department Division 162
- Scarecrow Contest – Division 170

Check out the Entry Guide for details, rules, premiums (awards), and more!

Get out your cameras!
Photograph the beauty of Ventura County's Agriculture!
Enter your photos in the Ventura County Fair!



KIDS, CAMERAS AND CROPS

DIVISION 100 – 9 to 13 Years

DIVISION 101 – 14 to 18 Years

Class

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| 1. Agriculture – Products | 4. Agriculture – People |
| 2. Agriculture – Equipment/Implements/Tools, etc. | 5. Agriculture – Digitally or Artistically Enhanced |
| 3. Agriculture – Places | |

Entry forms and information available online at: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/pages/3455/>

Fun at S.E.T. Field Day!

What fun we all had on Sunday May 3rd at the S.E.T. Field Day, Fashion Revue and Food Fair event!

Members from clubs throughout the county had a great time going from activity to activity; dissecting owl pellets, learning about cavy's, participating in a water taste test, learning about herbs, making bookmarks, bird feeders, and lots more! Thanks to all the clubs who sponsored activities and shared their knowledge! This was our first S.E.T. event, and it was a huge success!

Members who participated in Food Fair did a great job, as did those who modeled their outfits during the Fashion Revue fashion show. (Results can be found in this issue of Clover Lines.)

The crowd was also entertained by members of the Shadow Hills 4-H Club who performed a skit, which they will present at the upcoming Sectional Field Day! The skit included members performing lip syncs to country songs recorded by country stars who were all 4-H members! How cool is that!!!! Good luck to Shadow Hills 4-H members as they represent our county at the Sectional Field Day!

And, congratulations to all the members who won prizes during the event! With so many prizes to give out, everyone went home with a prize, as well as additional gifts and prizes from the S.E.T. activities. It was a day of fun for all!

A special thanks to Jennifer and Sarah D'Atri who put on the Fashion Revue and Food Faire! Great job!



2009 SET Field Day



and Food Faire! 😊



Food Faire and Fashion Revue 2009

This year's Food Faire and Fashion Revue were held in conjunction with the SET Field Day. There were 18 participants from 7 different clubs. Tapo Simi 4-H enjoyed organizing the events, and hope for even greater participation next year. The medalists are as follows:

2009 Food Faire Medalists

Morgan Nicole Penny, Loma Vista	- Beginning Foods Showmanship
Madison Trollope, Loma Vista	- Beginning Cake Decorating
Nico Pinedo, Del Norte	- Intermediate Foods Showmanship
Hannah Drake, Loma Vista	- Intermediate Cake Decorating
Rogelio Pinedo, Del Norte	- Advanced Foods Showmanship
Sarah D'Atri, Tapo Simi	- Advanced Foods Showmanship

2009 Fashion Revue Medalists

Danielle Pistone, Tapo Simi	- Senior, Jewelry
Emily Harrison, Agoura	- Intermediate, Purchased
Sarah D'Atri, Tapo Simi	- Senior, Purchased
Victoria Stanton, Conejo Valley	- Junior, Wearable Art

Here is a great idea for a 4-H Project from our friends at Cornell!

It's May, perhaps bird watching's biggest month, as millions of birds return from the tropics, filling the Northern Hemisphere with summer's full array of birds. It's a great time to go bird watching, and Chris Wood and Jessie Barry from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology are inviting you to go out with them—in a new free series of web videos, "[Inside Birding](#)."

Jessie and Chris share their tips, tools, and techniques for identifying birds with confidence—whether you're new to birding or seeking to hone your skills. In the first four episodes, learn the secrets of the "four keys" to bird identification. Join Chris and Jessie in the field as they practice using *size and shape* to identify common birds. Learn how to use *color pattern* and *behavior* for critical clues about a bird's identity. And travel with Chris and Jessie to the swamps of Florida as they explain the importance of *habitat* when you're looking for birds.

After watching the videos, explore the rest of the newly redesigned [All About Birds](#) website. It's packed with stunning images and information about every aspect of birding. Enhance your bird knowledge by visiting our popular Bird Guide, with more than 500 species profiles, new photo ID tools, cool facts, sounds, and video. Peruse the Living Bird section for articles about travel, science, and conservation. Practice using the four keys to identification or sharpen your knowledge about Songs and Calls in the Building Skills section. Check out the Multimedia Theater to watch videos about birds from the Arctic, coasts, and grasslands—or learn more about attracting birds right to your own yard.

We hope you'll bookmark your favorite pages and visit often. Enjoy the birds!

Help Wanted!

Our 4-H clubs are always in need of project leaders. Do you have a hobby or skill that you can share with members of your club? Do you enjoy working with kids? Do you want to give back to the program that has done so much for so many youth over the years? If so, become a 4-H Volunteer!

To become a 4-H Volunteer, applicants must complete the Certification Program, which include completing the application form, clearing DOJ fingerprinting, attending a training session, and be officially appointed by the UCCE County Director. Now is a great time to start the process! Contact your club leader or the 4-H Office for more information. Upcoming training sessions will be held:

5/18	2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office
6/30	2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office
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

Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to tifisher@ucdavis.edu or 805-645-1464.

Train Enthusiasts Wanted:

Terri Hargleroad, Santa Rosa 4-H Club leader would like to know if there is any interest or leader out there who can do a model train project. Her 10 year old son is a big fan of model trains and has quite a collection. He is too young to join other model train clubs. It would be great to have a 4-H model train project. If anyone is interested in leading or participating in a model train project, contact the 4-H Office.

COW PALACE GRAND NATIONAL WINNER!

Congratulations to Chase Bowen for winning Champion Grade Gilt and then Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt at Cow Palace Grand National. He also won Res Champion Progress market pig on April 3, 2009.

Chicken Dance Anyone?

Hi, I'm Makayla Cozatt and I am 10 years old. I'm the taller girl of the two in this picture. The other person is my friend Sierra Schraml and we have chickens on our heads. We did this act for the Simi Valley, Justin Elementary talent show.

Sierra and I enrolled in Somis 4-H, but we go to school at Justin. The chickens you see here are Old English Lemon



Blue bantams. I have Rose on my head and Sierra has Rose's sister Daisy on her head. We did our act to the Chicken Dance song. Everyone at the talent show started to laugh and clap along to the music. We had a GREAT time that night.



The **State 4-H Field Day** is an event for the entire family, **Saturday, May 30, 2009, 9:00am - 6:00pm** at UC Davis! 4-H members, siblings and parents can participate in numerous activities including the **4-H SET Exhibit Area**. 4-H SET exhibits include water quality testing, GPS, entomology, earth science, plant science, quick SET activities for club and project meetings, and more! A 4-H SET button will be provided to 4-H members participating in any of these activities! More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/#set>

Nickelodeon's The Big Green Grants program funds teams of youth and adults to help bring resources to their community. Each Green Grant will provide up to \$5,000 for resources to schools and community-based organizations to support environmentally-friendly projects that educate and inspire kids to (1) take care of the environment; (2) be active and live healthier; and/or (3) engage in community service. Applications are accepted between April 22 and December 31, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.bghevent.com/grant/index.htm>

4-H LIBRARY

4-H Filmmaking Studio (2009)

Topic Area: Technology | **Audience:** Youth grades 8-12

The 4-H Filmmaking Studio and Workshop will assist you with making your own film. Take your time and view each module. Practice with your camera, tell your story, and upload your film to share with others. This workshop was developed by 4-H in collaboration with Montana State University and TerraPod. [Download a copy of this curriculum.](#) | [Share feedback on 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.

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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.**

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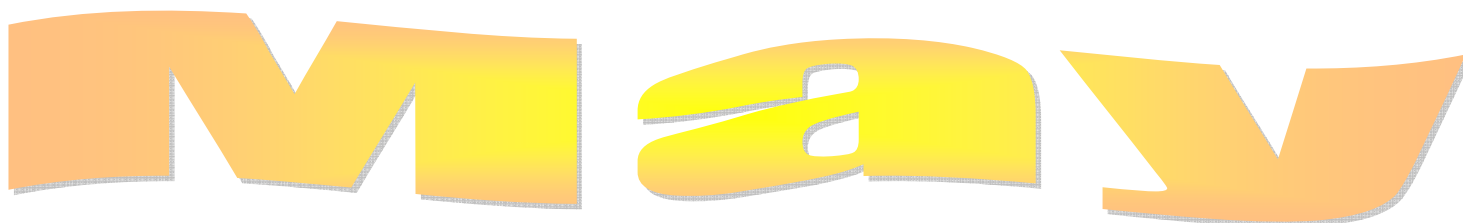
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4-H Calendar

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

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| 5/16 | 2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. @ 4-H Office CANCELED | 7/15 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. |
| 5/16 | South Section Field Day at Mt. San Antonio College | 8/5-8/16 | 2009 Ventura County Fair |
| 5/17 | 4-H Equine Gymkhana at the Ventura Fairgrounds | 8/6-9 | 2009 4-H State Leadership Conference @ UC Merced |
| 5/18 | 2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office | 8/19 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. |
| 5/20 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. | 8/27 | Record Books due to 4-H Office |
| 5/30 | State 4-H Field Day/Presentation Day | 9/16 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. |
| 5/31 | Golden Clover Application Deadline | 9/19 | Record Book Judging location TBD |
| 6/3 | SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6 p.m. | 9/22 | 2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. @ 4-H Office |
| 6/6 | Swine, Sheep, Goat, All other & Small Meat Pen animals | 10/3 | 2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. @ 4-H Office |
| 6/17 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. | 10/21 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. |
| 6/21 | State Leadership Conference Registration Deadline | 11/18 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. |
| 6/24 | Club Officer & Treasurer Training Sessions | 12/16 | EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. |
| 6/26-28 | State 4-H Horse Classic @ Santa Cruz County Fair | | |
| 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 | | |