

Clover Lines

Don't Miss Out This Halloween!

(By: Kimberly Coverly, Teen Leader, Ventura County 4-H TOTSOCE)

While you're out getting candy this Halloween there are other children, families, and individuals in the County who will go hungry. Many are not able to eat a nutritious meal let alone get the extra treat of candy!

But you can help by participating in one of our County's biggest community service events of the year – **"TRICK OR TREAT So Others Can Eat"!**

"TRICK OR TREAT So Others Can Eat", known to many 4-H'ers as TOTSOCE (*sounds like: "tot-sauce"*) is a county-wide community service project organized by Ventura County 4-H and FOOD Share, Ventura County's food bank. TOTSOCE is simply a canned food drive to benefit the over 38,000 monthly clients of FOOD Share, the only regional food bank that distributes collected food through a network of 240 certified charitable agencies. These agencies serve children, families in crisis, low-income seniors, the homeless, handicapped, disabled and many others living within the cities and communities of Ventura County, from Thousand Oaks to Simi Valley to Ojai, Oxnard, Ventura and more.

HERE'S HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HELP!

Each club is encouraged to participate in TOTSOCE and is asked to assign a junior leader to run the project. All TOTSOCE junior leaders are to register their club A.S.A.P. by sending an e-mail to totsoce@gmail.com.

Please provide:

- Club name
- Junior Leader name, telephone number, and email address
- Approximate number of club participants
- Establish a goal for pounds of food collected

TOTOCE has an official collection period of October 19th through November 8th. Please ensure you conduct your TOTSOCE collection within this date range.

To begin, volunteers use a "Starter Kit" available at www.lomavista4h.org which includes door hangers and thank you notes that you copy onto bright orange paper. Volunteers are asked to hang the door hangers stating which day they will be back to actually collect the cans, typically 2-3 days later.

Upon collecting the food the volunteers then leave a thank you note behind so the donator knows they've been there. All collected food should be taken directly to Food Share. (*If there is more than 200 pounds of food in one place a food share truck can be called to pick up the food*) Or, for your convenience, Community West Bank will have food collection bins at both of its Ventura County branches located at: 1463 Victoria Avenue, Ventura or 951 Westlake Blvd, Westlake Village.

TOTSOCE is a great community service project for other youth groups and organizations as well, such as, churches, boy/girl scouts, schools, individuals, sports teams, and clubs of any kind. So help us get the word out with your friends.

Last year we collected 4,170 pounds of food! **Help us to exceed this number and meet our goal of collecting over 5,000 pounds of non-perishable food items this year!**

Remember, all clubs and participating youth groups/organizations are to register for TOTSOCE by e-mailing us at totsoce@gmail.com and then downloading the Starter Kit at www.lomavista4h.org.

For further questions please don't hesitate to e-mail us. Happy collecting! And don't forget, HAVE FUN!



Featured Club Happenings!

Somis 4-H

by Jorden Harber and Juliette Avalos - both age 10

Somis 4-H meets the third Thursday of each Month, 7 pm at the Somis School Cafeteria

Club Leaders: Kim Carmichael and Diana Enos

Club President: Austin Carmichael, age 15

Somis 4-H is a smaller club with only about 30 members; however, it has a lot to offer! We started off the 4H year with an ice cream social and by sharing the many awards that were earned at the Ventura County fair! At our monthly club meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month, the 4-Hers share their experiences in community service, projects, and/or any awards they have earned.

This year, Somis 4-H is offering many animal projects such as Poultry, Lamb, and Swine. Our club is proud to participate in many community service projects such as Rescue Mission, TOTSOCE, Beach clean-ups, and we have our own graffiti task force. This year all of our fall service projects such as the toy and turkey drives will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Some other projects offered this year include cooking, CPR/first aide, coyote calling, hiking and arts and crafts. Some of us will learn to cook a full meal for the first time or test our courage by calling coyotes in the middle of the night. Somis 4-H has a wonderful variety of projects for all ages and all interests!



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Featured Club Happenings Schedule

Featured Month	Club	Article Due
February	Agoura & Bardsdale	First Monday in January
March	Briggs & Chief Peak	First Monday in February
April	Citrus Valley & Conejo Valley	First Monday in March
May	Del Norte & Las Posas	First Monday in April
June	Loma Vista & Mira Monte	First Monday in May
July	Mupu & Piru	First Monday in June
August	None - Joint issue w/July	
September	Santa Rosa Valley & Sespe	First Monday in August
October	Shadow Hills & Somis	First Monday in September
November	Tapo Simi & Tierra Rejada	First Monday in October
December	None - Joint issue w/November	

Please mark your calendar with your clubs due date and month that it is being featured. Please complete the Clover Lines Featured Club Happenings form, and submit it to us by the 1st Monday of the Month prior to your club's assigned month, along with any photos that you would like us to include in Clover Lines. Please submit by email to tifisher@ucdavis.edu, with photos attached.

NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE 4-H OFFICE

- **My Own Book** (www.myownbook.net) is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the joy of reading. It was started three years ago and now distributes over 24,000 books nationwide to less fortunate children. We'd like to see 4-H clubs and groups across the state involved in the My Own Book project. If you are interested for your club, let us know. We can supply books to hand out as well as ideas for a year of fun with members of all ages. This is a great way to reach out to other children in the community. Please contact Brady and Kyle Baldwin at kyleandbrady@myownbook.net for more information.
 - The **Junior Master Gardener program** has offered a Recognition Certificate for JMG groups to earn this fall. The certification will be in **Building a Vegetable Garden**. Students will experience hands-on learning as they participate in all aspects of gardening. There is no cost to register your JMG group. If you are in need of a Level One JMG Teacher Guide, you can start register and order one by visiting <http://67.59.137.247/index.cfm?did=2035§ionID=2017>
 - The **Make It Yourself With Wool Competition** is requesting those who enjoy sewing and knitting projects to enter in a district contest near you, planned for October and early November. Winners will compete in state finals. If you are interested in participating, you may download a contest entry form [here](#), a national competition brochure is available [here](#), and specific contacts for the California contests are listed [here](#). Please contact Julie Castillo at calif.wool@gmail.com for additional questions.
 - The **State 4-H Leaders' Forum 2009**, November 6-8, 2009 is still accepting registration at the same fee. The fee will increase to \$50 on **October 1st**. If you are a 4-H Leader and think you may be interested in attending this information event at Asilomar, please visit: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/nsection/SLF09/index.htm> and submit your registration forms today. You may also contact Richard Meade at rmeade@csuchico.edu for any questions.
 - The annual **State 4-H Equine Field Day** will be held on Saturday, **October 24th** at UC Davis. Go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/> for the event details and registration form. Pre-registration is due Friday, **October 16th**; no postmarks. This event is in partnership with the UCD Department of Animal Science. 4-H Horse members, leaders and parents are invited to attend.
 - **4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery**
A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in Modesto, CA on Saturday, **November 7**, 8 AM - 4 PM and Sunday, **November 8**, 8 AM - 2 PM. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. The course will be held at the Stanislaus County Ag Center, Harvest Hall Room E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto. The cost will be \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and class materials. For more information, contact Dan Burner 209-874-2732 (evenings) or dan_burner@yahoo.com. Fees are due by **October 23**, 2009 and can be submitted to Dan Burner, P.O. Box 829, Waterford, CA 95386.
 - The **California International Exchange Program** will offer **outbound programs** to Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan during the summer of 2009. Applications will be accepted until **January 15, 2010**. An interview with the California 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, Pat English, is required. For more information contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.
 - "What's in YOUR Closet?" the **4-H State Fashion Revue**, will be Saturday, **May 29, 2010** as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. For counties and families planning their calendars, online registration will be due by May 10. Be sure to pick up a copy of Simplicity pattern # 4762, which is our Challenge Vest pattern. All 4-H members and adults are encouraged to participate in a new service activity, Hats Off for Kindness. Create a soft hat for a cancer patient by sewing, knitting, or crocheting. Please leave off floppy flowers, hard edges or attachments. For pattern ideas check out <http://brimmingwithlove.com/patterns.html>. All hat makers are invited to model their creations on stage before the SFR fashion show, but if you are a SFR participant you'll need a substitute model. We hope to collect at least 250 hats. For Hats Off information contact Rachael Gross at kandragross@sbcglobal.net. For State Fashion Revue information, contact Sue Moore samoore@ucdavis.edu or see <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.
 - Dates have been set for the **2010 Citizenship Focus Program**. Come participate in hands-on programs that bring government and policy issues to life and help you get involved in your own community.
<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus/>
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| California Focus | Washington Focus I | Washington Focus II |
| June 25-29, 2010 | Road to Democracy, June 27-July 5, 2010 | Global Journey, July 11-21, 2010 |
| | Heritage Trail, I June 27-July 3, 2009 | Heritage Trail II, July 11-17, 2010 |
- For more information, contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.



3rd Annual
4-H All Breed Shows &
Jr. Showmanship Events
Cavy ★ Poultry ★ Rabbit

Saturday, January 16, 2010

FUR & FEATHERS

At Ventura's Beach



Hosted by Ventura County 4-H SAS PDC

4-H Youth Welcome

Medaling Events: Showmanship, BIS & RBIS!

(Youth must be enrolled in project to medal.)



Ventura Fairgrounds Seaside Park

10 West Harbor Boulevard

Premium Book Available Soon!

For more information contact Show Superintendent:

Jenean Bass jeneanbass@roadrunner.com

Fur & Feathers

4-H All Breed Show
& Jr. Showmanship

T-Shirt Design

Contest

Design must include:

- A cavy &
- A chicken &
- A rabbit
- "Fur & Feathers"
- 4-H Clover
- The date

*The winning designer will
recieve a free of
County SAS PDC
Ventura County*

The show will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Ventura County Fair Grounds

All entries must be in **black and white line art**.
Email all entries as attachments to jeneanbass@roadrunner.com
by **December 1st, 2009!**

Ponies of the U.S.A!!!!!!

By: Taylor Koester of Chief Peak 4-H

It was an exciting day for the 4-H Chief Peak club of upper Ojai. On the 4th of July, miniature ponies from Pony Creek Ranch were brought down and prepared to walk in the annual parade. Everyone who was involved in the miniature horse project along with a few extra helpers, decorated the ponies with red, white, and blue ribbons for the mile long walk through downtown Ojai. The parade route started at the old spa place and went all the way to the Whispering Oaks retirement home. Erica Larson lead the way on her beautiful horse and K'lynn Jackson was behind us, who was recently crowned Miss California High School Rodeo Queen 2009. As the ponies walked by the crowd, many comments were made on how adorable they looked. The ponies did a great job showing off, especially when they would act up or stop to get a drink from their mother. This was probably due to extremely hot weather which also had the Chief Peak crew stopping for a sip of water and a squirt down from the few parent volunteers who also walked in the parade.

By the time Chief Peak reached the Whispering Oaks retirement home, the ponies and their handlers were exhausted!!!!!! The horses were allowed to cool down and were greeted by senior citizens living in the Whispering Oaks. The ponies brought a smile to



their faces. Once cooled down, the ponies were loaded into their trailers to head home and prepare for the next 4th of July parade. Everybody had a great time and hopefully inspired more kids to join the Miniature Horse Project.

DONATIONS FOR PROJECT NEEDED

Somis 4-H is putting together a sewing project for their members. As their first project after learning the basics, they will be making pillows for our Soldier's that are deployed in Iraq.

They are in need of the following items:

☺ Fabric (leftover)

☺ Thread (all colors)

☺ Cotton Stuffing or Filling

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

Donations can be dropped off at the 4-H office Monday through Friday, 8:00 - 4:30.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2009

Be part of the action Saturday, October 24, 2009; the national day to help others. Sponsored by USA WEEKEND Magazine in partnership with HandsOn Network. Supported by Newman's Own.

For more information, visit makeadifferenceday.com or call 800-416-3824.

New Volunteer Leader Certification Orientation

The training scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2009 was postponed due to illness. The new date/time has been set for **Saturday, October 17, 2009 9:30-12:30**. Please R.S.V.P. right away to tifisher@ucdavis.edu with your name, contact number and the name of the club you will be joining.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT



Don't miss Achievement Night!



Mark your calendars for Friday Night November 13th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

To be held at Poinsettia Elementary School cafeteria in Ventura,
350 North Victoria Ave.

4-H SET-Ready projects and activities utilize experiential learning (EL)

Experiential learning (EL) is based on the idea that experience matters in the learning process. Through a concrete and hands-on learning experience, youth are encouraged to think, explore, question, and make decisions. EL is more than just having the learner be engaged in an experience, however. To ensure that learning does take place, two other components are required - a period of reflection where the learner shares and processes the experience, and the application of new learning in authentic situations.

4-H promotes EL through projects and programs that:

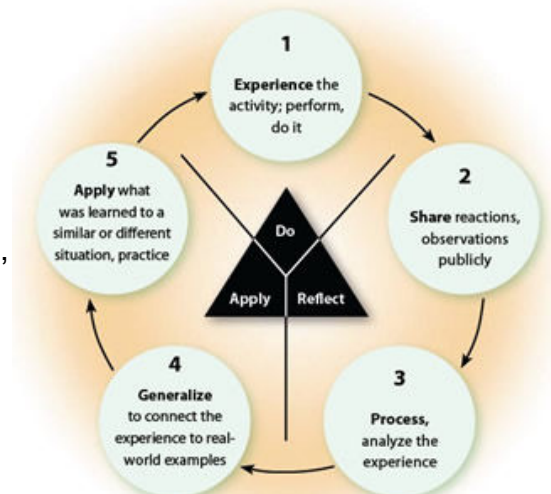
- are direct and hands-on;
- invite discussion through open-ended questioning;
- involve active reflection; and
- make connections between the activity and the real-world.

The 5-step learning cycle - Exploration, Sharing, Processing, Generalizing, and Application - is a recurring process that helps build learner understanding over time.

For more information, read

<http://www.ca4h.org/SET/documents/CA4HSET-EL.pdf>

or visit <http://www.experientiallearning.ucdavis.edu/>





The 2010 State 4-H Field Day will be held on May 29, 2010 at UC Davis.

The State 4-H Field Day is the largest California statewide 4-H event, open to 4-H members, siblings, parents, 4-H volunteers and staff.

In 2010, 4-H SET will be featured with many hands-on science, engineering and technology activities and challenges!

Your 4-H Club or project can help! Stay tuned for more information on how your 4-H project, club or committee can provide exciting 4-H SET activities, challenges or exhibits. More information will be posted at

<http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>

4-H Library

[SERIES - Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Explorations Elementary](#)

Topic Area: Environmental Education | Audience: Youth grades 4 - 6

Hands-on activities designed to teach young people about watershed concepts. Each curriculum features activities that develop an awareness of land as a watershed and encourage exploration of erosion, surface water pollution, movement and contamination of groundwater, and what kids can do to help. Elementary: For ages 9-11. Hands-on activities on erosion, making soil, life underground, aquifer in a cup, and creek bugs!

4-H Office

The 4-H Office is open (except for County designated Holidays) Monday through Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m. Please call the 4-H Office at (805) 645-1464 for more information.

Staff Hours & Program Responsibilities

Susan Gloeckler (805) 662-6943
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4-H Program Supervisor – Community Club Program, Policy and Procedure, New Unit Organization, Club Leader Advice, Training (Youth/Volunteer).
E-mail: sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu

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Monday – Thursday
4-H Assistant – Enrollment, Mailings, Pins, Equipment Check Out, 4-H Calendar, Event Support, 4-H Library, General Information, *Clover Lines* Editor.
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It is best e-mail articles about your Group's activities and events to the 4-H Office. Please e-mail your articles to tifisher@ucdavis.edu

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

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4-H Youth Development Advisor

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October

4-H Calendar

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

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| 10/11-17 Earth Science Week | 12/1 Fur & Feathers T-Shirt Design Contect entries due |
| 10/16 Early Registration for State 4-H Equine Field Day | 12/16 EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. |
| 10/17 <i>2009/2010 Program Year New Leader Certification Orientation 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. @ 4-H Office</i>
Postponed from 10/3/09. | 1/15/2010 California International Exchange Program applications due |
| 10/19 TOTSOCE official collection period | 1/16 3 rd Annual 4-H All Breed Shows & Jr Showmanship Events; Fur & Feathers |
| 10/21 EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. | 5/10 4-H State Fashion Revue registration due |
| 10/23 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Archery Certification in Modesto, CA fees due | 5/29 4-H State Fashion Revue @ UC Davis |
| 10/24 State 4-H Equine Field Day 9:45-3:30 @ UC Davis | 5/29 2010 State 4-H Field Day @ UC Davis |
| 10/24 Make a Difference Day: www.makeadifferenceday.com | 6/25-29 California Focus |
| 11/6-8 California 4-H Leaders Forum @ Asilomar | 6/27-7/5 Washington Focus I; Road to Democracy |
| 11/7-8 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Archery Certification in Modesto, CA | 6/27-7/3 Washington Focus; Heritage Trail I |
| 11/13 Achievement Night @ Poinsettia Elementary School cafeteria 7-8:30 p.m. | 6/30 Program Year ENDS |
| 11/18 EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m. | 7/1 New Program Year BEGINS |
| | 7/11-21 Washington Focus II; Global Journey |
| | 7/11-17 Washington Focus II; Heritage Trail II |