



SEPTEMBER, 2012

COLUSA COUNTY 4-H NEWS



MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

Arbuckle 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
Colusa 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa
Maxwell 4-H – 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room
Princeton 4-H – 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Princeton High School multipurpose room
Stonyford 4-H – Check calendar for monthly dates and times
Williams 4-H – 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room
4-H Council – 3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

CALENDAR:

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 3 Labor Day Holiday – Cooperative Extension closed
- 5 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose Room
- 10 Arbuckle Club Meeting & Enrollment Night, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 10 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 10 Princeton Enrollment Night, 6:30pm, Princeton High School Cafeteria
- 15 Due: Revolution of Responsibility
- 18 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room
- 19 Junior Livestock Beef Carcass Results BBQ, 6:30pm, Fairgrounds
- 19 Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 21-23 WHY Conference, Nevada City
- 22 New Leader Orientation, 10:00 – 11:30am, CIP Conference Room

OCTOBER 2012

- 2 New Leader Orientation, 6:30 – 8:00pm, CIP Conference Room
- 7 Countywide Achievement Night, 3:00pm, Fairgrounds
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- 10 4-H National Youth Science Day
- 13-14 Archery Certification, Humboldt County
- 20-21 Muzzle Loading Shooting Sports Trainer Course, Bakersfield

NOVEMBER 2012

- 3 Craft Expo, 9am – 3pm, Colusa County Fairgrounds Festival Hall
- 9-11 State Leaders' Forum, Asilomar
- 15 Due: Revolution of Responsibility

FOR STATE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES GO TO: <http://www.ca4h.org/News/Calendar/>

SEPTEMBER 19TH COUNCIL MEETING

Begins at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room. On the agenda: reports on Camp, Home Ec Tour, county record book and star judging, SLC, Council audit, awards committee. Planning events, Thrive, Healthy Living.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK BEEF CARCASS RESULTS BBQ

Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30pm

Located at the New Community Center at the Colusa County Fairgrounds

Learn about the results of your Beef selection and feeding program. To help the cooks plan, please RSVP to ceo@thefarmshow.com or 458-2641 x109.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION DATES SET:

- Saturday, September 22nd at 10-11:30am
- Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30-8pm
- Monday, November 19th at 6:30-8pm



These are the dates for the only three new leader orientations. The meetings will be held in the CIP Conference Room. New leaders need attend only one of these orientations, have fingerprint clearance, complete enrollment and pay \$10.00 in order to be a 4-H volunteer. Please rsvp to the 4-H office so we may gather useful information for you and your project.

COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS AVAILABLE

All members and leaders in countywide projects must list them on their online enrollment. Members must confirm their spot with the project leader. Project Leader must get list from county office to insure all enrollment is complete.

Hi 4-H – Cristy Edwards, Maxwell: 586-0717. Cristy invites any high school members in Colusa County and is flexible with their schedules. Once everyone is enrolled 3-4 activities will be planned. This is a really good project for high school age members who are willing to focus on community service as well as have a lot of flexibility and be with their own age group in their project.

Miniature Horses – Dale Martini, Williams (10 members maximum)

Welding (Fall) and Floriculture – Cindy Rohde, Arbuckle

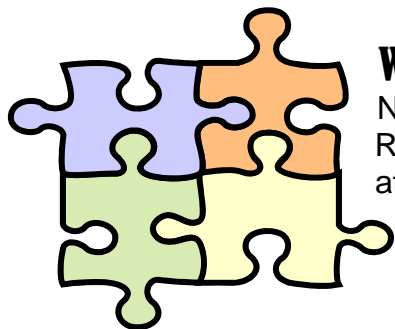
Quilting, Crocheting & Knitting – Toni Pearson, Maxwell

COUNTYWIDE ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Achievement Awards this year will kick off National 4-H Week, October 7-14 and will be held Sunday, October 7, 2012 at the Colusa County Fairgrounds at 3:00 p.m. Snow cones will be the treat this year and prizes available. All leaders and members are invited to receive their 2011-12 year pin and stripe. Every member attending will receive a ticket and special award winners will receive additional tickets. Each club is requested to provide at least one child's gift (or gift basket) for these prizes. Please RSVP to the 4-H Office if your family is attending and how many so we can plan accordingly. Thank you.

PRINCETON 4-H WELCOMES RETURNING KEY LEADER

Patti Angus was welcomed with open arms as returning Key Leader after a brief break from those responsibilities. She will assist continuing Key Leaders Jayme Britt and Debbie Wills. We thank Mrs. Angus for her generosity and look forward to her assistance to the Princeton club.



WHY CONFERENCE – WE HELP YOUTH PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER

Nevada County will host the 2012 WHY Conference September 21-23, 2012. Registration forms now available at the 4-H office! Youth grades 6th-12th may attend. Registration fees are \$105 for registrations received after August 20 through September 8th. For questions, call Tammy McFarland at 530-559-3740.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is October 6-13, 2012. All clubs are encouraged to have a window display inviting new members and volunteers to their club. Displaying what their club offers with contact and meeting information will aid new families learn more about 4-H. Members may make presentations in their classes during this week, wear the 4-H uniform to church, invite a friend to a meeting and write an article for the local newspaper to promote the program and note it in their record book.

ARCHERY LEADER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14

Humboldt County UCCE Office

5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503

Attendees must attend both Saturday (9AM - 5 PM) and Sunday (8:30 - 12 noon) to be certified as a 4-H adult, teen or junior leader. The cost will be \$30 for training and a binder of resources. There will be a lecture, hands on practice and a test. To register, complete the "Request for Training Form" at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/2123.pdf> and mail with your payment to Sandy Sathrum at 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503. Make checks payable to: Humboldt County 4-H. Participants are responsible for all transportation, overnight lodging and meals. If you have any questions, call Sandy at 707-445-7351.



SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINER COURSE

Muzzle Loading Discipline

5 Dogs Range - Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, October 20, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 21, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of muzzle loading. They will be certified as leader trainers and are eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties and they may also instruct and certify shooting sports volunteers. Class size is limited. There is no fee for the course. However, if you wish to receive National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association instructor certification there is a fee of \$40. To get more information or register for the class contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu or telephone 661-868-6216.

2012 4-H NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

[2012 4-H National Youth Science Day](#)

Powering the Nation's Future

Coincides with National 4-H Week, October 7 - 13, 2012

The fifth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day will be held nationally on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. The 2012 National Science Experiment, 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge, will explore how to utilize robotics and environmental cleanup.

Engineering Robotic Solutions

As the nation looks to address important environmental issues, youth are at the forefront of the discussion. In 4-H, young people are taught the skills they need to become the nation's future leaders. Consequently, it is important for youth to understand the challenges faced by the global community, and the opportunities to make a positive impact on communities and ecosystems.

For the fifth annual *4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD)*, The Ohio State University Extension has designed the *4-H Eco-Bot Challenge*: the 2012 National Science Experiment. The experiment will introduce youth to robotic engineering concepts as they program an autonomous robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill.

GET READY TO TAKE THE *4-H ECO-BOT CHALLENGE!*

4-H National Headquarters and National 4-H Council are pleased to reveal the 2012 National Science Experiment for *4-H National Youth Science Day*. The ***4-H Eco-Bot Challenge*** will introduce youth to engineering concepts as they program a self-directed robot to clean up a simulated environmental spill.

Developed by The Ohio State University and Ohio State Extension, this unique experiment will engage young people in finding a solution to an environmental challenge, using engineering design skills.

The experiment will test their ability to:

- Build an autonomous robot using household materials
- Design and construct a programmed environment for a working robot
- Develop a hypothesis and carry out a test
- Collaborate and offer modifications to produce an optimized solution
- Generate links among engineering, technology, science, math and society

This annual youth science event will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012**, and will bring 4-H'ers together from all around the nation to complete this single, innovative experiment.

Participation in *4-H National Youth Science Day* is meant to help spark an early passion for science, engineering and math and to encourage young people to consider these paths of study and future careers.

To visit the new 4-H NYSD website and download the 2012 Youth and Facilitator Guides as well as other key resources, visit www.4-H.org/NYSD.

EMERALD STAR

It's time to start planning Emerald Star projects. The Emerald Star is an optional award between Gold and All Stars. The member obtains a Personal Development Report (PDR) form from the 4-H Office. In order to achieve the Emerald Star the member does a community service project in addition to performing PDR requirements from the Emerald Star column. Note: the PDR form from the state 4-H site does not work for this star award. Emerald Star Project Plans are due in the 4-H Office on November 1st.

CRAFT EXPO

The Colusa County arts & craft leaders along with the 4-H Council will once again be sponsoring the "Make It and Take It" Craft Expo. The craft expo is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 3, 2012, starting at 9:00 am and continuing until 3:00 pm. It is six hours, enough hours to count as a completed project. The craft expo will be held at The Colusa County Fairgrounds, Festival Hall. This is a one day event where you can complete many projects at cost. Projects range from \$.50 to \$10.00. You will find projects for all age groups. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends and relatives to join you in a fun day of craft making. Some projects include spin art T-shirts, frames, candles, Christmas ornaments and decorations, magnets and jewelry.

4-H sign-ups are now. Don't be afraid to be an arts & craft leader. Just send your members to the Craft Expo. Remember, six hours is all they need for a completed project and the Craft Expo just happens to be six hours.



If interested in helping or donating craft items please call the Colusa County 4-H office at 458-0570 or Dawn Brown at 438-2396 or Shannon Laux at 458-4591. Any and all help greatly appreciated.

STATE 4-H LEADERS' FORUM

2012 State 4-H Leaders' Forum

November 9-11, 2012 at Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove

The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Volunteers of all ages, experiences, and locations share this opportunity to further their volunteering "career," find new inspirations, and bring new ideas home to their counties and clubs. The conference is sponsored by the State 4-H Leaders' Council and the 4-H section planning the conference.

Come to the most beautiful place on earth where the land meets the sea. Discover the Monterey-Carmel world with all its wondrous sights, historic sites, amazing attractions, and unique shopping opportunities.

Some of the best, most practical learning for 4-H leaders happens there. You'll come home loaded with ideas and activities and the enthusiasm to implement them. Your County 4-H Program becomes stronger because you went. You will return with a deeper understanding of the 4-H mission, a stronger sense of what has to happen to accomplish it, and an expanded capacity to make it happen.

Registration is by online survey or paper form, with check mailed to the Registrar.

Please register by September 1 so we can meet the Asilomar quotas. The registration fees are

Full conference: \$60 until September 1; \$70 after September 1

Saturday only: \$25 until September 1; \$30 after September 1

Delegates staying off grounds may purchase individual meals

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

• ALEXIS ERICKSON • ANAHI CANO • ASHLYN FERREIRA • AUDREY GIFFIN •
BRANDON VACA • CARISSA CABRAL • CAROLINE MOLINA • CAROLINE SITES • COLBY
BATES • DAMIAN CORONA • EMILY MOBLEY • EMILY PEARSON • GINA JENKINS •
GRACE WADDELL • GRACIE MYERS • JOSHUA BROWN • JUSTIN CHARTER • KARINA
ASCENCION • KARLIE TALBOT • LIAM COOPER • NATALIE WILSON • SEBASTIAN
JOERNS • SID CHARTER • TIFFANY JENKINS • TYLER MOSS • ZACHORY BULLOCK •
ZECHARIAH DAFOE • ALLIE WILLS • DONNIE MANSON • ETHEN RYAN • OWEN RYAN •

DO YOU SEE A NEED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



JOIN The Revolution of Responsibility! \$1,000 is available to 4-H Clubs and Groups. Successful applications are available to review from the 4-H office.

Due September 15, November 15

<http://ucanr.org/join/>

To JOIN the revolution, 4-H members, with the help of an adult 4-H volunteer mentor, should follow these steps to plan a project.

1. Identify an issue or problem in your community.
2. Find community organizations to collaborate with.
3. Plan the project: form goals, outline tasks, list needed resources, and prepare a budget
4. Prepare ways to document and record your project to share with others.
5. JOIN the revolution at <http://ucanr.org/join/>

A toolkit of tips, templates, links, and suggested guidelines has been developed to support your projects. From the initial work to identify a compelling community issue to the final celebration of its completion, use this toolkit to help you carry out the important steps necessary to ensure success.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/Toolkit/>

ORB

The 4-H Online Record Book (ORB) is approaching one year on September 1st! The system itself has seen much growth and enhancements and the programmers are building in new features on a regular basis. Members using ORB will be able to complete their 2011-2012 Record Book Online through December 31st, 2012. While ORB users will continue to have access to complete their own Online Record Book, the social media aspects of ORB are blocked until members are enrolled in 4hOnline for the new program year and their status is returned to "ACTIVE".

For general information and help about the Online Record Book, please check out the following resources:

- o ORB Webinar Archives— <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/>
- o ORB Login Help— <http://www.ca4h.org/files/121045.pdf>
- o ORB Support (if you aren't sure how to do something in ORB)—Please contact your county office
- o ORB Bug Report (if a feature within ORB is not functioning correctly please tell us)—
<http://www.ca4h.org/recordbookbugs/>

NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE CENTER

Tell your friends and get a discount! 4-H Center Customer Referral Program. A recent school saved \$400 by telling others about them.

What you should know:

- Refer another school and get a discount equal to 10% of their reservation
- Works year-over-year. Keep referring and keep saving!

What your friends should know:

- No Hotel Taxes! Save 7% over Maryland hotels and 14.5% over DC hotels
- Minutes to Washington DC + quiet campus-style atmosphere
- Quad occupancy, hotel style guest rooms with full bath
- All-you-can-eat buffet dining
- Indoor recreation room
- Outdoor sand-volleyball and full regulation basketball court
- 24 hour onsite security
- Free parking

Survey says: over 95% of our guests would recommend us to a friend

Accepting Reservations for the 2012/2013 School Year and Beyond!

Do they need help planning their trip? Do YOU? Visit <http://www.wowwashington.org/> to learn about our FULLY GUIDED TOURS. Visit us online at www.4hcenter.org for more information!

4-H E-News Updates ~ September 2012

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. And new this year, the entire community also has a voice. Rural community members can suggest an idea or initiative that needs funding for their local 4-H, such as a community garden or camp scholarships. Farmers may review the ideas and consider them in their application. To plant your idea and encourage farmers to support your 4-H, go to GrowCommunities.com. In addition, in communities impacted by drought, the Monsanto Fund will provide twice the financial support. Winning farmers from counties that have been declared natural disaster areas will now receive double the donation, a total of \$5,000. These winners may choose where to direct the additional \$2,500 disaster relief donation based on community needs brought forth by the drought. The Monsanto Fund will select one winner at random from each of the eligible 1,271 counties and winning farmers and recipient nonprofits will be announced in January 2013. Please click here for an application: [Printable Application Forms](#)

4-H Fund Development - <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/SETResources/PP/>

4-H has a compelling message and demonstrable impacts that are well aligned with the interests of private funders. However, securing funding from these new sources requires a set of strategies for engagement based on long term relationship building and ongoing investment rather than a singular fundraising approach based on short term gifts.

Announcing the New Highest California 4-H Youth Award! The Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is awarded to the highest achieving 4-H youth members through an application and essay process. All youth who achieve the qualifications are eligible for this award. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year and while a young person is between 17 and 19 years of age. Each quarter, applications are reviewed by the Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awards are given. Awardees are announced annually at the State Leadership Conference. Applications are available now for submission beginning July 1, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/IR/

Rationale: Most youth serving organizations have a highest honor—Boy Scouts have Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts have the Gold Award, Camp Fire USA has the WoHeLo Award. While the 4-H State Ambassador Program is a very high honor, it is a working honor and is prohibitive to many who may be deserving of a highest youth award.

It is time to start the selection process for the **2013 Salute to Excellence 4-H Volunteer Awards**. The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Additional information is available at <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/grants-awards/opportunities/salute-to-excellence-awards/>.

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2. The **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award** is for individuals who have served **10 or more years** at the local, county, district or state level.

Mail completed nomination packet(s) to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, University of California, Davis, One Shields Ave., DANR Bldg., Davis, CA 95616. If you FED EX the packet please send it to the State 4-H Office, Attn: Shannon Dogan, DANR Building, 225 Hopkins Road, Davis, CA 95616. Nominations should be received by **October 2, 2012** to be considered. The State 4-H Office will verify with county 4-H staff that the volunteer is enrolled and in good standing. All nomination packets will be reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee who will recommend one nominee for each category to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy for final approval. Please note there is no limitation on the number of nominees from each county.

North American Association for Environmental Education - October 10-13, 2012, Oakland, CA

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2013 National 4-H Conference – Applications for the 2013 National 4-H Conference will be available in August! If you are interested in attending the conference as part of the California delegation, you can find the application and detailed information on the State 4-H website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>. Applications will be due October 31, 2012.

Save the Date: State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25 at UC Davis

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>

The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. More information will be released in January 2013.



Swine Flu Update - The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported a variant strain of Influenza A (H3N2v), which has been identified in swine and in humans. So far, the virus has been detected in 3 states (not in California), and some of the human cases are believed to be related to contact with swine that were exhibited at an agricultural fair. The following links contain nation-wide and California-specific advisories and fact sheets about this virus. The Centers for Disease Control have released information and resources on the Influenza A H3N2v Virus affecting swine. More information on this can be found at: <http://ucanr.org/4hsafety>.

The **State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee announces categories and service projects for 2013 SFR! Entry categories will be Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Wearable Art-Embellished, 2 Yard Wonder, and Duct Tape Challenge.

- Traditional: new this year, the entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing and Textile project.
- Consumer Science Purchased has a \$19.99 limit, shoes and sales tax not included. Receipts for all items showing except shoes are required, with purchases made during the 2012-2013 4-H year. The \$100 CS Purchased category will not be offered.
- The Wearable Art – Embellished entry must start with a purchased garment. Duct tape entries are not eligible for WA-Embellished.
- 2 Yard Wonder is a Challenge category: using 2 yards of 100% cotton fabric, sew a garment and an accessory. Additional garments to complete the outfit may be sewn or purchased. There is no specific pattern requirement. The entry must be sewn by the member as part of his/her 4-H Clothing & Textiles project.
- Duct Tape Challenge: Create a wearable garment out of duct tape such as a jacket, shirt, pants, skirt or dress. The member may choose to begin with a purchased garment or not. Additional garments, accessories, fabric and materials may be added.
- For all entries, the outfit must be produced and modeled by the individual member. The outfit must meet SFR modesty guidelines.
- A member may only qualify to enter one outfit at SFR. To reduce confusion, counties are encouraged to adopt this policy: At county fashion revues where a member may enter more than one outfit, the garments, accessories, and shoes for each outfit must be distinctly different. An item in one outfit may not also be used as part of another outfit.
- Counties may offer additional categories that do not advance to SFR.

State Fashion Revue is coordinating two service projects. The first is a sewn teddy bear or doll. The second is a drawstring bag. Patterns and instructions will be posted on the SFR website. SFR will continue to accept quilts for troops to pass on. If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, these categories and service projects, or would like to join the committee, please visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>

Support & 4-H Robotics Groups

my4-H.org allows professionals to connect, collaborate and learn from other professionals and volunteers across the country. Network with others on the 4-H Robotics community at <https://www.my4-h.org/robotics>

It's time to register for the **2012 State Leaders Forum**, coming November 9-11 at Asilomar. Save \$10 if you register by September 1st. Simply complete the survey or the printed form then mail your fee to the registrar. Use the Asilomar form to reserve your conference lodging and meal package. Rooms are being held for us until September 9th. "4-H in a Minute: Wake up to the Possibilities!" promises to be fun, relaxing, motivating, educational, and timely. Volunteer leaders and staff - join the South Central Section for workshops, games and prizes, including a drawing for an iPad and "Minute to Win It" competitions. Nancy Franz, our Saturday keynote speaker, brings new ideas from Iowa 4-H. Silent Auction donations and county baskets are gratefully accepted to help defray conference expenses. More information and forms are at <http://ucanr.org/slf2012> or contact Sue Moore, Registrar, 2moores@mlode.com.

State Record Book Competition

To help youth prepare 4-H Record Books for state competition there is a 2012 Addendum to the Record Book Manual posted on the Website: www.ca4h.org

Youth who are planning to submit a 2012 Record Book to State Competition should review this addendum for the most current guidelines. Individuals wishing to be 2012 Record Book judge need to complete and submit the Judge's Application by September 30, 2012 by following the link to the application by survey. Other forms available on the Website include:

State Judging Process

2012 Record Book County Check Sheet

2012 Record Book Cover Page

Previous Years' Records Formatting Guide

There will be a session at State Leadership Conference (SLC) on Building a Winning Record Book. If you plan to be at SLC and want some great tips, attend this session.

Western Region Leader Forum –March 21 – 24, 2013 in Hawaii

Hawaii 4-H members, volunteers, faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing you in Hawaii March 21 – 24, 2013 for the Western Region Leader Forum. The planning committee is hard at work planning an event you will enjoy and remember because of what you will learn and the people you will meet. At the forum you will definitely enjoy the beauty and climate of this place many people only know as Paradise.

The conference site is the Waikiki Beach Marriott and Resort. It is a beautiful hotel located on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. You will need to register at the hotel before you register for the conference so you will have the confirmation code required to avoid the surcharge for those who choose to attend WRLF and stay at another place. Reservations at the Marriott may be made at 800-848-8100 or by using the local number of 808-922-6611. We have reserved a block of rooms which you will need to refer to when you register by giving the code, WR4A, to the person taking your reservation.

Registration for the forum may be completed by going to: <http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/>

DEADLINES:

Deadline for Regular Registration is December 31, 2012 - \$375

Deadline for Hotel room Rate of \$179 is February 21, 2013 - \$425

Stow It-Don't Throw It Project - <http://www.stowitdontthrowitproject.org/>. This project is designed to empower youth to come together and combat the dangers of improperly disposed of monofilament fishing line by making and distributing personal-sized fishing line recycling bins to anglers and boaters, as well as by educating the public on sustainable fishing practices! For more information on the dangers of monofilament fishing line and other forms of marine debris, this project, our outreach efforts, or how you can get involved, check out the rest of our site!

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The 2012 North Central Region Volunteer Forum Registration is now open. Please go to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=314> for the latest information with the Registration Booklet and links to the online registration and hotel as well as lots of other information. Also, you can go to <http://kansas4-h.org/>, click on the Forum logo in the center of the page for more information. The Forum is October 11 - 14, in Wichita, Kansas. We have three outstanding speakers and 50 great workshop sessions planned. Please check it out and share with 4-H Volunteers and staff. Please contact Rod Buchele at rbuchele@ksu.edu for any questions or concerns.

North American Association for Environmental Education

October 10-13, 2012, Oakland, CA

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2012 President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA)

Due December 31, 2012

<http://www.epa.gov/peya/>

The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people across the U.S. for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. One outstanding project from each region is selected for national recognition. Projects are developed by young individuals, school classes (K-12), summer camps, and youth organizations to promote environmental stewardship.

2012 Youth Ocean Conservation Film Competition

Due October 1, 2012 - http://www.stowitdontthrowitproject.org/pb/wp_a9baf081/wp_a9baf081.html

Are you an aspiring filmmaker? Is there an ocean conservation issue that you want to share with others? All students in grades K-12 are invited to take part in the 2012 Youth Ocean Conservation Film Competition! This competition provides you with the chance to highlight an ocean conservation issue that's relevant in your home town, create a short video to raise awareness about a conservation project, or film a public service announcement encouraging people to protect our planet's oceans. The possibilities are endless – just use your creativity!

Recorded Webinars for 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics

- Overview of the curriculum and materials. From April 3, 2012 to the California Afterschool Network: http://stem.afterschoolnetwork.org/emvideo/modal/313/425/350/field_video/bliptv/6049534
- Overview of curriculum, showcase of materials & supplies. From February 23, 2012 to Virginia 4-H: <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/p71hdidqfd5/>
- Pedagogy, role of the adult, experiential learning, inquiry, engineering design process. From December 8, 2011 to Virginia 4-H: <http://uc-d.adobeconnect.com/p7vysi71usn/>

Published Articles

- Mechanical Engineering Magazine – “Growing a New Crop of Engineers” <http://memagazine.asme.org/>
- International Society for Technology in Education – “Learning Connections: No Robotics in School? 4-H Can Help” www.iste.org
- University of California Making a Difference: <http://ucanr.org/delivers/?impact=864&a=0>
- Advances in Youth Development Book – “Chapter 7: Extending Science Education with Engineering and Technology: Junk Drawer Robotics Curriculum” <http://www.ca4h.org/files/130752.pdf>

North American Association for Environmental Education - October 10-13, 2012, Oakland, CA

Environmental education (EE) teaches children and adults how to learn about and investigate their environment, and to make intelligent, informed decisions about how they can take care of it. Registration will open on June 1, 2012. For more information, go to: <http://www.naaee.net/conference>.

Save-the-date! **Regional 4-H Thrive Master Trainer Trainings and Updates** are scheduled for 2012. The Master Trainer Training is for volunteers who wish to become part of their county's training team.

Current Master Trainers who wish to extend their service an additional year will attend a one-day update training on Saturday. New Master Trainers will attend the whole weekend. All conferences are sponsored by 4-H Thrive and will cover the cost of conference, travel and lodging.

The Regional Training Dates are:

- o Southern Valley: September 8-9, 2012, Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center, Visalia, CA
- o Southern: September 22-23, 2012, Doubletree Hotel (pending contract approval), Ontario, CA
- o Far Northern: September 29-30, 2012, Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Redding, CA

A website with conference information and registration is being created and will be available shortly. All conferences are sponsored by 4-H Thrive and will cover the cost of conference, travel and lodging. Please contact Scott Mautte at scmautte@ucdavis.edu for additional questions.

Healthy Community Grants Funded by the Wellpoint Foundation, **Deadline:** September 7, 2012

The WellPoint Foundation invests in domestic initiatives that help improve the lives of people and the health of local communities. The foundation promotes healthy behaviors, health-risk prevention, and healthy environments. Focus areas include childhood obesity prevention. The foundation considers both local and national initiatives whose outcomes predominantly impact any of the 14 states in which WellPoint, Inc., does business. Award amounts vary. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Please contact the Wellpoint Foundation for more information and to [apply](#) for this funding.

Grants for Youth Funded by the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust, **Deadline:** Rolling

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. Programs of greatest interest offer direct services to disadvantaged children and youth, such as academic enrichment and support, mentoring and youth leadership, arts outreach integrated with school curriculum, and recreational activities and camps incorporating youth development objectives. Please [contact](#) the May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust for more information and to apply for this funding.

4-H Participation and Science Interest in Youth in Journal of Extension, 50(2) by Heck, Carlos, Barnett, & Smith

<http://www.joe.org/joe/2012april/a5p.shtml>

The study reported here investigated the impacts of participation in 4-H on young people's interest and participation in science. Survey data were collected from relatively large and ethnically diverse samples of elementary and high school-aged students in California. Results indicated that although elementary-grade 4-H members are not more interested in science than other youth, by high school, participation in 4-H is associated with a greater number of science classes and higher-level science coursework. These results suggest that the 4-H program may have the ability to influence science interest and participation in the long term among its members.

Reversing the Swing from Science: Implications from a Century of Research by Sneider

<http://www.noycefdn.org/documents/Sneider-The%20Swing%20from%20Science.pdf?v=snKYxbC8xiA>

For at least the past 100 years science educators have been concerned about how best to encourage children's natural interests in science; but the problem of waning interest through the middle school and high school years persists. What have we learned in a century of research?

1. Attitudes are malleable.
2. The critical period for influencing students is between 8 and 13 years old.
3. Young people like science – though not necessarily in school.
4. Teachers, teaching methods, and curriculum can make a difference.
5. A diversity of research methods is needed for further progress.

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