

State Leaders' Council Report – October 22, 2005

California 4-H Incentives and Recognition

Committee News - <http://ca4h.org/council/i-r/>

Awards – <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>

2005-2006 Committee Members:

Cassie Markley

Humboldt County
Youth Committee Member
July 2005 - June 2007

Michael Tobias

San Benito County
Youth Committee Member
July 2004 - June 2006

Barbara Nordin-Elmer

Mendocino County
Volunteer Committee Member
July 2003 - June 2006

Brennan Cackett

Orange County
Youth Committee Member
July 2005 - June 2007

Ashley Driver

Colusa County
State Ambassador Rep.
July 2005 - June 2006

Keith Nathaniel

Los Angeles County
4-H YDP Staff Committee Member
July 2005 - June 2007

Kristen Lee

Santa Clara County
Youth Committee Member
July 2005 - June 2007

Christine Garman

Sonoma County
Volunteer Committee Member
July 2005 - June 2007

Veronica Slatton

Kern County
4-H YDP Staff Committee Member
July 2005 - June 2007

Catharine Kuber

Fresno County
Youth Committee Member
July 2004 - June 2006

Fern Vacca

Ventura County
Volunteer Committee Member
July 2005 - June 2007

Melanie Curtis

Fresno County
4-H YDP Staff Committee Member
July 2004 - June 2006

Committee Goals for 2005-2006

- Promotion of statewide recognition opportunities
- Revise 4-H Record Books
- Continue the 4-H Golden Clover Awards
- Discuss primary member recognition
- Develop an I & R Handbook

Golden Clover Awards

Sixty-two applications were submitted during the first year of the 4-H Golden Clover Awards, including fifteen 4-H volunteers, fourteen groups and thirty-three 4-H members. The Selection Committee was composed of a group across California, including one county-based staff, two volunteers, and three 4-H members. Sixteen Golden Clovers were awarded in 2005! More information is available at

<http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/>

State 4-H Project Competition

101 books were entered in 42 out of 73 categories. There were 28 State Winners and 20 Reserve State Winners.

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State 4-H Presentation Day

<http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/>

2005 Event

Plans are underway for the 2006 State 4-H Presentation Day on May 27, 2006 at UC Davis. Carol Green (cmg13@mac.com), Alex Culp and Lezlie Elmer are coordinating the event, along with a committee of youth and adults. The next phone conference is October 30, 7:00 – 9:00pm (530-752-1414). Ask Steven to be added to ca4h-pres@ucdavis.edu if you want news and information on the State 4-H Presentation Day.

4-H Presentation Manual version 3

The committee has updated the 4-H Presentation Manual for 2006. Highlights include:

- Additional clarification on the Educational Display category
- Grammatical corrections, voice changes (passive/active), and renaming “member” to “presenter”

The manual is available at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/>

2006 Sectional 4-H Presentation Days

10 sectional presentation days will be held in 2006 (4 in North, 1 in North Central, 3 in South Central and 2 in South). Sectional presentation days span from March 18 to May 20.

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California 4-H State Leadership Conference

<http://slc.ca4h.org>

452 people attended the 2005 California 4-H State Leadership Conference, August 4-7, 2005 at UC Davis. 106 adults and 346 youth; 125 male with 327 female.

North – 97

North Central – 142

South Central – 121

South - 80

The 2006 California 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held August 10 – 13, 2006 at UC San Diego. Registration information will be available in mid-April 2006.



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4-H State Ambassador Team

<http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>

The State 4-H Office is pleased to announce the 2005-2006 4-H State Ambassador team. They will serve a 14-month term, ending with the 2006 California 4-H State Leadership Conference.

The teams' goals this year include:

- Promoting the 4-H State Ambassador program to counties
 - Being visible statewide
 - Visiting county/sectional events/meetings
- Working with the YIG initiative
- Having representatives at state council meetings
- Being more involved in the state fair
- Representing 4-H to non-4-H groups (community service)
- Being professional (while representing 4-H and wearing 4-H shirt)
- Keeping older members in 4-H



2006-2007 4-H State Ambassador applications will be available in mid-November.

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4-H Computer Corps

<http://ca4h.org/compcorps/>
ca4hcc@ucdavis.edu

The 4-H Computer Corps is busy with numerous projects this year:

- **4-H Website** - www.ca4h.org – the group continues to update and improve the website for use by members, volunteers, staff and the general public. The group is moving to CSS and XHTML based pages, but will not change the basic layout. They are working on updating the left-side menu for easier navigation.
- **Bulletin Boards** – The group has started using a message board system for team communication. This has allowed members to read prior posts and easy archival of information. <http://ca4h.org/bb/>
- **Asilomar** – The 4-H Computer Corps is leading six workshops at the State Leaders' Forum.
 - Digital Photography
 - Digital Culture
 - MS Office
 - GIS/GPS
 - Web Design
 - 4-H Presentations
- **2005 Accomplishments**
 - Server reformatting and hard drive re-partitioning
 - Team reorganization and project-based structure
 - Steven's article in the UC Davis IT Times
 - Integration with 4-H State Ambassadors
 - Pre-assembly slides at SLC
 - Three spring trainings (San Benito, Orange, UC Davis)
 - Message boards
 - Velcro ties for Mobile Lab
 - MySQL database management (also used by Contra Costa County's webmaster)
 - Trainings
 - Sectional: LCORT, TIC, WHY
 - State Presentation Day
 - WRLF
 - State Leaders Forum
 - LA Leadership Development Institute
 - Comp Corps History Book

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National 4-H Conference

<http://ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/>

Selections for the 2006 National 4-H Conference are underway. The team will be announced in early November.

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. It is with great pleasure that we share preliminary registration material with you for the 2006 National 4-H Conference, March 25-30, 2006. The theme is, "Connect 4-H—Let's Get Together!"

The theme, "Connect 4-H – Let's Get Together!" reflects the many connections we have within and across the 4-H Youth Development Program. Center stage in 2006 will be the Essential Elements of the 4-H Youth Development Program. The round table discussions and the professional development workshops at the conference will highlight the Essential Elements of belonging, independence, mastery, and generosity. For more information about the Essential Elements, visit the library link on the National 4-H Headquarters, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) website at http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/library/4h_presents.htm.

The National 4-H Headquarters extends an invitation, on behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture, to the Land-Grant Universities to identify and register a delegation to the National 4-H Conference. Conference delegates come to the nation's capitol to share their recommendations for future 4-H Youth Development programming. The round table discussions culminate in a Town Hall Meeting, and the delegates' top recommendations are shared with the Secretary of Agriculture, other USDA officials, and partners across the 4-H system.



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Collegiate 4-H

Cal Poly Collegiate 4-H was very popular at this year's State Presentation Day with its excellent barbecue fundraiser – and returned to the State Leadership Conference in August to host the All Star luncheon with a similar menu. The club has been active in San Luis Obispo County with its members' leadership expertise and has provided plenty of assistance at local events.

Collegiate 4-H at UC Davis hosted a number of activities at the Presentation Day, including a sports equipment check-out stand, campus tours, GPS/GIS scavenger hunts, and a Computer Corps workshop. The Glory Be fundraiser was a success; Cal Poly's barbecue and UC Davis' bears ended up benefiting both clubs as they split the profits.

The UC Davis club also had an epic river rafting adventure in May... club secretary Sandy Knowles and the advisor (who won't be named) both took spills into the cold water, with Sandy braving an entire rapid on her own. Reports that the club members tossed Steven into the water a second time are entirely based in reality.

Information regarding the annual You See Davis Days event will be out by early December; this is an ideal opportunity for high school students to check out the campus and gain valuable information about admissions. Another College Prep Day partnership with Kaplan is planned for March 2006.

Submitted by Cindy Sperry

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National 4-H Leaders' Academy Report (Youth in Governance)

A new National 4-H John Deere Leaders' Academy was held on September 30 – October 3 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Beverly Elithorp, a 4-H State Ambassador, and Steven Worker, State 4-H Staff attended as California's two representatives. Involved with training was Carole MacNeil, Cindy Sperry, Shelley Murdock and Carole Paterson from California.

The purpose of the National 4-H Youth Directions Council Leaders Academy is to build the capacity of 4-H youth and support them in playing a meaningful role in their communities through civic engagement. The projects that youth-adult teams develop and implement in their states will empower them and others to give back through service, make a difference, and feel connected to their community.

The back-home action plan is involving the 4-H State Ambassador team to create a statewide group focused on evaluating current efforts, educating and identifying tools to promote youth in governance.

Youth-in-Governance Initiative

The 4-H Youth in Governance Initiative involves the preparation for, and practice of, youth participation in governance roles (in programs, organizations, and communities). It targets both youth and adults.

Youth in Governance is the authentic and meaningful engagement of young people in programs, organizations, and communities, where they have or share voice, influence, and decision-making authority.

Submitted by Steven Worker