

State Leaders' Council Report - April 23, 2005

California 4-H Incentives and Recognition

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

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

Committee Members: The State 4-H Office is seeking four youth members, two adult volunteers, and one 4-H staff to add to the I & R Committee for 2005-2006. Applications are due April 30, 2005. Applications are available in the “Statewide 4-H Advisory Committee” packet or at [http://ca4h.org/council/4-HYDPStatewideCommittees\(2005\).pdf](http://ca4h.org/council/4-HYDPStatewideCommittees(2005).pdf)

Achievement Pins: The State 4-H Office is asking for feedback on a recommendation to replace both of the existing colored and year 4-H achievement pins. The Statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee recommends that a new 4-H Achievement Pin be created that displays the current program year (e.g. “2006-07”) implemented July 1, 2006. This pin would be given to all 4-H members (from ages 5 to 19) after successful completion of 4-H work. The achievement pin will be inclusive of all types of 4-H participation and will help unify the entire California 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP). Contact your 4-H Staff for the full 3-page proposal. Provide feedback to Steven Worker, State 4-H Program Representative at smworker@ucdavis.edu by April 30, 2005. The proposal is available at <http://ca4h.org/council/i-r/4HYDP-ParticipationPins2006-Proposal.pdf>

New 4-H Record Books: The committee continues to review and work on an updated record book system for the CA 4-H YDP. Draft v 4 will be released statewide for review in late summer of 2005.

Upcoming Deadlines

Scholarships: Statewide scholarships in the categories of “general 4-H” and “vocational education” are due April 30.

Sporting, Camping, and Outdoor Adventure Award: A statewide award for a 4-H member and 4-H volunteer are available and due June 30.

Golden Clover: The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement by 4-H members, volunteers, and groups within the 4-H YDP. Nominations are due June 30, 2005 and will be recognized Saturday, August 6 during the 4-H State Leadership Conference.

State 4-H Project Competition: Forms are available for the 2005 State Project Competition at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/> Sectional Judging will take place:

North – July 15 to Jacki Zediker

North Central – TBA to Deborah Lang

South Central – July 30 to Melanie Curtis

South – July 23 to Zelda Hughes

State judging will take place on August 20.

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State 4-H Presentation Day

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

The 2005 4-H State Presentation Day will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at UC Davis. The committee has been planning for a great event this year! Collegiate 4-H at Cal Poly will be selling tri-tip sandwiches for lunch while the Collegiate 4-H Club at Davis will be conducting games and activities to keep people occupied during the day.

Encourage 4-H members to register on-line at <http://ca4h.org/wrp/spd/>

For more information regarding the event, please contact Carol Green-Lingbaoan at 209-468-2094 or cmgreenlingbaoan@ucdavis.edu

4-H Presentations that receive a gold seal at a Sectional Presentation Day are eligible to present at the 2005 California State Fair. Entries for the State Fair are due June 1, 2005 and available at:

<http://ca4h.org/4hresource/calexpo/index.asp>

Two additional events are being added to the day:

Horticulture: The state 4-H Horticulture Contest will be held Saturday morning May 28, 2005, in conjunction with the 4-H State Presentation Day. The horticulture contest is open to all 4-H members, The top scoring 3-4 eligible individuals (senior members, age 14+ as of Jan. 1, 2005) will comprise the California team for the National 4-H Horticulture Contest to be held Oct. 7-10 in Cleveland, Ohio. If you have questions, want additional information or wish to assist with this event, please contact Michael Rethwisch at (760) 921-7884 (mdrethwisch@ucdavis.edu).

Judging Contest: Pre-registration is not required. This is an individual walk-in basis event. Judging doors will be open between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. For more information, please contact Mary Anne Smith at 760-344-4048.

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California 4-H State Leadership Conference

<http://slc.ca4h.org>

The 2004-2005 4-H State Ambassador team is preparing for the 2005 State Leadership Conference, scheduled to take place August 4 – 7, 2005 at UC Davis. This four day long conference will contain 5-hour tracks on Friday, 3 general workshops on Saturday, and discussion groups on Sunday. The cost of attendance is \$330.

Registration materials are available at <http://slc.ca4h.org> and are due to County Offices by June 24, 2005. Financial aid applications are due May 27.

Program:

- Matt Lohr, Cary Trivanovich, and Kenlen Nelson are the keynote speakers for the conference.
- Eleven of the twenty Friday tracks fit into the theme of “Youth in Governance” and will provide members with training to bring home to their clubs and counties.
- The discussion groups on Sunday will allow members and adults (in separate groups) to discuss issues related to a chosen topic (delegates self-select their topic) and provide recommendations on how 4-H can address the issues.

The 2004-2005 4-H State Ambassador team, along with volunteers, two deans, and two assistant conference directors are planning the event.



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4-H State Ambassador Team

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

The 2004-2005 4-H State Ambassador team is mid-way through their term. Their projects are described below:

- **4-H State Leadership Conference** – UC Davis, August 4 – 7, 2005.
- **Service-Project** – The team has completed the Community Service Day at WRLF, February 26. The event was a success with over 25 organizations providing information and activities on-site and forty delegates conducting work the McFarland Ranch. The Ambassador team felt that the event was a success for the WRLF delegates that participated in the Community Service Day; but was disappointed that many delegates decided to take the afternoon off.
- **Representation** – Representing the 4-H YD Program at:
 - Horse Classic
 - State Fair
 - State Leaders' Forum
 - TIC, LCORT, CAL
 - Western Regional Leaders' Forum
 - Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee
 - Program Advisory Committee
 - Ag Day at the State Capital
 - *Upcoming*: State Presentation Day
 - *Upcoming*: Alberta, Canada 4-H Club Week
 - *Upcoming*: Montana 4-H Congress

2005-2006 4-H State Ambassador Selection

Ambassador selection for next year's team is underway. Interview dates will be held April 30 at Davis, May 14 at Riverside and May 21 at Fresno. The new team's orientation is scheduled for July 8 – 10 at the Headlands Institute.

Program Overview

The 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides older 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the 4-H Youth Development program. The position of a 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest recognitions attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Youth, ages 16 – 19 and adult advisors are selected for their demonstrated leadership skills, ability to work in diverse groups, competence to professional represent the 4-H Youth Development Program, experience in event planning and delivery, and a commitment to citizenship and community service. 4-H State Ambassadors serve a fourteen-month term in which they conduct a statewide service-project, represent 4-H to foundations and organizations, and coordinate the California 4-H State Leadership Conference.

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4-H Computer Corps

<http://ca4h.org/compcorps/>
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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 considering a move to CSS and XHTML based pages, but will not effect the layout or content.
- **Beginning 4-H Computer Project Lesson Plan** – the group continues to write and edit a beginning 4-H computer project. The group hopes to release pilot versions this fall.
- **State Leadership Conference** – the group has three tracks and six workshops planned for the 4-H State Leadership Conference:
Tracks: Web Design, Multimedia, GIS/GPS
Workshops: Simulations, Photoshop, Hardware, Networking, Digital Presentations, Desktop Publishing
- **Spring Trainings** - the second-set of Spring Trainings has been held in San Benito and Orange County with Davis on April 30. Many new 4-H members and leaders have been trained in website design and now have their 4-H club online!
- **County Tech Team Book** – the group has been working on a helpful manual on starting a county tech team. This book is scheduled to be released in the summer.
- **GIS/GPS** – The new technologies of GIS/GPS continue to provide exciting new opportunities for 4-H members. Five sites in California have received an ESRI software grant: San Diego County, Merced County, East Valley 4-H Club in San Bernardino County, Mendocino County and Tehama County.

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National 4-H Conference

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

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, state, and county Extension staff members from across the United States, its territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

2005 California Delegates

- Cori Byrum, Solano County
- Katrina Castaneda, Solano County
- Brandon Emerson, San Luis Obispo County (Collegiate 4-H)
- Jim Frapwell, Volunteer Calaveras County
- Emily Lane, Trinity County
- Lili Mays, Sonoma County
- Lauren Mojica, Tuolumne
- John Trammell, San Bernardino County
- Karen Von Dollen, Santa Barbara County
- Megan Wright, Madera County
- Steven Worker, State 4-H Office

The group will be leading three workshops at the 4-H State Leadership Conference:

- "This Meeting is Called to Order:" Meeting Facilitation Techniques
- 4-H: The National Experience
- Special Needs



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