

State Leaders' Council Report 4/24/04

California 4-H Incentives and Recognition

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

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

The committee has been working to update statewide recognition systems for members, volunteers, and staff. To this date, these items have been released:

Statewide Scholarships – Scholarships for higher education in categories of general 4-H and vocational education. Due date is April 30.

Outdoor Adventures Award – Recognition for youth and adults in outdoor adventure projects. Due date is April 30.

Bob and Pat Dean Memorial 4-H Legacy Fund – Financial support for 4-H Clubs up to \$2,500. Due date is October 31.

Service-Learning Request for Proposals – Financial support for service-learning projects (service-learning is community service partnered with education). Due date is June 30.

2004 4-H State Project Competition – The committee has modified, slightly, the awards given for the State 4-H Record book. State Winners may choose a \$500 cash or \$1,000 savings bond reward, Alternate State Winners may choose a \$250 cash or \$500 savings bond reward, and merit winners are rewarded for the remainder of books in a category. Due dates vary by section:

North Section: July 1 - Jacki Zediker at jkzediker@ucdavis.edu or 530-842-2711

North Central Section: July 17 - Tom Fraser at tomfraser@mindspring.com or 925-371-0732

South Central Section: July 24 - Melanie Curtis at makwast@ucdavis.edu or 559-456-7285

South Section: July 24 - Noel Keller at nkeller@cs.hmc.edu or 909-621-2373

Books are due to State by August 1. State judging will take place August 28.

The committee has been working on new recognition systems, such as:

Golden Clover Award – To precognitive members, volunteers, and groups for achievement in various categories. A \$500 award along with recognition on the 4-H website and statewide conferences will be given. The Keith Barnes 4-H Leader Recognition will be absorbed by this expanded recognition system. The award will be released in fall 2004 and due April 30, 2005.

Staff Spotlight – CE 4-H offices will be recognized monthly on the state 4-H website (ca4h.org). This will be implemented July 1, 2004.

4-H Record Books – The committee continues to review and work on an updated record book system for the CA 4-H YDP. The goals of the committee in this regard are to stream-line the process, eliminating the two record book systems (local and state), and incorporate new methods of record keeping including computers.

Achievement Pins – The committee is discussing recommendations for the future of achievement pins for 4-H members: yearly pins, colored pins, or year-date pins. Expect a recommendation after May 2.

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State 4-H Presentation Day

The State 4-H Presentation Day committee is preparing for a large event on May 29, 2004 at UC Davis. The due date for entries is May 24, 2004.

Information may be obtained at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/>

Event Chairs:

Erin Twomey, Alameda - somethingcorporategal@yahoo.com

Rachel Onojafe, Alameda - eonojafe@comcast.net

Pat Wight, Yolo - PatiAnn@aol.com

Steven Worker, State 4-H Office - smworker@ucdavis.edu

As of April 23, 9:30am, current entries:

Total Entries: 59

Total Presenters: 62

Total Judges: 17

Total Room Hosts: 8

Presenters by Sections:

North: 16

North Central: 24

South Central: 10

South: 9

Age Divisions

Junior: 23

Intermediate: 28

Senior: 7

Categories

Demonstration: 39

Illustrated Talk: 9

Educational Display: 2

Prepared Speech: 2

Impromptu Speech: 0

Interpretive Reading: 5

Share the Fun: 0

Cultural Arts: 0

Audio-Visual Presentation: 0

Problem Solving Presentation: 1

The 2005 State Presentation Day committee will be formed after this year's event at a review meeting, May 29, 2004 from 5:00 – 8:00pm in Wellman 2. Steven Worker will continue to be the State 4-H Office liaison for this committee.

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California 4-H State Leadership Conference

The 2004 Conferences will be held at UC Riverside:

4-H Technology Conference, August 11 – 13, 2004

Youth Leadership Summit, August 11 – 13, 2004

4-H State Leadership Conference, August 13 – 15, 2004

Registration materials are available at <http://slc.ca4h.org/> and due June 25, 2004.

The Youth Leadership Summit will focus on advanced leadership training and is composed of tracks in conflict resolution, public speaking, teambuilding recreation, communication, and positional leadership.

The Technology Conference will focus on computer technology skills including web design, Microsoft Office, multimedia and communication.

The 4-H State Leadership Conference is composed of workshops and motivational speakers! Also, this year, the 4-H All Star Luncheon will be held at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside.

Task Force

The State Leadership Conference Task Force met on April 4 to discuss the future of the conference. The Task Force is composed of:

Greg Avila, Olivia Baker, Kelly Bishop, Cecily Davis, Mario Duarte, Lauren Minzer, Anne Mahacek, Kenny Vest, Elaine Alston, Roy Avila, Jack Crane, Mary Engebret, Jim Frapwell, Tom Fraser, Deborah Lang, Cindy Sperry, Merry Nell Sperling, Mark Gonzales, Richard Mahacek, and Keith Nathaniel

The major recommendations of the Task Force so far include:

- Incorporating the YLS and CTC into the State Leadership Conference, and having one, four-day event with workshops and tracks.
- Focus on action before and after the conference as a major component for delegates.

Future topics for the Task Force June 6 meeting include delegate diversity, potentially adding State Presentation Day and/or other judging contests to the event, Financial Aid, and collaborating with other organizations.

Tentative date for 2005: August 4 – 7, 2005 at UC Davis.

For more information, visit <http://ca4h.org/conference/slc/review/>

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4-H State Ambassador Team

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

The 2003-2004 4-H State Ambassador team is in full-swing. Here is a summary of the teams' major projects:

- **4-H State Leadership Conference** – The conference will take place August 13 – 15, 2004 at UC Riverside. The team has been planning since July 2003 for the conference themed “Daring to Lead.” The various committees have been working hard to present a great conference – assemblies, education, recreation, logistics, deans, and YLS.
- **Service-Project** – The team identified ‘disabilities’ as their topic this year and has been developing a handbook for 4-H Volunteer Leaders on including 4-H members with disabilities into 4-H clubs and projects. The handbook will be released at the State Leadership Conference.
- **Representation** – The Ambassador team has been representing 4-H at many events through-out the state. These include:
 - Alameda County Achievement Night
 - State Leaders' Forum
 - TIC, LCORT, CAL
 - National Collegiate 4-H Conference
 - National 4-H Conference
 - Western Regional Leaders' Forum
 - Spring Trainings (San Luis Obispo)
 - Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee
 - Program Advisory Committee
 - Ag Day at the State Capital
 - San Bernardino County
 - South Section Leaders' Forum
 - *Upcoming:* State Presentation Day
 - *Upcoming:* Alberta, Canada 4-H Club Week
 - *Upcoming:* State Presentation Day

2004-2005 4-H State Ambassadors

Selection is underway for next year's State Ambassador Team. Interviews will take place May 1 in Davis, May 8 in Riverside and May 15 in Fresno.

4-H State Ambassador Reunion

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

The third annual 4-H State Ambassador Reunion will take place December 27 - 29, in Palos Verdes Peninsula. The reunion is for the 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004 Teams

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4-H Computer Corps

<http://ca4h.org/compcorps/>

State 4-H Website: The website ca4h.org has undergone a major redesign. Navigation to pages has been improved and the overall look of the site has been enhanced. Surf on in today!

SBC Grant: The 4-H Computer Corps team is proud to announce the “Bringing Technology Home” project, funded by SBC Exceleator. The grant was secured by The California 4-H Foundation for computer technology trainings at the state level. Trainings have been held in Amador, San Luis Obispo, and Shasta counties. The last training date is May 22 in Santa Clara County. The second component of the grant has enabled the Corps to offer free hosting of web pages to 4-H Clubs and Groups.

South Section – <http://ss4h.org>

CTC: The 4-H Technology Conference will take place at UC Riverside, August 11 – 13, 2004. The conference is composed of four tracks:

Digital Communication – Use of email, email lists, chat, and other forms of electronic communication

Multimedia – Use and creation of sound, video, and presentations

Web Design – Creation of web pages in MS FrontPage – track will be broken into a beginning and advanced group

Microsoft Office – Use of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and Outlook

Registration forms are available within the State Leadership Conference materials and are due June 25, 2004.

Additional Trainings: Additional workshop trainings will take place at the State Leadership Conference and State Leaders' Forum.

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National 4-H Conference

California's delegation to the National 4-H Conference represented California well. The team was comprised of:

Jennifer Washman, Placer
Lisa McAllaster, Sonoma
Ashley Colburn, San Diego
Carrie Crane, San Bernardino
Anthony Gilardi, Sonoma
Shauna Elder, Sutter
Katie McNabb, Sacramento
Janelle Williams, Kern
Volunteer: Kathy Baughman, Lassen
Staff: Jacki Zediker, Siskiyou

The team participated in workshops, roundtable discussions and visits to Congress.

Visit the teams' workshops at the State Leadership Conference!

Next Year's Conference: *Tentative*: April 1 – 6, 2005

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