

University of California Cooperative Extension



# 4-H Guide Post

*San Benito County 4-H Youth Development Program*

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**To:** Youth and Adult 4-H Leaders in California's 17<sup>th</sup> District

**From:** Kate Modic, 2010 National Conference Delegate

**Subject:** *Meeting with Congressman Farr, Friday October 29, 2010 3:30 PM  
Veterans Memorial Building, Room 204 649 San Benito Street, Hollister CA*

Dear Youth and Adult 4-H Leaders,

Last March, along with five other 4-Hers I had the privilege of traveling to Washington, DC to represent California at the National 4-H Conference. Part of our responsibilities was to meet and speak with our Congressmen about issues we felt were pertinent to the California 4-H program. I used my time to speak with Congressman Sam Farr; our representative in California's the 17<sup>th</sup> District, about the 4-H Caucus. For those of you who are unfamiliar, the 4-H Caucus is a committee formed to represent the interests of 4-H in political arena. Having our Congressman in the 4-H Caucus would be a great step in supporting 4-H for our counties, and the first step is calling Congressman Farr's attention to how active and vibrant the 4-H program is in his district.

This is where you come in. I have been working with Congressman Farr's office to arrange a meeting for the adult and youth leaders of our 4-H community to sit down and speak to the Congressman about the initiatives our youth have been taking to give back to the community. I am sure that Mr. Farr will be deeply impressed by the proficiency of our All Stars, Emerald Stars, Ambassadors, and other youth leaders. As a 2010 National Conference Delegate, **I would like to formally invite you to meet with Congressman Farr on Friday, October 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building in Hollister, refreshments will be served.**

This meeting is an excellent opportunity for the youth in our community to see how they can have a voice in our government. They will play a direct role in Congressman Farr's willingness to join the caucus, which will in turn benefit 4-Hers across the United States. I hope that this interaction with our government will impact you as much as it has impacted me, and that you will make the most of your time with the Congressman.

I hope that you will find your meeting with our representative as rewarding as I did. I suggest you prepare for it by doing some light research on Sam Farr, as well as prioritizing what you believe is important in regards to governmental support for 4-H. Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you for this meeting as I am attending college in Washington, DC, but our 2010-2011 State Ambassador Grace Tobias is more than capable of answering any questions you may have.

**Please RSVP to Grace at 831 635-0246 or Susan Modic at 831 628-3862.**

Sincerely,

Kate Modic

**Mission Statement for the California 4-H Youth Development Program**

*"The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program engages youth in reaching their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development."*



## Leader Information:

### Upcoming Trainings

#### Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP)

October 16, 2010, 9am-3pm in Woodland, CA  
Registration due October 6, 2010. Cost is \$20

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/EE/WHEP/>

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) training is being held on October 16, 2010 at the Cache Creek Nature Center in Woodland, California. The program teaches fish and wildlife management, habitat requirements, and various scientific inquiry tools to better understand and investigate the environment. The California 4-H WHEP includes experiential activities for participants of all ages, from primary to senior.



### S.E.T.

#### 2010 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD)

October 2 – 10, 2010 around California and the Nation

The 4-H National Youth Science Day is an opportunity to promote 4-H while sparking the interest of youth in learning more about 4-H science, engineering, and technology activities.

The 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H2O, focuses on water quality and climate change.

Find an Event: NYSD events are taking place around California. Find an event near you at

[http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/NYSD/2010\\_4-H\\_NYSD/](http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/NYSD/2010_4-H_NYSD/)

4-H Public Service Announcement: Time Warner Cable has produced a 30-second PSA to promote 4-H and the 2010 4-H National Youth Science Experiment. View the PSA at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHOTZeFk6IM>

Share Your Success: Send photographs and videos of your event to Steven Worker at [smworker@ucdavis.edu](mailto:smworker@ucdavis.edu) to share on the website.

### Conferences

The **2010 State Leaders' Forum: Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, Go!** will be held November 5-7, at the Asilomar Conference Center. For registration forms and information about **Registration & Housing arrangements** on grounds or off grounds visit <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>

The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!"**, is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship and will be visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.

Mark your calendars for an upcoming conference, **Leadership for Tomorrow Conference: Investing in Communities**, to be held April 12-14, 2011 in Columbus, OH. This conference will be an opportunity for attendees to learn more about utilizing technology for community networking, building and leading partnerships and collaborations as much more!

<http://leadershipfortomorrow.osu.edu>

#### Ag-Discovery

*Dates TBA*

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery/>

The USDA's **Ag-Discovery** is an outreach program to help students ages 12-17 learn about careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness, and plant pathology. This two-week program allows participants to live on a college campus and learn about agricultural science from university professors, practicing veterinarians, and professionals working for the U.S. government. Students chosen to participate in Ag-Discovery will gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, field trips and other group and team building activities.

# Guidelines for Fundraising and Donations to a Recognized Charitable Organization by 4-H Units

## Purpose

This section outlines policy and procedures regarding activities of chartered 4-H units that relate to donations given to charitable organizations or fund raising on behalf of charitable organizations

## Scope

The University holds that the occasional participation of 4-H Youth Development Program members in support of charitable organizations is consistent with the development of community service and civic engagement skills as part of the mission of 4-H. General principles guiding this view include:

The UCCE County Director must approve the proposed fundraising project as appropriate from a programmatic, youth-development perspective.

Charitable organizations must be recognized non-profit or tax-exempt organizations and must not be religious or political in nature or purpose.

The organizations must not discriminate in their membership on the basis of race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age, sexual orientation, or national origin.

The UCCE County Director must approve the organizations as appropriate recipients of donations or fundraising efforts.

The donations made by 4-H units must be a minor part of an annual budget or mid-year fundraising request approved by the County Director.

Fundraising efforts must be clearly identified as benefiting the recipient organization so contributors understand who is receiving the funds.

Fundraising efforts must comply with the [Chapter 9 VII of the 4-H California Youth Development Program Policy Handbook](#).

## III. Procedures

Chartered 4-H units that wish to make a contribution to a recognized charity should include the donation in the annual budget approved by the unit membership and submitted to the UCCE office for approval by the County Director.

If the unit wishes to conduct a fundraising activity for the benefit of a charity, that information should be attached to the budget or requested via the [Mid-year Fundraising Approval Template](#) approved by the unit membership and submitted for approval by the County Director.

All expenditures for charitable donations must be documented in writing and include the name, address and telephone number of the organization. The documentation must be filed for review by the unit peer review committee.

All expenditures should be made by check from the unit treasury.

If cash is received during the fundraising effort, it should be counted by two persons according to the Financial Processing Procedures in [Chapter 9 XI of the 4-H California Youth Development Program Policy Handbook](#) and deposited in the 4-H unit account and promptly distributed by check to the charity.

If checks are made payable to the charity, they should be immediately forwarded to the organization and the total amount received in this manner should be noted in the written documentation of the event.



## Projects

If you are interested in taking countywide rabbit , clothing & textiles, home arts or leadership development with Judy McCord please contact her directly to sign-up and complete a project transfer form.

Judys1635@aol.com 801-1967

### Project Participation Rule

Youth may enroll in 4-H at any time. However, to be eligible for local 4-H sponsored competitive events (i.e. Fashion Revue, Record Book competition, Presentation Day) and conferences for **2010-2011** 4-H program year and the **2011** San Benito County Fair, **youth must be enrolled in the San Benito County 4-H Program and all projects by January 1, 2011.** (Please refer to complete county participation requirements in 4-H)

\* Project transfers must be complete by Jan. 1, 2011. Please see project transfer form on page 5

## Activities

### USA Science and Engineering Festival

*October 23-24, 2010*

<http://www.usasciencefestival.org/>

Get ready for the United States' biggest science celebration of the year! The USA Science and Engineering Festival will take place October 10-24, with an Exposition running October 23-24. Over 1,500 hands-on science activities.



## Curriculum

### The Forest Foundation – Various Curricula

*Free PDF's*

<http://www.calfoundation.org/>

The Forest Foundation helps youth learn about the role forests play in the environment and economic health of our state. The Foundation offers free educational materials on topics including wildfires, carbon cycle, and forests.

### Afterschool Agriculture - Acres of Adventure

*\$7.50 each*

<http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/4-hcurriculum-agriculture.aspx>

Afterschool Agriculture - Acres of Adventure is a uniquely focused activity guide intended to promote agricultural literacy among young people grades 3-5. Youth develop their understanding, appreciation, and application of science through a variety of hands-on, agriculture-based activities.

### Counselor-in-Training: Encouraging Youth Development Outcomes at Camp

*\$24.95*

<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/Items/3521.aspx>

*Counselor-in-Training: Encouraging Youth Development Outcomes at Camp* offers a hands-on approach in preparing teen counselors and adult staff to work with elementary-school-age campers. This camp manual, written with 4-H in mind, contains nine educational sessions which each include trainer information, an introduction, an icebreaker, an interactive activity that explores the session topic, questions and discussion topics, handouts and training aids, and a field work activity. A companion CD contains all of the handouts and training aids.

### 4-H2O Water Quality Awareness in Urban Environments

*Free PDF*

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/14369.pdf>

4-H2O Water Quality Awareness in Urban Environments engages elementary and middle school youth in learning about water quality, water conservation, and watershed issues. The curriculum includes six modules and field activities.

**4-H PROJECT TRANSFER FORM**  
**San Benito County**

*One Project Leader per form.*

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

“Main” 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Project will be taken in \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club

Name of Project(s) \_\_\_\_\_

We understand the “Project Transfer” Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

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Approval of 4-H Project Transfer: (Must be signed by all of the following)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club/Co-Club Leader – member’s club

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club/Co-Club Leader – club offering project

\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Leader – club offering project

***Submit to the 4-H Office after all required signatures are obtained.  
Club Leaders of both clubs should keep a copy.***

***This form will not be valid without required signatures present and the  
requested enrollment information change has been recorded at the 4-H Office.***