



Sonoma County 4-H Reporter

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Hard to believe this year has just flown by. Summer is here and it can't get busier for our 4-H members! Sonoma Marin Fair, Camp 1 & Camp 2, State Fair and Sonoma County Fair will be here before we know it! One of my favorite times of the year is the fairs. It gives us all an opportunity to see what a great group of 4-H members we have and how well they do with all the projects they have. It also allows our Teens to expand their leadership roles by helping the younger exhibitors become successful in their endeavors. It is always a very proud moment for me to witness our teens becoming productive young adults. A huge THANK YOU to all of the 4-H clubs, leaders, members and volun-

teers that helped with the annual Chickenque. The new Open House format was a huge hit and we look forward to showcasing the many talents of our 4-H program over the next few years. Everyone should congratulate themselves on a job well done. You made Sonoma County 4-H proud! Our 2014-15 All Star, Emily Eakins did a phenomenal job as the Master of Ceremonies at our Chickenque! What energy and excitement for the program! We are all looking forward to the transformation of the All Star program beginning with the development of the new Jr. Ambassador team! We look forward to all of Emily's plans especially her dedication to record books and making them exciting for the 4-H youth. Our next CCC meeting will be on September 2nd at 7pm at the 4-H office conference room. Please remember the meetings

for September, October and November will be held at the 4-H office. January through May will be held at the 4-H Center in Rohnert Park. Please plan on attending the meeting and meeting the new CCC officers: President-Diana Stornetta, Vice President-Program – Rebecca Nystrom, Vice President-Membership – Matt Schaefer, Secretary – Sara Glashan, Treasurer-Stefanie Stornetta, Special Accounts Treasurer-Lisa Jack, Corresponding Secretary-Dodie Peterson, Historian-Patrick Hinde, Past President-Cheryl Mohrman and our At Large members-Kris Cover, Janet Cipriano, Theresa Bartlett and Kelly Hinde.

On behalf of the CCC Board we hope you have a wonderful summer filled with project fun and fair blue ribbons! See you in September!

Save the date for future events:

- June 18-22: Sonoma Marin Fair
- June 29 – July 4: Las Posadas 4-H Camp I
- July 6-11: Las Posadas 4-H Camp II
- July 24 – August 10: Sonoma County Fair

~ Diana

Hi! National 4-H Council is pleased to announce a 4-H National Leadership Committee has been established to provide a structure for convening the three organizations that partner to provide 4-H positive youth development: the United States Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA), Cooperative Extension and National 4-H Council.

This committee will foster proactive communication and collaboration in order to focus on issues of national importance to 4-H, including:

- Expanding the 4-H to reach more urban and rural underserved audiences
- Recruiting a more diverse 4-H workforce
- Increasing the cultural competency of existing paid staff and volunteers, and
- Developing sustainable, new resources to support the expansion of the 4-H program.

Surrounded by 4-H members from across the country today, Cooperative Extension, USDA-NIFA and National 4-H Council showed united support of positive youth development by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for this 4-H National Leadership Committee, clarifying the roles and responsibilities of each party.

ECOP Chair-elect Delbert Foster, South Carolina State University signed the MOU on behalf of ECOP Chair Jimmy Henning, University of Kentucky, along with USDA-NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy and National 4-H Council President and Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Sirangelo.

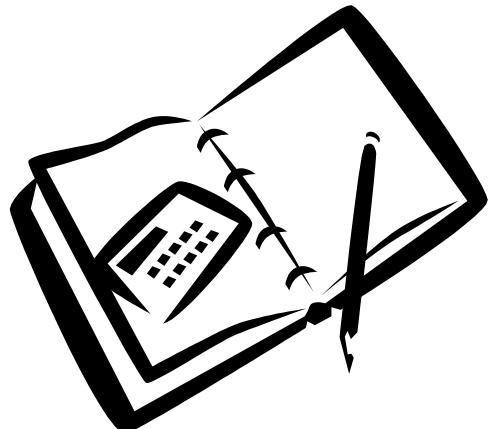


The signing took place as part of the historic Cooperative Extension Centennial Convocation, May 8, 2014 in Washington, D.C. The convocation commemorated the Smith-Lever Act signed on the same day 100 years ago establishing Cooperative Extension nationwide through the Land-grant University System.

A video recording of the event, including the signing of the MOU, will be available at www.windrosemedia.com/windstream/ext100years/. In addition to honoring the legacy of Cooperative Extension, speakers provided a compelling vision for another 100 years of Extension educational excellence by extending knowledge and changing lives.

Ready for Record Books!

Record Books are a long-standing tradition in the 4-H Program. They give members an opportunity to reflect on their 4-H year, measure their growth and achievements, and set goals and develop plans for the future. Record Books are useful for entering competitions at our local and state fairs, preparing for future 4-H opportunities like All Star and Scholarships, and for entering in the annual Record Book Competition.



Primary Members (those who have not yet turned 9 years old) – This year Sonoma County will be adopting the State Primary Record Book form. This form can be found at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/> in the “Primary Member” section and is available in both Word and PDF formats. This is a simple form where even the youngest members can fill the blanks and answer the questions themselves. This helps our younger members develop a sense of accomplishment and express themselves!

All Primary Member record books should be turned into your club to be forwarded to the county for “judging”. This allows these members to receive recognition in the form of comments from the All Stars as well as recognition at Achievement Night.

Junior and Senior Members (those who are 9 years and older) - There are two ways that record books can be completed. The first is through the Online Record Book or ORB. This is an online interface where members enter data through a series of screens and the online system formats the various forms that make up a record book like the Personal Development Report and the Annual Project Report. Access to the ORB and resources including tutorials can be found at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/>.

The other option is to complete a traditional “paper” record book. The state website has two ways that forms can be completed offered – through Word or PDF version with form fields. The Word version allows for formatting changes while the PDF version does not. Both versions are embedded in the Record Book Manual which is found on the state website at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBResources/> in the “Paper Forms” section.

No matter which format a member chooses to use to complete his/her Record Book – the ORB or paper – the **Record Book Manual** is a valuable resource to walk you through the elements to be included in your Record Book. The county considers a minimum record book to include: Personal Development Report (PDR), Annual Project Report(s) (APR), and the 4-H Story. Members are encouraged to add a Collection of Work and, for senior members, three final pages that include a project summary, leadership summary and community service summary. Details on all these elements are in the Record Book Manual!

Scholarships

This year, we had many qualified and outstanding scholarship applications. We are happy to introduce you to 11 outstanding scholarship recipients.



2014 CCC Scholarship Winners

Corey Sceales – Cloverdale High School – attending SRJC, intended Major- Film Studies/History

Gianna Pendleton – Analy High School – attending SRJC, intended Major – Vet Medicine

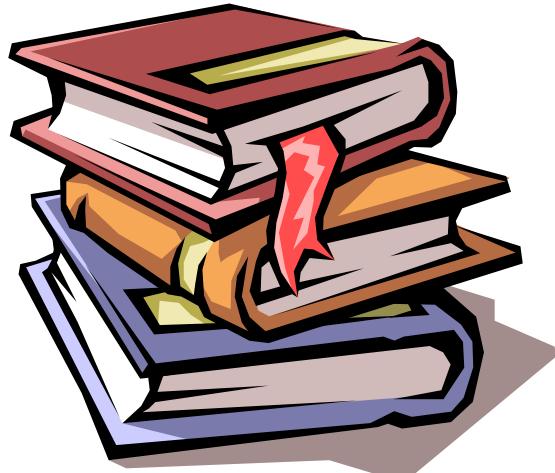
Eli Warner – El Molino High School – attending SRJC, intended Major – Biochemistry/Anesthesiologist

Ellorine Carle – Casa Grande High School – attending Barnard – intended Major – Ag Communication or International Ag Development or Political Science

Seth Camilli – Maria Carillo High School – attending SRJC, intended Major – teaching

Christine Gluch – Cardinal Newman – attending Montana State – Major Animal Science

Erica Larson – Sonoma Valley High School – attending UC Davis – Major Ag Bus.



Ongoing Juniors

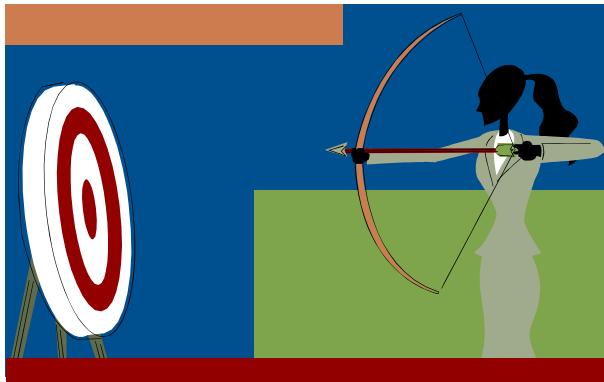
Gianna Fistolera – SSU – Major, Kinesiology

Kayla Camilli – SRJC to UC Davis, Major English

Savannah Warner – SSU, Major Business Management

Suzanne Amaral – Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Major Ag Science/Ag Education

Shooting Sports



Shooting Sports Leaders – Mark Your Calendar!

A State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting will be held October 18 & 19, 2014 at the River Oaks Range (Safety First Shooting Association) in Merced County. This event is open to teen leaders and adult volunteers involved with the shooting sports program. It will include training tips, policy, information sharing, hands-on activities and more. Save the dates on your calendar; more information will be provided at a later date. To receive the most current updates, enter your email address in the list serve located at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/SET/ShootingSports/>

John Borba
4-H Youth Development Advisor



53rd Annual Chickenque

The 53rd Annual Chickenque was a great success. This is an amazing event that has strong traditions and new ideas. Many things have changed over the years, but the reason behind Chickenque remains the same, the youth of Sonoma County 4-H. It takes some 600 volunteers and 20 plus dedicated committee members to run this event, and we would like thank each and every one of you.

A special Thank You goes to the United States Coast Guard Base Culinary Division. They have been instrumental in helping us improve the chicken, our cooking times and organizing the BBQ area.

Our Chickenque Club Reps were outstanding this year, attending meetings and communicating back to their clubs. They are the voice of the event, sharing information and gathering volunteers.

This was Matt Schafer's last year (Thanks Matt!) as chair and right behind him are two great guys. Ryan Petersen will take the lead in 2015 and Fred Frey will lead in 2016. Matt will help and support them, but the lead will be theirs.



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Upcoming 4-H Events...Articles for the August newsletter are due by July 5th Email to Judy at jludovis@sonoma-county.org