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Fountain of Youth



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Youth Volunteering in America

- **10.6** million students between 12 and 18 have participated in a school-based service or community service that takes place as part of a school activity or requirement.*
- **15.5** million youth ages 12 -18 participate in volunteer activities; twice the adult volunteer rate.*
- **18.77** dollars per hour is the value of a volunteer in 2006, for a total of \$8.1 billion in the United States.*
- **28.4%** of all 16-19 year olds volunteer today compared to 13.4% in 1989.*
- **29** hours per year is what the typical youth contributes to volunteer; compared to 45 hours for an adult.*
- **34%** of all youth are more likely to volunteer through religious organizations.*
- **43%** of youth from disadvantaged circumstances volunteer compared to 59% of youth from non-disadvantage circumstances.*
- **55%** of youth enrolled in school participate in volunteer activities compared to 26% of those who are not enrolled in school.*

* facts and figures can be found at nationalservice.gov

Fountain of Youth Facts is a monthly online list of statistics that provides a different and hopefully thought provoking profile of today's youth. It is produced by the 4-H Center for Youth Development and the California Communities Program which are ANR sponsored programs. Anyone wishing to submit an item should email cmatthews@ucdavis.edu.

Club News

4-H Ice Skating Party

On December 27, 2007 the PVP 4-H Club went to the ice rink in the Palos Verdes Mall. Some of us had never ice skated before, but had a blast learning how to. I know that I, for one, hadn't skated for nearly seven years and probably wouldn't for awhile, but this gave me the opportunity to try something that I wouldn't have taken much interest in normally. This was an awesome event because the entire family could attend and it was possible to see some of the talent of the older 4-Hers and even the younger 4-Hers.



By Candace Corrales, PVP 4-H Reporter

County News

Los Angeles County has a new Program Coordinator

My name is Ashley Whitaker and I am the new Program Coordinator for 4-H clubs in the San Fernando Valley, North San Gabriel, and South San Gabriel Districts. I am really excited about getting started and helping 4-H clubs in these districts. While helping maintain what has already been established in these districts, I hope that I can help bring new ideas as well. We will work to recruit new youth members in the 4-H clubs and in time we will look forward to starting new clubs in areas where they are needed. With everyone's assistance I am sure much more great things are to come. I look forward to meeting all of you soon! If you need to you can contact me at (323) 260-3844.

Ashley Whitaker, Program Coordinator

2008 Los Angeles County 4-H

JUDGING DAY

Saturday, February 23rd

8:15 am - 3:00 pm

Antelope Valley High School

44900 N. Division St, Lancaster 93535

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING THE DAY



**For more information call:
Charlene Moore 661-723-4477**



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Judging Day

Los Angeles County Judging Day is a countywide event where 4-H'ers learn teamwork and cooperation as members of a judging team while developing their decision-making skills. Judging Day will be Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Antelope Valley High School (44900 N. Division St., Lancaster, 93535). Additional information was sent to all Club Leaders and available online at <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>.

Field Day & Fashion Revue

Field Day is one of the most valuable assets of our 4-H program. This is a day where 4-H'ers share the skills and knowledge they have acquired in their 4-H projects. By learning public speaking and demonstration skills 4-H'ers prepare themselves for college and the workplace. 4-H members may observe and gain knowledge relating to many different 4-H projects. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend. If you have never been to Field Day before you will be surprised at the poise and abilities of these 4-H members.

All members of the LA County 4-H are invited to participate in LA County Field Day tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2008. 4-H Presentations are very informative and will certainly enrich individual knowledge. Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking are also interesting. Fashion Revue showcases our best LA County 4-H clothing projects. Share the Fun Skits, Cultural Arts Presentations, and Song Leading contests are creative and entertaining.

4-H members attend to participate\observe and learn\receive awards, recognizing their individual skills and knowledge. Remember it's a 4-H "Family Affair", and encourages parents and friends of 4-H to attend and support the youth. Medal winners will be eligible to go on to Sectional Field Day, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2008. Keep a look out for more Field Day information to come.

Los Angeles County 4-H Science Fair

It's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Science Fair on April 19, 2008! Science projects are a wonderful "learn by doing" opportunity. Today, with schools so focused on "teaching to the test", and with mandated language arts and math curriculum dominating the school day, science education is often neglected in school. Help make sure that kids develop their analytical thinking skills by getting them involved in hands-on science through 4-H. Many 4-H'ers are already involved in projects that can be presented as science projects. Now is a great time to plan for a project to present in April! Read up on the scientific method and look for science project ideas on the following web sites. All three of these web sites are fantastic resources for finding and developing science project ideas, from the easy to the elaborate.

<http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/>

<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/projectguide/>

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

Be a 4-H All-Star

All-Star is the highest rank that a 4-H member can achieve at the County level. The All-Star award affords 4-H members the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills on a countywide basis. Each year Los Angeles County selects several 4-H members who have applied and are deserving of this rank to become All-Stars. The Los Angeles County 4-H Program expects its All-Stars to contribute to the 4-H Program during the next program year. For more information go to Cooperative Extension's website at: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>

Emerald Star Project

The Emerald Star program is an expanded Leadership opportunity. If a member has earned your Gold Star Rank or will be 16 by January 1, 2008, they can consider doing an advanced leadership project and earn an Emerald Star for their hat. What activity could they plan and run to benefit the county 4-H program or their community? **An Emerald Star Project can be started at any time during the year.** Call the 4-H office for a packet of information on the Emerald Star Program. Each 4-H district has an Emerald Star advisor. You can work with the Advisor from any of the districts.

This is a great opportunity to do some service for the 4-H program or your community. Examples of successful Emerald Star projects include 4-H being in an entry for the Rose Parade, organizing a community effort to “fix up” a women’s shelter, setting up the Entry by Video option for county field day, Can you think of something that you would like added to the LA County 4-H program? Consider working on setting up that activity as an Emerald Star project.

Leadership Merit Award

Start planning now to earn a Junior or Teen Leadership award. Think of something to make your leadership special this year. Try something new to bring more interest and enjoyment to your project. Try to expand your leadership beyond the club. For this award, you need to be in the Leadership Project in your club. If your club does not have a Leadership Project, talk with your club leader about starting one. If she has questions about this, have your club leader contact Noel Keller (909-621-2373) or someone on the I&R Committee. You will need to fill out an annual project report for your Leadership Project. You will also need to complete a leadership plan report.

Save the Date! 4-H Annual Leader’s Luncheon

Each year, Cooperative Extension recognizes the contributions of our extraordinary 4-H Leaders at the 4-H Leader’s Luncheon. This year’s event will be held on Saturday, March 17th in the Antelope Valley area. More information will be sent to leaders via mail and e-mail.

Share your 4-H experiences

4-H’ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 7th of the month to be published in the following month’s edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, 4800 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, Ca 90022 or email at rhillstock@ucdavis.edu.

Summer Camp 2008

Summer Camp 2008 is approaching. The dates are from June 22 – June 28, 2008 at Camp Seeley. Forms and additional information are available online at:

<http://www.socal4hsummercamp.com/>. Let’s make this event one to remember!

4-H Summer Camp 2008

Summer Camp 2008 Leadership Team

Head Hi-4-H Director Camille Oscar, Foothill 4-H, NSG
Head Adult Director Marjorie Rodriguez, Greenleaf, SSG

Summer Camp, as always, promises to be lots of fun. The Hi 4-H and adult staff have planned an eventful week from June 22 – June 28, 2008, including handicrafts, swimming, nature hikes, skits and much more.

Summer Camp Location

Camp Seeley is the site of the 2008 4-H Summer Camp. Camp Seeley is located near Crestline, in the San Bernardino Mountains. Camp Seeley is owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department. The Los Angeles County 4-H Youth Development Program leases the facility for the week. Our 4-H Camp Program is accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA). We are visited every 3 years with a battery of standards to comply with, and Summer Camp 2006 was the latest visit...our rating was 97%.

Who Will Be There?

4-H Members ages 8 to 19 (as of January 1 of 2008) are eligible to attend Summer Camp. F.Y.I. (no outside guests are permitted; unless they have been approved in advance by the county office...no exceptions!)

CHAPERONES NEEDED!!!

As with any 4-H event, Chaperones are needed. This need is great for Summer Camp as it a weeklong activity. Each 4-H Club sending 4-H'ers to Summer Camp is required to send one chaperone for each six campers: two chaperones for seven to twelve campers; three chaperones for 13 to 18 campers etc. We are looking for 4-H Leaders who would enjoy a week away from home working with a dedicated 4-H Volunteer staff at Camp Seeley.

We would like to reiterate the need for 4-H Leaders who would want to attend camp...we want this to be an enjoyable experience. There will be an orientation before camp, the weekend of May 3-4, at Staff training day.

Summer Camp Chaperone Applications can be downloaded from:

<http://www.4hsummercamp.com>. Applications submitted by persons less than 25 years of age must be returned to the county office by March 31st for review by the Summer Camp Committee. All others must be returned by April 25, 2008.

CAMP FEE

The Camp fee has not changed this year; it will remain \$ 250 per camper. Chaperones are not required to pay.

RESERVATIONS

There has been an increase in the non-refundable deposit for camp reservation: it is now \$30 per person, but camp is still \$250.00. Upon receiving the \$30 deposit the camp registration forms will be sent directly to you and must be completed and returned to the LA County 4-H Office. You can also visit our website at <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu> or www.4hsummercamp.com and download the camp deposit and application form. The remaining balance is due to the County Office by June 18, 2008.

**PLEASE INCLUDE A \$30.00
NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT WITH APPLICATION
Camp Registration (June 22 – June 28, 2008)**

Name: _____ Age: ____ Birth date: _____ Gender: ____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Enrolled in 4-H: yes no

If no, in addition to this registration form, please complete the 4-H enrollment application. It can be found at <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu> or call (323) 260-3845

Shirt size: xxl xl l m sm xm

(deposit of \$30 must be received by May 31, 2008 to guarantee the requested size)

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Please check and sign indicating you have read and agree to each

- I have read the Code of Conduct (www.4hsummercamp.com) and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infraction of this Code will result in any or all of the penalties listed within.

4-H member Signature Parent/Guardian Signature date

- I have read the 4-H Summer Camp Dress Code (www.4hsummercamp.com) and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infraction of this Code will result in any or all of the penalties listed within.

4-H member Signature Parent/Guardian Signature date

Please complete a medical history and release form for each youth attending summer camp. The forms can be found at <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>.



2008 LOS ANGELES & SAN BERNADINO COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP CHAPERONE APPLICATION



The applicant understands that participation in L.A. and S.B. County 4-H Summer Camp 2004 may involve risks inherent to outdoor adventure camp activities even when other adults and Camp Alpine Meadows staff members follow safety precautions. These risks may include, but are not limited to, those common to sports and recreational games, ropes courses, swimming and other water activities, woodland hiking, summer heat and risks that are not foreseeable.

GUARANTEE OF LEGAL AGE

The applicant guarantees that he or she is a legal adult who is 18 year of age or older.

COVENANT NOT TO SUE

For the sole consideration of the camp programming during the week of L.A. and S.B. County 4-H Summer Camp 2004, the applicant hereby releases and forever discharges the Los Angeles or San Bernardino County 4-H Youth Program, the Summer Camp Committee, State of California, The Board of Regents of the University of California System, and University of California Cooperative Extension, and its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind that the applicant may have arising from or in any way connected with the applicant's participation in the events and activities of L.A. and S.B. County 4-H Summer Camp. The applicant further agrees that for the consideration stated above he or she will not sue the Los Angeles or San Bernardino County 4-H Youth Program, the Summer Camp Committee, State of California, The Board of Regents of the University of California System, and University of California Cooperative Extension its members individually, its officers, agents or employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of the applicant's participation in L.A. and S.B. County 4-H Summer Camp.

I, the undersigned participant exercising my own free choice to participate voluntarily in the activities described above, and promising to take due care during such participation, hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the nature of the activities and that I am aware of the hazards and risks which may be associated with my participation in the above named activities, including the risks of bodily injury, death or damage to property which may occur from known or unknown causes. I understand, accept, and assume all such hazards and risks, and waive all claims against the Los Angeles or San Bernardino County 4-H Youth Program, the Summer Camp Committee, State of California, The Board of Regents of the University of California System, and University of California Cooperative Extension, and other persons as set forth above. I understand that I am solely responsible for any costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage that I may sustain through my participation in normal or unusual acts associated with the above-named activities, regardless of whose fault may be the cause of my injuries or damages, EVEN IF CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS OR NEGLIGENCE, so long as the conduct which caused the injuries or damages was not grossly negligent, or willful and wanton.

Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Regents of the University of California and University of California Cooperative Extension, and their members, officers, agents, employees, and any other persons or entities acting on their behalf, and the successors and assigns for any and all of the aforementioned persons and entities, against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, whether presently known or unknown, of any person who suffers any injury, disability, death or other harm, to person or property or both, as a result of my participation in and/or presence at the above listed activities.

I have had sufficient time to review and seek explanation of the provisions contained above, have carefully read them, understand them fully, and agree to be bound by them and to fulfill all of my responsibilities and to abide by the policies and procedures established by the L.A. and S.B. County 4-H Summer Camp Committee and the 4-H Code of Conduct. After careful deliberation, I voluntarily give my consent and agree to this Release From Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, Consent and Waiver.

Name of Chaperone: _____

Address: _____

City/State: Zip Code: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ Phone: (Work) _____

Email: _____

Family Doctor Telephone: _____

In Case of Emergency, Notify Name: _____

Address: _____

City State ZIP: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ Phone: (Work) _____

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO THE ABOVE TERMS ON THIS _____ DAY OF

_____, 20_____.

Signature of Chaperone whose printed name appears below:

Signature

Date

Please mail this application to:

L.A. County 4-H, Summer Camp Committee /ATTN: Keith Nathaniel,
4800 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90022 Tel: (323)-260-3845

State News

Washington Focus Program

The California Washington Focus Program provides an opportunity for California 4-H members and volunteer leaders to participate in the Citizenship Washington Focus at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland as well as make a real impact in their own community through a Plan of Action.

During the program at the National 4-H Center, participants will look at the challenging issues facing our country today, take a look behind the scenes in our nation's capital and meet their legislators. They will be involved in workshops, tours, and assemblies in Washington, D.C. that will further their study of America's role in the world. This unique program combines educational workshops and simulations with field trips that will provide each delegate with a deeper understanding and appreciation of their American heritage.

Before their departure, delegates widen their experience with community action by implementing a "Plan of Action" in their community. They will learn the true meaning of citizenship as they organize and participate in an effort to effect positive change in their community. Before they travel, plans are submitted to the State 4-H Office and a special pin is awarded to all active members of the county team. Washington Focus can be the beginning of a life of public participation that leaves each delegate with a strong determination to become involved.

California Focus Program

California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites in California. California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure that allows delegates to experience state government. As a citizen of "Sierra Cascade" delegates register to vote, conduct a political campaign, elect constitutional offices, analyze the needs and issues of your district, and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make your bill a law.

Legislative appointments at the Capitol will allow delegates to meet face-to-face with their senators and assembly person to discuss current issues, learn how proposals are funded, and advocate for issues critical to them and their fellow constituents.

Delegates extend their learning as they prepare and present a "Plan of Action" to implement back home in their respective communities. Outstanding plans are showcased at the conference and once the Plan of Action final report is filed with the California 4-H Youth Development state office in the spring, a specially designed citizenship pin is awarded to each member of the county team. California Focus can be the beginning of a life of public participation that leaves you with a strong determination to become involved with the political process.

The Young Civic Leaders Award

The California 4-H Youth Development Program, in conjunction with Hilton Hotels Corporation and The California 4-H Foundation, are pleased to make available again this year the Young Civic Leaders Award. Made possible by a gift from Hilton Hotels Corporation, the Young Civic Leaders Program awards ten (10) merit-based full scholarships to the 2008 California Focus, to teens (8th grade or above) who have shown outstanding leadership skills and a strong commitment to community service and service learning.

In addition to attending the 2008 California Focus conference in Sacramento on June 27 - July 1, winners will participate with their county delegation in planning sessions to create and then to implement a "Plan of Action" in their community. A copy of each Plan of Action and final report is shared with the Hilton Hotels Corporation. The conference focuses on California government, history and service and provides each delegate an opportunity to make a difference in their own community. Special emphasis is being placed on reaching youth from a broad cross-section of 4-H delivery methods.

Addition information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/2008YoungCivicLeader2.pdf>. The application is due by February 25, 2008.

UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Future Day

Veterinary Student Outreach, the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine's student club, is hosting active 4-H and FFA high school students at the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Future Day. The event will be held at the Vet School on the Davis campus in late February. The aim is to promote further learning, encourage possible careers, and explore the science of veterinary medicine. The day will be filled with talks and discussions with current students and a tour of the teaching facilities and veterinary clinic. This event has limited space and the group is asking for recommendations for two students from surrounding counties by February 5, 2008. In addition, please identify an additional student in case room permits. Additional information may be obtained at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hinfo/calendar/VSOFutureDay.pdf>

National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Team

Visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports web site at: <http://www.4-hshootingsports.org> and click on the *Just for Youth* section to find out information about the National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Team for youth ages 15 -18. The California application due date is February 15, 2008.

2008 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. has announced the essay topic and rules for the 2008 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. There will be three cash prizes for the national winners: 1st Place, \$250; 2nd Place, \$100; and 3rd Place, \$50. Entries are due by February 15, 2008 to Eric Mussen, at the U.C. Davis Entomology Department. More information is available at http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2008_4H_Essay_Contest.pdf

Present a workshop at the 2008 4-H State Leadership Conference!

Educational sessions are being sought in citizenship, healthy living, and science, engineering and technology. Tracks (5 hours) or mini-tracks (2.5 hours, repeated) take place on Friday, August 1, 2008 while workshops (1.25 hours) take place on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Proposals are due by February 29, 2008. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/index.asp>

Become a 2008-2009 4-H State Ambassador!

Youth (ages 16-19) and adult advisors are now being sought to provide statewide leadership. Ambassadors act as 4-H representatives, conduct team projects, and plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference. Applications are due March 31, 2008 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/index.asp>

Help plan the 2008 State 4-H Field Day!

The State 4-H Office is recruiting for 4-H members (age 9 and above), 4-H volunteers and 4-H YDP Staff to help plan the 2008 State 4-H Field Day! The event will take place on May 31, 2008 at UC Davis. Help is needed for the Presentation Day, Fashion Revue and overall event support. 4-H Clubs are also encouraged to provide activities and fundraise during the event. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-RecruitingFlyer2008.pdf>

2008 Friends of The California State Fair Scholarship Application

The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is a collaborative effort between the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council and the Ironstone Concours Foundation. This year a total of thirty-two scholarships will be available, five at \$1,500.00 each, six at \$1,000.00 each, one at \$750.00, fourteen at \$500.00 each, and five at \$250 each. The outstanding candidate receives an additional \$5,000.00 from the Ironstone Concours Foundation. Application packets must be postmarked NO LATER THAN MARCH 21, 2008 and mailed to P.O. Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852. Packets may also be delivered to Cal Expo Administration building at 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95815, NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008. For additional information, email to: entryoffice@caexpo.com or you may visit the California State Fair web site address: www.bigfun.org.

California Farm Bureau Scholarship

The California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation was organized to give aid to students with a desire to pursue a career in the agricultural industry. The scholarships are awarded annually based upon academic achievement, career goals, extracurricular activities, determination, leadership skills, and a commitment to study agriculture.

Any undergraduate student entering or attending a four-year accredited college or university in California and pursuing a career in the agricultural industry is eligible. Students entering or attending a junior college are not eligible. Students must be a resident of the State of California. How many scholarships are given, and in what amount?

Each year, the Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors determines the award amounts depending on the funds available. In recent years, the range has been \$1,800 to \$2,750, for approximately 30 recipients each year.

In addition to the regular scholarship recipients, five special awards are given: the Frederick J. Heringer Honorary Award, the Howard P. Wackman II Memorial Scholarship, the John H. Wiechman Memorial Scholarship, the Carolyn S. Richardson Memorial Scholarship, and the Rustici Livestock and Rangeland Scholarship. Any individuals fitting the criteria for these awards will be selected by the Foundation board. No additional application information is needed. Go to: <http://www.cfbf.com/programs/scholar/> for more information.

Hadden Scholarships

The Youth Foundation is offering Hadden Scholarships of \$2,500 to high school seniors with a 3.5 or better grade average who can document financial need, are U.S. citizens, and are seeking higher education at an accredited four-year U.S. college or university. The scholarship committee selects the recipients after carefully evaluating character, scholastic records, financial need, extra-curricular activities, and employment experience. Youth Foundation encourages young people to establish permanent attitudes of self-reliance, confidence, self-discipline, responsibility, volunteerism, and exemplary character thereby benefiting their own lives, and more importantly, the lives of others. More information is available at the web site: <http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/youthfdn/guide.html>. Application deadline is February 28, 2008.

Looking for resources and scholarships for Latino students?

Link to: <http://www.latinocollegedollars.org/>.

2008 Thacher Scholars Award

In an effort to engage the next generation of Earth scientists, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) is now accepting entries for the 2008 Thacher Scholars Award, to be given to secondary school students demonstrating the best use of geospatial tools or data to study our home planet. Geospatial technologies have numerous uses in science research, ranging from climate prediction to archaeology. They can improve human understanding of the Earth system, including interactions among the atmosphere, biosphere, geosphere and hydrosphere. And they can improve quality of life by supporting weather prediction, natural hazards monitoring, transportation, land-use planning, agriculture, coastal management, public health and emergency response. Entries must be received by April 4, 2008. For more information, please visit: <http://www.strategies.org/education/index.aspx?sub=education&sub2=scholars&sub3=scholars2008>

2008 4-H Camping Conference

The 4-H California Camping Task Force invites 4-H volunteers and youth to explore new ideas, build enthusiasm for their programs and expand their camping tool kit at the 2008 4-H Camping Conference, April 18-20 at the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School in Fish Camp. This year's program includes a component on staff development, and participants will leave with knowledge and materials to assist them in training camp staff members. All adults and youth involved in camp administration-including day, resident, and special interest camps-are invited to attend. Cost is \$120 for the weekend. Conference brochure and registration form are available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/>.



4-H Mission:

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Statistics:

Youth: 6.5 million
Volunteers: 540,000
Staff: More than 3,500
Alumni: 60 million

4-H Youth Demographics:

Gender:

Female: 52%
Male: 48%

Race:

White or Caucasian: 77%
Black or African American: 15%
Asian, Native Hawaiian,
Pacific Islander: 2%
American Indian, Alaskan
Native: 1%
More Than One Race: 2%
Undetermined: 3%

Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino: 13%

Residence:

Cities, towns, suburbs: 55%
Small towns, farms: 45%

4-H Locations:

All 50 states, U.S. territories and military installations worldwide.

4-H Pledge:

"I pledge...
my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty, my
hands to larger service and my
health to better living
for my club, my community, my
country and my world."

Web Sites:

national4-headquarters.gov
fourhcouncil.edu

Find 4-H Near You:

[csrees.usda.gov/
Extension/index.html](http://csrees.usda.gov/Extension/index.html)

4-H Youth Development: An Overview

Young people become confident, mature adults ready for success in today's challenging world through 4-H, the only youth development program with a direct connection to technological advances from research conducted at state land-grant universities.

Studies show that the more than 6.5 million youth participating in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships.

Boys and girls of all races and ethnic backgrounds in urban, suburban and rural communities across America and on U.S. military installations worldwide participate in 4-H experiences. 4-H programs are offered through school-based, after-school and camp settings and community clubs.

Contemporary Focus

The fundamental 4-H ideal of practical, "learn by doing" experiences encourages youth to experiment, innovate and think independently.

4-H has three mission mandates: **science, engineering and technology**; **healthy living**; and **citizenship**. Youth learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through more than 1,000 projects with topics as varied as rocketry, GPS mapping, DNA analysis, public speaking, photography, nutrition and community service.

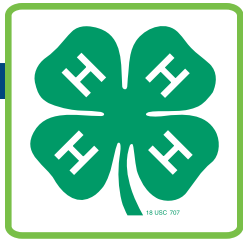
Positive Youth Development

Educators at 106 land-grant universities operate 4-H programs in every state and U.S. territory, alongside trained youth and adult volunteers. Learning opportunities are designed around four essential elements necessary for positive youth development. 4-H offers youth supervised **independence**, a sense of **belonging** with a positive group, a spirit of **generosity** toward others and a wide variety of opportunities to **master** life challenges.

4-H is operated and supported by a shared leadership of public and private partners including National 4-H Headquarters; USDA within the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; Cooperative Extension educators at land-grant universities; National 4-H Council; 4-H associations and foundations; and volunteers.

An American Institution

The 4-H youth development movement began more than 100 years ago. It evolved from rural youth programs created by land-grant college and university researchers and the United States Department of Agriculture to introduce new technology to what was then a country of primarily rural communities. As our nation's economic and demographic profiles become more diverse, 4-H adapts and expands to meet the needs of all youth.



4-H Youth Development Statistics¹

Reach

Millions of American youth across the nation and around the world participate in 4-H.

- 6.5 million young people
- All 50 states and Washington, D.C.; American Samoa; Guam; Northern Mariana Islands; Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands
- U.S. Army and Air Force installations worldwide

Diversity

Young people of both genders and all ethnicities, races and ages from urban, suburban and rural areas participate in 4-H programs.

Gender:

- Female: 52%
- Male: 48%

Race:

- White or Caucasian: 77%
- Black or African American: 15%
- Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander: 2%
- American Indian, Alaskan Native: 1%
- More Than One Race: 2%
- Undetermined: 3%

Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino: 13%

Age:

- K-2nd grades: 26%
- 3rd-5th grades: 41%
- 6th-8th grades: 20%
- 9th-12th grades: 11%
- Post-high school: 2%

Residence:

- Central cities of more than 50,000 and their suburbs: 34%
- Towns and cities from 10,000 to 50,000 and their suburbs: 21%
- Towns under 10,000 and rural non-farm: 34%
- Farm: 11%

Mission Mandates

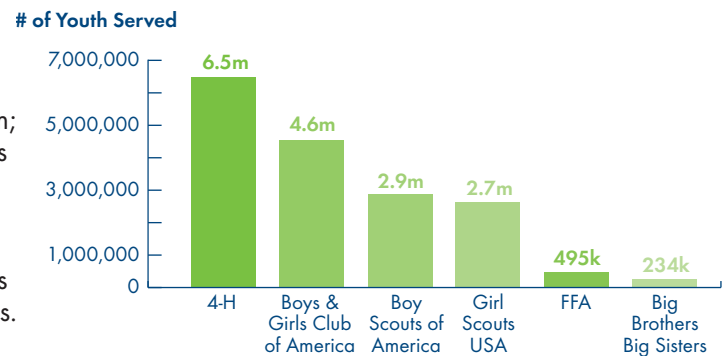
4-H programs serve the needs and interests of young people today².

- Science, engineering and technology: 5.9 million youth
- Citizenship: 2.8 million youth
- Healthy living: 2.5 million youth

¹Data from 2005 4-H Youth Development ES-237 Statistics published by National 4-H Headquarters-USDA.

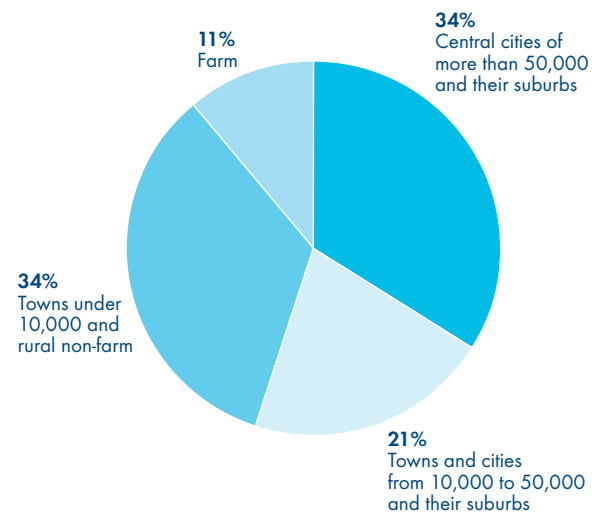
²Youth in 4-H often participate in more than one.

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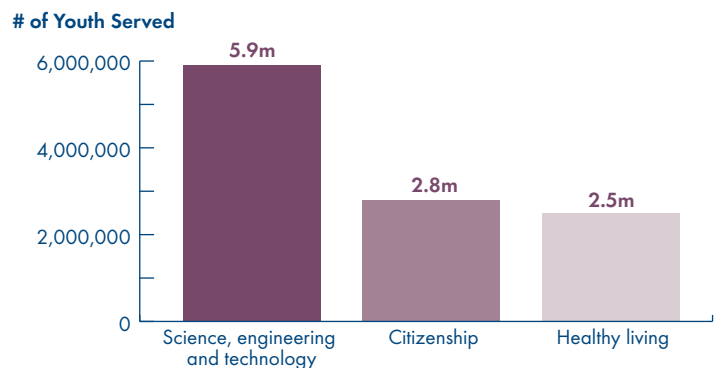


Source: National 4-H Headquarters (2005) and organization web sites and annual reports (updated January 2007).

Residence



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Calendar of Events

February

1-3	Winter Camp (Tentative)
6	NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
7	I&R Meeting
8	AV District Bowl Quiz (6PM)
9	Camp Committee Meeting AV Shooting Competition
10	NSG Skills Day / Monte Farmers Fair
12	SSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
14	Valentines Day
18	Presidents Day – County 4-H Offices Closed
19	AV Horse Committee Meeting
21	SGV 4-H Fair Meeting
23	County Judging Day
25	AV Council, Hi 4-H & Horse Meeting

March

1	AV Food & Fashion Revue
5	NSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
8	SSG District Fashion Revue / 1 st AV Gymkhana (8AM)
9	NSG Home Ec. & Field Day / AV District Shooting Competition
11	SSG Council & Hi 4-H Meeting
13	I&R Meeting
15	County Council Meeting (AV Office)
17	St. Patrick's Day
18	AV Horse Committee Meeting
20	SGV Fair Meeting
23	Easter
24	AV Council, Hi 4-H & Horse Meeting
9	County Field Day

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4-H All Stars

The All-Star Advisor is:

➤ **Marjorie Rodriguez**

The County Leadership Team consists of all the prior years' County 4-H All-Stars that are still active 4-H members. This year the team includes:

- **Felicia Byrne**
- **Terra Chapman**
- **Desiree Cramer**
- **Vanessa Cramer**
- **Heather Ealy**
- **Tiffany Okamoto**
- **Brian Otto**
- **Camille Sheardown**

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