



## December 2016

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please call Roy Hillstock at (626) 586-1972 or email at [rhillstock@ucanr.edu](mailto:rhillstock@ucanr.edu). We welcome submissions, especially for Club News. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to be posted in the following months' edition.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or (626) 586-1972. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#). We look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

### POLICY

As we approach the new year and reflect on the current year's accomplishments let us remember the value of the 4-H program has to the lives of 4-H members all throughout Los Angeles County. Through the 4-H program leaders have given amazing gifts to youth. They have given friendship, guidance, support, wisdom and yes, love. Taken together, these gifts represent providing a sense of belonging (one of the 4-H Essential Elements).

Researchers have determined that youth learn best when given the supports and opportunities to learn in a safe place and space. That is, the emotional and physical environment has to be a place where the well-being of youth matters and is validated by caring adults (belonging). The language used, the arrangement of the physical space and the activities offered validate youth (belonging). Belonging suggests that youth feel welcomed and that they are a part of something meaningful, supportive and safe. Belonging gives youth a sense of mutual commitment to an ideal of community that 4-H fosters.

Think about Belonging each time you engage a 4-H member in a project activity, help a youth prepare a speech or demonstration or welcome a new family to the program. Going forward into the new year, give special consideration to the essential element of belonging. Continue to make belonging an important part of the 4-H experience and give youth that sense of connection to something greater than themselves

## CLUB

### • Palos Verdes Verdes Peninsula (PVP) 4-H Club Halloween Party 2016

Nikki Yunker, PVP 4-H Club, Reporter

Despite the threat of a rain on this October night, the PVP 4-H Halloween party was a success. The bad weather forecast never materialized, as the beginning club members scared it away with their spooky Halloween decorations for the party and the copious quantities of cupcakes that location for the party was at the welcoming Keese family home, also known as “The House” to the club members. This popular party has taken place there for nearly 30 consecutive years.



The Keese Home is a true all-inclusive PVP 4-H Club House for the members, past and present. Some of the former 4-Hers are now bringing their own children.



There are also guests who are flying from other states to attend our Halloween party. Someday, I will write an entire article about “The House” for you, as there are many interesting and exciting discoveries I made there.

The party started early with junior and teen leaders setting up 17 game booths and prepared the haunted canyon walk. The setting was ideal. The booths were set up on a perfectly flat green surface of the tennis court. The haunted walk went through the adjacent wilderness of a deep, bumpy canyon.

Traditional hot dogs and chili were served with special Halloween cupcakes decorated by the beginning 4-H members as I mentioned earlier.

The most popular game appeared to be the fish-flip. The fish-flip consists of a rubber fish launched from a foot activated catapult into a basketball hoop several feet above the ground. Other popular all-time favorites were horse-shoe throw, darts, cow-milking, pin the tail on the turkey, bean-bag toss, cup scramble, donut on a string, apple-bobbing, target shooting, and guess how many candies are in a jar. The new booth this year was a replica of the famous Italian attraction—Bocca Della Verita, The Mouth of Truth. The participants of this game would place their hand through the opening of the mouth, and were asked a question in which they have to tell the truthful answer. Since it was only a replica, their hands were never bitten off, and instead were given a gummy teeth candy. Lots of candy treats were won and collected by the club members during the party.



# COUNTY

- **Important Changes To The Current LA County 4-H 2016-2017 Calendar**

Dates posted on the LA County 4-H Calendar have changed. Please note the changes:

**Southern Area Field Day and Fashion Revue changed from May 20 to April 1, 2017**

**LA County Council meeting changed from April 1 to March 25, 2017**

**Southern Area Healthy Living Summit is now January 14, 2017**

**Southern Area Leaders' Retreat is now April 7-9, 2017**

Changes to the LA County 4-H Calendar will be announced in Clover Notes, updates and changed on the online calendar.

- **2017-2018 State Ambassador Team – Applications Due January 9, 2017**

Apply to become a California 4-H State Ambassador for the 2017-18 year! The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. The 4-H State Ambassador position is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program.

4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service. They are selected to serve the 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working with older youth in a youth-adult partnership atmosphere.

For more information see:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/Apply\\_to\\_Become\\_a\\_State\\_Ambassador/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Projects/Leadership/SA/Apply_to_Become_a_State_Ambassador/).

- **Junior Leadership Conference – Jan. 14, 2017**

Junior Leadership Conference is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 at the Cabrillo Youth Center (3000 Shoshonian Drive, San Pedro). LA County 4-H All Star Ambassadors Kiran Ekanayake and Katherine Shannon are planning this event. Keep a look out for more information to come.

- **Southern Area 4-H Healthy Living Summit – January 14, 2017**

Join us for the second Healthy Living Summit, where participants will get a hands-on learning experience in different ways to promote a healthier lifestyle and incorporating healthy living into their 4-H projects, clubs and events. This free event will be held at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 2850 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. All 4-H members, volunteers, staff and their families are welcome to participate. To RSVP, please contact Christian Redman at [c.c.redman@gmail.com](mailto:c.c.redman@gmail.com) or 949-514-1105. This happens to be the same day as our LA County Junior Leadership Conference. You could attend the Junior Leadership Conference in the morning and then head over to the Healthy Living Summit. Just let Christian know that you will be coming late.

- **LA County Leaders' Council Meeting – January 14, 2017**

The LA County 4-H Leaders' Council will meet Saturday, January 14, 2017 (10 a.m.) at Cabrillo Youth Center (3000 Shoshonian Drive, San Pedro). All 4-H volunteers, leaders and senior members are welcome to attend. Please bring ideas and suggestions to help make our 4-H program great and effective for our youth. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but have comments or suggestions that you want shared at this meeting please contact Council President Dee Keese ([swimdude64@earthlink.net](mailto:swimdude64@earthlink.net)).

The agenda for this meeting will be available soon on the LA County 4-H website. This meeting is being held on the same day and location as the Junior Leadership Conference.

- **[Teen Involvement Conference – January 20-22, 2017](#)**  
Attention LA County Senior members –TIC (Teen Involvement Conference) is a three day youth leadership conference offers opportunities for 4-H youth to grow through a series of educational workshops, team building activities, motivational speakers, section level youth leadership possibilities, community service and more. The conference will be held at Pathfinder Ranch in San Bernardino County. Camille Norczyk is a Youth Conference Director and Kelly Dowlan is the Adult Conference Director. This is a great opportunity to get involved in 4-H above the county level and meet other Southern California 4-Hers. TIC was selected as a 2014 Golden Award Winner for Special Events and Activities. Mark your calendar. **DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!** For additional information visit the [T.I.C. webpage](#).
- **[Los Angeles County 4-H Livestock Symposium](#)**  
LA County 4-H Livestock Symposium will be held on January 28, 2017 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds ([2551 W. Avenue H, Lancaster, CA](#)). There will be various livestock speakers providing on-hand demonstrations and answering questions. Additional information will be updated on the [LA County 4-H website](#).
- **[LCORT \(Leadership Conference Of Regional Teens\) – January 27-29, 2017](#)**  
Now open to ALL California 4-H members age 12-14, LCORT will be held January 27-29 at Wonder Valley Ranch near Fresno. The theme this year is “May The Leadership Be With You”. The registration fee is \$165. Workshops are taught by Leadership Teams of members age 15-18 from former South Central Section counties. Participants complete the paper registration and medical forms and turn them in to their county office which then register you online by December 14. After 12/14, contact the LCORT email [lcort2017@gmail.com](mailto:lcort2017@gmail.com) to see if there is still space at the conference for you and mail the forms and fee directly. For more information see the [LCORT](#) webpage.
- **[LA County 4-H All Star Ambassador](#)**  
The application for LA County 4-H 2017-2018 All Star Ambassador will be available January 1, 2017. Applications are due **February 17, 2017**. County All Star Ambassador is the highest county honor for a member. Additional information can be found on the LA County 4-H [County All-Star webpage](#).
- **[Southern Area Leaders' Retreat 2017](#)**  
Looking for some new ideas for 4-H activities? Want to meet leaders from all over Southern California? Here is an opportunity for 4-H volunteers to expand their skills thorough educational workshops, guest speakers, networking and more. The retreat will be held at The Lodge at Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains on the weekend of **April 7-9, 2017**. Julie Kelley of San Bernardino County is the event chair. For more information see the event page on the state website.
- **[2016-2017 World of 7 Billion Student Video Contest](#)**  
Students will create a short video (up to 60 seconds) about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: Climate Change, Ocean Health, Rapid Urbanization. The contest is open to all high school and middle school students (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) worldwide. The submission deadline is **February 23, 2017**. For more information see: <https://www.worldof7billion.org/student-video-contest/>.
- **[Cal Focus – June 16-20, 2017](#)**  
Get involved in your community. The 2017 California Focus will be held June 16-20, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in Sacramento. At Cal Focus youth ages 14-19 will experience California's legislative, political, and judicial processes in action. Check out the [California Focus](#) webpage for more information.
- **[State Leadership Conference – July 20-23, 2017](#)**  
Seniors, mark your calendar for the State Leadership Conference to be held on July 20-23, 2017. Early bird registration starts February 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the SLC event page on the [California State 4-H website](#).

- **Be Sure To Use The 2016-2017 Record Keeping Forms**

4-H members should be recording their 4-H activities on the forms from the new 2016-2017 Record Book Manual or using online 4-H record keeping. Be sure not to use old forms and instructions from previous years. Check that printed forms have **2016-2017** across the top of the form. Don't wait until July to start your 4-H record keeping for this year.

- **Revised 4-H Presentation Manual**

A new 4-H Presentation Manual (revised October 2016) is available on the LA County 4-H website. This new version 4-H Presentation Manual 2016 is the consistent and standard guide for all 4-H presentations and will be adopted by all County, Area and State 4-H Presentation Days starting this program year. The evaluation forms must be used at All 4-H Presentation Days.

If you are planning to participate in Field Days this year, be sure to check out the guidelines in this new version of the 4-H Presentation Manual.

- **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 15th of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, [rhillstock@ucanr.edu](mailto:rhillstock@ucanr.edu).

- **4-H Dates and Deadlines are available on the [Los Angeles County, 4-H Calendar](#).**

- **California State 4-H Updates can be found at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/Calendar>**

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Camille Norczyk, Greenleaf 4-H Club  
Holly Whipple, Westside 4-H Club  
Katherine Shannon, Quartz Hill 4-H Club  
Kiran Ekanayake, PVP 4-H Club***

***Jr. All-Stars:***

***Ada Hsu, Macy 4-H Club  
Alexa Sutter, PVP 4-H Club  
Alexander Nunley, PVP 4-H Club  
Andrew Nunley, PVP 4-H Club  
Ashlyn Spaziano, Greenleaf 4-H Club  
Catherine Nunley, PVP 4-H Club  
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Julius Treadwell, Pomona Valley 4-H Club  
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