

4-H

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



September 2022

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An elite team!

Los Angeles County 4-H All-Star Ambassadors

Ashley Arana - Agoura 4-H Club
Sophie Loewner - Palos Verdes Pen. 4-H Club
Ibrahim Yaaseen - Palos Verdes Pen. 4-H Club



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4-H Policy Reminder:

Youth Protection Interaction with 4-H Members During 4-H Activities
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When planning 4-H events and activities, the expectation is always that a minimum of 2 approved 4-H Adult Volunteers will be present.

Only in the event that an appointed 4-H Adult Volunteer has had an urgent matter, and it then becomes impractical or impossible for a minimum of 2 appointed adult volunteers to be present for the 4-H event or activity, would staff then coordinate and designate another adult at least 21 years old to participate. Use of a non-appointed adult to fulfill these roles is to be done as a *last resort*, not the standard approach for staff when planning 4-H events and activities.

For all 4-H Events and Activities

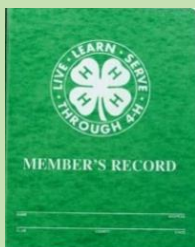


Always have a minimum of
TWO (2) 4-H Adult Volunteers

Hot Topics



[4-H Online Enrollment](#)



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[Be Sure to Enroll/Re-Enroll on 4-H Online](#)

The 2022-23 4H Program Year is here. Be sure to Enroll/Re-Enroll at: <https://v2.4honline.com/>.

Enrollment Fees are: \$62 Youth and \$28 Adults.

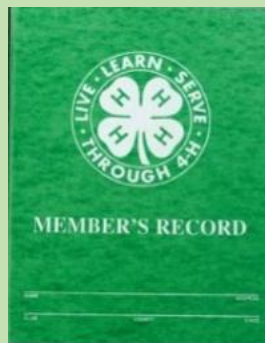
[Adult members must Re-apply annually by](#)

[December 31 to continue without a break in service.](#)



[2021-22 4-H Record Book Competition Info](#)

2021-22 Record Books for Los Angeles County Competition are due to the Los Angeles or Antelope Valley (Lancaster) 4-H Office by September 6, by 4 PM or to an Incentives and Recognition Committee Member by September 7, by 9 PM. For more information see the [LA County 4H website.](#)



[Los Angeles County 4-H Officer Book Info](#)



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Member by September 7, by 9 PM. For more information see the [LA County 4H website.](#)

[Your 4H Experience](#)

Hello 4-H'ers! We want to hear from you. Please share an experience(s) participating in any 4-H activity or event at the club, county, state or national level and its impact it had on you. To share an experience, click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Local Resident Awarded Hall of Fame Honor By Amber Boeker

A locally renowned resident of Agua Dulce recently gained a national award title. On July 23, 2022, DeBoraha Akin-Townson was invited to Fort Worth, Texas to be inducted into the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum Hall of Fame. Townson was nominated by Actor and personal friend Glynn Turman, and she was inducted alongside Harry Belafonte, Anthony "Tony" Brubaker, Reginald T. Dorsey, Danny Glover, Albert "Al" & Essie Morris, Chris Navarro, Sammy Davis Jr., and Sir Sidney Poitier.

Awards were presented at the 18th annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Banquet where Scott Murray, CEO of Murray Media and 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee, served as Master of Ceremony.

The primary objective of the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum and Hall of Fame is to offer the visitor a true and complete historical perspective of the people and activities that built the unique culture of the American West.

"I feel both honored and grateful for the recognition, but equally thankful for the privilege of being able to share my story and experiences in the rodeo with so many people. Knowing that my contribution to our great western heritage will live on after I am no longer on this earth is very humbling and special beyond words," said Mrs. Townson, who volunteers as a local 4-H Club leader and regularly hosts Gymkhana riding practices and events at her home arena.



DeBoraha Townson was inducted into the National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas.



DeBoraha Townson became the first African American woman to qualify for a major rodeo finals

DeBoraha Akin-Townson's accomplishments are certainly worth recognizing. A cowgirl of distinction, as a Women's Professional Rodeo Association barrel racer, Townson was the object of national attention in the early 1990's when she became the first African American woman to qualify for a major rodeo finals - The International Finals Rodeo.

"At the time I competed at the International Finals Rodeo in 1990 it was brought to my attention that I was the 1st African American

woman to do so. This didn't mean very much to me at the time as that is not why I did it, nor did I realize that it might be inspiration to others, but later I began to get calls, emails and letters from other minority women describing how they had become inspired to dream also. Not all of these women were barrel racers or even in the rodeo world. That's when I realized that God truly had a bigger purpose for my life and my dreams," Mrs. Townson reflects. "My inspiration to excellence in my early years of barrel racing and in all things that I attempt to do come from my faith-based home and the

belief that whatever we do in life it should be done as if we are working for the Lord."

Born in Rockford, Illinois, the rodeo lifestyle or owning a horse was a mere fantasy until she became an adult. After being introduced to this new world, DeBoraha purchased several horses and underwent many years of training. It quickly became apparent that this would be no part-time hobby for DeBoraha. She was on a mission to become the best barrel racer that she could become.

In 1984, her rodeo career began and within four years success came on the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo circuit, where she was barrel racing champion for three consecutive years, as well as the All-Around Champion for 1989 and 1990. In 1989, Akin joined the International Professional Rodeo Association, where she immediately won the Western Region Barrel Racing Championship and finished second for Rookie of the Year honors. DeBoraha also finished the year ranked in the Top 20 in the world championship standings.

Many riders in the Acton and Agua Dulce community have benefited from the generous influence and skillful instruction on DeBoraha's ranch. Though clearly, her life and example has touched many around the world.

"I like to quote other big dreamers," Mrs. Townson says, "Olympian Wilma Rudolph said, 'Never underestimate the power of dreams and their influence on the human spirit.' I pray that my legacy will inspire others to dream, then dream bigger and never stop paying it forward."



DeBoraha Townson volunteers as the Horse Leader for the Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club
Pictured are: Lea Duenas, Paislee Drayer, Heaven Avery, and Melissa Duenas.

Congratulations Erin Murdoch
Dee Keese, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Club Leader

Erin Murdoch, was Palos Verdes Peninsula 4H Club President in 2021-22, Youth Director of Home Ec for four years for the San Gabriel Valley 4H Fair, a County Winner every year in Clothing & Textiles project, played Varsity Soccer and Varsity Water Polo at Peninsula High School, and our club's best surfer! Erin graduated from training for the National Guard and started college at the University of Kentucky (which they pay for) majoring in Homeland Security! I feel safer already!!



[Junior/Teen Leader Merit Award](#)

Did you do a great job as a Junior or Teen Leader last year? Why not try for a Junior/Teen Leader Merit Award? At the time of the LA County Record Book evaluation, Junior and Teen Leaders may request that their 4-H records be reviewed for consideration for a Junior/Teen Leader Merit Award. To be eligible for this award, your 2021-22 4-H records must include:

1. A completed Leadership Development Report (LDR) for being a Junior or Teen Leader in a specific project
2. A completed Annual Project Report (APR) for a Leadership Project that was attended.

Signatures requested on the forms are mandatory for award consideration. A member may earn this award only once as a Junior Leader (ages 11, 12, 13) and only once as a Teen Leader (ages 14 and above).

[2022 AV FAIR & ALFALFA FESTIVAL](#)

The Antelope Valley Fair will be held at the AV Fair & Event Center, Lancaster, CA from September 23 through October 3, 2022. Come out and see your fellow 4-H'ers exhibits, Livestock Shows, an Auction, Commercial Vendors and of course, the food! The AV Fair & Festival is 8 days of family fun and Fair tradition. [Click here to learn more!](#)



Save the date!

4-H Shooting Sports Instructors Meeting

October 1, 2022, 10am - 3pm

Where: Safety First Shooting Sports River Oaks Range in Merced County.

Who: All Shooting Sports Instructors in ALL Disciplines

This will be an in-person only meeting. Light morning refreshments will be available and lunch will be provided for all in attendance. We will have a RSVP poll going out soon to know who will definitely be attending so we can get an accurate count for meals.

The meeting will be an opportunity to share:

Recent changes and updates to any 4-H/UC policy as it concerns the shooting sports program

Discussion for all disciplines about how they manage their projects

Tips and hints for better engagement

Additional volunteer development opportunities.

For any questions or comments, as well as topics for discussion please contact Russell Hill

rdhill@ucanr.edu or Nathaniel Caeton nwcaeton@ucanr.edu.



[Cow Palace Livestock Judging Contest 2022](#) - Thursday, October 6, 2022

Entry: \$45 Entry Fee
Entries open August 15
Late Entries September 16
Entries Close October 1

Divisions

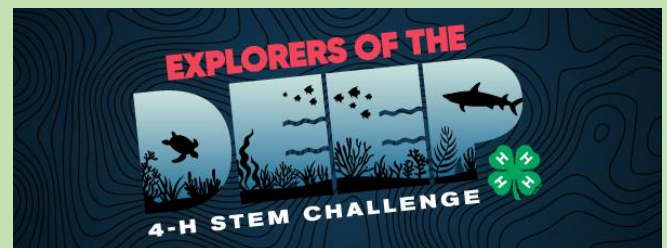
Junior Division: 5-13 years old
Senior Division: 14-18 years old
College Divisions: Individual and Team

More Info: Adam and Rebecca Mendoza
nlgilivestockjudging@gmail.com



[2022 4-H STEM Challenge](#)
[Explorers of the Deep](#)
[Month of October](#)

Announcing the 2022 4-H STEM Challenge, Explorers of the Deep! Designed by Rutgers University, the challenge will take kids on an ocean exploration—with an ocean glider! What's new for 2022? AR features to bring the ocean to life. Learn more about this exciting underwater adventure and sign up for STEM Challenge updates!



[Enter the California 2022 Make it With Wool Contest](#)

The California Make it With Wool Contest will be held November 12, 2022, in Contra Costa County.

The competition promotes creativity and the versatility of sewing, knitting, and crocheting using wool fabrics and yarns. The contest has a long, colorful history with the first contest being held in 1947 to foster an interest in sewing using wool. The contest has since encouraged personal expression and exceptional workmanship while showcasing thousands of awe-inspiring woollen garments from all over the US. Many of the entries have been created by 4-H clothing and textile members.

Entry deadline is October 15, 2022.

California Director- April Ward
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[County Judging Day](#)

Los Angeles County 4-H Judging Day is a countywide event where 4-H'ers learn to develop and apply their critical thinking and decision-making skills. Judging Day will be held on November 5, 2022 (Location TBD). Keep a look out for more information.

Incentives and Recognition Awards Available

2022 Higher Education Scholarships

- Statewide scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors and college-attending students.
- Due September 5, 2022

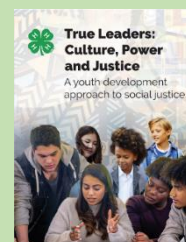
2022 Golden Clover Nominations

- The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Due September 5, 2022

2022 Diamond Clover Award

- The California Diamond Clover is the highest achievement for which a 4-H youth member and/or recent graduate is recognized.
- Due September 5, 2022

The True Leaders: Culture, Power and Justice curriculum was designed to engage youth in critical dialogue and collective action in order to contribute to a more empathetic and just society. Youth have an incredible opportunity to see the world as bigger than themselves. This curriculum offers dynamic opportunities for youth to explore their identities, different cultures, new perspectives, and the histories that have shaped power and privilege within our communities. Youth will engage with peers, adult support systems, and communities to increase the resources and tools they need to advocate for positive community change.



Los Angeles County 4-H Emerald Star Program

The Emerald Star is an award given to a 4H member for planning and implementing an advanced leadership activity. Emerald Star is separate from any star rank. Emerald Star is not a 4-H rank. It has been designed to encourage members to plan and execute a goal outside the member's Community Club. The Emerald Star is for experienced 4-H members who have been in 4-H for at least two years and are at least 13 years old, as of Dec. 31st of the current program year. Each Emerald Star application will be evaluated for its value to the LA County 4-H Program, value to the community, practicality and feasibility.



Diamond Clover Awards - The California Diamond Clover is the highest achievement for which a 4-H youth member and young adult volunteers are recognized. All youth members and young adult volunteer who achieve the requirements are eligible to receive this award.

Awardees receive the California Diamond Clover Pin or Necklace Charm, a certificate and a recognition letter from the 4-H Statewide Director.

Applications are accepted year-round. Applications are reviewed by the 4-H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee and awarded quarterly.

Get to know 4-H



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[Definition of common 4-H terms](#)



STAR RANKINGS

[Star rankings meaning and how to achieve them](#)



NEW FAMILY HANDBOOK

[Guide for developing hands-on activities](#)



PROJECT SHEETS

[4-H Guide for ALL families in California](#)

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Visit the [State's 4H News & Calendar](#) for State 4H information and deadlines.



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