Congratulations to Brittany Newton, 4-H State Ambassador!

Brittany Newton from Soquel 4-H club and has been selected to serve as a 2008-09 California State Ambassador. Brittany will serve in the role for 14 months starting this July. Receiving this honor is one of the highest service opportunities and recognitions in the California State 4-H Youth Development Program. Some of Brittany's ambassador duties will include; acting as State 4-H representative to various local, sectional, and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, workshops and leadership opportunities. She'll also help coordinate the planning and implementation of the 2009 4-H State Leadership Conference.

Way to go Brittany!

Congratulations to Robin Turnquist of La Selva Beach 4-H

Robin has received the Golden Clover Award in recognition of her outstanding participation and dedication to the 4-H program. The Golden Clover is one of the highest honor's a volunteer can receive in the California Youth Development Program.

Thank You to all who participated in Music & Marshmallow at Seacliff Beach. The next Music & Marshmallow will be July 14th 6pm, Rio Del Mar Beach.

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.”
Fair News:

Monterey County Fair
Aug. 12th-17th, 2008
“Ride the Wave” to the Monterey County Fair
Entry guide currently online at:
All fair entry deadlines vary.

Santa Cruz County Fair
“Let the Good Times Grow”
September 9th-14th, 2008
www.santacruzcountyfair.com
Entry deadline: August 2nd, 2008

San Benito County Fair
October 3rd-5th, 2008
www.sanbenitocountyfair.com
Entries due August 29th, 2008
MANDATORY Pre-fair Tag-in
Goats, Hogs, & Sheep
Tuesday, Aug. 5th, 2008 4:00pm-7:00pm
Enter Gate 1 and watch for directional signs

4-H Booth at the 2008 State Fair

The 4-H booth at the California State Fair provides the fair-going public an impression of the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the California 4-H YDP. 4-H members and leaders are invited to help staff the booth and share experiences and projects with the public. For each person that is scheduled for a two-hour shift, the State Fair provides a ticket for 1 day of admission and parking passes as needed.

For more information or to sign up, please log on to http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/statefair/

2008 State 4-H Leaders' Forum

November 7-9, 2008

Get ready to rock the second weekend in November at California State 4-H Leaders' Forum. The 2008 Forum will be November 7-9 at beautiful Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, hosted by the South Central Section. The theme is “4-H Rocks.” Volunteer leaders and staff will be “Building Solid Foundations” together for the 4-H youth development program.

Registration  Due by September 5, 2008
Workshop Proposals  Due June 27, 2008

Registration and workshop proposals can be found at:
http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/index.asp

The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Volunteers of all ages, experiences, and locations share this opportunity to further their volunteering "career," find new inspirations, and bring new ideas home to their counties and clubs. The conference is sponsored by the State 4-H Leaders' Council and the 4-H Section planning the conference.
NEW 4-H Enrollment System

The California State 4-H Office and the 4-H enrollment task force is rolling out a new web-based enrollment and data system for 2008-2009, named 4hOnline.

Re-enrollments: With 4hOnline, we will be able to collect the Waiver of Liability, Code of Conduct, Photo Release, and Self-Disclosure Forms electronically for youth and adults that are re-enrolling in the program.

NEW Enrollments: New members and adults will need to fill out paper copies (just like in the past) and our staff will enter the information online, when the system is up and running.

More details will be sent out to Community Club Leaders as soon as the new system is in place in our county.
For questions or paper forms please call the 4-H office, 763-8015.

4-H Policy Reminders:

Section 310.5 Volunteer Break in Service
4-H volunteers returning to the 4-H YDP after a year or more break in service must repeat the Volunteer appointment process, including a new fingerprint clearance.

Section 809.1 Youth Driver’s
University policy does not allow 4-H member’s under the age of 18 to transport other 4-H members to official functions.

CLOVER SAFE #19
HEAT ILLNES AWARENESS

According to the National Weather Service, an average of 235 heat-related fatalities occurred annually between 1975 and 2004. Moreover, about 25,000 heat-related illnesses or injuries occurred from 1991-2000. Children are at greater risk for heat stress because their bodies have a larger surface area per pound of weight. Youth that are vigorously exerting themselves in summer heat are at higher risk for contracting heat illness. By taking several simple precautions, people can control and/or reduce exposure to conditions that may cause heat illness. For additional information about heat illness awareness, go to the Clover Safe note at: http://ucanr.org/cloversafe.

Clover Safe Notes are prepared by the UC ANR Office of Environmental Health & Safety, in support of the Statewide 4-H Youth Development Program.
**My 4-H Story Contest**

Upload your "My 4-H Story" from your 4-H Record Book by **July 31, 2008** to enter a drawing for a $25 gift certificate. Ten gift certificates will be awarded. More information is available at [http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/recordbook/index.php](http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/recordbook/index.php)

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**Rabbit Project Meeting**

**July 13th, 2008 1:30pm**

Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds – Crosetti Building

We will meet in front of the Crosetti Building at 1:30 prior to going into the building to view the rabbit show in progress.

Any questions Call Marilou, 688-2696

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**County Wide Horse Project Meetings**

The county-wide horse project is a collaborative effort to bring together both youth and leaders interested in horses in order to build a larger horse program in Santa Cruz County. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. Horse project members from other clubs are encouraged to come and share their knowledge and expertise. 4-H members in clubs without horse projects can participate in horses by joining the county-wide horse project. You do not need to own or lease a horse for this project. Come join us and share our interest and love of horses!

For more information contact Jeanne 722-8439

**Project meetings will resume in August**

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**4-H Project News**

**Rabbit Shows:**

**JULY 13, 2008** - (Watsonville) - YOUTH & OPEN CALIFORNIA R&C SHOWS - www.rabbitshows.com

Rita Peralta, 2233 Snyder Ln, Stockton, CA 95215

**AUGUST 15, 2008** - (Monterey) - YOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR - 831.455.2053

Karla A Silva, 99 Pine Canyon Rd, Salinas, CA 93908

ksilva49@aol.com

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**Older Member Opportunities:**

**Funding Opportunity:**

Each year the California State 4-H Office provides funds to members and volunteer leaders for service-learning projects through the **California 4-H Service Learning RFP**. Groups can request up to $5,000 to fund activities that address significant environmental, economic and/or social issues affecting California's youth, families, and communities. The Service Learning RFP application is available on the web at: [http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp](http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp).

Examples of past projects are also listed. Application is due **September 15, 2008**.

This summer, "Green Teams" made up of urban 14-18 year-olds will visit more than two dozen national parks - an environmental immersion experience to nurture the next generation of National Park Service (NPS) leaders and staff. The youth learn about the history of the parks and NPS career opportunities, conduct team-building exercises, and participate in hands-on projects that allow them to see the immediate impact of their work, from constructing trails to planting native species.

To see a video and photos go to: NPS Youth Partnership [http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/nap/](http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/nap/)

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**Santa Cruz County 4-H Leadership Team**

Come and be apart of the leadership team that helps put on events, fundraise and participates on the county 4-H council. 7th grade and above.

Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 7pm at Robin Turnquist’s house, 1528 Wilshire Drive, Aptos.

Please call Robin for more information, 688-4750

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Important Information
4-H Members, Leaders and Families.
PLEASE READ!

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