



San Diego County

**4-H**  
Youth  
DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM

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LIFE SKILLS



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# 4-H Memos

## SUPER SATURDAY IS COMING!

Once again the San Diego County 4-H Program is sponsoring **Super Saturday**. This countywide event provides members and leaders an opportunity to participate in educational programs, learn about what other clubs are doing, and have a lot of fun in the process!

To help support this event, the event organizers would like to invite clubs and project groups to submit a booth application. Sponsoring a booth will give clubs and project groups an opportunity to showcase unique aspects of their program. This is an excellent opportunity to interact with 4-H members and leaders from across the county and to provide our new members with a chance to experience the 4-H motto - **Learn by Doing**.

We need folks to present sessions at the event. Please let me or Taelor Robertson know if you would like to lead a session. Taelor Robertson has taken on the responsibility of chairing this event. She is a teen leader with Escondido 4-H. Her mother, Suzanne is assisting of course, and they can be reached at 760-745-1990. Please contact me, Quang "Hogan" Tong at 858-495-5190 with any questions you have. Email qtong@ucdavis.edu

This year we would like to partner with **Operation Military Kids**, a 4-H program run out of UC Riverside by Chanda Gonzales. With so many parents being sent off to serve, it has been found that their children need stabilizing social groups, such as 4-H, to help them cope with the missing parent. We would like to invite these kids to join 4-H and hopefully by inviting them to Super Saturday it may generate the excitement to push them to do so. It would seem that this **Super Saturday** is becoming quite an event. And we would like to invite all of our clubs to attend and be apart of **Super Saturday**.

## 2006 4-H Community Tree Planting Grants from \$500-\$1,750 each Deadline: February 1, 2006 Contact: [schaconas@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:schaconas@fourhcouncil.edu)

### Funding provided by Deft, Inc. Grants between \$500-\$1,750

The 2006 4-H Community Tree Planting Grant Program offers a limited number of youth grants in the amount of \$500 to \$1,750 to 4-H/Extension groups in local communities, in counties, and at the state level. This program provides opportunities for young people and adults to take action with ongoing community tree planting and/or reforestation projects or to stimulate new and creative youth-led projects. Youth are empowered to lead the planning, implementation, and evaluation process with minimal mentorship from adults. Youth will learn how their leadership can result in community collaborations that amplify the impact of their project.

Grants are offered only to 4-H/Extension Programs in the United States and its territories. If you are not a part of 4-H, we encourage you to contact your local Cooperative Extension office and become a project collaborator! The application can be found at <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/GrantsTreePlanting.aspx> on the bottom of the page under "Related Links." Completed applications are due on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. If you have any questions, email [schaconas@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:schaconas@fourhcouncil.edu).

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**SAN DIEGO COUNTY 4-H FUNDRAISER  
JANUARY 16-FEBRUARY 17, 2006**

January 16 through February 17, 2006, is the Annual 4-H countywide fundraiser. The candy and beef stick sale is the one time each year that all San Diego County 4-H members participate in a fundraiser to support the budgets of the County 4-H Council and each participating 4-H club.

Your local 4-H club benefits by keeping 29 cents of each dollar collected. Since this goes to your club, we hope your club will encourage sales with your own local prizes for high-selling members. Cash prizes, scholarships to 4-H events, cash gifts to one of your project groups, or merchandise awards are all good ideas to encourage sales.

**WHY SELL CANDY/BEEF STICKS?** Money raised from this sale for the County 4-H Council will be used to pay for members and leaders to attend training meetings, for expenses incurred in putting on area events, medals, and ribbons for members, and other necessary functions to make our club and county programs the best.

We suggest that members selling candy or beef sticks wear some type of 4-H identification such as 4-H hat, t-shirt, or 4-H pin or button.

To encourage countywide participation, cash prizes are being awarded to the top ten individual sellers countywide:

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| 1. \$200 cash | 6. \$10 cash  |
| 2. \$100 cash | 7. \$10 cash  |
| 3. \$ 75 cash | 8. \$10 cash  |
| 4. \$ 50 cash | 9. \$10 cash  |
| 5. \$ 25 cash | 10. \$10 cash |

**GRAND DRAWING:** For every \$40 cash turned in on time, member's name goes into drawing one time. **MUST TURN IN AT LEAST \$40 TO QUALIFY.** Prizes that have been awarded are: **Amusement Park Passes, SeaWorld Passes, and Gift Certificates for Electronics, WalMart Mart gift cards, AND MORE!** Ten prizes will be awarded.

**TOP SELLING CLUB:** \$100 FOR THE CLUB THAT BRINGS IN THE MOST CASH. WE WILL HAVE A DRAWING FOR ALL LEADERS WHO GET ALL THEIR MATERIALS IN TO THE AREA DISTRIBUTOR ON TIME.

This is a win-win-situation - you help make money for your local club, the County 4-H Council, and you can win some excellent prizes!

## ART AND DESIGN DAY- MARCH 25, 2006



We are looking for clubs interested in fund raising at Art and Design Day by providing breakfast in the morning and lunch in the afternoon. Proceeds from the food sales go directly into your local club budget, so if you are looking to add to your

bottom line, this might be a great opportunity. Deadline to sign up to do this would be January 31, 2005. We can provide some advice and expertise based on last year's sales and recommendations for menus. We would like to see 2 different clubs sign up, one club for each meal, but if the response is limited, one club may serve both meals.

The event will be held at the Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club, the same location as last year. Please contact Beth Prinz at 760-788-8991 or at [bandbprinz@jps.net](mailto:bandbprinz@jps.net).

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – JANUARY 23, 2006

The By-Laws Committee will be meeting at the county office on **January 23rd at 6:30**. If you are interested in helping with the process please review the attachments. The attachments are the current Constitution and By-Laws also the recommended By-Laws from the state web-site. These By-Laws have lots of required fields. Please bring your ideas, all leaders and 4-H members are welcome to this meeting. Please contact for more information Kevin Fletcher at [k.fletch@cox.net](mailto:k.fletch@cox.net)

## OLIVENHAIN VALLEY RAISES MONEY FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

Olivenhain Valley 4-H set up a couple of different collection locations for the animal victims of Hurricane Katrina. In one Saturday afternoon, the club collected \$500 which was matched by the Ecker family of Encinitas. Our club was able to send \$500 to Noah's Wish, a rescue organization based in Placerville and \$500 to the Louisiana Humane Society.

## 2006 JAPANESE EXCHANGE

In 2006, California will be participating in the outbound month-long program. California 4-H members and leaders can travel to Japan for a month-long stay with host families from July 12 to August 10, 2006.

4-H links with a youth development organization in Japan called Labo. Participants, ages 14 to 19, live with a family and see Japan through the everyday experiences. This is an opportunity to experience life in Japan from the inside - not as a tourist. Host families eagerly introduce California teens to life in Japan. Teens may request a specific host family or a family with a teen the same gender and close in age, with similar interests and hobbies, will be selected by Labo.

For those who wish to spend more time in Japan, Labo also offers the Nihongo Program, an intensive three-week Japanese language program. This program begins June 15 and ends just prior to the four-week home-stay program. Participants live with Japanese families in the Tokyo area and attend Japanese language classes five days a week at the Labo Center.

Through this program, participants can:

- Share cultures, customs, and heritage with Japanese youth.
- Learn to value diversity and show respect and understanding for others.
- Increase their language and communication skills
- Increase their compassion for people new to our culture.
- Develop understanding of issues related to living in a global society.
- Improve self understanding.

The **2006 4-H Japanese Exchange** will be an outbound program next summer with 4-H members and volunteer leaders participating in a month-long exchange with host families across Japan. Information and applications are available in county 4-H offices and on the web at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp>. An additional Nihongo language program is also available. A registration packet and \$100 non-refundable deposit are due **February 20, 2006**.

## BULLETINS

### Program

- National 4-H Headquarters/USDA is now accepting workshop proposals for the **2006 National 4-H Conference** being held March 25-30, 2006. Please visit the "**Call for Workshop Proposals**" link on the conference website: <http://4hconf.4-h.org>. Applicants are asked to notify their State 4-H Program Leader about their proposed workshop. The year's theme, *Connect 4-H-Let's Get Together*, reflects the many connections we have within and across 4-H, including the Essential Elements of the 4-H Youth Development Program. For more information, contact Maria Parisi at (202) 720-8857 or [mparisi@csrees.usda.gov](mailto:mparisi@csrees.usda.gov). Intent to submit proposal due: December 19, 2005. Proposal due: **January 12, 2006**.
- Information and applications for the **2006 California and Washington Focus Programs** are in county 4-H offices or on the web at <http://www.ca4h.org/>. The dates for each event are below:
  - California Focus: June 23-27, 2006
  - Washington Focus #1 / Road to Democracy: June 24-July 3, 2006
  - Washington Focus #1 / Heritage Trail: June 24-July 1, 2006
  - Washington Focus #2 / Global Journey: July 8-19, 2006
  - Washington Focus #2 / Heritage Trail II: July 8-15, 2006 Registration will be done online by county offices.

Registration due dates: **January 13**, 2006 for Washington Focus, and **January 31**, 2006 for California Focus. A non-refundable deposit is due with each registration.

- **2006-2007 4-H State Ambassador applications** are now available online. 4-H State Ambassadors are selected to represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program, plan the State Leadership Conference, and complete a service project. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>. Applications are due **March 31**, 2006.

### Policy

The **Statewide 4-H Policy Advisory Committee is seeking an additional volunteer** to serve on that committee. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Mignonne Pollard at (530) 754-8517 or [mypollard@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mypollard@ucdavis.edu)

### Training Bulletins

- Gain new ideas that will enhance your camping programs! The **National 4-H Camping Institute** will be held on February 17-21, 2006, at Cedar Canyon Wesleyan Camp near the Black Hills of Rapid City, SD. Early bird registration of \$250 is due by **November 15**, 2005. For more information and to register, visit: <http://4h.sdstate.edu>
- Please be aware of the upcoming **Shooting Sports Leader Trainer Course: Rifle Discipline** in Santa Maria on **November 18-20**, 2005. The cost is \$10. Upon successful completion of the course, 4-H leaders will be certified as leader trainers. They are also eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties, and they may also instruct and certify other shooting sports volunteer leaders. For more information or to register for the class, contact instructor John McGray at (805) 925-3143.
- **2006 Western Regional 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum** registration is now available on the Utah 4-H website at: [www.Utah4-H.org](http://www.Utah4-H.org) then click "WRLF" on the left side of your screen. Early bird registration deadline is **December 1**, 2005 so begin planning now for the fun you'll have in Salt Lake City on March 1-5, 2006. All registration materials are available via the website, and online registration will also soon be available.

### Funding

**Proposals for ESRI GIS Software Grants will be accepted from January 1 through March 30, 2006.**

**For Clubs/Groups:** In recognition of National 4-H Week, ESRI has announced it will offer a software grant program, **4-H GIS GPS Community Mapping**, for 4-H clubs in 2006. ESRI will award grants of GIS club software and learning resources to 4-H groups who propose conducting community mapping projects using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and GPS (Global Positioning Systems) technologies. Applicants will describe their existing GIS/GPS programs and efforts, and/or their plan for using GIS in their local program for 2006. To receive notification of the application and selection guidelines by e-mail, please register at <http://www.esri.com/grants/> and select 4-H grant opportunities. If you have questions, email: [4-HIS\\_external@esri.com](mailto:4-HIS_external@esri.com). **Proposals for ESRI GIS Software Grants will be accepted from January 1 through March 30, 2006.**

# *Making the Best Better!*

## **SUPER SATURDAY BOOTH APPLICATION**

**January 28, 2005**

Super Saturday is an outstanding opportunity to learn about other clubs' activities and highlight what your club is doing. Now is the time to sign up for a club or project booth or to lead a session or workshop. Set-up begins at 8:00 a.m. and the event begins at 9:00 a.m.

Please fax your booth applications or call Quang "Hogan" Tong at the numbers below. Your booth should include a hands-on activity or something that the audience can participate in with your members. Please also bring a small stamp and ink pad so that your booth can "stamp" the members' Passports as they go from booth to booth.

**Title of Booth:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Any materials needed (tables, chairs, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of your Booth: \_\_\_\_\_

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For more information, please contact the 4-H Office: Telephone: (858) 495-5190; FAX: (858) 694-2849; or e-mail: qtong@ucdavis.edu

**Please return application or phone in information on or before  
Wednesday, January 15, 2005**



# The Congressional Award

The Congressional Award is a public partnership created by Congress to promote and recognize achievement, initiative, and service in America's youth. The Congressional Award provides a unique opportunity for young people to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development, and citizenship.

The Congressional Award is about challenge. It is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you would like to try for the first time. To earn the Award, you set goals in four Program Areas: [Volunteer Public Service](#), [Personal Development](#), [Physical Fitness](#), and [Expedition/Exploration](#). You select an adult advisor who will help you set challenging but achievable goals and plan activities to reach those goals. Then you are on your way to earning The Congressional Award.

The Congressional Award Program is about challenge. The award offers young people the opportunity to set a personal goal and achieve it. Along the way, you will learn about yourself and about qualities like responsibility, trust and the ability to plan and organize. There are six levels of Award -- Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals. Each level is cumulative -- this means time spent on one award is carried with you to the next level. Start today!

Our Congressional Award Advisor is Mary Jane Najor. For more information please contact her. She can be reached at 760-744-3675 or email [mjinajor@adelphia.net](mailto:mjinajor@adelphia.net). Or visit the website at [http://www.congressionalaward.org/congress/netscape/index\\_ns.htm](http://www.congressionalaward.org/congress/netscape/index_ns.htm).

## Don Diego Scholarship Available

The Don Diego Scholarship is an annual scholarship of \$5,000.00 awarded to a member of the San Diego County 4-H Youth Development Program. The scholarship is in memory of **Tom Hernandez**, who greeted visitors for many years at the San Diego County Fair and was the Fair's ambassador.

The 4-H scholarship requires that the member be a member in good standing in 4-H and must have participated (but not necessarily during the applying year) in a competitive exhibit department ( for example: Junior Livestock, Student Showcase, Student Landscape, Kids' Best, etc.) at the San Diego County Fair.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a senior in high school with anticipation of graduating no later than June 2006.

- Must submit a certified copy of their high school transcript with application.

- Must be used toward the recipient's education at a four-year institution or a two year college where a vocational major is to be pursued.

- Scholarship must be used by the recipient within five years.

Applications are available from the 4-H Office or they are available on the San Diego County of Education's website – <http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us> or the San Diego County Fair's website – <http://www.sdfair.com>

Application, including transcript and letters of reference, must be received by the San Diego County Fair or postmarked no later than April 3, 2006. Mail applications to:

Don Diego Scholarship

Del Mar Fairgrounds – Attention: Jane Spivey

2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard

Del Mar, Ca. 92014-2216

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PHONE or CODE
<b>January</b> 12/31-1/10	Hogan on vacation in Hawaii		
1	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>		
2	4-H Office Closed		
6	Candy Orders Due	4-H Office	Robey 760-749-0294
9	Teen Council Meeting	6:30 p.m. Alpine Comm. Cntr Cedar Rm.	Drew 858-756-2004
9	County Council General Meeting	7:00 p.m. Alpine Comm. Cntr Oak Rm.	Debbie 619-669-1954
9-13	Candy Delivered to Clubs		Robey 760-749-0294
10	Horse Advisory Meeting	7:00 p.m. 4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Carmen 760-966-0307
12	Super Saturday Committee Mtg.	7:00 p.m. Miramar Stables	Hogan 858-495-5190
13	Booth Apps due for Super Saturday	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Hogan 858-495-5190
14	Ag Judging Area 5, 6	Lakeside Fair	Raquel 619-659-1024
15	Horse Judging Clinic	Pomegranate Hill Equestrian Center	Carmen 760-966-0307
16	Candy Sales Begin		Robey 760-749-0294
20-22	TIC Conference		Paulette 619-464-4394
22	Horse Show	Lakeside	Carmen 760-966-0307
23	By-Laws Constitution	6:30 p.m. 4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Kevin 619-669-1057
26	Star Blaze Training 3	7 p.m. 4-H Office Gate Code 2002 #	Hogan 858-495-5190
28	Super Saturday	Miramar Stables	Taelor 760-745-1990
<b>February</b>			
6	Large Animal Learning Day	TBA	Torres/Carmen 760-966-0307
13	County Council Meeting	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Debbie 619-669-1954
13	Teen Council Meeting	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Drew 858-756-2004
14	Horse Advisory	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Carmen 760-966-0307
17	Candy Sale Ends		Robey 760-749-0294
21-28	Unopened Candy Returned		Robey 760-749-0294
22	Star Blaze Training 4	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Hogan 858-495-5190
<b>March</b>			
4-5	Horse Learning Day	Show Park	Carmen 760-966-0307
6	County Council Exec Meeting	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Debbie 619-669-1954
10	Candy Club Money Due		Robey 760-749-0294
11	Area 6 Presentation Day	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Drew 858-756-2004
13	Teen Council Meeting	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Carmen 760-966-0307
14	Horse Advisory Meeting	Escondido Chamber of Commerce	Carol 760-489-5552
18	Area 2 Presentation Day	Jamul Elementary School	Ginnie 619-669-4719
18	Dog Learning Day	Poway Dog Park	Bonnie 760-630-1523
25	Art & Design Day	R.B. Swim & Tennis Club	Beth 760-788-8991
30	Star Blaze Training 5	4-H Office Gate Code 2002#	Hogan 858-495-5190



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