

# California Connection

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## What is Cooperative Extension?



Cooperative Extension is the outreach arm of the University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, with offices in nearly every California county. Cooperative Extension advisors develop and deliver programs for their local communities, focusing in areas such as 4-H Youth Development, nutrition, family and consumer sciences, and agriculture.

In addition, Cooperative Extension specialists are headquartered at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Riverside, where they conduct research and collaborate with advisors. As a land-grant institution, the Cooperative Extension mandate is tied to the welfare, development, and protection of California's agriculture, natural resources, and people.

## How is Cooperative Extension Funded?

Funding comes from three levels of government – Federal, State and Local. All three funding sources must be present for Cooperative Extension to exist and provide local educational programs like 4-H and Master Gardeners for youth and families.

### FUNDING SOURCES:

	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
FEDERAL:	US Dept. of Agriculture	National 4-H Council
STATE:	University of California	California 4-H Foundation 4-H Program Fee
LOCAL:	County Government	4-H Volunteer Leader Councils

In addition to public funds, private sources of funding are solicited by foundations, councils, and sponsoring committees at the national, state, and local levels. Local 4-H members also raise funds to support their own activities.

The California 4-H Foundation raises funds for statewide or multi-county 4-H projects, working directly with potential donors to match their interests with the needs of the program.

For updates on the State Budget and how it affects 4-H, visit [www.ucforcalifornia.org](http://www.ucforcalifornia.org)



## Military Kids Find Consistency in 4-H

Cooperative Extension has joined with the U.S. Army and Air Force to make transitions a little smoother for the children of soldiers, officers and civilians serving at America's military installations worldwide.

The children sacrifice the security of familiarity by moving whenever and wherever their parents' services are needed. In addition, with military parents being deployed to distant and sometimes dangerous places, their children face extended separations and often live with fear and anxiety. However, now at least one thing provides comfort and continuity. No matter where these global nomads land, they will find their 4-H program. The Army has decided every base will have a 4-H Community Club with programs in photography, citizenship, technology and fine arts. The Air Force will also offer various 4-H programs.

The Army identified several reasons to link up with Cooperative Extension 4-H when it entered into the program. It noted the fact that 4-H is a nationally recognized

and effective youth development education program with a youth development strategy compatible with the Army's. Also, it noted 4-H's strong local, county, state and national infrastructure.

Source: 2004 Regents of the University of California.  
Read the full story at <http://ucanr.org/externalstories/4harmy.shtml>

*Did you know that 4-H is in more than 80 countries worldwide?*

*Visit the following web address to learn about 4-H in other countries:*

*[www.national4-headquarters.gov/4h\\_atlas.htm](http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/4h_atlas.htm)*

## Japanese Exchange Program is Outbound in 2004

The California 4-H Japanese Exchange Program will be sending California 4-H members, ages 14 to 19, to Japan this summer for a four-week home-stay program. This is an opportunity to experience life in Japan from the inside – not as a tourist, but as a member of a Japanese family. The program runs from July 12 to August 11, 2004. Labo, a youth development program in Japan that provides cultural and language education to Japanese youth, will provide program arrangements in Japan. Labo has successfully welcomed over 6,000 young people to Japan since 1973.



## Largest Conference for 4-H Horse Leaders Held in Sacramento with over 400 Attendees!

On February 7th, 2004, 4-H Horse Project Leaders and older youth enjoyed a full schedule of horse-related activities and workshops. Topics included Horse Bowl (a trivia game between two teams of four people), Hippology (a test of horse knowledge), USA Equestrian Rules (presented by a USA Equestrian Steward), and a Question & Answer session. Clinics such as Trail Clinic, Showmanship Clinic, Reining Clinic, as well as Massage Therapy were also offered. A UC Davis veterinarian presented sessions to endurance riders on Tying-Up and Colic. On Saturday evening, the fun continued with a BBQ dinner, games, and a silent auction.

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# Statewide Funding Opportunities . . .



## Western Regional Leaders' Forum 2005

On February 23-27, 2005, California will host more than 500 leaders and older youth from the western half of the nation as well as Canada, Guam, Samoa and Micronesia in Sacramento for the Western Regional Leaders' Forum. The

Forum comes to California only once every 13 years! This event provides an opportunity for 4-H volunteer leaders and older youth to sharpen skills, network, and brainstorm about the current challenges facing youth and the 4-H Youth Development Program today. The leaders then take what they have learned back to their home states – potentially reaching hundreds of thousands of youth! Sponsor opportunities are available to make available outstanding speakers and trainings for the leaders, as well as reduce the registration fees so that more leaders and older youth are able to attend. For more information about the Forum, visit the website at <http://www.wrlf2005.org>.

## Junior Master Gardeners



The Junior Master Gardener Program educates students about the environment, agriculture, and conservation using garden-related activities. This program helps increase self-esteem and develops a sense of ownership and responsibility among the youth involved. Training sessions for teachers

and volunteers are provided by members of the University of California Master Gardeners and other experts in the field. Sponsorships are needed to provide additional trainings. To see photos of this project in action, visit the website at [http://groups.ucanr.org/slomg/Junior\\_Master\\_Gardener\\_Program](http://groups.ucanr.org/slomg/Junior_Master_Gardener_Program).

## Youth In Governance

This new initiative focuses on youth engagement in their communities. The project is supported by \$9,250 from **Land O'Lakes Foundation** and \$44,000 from the **USDA** through National 4-H Council. Funds will be used to train youth from six counties in California and Arizona to organize and carry out forums in their communities and address local issues.

## California Focus

California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" as this unique 4-H citizenship educational experience combines hands-on participation in service-learning workshops, debates and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural and governmental sites. Last year, the **Ironstone Concours Foundation** donated \$6,000 for staff training support and need-based financial assistance to delegates, and the **Thomas & Dorothy Leavey Foundation** donated \$4,250 for need-based financial assistance. This year, we welcome **Hilton Hotels Corporation** and their donation of \$10,000 for a newly created merit-based scholarship, called the Young Civic Leader Award. Sponsorship opportunities are available for next year's educational program.

## State Leadership Conference

Each year, more than 500 high school aged 4-H members and 4-H volunteer leaders from across California gather to develop their leadership skills. Workshops presented by youth, volunteers, 4-H staff, university faculty, and community members focus on Leadership Development, Teamwork, Community Engagement, Technology, Recreation, and Public Speaking. Last year, **Wells Fargo Foundation** donated \$9,000, the **Ironstone Concours Foundation** donated \$5,000, and **Bank of America** donated \$5,000 to provide need-based financial assistance to youth participants attending the 2004 4-H State Leadership Conference, which will take place August 13-15 at UC Riverside. Sponsorship opportunities are available for next year's conference.

## Computer Corps

California is the only state to have its official website managed by a group of 4-H members and adult volunteers! The Computer Corps focuses on ways to integrate technology into the California 4-H Youth Development Program at the local, regional and state level, by teaching valuable technology skills while strengthening communications throughout the state. Last year, a \$30,000 **SBC Exceleerator** grant was awarded to sponsor "Bringing Technology Home" trainings by the Computer Corps for 4-H members and staff in 2004. These trainings provide resources to create and maintain local club or county websites. Additional funding for the Computer Corps will be needed to continue their important programs. Visit our website to see their work in action! [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org).





# Awards Made Possible by Generous Donors . . .

## 2003 4-H Legacy Awards

*Sponsored by the Bob & Pat Dean  
Memorial Legacy Endowment*

- \$500 for 4-H members in Butte County to start a 4-H gardening project to teach 4-H members how to grow food that is healthy and then experience the growing cycle from seed to harvest.
- \$500 for members in Santa Clara County Homesteader's 4-H garden project to host a Beneficial Bug Day for the community as well as expand their project.
- \$400 for the Yorba Linda Cloverleaf 4-H Club in Orange County to create a new marine ecology project focusing on local marine environment and awareness of its valued resources.
- \$300 for Rolling Hills 4-H Club in Santa Clara County to replace fencing and maintain the livestock area that is leased for 4-H projects from a city-owned historic ranch.
- \$150 for the San Martin 4-H Youth Development Club in Santa Clara County to purchase picnic tables for families to use in a local park as part of their Community Pride project.

## 2003 Vocational Education Scholarship

*Sponsored by the Samarin Family*

- Keala Iannios of Siskiyou County to pursue paramedic training.

*"With the help and support from this scholarship, I can achieve the goals I have set for myself and make my dreams a reality."*

## 2003 Keith Barnes 4-H Volunteer Leader Recognition Awards

*Sponsored by the California Farm Bureau Federation*

- Carolyn Ann Bryant from Orange County
- Merry Nell Sperling from Butte County
- Kent Michael Worker from Santa Barbara County

## 2003 Service-Learning Project Funding

*Sponsored by the Thomas &  
Dorothy Leavey Foundation*

- \$2,190 for the Santa Barbara County Bonita 4-H Club members to decorate the children's room at their local women's shelter by painting the walls and adding kid-friendly rugs and chairs in order to stimulate the children's creativity and help create a positive environment.



- \$2,000 for 4-H club members in Riverside County to be trained to teach the curriculum, *Reading Up the Food Guide Pyramid*, to students in grades K-3 in after-school settings.
- \$1,725 for the Southwest 4-H Club in Merced County to expand their after-school club to a third site utilizing the Junior Master Gardener, TWIGS, and SERIES curriculum.
- \$850 for Sonoma County 4-H Wildlife Project members to continue activities that identify community needs and reinforce the importance of conservation and resource preservation.
- \$810 for 4-H members from Santa Clara County to educate their community, local high schools, and the media about the increase in domestic violence and its influence in teen relationships. Through research, they discovered that 1 in 3 teens were either directly or indirectly involved in a domestic violence relationship, and they decided to take an active role in educating the public.
- \$500 for the American Canyon 4-H Club in Napa County to help with renovation and restoration of a ranch that will offer learning opportunities to local elementary and middle schools about farming, ranching, wetlands conservation, local history and 4-H.

# 4-H Donors Making a Difference...

## Teen Leadership Development Institute

This 4-H leadership development and community service program in Los Angeles provides training in leadership,



life skills and workforce preparation for teens in low-income communities of Los Angeles. **The Ahmanson Foundation** recently gave \$15,000 and **Wells Fargo Bank** generously donated \$50,000 this year and \$75,000 in 2003 to help make this project a reality!

## "4-H in a Box"

The "4-H in a Box" concept was designed to help meet the unique needs facing volunteers in low-income communities. *4-H in a Box* provides training and materials at no cost to volunteers. The activities are supplied in kits that are fun, easy to use, and can be implemented over an 8-16 week period. **Unocal Corporation** has donated \$20,000 to provide these kits throughout Los Angeles.



## NEW WAYS TO GIVE ...

### Support 4-H while you shop!



Thanks to the Albertsons Community Partner program, all you have to do is link your Albertsons Preferred Savings Card to a local 4-H club and/or to The California 4-H Foundation to support 4-H. Register online by going to [www.albertsons.com/abs\\_inthecommunity](http://www.albertsons.com/abs_inthecommunity) and follow the Community Partners link at the bottom of the page. Log in using your zip code, then enter your Albertsons Preferred Savings Card number and phone number. Click on "Find a Partner" from the menu. Enter 4-H in the name field and enter which city and state to search for. Then select your local 4-H club and /or The California 4-H Foundation. You will need to renew this link once a year in order to continue supporting 4-H.

### A network for good!



Donate on-line through Network for Good. Visit [www.networkforgood.org](http://www.networkforgood.org), enter the key word 4-H, and select California in the Quick Search to find The California 4-H Foundation (listed as "4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations"). Click on that link to make your donation today!

### Go Nuts for 4-H!



The California 4-H Youth Development Office has developed a partnership with OC Roasters Gourmet Roasted Nuts. Simply enter our Partner Code (4HYDP) into the "Special Instructions" box when confirming your order on-line and a portion of the sales will be donated to the State 4-H Office. Visit their website and go nuts for 4-H! [www.ocroasters.com/partners.shtml](http://www.ocroasters.com/partners.shtml)

### Going...going...gone!



Do you have anything that you are thinking about selling? Register as a seller on eBay and participate in eBay's Giving Works program, which offers sellers the option of donating a percentage of the earnings from an item to support a favorite charity – we hope you will choose The California 4-H Foundation! What a great way to spring-clean and support 4-H at the same time! [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)

## 4-H In the Spotlight . . .

### Support for Fire Victims

4-H members from across the nation sent donations in support of California 4-H members who lost homes, animals and other possessions during last fall's devastating Southern California wild fires. Donations and well wishes were received from all over the state and as far away as Pennsylvania, North Dakota, Missouri and Florida!

*“Our club was very concerned when we realized that 4-H members had lost property, projects and animals in the devastating fires last fall...this year the club voted to donate money from our fund raiser to 4-H fire victims along with matching funds out of our general account.”*

Angelus Ranus 4-H Club – Calaveras County

*“We are a small but growing club with a lot of young first year members that all unanimously voted to make this donation...Our best wishes to those affected by the fire disaster and hope they all get back on their feet and continue on in the 4-H Youth Development Program.”*

Penn Valley 4-H Club – Shasta County

### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: 4-H Fire Recovery Photo-monitoring Project

In the aftermath of the tragic Southern California fires last fall, a unique opportunity presented itself to collect data and monitor the recovery of the fire damaged areas. This 2-year project will involve over 20 teams of 4-H youth and adults using global positioning hand-held devices along with a software system to plot the exact area and take digital photos to document the natural recovery process. Donations have already been received from **Ironstone Concours Foundation** for \$5,000 and **California Community Forests Foundation** for \$4,000 to begin this multi-year project. To find out how you can support this important environmental education project, contact The California 4-H Foundation (530) 757-8740.



## *The University of California . . . Advancing the Field of Youth Development*

### LATINA/O TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROJECT

*by Mike Brockman, 4-H Center for Youth Development*

The University of California, Agricultural and Natural Resources Latina/o Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project is one of two research-extension projects conducted by members of the UC ANR Adolescence Workgroup, which include many 4-H Youth Development Program Advisors. The goal of the project is to inform the community about the best practices for pregnancy prevention relevant to the Latino population in our state as Latino teens have higher birth rates than teens of any other ethnic group and make up the fastest growing portion of the youth population in California.

The Latina/o Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project has

published various articles concerning the workgroup's research in the *Journal of Extension*, *California Agriculture* and the *Californian Journal of Health Promotion*, as well as having a manuscript accepted for publication in *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, the major journal in the field. Workgroup members have presented research findings at local, state and national conferences and have created a *Best Practices in Teen Pregnancy Prevention: Practitioner Handbook* which has been widely distributed to community-based organizations. Electronic distribution of the handbook is available at the workgroups website: <http://groups.ucanr.org/adol/>.

# Help Ensure the Future of 4-H...

## Planned giving takes just that...planning!

Whether it is through a will, a trust, a life insurance policy, or gifts of appreciated property (stock), many people are leaving a legacy that will benefit 4-H youth in California for years to come. Please consider naming The California 4-H Foundation as one of your beneficiaries when you are making your future plans with your financial advisor or attorney.

If you have already named 4-H as your beneficiary, please let us know so we can add your name to our Legacy Society. Your name will join others who want the California 4-H Youth Development Program to continue providing quality learn-by-doing education to youth throughout the state.

### BOB & PAT DEAN'S LEGACY LIVES ON...

Bob and Pat Dean did not have children of their own, however they counted hundreds of 4-H members as part of their "family." They saw the value in the California 4-H Youth Development Program and wanted to leave a legacy that would help support 4-H members with their projects long after they were gone. In 1995 the 4-H Legacy Fund was established, and the first Legacy Awards were given out in 1996 (see page 4 for a list of 2003 Legacy Awards).

In 2003 after Bob's death, which followed Pat's death in 1997, their bequest to 4-H became a reality – a 1.1 million dollar endowment in support of California's 4-H Youth Development Program! Their dedication to 4-H and belief in the values it teaches youth prompted them to leave this lasting legacy that will be available to 4-H youth for generations to come!

If you would like information about how you can support 4-H through planned giving, please contact The California 4-H Foundation at (530) 757-8740.



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