President’s Message

Welcome to a new year 4-H’ers!

I would like to congratulate all the participants in this year’s Food Show for all their hard work. I really enjoyed looking at everyone’s dishes and giving me the chance to taste them. We would not have a wonderful night without the help of all the 4-H Leaders and fellow 4-H’ers, so I would like to thank everyone who dedicated their time in making this event successful. Everyone who entered the Food Show are all winners and I hope that all of you will share all the lessons you have learned and encourage others to enter next year’s Food Show. I’m looking forward in seeing more returning and first time participants next year!

As a reminder, we are still looking for a 4-H club to chair the Communications Fair and the Photography Show. We would greatly appreciate it if one of you will conduct one of these events. It is a great learning experience and we will be happy to help you plan and execute these events. Feel free to email me at katcorpuz95@yahoo.com if any of you are interested. Thank you!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! See you at our next council meeting!

Kathleen Corpuz

Oahu 4-H Food Show Results

Food Show

December 14, 2013  ♦  Farrington High School Cafeteria
The annual food show was a success! This year’s theme was “Santa’s Favorite Delicacies” Mahalo to Farrington FCCLA 4-H for chairing this event.

4-H clubs prepared extras of their delicious recipes, which they sold at the food show.

The Ardis Tanaka and Kraft scholarships for seniors were also presented.

We are proud of every single participant in this year’s food show especially the first time participants. They were rewarded with certificates for their experience.

The person who scored the highest in their division (junior, intermediate, senior) all were awarded with purple ribbons and trophies for their wonderful efforts.
Hawaii 4-H Livestock Sales

Aloha! This message is intended to clarify Hawaii 4-H program policies related to the sales of livestock raised by 4-H youth and sold at County and State auctions or other events. This practice has been a long-standing and valuable part of Hawaii’s 4-H programs. The following information is intended to assist 4-H staff, leaders and youth to better plan for successful livestock projects which support youth development.

Two main points need to be clarified related to the sale of livestock at 4-H events: 1) the tax consequences of these sales to the 4-H youth and their family and 2) the question of tax deduction by the purchaser of the animal.

(1) Since the practice in Hawaii 4-H Livestock programs has been to provide the revenues from sales to the 4-H youth, minus commissions and other fees, the income above expenses from these sales can be considered as taxable income to the young person. The 4-H youth and their families should seek tax advice on this matter.
(2) Also for the purchaser of the animal, since the majority of the revenues from the sale go to the 4-H youth, the purchase cannot be considered as a charitable contribution, but rather it is a direct benefit to the 4-H member and is not tax deductible. Confirmation of the national policies on this issue can be found in the following fact sheet from the 4-H National Headquarters.

We are currently seeking tax advice on the situation in which a buyer donates the animal to the Hawaii 4-H Program. It is possible that the subsequent sale of the animal can be considered a tax deductible contribution. CTAHR is trying to determine standard policies and procedures to help all Hawaii 4-H clubs and associations to handle tax exempt donations. We hope to be able to provide more definite guidance early in 2014. Thanks for your patience with this difficult issue.

I hope that this message helps to clarify Hawaii 4-H policies on livestock sales related to 4-H youth member projects.

Mahalo,
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NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS DELEGATION RETURNS FROM ATLANTA

Hawaii was well represented by the 16 outstanding delegates attending the 92nd National 4-H Congress in Atlanta.

Please invite these young people to share their Congress experiences with you and with your 4-H members. Any of them would be excellent speakers for achievement banquets, Honor Club meetings, volunteer leader meetings, club meetings, etc.
2014 Western Region Leaders Forum

Join Montana 4-H as they welcome the Western Region Leaders' Forum to Billings from March 27-30, 2014! Agents, staff and volunteers are hard at work planning a conference that will help you to “Discover the Past . Present . Possibilities of 4-H”. Participants will enjoy a first class conference facility and hotel accommodations, national speakers, local entertainment and over 60 informational workshops. WRLF is an exciting time to network with peers from across the region sharing ideas and building relationships to carry 4-H into the future.

LODGING
The conference hotel for the 2014 WRLF event will be the Crowne Plaza located in downtown Billings, MT. 27 North 27th Street . Billings, MT 59101. Rooms will be available for booking May 1, 2013 $83.00 Conference Rate for double room. Call 1-877-270-1393. Reference Code YCE. www.crowneplaza.com/Billings

REGULAR REGISTRATION $305
January 1—February 15, 2014
LATE REGISTRATION $355
February 16—February 28, 2014
Registration will be online at www.wrlf2014.com.

Come experience all of the treasures Montana has to offer.

LA 4-H Club Seeks Pen Pals

We are the Palos Verdes Peninsula (Los Angeles County) 4-H Club and our Pen Pal project was started last year by some of our teen and junior members. We are currently writing to other 4-H Club members in Montana and Alaska and would love to have a Pen Pal from 4-H Hawaii. There are 6 girls, ages 9-15, and 4 boys ages 11-16, in the project.

Our Club has over 25 different projects to choose from and this year our Pen Pal members are involved in: Bees, Leathercraft, Rocketry, Ham Radio, Poultry, Photography, Pets & Small Animals, Livestock, Martial Arts, and Clothing & Textiles.

Outside of monthly project meetings, our Club is active in the community doing monthly service projects. At Holiday Time, we help serve in local soup kitchens, and also help decorate the floats for the Los Angeles New Year’s Rose Parade.

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4-H Project Spotlight

This set of 3 helps members develop basic photography skills.

Focus on Photography: Youth will focus on equip. basics, taking pictures, concept of lighting & flash.

Controlling the Image: Youth will explore depth of field, aperture and shutter speeds, hard and soft lighting, silos and flash techniques.

Mastering Photography: Youth will gain insight on the use of wide-angle and telephoto lenses, filters and special film, light meters and shooting photos with different light sources.

These materials may be borrowed from the Urban Garden Center office or purchased from 4-hmall.org. (Perfect to help 4-H’ers prepare for the Photography contest!)

Other Opportunities

Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants
Deadline: January 31

Do you know where your next meal is coming from? One in five children in America don’t. But this is a problem that can be solved, and kids are a part of the solution. That’s why YSA (Youth Service America) and Sodexo Foundation are offering Sodexo Foundation Youth Grants, funding of up to $500 for youth that live in the U.S. to lead projects focused on ending childhood hunger in their communities. Find out how you can help end childhood hunger: www.ysa.org/grants/sodexoyouth

MLK Day of Service - January 20

If you haven't already started, it's time to plan for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service! On the MLKDay.gov website, you'll also find toolkits to help you plan, the opportunity to register or find projects, promotional resources, and information about how to order MLK Drum Majors for Service awards to recognize your volunteers. www.MLKDay.gov

2014 Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grants
Deadline: January 17

The 2014 Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grant is an award designed to engage youth on the topics of nutrition, peace studies, social development, and environmental stewardship, using gardening as a catalyst. Non-profits, schools, and youth programs with 15 or more participants
Michigan Health Sciences
Pre-College Exposure Academy

The Michigan Health Sciences Pre-College Exposure Academy (MHSPEA) is a two-week entry level residential academic enrichment program sponsored by the University of Michigan Medical School (UMMS) Office for Health Equity & Inclusion (OHEI). The MHSPEA brings together highly motivated rising 10th and 11th grade high school students to gain exposure to the University Michigan and UMMS. Participants will take college prep courses taught by experts in the field such as: English, Chemistry, Biology, and Math which are essential courses for a successful track to health professions. Other courses participants will take include: Introduction to College and ACT preparation. The MHSPEA features workshops on health disparities, health equity, introduction to research, and academic wellness. In addition, students will take tours of the UMMS, UM Hospital and UM Central Campus. During the two-week session, student leaders stay in the residence hall with participants and provide one-on-one and small group mentoring, academic coaching, and intellectual and social stimulation. Michigan Health Sciences Pre-College Exposure Academy participants will be exposed to fun-filled evening events highlighting cultural diversity, self-development, and the arts.

Program Dates: Sunday, June 15, 2014 to Saturday, June 28, 2014

Eligibility: Students must be in the 9th or 10th grade at the time of submitting their application. Students must have at least a 3.0 gpa on a 4.0 scale. This program is open to all students with an interest in medicine and health disparities. OHEI particularly encourages applications from students that are from underrepresented minority groups in medicine. Applicants from rural and socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds are also encouraged to apply.

For more information contact: Email: oheiprecollegeprograms@umich.edu Telephone: (734)764-8185 Fax: (734)615-4828

National Institute of Justice Survey

We are seeking assistance with an exciting study that will explore the different ways that youth and adults think about the features associated with adolescent dating relationships. This study, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, uses concept mapping in order to better understand how youth and adults conceptualize healthy and unhealthy teen dating relationships. Concept mapping is a unique research method that captures complex ideas and represents them in ways that help people understand how ideas...
are connected. We anticipate that the results of this project will be used to improve interventions and responses to teen dating violence.

**How can youth-serving organizations help?**

We are currently seeking organizations that work with youth ages 14-22 to participate in online sorting and rating activities. In the sorting activity (~45 minutes), participants are asked to individually group 100 ideas related to teen dating into piles based on how they see them as related. In the rating activity (~30 minutes), participants are asked to rate the 100 ideas on how frequent and how desirable they perceive them to be in teen dating relationships. Participation is completely anonymous and confidential.

**Will youth participants be compensated for their time?**

Yes. Youth that complete sorting and rating activities will receive a $15 gift card to Starbucks, iTunes or Target. Youth that complete either the sorting or rating activity will receive a $10 gift card.

**How are these activities administered?**

These activities are administered online. Participants need a unique username and password to log on to the websites to complete the activities. These usernames allow participation to remain anonymous while also allowing the research team to track which participants have completed the activities.

**How can I get my organization involved?**

Email Alyssa at AGoldman@conceptsystems.com to receive a list of usernames, passwords, and the activity websites to distribute to youth that you work with. Alyssa will mail your organization gift cards to distribute to those youth that complete the activities each week. Note: Youth under 18 must have a parent sign a permission form before they can receive a username and password. Alyssa will provide you with permission forms if you work with youth under 18 that would like to participate.

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**The Great American No Bull Challenge**

4-H'ers are once again encouraged to promote the importance of being an upstander and creating a positive school culture to end cyber and all other forms of bullying on a global basis by entering the Great American No Bull Challenge. Take the Challenge and just say - No Bull!

The Great American NO BULL Challenge is the first, student-led national video contest and teen video awards show dedicated to bullying prevention and promoting empathy, respect and
inclusive communities using the power of music and the magic of filmmaking. This year, the competition includes full-length videos of 2-5 minutes as well as PSA’s of 30-60 seconds.

The goal of the NO BULL Challenge is to join America’s students, educators, counselors, organizations, communities and corporate America together in an effort to enable real change at the student level.

Middle and high school students between the ages of 13-18 will have more than months to create a 2-5 minute video or 30-60 second PSA with a digital responsibility or a bullying prevention theme. Students will submit their video to the NO BULL Challenge no later than April 30, 2014, at 11:59 PM (PST). Check out the Digital Responsibility 411 toolkits available at http://www.nobullchallenge.org to learn everything you need to know in order to create your video. Beginning May 5th, 2014, each student will rally their friends, family, educators and community to vote for their video.

As a result of the public voting period, nominees will be selected from the top 50 favorite videos by a panel of expert judges. The formal announcement of the NO BULL Nominees will occur on June 6, 2014. All nominees will receive a golden ticket to attend the star-studded NO BULL Teen Video Awards show. At the NO BULL Teen Video Awards show, you’ll get to see amazing artists perform live and meet and greet with your favorite athletes and celebrities on the red carpet. The NO BULL winning videos will be announced “live” where your video will be introduced to the world. Inspiring America’s teens to speak up and be an upstander against bullying is what The Great American NO BULL Challenge is all about, and we need you to make it happen!

We know the way to stop bullying is to create awareness about it, which is what The Great American NO BULL Challenge is all about.

Who’s Eligible: U.S. students in middle or high school aged 13-18.
Video Upload Begins: NOW!
Video Upload Deadline: April 30, 2014
Public Voting Period: May 5-16, 2014
Nominees Announced: June 6, 2014
August 8 - 9, 2014 - NO BULL Conference and Teen Video Awards


Also visit the campaign homepage and view the winning videos from last year at http://nobullchallenge.org/winning-films-2013.

Disney Friends for Change U.S. Grants
Deadline: February 6

YSA and Disney Friends for Change are offering young change-makers an opportunity to receive a $500 grant to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Applicants leading
high-impact and/or large-scale projects may also request an additional $500 grant (up to $1,000, total) to support their work. Grants support projects taking place on or around Global Youth Service Day, April 11-13, 2014, Learn more at http://bit.ly/1bb9qLa