



TRAILBLAZERS NEWS



January 2013 Issue

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Hey, Trabuco Trailblazers! Happy New Year! It's Zion and Trinity, and we're asking for newsletter articles! This newsletter is all about you, your projects, families, and our club.

In order to make this newsletter the best it can be, we will need everyone's help. If you could just send your articles and photos to our e-mail address: mamadooderbug@cox.net by Thursday (the week before the club meeting), then we can make sure it gets into the newsletter. If they are too late, they will make it in the next month's newsletter.

By the way - your articles count in your record book and toward getting your achievement stars on your hats! This should be another great year for our club, so share your news!

Community Service Projects

Can/bottle donations. Donate cans and bottles to Kevin Slater at our 4H Club Meetings each month.

Donate items to send overseas to our troops! Items needed:

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| BEEF JERKY / SLIM JIMS | FLASHLIGHTS - SMALL (battery operated. Surefire Brand preferred) |
| POPCORN, COOKIES | AIR FRESHENERS (standalone-not plug-in. Car types are also good) |
| BABY WIPES (travel size) | PROTEIN POWDER & PROTEIN BARS (Top request!) |
| HAND SANITIZER (travel size) | POWDER DRINK MIX (Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light) |
| FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS | TUNA & CHICKEN SALAD (in foil pouches, or ready-to-eat kits (no cans) |
| SUNFLOWER SEEDS & PUMPKIN SEEDS | SOCKS: Black, Olive Green & White (cotton or wool) |





4H Pledge

As a True 4-H Member, I pledge

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For my Club, my Community, my Country
And my World.

4H Motto

To Make The Best Better

4H Slogan

Learn by Doing



The official 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a white *H* on each leaf standing for *Head, Heart, Hands, and Health*. White and green are the 4-H colors. The white symbolizes purity and the green represents growth.



January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30pm - Presentation Day Mtg	3	4	5 Joey and Kayla Caston Emerald Award Leadership Project
6	7 7:00 TT Club Mtg	8	9 6:30pm - OC Exec Board Mtg	10	11 Ice Skating - Teen Council Event 7-9	12 10:00 am Fashion Revue Mtg.
13	14	15	16	17	18 TIC- 1/18-1/20	19 TIC- 1/18-1/20
20 TIC- 1/18-1/20	21	22 7pm-OC County Council Mtg	23	24	25	26 OC Food Fiesta
27	28	29	30	31		

January Birthday Club

Ivy Malone

01/15/97

Turning the big 16

Shannon Zintgraff

01/21/98

Turning 15

Fun Facts

- Did you know that there is a 20 ft tall animatronic triceratops complete with motion sensors so it can react to people? It has a 1,000 watt speaker for its roar and costs \$350,000.
- The Korean Central News Agency reported the discovery of a unicorn lair in 2012. The lair is home to the unicorn that the Korean founder King Tongmyong used to ride.
- The 4 leaf clover became the symbol of the 4H because a man named Oscar Herman Benson was visiting a school in Clarion, Iowa. The students outside presented him with a goodwill gift of seven just picked 4 leaf clovers. This simple gesture inspired Benson to choose the 4 leaf clover as the symbol.
- The white in the 4H represents purity and the green in the 4H represents growth.
- Cracking your knuckles does not actually hurt your bones or cause arthritis. The sound you hear is just gas bubble bursting.
- Did you know the Chinese invented ice cream?

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 7:00 TT Club Mtg	5	6 6:30 pm Presentation Day Mtg Cover Art and Entries Due	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 6:30pm- OC Exec Board Mtg	14 Valentine's Day 6:30-8:00 pm Teen Council Valentine's Day	15 Western Bonanza 2/15-2/17	16 Western Bonanza 2/15-2/17
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24	25	26 7pm-OC County Council Mtg	27	28		

Upcoming Events

Presentation Day: 03/02/13

Fashion Revue: 03/23/13

Youth Expo: 4/12/13-4/14/13

Summer Camp: 07/29/13-08/03/13



Master Pygmy Goat Meeting

By Trinity Healy

Our Master Pygmy Goat project went to Dr. Lorrie Boldrick to learn about Johnne's disease. This disease is also called "wasting disease." The symptoms don't show up for almost a year. The animal loses weight no matter how much it eats and keeps losing weight until it dies. It's very contagious in livestock and is caused by a bacteria in feces. It's not preventable and there is no cure. The only way to test for it is through blood. The blood is sent away to a special laboratory to test for the disease. We watched Dr. Boldrick draw blood from five goats. It was very educational.



2012 Laguna Niguel Parade By Trinity Healy

Our pygmy goat project signed up to walk our goats in the Laguna Niguel Parade this year. It was so much fun! We got to dress our goats in Christmas costumes. The crowd was very excited to see us. The crowd clapped and cheered us on. Some even baaed like a goat. The goats did really well walking the mile down, but had a hard time walking back because it was a little



hot. They were happy to be back in their pen when it was over. The parade was on Cox Channel 3. And we made it in the Dana Point News Patch. I hope we do it again next year!

Chino Fair

By Bryn Giofreddi and Jessica DeLong

In December we competed at the Chino Fair. The Chino Fair there is a smaller fair with only rabbits and cavies. There were many breeders at the fair that were selling of rabbits and cavies. There was judging and showmanship for youth and adults. They also had tackle and feed cages to buy and supplies. There were some 4h people and a lot of open people. There was food to buy and a raffle to participate in. We completed in cavies and rabbits and we both did a great job and received a number of awards. This was a great experience to work with different judges who gave up some good feedback on different ways to improve.



Harley' Broken Leg

By Kaylie Holt

Our rabbit Harley broke his leg the beginning of December. We aren't sure how he did it, but he broke it in two spots and there is a bone floating. He has a yellow cast and has to wear it for 4 weeks.



Cavy Haven

By Jessica DeLong and Bryn Giofreddi

Orange County Cavy Haven is a non-profit organization founded in 2003. It helps find homes for guinea pigs in Southern California. It is run through volunteers. They rescue abandoned guinea pigs from homes and shelters in Orange County and Los Angeles. They get the majority of their cavies from high kill shelters and shelters that have a small minimum donation because people buy the cavies for snake food.

They promote adoptions and teaching people how to take care of their guinea pigs through community outreach. Cavy Haven believes guinea pigs should only be inside animals due to the climate changes that occur outside. Cavies have a hard time adjusting to heat and cold and often die. They also believe that the cages should be at least 2ft by 3ft at a minimum. They promote feeding the cavies a healthy diet of greens, vegetables, hay and pellets everyday.

2012-2013 TT Youth Leadership

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Rachel White

Joey Caston

Kaitlyn Doddridge

Emily Gamboa

Trinity Healy

Zion Healy

Kevin Slater

Ashleigh Mathias

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Kayla Caston

Joey Caston

Hey Guys! This is Kayla Caston and I am your co-vice president this year. I really appreciate everyone for voting me in this year and allowing me to serve you this year. I am excited to see where 4-H takes me this year! If you ever have any questions, just let me know and I will help you out to the best of my capabilities.

Hello I am Joey Caston and I am your Corresponding Secretary/Early Bird Drawing person this year. My job description is to write thank you letters to people who help our club, and I also hold a raffle for members who arrive at the monthly meetings on time. I am excited to serve this club this year and I hope everyone has a good 4-H year!



Hi everyone! This is Kayla Caston and I am a County All-Star and a part of the Teen Council board this year. As part of the Teen Council, my job is to make all of our meetings as fun as possible. If you are 13+, consider joining us at our next meeting. We have planned to go ice skating at Anaheim Ice. The address is 300 West Lincoln Ave. Anaheim. We went ice skating last year, and it was tons of fun even if you aren't the greatest skater. This is a good opportunity for you to meet kids from around the county in other 4-H clubs. I can already tell that this is going to be another awesome year to be in 4-H.

Hello I am Joey Caston and I am part of the Teen Council and a County All-Star this year. My job is to give Trabuco Trailblazers an update about our activities each month. If you are interested in coming to one of our super fun meetings, don't hesitate to ask me for more information. So don't delay, come to your Teen Council meetings today!

2013 4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

Sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. Each year the Foundation sponsors an essay writing contest for active (fees paid) members of 4-H clubs across the country. There are cash prizes for the national winners: 1st Place - \$750.00; 2nd Place - \$500.00; 3rd Place - \$250.00. National and state winners receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

All Essays Must Be Submitted Electronically!

Topic – “**Reducing the Usage of Bee-Killing Pesticides in my Community.**” Pesticides are a fact of modern life, but misuse or overuse of pesticides, or making poor choices when selecting and applying pesticides can be devastating to honey bees and other pollinators. The 4-H’ers are encouraged to learn about bee-killing pesticides being used in their communities – by homeowners, businesses, or farmers. Then, they should investigate how the impact of those pesticides on honey bees can be lessened. Scope of Research – This essential judging criterion accounts for 40% of the score. The number of sources, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources all are evaluated. Personal interviews with beekeepers, farmers, and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the end notes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list.

Note that in the US, honey bee is spelled properly as two words, despite what the spell checkers and dictionaries may tell you.

Contest Rules:

1. Contest is open only to **active** 4-H Club members. Previous national winners, at any level, are ineligible. Former state winners are eligible to re-enter.
2. Format should be computer-generated, double-spaced, 12-point Times or similar (serif) type style, following standard manuscript format.
3. Submit electronically (see contact at end), as a Microsoft Word compatible document.
4. Write on designated subject only.
5. All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.
6. The essay must contain 750 to 1,000 words. This does not include the endnotes, the bibliography, references, or essayist’s biographical sketch (which should be on a separate page).
7. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research – 40%; (b) accuracy – 30%; (c) creativity – 10%; (d) conciseness – 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic – 10%.
8. A brief biographical sketch of the essayist, including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
9. Individual essays for the State of California should be e-mailed to Dr. Eric Mussen,

Entomology Department, University of California, in time to be received **on or before February 15, 2013**. The e-mail address is: ecmussen@ucdavis.edu.

All national entries become the property of the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., and may be published or used as it sees fit. National winning essays will be posted at:

<http://honeybeepreservation.org/>





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