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48th DAA Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program Fair/Summer 2017 www.agfair.org

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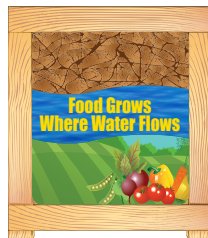
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Mission

To increase the understanding, appreciation and participation of urban teachers and students in agriculture and nutrition through cooperative involvements of the California agricultural industry, educational institutions and community partners.

2017 Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair Highlights



Thank you to all teachers, students and parents who participated in the 2017 Fair; Food Grows Where Water Flows (theme co-sponsored by CA Farm Water Coalition) was very successful.

The Fair is an opportunity for students to showcase their agricultural exhibits and creative projects. It is exciting to watch the students come into the building and begin looking about for his/her exhibit and celebrate their ribbons. We enjoy seeing students cheer for their classroom booth. Teachers are truly amazing.

Thank You to an amazing group of talented people that help makes our fair a fun and educational success:

- The Fair staff who collectively worked over 1,000 creative hours; the mission of the staff is always for the students' enjoyment.
- Linda Hulet, our clown who met the buses and provided teachers fair information.
- Dena Piraino, the face painting clown who added a touch of artistic fun.

- Efrain Valenzuela and Louis Batista, Dairy Council of CA/Mobile Dairy Classroom, who demonstrated the importance of dairy and good nutrition, and live cow milking.
- Mike Fogg, Sr., Discovering Science, who demonstrated how much fun science can be.
- Diana Frieling, All About Animals, whose petting zoo allowed the students to interact with amazing animals—fun to watch.
- Ken Davis, Pomona Feed, for donating 15 straw bales to the fair.
- Dennis Forel, pronouncer of our annual Spelling Bee which is supported and enjoyed by children and parents.
- The 12 volunteer judges who judged the Fair entries.
- Our community partners who contribute in the success of the fair.
- Don Delano, The Farm at Fairplex, for rope-making demonstration equipment, corn grinders and corn.
- Barbara Tuyen, The Farm at Fairplex, for incubating and hatching chick eggs for the fair,



Farm Fresh to You presented their program of connecting communities to local sustainable organic farms.



Bee Rooted presented detailed information on bees as well as a live demonstration hive.

Please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/48thDAA and click 'Like'.

**Directions to 48th
DAA Office:**

**From the 57
Freeway:** Exit at
Temple, go West.
Turn right on Bonita,
turn right at the
stop sign. Continue
straight through
parking lot. Stay to
the left and turn left
onto Farm Road.

Follow directional signage.

From the 10 Freeway:
Exit at Grand, go South.
Turn left at Temple, turn
left at Bonita, turn right
at the stop sign. Continue
straight through parking
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turn left onto Farm Road.

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loaning us young chicks, and showing bunnies for the students.

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Thank you volunteer speakers and demonstrators who presented sessions for AG DAY LA.

- Bees: Noriel Reyes, Los Angeles County, Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures
- Cotton: Joan Smith and Judy Petrone of CA Women for Agriculture, Los Angeles Chapter
- Sheep Shearing: Matthew Pawlak and Larry Poncetta, Mt. San Antonio College Farm
- Water: G.I. Bergquist, CA Department of Water Resources

- Water: Elena Layugan, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
- Water: Cindy DeChaine, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
- Plants: Laura Kopase and Craig Foy, Los Angeles County, Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures
- Plants: Pat Brown, Retired teacher, Earth Sciences
- Nutrition: Ashley Barbee and Candice Sainz, Dairy Council of CA
- Ag Detector Dogs: Richard LaFeuvre, Lauren and Diana Eckert, Los Angeles County, Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures
- Docents: Thank you to Rhonda Ostrowski and students, Cal Poly Pomona College of Agriculture.
- Docents: Thank you to Srividya (Sri) Krishnan, Mt. San Antonio College.



**Text FOOD (for English) or
COMIDA (para Español)
to 877-877 for a location near you.**

Summer Meal Programs are
open to all youth 18 and under
– no paperwork required.



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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Help your students stay healthy all summer long by encouraging free summer meals.

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Spread the Word About Summer Meals!

Promote summer meals to your students and families! Between 80-85 percent of the California students who receive free or reduced meals during the school year face hunger during the summer months. For a variety of reasons, including lack of awareness, 1.7 million California children who rely on school breakfast and lunch during the school year miss out on free, healthy meals available while school is out.

Summer Meals, known formally as the Summer Food Service Program, is federally funded and administered locally by the California Department of Education. The program provides breakfast, lunch and/or snack to any child ages 1-18, free of family paperwork requirements and no questions asked.

Despite the availability of the program, low participation in summer meals programs leaves children hungry and millions of federal dollars on the table that could boost local economies. Whether you're concerned about helping local children fight hunger this summer or want to boost your local economy, promoting or participating in the Summer Food Service Program is one simple activity that serves multiple good purposes.

Take action today to close the summer hunger gap in your community. Teachers, administrators, school foodservice professionals and even community members need to be aware of and help promote summer meals programs well in advance of the last day of school.

As early as February, local schools, community centers, parks and other groups start planning for summer meals. SFSP Sponsors take care of paperwork and logistics, sometimes even prepare the food, while Sites host the children, follow food safety guidelines, program parameters and keep track of participation. For more information on becoming a Sponsor or a site, please visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sf/index.asp>

Research has shown that providing activities in addition to a summer breakfast, lunch or snack increases participation. Some libraries and local parks have added literacy circles to help children improve reading skills during the summer. Simple arts and crafts activities can also draw children into meal locations, reducing the summer hunger gap. Teachers might want to contact their local organizers to lend a hand in leading an activity or two to help kids in their community.

Also, the Sacramento Summer Meals Collaborative, led by the United Way California Capital Region, utilized a grant from Sierra Health Center to compile a host of activity ideas for summer meal sites. From STEM activities to crafts and physical activity, the free online toolkit called the Sacramento Summer Lunchbox is filled with activity ideas and resources that can be utilized by Summer Meal Sites everywhere. Access the Summer Lunchbox at <http://www.yourlocalunitedway.org/sacramento-summer-lunchbox>

Also on the site, find templates for summer meal posters that can help spread the word before school lets out. With your help, we can increase the number of California children accessing free meals this summer, for healthier kids and a healthier economy. We hope you'll join us in spreading the word, healthy eating shouldn't take a summer vacation!

Visit the 48th DAA office for additional lessons and materials. (Courtesy of Dairy Council of CA)

What is 4-H?

The 4-H Youth Development Program has its roots in serving disadvantaged youth and families in rural America. 4-H was formed in the early part of the twentieth century to extend knowledge and information from the state land-grant universities to local communities. An organization rooted in the rich tradition of American agriculture, 4-H today serves youth from urban centers as well as those living in suburbs and the rural heartland. 4-H looks back with pride at its past and looks ahead to a future of continued dedication to the positive development of young people.

4-H is a program of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) which is a



Raising goats is one of the projects that 4H offers.

Join SCAN!

The Southern California Agriculture and Nutrition Foundation (SCAN) is a 501(c)3 public charity that has provided support to the State of California's 48th District Agricultural Association for over 30 years. Contact the 48th DAA if you are interested in serving on the SCAN board of directors.

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collaboration between federal, state, and county governments. Each county maintains a Cooperative Extension office with academic advisors who conduct research and extend knowledge in their areas of expertise. The 4-H youth development advisors work with other staff and volunteers to deliver the 4-H Youth Development Program in your county.

Purpose

4-H is an educational program to assist youth in their development by:

- Providing learn-by-doing educational experiences.
- Developing skills that benefit youth throughout life.
- Strengthening families and communities.
- Fostering leadership and volunteerism in youth and adults.
- Building partnerships for programming and funding.
- Using research-based knowledge from the land-grant university system.

Young people in 4-H are uniquely prepared to step up to the challenges of a rapidly changing world. 4-H members choose among hundreds of hands-on projects with focuses on science, engineering, and technology; agriculture and natural resources; animal science education; nutrition and healthy living; citizenship and service-learning; and leadership and public speaking. Through experiential learning and leading together with adult mentors, youth focus their energy into their passions while also giving back to the community. Members have the opportunity to participate in the 4-H program through after school programs, community clubs, camps, events, conferences, and military partnership programs.

4-H pledge: My Head for clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, My Health to better living.

If you are interested in 4-H, contact the 48th DAA office daa48th@aol.com or call **909-274-2433**.



WEWAC (Water Education Water Awareness Committee)

Water you doing to conserve?

With the lack of rain during the past winter, Southern California is still suffering from the drought. While other areas of California have been able to reduce their restrictions, our area is not going to be as lucky. It is important to remember that Southern California will constantly be under

restricted water use and we should be looking for more efficient ways to manage our usage every day.

Tips for Efficient Water Use:

- Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor.
- Put a drop of food coloring into your toilet tank once a month to check for small leaks.
- Only run dishwashers and washing machines when they are full.
- Defrost food in the refrigerator.
- Use a watering can instead of a hose to manage watering your plants.
- Take your car to a carwash which recycles the water used rather than letting it run down the street at your home.

As the State makes adjustments to their water restrictions, WEWAC is encouraging residents to be aware of their water usage and maintain a mindful use of their water. Remember, every drop counts! www.usewaterwisely.com

New Common Core Lessons through CA Ag in the Classroom

We are pleased to announce the addition of six (6) Common Core lessons available at the 48th DAA office.

These lessons are courtesy of CA Foundation for Ag in the Classroom (CFAITC).

Alien Invader Detectives

Bon à la Beef

California Almonds: An Almond Story

California Walnuts: The Importance of Grafting

Food Safety: From Farm to Fork

From Genes to Jeans II

Contact the 48th DAA daa48th@aol.com or visit the office for a copy.

Save the Dates!

October 7 and 8, 2017, Pumpkin Festival at Cal Poly Pomona, 8 am–5 pm at AGRIsapes (next to the Farm Store), 4102 S University Dr, Pomona, CA 91768 <http://www.cpp.edu/~pumpkinfestival/>

Pick the perfect pumpkin, play games, navigate the corn maze, take a hay ride, and so much more! Visit the festival page. The pumpkin patch will remain open through October 31.





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Top right: Booth entry, 1st Place and Best of Show, teacher Ivy Zequeira-Russell, Garden on Linwood classroom.



Middle left: Mission project: Student entry, 1st Place and Best of Show, teacher Deborah Fort, Eastwood Elementary.



Middle right: Sawhorse entry, 1st Place and Best of Show, teacher Erica Albanese, Calvary Baptist classroom.



Below: Dairy Council of CA/Mobile Dairy Classroom demonstration.





Top left: AG DAY LA, Sheep Shearing by Larry Poncetta, Mt. San Antonio College-Farm.



Top right: Seed Art: Student entry, 1st Place, teacher Ann Sorvetti, Baldy View Elementary.

Middle right: AG DAY LA, Nutrition presentation by Candice Sainz, Dairy Council of CA.



Bottom left: Shoebox Diorama: Student entry, 1st Place, teacher Lisa Wilson, Newman Elementary.



Bottom right: AG DAY LA, Water presentation by G.I. Bergquist, CA Water Resources.

