

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Wear Pastel colors
Cookie
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GENERAL MEETING

April 20, 2004

Clifford School, Redwood City – 7:00 pm

Cookie Judging Contest

At our next meeting we will have a cookie judging contest. Anyone who would like to participate should bring 2 dozen homemade cookies on a covered plate. Your cookies will be given a number. At the end of our regular meeting we will taste the cookies and judge them. We encourage everyone to participate!

By Giulia Herndon



Farm Fresh Eggs 4-Sale
Call Judy at 591-2212
to place your order.
\$2.75 a Dozen

Need help with putting together your record book?

Please join us on Tuesday, April 27 for our 3rd Annual Record Book Extravaganza! We go over everything that should be in your record book for this year. We give you suggestions regarding how to complete your record books. We can give you help completing your project report forms. We can even give you suggestions regarding County entry for the Awards and Recognition Program. What more can you ask???

Record Books are due on Sunday June 20. Don't wait until the last minute to get the help you need...this is your chance! We'll meet 7-8:30PM at Clifford School.

4-H Officer Candidate Statements

Hey everyone! My name is Shanon Molacavage and I am running for Vice President of our club for next year. Let me tell you a little about myself. I am a freshman at St. Francis High school. I have been in 4-H for five years, and over those five years I have raised four goats, been involved with the scrapbook project, quilting, and this year I am raising a pig. Also this year, I am involved in a 4-H project that helps developmentally disabled children learn to ride horses. I am also a teen leader. Last year I was the teen leader of the goat project. Now, why should YOU vote for ME? Well, I am a good leader and I think I would be a good addition to the club. I already attend almost all of the club events including farm cleanups, Lyons club events, and volunteer at things like hometown days. Thank you, and I hope to see you next year!

Club T-Shirts For Sale

A new shipment of San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H t-shirts has arrived just in time for all of our Hometown Days activities. A San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H t-shirt is the perfect attire for riding on the Club float, selling cookies and lemonade in the 4-H booth and staffing the 4-H petting zoo. They will be available at the April and May general membership meetings. The cost is \$8.00 for kids' sizes and \$10.00 for adult sizes.



They're Here!

That's right, folks! The bees have arrived. The beekeeping project has ordered two new hives of bees, and we will be installing them in their new homes this Thursday! They were delivered to our house today, along with one very scared postman. This brings our total of hives at the "Bee Ranch" up to three. We also have a hive that was started by a swarm of bees. They saw an empty hive at the Bee Ranch, and they moved right in. We're expecting great things from these new hives - lots and lots of honey!

By Anne Peale

Sectional Presentation Day

I went to Sectional Presentation Day at UC Davis on Saturday, March 27. There were about 250 kids from all over the northern part of the state there, and their presentations were great! I listened to demonstrations on how to make appetizers, how to make stained glass, and even how to inspect a beehive. I also gave my demonstration on "Building Boxes for Busy Bees." I won a gold award for my speech, and I have the opportunity to go to State Presentation Day in May! It was a great experience, and a lot of fun, even for people who weren't presenting.

By Anne Peale



4-H Picnic - June 27th - Save The Date!

Plan to bring the entire family to our annual end-of-the-year picnic and awards ceremony at the Sprock's. The Sunday afternoon event includes a potluck BBQ lunch, swimming, games, socializing and surprises. Our annual awards "ceremony" recognizes graduating members and retiring adult leaders, project leaders and club officers. In addition, each project leader will have a surprise for each of their project members. Check the May newsletter for more details, and don't miss the fun!

Large Animal Challenge

By Carson Sprock

The large animal challenge was held on March 27th at Crystal Springs 4-H farm. About 25 members from the San Mateo County 4-H clubs came to have their knowledge tested on sheep, cattle, goats, pigs and horses. The kids organized themselves into groups of 4-5 to go to different stations, one for each animal. I was a runner - a person who just carries papers around and chills out while the team does the work - for the team, "Bashkahjabs," that consisted of four other high school students.

Each station had a unique setup. For cattle, the team had to identify actual meat cuts and about 15 pictures of different breeds. For goats, the team had to practice castration and medical injection on models and practice delivering a baby goat. Then there was an oral Q and A section covering all of the large animals. For the horse section, the team had to identify certain riding and horse equipment and put the equipment into categories based on the equipment's use or purpose. The pig section was the most boring; the team had to identify ear notches.

San Mateo County Fair Dates Announced

Mandatory Pre-Fair Kick-Off Meetings

Saturday, May 15, 8-11 a.m. (note conflict with Hometown Days)

Wednesday, May 19, 5-8 p.m.

Expo Center Meeting Pavilion

Attendance at **one** of these meetings is mandatory for all livestock (cavies, rabbits, dogs, goats, sheep, hogs, beef, horses) exhibitors, exhibitors' parents, and project leaders who will be signing 2004 San Mateo County Fair forms. The first hour scheduled for the meetings is devoted to taking photos for ID badges. The meetings will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.

Hog, Sheep, Goat & Feeder Animals Pre-Fair Check-In

Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m.

Expo Center Barn Area

Barn Set-Up Day

Saturday, July 31 - 9 a.m.

Expo Center Barn Area

Fair Facts & Fun Meeting

Friday, August 13, 8 a.m.

Livestock Arena

This is a mandatory meeting for all exhibitors and leaders. Information and photo ID's will be distributed.

San Mateo County Fair

Friday, August 13 through Sunday, August 22

For more information, see your project leaders, Janae Novotny or the *Highlights Newsletter*.

Hometown Days is Here!

Let's get ready for San Carlos Hometown Days. This annual celebration falls on the weekend of May 15-16. Next to fair, Hometown Days is the biggest event in our 4-H year. Every 4-H family is needed to make this year's celebration a success. Save space on your calendar now and be ready to sign up at the April meeting to participate in *at least* one or two of these events:

Float Decoration and Parade (Saturday morning)

Petting Zoo (Saturday)

Instant Raffle (donations/staffing)

Lemonade and Cookie Booth (Saturday and Sunday)

We'll raise some funds, yes, but, even more importantly, we'll raise awareness of our presence in the community—and we always raise a crop of good feelings and fun. Our 4-H teens and adult

leaders will be organizing these events, but we count on you and your family to help tend animals, staff our booths, decorate our float, and give a cheer that 4-H is here!

Hometown Days Petting Zoo Volunteers Needed

For the past few years, our club has operated a petting zoo for one day during Hometown Days. To make sure this popular activity happens on Saturday, May 15, we need adult and member volunteers to volunteer for these tasks:

- * Adults to help Jeff Nielsen move fencing from the farm to Burton Park and set up it up on Friday afternoon, early evening, May 14 and to return at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15 to take down the fencing and move it back to the farm.
- * One or two adults to coordinate shift sign-ups and "animal sign-ups" and generally share Saturday supervision responsibilities with Jeff.
- * Adults for Saturday shifts to handle admission and photo opportunity sales.
- * Members for Saturday shifts to work in the petting zoo, talking the kids about your animals, showing them how to hold and touch the animals properly and taking photos for visitors who choose to pay for this extra opportunity.
- * Members to bring your animals - turtles, poultry, cavies, rabbits . . . what do you have?
- * Members and adults to return at 5 p.m. Saturday for 30 minutes of clean up. The more volunteers we have, the shorter the clean up time!
Look for more information at the April and May general meetings!

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Calendar Year 2003-2004 updated 1-16-04

April

Tues 20	General Meeting. Clifford School 7PM	wear pastels	Cookies for Judging contest
Sat 24	County Fashion Revue Hillsdale Methodist church. Entry due 4/16		
Tues 27	Record Book Extravaganza. 7-8:30. Clifford School		Record Book

May

Mon 3	DOGGIE FUN DAY, DATE TBA County Animal Science committee. County Office		
Tues 4	Jr/Teen Leader Meeting. 6:30-7:30 Round Table Pizza		5\$ for pizza, drink
Tues 4	Newsletter Deadline		
Tues 11	General Meeting. Clifford School 7PM	Backwards night	NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Sat 15	Pre-Fair Kickoff 8-11AM (Mandatory for Fair animals)		

15, 16 Hometown Days. San Carlos
Mon 17 **County** Council. Fox. Belmont 7PM
Wed 19
Pre-Fair Kickoff 5-8PM
Thurs 20 **County** Ag Steering Committee. Farm Bureau,
HMB
Tues 25 Parent Steering Committee 7:15PM
Sat 29 State Presentation Day, UC Davis

Next Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, May 4th, 2004
Email articles to: csomerton@yahoo.com