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General Meeting: February 15th
7:00 PM, Clifford School

WWW.eatonhills4h.org



Theme: wear red or pink!

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day! It's not just the rain that's sprinkling in February, it's cookie-decorating time! The Junior/Teen leaders will provide cookies, frosting, and sprinkles (and napkins too) at the meeting this Tuesday. All you have to do is create a festive pink and red sugar cookie! You also get to eat it! Of course, we'd love it if you brought any extra sprinkles you have too.

Looking ahead, now is the time to write the dates for this year's Hometown Days on your new calendar. This year our town festival will be on the weekend of May 21-22. We're looking for some fresh ideas for our hay truck float in the parade, and anyone with ideas or who's just willing to help out should contact one of the adult or junior/teen leaders. Everyone should be thinking about whether they'll want to help out at the Saturday parade, at our ever-popular petting zoo, or at our lemonade and cookie booth, which we run throughout the whole weekend.

Spring, and our farm animals, are just around the corner!

~Anne

Scrapbook Project Kicks Off

At the first scrapbook meeting we worked on our scrapbooks and planned for future meetings. Natalie Soulard finished her page on her Summer 2004. Alex Dreschke, Abby Barker, and Jordana Sandy attended as well and worked hard on their scrap books. Maeve Knoth, our leader, provided great brownies for a snack. We are planning a field trip to Scrap Book Depot soon and I am sure it will be loads of fun!

- Hannah Williams

Aluminum Cans for Heifer International

Remember to bring recyclable aluminum cans to the next meeting to help raise money for Heifer International.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Samantha Tucker at mycowgirl@aol.com

Kudos to our Presenters!

If you had been at Presentation Day on Saturday, February 5th, you would have learned how to draw a bee (DJ Lucas), make a pumpkin pie (Gabriella Pons), clean a saddle (Rebecca Lewit), fold a paper crane (Peri Wong), and help out feral cats (Kelsey Moore)! Congratulations to DJ and Gabriella, who won primary ribbons, Rebecca and Peri, who won silver awards, and to Kelsey, who won a gold award! A big thanks also to the Knoth family, who came to watch and help out with junior judging. Everyone did a great job, and San Carlos had the most presenters of any club. A round of applause to all the presenters from our club!

By: Anne Peale



Gabriella Pons demonstrates how to make a pumpkin pie

Farm to Fair Livestock Symposium

For All 4-H/FFA Members

March 5, 2005 8:00 a.m.

Elkus Youth Ranch

Purísima Creek Road, Half Moon Bay

Cost \$5.00

Bring Your Lunch

The Farm To Fair Livestock Symposium, organized by 4-H project leaders from clubs throughout San Mateo County, should be a **mandatory** event for all San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H members who are planning to take a market animal – pigs, sheep, poultry, beef, goats, rabbits – to the San Mateo County Fair in August. Animal breeders and nutrition experts will present workshops on selection, nutrition, fitting and showmanship. The presenters will be bringing animals so that project members will have a “hands on” learning experience. Registration information will be sent via e-mail to all club members as soon as it is available.

Record Book Update

- A. Project Meeting Attended - Nov., Dec., and Jan.
- B. Project Meeting- count all meeting you attend
- H. Wrote or Submitted article for Newsletter
- K. Junior or Teen Leader for Project
- L. Gave a prepared talk at General Meeting
- R. Gave a Demonstration at Club Meeting or another event
- U. Event Attended
 - New Member Breakfast
 - Holiday Sing at Senior Center or Count as Y Community Event
- Y. Community Event
 - Donated to Thanksgiving Basket
 - Donated gifts to Toy Drive

Start thinking about writing your 4-H Story. Remember to include things you have learned, mistakes you have make, and what you have enjoyed about your projects when you write your story.

By Evelyn Klein

San Carlos 4-H's Missed At Small Animal Challenge

by Janae Novotny

The weather was very cold and foggy in San Carlos, but the morning was clear, bright and crisp at Elkus Ranch, near Half Moon Bay, for the Small Animal Challenge. Teams of 4-H members from around San Mateo County enjoyed juice and donuts in the Elkus Ranch Conference Center. When the Challenge began, the teams moved through stations – poultry, egg grading, cavy, dog, rabbit, poultry parts identification and small animal “Jeopardy” – answering questions or having fun guessing. Between stations, they played interactive computer games and watched videos about egg grading and rabbit showmanship. I’ll confess that the interactive computer egg grading game was a lot more fun than I anticipated.

Project leaders and parents who were not involved with the challenge visited over coffee and donuts while the youth “challenged.” The Cooperative Extension Office took advantage of the informal parent/leader gathering to distribute a survey about 4-H curriculum. When the teams finished, they enjoyed bag lunches in the warm sunshine while the organizers judged the results. The overall “high point” team and the “high point” teams for each animal category took home medals, and all participants took home door prizes, a sense of accomplishment and the memory of a good time. I encourage all project leaders, project members and parents to enjoy the camaraderie and learning opportunities of county-wide 4-H events.

Volunteer Dog-Walker Needed

A temporarily disabled gentleman needs volunteers to walk his dog every day. A former jockey and horse trainer, this man is currently confined to a wheelchair. He lives across the street from San Carlos City Hall. He needs several volunteers who would each agree to walk his dog once or twice a week until he has recovered. Our club was contacted by Love, Inc., a volunteer organization that tries to match neighbors in need of services with neighbors with those skills. Please contact Janae Novotny if you can help.

Dates to Remember

February

- 14 Ag Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Round Table Pizza, Laurelwood Shopping Center, San Mateo
- 15 San Carlos 4-H Club General Meeting, 7 p.m., Clifford School, Redwood City
- 19-20 Sew-Quilt Embroidery Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., San Mateo Expo Center; *4-H members interested in volunteering and getting in free, call Linda Litz, 650-591- 5041*
- 28 Life Skills & Hobbies Committee Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Fox School, Belmont

March

- 5 San Mateo County 4-H "Farm to Fair Symposium," 8:00 a.m., Elkus Ranch, Half Moon Bay
- 19 Favorite Foods Day, 1:00 p.m., Sandpiper Community Center, 797 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City

May

- 21-22 San Carlos Hometown Days

June

- 19-24 2005 4-H Camp, theme: Dr. Suess

Next Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, March 9th. Email articles to: csomerton@yahoo.com