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

WWW.eatonhills4h.org

Theme: 4-H Pride
Wear part of your 4-H
uniform and/or something
GREEN!!!



Go 4-H!

President's Message

Hello Everyone!

The weather is warming up, spring has sprung, and our season at the farm is approaching! I'm looking forward to raising a goat this year, and I'm sure everyone, whether they are planning to have large animals or not, is looking forward to their summer vacation. (First we've got to have spring break, though!)

We had a very productive discussion about the farm at our last Junior/Teen Leader meeting. We all agree that the farm needs lots of work, and we are working on making specific proposals that we can act on - this year and in the future. If you have input about things that need work at the farm, or you can help out in a specific way, please let us know!

Our theme this month is "4-H Pride," so we want you to wear some piece of your 4-H uniform (t-shirt, hat, scarf, tie, or the whole caboodle if you want!). If you're new, and don't have a 4-H t-shirt, dig in your closet for something green. We'll be selling t-shirts, hats, and other uniform things after the meeting. Green is for 4-H and leprechauns in the month of March.

Kelsey Moore, one of our great Jr/Teen leaders, is going to give a presentation on how to earn 4-H star rankings after the meeting. Our Jr/Teen leaders will also be bringing their record books to the meeting for everyone to look at. If you have questions about record books, you can ask us at any general meeting or at the special Record Book workshop we will be holding later on in the year. Remember, Go GREEN!

~Anne

Scrapbook Project Meeting

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□ On February 13th the Scrapbooking Project met for the 2nd time. Only a couple people were there but it was still very eventful. Alex made a page about his trip to Yosemite when he was younger. Abby made colorful pages about her Girl scout memories from last year. Katia put together a cute page about her First Communion and lastly I made a page about my Winter Formal dance at school. Our project is planning a trip to Scrapbook Depot soon and we're all really excited!

□ Written by Natalie Soulard

Cookie and Lemonade Booth Sign-ups!

Hometown Days (May 21-22) is just two months away, and the timer is buzzing--let's get ready! □ Bring your calendars to the meeting and "bee" ready to sign-up for a shift. □ We need parents and 4-Hers to staff our booth. □ Share the work; share in the fun. □ Bake a cookie; eat a cookie. □ Serve the public and your club!

--Sandra Bernhard

4-H Petting Zoo – An Endangered Species? □

For the several years, our club has operated a petting zoo at Burton Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday of Hometown Days. Club members bring their own animals, and share them by demonstrating to visiting children how to hold and pet them and answering questions from adults and children about the animals and 4-H. The petting zoo is a wonderful way to raise community awareness about our 4-H club, and working at the petting zoo is fun. If the weather is warm, we particularly enjoy the cool shade of our location. The one-day event also raises about \$500 annually, which is deposited in the club's farm account for farm expenses. □

To continue the event this year, we need: □

* Animals – turtles, cavies, rabbits, chickens, geese, ducks, goats, sheep, pigs, parrots – you've got the idea;

* Club members to supervise their animals and the young visitors in the petting zoo on Saturday (in 90 minute shifts);

* Adults to supervise members, animals and visitors; to control the number of visitors allowed in the pens to avoid overcrowding; and to cashier (in 90 minute shifts);

* Adults to bring down the fencing from the farm and set up the pens at Burton Park Friday evening; and take down the fencing and return it to the farm Saturday evening;

* Club members and adults to clean up the area after the fencing is removed Saturday about 5 p.m.; and

* **An adult coordinator for the entire event!**

□ We will not have a petting zoo without club members and adults for each of these tasks.

Contact Janae Novotny if you can bring an animal and/or volunteer. We particularly need an adult to assume the coordinator role. □

Cans for Heifer International

Remember – bring recyclable cans to our next meeting for Heifer International

Thanks, Sammy Tucker

Important Farm Improvement Meeting
Tuesday, April 12th, 7:15 p.m.
Location To Be Announced□

Who should attend?□

* Market animal project leaders, market animal project members, and anyone interested in planning farm repairs and renovations to complete this spring and summer.

□What is the meeting's purpose?

* To finalize plans to build a new, combined feed shed/equipment barn and to complete other, smaller repairs, this spring and summer.

* To discuss and plan other farm improvements, like painting, a portapotty, new signs and other exciting ideas.

Save The Date And Time!
Sunday, June 5th, 12 – 4 p.m.
Annual Club BBQ, Recognition and Awards Program

(More information will be announced as the date approaches.)□



Rewarding Job Opportunities Available! Work From Home!□

Newsletter Editor. Are you a frustrated journalist? Do you fondly remember your days as editor of your high school yearbook? Our club needs you! Cathy Somerton is retiring as our newsletter editor to move on to other volunteer work. Contact Cathy for information about the time commitment, required skills and training available. Don't think about this for too long. The June edition is Cathy's last club newsletter.□

Sandwich Board Maker. Our club has permission to join other community organizations who publicize their special events and sign-up opportunities on signs at the intersection of Alameda and San Carlos Avenue, at the Burton Park corner of Brittan and Cedar and at the intersection of Brittan and Alameda. We need a handy person to make three A-frame-type sign holders for the club. Please contact Kathy Wilfong to volunteer and get the required dimensions.

Next Newsletter Deadline: April 12th, email articles to csmerton@yahoo.com