

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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General Meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM, Clifford School

## President's Message

Hi Everyone,

It's Bingo Month! My favorite meeting of the year has always been our bingo meeting, and once again, it's that month! Get ready for fun games and lots of prizes. We'll try to keep the business part of our meeting short so we can get started quickly. And oh, did I mention the pizza? No need to eat dinner before this meeting because we'll be selling slices of pizza and drinks for one dollar apiece. Your first bingo card is free, and each additional card is \$1. The more cards you have, the more chances you'll have to win great prizes.

You may not have thought of it, but the large animals that will be living at our farm this summer are being born right around this time and are busy playing their own games! As a goat girl, I've always enjoyed having the opportunity to visit our goat kids at their home farm in the early spring. They are especially cute when they jump up on their hind legs and try to nibble peoples' clothing. All the baby pigs, goats, sheep, and poultry will be arriving sooner than we think, so it's time to start thinking about Farm Cleanup and other work projects at the farm. We just had a great meeting to discuss the future of the farm, and we came up with lots of long- and short-term improvements for our pens and buildings.

April is a month of games for kids of all ages and species, so let's have some 4-H fun!

Anne Peale

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The theme for this month: wear pastels. And, this month is our pizza and bingo night.

## Farm Clean-up

Farm clean will be on Saturday May 7th, starting at 9:00 AM and ending around 12:00 noon. This is a mandatory event for all who will use the farm this year, but we encourage all members to attend this fun event. We will have a BBQ lunch afterwards. Club will provide the drinks and hamburgers/hotdogs. Members please bring: salads, veggies, chips or desserts. More details will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Thanks, Eric Grimsby

## Farm to Fair Symposium

On March 5 the extension service held their first annual Farm to Fair Symposium at Elkis ranch in Half Moon Bay. It started at about 9:30 and lasted until 5. Throughout the day we had the chance to listen to speakers talk about raising different market animals.

The animals that were talked about were: Goats, Sheep, Hogs, Beef, Poultry, and Rabbits. It was a great opportunity for everyone to learn about the market animals.

Kelsey Moore

## 4-H Petting Zoo At Hometown Days Going . . . Going . . . Gone?

*The following article appeared in the March Newsletter, and the event and need for volunteers was announced at the March meeting. To date, two adults have volunteered to help with the event, but no one has volunteered to coordinate the entire event or any portion of it – physical set-up/take-down, staffing or animals. If adults do not step up to the challenge of coordinating this event by April 19, the Club will not have a petting zoo this year.*

For 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 – **May 21** this year. 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
- **Adult coordinators for each portion of the event: – physical set-up/take-down, staffing and animals.**

We will not have a petting zoo without club members and adults for each of these tasks. Contact Janae Novotny to volunteer. We particularly need adults to assume coordinators' roles.

## **Farm Renovation Plan Will Be Presented At April General Membership Meeting**

The twenty-five members and parents attending the Farm Repair/Renovation Meeting on April 12, 2005, participated in a spirited and wide-ranging discussion of many topics more or less related to the club farm and farm projects. The group reached a consensus on a general plan to build a new tool/feed shed to replace the existing feed shed and tool shed, both of which are dilapidated beyond permanent repair. The general plan and estimated budget will be presented at the April 19 general membership meeting for club approval.

If the plan is approved, we will begin working to secure the approval of the Cooperative Extension Office and the City of San Carlos. The planners hope we can begin actual construction in August, after the market animals have been removed from the farm. In the meanwhile, club parents and members will be working on a list of minor repairs and needed equipment purchases that were also developed at the meeting.

## **Important Information For Project Leaders From The County Office**

Please do not drop by the County Office to check out 4-H education curriculum and materials from the Learning Lab Kits unless you have scheduled an appointment with Marilyn Johnson (650-726-9059 ext. 106). This new procedure will ensure that someone is available to help you when you arrive and that the materials you want are available for you.

## **2005 Fashion Revue Saturday, April 30, 2005, 1:00 p.m. Hillsdale United Methodist Church, San Mateo**

Entries welcomed from 4-H members of sewing, clothing, costuming, knitting, crocheting, and needlework projects. Project members may enter in one or more of the following categories:

1. Recycled Garment – The garment should be 75% remade; “before” pictures required.
2. Purchased Ensemble – Cost cannot exceed \$150 for all outerwear, including accessories. Copies of sales receipts should be submitted and an explanation of where the ensemble will be worn.
3. Traditional – items completely constructed in a 4-H clothing project.
4. All other – includes costuming, decorated duds, and non-wearable items (e.g. quilts).

See your project leader for information and entry forms. Entry forms due by April 22, 2005.

## **Hometown Days Parade**

All members who wish to participate on the Hometown Days Parade Float Decorating Committee should contact Danielle Grimsby. More information will be available at our next general meeting.

## San Mateo County 4-H Summer Camp

**“Camp I Am”**

**June 19-24, 2005**

Open to youth 9+

\$250 for 4-H member

\$275 for non 4-H members

*Registration/Information forms available at April general membership meeting.*

## San Mateo County Fair

**August 12-21, 2005**

**Theme: “Endless Summer”**

**Important Fair Dates**

Date and Location	Event
<p><b>May 14, Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b> Photos for I.D. badges taken between 8 and 9 a.m. Meeting starts promptly at 9 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>May 18, Wednesday 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.</b> Photos for I.D. badges taken between 5 and 6 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 6 p.m.</p> <p>San Mateo County Expo Center</p>	<p><b>Pre-Fair Mandatory Meetings.</b></p> <p><b>Attendance at one of these meetings is <u>required</u> for all livestock exhibitors, leaders and parents who will be signing 2005 San Mateo County Fair entry forms.</b></p>
<p><b>June 25, Saturday, 9 a.m.</b> Gate E – Expo Center Barn Area</p>	<p><b>Hog, Sheep, Goat and Feeder animals pre-fair check-in.</b></p> <p><b>Entry forms with all required signatures and fees due at check-in.</b></p>
<p><b>July 30, Saturday, 9 a.m.</b> Expo Center Barn Area</p>	<p><b>All animal exhibitors, parent, and leaders – Barn Set-Up Day</b></p>
<p><b>August 10, Wednesday</b> Expo Center Barn Area</p>	<p><b>Pen &amp; Barn Decorating</b></p>
<p><b>August 11, Thursday</b> Expo Center Barn Area</p>	<p><b>Animal arrival</b></p>
<p><b>August 12, Friday, 8 a.m.</b> Livestock Arena</p>	<p><b>Fair, Facts, and Fun Meeting – mandatory for all exhibitors and leaders. Information, photo ID’s distributed.</b></p>

**Save The Date And Time!**  
**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!**  
**Check Out The New Listing!**

Secretary's Mentor. Each of our club officers is paired with an adult mentor. This mentor, who will ideally serve for a number of years, helps the new officer acquire necessary skills and monitors the various duties of the office. We need an adult to assist the club secretary in basic note taking and the preparation of minutes. Previous secretarial experience is not necessary-- just a few common-sense organizational skills and an encouraging smile. This position is open immediately and offers a small but important way to contribute to our club and to the growth of skills and self-esteem in one young person. Please contact Sandra Bernhard to volunteer: s.bernhard@sbcglobal.net, 592-3558. (Posted 4/05)

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 (366-3810) to volunteer and get the required dimensions. (Posted 3/05)

**Poultry Project News**

In the Poultry project we have been learning about the chickens respiratory, digestive, skeletal, and reproductive systems. We are learning the basics. We have ordered our chicks for the fair this year and they will arrive on June 6th.

Submitted by Danielle & Nikolaus Grimsby

**Spring & Summer Dates To Remember**

<b>April 2005</b>	
26 - Tues	Club Record Book Workshop, Clifford Library, 7 p.m.
30 - Sat	San Mateo County 4-H Fashion Revue, 1 p.m., Hillsdale United Methodist Church, San Mateo
<b>May</b>	
7 - Sat	Club Farm Clean Up Day, followed by BBQ lunch, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Farm
14 Wed 18 Sat	Mandatory Exhibitors Pre-Fair Meetings – attend one
17 - Tues	Club General Membership Meeting: Cookie Judging Contest and Officers Election
21-22 Sat-Sun	San Carlos Hometown Days

<b>June 2005</b>	
5 - Sun	Annual Club BBQ & Awards Ceremony, 12 – 4 p.m., 2607 Graceland Avenue, San Carlos
16 -Thurs	Record Books and recommendations due at County Office if you want to enter your book in the County Judging
19-24	4-H Camp – “Camp I Am”
25 - Sat	Hog, Sheep, Goat and Feeder Animals Pre-Fair Check-In: signed entry forms and fees due at this time
<b>July 2005</b>	
30 - Sat	Barn Set Up Day for County Fair
<b>August 2005</b>	
10 - Wed	Pen and Barn Decorating
11-Thurs	Animals Arrive at Fair
12 - Fri	Fair, Facts & Fun Meeting – mandatory for fair junior livestock exhibitors and leaders
12-21	San Mateo County Fair

**Next Newsletter Deadline: May 12, 2005**