

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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General Meeting: May 17th
7:00 pm, Clifford School

President's Message

Hi Everyone!

It's our last business meeting of the year, and business in May means cookie judging! We will all get to eat lots of yummy cookies, and get junior judging record book credit as well. Anyone who'd like to should bring a plate of homemade cookies to the next meeting. The more people who bring cookies, the more cookies there will be to eat. The cost of a cookie is a completed junior judging sheet. We rate the cookies based on appearance, texture, and most importantly taste. This is a great opportunity to test your baking and your taste buds!

We'll also be attending to the more serious business of electing new officers for the coming year. Being an officer means more than just sitting up at the front table (although that is a lot of fun). Our officers really do help run the club. In addition to planning events like Hometown Days, the annual barbecue, and bingo night, officers also keep track of club finances, take meeting minutes, and most importantly, represent our club.

Looks like we'll be marking lots of pieces of paper at the next meeting, from election ballots to cookie scorecards, so bring along your favorite pencil. Be there, and be ready to make your vote count!

Anne

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Next Meeting:
Officer Elections



Cookie Judging Contest



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

Fun! Games! Good food! Good Company! Swimming!
Installation of New Officers!
Project Leaders Try and Convict Members in the Infamous Kangaroo Court!

Club Officer Elections At May Meeting
Be An Educated Voter!

Elections for Club officers will be held at the May general meeting. Only club members vote for officers. (Parents do not vote.) Membership in the Junior/Teen Leadership Project for at least one year is a prerequisite for becoming a candidate. In addition, only candidates who submit a candidate statement to the club newsletter are eligible for election.

This year, the Junior/Teen Leaders decided that the Club needed a Junior Farm Boss, who will be responsible for keeping club members informed about farm issues and representing members' concerns to the Farm Manager and Farm Boss. Please become an informed candidate; read the candidates' statements that you'll find in this newsletter.

At the May Junior/Teen Leadership Project meeting, members "threw their hats into the ring" as follows:

Office	Candidate
President	Carson Sprock
Vice-President	Danielle Grimsby Kelsey Moore
Secretary	Nate Barker Laney McGrew
Corresponding Secretary	Natalie Soulard
Treasurer	Julia Herndon
Sergeant At Arms	Samantha Cotter Tatiana Martino
Junior Farm Boss	Ashley Martino Anne Peale Joanna Settles

Campaign Statements

President

Hi, I'm Carson Sprock, and I am running for President. I am 15 and a sophomore at Carlmont High School. I am currently a Vice-President of our club. I have been in 4-H for eight years. I was Treasurer for two years. As Treasurer, I computerized the accounting system for our club's finances.

I raised sheep for two years, and I have had covies for six years. I have participated in many projects in 4-H – junior/teen leader, backpacking, astronomy, electricity, electronics, public speaking, web design and photography. I attend almost all club events, like Hometown Days activities and any community service activities.

I have earned my bronze, silver, and gold stars in 4-H, and I have earned 100% attendance for 3 years, so far. Two years ago, when our 4-H program was threatened by county budget cuts, Anne Peale and I personally met with two members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to tell them about 4-H and urge them not to eliminate 4-H in the county.

I believe that my participation in a variety of 4-H activities shows my commitment to our 4-H club. My experience as Treasurer, Vice President, and a teen leader will help me be a good President for you and for our club. Vote for Carson Sprock for President!

Vice President

Hi, my name is Kelsey Moore and I am running for Vice President. I am in the 9th grade at Aragon High School. This will be my sixth year in 4-H. I've been a Junior/ Teen Leader for two years and have done both sewing and animal projects. I enjoy 4-H a lot and I would love to be your next Vice President. I hope I can work with all of you to make the next 4-H year extra fun. See ya!!

My name is Danielle Grimsby and I am running to be Vice President of our 4-H club. I have been in 4-H for 6 years and have done many projects such as beginning 4-H, cooking, sewing, hobby crafts, bees, chickens, lambs, rabbits, dog, and covies. I am also a Junior/Teen Leader. So vote for me!

Secretary

Hi, I'm Nate Barker, I am 14 years old, and I am currently home schooled and will be attending Carlmont next year. At first, I was not going to run for an office, but I decided that I want to run for Secretary. I want to be Secretary because it is a higher-up position than Sergeant at Arms, which I am now, and because I will have more responsibility as Secretary.

Hi, my name is Laney McGrew and I am running for San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H Club Secretary. I have been active in 4-H for the last 4 years mostly through the Cooking projects, but one year I was a member of the Chicken project and this year I am also enjoying being a member of the Teen Leader project.

I am running for the office of club Secretary and this job suits me perfectly. I am proud to say that I have attended most of the general meetings since I have been a member, and that I pay attention, so I will be able to keep detailed records. All of my years in school have taught me to write excellent notes.

Please vote for me, Laney McGrew, for San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H Club Secretary. Thank you for your support.

Corresponding Secretary

Hi, my name is Natalie Soulard and I would like to be next year's Corresponding Secretary! This is my 5th year in 4-H and last year I was Corresponding Secretary. I love to write thank you notes so I think this is a good job for me! Thanks.

Treasurer

Hi all. My name is Julia Herndon. I am a freshman at Mercy High School. I am running for the office of Treasurer. I am currently Treasurer of our 4-H club and was Treasurer of my 7th grade class at school a few years ago. During this year I have learned how to do the job of Treasurer including how to write checks, enter them in Quicken, and reconcile checking statements. Please vote for me for Treasurer.

Junior Farm Boss

Hi, I'm Anne Peale and I'm running for the new position of Junior Farm Boss! I love the farm, and I've had animals - two pigs, three goats, and several million bees - there for all of my seven years in 4-H. The farm is a wonderful place for us and the animals, but it needs work and I'm excited about helping to plan its renovation. New plans for the combined feed and tool barn are already being drawn, and it will be essential to have a member liaison between the farm boss and the club members as the construction gets underway this Fall. I'm also looking forward to helping with everyday activities at the farm during the summer and coordinating fair events with the club. See you all at the meeting!

My name is Joanna Settles and I've been in 4-H for four years. I am a freshman at Carlmont High School and I am a dedicated student. I have raised two pigs and one goat. This summer I will be raising one pig and four chickens so I will be up at the farm every day. I believe I should be chosen for Jr. Farm Boss because I'm very dedicated to the farm and I feel I would be ideal for the position.

Sergeant at Arms

I think you should pick me to be Sergeant at Arms because I am cool and I can keep things in order and I love your kids! Pick me YEAH! by Tati Martino

Hello, my name is Samantha Cotter and this year I'm running for Sergeant at Arms. I've been in 4-H for 5 years; this is my 6th. Last year I was Secretary, and really enjoyed it, but I want to try something new this year. So please VOTE FOR ME!!! Thank you, Samantha Cotter

Really Important Fair Dates!

Date and Location	Event
May 14, Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. San Mateo County Expo Center Photos for I.D. badges taken between 8 and 9 a.m. Meeting starts promptly at 9 a.m. Or May 18, Wednesday 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. San Mateo County Expo Center Photos for I.D. badges taken between 5 and 6 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 6 p.m.	Pre-Fair Mandatory Meetings. <u>Attendance at one of these meetings is required for all livestock exhibitors, leaders and parents who will be signing 2005 San Mateo County Fair entry forms.</u>

Don't Miss the Hometown Days Parade Fun!

Float-Decorating-Poster-Making Meeting

3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 15

DJ's home – 1381 Geneva Avenue, San Carlos

Parade Day

8:15 a.m. – Meet at our float to decorate. Look for a Bragato Paving truck and flat bed trailer parked on Cedar Street, next to the parade staging area at Central Middle School.

9:45 a.m. – Parade starts, follows a route through downtown San Carlos, returning to the school to disburse at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Cookie Booth + Your Family = 4-H Fun!

Share in the fun and help reap the profits for our Hometown Day's Cookie Booth. I need 3 more families for Sunday, May 22nd. Choose from these times: 10:00-11:30, 1:00-2:30, or 2:30-4:00. Sign up at the next meeting or contact Sandra now at 592-3558/s.bernhard@sbcglobal.net. Get your slot while they last!

by Sandra Bernhard

Record Books Due June 19

Member record books are due by noon, Sunday, June 19. Members who wish to exhibit in any category in the San Mateo County Fair in August must submit a record book. Please deliver completed record books to Janae Novotny or Sandra Bernhard. Members who enter their record books at the county level should deliver them to Sandra Bernhard as soon as the books are returned by the county. All record books will be returned to members at the September general meeting.

The club web site (eatonhills4h.home.comcast.net) contains links to the state 4-H web site, where you will find Word and PDF versions of the Personal Development Form and Project Report Form. If you missed our informative Record Book Workshop, helpful materials will be available at the May 17 general meeting.

If you are claiming credit for demonstrations, you must complete a Demonstrative Verification Form and submit it with your record book. Forms are available on the club web site.

Questions? Contact Janae Novotny (janae@sprock-novotny.com) or Sandra Bernhard (sbernhard@sbcglobal.net)

Check Your Attendance Record Now

Members must attend 80% of the monthly general membership meetings, attend 80% of the member's project meetings and submit a record book to be a member in good standing and eligible to exhibit at the San Mateo County Fair. Achieving a star rank also requires 80% attendance at monthly meetings.

Excused absences count toward the 80% calculation. You must bring a note to the Secretary the month before or after your absence for your excused absence to be registered. (Check the club web site for the full attendance policy.)

Check your monthly meeting attendance status with Club Secretary Samantha Cotter at the May 17 general meeting or the June 5 meeting and BBQ. If you believe the Club's attendance records are inaccurate, please submit to the Secretary in writing your reasons for believing that the records are incorrect.

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)

Recycle Cans for Heifer International

Hello 4H'ers, it is Samantha Tucker again. If you have any extra soda cans or recyclable cans, please bring them to the next meeting. The cans will be recycled and the money will be donated to Heifer International. Within Heifer, the money will go to buying animals for people in poverty. An animal specialist depending on the animal will go out with the animal and will teach the people how to survive using the animal for a specific need. So I hope to see you at the next meeting with some cans.

Thank you, Samantha Tucker

Dog Project Field Day

In April, the Dog project went to Clayton for a Dog field day. There we learned about health and nutrition, grooming, showing, and obedience. It was interesting to see the organizers work with the dogs. I was amazed at how well the dogs behaved. I learned many things that day. It was a lot of fun.

by Danielle Grimsby, Dog Project

Fashion Revue

On Saturday, April 30, Danielle Grimsby and I went to San Mateo Fashion Revue at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church. Danielle received a blue ribbon for her traditional outfit. I received blue ribbons for my traditional outfit, costume, and purchased outfit. I also received a gold medal for my traditional outfit.

On Saturday, May 7, I attended Sectional Fashion Revue along with several members of the Belmont 4-H Club. I was able to take all three of my outfits. For my purchased outfit, I received a blue ribbon. For my traditional outfit, I received a blue ribbon as well as a Sectional Medalist. And on my Halloween costume that was entered as a Decorated Dud, I received a blue ribbon, Medalist, and Sectional Winner.

I have enjoyed attending both of these events and meet new people every time.

by Katrina Hull

- **General:** business meetings, fundraising, parent meetings, etc.

- **Communication:** newsletter, emails, website, county news, etc.

- **Leadership/Administration:** efficacy, openness, budgeting, registration, etc.

- Your family joined 4-H for a reason. Have you been happy with the experience?

- Anything else?

- How long has your family been members of our club? _____.

Please bring this form to our next meeting or mail to Janae Novotny-Sprock, 2607 Graceland Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070. (We will also have a stack at the meeting.)