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Next General Meeting:

Nov. 15 at 7pm,
Clifford School



President's Message

Hey everyone! This is Carson reminding everyone that this month's meeting is the canned food drive for charity and we want everyone to bring some canned food for the club to turn in. Also, please bring a small, unwrapped toy for the St. Francis Center toy drive. The club will also be Xmas caroling on Tuesday, December 13, so bring your holiday cheer with you then!

Thanks!

Carson Sprock, President



**This month's theme:
Bring food and a toy
to donate**

A Toy Drive in November!

No, November is not too early for a Christmas toy drive! The Junior/Teen Leaders decided that our club should again collect toys for St. Francis Center in Redwood City. St. Francis Center provides a variety of services for very poor families. At Christmas, the center's "Christmas Store" gives their client families an opportunity to select one or two toys for each child in the family. Often, these toys are the only ones those children receive at Christmas.

The Junior/Teen Leaders ask each club member to bring a new toy to the November general membership meeting. Well-made basic toys with lasting appeal, including soccer balls and other sports balls, small motorized toy vehicles, and dolls, are always very popular. Good choices for teens include gift certificates from Redwood City stores, such as Target and Ross, which sell a variety of merchandise and are close to the neighborhoods served by St. Francis Center.

. . . and a Food Drive, Too!

The Junior/Teen Leaders also ask each club member to bring a nonperishable food item to the November general membership meeting for our club's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Club member's donations will be given to Second Harvest Food Bank. Please do not bring any opened food containers or glass food containers.

Say "Cheese"!

Immediately after the November general meeting is adjourned, we will be taking a group photograph of all club members. The photograph will be posted on our club's website. So don't miss this meeting! And come prepared to smile!

Save Those Cake Domes!

Please hold on to those plastic cake domes that come free with the purchase of many ready-made cakes. Our club will need 60 clean cake domes to store cakes for our shift at the cake booth during the San Mateo County Fair next August. These containers are easier to clean and recycle than cardboard boxes, and they keep cakes fresh longer. We have discovered, however, that they are expensive to purchase separately, and the grocery stores are increasingly reluctant to donate them.

Go ahead and keep the first two domes for your own anticipated contributions to the cake booth (thank you! :)). As you collect more, please give them to Sandra Bernhard at any club meeting. Wow, what any easy way to help!



Share the Holiday Spirit!

All club members and their families are invited to our holiday caroling event at Carlmont Gardens, a skilled nursing facility and convalescent home, at 6:15pm on Tuesday, December 13. Last year, we entertained residents in their recreation room and then strolled through the facility singing for the bedridden patients. Our audience was so appreciative that we have been invited back to sing again this year. Once again, Jim Stevens, a professional folk singer and parent of a former 4-Her, has graciously agreed to bring his guitar and lead our caroling.

What?	Holiday caroling!
When?	6:15pm on Tuesday, December 13 Please be prompt! Our audience goes to bed very early. If we have time, we may walk to a similar, neighboring facility and sing again.
Where?	Carlmont Gardens, 2140 Carlmont Drive, Belmont (near Carlmont Shopping Center)
Who?	4-H members, parents, siblings, friends, and relatives! Don't be shy! Wear those antlers, stocking caps, and Santa hats!

Attention Parents! Project Leaders Urgently Needed!

Our club is growing by leaps and bounds! The initial number of sign-ups for the rabbit and dog projects in particular are unworkably large. These are important "entry-level" small animal project opportunities for our youth, and we do not want to turn away eager and enthusiastic children. We also want to ensure that they have a meaningful, educational, and enjoyable experience. If your child has signed up for either of these projects, please consider volunteering to lead a "section" of the dog or rabbit project so that we can accommodate every child who wants to be in the project. Experienced project leader support and curriculum are available to assist you. Contact Janae Novotny (369-5422) or Ann Williams (591-1844) for more information.

Web Walk-through

Hello. I am Robert Lewit and I manage the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H website. To view our website, type **sancarlos4h.org** in your web browser. You can contact me through the website email address of webmaster@sancarlos4h.org.

Our website contains information for potential, new, and existing members. The Club Info page describes eligibility requirements and introduces projects, uniforms, and other club information. The Projects page links to a web page for each project. On most project pages, the name and contact information for the Project Leader are given and pictures and or text help to describe what a project is all about. I am always bugging project leaders to provide more information for their project's webpage. The Farm page provides information about our farm, including applicable forms and rules. One of the most useful pages is the Links page which provides links to the National and County 4-H websites and places where 4-H Record Book forms can be found. There are also links to other websites with useful 4-H information. If you have suggestions for more information or links that can be added to our website please let me know.

Another 4-H resource is our group under the Yahoo groups website. This group allows us to maintain an email list for all current 4-H members. The group site is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sancarlos4h/>. When we send club emails such as meeting announcements and newsletters, we use sancarlos4h@yahoogroups.com to email everyone. The emails added to this group can only be viewed by members of this group. Three moderators, including myself, control the membership. We obtained your email from the registration information. If you would like to add additional email addresses or change the email address used, send an email to sancarlos4h-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Want to Find Out About 4-H at the County Level?

You can subscribe to *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly newsletter, online or through the mail. To receive an email notification when a new issue of the newsletter is available:

1. Go to this Internet address: <http://www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/>
2. Click on "4-H Youth Development Program".
3. In the little purple box, click on "4-H Highlights".
4. Submit your email address in the box.

If you prefer to receive *Highlights* by mail, please call Marilyn Johnson at 726-9059, ext.106 or email mjohnson@ucdavis.edu with your mailing information.

**Next newsletter deadline:
December 12**

Email your articles to Betsy Parkhurst:
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4-H Trivia

The first 4-H emblem was a three-leaf clover introduced by O. H. Benson between 1907 and 1908. The H's signified Head, Heart, and Hands.

A four-leaf clover design with H's appeared around 1908. In 1911, Benson cited the need for four H's rather than three, suggesting that they stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Hustle. The present 4-H design was adopted when O.B. Martin, who was directing club work in the South, suggested that the 4-H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.