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Next General Meeting:

**Dec. 13 at 7pm,
Clifford School**

**Note new date
for the meeting
and caroling!**



President's Message

Hey everyone,

This month's meeting includes a special activity: a gift exchange for members (sorry parents) only. Each club member who wishes to participate in the gift exchange must bring a wrapped gift appropriate for a boy or girl ages 6 to 16. (Members only; no parents, please.) Be creative and do not spend more than \$10 on the gift.

The meeting is at Clifford School as usual on **Tuesday, December 13th** at the regular time.

See you there!

Carson Sprock, President



**This month's theme:
Wear a crazy hat or
something with
holiday spirit**

Join Us for Holiday Caroling *Please note the new date!*

- When? 6:15 pm
Thursday, December 15
Please be prompt! Our audience goes to bed very early.
- Where? Carlmont Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility
2140 Carlmont Drive, Belmont
(Intersection: Alameda, near Carlmont Shopping Center)
- Who? 4-H members, parents, siblings, friends, and relatives!
Don't be shy! Wear those antlers, stocking caps, Santa hats, and candy cane striped socks!



Participate in Bethlehem AD

4-Hers have an opportunity again to participate in Bethlehem AD in Redwood City on December 21, 22, and 23 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each evening. At our November general meeting, Kristine Pereira announced that she has animals (goats, I think?) available for club members to borrow. If you have rabbits, you may also bring them to hold as you walk around "Bethlehem" in costume. If you are interested in participating in the event, with or without an animal, contact Penny or Jeff Richardson as soon as possible at (650) 368-6896. If you are interested in borrowing an animal, check with Kristine Pereira (srkfarms@aol.com) or (650) 271-2046 as soon as possible to see if she has an animal available.

Plan to Attend San Mateo County 4-H Presentation Day

County Presentation Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2006. Details about the time and location will be announced closer to the event. Presentations are an excellent way to demonstrate something you have learned in 4-H and to develop your public speaking skills. Attending the event as a new member just to watch other 4-Hers give their presentations is a good introduction to 4-H demonstrations in general and an enjoyable way to see what other 4-H members are learning and doing in their projects.

For more information about 4-H presentations and Presentation Day, contact Anne Peale, co-leader of our Demonstration Project.

Welcoming our Newest Members to Breakfast and the Club!

Once again, our club's annual New Member Breakfast was a grand success. Early Saturday morning, November 19th, the Jr./Teen Leaders surprised this year's bumper crop of new members in their homes and transported them to Trinity Presbyterian in San Carlos for a delicious pancake breakfast. Appropriately attired in their PJs, robes, and slippers, new members played games on the sunny terrace, popping balloons and wrapping their teen leaders in toilet paper to be judged in the "Best Mummy" Contest. The festivities wrapped up with a practice session of the 4-H pledge, which many new members already had memorized. Hooray for them—Hooray for us!



New members in attendance included Tara Bennett, Andrew and Rebecca Boghassian, Samantha Cheney, Victoria Emery, Justin Howard, Lauren Kirkpatrick, Sunny Marx, Hannah Modesitt, Katlin Murphy, Chris and Suzanne Ortiz, Trina Palamar, Andrea and Vermonica Pontis, Nicholas Rubingh, Katelyn and Sarah Sutherland, Alexandra Tataru, Sara Umber, and Carmen and Francesca Vescia.

The Jr./Teen leaders who ably participated in this fun event included Nate Barker, Sammy Cotter, Nicole Donovan, Mark Dreschke, Kristine Gomez, Danielle Grimsby, Julia Herndon, Rebecca Lewit, Amanda Marsters, Ashley and Tatiana Martino, Anne Peale, Joanna Settles, and Carson Sprock.

A big thank you goes out to the parents who, along with their teens, drove all around town on their Saturday morning to make the surprise possible: Gaye Donovan, Joan Dreschke, Maggie Gomez, Judy Grimsby, Robert Lewit, and Tessa Martino.

And special thanks go out to parents Dale Sprock, who wrangled the balloons, flipped the pancakes, and took photos; Theresa Cotter, who set tables; Joan Dreschke, who drove and prepped; Maggie Gomez, who drove, prepped, and stayed to clean; Sandra Bernhard, who arranged the carpools, drove, and washed up; and most especially Janae Novotny Sprock who planned, shopped, set up, cleaned up, and so efficiently managed the entire affair.

Find Out About 4-H at the County Level

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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.

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Next newsletter deadline: January 9

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4-H Trivia

The official colors of 4-H are green and white. Green, nature's common color, is emblematic of Spring, life, and youth. White symbolizes high ideals and purity.