

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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**Next General Meeting:**  
**May 16 at 7pm,**  
**Clifford School**



**This month's theme:**  
*Memories—Bring a photo of  
you at a 4-H activity.*

## President's Message

Hello everyone,

This month's meeting is cookie judging, so anyone who knows a recipe for cookies is welcome to bring a batch to the general meeting for the rest of the club to judge. The cookies are rated on taste, texture, and appearance. Also, officer elections will be held at this meeting, too. The club will be electing next year's people who sit up in front, so come vote in the spirit of democratic tradition.

See you at the meeting.

Carson Sprock, President



Check out the candidate statements on the last page of this newsletter.

Bring a batch of cookies to the meeting and compete in the cookie-judging contest.

## **Parent Needed: More Cookies are Calling!**

Sandra needs one more parent to help in the Lemonade and Cookie booth on Saturday morning (10:00-11:30) during the parade. Business is slow, but cookie baking will be in high gear. Let her know if you can help out in this essential slot: s.bernhard@sbcglobal.net; 592-3558.

Thanks again to all those who have already stepped up. Check the website <http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanmateo/sancarlos/signup.htm> to confirm your shift; Sandra will be calling you the night before to remind you.

## **Got Pictures?**

The Scrapbooking project needs photos from 4-H meetings and activities during the last year. PLEASE bring photos or a disc to the May 16 general meeting. If you will not be at the meeting but have photos, you can stick them in the mail or drop them off at the Knoth's house, 519 Prospect Street, San Carlos.

We need photographs from the county fair last summer, photos of project meetings, photos of kids at Presentation Day, photos of the Hometown Days float and booth...anything and everything will be helpful.

Everyone who brings photographs to the May 16 meeting will receive a surprise!

## **Celebrate Your Year In 4-H!**

*Our June Meeting Is a Party!*

**Sunday, June 11, 12 - 4 p.m.**

**Annual Club BBQ, Recognition, and Awards Program**

**2607 Graceland Avenue - San Carlos**

Fun! Games! Good Food! Good Company! Swimming!  
Installation of New Officers! News About Summer Events and Fair!  
Project Leaders Try to Convict Members in the Infamous Kangaroo Court!

The club will provide burgers, hot dogs & beverages.

Please bring a salad/side dish or dessert:

Last names beginning with A-L - dessert; M-Z - salad or side dish

## **Record Books are Due by June 11**

Member record books are due by noon, Sunday, June 11. 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 at our June 11 annual BBQ. Year pins and stripes for members' hats will be awarded on the 11<sup>th</sup> to members who turn in their record books.

The club website ([www.sancarlos4h.org](http://www.sancarlos4h.org)) contains links to the state 4-H website, 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 16 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 our club website.

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

## **Need a Fresh 4-H T-Shirt or Record Book Cover?**

We want everyone in the club to march in the parade for Hometown Days and that means everyone needs a club T-shirt. Remember to wear your T-shirt when working in our Lemonade or Information booths as well. The club's current supply of shirts, as well as small uniform pieces, will be on sale again at the May meeting. We will also have record book covers for \$2.00, an item everyone needs. Bring cash for your club purchases or remind your parents to bring their checkbooks.

## **Record Book FAQ for 4-H Members**

### **Why should I keep a record book?**

- The ability to tell others about your expertise, strengths, and accomplishments is a useful life skill. You will eventually be preparing scholarship applications, college applications, employment applications, and job resumes, and completing reports, like tax forms, throughout your life. Your 4-H portfolio, which may include your record book, scrapbook, and other documents, is an excellent resource for your future.
- Completing a 4-H record book will help you learn how to record accomplishments, realize how much you have accomplished and how much you have grown, and understand how much you have learned during a particular period of time.

### **OK, now tell me why I really want to put in the effort to keep a record book.**

- To officially complete a year in 4-H and earn a year pin and stripe to put on your 4-H hat, you must submit a record book each year.
- If you wish to exhibit in any category (livestock, cooking, sewing, etc.) as a 4-H member at the San Mateo County Fair, you must submit a record book.
- Graduating high school seniors and college students may submit their record books to compete for scholarships available to San Mateo County 4-Hers.
- Record book judges write nice comments about all of your hard work in 4-H, and everyone likes to be recognized and appreciated.
- Record books document your 4-H activities and achievements, and looking back on your personal 4-H history years from now will be fun!

**Where do I get a record book cover? How much does a cover cost?**

- They will be available at the May general meeting. If you miss the meeting, contact Janae Novotny.
- Record book covers cost \$2.00.

**Which forms do I fill out?**

- Every year, you need to complete a Personal Development Form and a Project Report Form for each 4-H project you completed this 4-H year.

**Where do I get the record book forms to fill out?**

- The club website ([www.sancarlos4h.org](http://www.sancarlos4h.org)) contains links to the state 4-H website, where you will find Word and PDF versions of the Personal Development Form and Project Report Form.
- A primary member record book form is available for members in Kindergarten through third grade.

**How do I include summer 4-H activities like the County Awards Dinner in July? Livestock project meetings that occur in June, July, and August? Fair activities that occur in August?**

- The record book due date is the ending date for activities that you include in your 2005-06 record book and the beginning date for activities to include in your 2006-07 record book. So, you will include 2005 fair activities in this year's record book and the August 2006 fair activities that you are currently planning will be recorded in next year's record book.

**Where can I get help completing my record book?**

- You can attend the club's annual record book workshop every spring.
- If you miss the workshop, pick up a copy of the helpful materials from the workshop at the next general meeting.
- Anne Peale and Janae Novotny, among others in the club, are helpful resources, too.

**What happens to my record book after I turn it?**

- Your record book is read and judged by adult members on the record book judging committee. The judges write helpful comments about your record book and award your book a gold, green, or blue achievement seal to recognize and appreciate your efforts and growth as a 4-H member and to encourage your continuing involvement in 4-H.
- After it is judged, your record book will be returned to you so that you can add to it each year.

# **You're Invited to the San Mateo County Annual 4-H Awards and Recognition Dinner**

**Hosted by our San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Club**

**Saturday, July 29, 2006**

**6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**San Carlos Adult Community Center**

**601 Chestnut Street, San Carlos**

**Cost - \$5.00 per person**

*Plan to  
Attend!*

Our club is hosting this annual event, and members and parents will be needed for a variety of tasks: shopping, decorating, greeting and checking in guests, serving, cleaning-up, and similar jobs. Contact Tessa Martino, our event chairperson, to volunteer before she contacts you! [tessamartino@yahoo.com](mailto:tessamartino@yahoo.com) or 593-3181.

## **Let's Be Good Neighbors—Shhh! Pass It On...**

As summer at the farm begins (hooray!), let's remember that our farm is not out in the country, but in a residential area. The many families who live in the houses along Oak Creek Lane are peaceable folks who are willing to get along with us and our animals. To keep their good will, we must each do our part to be good neighbors. Here are some suggestions: (Think of them as 4-H farm insurance.)

- Whispers only before 9:00 a.m. The location of the farm creates a natural amphitheater; loud voices travel down the street remarkably well, especially in the still of early morning. When you come for morning feedings, try not to shout across the farm or play loudly in the cul-de-sac. This courtesy is especially important to follow on weekend mornings, which brings us to...
- Consider holding project meetings at the evening feeding. We are all more tolerant of noise as the day progresses. Just think how we all love the rambunctious activity of the evening feeding when everyone is at the farm and all the animals are at play. Consider whether you might start project meetings a little later in the morning or even wait for the evening. Besides, it's difficult to hold a meeting when whispering ;).

Let your Project Leaders, the Farm Boss, Eric Grimsby, or our Jr. Farm Boss, Anne Peale, know if you have any other suggestions for being good neighbors of Oak Creek Lane. Communication is key—especially at the right volume!

## Check out the Turkey Cam!



Rebecca, a 4-Her in the Turkey project is raising two turkey chicks in a box in her den. Her dad, Robert, set up a Turkey Cam so we can all watch them. To use the Turkey Cam, go to the 4-H Poultry Project webpage at <http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanmateo/sancarlos/poultry.htm> and click on “Rebecca’s Turkey CAM” at the bottom of the page. Once the webcam window opens, click on “Start Control” to move the camera around and look for the chicks!

The turkey chicks are named Sunkist and Orange Crush. Sunkist has a darker head and is taller; Orange Crush is shorter and chubbier.

When these chicks get bigger, they will move to our 4-H farm and then the webcam will be turned off. Don't bookmark the webcam directly as the IP address may change. If it changes, the Poultry Project webpage will be updated, so if you want to bookmark something, bookmark the Poultry Project webpage.

## San Mateo County Fair      August 11-20, 2006

**Theme: “Come Celebrate . . . 150 Years of San Mateo County!”**

### Important Fair Dates for Junior Livestock Exhibitors

Date and Location	Event
<b>June 24, Saturday, 9 a.m.</b> Gate E – Expo Center Barn Area	<b>Market hog, sheep, goat and feeder animals ear tagging and pre-fair check-in.</b>  <i><u>Entry forms with all required signatures and fees due at check-in.</u></i>
<b>July 29, Saturday, 9 a.m.</b> Expo Center Barn Area	<b>Barn set-up day for all animal exhibitors, parents, and leaders.</b>
<b>August 9, Wednesday, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.</b> Expo Center Barn Area	<b>Pen and barn decorating</b>
<b>August 10, Thursday</b> Expo Center Barn Area	<b>Animal arrival and weighing</b>
<b>August 11, Friday, 8 a.m.</b> Livestock Arena	<b>Fair, Facts, and Fun Livestock Exhibitors meeting—mandatory for all exhibitors and leaders. Information, photo ID’s distributed.</b>

## **Air Rifle Field Day at Elkus Youth Ranch is May 20**

Elkus Youth Ranch will host an Air Rifle Field Day from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. Participants will shoot the Daisy Model 888 and Model XS-40 air rifles, and will learn about gun safety, different kinds of air rifles, the names of the parts of an air rifle, air rifle operation, eye dominance, principles of firing the shot, shooting range commands, qualification shooting, and 4-H Shooting Sports opportunities.

Cost is \$5.00 per shooter, and checks should be made payable to San Mateo County 4-H Council. 4-H members are not required to be registered in the Shooting Sports Project in order to participate. Air rifles, pellets, targets, and eye protection will be provided, in addition to the qualification shooting awards that shooters may earn.

Participants will pre-pay and pre-register with Marilyn Johnson, (650) 726-9059 or [mjjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mjjohnson@ucdavis.edu). For more information, contact Raoul B. Salem daytime at (408)774-8388, evenings at (650)368-4998, or [raoul.salem@Sun.com](mailto:raoul.salem@Sun.com).

## **San Mateo County 4-H Summer Camp**

**June 18-23 at Jones Gulch YMCA Camp Facilities**

For youth ages 9 – 19. You do not have to be a 4-H member. \$250 for 4-H members. \$275 for non-members.

Watch for registration forms in *Highlights* and on the County website ([www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/](http://www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/)).

## **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. Enter 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 [mjjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mjjohnson@ucdavis.edu) with your mailing information.

## **Have something for the next newsletter?**

Email your articles to Betsy Parkhurst: [betsyus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:betsyus@sbcglobal.net)



# Candidate Statements



## ***Candidate for President***

Hi, my name is Nicole Donovan, I'm 16 years old and I am a junior at Carlmont High School. Some of my favorite extracurricular activities include riding with my bike gang the Whale Riders, long walks on the beach, riding the bus, and of course raising livestock. This has been my fourth year of 4H. Next year will be my fifth and final year of 4H and I am running for club president. Over the years that I have been in the club, I have raised four goats and nine chickens. This summer I am planning on raising two more goats, four more chickens, and a pig. This year I became a Junior/Teen Leader and I have really appreciated the opportunity to be able to express my opinion and see my ideas have an effect on how the club is run. I feel like I am a very open and helpful person and I would like to help our club continue being the community it is. I am willing to work very hard for the club and I would appreciate your votes.

## ***Candidate for Vice-President***

My name is Joanna Settles and I am running for Vice-President. I am a sophomore at Carlmont High School and I've been in 4-H for the past five years. I have been in many different projects from sewing to swine. I have also been a Junior/Teen Leader for the last two years, which shows my leadership skills. I really enjoy the 4-H club and I would love to be your Vice-President.

## ***Candidates for Secretary***

Hi my name is Natalie Soulard and I am running for Secretary this upcoming year in 4-H. I have been in 4-H for six years and enjoyed every minute of it. I have been in the Junior/ Teen Leader project for three years now and I have also been the Corresponding Secretary for our club for two years. I would love to be Secretary and I think I would do a very good job. Thanks!

Hi, my name is Mark Dreschke. I would like to run for Secretary in 4-H. I am in 10th grade and I am 16 years old. Thank you.

## ***Candidate for Treasurer***

Hello, my name is Danielle Grimsby. I am running to be Treasurer for 2006-2007. I have been in 4-H for seven years and have completed several animal and home ec. projects. I was Vice President last year and have filled in for President, Secretary, and Sergeant at Arms. I think I would be a good Treasurer because I am good at keeping records of my spending, and I would keep accurate records of our accounting and make monthly reports. I would like to have your vote. So... !!!VOTE 4 ME!!!

## ***Candidates for Sergeant at Arms***

Hi, my name is Rebecca Lewit and I would like to be the next 4-H Sergeant at Arms. This is my fourth year in 4-H. I am in 7th grade at Clifford School. I would be a good Sergeant at Arms because I can keep order and am good at passing out candy! Anyway, thank you and remember to vote for Rebecca Lewit for Sergeant at Arms!

Hi, I am Samantha Cotter. I've been a member of 4-H for six years and am a sophomore at Carlmont. Last year I was Sergeant at Arms and the year before that I was Secretary. I am hoping to be Sergeant at Arms again this year. So please vote for me!



Hello, my name is Kira Wyckoff. I would like you to consider me for the post of Sergeant at Arms. I will be in 8th grade at Woodland School and have been in 4-H for four years. I like being in the Junior/Teen Leader project and feel I am ready to take on some club responsibility. I will work very hard to do the best job helping run the monthly general meetings. I am asking you to **VOTE FOR ME**, Kira Wyckoff, as Sergeant at Arms. Thank you.