

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:

Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.,
Clifford School



President's Message

Hello 4-Hers!

It's October again and everyone is getting all ready for Halloween and the changing of the leaves. At our October meeting it is time to sign up for projects. At the meeting you will be able to walk around and see what different projects have to offer and meet with project leaders to find out what you do in the project.

Since it's the month of October, everyone can wear their costumes to the meeting to show off their creepy or funny side. I'll be excited to see how everyone dresses!

Nicole M. Donovan,
President

**This month's theme:
Wear a costume or
orange and black**



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Oct. 17	7 p.m.	General Mtg & Project Fair
Nov. 7	7 p.m.	Junior Fair Board Mtg
Nov. 14	7 p.m.	Farm Families Mtg

Registration Reminder

Please remember to bring completed registration forms with payment to the October meeting. (Extra forms will be available.) We encourage all 4-H parents to register as volunteers. Registration is essential for any parent whose child will have an animal at our farm this summer. Registered adult volunteers receive liability protection for all 4-H sponsored events (such as driving for field trips, visiting the farm, etc.). Membership fees are \$40 for youth members, with no fee charged for adult volunteers. —*Sandra Bernhard, Club Registrar*

Projects, Get Yer Projects!

At the end of this month's general meeting on Tuesday October 19, we'll be holding our Project Fair so you can talk to project leaders about their plans for this year's projects. Members are encouraged to view displays, ask questions, and sign up on project sheets to show their interest. "Treats" are available to members who stop by to inquire about a project, so be sure to visit all the tables. We have MANY new projects! You may find that you are interested in a project that you have never considered before!

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Beef	Tami Beaty	365-3169	dr.beaty@sbcglobal.net
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Woodworking	Lee Torno	(415) 596-7972	ltorno@yahoo.com

Project leaders will contact all members who sign up when they are planning and scheduling project meetings to verify that the member is indeed still interested in the project and available for the proposed meeting dates and time. This is a fun event, so see you there!

Interested in being a leader? We are still in need of leaders/co-leaders for Beginning Cooking, Dogs, and Reptiles. Contact Julie Wong at 853-1305 if you can help!

Medical Forms

Did you know that a copy of that medical form you fill out for your child is supposed to be given to each of your child's project leaders? The forms are meant to help protect your child while not under your supervision and may contain essential information about allergies, medications, phobias, etc. Because we do not have a Medical Officer to scan or otherwise copy these documents so that multiple copies can be distributed, we are going to ask parents themselves to take on this job. You will have two options: 1) Fill out a separate form to give to each project leader at the first project meeting, or 2) Make photocopies of the form to distribute as needed. Please note that these photocopies will require a fresh signature to be valid.

Unfortunately, I cannot give you back the medical form you already filled out because I must keep one on file as part of your club registration. I will have a fresh batch of forms at the general meeting, and you can find forms posted on the club website under a new link for Project Leaders. — *Sandra Bernhard, Club Registrar*

Important Attendance Policy Reminder!

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Club Attendance Policy

1. 80% attendance at the club's monthly general meetings and 80% attendance at the project meetings are needed to exhibit any project at the San Mateo County Fair. 80% attendance at the club's monthly general meetings is required to obtain a star rank. 80% attendance at project meetings is required to earn record book credit for "project completed" for each project.
2. An excused absence will not count against the 80% calculation.
 - Excused absences include illness, religious commitments, or mandatory school activities (one-time meeting, school play, or concert). Other excuses may be presented to the Steering Committee for authorization.
 - Bring a note to the club secretary the month before or after your excused absence so it can be recorded.
 - Homework and school social activities are examples of non-excused absences.
3. If you will have to leave early or arrive late on a regular basis, please provide a note of explanation to the club secretary. You can still receive credit for attendance, but more than two late arrivals or early departures will disqualify you from earning a 100% participation pin.
4. You are responsible to find out what you missed at the general meetings.
5. You are encouraged to make-up the missed meeting with community service time: volunteering at schools or special-needs programs, or representing the club at Lions Club activities, Hometown Days, and the San Mateo County Fair (auction, cake booth, Redwood Hall attendant, and Pen Pride).

The Farm Is Ready for Winter!

The following club members, families and visitors earned a big thank you for their hard work at our fall farm clean-up day: Rebecca, Victoria, and Robert Lewit; Emma, Ashley, and Tessa Martino; D.J. and Shelle Lucas; Peter and Hans Warrick; Kristine and Maggie Gomez; Hayley and Tami Beaty; Anya, Tristan, Maeve, and Bruce Knoth; Eric Grimsby; Anne and Frank Peale and Sandra Bernhard; Janae Novotny and Dale Sprock; Nicole Donovan; Kaitlin Murphy; Andrew Bowler; Sean Rossiter; Emily and Cale Hallamasek; and Caitlyn, Cutler, and Mike Pons.

In addition, the following Poultry Project families also cleaned out the poultry barn during work days in September and October: Emma and Tessa Martino; Nicole Donovan; Kaitlin Murphy; Rebecca Lewit; Kristine Gomez; Anya, Tristan, Maeve, and Bruce Knoth; Andrew Bowler; Kira and Winston Wyckoff; Cutler, Caitlyn, Gabriella, and Danice Pons; Danielle, Nikolaus, and Judy Grimsby; Joanna Settles; and Laney and Kelly McGrew. Thank you for all the hard work!

4-H Veterinary Science Project Opportunity

The Coastside 4-H Club Veterinary Science Project is open to 4-H members throughout San Mateo County. Linda Amezcua, DMV, and her Veterinary Assistant, Jean Eriksen are the project leaders. The project meets one Saturday a month at Dr. Amezcua's home in Pescadero where they conduct a small animal veterinary clinic for local residents. The 4-H project members assist Dr. Amezcua and Ms. Eriksen handle the animals, conduct basic examinations, and give shots, among other activities.

Although Pescadero is a bit of a drive, the coast is lovely and this is a great opportunity. For more information, contact Coastside 4-H Community Leader Heather McAvoy at heather@landb.com.

Do You Enjoy Drawing?

The San Mateo County 4-H 2006-2007 Directory Cover Contest is an opportunity to have your artwork published. The directory lists information about each 4-H club in San Mateo County and is distributed to all 4-H families in the county. If you submit a drawing to the contest, you may enter your participation in your record book. The cover design winner will receive an award of \$25 from the 4-H Council. Your entry must be submitted to the Cooperative Extension Office in Half Moon Bay by November 1. The San Bruno 4-H Club will choose the winning entry this year.

The entry rules are:

- All entries must be submitted in black ink.
- All entries must be copy-ready. (A clean original—ready to go to the printer.)
- Entries should fill an 8 1/2" x 11" page.

A copy of the 2005-2006 directory will be available at the October general meeting if you would like to see the winning design from last year.

Join Junior Fair Board

Are you planning to exhibit at the San Mateo County Fair next August? Do you have opinions about the entertainment and exhibits at Fair? Then join the Junior Fair Board!

The first Junior Fair Board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. The group will begin meeting earlier so that there can be a youth voice in planning the entertainment and events for the 2007 San Mateo County Fair. The Junior Fair Board meets once a month (first Tuesday) in the San Mateo County Expo Center board room. It is a youth-run committee and not limited to 4-H or FFA members, so bring a friend or two with you. Most of the activities are geared to middle school or older, but younger members, parents, and project leaders are welcome also.

Junior Fair Board is a great opportunity to learn about how the Fair operates and to share your opinions with Fair Management. You are the target audience for the Fair, so your opinions count. Come be heard! Join the fun and plan the events that always make Fair a special memory.

If you have any questions, please call or email Sue Garcia (650.592.7313, susan.m.garcia@comcast.net) or contact one of the Junior Fair Board officers: Tyler Moskovitz (Belmont), Tatiana Martinez (San Carlos-Eaton Hills) or Alyssa Arvin (Cañada). See you there!

Attend the CAL Leadership Training Conference

The CAL Leadership Training Conference will be held January 26 to 28, 2007 at the Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County. CAL Conference is an interactive leadership conference held every year for 4-H members who are in seventh grade or higher. Delegates get to know each other on Friday evening, attend educational sessions on Saturday, then attend a participatory assembly and hear a wonderful keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon. Participants share their knowledge, exchange ideas and information, and have the chance to develop and enhance their leadership skills

County delegations are asked to do a presentation on a topic decided by the staff. These presentations are given at the opening assembly. Topics range from great teams to community service plans of action. The presentations allow everyone to be involved in the conference and to let everyone else know a little about the people/county presenting.

Many leadership opportunities exist both before and during the conference, including county contact, cabin leader, and workshop presenter. Contact co-workshop coordinators Robert Fraser robertfraser@mindspring.com and Stephanie Backus aubenwinters@comcast.net with questions.

Registration is first come, first served. The conference fee is \$140, which includes your room Friday and Saturday, all meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday; the cost is \$150 if you would like to purchase a conference T-shirt. Forms and other information are available on our club's website.

You must turn in your completed registration form to your county office by November 17 to reserve your spot at the conference.

Adult volunteers are needed and welcomed as chaperones.

If you have any questions about the registration form or the conference, please don't hesitate to contact the registrar or co-chairs: Jennifer Coe, Education Chair harryandron@hotmail.com; Kara Payne, Logistics Chair pinkcheerbear777@yahoo.com; Julianne Freeman, Hospitality Chair mail4julianne@comcast.net; and Jen Roncoroni, Registrar jronc007@yahoo.com (530) 867-6299.

San Carlos 4-Hers Participate in Air Rifle Field Day

Our very own club members Carson Sprock, Peri and Russell Wong, Chris Ortiz, and Jonny Wilfong attended the Air Rifle Field Day for 4-H club members of San Mateo County on Saturday, September 23 at Elkus Youth Ranch. Carson was one of three participants who completed the requirements for their U.S.A. Shooting / 4-H Shooting Sports / National Shooting Sports Foundation Basic Rating for air rifle, and received a pin and certificate.

Field Day participants shot the Daisy Model 888 and Model XS-40, Feinwerkbau Model P70 Junior, and Walther LGR air rifles at a distance of 10 meters after learning 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.

Participants who did not complete the requirements for their Basic Rating are encouraged to make arrangements to continue at the indoor shooting range of the Palo Alto Rod and Gun Club in Redwood City. Contact Raoul Salem at (408) 774-8388 (daytime), (650) 368-4998 (evenings), or raoul.salem@sun.com.

Steer Project Hits the Road

On Sunday, October 8th, the steer project went to Napa for a steer auction. There were 37 steers and 5 heifers. It was really cool because you actually got to touch the animal that you wanted to buy. After about an hour, we all had at least four favorites and a pre-auction lunch was provided by Bar C4. (It was beef!) The auction started promptly at 1:00. The people selling the animals were Bar C4, Gilardi, and Nevada High Desert. The prices were good, and my mom decided to get one. I am looking forward to this new animal in my 4-H career. We steer gals are excited to have this great opportunity. —by *Danielle Grimsby*



The Auction

Slam! went the door. I was running as fast as I possibly could to get to the car. "Come on mom! Lets go dad!" I said bouncing up and down. What was I so excited for? One word. Steers. Finally the day had come when we were going to buy our steers (male cows). I had always wanted one, ever since I saw them with my first 4-H goat. So this was a big—no, HUGE—deal for me. So off we went in our old green van to IHOP for breakfast.

When we arrived at IHOP, there was our excited steer leader, Tami Beaty, and her even more excited daughter, Haley Beaty. We sat down and ordered some drinks and waited for the rest of our group. Soon we were all there, and after a quick breakfast we left for Napa. Of course we followed each other, creating the "famous" 4-H Caravan. Danielle and I went together, our iPod's blasting the whole way.

After about two hours of driving we got to the Bar C4 cattle ranch. To be honest most of us expected there to be maybe a few cars, not that many people. But we were wrong; there were about 15 cars (more still coming) and about 45 people.

The first thing most of our club went to do was look at the steers. I saw this steer I really loved. He was grayish blue and white. He was so cute with his big black eyes and big ears and he had beautiful conformation (build). Immediately I knew that was the one I wanted. But I still kept looking around at others. I picked five other choices.

When one of the people called that it was lunchtime, Danielle, Sunny, and I went to get lunch. Of course we were having hamburgers! When we were done, it was time for the auction to start. I got my bidding number and sat next to Nicole, Tami, and Haley.

The first one up was one of my five choices. They called out \$1,500 and with not a second to waste someone else bid; mind you my budget only went up to \$1,500 so I was already out. I sat back and waited for that blue and gray steer to come around. When he did, the auctioneer called out \$1000, someone bid \$1,200, and I bid. In my mind, I was so excited. Then \$1,300 was bid and I was out again. That steer ended up selling for \$3,200! So, for the second time that day, I waited for my next choice.

Then my third-choice steer came up. Haley, Tami, and Nicole had already bought one. The auctioneer started with \$1000. I bid. Then he went to \$1,100 and someone else bid. Now I was confused whether I still was winning. "Bid \$1,200," Nicole said. So I did. "Going once, Going twice, SOLD!" said the auctioneer. I was so happy thanks to Nicole. I had bought a steer. So off I went to see him in the back. He was so cute and had a really big nose.

After the auction was all over and everything settled down, I went inside the pen to pet my steer. And I picked a name: Tiburon. It sounded like a winner to me. Then the time came we finally had to leave so I said good-bye to Tiburon and we all left. But that day will go down in my book as one of the most exciting days of my life. —by *Rebecca Lewit*

Calling All Farm Families

**Important Date for
Animal Project Members!**

There will be a mandatory farm families meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at the Clifford School Library. In addition to discussing general farm topics, all farm animal project leaders will distribute a project syllabus—project meeting dates and topics, project leader's expectations, etc.—and speak briefly about their plans for the project. Note that all farm use requests must be submitted before this meeting. This meeting is very important for the successful operation of the farm and it will count as the first project meeting for every animal project (which means it counts toward the 80% attendance requirement). If you plan on raising an animal at the farm this year, please come!

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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 <http://www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/> and click on "4-H Youth Development Program".
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If you prefer to receive *Highlights* by mail, please call Marilyn Johnson at 726-9059, ext.106 or send an email to mjohnson@ucdavis.edu with your mailing information.

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