

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:

Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.,  
Clifford School



## President's Message

Happy 2007 4Hers,

I hope that everyone had an excellent New Year. I also hope that everyone is keeping warm in this harsh weather. Our next general meeting is on Tuesday, January 23rd. The theme of our January meeting will be P.J.'s and Parkas. We can stay cozy during the meeting and enjoy some delicious hot chocolate—that's my kind of meeting.

Everyone is probably busy working on all kinds of projects this year. If you are in a project that met since our last meeting, be ready to tell the club a little bit about what you did.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting,

Nicole Donovan, President



**This month's theme:  
Wear your pajamas  
and/or your parka.**

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**Jan. 22 7 pm County Council, Fox School, Belmont**

**Jan. 23 7 pm January General Meeting**

**Jan. 27 10 am Hometown Days Parade Float Workshop**

**Jan. 30 7:30 pm Steering Committee Meeting**

**Feb. 3 San Mateo County 4-H Presentation Day**

**Feb. 5 Jr/Teen Leader Project Meeting**

**Feb. 19 County 4-H Ag Steering Committee, Laurelwood Round Table**

**Feb. 20 7 pm February General Meeting**

**Feb. 26 County 4-H Life Skills and Hobbies Committee Meeting**

## **Get Ready to Build the Best Float Ever**

There will be an open workshop for all interested members and/or parents on Saturday, January 27, 2007, from 10 to 11 am. The intention for this initial meeting is to obtain ideas from members about what they want on the float for the Hometown Days parade. One idea is to create large-size crops using paper mâché forms. We need your input in order to secure a definite plan.

Please join us on January 27 and/or send your ideas to me at [straycatgt@msn.com](mailto:straycatgt@msn.com) to share at the meeting. We will meet monthly to continue creating decorations for the float.

*—by Shelle McGee-Lucas*

## **All Adults Invited to Steering Committee Meeting**

The Steering Committee is composed of adult volunteers who are committed to ensuring that the San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H club provides a meaningful and enjoyable 4-H experience for our youth members. Parents, project leaders, and interested adults are encouraged to attend, address club issues, and plan club activities. The continued phenomenal growth of our club requires a similar growth of adult volunteer involvement to guarantee that each member has a great 4-H experience. No experience is necessary. All club parents and project leaders are invited.

**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 30, 2007**  
**7:30—9 pm**  
**2607 Graceland Avenue, San Carlos**

Contact Janae Novotny or Sandra Bernhard for more information.

## **Come to 2007 County Presentation Day**

Come cheer on your fellow club members as they give their demonstrations at County Presentation Day on February 3, 2007. Attending Presentation Day, whether you're planning to give a demonstration or not, is a great chance to learn how to give a good demonstration by watching other 4-Hers give theirs, meet 4-Hers from other clubs, and get record book credit for attending and participating in junior judging.

Although you can give a demonstration to almost any group, giving a demonstration at Presentation Day is a good opportunity to practice your public speaking skills in front of a friendly audience of 4-Hers from all over the county. Whether you're planning to give a demonstration or not, I encourage you to come and support our club members at Presentation Day. We'll have a flyer with more information and a map with directions to the event available at the next general meeting. Hope to see you there!

*—by Anne Peale*

## Volunteers Needed for County Presentation Day

All of the San Mateo County 4-H clubs are responsible for providing adult volunteers to work as judges and adult and junior room MCs, room monitors, and room clerks for Presentation Day on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hillsdale United Methodist Church in San Mateo. ***Our club is responsible for providing two adults to serve as judges.*** Potential judges can visit <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/index.asp> for judging rubrics for each entry category.

4-H youth members are also needed to serve as Room Hosts and runners. These jobs involve helping set up the presentation rooms, making sure the judges in each room have the materials they need, welcoming guests, introducing judges, introducing each demonstration, and distributing and collecting the junior judging forms. 4-Hers who help at Presentation Day earn record book credit for their efforts and follow in the tradition of former 4-H members such as United States' First Ladies Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Rosalynn Carter.

Adult and youth volunteers, please contact Heather McAvoy from the Coastside 4-H club to volunteer and be sure to tell her that you are from the San Carlos 4-H club: Heather McAvoy, (650) 747-0834 (home), or [heather@landb.com](mailto:heather@landb.com).

## Backpacking Project Announcement

The Backpacking Project will have our first meeting from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 21 at Carson Sprock and Janae Novotny's home. Please bring your calendars and a list of any backpacking equipment you may already have or know that you can borrow. (Don't worry if you don't have any backpacking equipment or don't know what kind of equipment you will need.) Call Janae or Carson for more information (369-5422).

## Advanced Rabbit Project Report



The Advanced Rabbit project is new to 4-H this year. Every weekend, one of the families goes to the Humane Society and spends about two hours with the rabbits. At the Humane Society, the rabbits have a very nice play area. It is a fenced-in patio with a couple of trees, with five cages that the rabbits can run around in. They also have toys to play with outside. They really like the balls and the cars. We also bring them carrots and parsley, which they love to eat.

In order to take care of the rabbits, we had to go to a training session for small animals, which allows us to feed the mice, rats, and guinea pigs, too. The Humane Society has lots of animals other than cats, dogs, and rabbits, for example tortoises, exotic birds, reptiles, and even fish. Being involved at the Humane Society is a lot of hard work, but it is also very fun. It is so nice to get to play and spend time with the rabbits, but it is even more rewarding to see them adopted.

*—by Amanda and Kathleen Marsters*

## 4-H Steers Take a Ride to the Wine Country

On January 6, we loaded up the four steers and two heifers from the steer shack. It was quite a morning as one got away while loading and then he took forever it seemed to get in the trailer. We took them back to the breeder for weighing and grooming tips.

On the trip home, the steers behaved much better, as they were eager to eat dinner. One gave our leader some trouble and tried to break away, but she held on. Finally all were back in the barn and eating. The parents and members were happy when the day came to an end.



—by Danielle Grimsby

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## Next newsletter deadline: February 13

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