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Next General Meeting:

Jan. 15 at 7 pm,
Clifford School



President's Message

I hope everyone had an awesome New Year! This month's theme is pajamas and hot chocolate, so I hope to see everyone in some comfy PJ's!

Also, if you have been to any project meetings, we would love to hear about them at the up-coming meeting. Can't wait to everybody there!

Joanna Settles, President

**This month's theme:
pajamas & parkas**



IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Jan. 15	7 pm	January General Meeting
Jan. 25-27		CAL Leadership Conference, Petaluma
Jan. 28	7 pm	County Council Meeting, Fox School
Jan. 29	7 pm	Record Books 101, Clifford MU
Feb. 4	7pm	Jr/Teen Leader Meeting, Knoth's
Feb. 19	7 pm	February General Meeting
Mar. 1	12 pm	County Presentation Day

Record Books 101

Are you new to 4-H? Have you ever turned in a record book? Do you know what a record book is? Maybe you turned in a primary record book but turned 9 this year and need to move on to a new set of forms? If any of these apply to you, please come to "Record Books 101" on **Tuesday, January 29** at 7 pm in the Clifford School multi-use room. This meeting is intended to be an introduction to record books. We will go over some of the basics and give you ideas on how to keep track of information that you will need for the book.

We will hold a more advanced level record book workshop later in the spring. This meeting is for members and/or parents. (If your member is quite young, you might want to come and take the information home). —Maeve and Bruce Knoth

Come to County Presentation Day

County Presentation Day is coming Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Hillsdale United Methodist Church, San Mateo. Participant check in time is 12 noon. All entry forms are due **Feb. 15**.

You can find the entry forms at http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/2008_Presentation_Day.htm. Presentations are an excellent way to demonstrate something you have learned in 4-H and to develop your public speaking skills. It is not too early to start working on your presentations! Choose a topic that you are comfortable with and have plenty of knowledge about and you're set. Sharing your knowledge with others is basically what a presentation is.

Presentation Day includes the following categories:

- Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
- Scientific Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
- Educational Displays
- Prepared Speech
- Impromptu Speech
- Interpretive Reading
- Share the Fun
- Cultural Arts
- Audio-Visual Presentations
- Problem Solving Presentations

Topics should be related to your projects or activities in 4-H. If you don't want to do a demonstration, there are other ways to participate. They are also looking for judges and room hosts (7-12 graders). Younger 4-Hers can serve as runners. It is a great experience!

If you have any questions you can call me, Heather Sutherland, Demonstration project leader, at 349-9623.

It really is a fun day and is a great way to earn those points you all need for stars! Hope to see you there. —*Heather Sutherland*

Interested in Dog Showmanship?

Dog Project members who want to improve their dog showing skills are invited to attend workshops given by Judy Grimsby. You and your dog will work on basic obedience, rally obedience, and showmanship handling. The goal is to be able to enter the dog competitions at the San Mateo County Fair this August.

If you are interested, please respond quickly to Judy Grimsby at ejgrimsby1@comcast.net or 591-2212.

Interested in Chickens?

Hi! I hatched some chicks last year and they are from a well-known breeder in the world of poultry shows. Tami Clarke breeds high quality birds and then supplies other 4-H'ers. All of the chicks I hatched were at fair, so many of you might have seen them, and they placed pretty good. I decided that I am going to breed them and my hens have just started laying. If you are interested in chicks, I am going to start collecting eggs in February and hatch them by March. They will be ready by fair. I have two Belgian Quail D'Anver hens that are laying; my Black Dutch hen started laying so I have eggs from her as well. Both of the breeds are bantams and I can hatch them for you if you don't have an incubator. You can contact me by phone (853-1305) or email (peritree@sbcglobal.net) or email my mom (girlfig2u@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing from you if you are interested! —*Peri Wong*

Poultry Project Report

Last week we drove to Hollister to a poultry show and bought two chickens. We saw a ton of different breeds of birds and we asked a lot of questions to breeders about their birds. The birds we bought were Black Modern Game birds. They had showmanship and we saw 4-Hers getting ready but we couldn't stay to watch. —*Anya Knoth*

Next newsletter deadline: February 12

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