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Next General Meeting:

April 15 at 7 pm,
Clifford School



President's Message

Hey 4-Her's,

I hope everybody is having a great month. Our next general meeting is the 15th of April and it will be our annual cookie-judging contest! At this meeting, everyone brings a batch of their favorite cookie to be judged at the end of the meeting.

The best part about the cookie-judging contest is that everyone is a judge. So remember to bring your sweet tooth! Also, cookies must be made from scratch; no break and bake please.

I can't wait to see everybody!

Joanna Settles, President

**At this month's meeting:
Wear pastels and
bring a batch of cookies**

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

April 15	7 pm	April general meeting	
April 17	9 am	Small and Large Animal Challenges	
April 19		Fashion Review	
April 19	2-3:30 pm	Float meeting	
April 21		camp registration due	
April 26	9 am-noon	Spring Farm Clean-up	
April 29	7-8 pm	Record Book workshop	Clifford Library

At our general meeting this Tuesday night, April 15, we will hold our annual...

Cookie Judging Contest!



Bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies to the April general meeting and participate in the Jr. Judging contest! Your cookie will be judged by a panel of experts on three criteria: taste, texture, and appearance.

Then it's your turn. 4-H members will sample and judge three cookies, earning points each time they match the judges score. The 4-H member with the highest score wins! You can put this in your record book as participating in a junior judging contest.

Two things to remember: **bring cookies** and **bring a lot of cookies**. There are many members who want to participate and we like to have enough cookies for the younger siblings too. So make your cookies small and bring the whole batch!

Parents: We need judges and scorers! Please gather at the back of the gym before the meeting begins for quick instructions. —*Kathy Wilfong*

Small and Large Animal Challenges

Crystal Springs Farm is hosting small and large animal challenges on **April 17** beginning at 9 am. The animal challenges are a chance for 4H members to show off their knowledge about animals, learn more, and have fun. Registration forms are available at the county website in the March Highlights newsletter. This event is open to all 4H members, whether or not you are currently enrolled in an animal project. Maybe you just want to learn more about animals? Why not volunteer to help? You will have fun and earn record book credit.

Register for San Mateo County 4-H Camp

I have gone to 4-H camp for three years and it has been a great experience. At 4-H camp there are many activities you can take part in and the atmosphere is very friendly. It is a great place to meet 4-Hers from all over the county. You stay in cabins in the woods and every night there is a bonfire and games. I like camp so much I will be a counselor this year. Sign up for 4H camp—you'll have a great time! —*Jeff Wilfong*

When: June 15-20

Where: YMCA Camp, Jones Gulch

Who: ages 9 – 19

Reservation forms and deposits are due by **April 21!** The forms and more information can be found on the county website at <http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu>.

Get Out Your Rakes and Shovels!

**Spring Farm Clean-up — Saturday, April 26
9 am to noon**



All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in our spring farm clean-up. We have many jobs to do, especially after the winter rains, and the farm needs everyone, including parents! This is a mandatory event for every member who is in a farm animal project: goats, sheep, pigs, poultry (chickens and turkeys), and bee-keeping. Attendance will be taken. If you have an excused absence, as defined in the Club attendance policy, please inform your project leader and Eric Grimsby, the Farm Boss, and you will be assigned make-up farm work.

Bring gloves, disposable dust masks, etc. This is also a fun club event, which you may enter in your record book as “attended event”. Hot chocolate, juice, coffee, and doughnuts will be provided.

Come to the Record Book Workshop

Join us at the Clifford School library on **Tuesday, April 29** from 7-8 pm for a record book workshop. This will be a hands-on evening so bring your record book, your 2007-8 report forms, your calendar, and anything that will help you fill out your record book pages. We are all getting used to the new record book forms; let's muddle through together. —*Maeve and Bruce Knoth*

Hometown Days is Almost Here

On May 17 and 18, we will have an information booth at Hometown Days. We need 4-Hers and parents to volunteer at the booth in two-hour shifts and let interested individuals know about 4-H. We are also hoping to have 4-Hers volunteer to bring their animals. We will have sign-ups at the May general meeting. Please come prepared to volunteer. Thank you! —*Scot and Patty Marsters*

We also need volunteers to help make and sell cookies and lemonade at the 4-H refreshment booth on May 17 and 18. Please call Joan Dreschke at 598-9624 to let her know when you can help.

Everyone should plan on participating in the Hometown Days parade. Projects can make large decorative items at their meetings and drop them at Shelle Lucas's house. There will be a meeting on **Saturday, April 19**, for any one interested in helping with the float. It will be at the Ortiz's house, 187 Alameda, Redwood City, from 2 to 3:30 pm. We will discuss what needs to be done and any ideas that we can use.

Get Your San Mateo County Fair “Premium Book”

The 2008 San Mateo County Fair “premium book” (entry and prize catalog) is now available! If you have entered in our Competitive Exhibits Program the past three years then you should automatically be receiving a catalog in the mail in the next few days. If you do not receive one, you can download all the same information by visiting <http://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/exhibits.html>.

Petting Zoo in SF

Who: Meredith Reich, Vice Principle and early childhood educator at Congregation Sherith Israel, in San Francisco

What: Inviting 4-Hers to bring sheep, goats, and small animals to their BBQ Hoedown Fundraiser

When: **Sunday, May 18** from 12:30- 2:30pm

Where: Congregation Sherith Israel, 2266 California St. San Francisco

Why: Great way to show your animals to SF youth. In appreciation of your knowledge and sharing your animals with SF youth, the school is willing to make a donation to the County 4-H Council or your 4-H club.

How: The event is geared for children ages 2-6. There is a large play yard that could house the animals for the afternoon and therefore could accommodate goats or other medium- and small-sized animals. Please contact Meredith at 415-346-1720 ext. 32. Your services would be greatly appreciated!

Calling all Junior/Teen Leaders!

Are you considering running for a club office for the 2008-2009 4-H year? Please contact Bruce and Maeve Knoth before May 5 with your interests.

Forestry Project Report

At our last meeting we worked on our individual programs that we will give at a picnic later this summer and discussed entering a feature booth at the fair. We will show case items from our programs in the booth. —*Nik Grimsby*

Rabbit Project Photos

Here are some photos from our rabbits meetings with Robin Nielson from Sarah and Michael Cunningham.



Grand National Rodeo and Stock Show

On Friday, I bought my goat and showed it at the Cow Palace the next morning. It was a lot of fun and we won 4th out of 8 in my class. I learned some new tips from my breeder and she was very nice.

On Saturday, April 12, my sister is showing our dog, Paige, at the Grand National and we are showing our rabbits on that day and also on the 13th. If you're not doing anything, it is the last day of the rodeo so come on out. It may be the last! Visit www.savethecowpalace.com. —Nik Grimsby

Next newsletter deadline: May 13

We welcome and encourage articles written by members. Email articles to Betsy Parkhurst: betsyus@sbcglobal.net