

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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**Next General Meeting:**  
**March 17 at 6:45 pm,**  
**Clifford School**

## President's Message

March 17th is our 3rd annual pot luck dinner and what an exciting day to have it on: St. Patrick's Day. So you all be wearing of the green on that night. Look at the list of what to bring to share. Also bring your own plates, cups, and utensils.

A-K Salad or veggie tray

L-R Breads

S-Z Desserts

This past month we had Presentation Day. Many of our members participated or attended. I remember the times I entered. Yes it was a little scary, but still fun.

Also Favorite Foods Day is coming on the 14th. I remember my first time I entered: I was a primary and made my mom's spaghetti with meat sauce. Yummy. Sunday March 15th is a Poultry field day at Elkus youth ranch. If you have never been there it is very nice.

The Grand National Jr. Livestock show is coming in April so check out the website on how to enter. You can enter even if you don't have an animal—[www.grandnational.com](http://www.grandnational.com) or [www.cowpalace.com](http://www.cowpalace.com).

Hope to see you at the meeting wearing your green!

Danielle Grimsby

**At this month's  
meeting:  
Bring a dish to share  
and wear green**

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**Mar. 14 1 pm**

**Mar. 16 7 pm**

**Mar. 17 7 pm**

**Mar. 30 7 pm**

**Apr. 11**

**Apr. 14 7 pm**

**May 12**

**Favorite Foods Day**

**County Council Meeting**

**March General Meeting**

**Leadership Project Meeting *Now Dat!***

**Fashion Review Entries Due**

**Steering Committee Meeting, Clifford Library**

**Save the date for the pre-fair meeting**

## **Potluck Dinner at the General Meeting**

We are having a potluck dinner this Tuesday, March 17, at our general meeting to help celebrate our 4-H family! The Jr./Teen leaders and their families are providing the entrees (both meat and veggie lasagnas), and we ask that your family bring a salad, breads, or dessert (see assignments below). The club will provide lemonade and napkins.

*Please bring plates, utensils, and cups for your family members. We can generate substantially less trash if we each bring what we need and take it home to be washed.*

Date: Tuesday, March 17

Time: 6:45 pm (Let's start a little earlier than usual.)

Assignments: Please bring the following item assigned by your last name. (Don't forget any serving utensils the dish requires.)

Last names A-K: Salad or Vegetable side dish

Last names L-R: Breads

Last names S-Z: Dessert

Last names A-Z: Bring your appetite!

Since the March theme is "All things 4-H", we invite you to be creative in your use of green or clovers for the dinner! ;-)

## **Calling all 4-H Kids!**

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is looking for volunteers for their annual Easter celebration. They are looking for a variety of small animals such as bunnies, runner ducks, chickens, goats, lambs, potbelly pigs, and more! If you're not busy on Sunday, April 12 from 11 am to 4 pm and would like to show your animal, please call Pam Muteff between 3 and 9 pm to sign up today! Space is limited so call now.

Do you have an animal we didn't list? Call them now for approval. Volunteers will be provided small corrals built of hay, water for the animals, and shade. Lunch will be provided for volunteering and you will be invited to come back to a private pizza pool party hosted at our heated indoor swimming pool as a special THANK YOU! Remember due to limited space they cannot accommodate large farm animals; only small or baby animals are allowed. Call Pam Muteff at 726-2788 or 504-8910.

## Steering Committee Meeting—All Adults Invited

Please come to the steering committee meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm in the Clifford Library. All 4-H parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

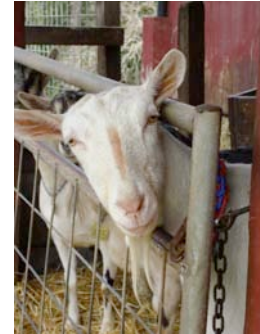
At this meeting, we will talk about many important topics, including Hometown Days, the county fair, plans for marketing 4-H meat, and the June barbecue. We need your input!

See you there! —Maeve and Bruce

## Mandatory Pre-Fair Meeting

Please save the date for the mandatory pre-fair meeting to be held this year on Tuesday, May 12 at county fairgrounds. More details are coming so stay tuned.

This meeting is important for everyone showing a market animal at the county fair.



## Uniform Check-up: Do You Have All the Pieces?

Do you need to get a 4-H uniform? Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair. You are not *required* to wear a uniform at any other 4-H event, but we like having some members in uniform at Hometown Days and other events.

We will have the club's current supply of small uniform pieces and club t-shirts at the March general meeting. Read below the description of the complete uniform. Note the prices for the small items that may be purchased through the club and where you can go to get your "whites". Bring cash for your club purchases or remind your parents to bring their checkbooks. Also, remember to bring your old, clean whites to the meeting or up to the farm to be recycled. The upcoming farm clean-up will be the perfect time!

### San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Uniform Regulations

#### General Requirements

- Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair.
- You are not required to wear a uniform at any 4-H event.

#### Bottoms:

- White canvas pants or white jeans (jeans recommended if showing an animal).

We have a good selection of hand-me-down pants at the farm. Check 'em out!

- Brown or black belt with matching shoes.
- White shorts or skirts are optional for girls not exhibiting animals.

#### Shirt:

- White.
- Long-sleeved. (Short sleeves OK if not showing an animal.)

- Collared.

- Must be worn tucked in.

You can find shirts at department stores (boy's department) and thrift shops, and also check out the hand-me-downs at the farm.

- Most girls wear boys' shirts.

Tie or Scarf:

- Must be the official 4-H tie or scarf.

- Girls wear scarf or tie; boys wear tie.

Available through the club while supplies last. Contact Vikki Jeffers at 796-5933 or [mvvjeffers@hotmail.com](mailto:mvvjeffers@hotmail.com).

Hat:

- Must be the official 4-H hat.

- K-8<sup>th</sup> graders wear the green hat; high school students wear the white hat.

Available through the club while supplies last. Contact Vikki Jeffers at 796-5933 or [mvvjeffers@hotmail.com](mailto:mvvjeffers@hotmail.com).

### *Price List*

Green hat (K-8<sup>th</sup>): \$10

White hat (high school): \$10

Girl's collar: \$11

Tie (clip or regular): \$8.50

Record Book cover: \$2.50

## **Get Out Your Rakes and Shovels**

### **It's the Spring Farm Clean-up! Saturday, April 25 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 our club's attendance policy, please inform your project leader and Eric Grimsby, the Farm Boss; 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.

## **Have a Room to Spare?**

Looking for an amazing 4-H opportunity? Longing to experience other cultures, but can't find the time or money to travel? Bring the world home by hosting a summer month-long international exchange student through the California 4-H Youth Development International Exchange. Students arrive from Costa Rica, Finland, and Japan in June and July 2009. Welcome a teenager from another country to be part of your family for one month and have the best summer of your life.

Information is available at [www.ca4h.org/exchange/](http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/) or by contacting Pat English at 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu). In addition, California will be participating in the Australia Outbound Program. More information is available on the website.

## **2009 National Beef Cook-off**

Teens, ages 13 to 19, are invited to send in an original beef family recipe that they enjoy preparing themselves at home. Selected teen finalists will be invited with a guardian to prepare their recipe for judging at the competition in San Francisco. The winner of the "teens cooking" category receives \$10,000.

The deadline for entering is March 31. For rules and an online entry form, visit [www.beefcookoff.org](http://www.beefcookoff.org).

## **The Great Sunflower Project**

Help the bees, add beauty to your garden, and learn about agriculture—all at the same time. This project, started by Gretchen LeBuhn at San Francisco State University, aims to discover the challenges facing bees by collecting data from citizen scientists across the U.S. again this year. Sign up online today to request your free seeds!

For more information, visit [www.greatsunflower.org](http://www.greatsunflower.org).

## **Wanted: Items for Our Hometown Days Float**

We need to create large-scale items for the float that our members proudly decorate each May for the San Carlos Hometown Days parade. Project leaders: please have your project members design a large-scale, three-dimensional object that represents what your project does.

You can use very thin sheets of wood as a base, paper maché with wire frames or balloons, and of course, your imagination. As a bonus, it is likely that the object can be used at the San Mateo County Fair. The goal is to create an item that will last our club for several years. —Shelle McGee-Lucas, 508-8392, [straycatgt@comcast.net](mailto:straycatgt@comcast.net) and Art Ortiz, 802-1100, [ortiza@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ortiza@sbcglobal.net)

## **Speaking of Hometown Days...**

Scott and Patty Marsters and Jenny Nelson have agreed to coordinate this year's information booth. Don't forget to sign up for a slot.

## Presentation Day

Presentation Day was a fun event. We did not do any presentations; we just attended. We saw someone push a stick through a balloon. We also saw a big wooden die and heard about how it was made. There were lots of other cool things, too, like a demonstration about making homemade ice cream and another about shrunken apple heads. Our favorite was probably the mummification of a stuffed animal because that was really cool. —Justin and Adam Weaver

## Project Reports

### Beginning 4-H

We got to make Eyes, with yarn and sticks. It was very, very fun, and I made two of them. —Kate Fulton

We made Gods Eyes. They were made out of a stick and yarn. They looked like a square with sticks sticking out. We said the 4-H Pledge. —Evelyn Rossi

### Beginning Digital Photography

The Beginning Digital Photography project met in January and learned about the parts of the camera and key elements of a good photo. Then we went over to Burton Park and practiced “staging” a good photograph and noticing what was or wasn't in the photo. Some of the members lost their heads over it!



In February, we went over the key elements of good photography again, and then went to the field at Central to learn about perspective in pictures by staging photos with people at different distances.



To see more pictures, go to <http://4hdigitalphotography.shutterfly.com> —Kelly Rubingh

### Cats

We brought pictures of our cats. —Avery Brozek, age 6

## Next newsletter deadline: April 14

We welcome and encourage articles written by members. Email articles to Betsy Parkhurst: [betsyrus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:betsyrus@sbcglobal.net)