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Next General Meeting:

April 21 at 7 pm,
Clifford School



President's Message

Hi fellow 4-Hers!

Spring is here and it's time to break out your raingear and pastel colors for our next general meeting. San Carlos Hometown Days is coming up soon so I hope everybody has volunteered because it's going to be so much fun. All projects should be thinking about something that can be used to decorate our float for the parade. See you all at the meeting!

Danielle

P.S. Make sure to bring cookies for our annual cookie-judging contest to the general meeting.

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

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Apr. 21 7 pm

April general meeting

Apr. 24

4-H camp registration due

Apr. 25 9 am-noon

Spring Farm Clean-up

Apr. 25

Fashion Review

Apr. 25 12:30-3 pm

Crafts & Hobby Expo

May 2

Record Book help available

May 12 7 pm

Mandatory Fair meeting

At our general meeting this **Tuesday night, April 21**, 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*

Register for San Mateo County 4-H Camp

I have gone to 4-H camp for four 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 am a manager this year. Sign up for 4H camp—you'll have a great time! —*Jeff Wilfong*

When: June 14-19

Where: YMCA Camp, Jones Gulch

Who: ages 9 – 19

Reservation forms and deposits are due by **April 24!** 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 25 9 am to 12

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. 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; 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.

San Mateo County Hobby and Crafts Expo

The first annual Crafts and Hobby Expo is on for **Saturday April 25**. All non-fashion/non-food/non-animal projects are invited! 4-H'ers working on hobby or craft projects independently are welcome to enter those, also (no school projects, please). Projects without end products, i.e. Air Rifle, Leadership, Community Service, Drama, Automotive, etc., are encouraged to enter presentation boards. Registration forms and more details will follow by email. The forms are due next **Thursday, April 23**. We will be running concurrently with Fashion Revue so expect to be there from 12:30 – 3 pm. There will be some workshops, perhaps fly casting, composting, and a craft workshop for participants at this event.

Calling all Junior/Teen Leaders!

Are you considering running for a club office for the 2009-2010 4-H year? Please contact Bruce and Maeve Knoth before **May 4** with your interests.

Hometown Days are Almost Here

On May 16 and 17, 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!

We also need volunteers to help make and sell cookies and lemonade at the 4-H refreshment booth on May 16 and 17. Can't you just smell the freshly baked cookies and taste that delicious ice-cold lemonade? You can if you volunteer at the cookie/lemonade booth. There are still time slots available to work the cookie/lemonade booth during Hometown Days on Saturday May 16. Check the sign-up sheet on the club's website, find a time you want to work and email my mom at hpsutherland@comcast.net Don't miss the fun! —Kate Lyn Sutherland

Everyone should plan on participating in the Hometown Days parade on Saturday morning, May 16. Project Leaders: Consider making large decorative items for our float at your project meetings. You can drop them off at Shelle Lucas's house.

San Mateo County Fair Mandatory Meeting

"Mandatory means Mandatory!" (They take roll and enforce the rule.)

The San Mateo County Fair Mandatory Meeting is for first-time exhibitors entering any market animal in the Youth Livestock Department, the first-time exhibitors' parents/guardians, and first-time Project Leaders. This meeting is also open to anyone who would like to attend with questions or needing clarification. It will be held on **Tuesday, May 12, at 7 pm** at the San Mateo County Event Center. We recommend that second-year families attend also. Call Bruce or Maeve if you have questions.

Record Books Due May 31—Get a jump on them!

All members are encouraged to turn in record books each year. These books are a tremendous way to demonstrate your growth in 4-H and they are *required* for members entering animals in the county fair. This year the Knoths will hold a “drop-in” record book workshop on the afternoon and evening of **May 2** at their home in San Carlos (519 Prospect Street). If you would like help filling out the forms, please call and let us know when you can come by. Bring your calendar, your forms, any photos, and other materials to our house, spread out on the dining room table and get your record book done. RSVP 654-4975.

San Mateo County Fair is Coming in August:

What are you entering?

The Fair is not just for animal project members. What have you made this year in 4-H? What have you learned? There is a category at Fair for just about everything so start thinking now about what exhibits you want to display. All exhibitors get free entrance tickets so you can admire your work, taste some cake at the 4-H cake booth, come meet our club animals, and ride the carnival rides one summer afternoon. Watch your 4-H e-mail for more information about entry deadlines.



Cake Booth at the Fair

Each year our club is responsible for staffing and supplying delicious cakes to be sold at the cake booth at the fair one day in August. It's a great opportunity for 4-Hers who are not showing an animal, or even those who are, to get involved with the fair and it's always a fun time.

Look for a sign up sheet for baking cakes and working the booth at the year-end meeting on May 31.

This year for the first time we will not be given passes to get into the fair. So we are looking for fair ticket donations to the club that we can hand out to our cake booth and pen pride volunteers. If you are entering multiple items in the fair and end up with extra tickets please let me know.

I know it seems like August is a long way off, but it will be here before we know it.
—Heather Sutherland

Junior Grand National at the Cow Palace April 4th

If you've never been to the Jr Grand National at the Cow Palace, you are missing a great experience. I have been showing either rabbits or my goat for a few years and it is a fun place to go. You can see all the different kinds of goats, sheep, hog, cattle, and even dairy cows that are over 6 feet tall.

Not only can you see the animals, but some kids enter educational posters and speech contests. Looking at the posters you can learn a lot and ask about the animals; some are even for sale. I saw some baby goats that were really nice.

Then there is the Rodeo/Bull Riding, which is awesome. Even if you don't show anything, try to attend next year. —Nikolaus Grimsby

Project Reports

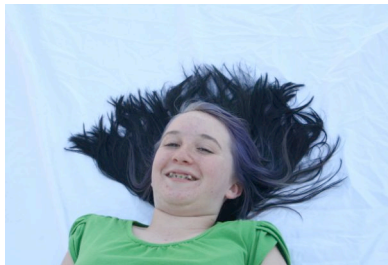
Archery



Last month, the Archery Project went to Kings Mountain Archery Range near Huddardt Park. First we warmed up together at the close-range kids' targets. Then we split into two groups and took turns on the field course. We walked on a trail from target to target. It was a lot of fun but different from shooting indoors, which we have been doing since October. It was more interesting because we got to shoot uphill and downhill at targets that were much farther away. After we finished shooting, we ate lunch at the picnic tables. We can't wait to shoot there again this month. —

Kathleen and Amanda Marsters

Digital Photography Defies Gravity



Next newsletter deadline: May 12

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