

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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## Next General Meeting:

May 19 at 7 pm,  
Clifford School



## President's Message

Hi fellow 4-Hers!

This is by far my most favorite meeting. PIZZA AND BINGO NIGHT!!! It should be tons of fun so be sure to bring friends! This month is very busy. We have Hometown Days coming up on the 16th and 17th so be prepared. We also have our end of the year BBQ on the 31st at Anne Kolker's estate. Bring your swimsuit and something to share for our potluck!

Thanks. Your president,

Danielle

**At this month's meeting:  
Vote for club officers and  
enjoy pizza and bingo—**

**\$1 buys a slice of pizza and a bingo card;  
each additional bingo card is \$1.**

**The club will provide lemonade  
and lots of fun prizes! Feel free to bring a  
prize to donate (worth \$5 or less).**

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**May 16-17**

**Hometown Days!**

**Sat. 8:15-11 float decorating and parade**

**Sat. & Sun. 10-5 lemonade and information booths open**

**May 19 7 pm**

**May general meeting**

**May 31 12-3 pm Club BBQ and Recognition & Awards Ceremony**

## **Line Up for the Hometown Days Parade**

Get ready for San Carlos Hometown Days! This annual celebration happens **this weekend**. Next to fair, Hometown Days is the biggest event in our 4-H year. Every 4-H family is needed to make this year's celebration a success. This year's theme is "Celebrate Home". To celebrate this theme we can bring our animals with us along the parade route and take a walk with them. Please be certain to provide water and a bowl for your animal. Small animals and poultry will be more comfortable in a kennel/cage.

Please wear your 4-H t-shirt, 4-H uniform, or 4-H colors—green and white. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

Parade activities begin at 8:15 am when we gather on Cedar Street near the north end of the school playground to decorate our float. The parade steps off at 9:45 am from Central Middle School, follows a route through downtown San Carlos, and ends back at the school approximately an hour later. All club members are welcome to participate in the parade, and adults who are not helping set up the club booths should also plan to join in the fun.

So to review:

- Arrive at 8:15am on Saturday, May 16.
- Wear your 4-H t-shirt or uniform (including the hat).
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Bring an animal to take for a walk; remember a leash, water, and a bowl.
- Bring a wagon or cage for your small animal.
- Bring water in a bottle for yourself.
- Bring decorations and a way to secure them.

## **Bring Prizes for Bingo to the May Meeting!**

Look around your house and find a prize you can donate for Bingo! Value up to \$5. We've all got something we can contribute to the evening's fun. Bring them to the club meeting on May 19.

## **Club Officer Elections at May Meeting**

Elections for club officers will be held at the May general meeting. Only club members vote for officers. (Parents do not vote.) Membership in the Junior/Teen Leadership project for at least one year is a prerequisite for becoming a candidate. In addition, only candidates who submit a candidate statement to the club newsletter are eligible for election. Please become an informed voter; read the candidates' statements below before the meeting.

# **Candidates' Statements**

## **President**

Hey! My name is Jeff Wilfong and I am running for San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H President 2010! As you might know I have been 4-H Vice President for the past year and have had a great time serving our 4-H community. I would love to continue being part of the board of the club next year, but this time as President! As President, I would push for further involvement of the club in county events such as camp, State Leadership Conference, and Fair. At the club level, I would like to organize a farm rejuvenation plan where we spruce up our farm with new amenities such as an updated clubhouse and other great amenities. If you approve of my ideas, vote for the right candidate! Jeff Wilfong for President!

Hello, my name is Danielle Grimsby. This is my tenth year in the San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H club and my fifth year as a member of the club board. In previous years, I have been Sergeant-at-arms, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. This past year I was club President and I am thrilled to be running for President again. I feel that I have done a good job being your President and I would like to have an opportunity to continue providing you with excellence. I am very involved in club affairs and am open to any concerns and suggestions that may help our club for future 4-Hers. Please re-elect me as your 2009-2010 club President.

## **Vice President**

I'm Victorina Jeffers, your Sergeant-at-arms, and I would like to be your Vice President for the 2009-2010 year. This is my sixth year in 4-H and my most active. Having a position on the board has been an interesting and enlightening experience for me. Throughout my term as Sergeant-at-arms, I have progressed on a journey of discovering my own leadership skills. I intend to use those skills to their full capacity as Vice President. I would like to make modifications to the newsletter such as publishing more articles written by club members. I care about your concerns as a 4-Her and value your suggestions and comments. I will work hard to put your requests into action.

Do you want a reliable, well-rounded, easy-to-talk-to official? A Vice President you can express your concerns and opinions knowing that your words will be taken into consideration and acted upon? I am Rebecca Lewit and I am running for club Vice President. I am proud to say I have been a member of our dignified club for seven years. Although I have only been on the board for two years, I have been a junior/teen leader for cooking, lambs, and steer. I feel my compassionate personality will assist me in improving your club experience. Please vote for Rebecca Lewit for Vice President!

## **Treasurer**

My name is Tristan Knoth. I have been in 4-H for six years so far. I have done many projects including goats, automotive, poultry and demonstrations. I have also raised goats, chickens and bees. This year I will raise a pig. I am running for Treasurer this year because I decided it was time to contribute more to the club and be an officer. You should vote for me because I know how to count and I won't embezzle money from the club. I have been a junior teen leader for two years, so I have leadership experience. I have also gone to a leadership conference twice. Vote for me.

## **Sergeant-at-arms**

Hi my name is Maeve Keegan. This is my 3rd year in 4-H. I've done a presentation at Presentation Day and have worked at the cookie and lemonade booth. I want to be Sergeant-at-arms because I know that I can keep everyone quiet and I'm very good at being a leader. 4-H has been a great and fun time so far and I hope to endure more in the next few years. I've also been in Girl Scouts since I was in Kindergarten and I have had many leadership roles in that. I'm very responsible and can keep my grades high no matter what. This will be a great opportunity for me because I have been treasurer of Arundel in the 4th grade and in Girl Scouts and I always wanted to be more of a leader.

Hello, my name is Andrew Bowler. I would like to be your Sergeant-at-arms. I think I am qualified for the position because I have the power to talk loudly and get people's attention. Also I have figured out that there is a way to talk to children to get them to listen. I feel that I am the best-qualified candidate to be Sergeant-at-arms. I also have the skill of public speaking and making announcements. Lastly, I am very excited to be running for my first time. Thank you.

## **Corresponding Secretary**

Hello, My name is Kathleen Marsters and I am running for the position of Corresponding Secretary. I have been in 4-H for seven years. This is my second year in Junior/Teen Leaders and I am currently teen leader for the advanced rabbit project. I am fifteen years old and currently a sophomore at Carlmont High School. I was the Corresponding Secretary for our club for the past year and have really enjoyed it. I hope to be elected again so I can continue to serve our club. It takes a lot of dedication and time outside the meetings to write all the correspondence for the club, but I have gained much experience. I hope to be re-elected, so please vote for me!

## **Secretary**

My name is Kate Lyn Sutherland and I am running for Secretary. In the fall of 2005, when I was just a little 5<sup>th</sup> grader, I joined the San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H club. A year before that, my sister actually joined the San Mateo club since we live in San Mateo. My sister loved 4-H but not the San Mateo club. We then decided to join San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H after seeing the booth at Hometown Days. I enrolled in 4-H with my sister, which was probably one of the best decisions of my life.

I've been involved with many projects since 2005. To list a few I've been in: cooking, advanced cooking, demonstrations, rabbits, advanced rabbits, forestry, cats (which is a project that I helped my mom create), and of course Jr./Teen Leaders.

Ever since I was 10 and first joined this amazing club I've wanted to be an officer; that may sound really cheesy, but it's true! Now I am finally old enough. So, I have decided to run for Secretary, which I think is a position that can really help me grow as a person and help with my public-speaking skills.

This club means a lot to me and I've made so many amazing friends. I think it would be even more amazing to be Secretary: that way I can have an even bigger part in my favorite 4-H club.

## **Celebrate Your 4-H Year!**

**Sunday, May 31, 12 – 3 pm**  
**1815 Cordilleras, Redwood City**  
**Annual Club BBQ, Recognition and Awards Ceremony,**  
**And a Short Business Meeting to Install New Officers**

Fun! Games! Good food! Good Company! Swimming!

Watch as Project Leaders Try to Convict Members in the Infamous Kangaroo Court!

Please bring folding camp chairs or towels/blankets to sit on.

## **Record Books Are Due May 31**

Member record books are due Sunday, May 31. Members who wish to exhibit in any category in the San Mateo County Fair in August must submit a record book. Please deliver completed record books to Bruce and Maeve Knoth at the Annual Recognition Event. Members who plan to enter their record books at the county level should inform Janae when they turn in their record books.

The club website contains links to the state 4-H website, where you will find Word and PDF versions of the Personal Development Form and Project Report Form. If you missed our informative Record Book workshop, helpful materials will be available at the May general meeting.

If you are claiming credit for demonstrations, you must complete a Demonstrative Verification Form and submit it with your record book. Forms are available on the club website.

## **Cake Booth at Fair**

For those families who are looking to be involved with the fair but don't have an animal to show and don't quite know what to do....have I got a great opportunity for you: the cake booth!

For those new to the club, every year our club is responsible for staffing and providing cakes for the cake booth for one day at the fair—this year it's Sunday, August 23. It is a really fun way to be part of the action of the fair for a day.

We ask that every family in our club donate two cakes for the booth. It's definitely not too early to start thinking about finding your favorite cake recipe. We also sell large cookies at the cake booth and they always sell out, so please stash some cookies in your freezer and bring them to the booth during the fair.

Make this a fun family activity by following these cake-baking guidelines:

- Cakes must be 8" or 9" round, 2-layer cakes. No square or rectangular cakes.
- Box mixes are preferred. (You will need two boxes to bake two cakes.) Baking is easy and the results are uniform.
- Any flavor is fine, but we recommend you make one chocolate because it is the most popular flavor.

- Cakes must be frosted. Again, store-bought frosting is great. Avoid the whipped frosting, please, because it doesn't hold up.
- Frost when the cake is completely cooled.
- Cakes must be presentable, but need not be fancy.
- Do not slice your cake.
- Too busy to bake? Two-layer 8" or 9" store-bought cakes are perfectly fine.



Watch your e-mail in mid-August for more information about when and where to deliver your cakes.

## **“Pen Pride” Booth at Fair!**

For more than 65 years, San Mateo county 4-H clubs have taken a turn raising a special steer, “Peninsula Pen Pride.” In 2002, our club raised “Houdini,” a beautiful Black Angus, who was quite adept at escaping his pen! The Pen Pride steer always has a choice pen location in the livestock barn at fair and a special role in raising funds for our county’s 4-H clubs. For a \$1 donation, fair-goers take a chance at guessing the steer’s weight and winning fabulous prizes. The steer is officially weighed on the last day of fair. Because thousands of people enjoy playing this game, there are always several correct and close guesses with a prize for each.

All San Mateo county 4-H clubs participate in selling Pen Pride tickets, the entry forms for the guessing game. San Carlos/Eaton Hills club members already purchased a set of tickets as part of their registration dues. In addition to submitting these guesses, our members and parents help our club fulfill its responsibility for selling Pen Pride tickets to fair-goers. Selling tickets is easy and fun, and people always love to talk about the steer and 4-H. We are the biggest club in the county and as such, have to pull our fair share of Pen Pride duty. Every family is requested to sign up for a shift. We also need someone to coordinate the shifts. Watch your email for more information about this opportunity.

## **What Are You Showing at Fair?**

Some of you are preparing to show animals at fair, but what about club members who are not raising animals? What are you showing? Take a look at the San Mateo County Fair Premium Book online at the San Mateo County Fair website. You’ll be surprised at the many different kinds of things you can enter. Have you built a great Lego structure? Made something in art or social studies that you are proud of? Taken a great photograph? Maybe you want to set a fancy table setting or bake cookies. There truly is something for everyone. It would be terrific if every single club member entered something this year.

## Meet Our Long-distance Member



Hello! My name is Kira Wyckoff, I'm fifteen years old, and I've been a San Carlos 4-Her for seven years. I've done many different projects such as astronomy, advanced cooking, pigs, chickens, turkeys, bees, goats, and rabbits. I've really enjoyed all of these projects and what they have taught me.

My first year raising a pig, I won Reserve Grand Champion, which was an exciting moment for a first-year member. I love raising animals for fair and working with other members. I've always been an active participant, helping during Hometown Days and attending the 4-H Youth Leadership conference and 4-H camp. I have raised many other animals, winning a first place senior avian showmanship trophy, and have helped the younger 4-Hers at fair. Last year, I was not able to bring my animals to fair, but I still helped out the other 4-H club members.

Right now, I'm attending high school at Phillips Academy, a boarding school in Massachusetts. Even though I'm going to school on the East coast, I still really want to continue to be involved in 4-H by raising animals for fair. So far, during breaks that I have been home, I've worked on the farm for eight hours, cleaning out pens, working on the retaining wall, and leveling the gravel and dirt in front of the storage containers. I have tried to attend every club meeting that I have been home for, but that unfortunately does not meet the eighty percent attendance required.

In lieu of the eighty percent attendance, I have been working on a project at school, which will hopefully be helpful to other 4-Hers. It is a 4-H handbook that describes in detail what you need for fair and how to show all of the animals that I know how to. I believe that this will be extremely helpful for all 4-Hers, beginning and advanced. I know from experience that it is quite stressful to gather all of the information that you need to show your animals, and this will be a compiled and complete version that is easy to use.

I am trying very hard to still contribute to the club even though I am not attending the general meetings, and I am going to work as hard as I can on the farm this summer fixing it up, attending project meetings, and helping other members. Hope to see you all this summer!

## Cookie-judging Contest



What a cookie judging event! Thank you to the many members who brought cookies to the April general meeting and to all the members who participated as junior judges. Nicholas Rubingh won Best Cookie with his Frosted Peppermint Wonder. Cale Hallamasek, Declan Kellogg, and Austin Hartman all won Jr. Judging. Congratulations!

## Fashion Review

On April 25, I attended County Fashion Review. I entered a denim vest that I had made in the sewing project. There were three steps to fashion review. You first went to get judged with some of the judges, then you got called back to be judged in front of all the judges, and finally you got to walk down the runway in your fabulous garments. My vest won a first place ribbon. There were around twenty people walking down the runway, one at a time and out of these twenty people you were split into age groups. One person out of your age group would win a medal and a ticket to State Fashion Review. In my age group the judges couldn't decide between me and another girl, so we both got medals! The other girl will go to state. I encourage all of you to enter something in fashion review. It was so much fun!—*Laurel Nelson*

## Monterey Livestock Show, Rain or Shine

On May 2, several of us took our lambs and goats to the Monterey Livestock show. It rained the whole drive there, but turned out to be a beautiful Saturday morning for the show.

The judge for the goats and lambs gave us pointers on how to show our animals better and also how to present ourselves.

The Monterey fair grounds is very beautiful, surrounded by the city and nearby airport with jets taking off regularly. The jets didn't bother the animals at all.—*Nik Grimsby*

## Project Reports

### Advanced Woodworking

Each of us in the Advanced Woodworking project is in the process of creating our own camp chair. So far we have learned how to use a pattern and a saber saw to cut out slats and legs for the chair. We have worked on sanding techniques. We have also learned the proper way to use some power tools and all about how to be safe when using them. Next we are going to learn how to cut the sides and the braces that hold the feet together. Finally we will put the chair together with screws, and sand and varnish or paint it. I am looking forward to spending long, lazy summer hours in my new chair on the back porch!—*Peter Warrick*



### Automotive

On Tuesday, April 28, the automotive project went to the Tesla plant in San Carlos. We went to the building where they prepare the cars for sale. The Roadsters come from the England factory without the drive train and a few other parts. Those parts are installed in San Carlos. We got to look at several Teslas. We saw the batteries and some other parts. We all got to sit in a Tesla Roadster and I got to ride in one. We learned a lot of stuff about the Teslas and it was a lot of fun. —*Tristan Knoth*



## **Beginning 4-H**

We had to paint flower pots. We used lots of colors, brushes, and Q-tips. It was fun. All of us know the pledge, too.—*Kate Fulton*

## **Electronics**

On Wednesday, April 29, we had our last meeting of the Electronics project. The project was led by Robert Lewit. He taught us about waves of electricity such as square, triangular, and sound. We used an amplifier attached to an oscilloscope. The screen of the oscilloscope showed wavy lines demonstrating the different kinds of waves. At earlier meetings, we learned all about resistors, transistors, 5-5-5 timers, amplifiers, and speakers. We plugged them into simple circuit boards that we made ourselves. The LED lit up when the circuit was complete. I learned many new things about circuitry and thought Mr. Lewit did a great job teaching us and making things interesting.—*Peter Warrick*