

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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March 23 at 7 PM,
at Clifford School

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President's Message

As winter begins to wind down, our 4-H Members will be getting their animals for the upcoming San Mateo County Fair! This year the fair has moved its dates to June so everything starts earlier. If you have any interest in entering an exhibit at the fair I would highly recommend it. At fair, you can meet a lot of new people and gain a real sense of camaraderie from the whole experience.

At the March meeting we will be having our annual cookies judging contest! This year a real cooking professional will judge along with all our junior judges. I think I will make some yummy chocolate chip cookies.

The theme this month is “glassware.” Our Hometown Days booth this year will be a “4-H Dime Toss Booth.” So don't forget to bring a whole box of glassware to this meeting. Rummage through your garages and ask friends and neighbors if they would like to donate any glassware to our booth.

RAWR! San Mateo County 4-H Camp is now “The Camp Before Time”, a dinosaur themed camp. Make sure to sign-up! Camp is a whole bunch of fun and an unforgettable experience. I am currently Director of the 4-H Camp and have been attending for six years now. If you have any interest in camp make sure to sign-up soon because we only have 160 spots open, so don't wait to send in your forms.

Last chance to sign-up this month for our all new and exciting 4-H **“Wild Nights” Zoo Trip. Prices are \$62** for children and adults. I cannot wait to go on the night hike through the Zoo!

With so many 4-H events coming up, it is important to get involved, so get out there, be motivated and most of all have fun! Sincerely ~ **Jeff**

At this month's meeting:
Bring cookies for judging
Bring glassware

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Mar. 22	7 pm County Council Meeting
Mar. 23	7 pm March General Meeting
Apr. 5	7 pm Leadership Project Meeting
Apr. 7 - 11	Jr. Grand Nationals
Apr. 12	All animal entries due to Fair office
Apr. 16	Zoo overnight
Apr. 18	Animal check-in at Fair
May 1	County 4-H Fashion Revue
May 29	Sectional 4-H Fashion Revue
June 27	End-of-the-Year BBQ

A Few Spots Still Available for the SF Zoo Overnight

Last call for attendees! We have 40 kids and 12 adults signed up for the upcoming 4-H "Wild Nights" overnight at the San Francisco Zoo from 5:00pm on April 16 to 10:00am on the 17th. We can take at least 10 more kids and a few more adults, so if you want to come contact Laura Deck. The cost is \$62/person and includes: pizza dinner, group activities, a night hike through the zoo with an animal keeper, snack, continental breakfast, and morning nature walk. We will sleep together in a large, heated hall. I will send all participants detailed instructions at the end of March.

Questions? Laura Deck: ladeck@sbcglobal.net, 650-454-7411

Record Books- Due Early This Year

All record books will be collected at the May General Meeting. This is an especially important deadline for members who are bringing animals to the County Fair. The Fair requires that you be in "good standing" to take your animals through the gate and we must have your record book for that to be true! All members are encouraged to turn in a record book. If you would like any help, please call Maeve and Bruce (654-4975). We encourage you to make an appointment to drop by our house and work on your book with our help.

Hometown Days is Fast Approaching

Our 4-H Club has a big presence at San Carlos' Hometown Days and we want this year to continue our tradition. Plan on participating in three ways:

Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m. PARADE

Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23, our club will host two booths. Plan to sign up for either the DIME TOSS or the INFORMATION BOOTH. There will be sign-up sheets at our club meetings.

Glassware Needed

In order to make the DIME TOSS a success, we also need you to collect glassware for prizes. Check your cupboards, ask your neighbors, talk to your grandparents. If each member brings a full box of miscellaneous cups, glasses, plates etc ... then we will have enough prizes for the weekend. Bring glassware to the meetings or drop off at the Weaver home, at 2145 Greenwood Avenue, San Carlos.

4-H Summer Camp

Sign-up for 4-H summer camp. San Mateo County 4-H holds a summer camp at Jones Gulch for one week in June. This year, CAMP DINOSAUR runs from June 20-25. Check the county web site for registration information and ask Jeff Wilfong, our club president and camp director, for more details. 4-H camp is a resident camp for members ages 9 and up.

Please note: Use the following links ONLY when viewing this newsletter online.
Apply Online: <http://ucanr.org/2010.4h.camp.initial.application>
Print and Send Application: [2010 4-H Camp Initial Application](#)

Cookie-judging Contest!

Bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies to the March general meeting and participate in the Jr. Judging contest! Your cookies will be judged 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!

San Mateo County Fair: What Are You Showing?

Maybe you are thinking that the County Fair is just for 4-H'ers who are raising animals? Wrong! Do you build with Lego's? Like to make models? Bake a favorite cookie? Set a beautiful table? Check out the Fair premium book and see what strikes your fancy. www.sanmateocountyfair.com Let's have 100% club participation this year!

San Carlos 4-H Farm Needs Your Help

Many of you may not be aware of the fact that San Carlos 4H has a farm in San Carlos. In fact, the San Carlos 4H club has 117 members, which is the largest 4H group in San Mateo County (Almost twice the size of any other city's 4H Group). We all think of animals when we hear of 4H, but 4H is really focused on leadership development, life skills, and community service for our youth. Raising animals is an important part of 4H, in addition the youth learn about hard work, responsibility, and commitment through the process, and they also develop an innate understanding of agriculture. Typically,

about 20 to 30 of our 4H club's youth raise animals at the farm in a given year (including chickens, turkeys, pigs, goats, and lambs).

In January a week of hard rain San Carlos caused a slide in the upper part of Eaton Park, and the slide washed down a canyon and through the farm. We were in the midst of rebuilding parts of the farm, and the flood set the project back extensively. The City of San Carlos has very helpful in cleaning the debris and accommodating with our project, but we're ready for some outside help in rebuilding the farm. Our club's parents and teens have put many volunteer hours into this project, and we're inviting you to join us.

We are looking for help in several ways:

1) Materials – Wish list is available on our website

Donations of materials will be coordinated by Eric Grimsby, please contact him if you can donate any of the items on the list at ejgrimsby1@comcast.net

2) Volunteers - (both Groups and individuals)

Please send an email to Scot Marsters sam@gene.com or join the San Carlos Together volunteer list by emailing info@sancarlostogether.org if you would be willing to help. We will email you when we are planning on having workdays. (Most of the help will be needed from late spring to early fall.) This is a great opportunity for older kids to get community service hours and for our city's many service organizations to pitch in and help!

3) Donations - We estimate it will cost \$30,000 to fix and rebuild the farm. Any monetary donations should be sent to San Carlos 4H c/o Tristan Knoth 519 Prospect St. San Carlos CA 94070. Please make checks payable to San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4H with a note that it is for the farm fund. Another alternative for individuals who can get matching donations from their employer is to send donations to San Carlos Together P.O. Box 74 San Carlos CA 94070. The EIN number for San Carlos Together is 26-3731397. For donations through San Carlos Together please make checks payable to San Carlos Together with a note that the donation is for the 4H Farm Fund.

4H is an integral part of San Carlos. The club helps our community in many ways, including serving food at the Lion's Club Tri-Tip Fundraiser, providing animal education at Hometown Days, offering occasional classes through Park and Rec (including "Backyard Chickens" last Fall), providing hundreds of volunteer hours to our County Fair and educating thousands about livestock in the process, and providing phenomenal opportunities for our youth. Our 4Her's attend regional and state conferences, and we even have one young teen attending an exchange program in Costa Rica this year (one of four going from California). One of our youth motivated a group of 4Her's to raise funds for Haiti Earthquake Relief - they raised \$1160 for the Red Cross and were mentioned in the Christian Science Monitor as an example of "children helping children."

Now it is our turn to help them. Please consider donating in one way or another.

Lastly, please feel free to pass this on to anyone or any group you think could help.

Thank You

Scot Marsters

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.

Hat:

- Must be the official 4-H hat.
- K-8th 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.

Project Reports

Beginning 4-H

We got a wooden horse head and then we sawed wood into the size we wanted our horse to be. We glued eyes onto our horse heads. We sawed a little hole onto the top of its head to put ears in. We glued the tail and legs on. Then we colored the horse with markers. I colored mine **black. Other people colored their horses' different colors.** It felt like the project was too easy because I've already made a go-kart and I know how to use tools.

~ Dictated From McKinley DesBrisay, 8, Beginning 4-H'er

Woodworking Project:

The first meeting of the Woodworking group met at Mr. Warrick's house on Saturday morning, March 13th. It was a really great group made up of 6 eager 4-Hers, 4 boys and 2 girls (plus several parents). The project for the meeting was to make a tic-tac-toe board. Each person measured and cut their own board piece, they planed the edges and top, marked and drilled holes to hold the playing pieces, sanded the board, and finally shellaced it. We learned how to use many tools including the saw, plane, square, measuring tape, marker, drill press, sand paper and shellac. No one got hurt and everyone seemed to have a great time.

~ Peter Warrick

Wildflower Hiking Project:

Led by our most able leader Sandra Bernhard, a large group of 4-Hers (21 people) met at the Brittan Entrance to Easton Park. We hike for almost 2 miles while viewing wonderful example of California flora. We saw California manroot, shooting stars, giant trillium, and American rockets. All were in bloom. Peter Warrick gave a brief presentation (with pictures) of what lichen is. The weather was wonderful, the wildflowers beautiful, and the company copasetic.

~ Peter Warrick

4-H SET Meeting

The third meeting of the San Mateo County 4-H SET Steering Committee met at the Warrick's house on Monday evening, March 15th. We continued to compile potential educational activities associated with connected with science, engineering, and technology. The committee would like to sponsor a couple county-wide field trips during the summer. Possible trips include a tour of SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford and a visit/tour of the DMB Saltworks (Cargill) at the Redwood City harbor. **The Warrick's reported on their visit to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Model.** The committee will be demonstrating science-related activities at Favorite Foods Day, March 20th.

~ Peter Warrick



Parade Your Pride Car Show

On June 6, 2010, the San Carlos Lions Club will be hosting the "Parade Your Pride" car show at Sparky's Hot Rod Garage, 975 Industrial Road in San Carlos. The proceeds from this benefit car show will be donated to our club, San Carlos Eaton Hills. We need to show our club pride by assisting the San Carlos Lions Club. This is a fun event and a good experience for 4-H'ers who are unfamiliar with car shows. A list of volunteer jobs will be forthcoming. Sign-up at the general meeting with Shelle McGee-Lucas; or contact her at straycatgt@comcast.net at your earliest convenience.

For "Sale" - Free

We have 3 dwarf hamsters looking for a good home. (2 in one cage & 1 in another.) If you're interested in one, all of them or 2 of them, please let me know. They are very cute & furry! And, they are nocturnal so they like to run around a/ night, in their cages. They are free. And, we will also give you their cages & any other supplies we have.

Please let me know if you have questions or if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Laurie McLucas/593 - 7150 or lauriemcrook@yahoo.com

Next newsletter deadline: April 12

We welcome and encourage articles written by members. Email articles to Shelle McGee-Lucas at straycatgt@comcast.net