

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:
Dec. 14, 2010 at 7 pm,
Clifford School

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President's Message

Happy Holidays 4Hers!

Since last meeting we have had our annual New Member Breakfast. The New Member Breakfast is a tradition in our club, where each year junior/teen leaders "kidnap" new members and take them to have breakfast and play games with other new members and junior/teen leaders. This year's breakfast was tons of fun and the new members to our club were properly welcomed to our San Carlos Eaton Hills 4H community.

This month's theme, being that it is the holiday season, is "Holiday Cheer". Please join us for our general meeting in holiday themed attire. Also, for this general meeting bring a gift for the gift exchange! The gift should be no more than \$10 and suitable for both boys and girls. Please read the gift exchange article to learn all the details.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Lewit

This month:
Wear holiday accessories and bring a wrapped present to exchange

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Dec. 14	7 pm	December General Meeting
Jan. 18	7 pm	January General Meeting
Jan. 25	7 pm	Record Books 101

Member Gift Exchange at This Month's Meeting

Each club member who wishes to participate in our annual member gift exchange must bring a wrapped gift appropriate for both boys and girls in one of two age groups: primary members (ages 5-8) or regular members (ages 9-18). Please mark the outside of the gift with the appropriate age group. Please bring a gift within your age group. Be creative, and please do not spend more than \$10 on the gift. Please make sure the gift is something you would like to receive.

Record Books 101

Are you new to 4-H? Have you ever turned in a record book? Do you know what a record book is? Maybe you turned in a primary record book but turned 9 this year and need to move on to a new set of forms? If any of these apply to you, please come to "Record Books 101" on Tuesday, January 25 at 7 pm in the Clifford Library. This meeting is intended to be an introduction to record books. We will go over some of the basics and give you ideas on how to keep track of information that you will need for the book.

We will hold a more advanced level record book workshop later in the spring. This meeting is for members and/or parents. (If your member is quite young, you might want to come and take the information home). —Maeve and Bruce Knoth

Reports from Members

Jr. Fair Board at the Redwood City Christmas Parade

This year our club is very well represented on the San Mateo County Jr. Fair board, members from our club on the board are myself, Maeve, Jesse, Nicole, and Kelsey. Maeve, Jesse, Nicole, and I got to ride on the float for the Fair at the Redwood City Holiday Parade. The parade was a lot of fun and a great way to kick off the Holidays and for us to advertise the Fair.

-Kate Lyn Sutherland



The PHS-SPCA needs our help

The SPCA is looking for donations of any size dog sweaters, blankets, etc. Since the weather has been cooler than usual these items are very much needed to help keep the dogs warm and make them more comfortable. I volunteer every other Saturday with the dogs and know that there are quite a few small dogs that would be a lot more comfortable with a sweater these winter days. It helps them feel more at home. They are then happier and more likely to be adopted quicker.

If you have any donations please bring them to next months' general meeting (January) and I will take all that we collect to the PHS-SPCA. Any old or new dog sweaters, blankets or towels will most definitely be put to good use at the shelter.

Thank you in advance for helping the dogs!
Sarah Sutherland

Little Dresses for Africa

Little Dresses for Africa is non-profit 501c3, Christian organization which provides relief to the children of Africa. Simple dresses are made and distributed through the orphanages, churches and schools in Africa to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy!

You can learn more at: <http://www.littledressesforafrica.org>

Thank you to Linda Litz from Belmont 4-H for bringing us the opportunity to participate in this project! On Saturday Nov. 27 and Dec. 4th Belmont and San Carlos clubs came together and sewed dresses. Many members from both clubs were in attendance and we all had a great time!

Robin Nielsen

In making little dresses for Africa, I used a serger with purple thread, which cut off the rough edges on the side, top, and bottom while also threading the edges so it would not fray. I made one new friend by showing her how to do the serger and taking turns with surging one edge on each turn. After when all the dresses were surged, she pinned the dress while I sewed it. The class started and we surged all the dresses that day, but we still need to finish them on Saturday. I hope the girls in Africa will be very happy with the dresses we're making for them!

Nicole Nielsen

Christmas Caroling

Many 4-Hers participated in this year's community giving event at Carlmont Gardens. We sang many songs including Jingle Bells, Silverbells, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Silent Night, and Frosty the Snowman. Our guitarist, Jim Stevens, helped us stay in tune and we even had jingle bells. After we sang, we passed out the holiday cards that we made at our last 4-H meeting. Everyone was happy, especially the senior citizens.

Devon Paragas

Christmas Caroling at Carlmont Gardens

We sang Christmas songs. One of them was "Walking in a Winter Wonderland". Some of our audience was clapping and singing along! We had bells, Santa hats and song sheets. I loved singing at Carlmont Gardens. I hope that if you were there you enjoyed it too!

Taylor Meeks

Upcoming County Events Calendar

- Dec. 11 Make-A-Wreath Workshop, San Bruno 4H Farm, 10AM, 12PM or 2PM
- Dec. 11 Million Trees tree planting event, Huddart Park, Woodside, 10AM
- Dec. 13 Lifeskills & Hobbies meeting/cookie exchange, Fox School, Belmont 7PM
- Dec. 17 eCYBERMISSION proposals due, <http://www.ecybermission.com/>
- Dec. 21-23 Bethlehem A.D., Redwood City, 9PM to 9:30PM
- Jan. 24 Countywide Youth Leadership Meeting, 6-7PM, Fox School, Belmont
- Jan. 24 County Council Meeting, 7PM, Fox School, Belmont
- Jan. 28-30 CAL Conference, Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma
- Feb. 1 Presentation Day entries due, <http://ucanr.org/2011.4h.presentation.day>
- Feb. 12 Presentation Day, Crystal Springs Methodist Church, San Bruno, 12PM

Want to Find Out More About 4-H?

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR