

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:
Feb. 15 at 7 PM,
Clifford School



President's Message

Hello 4-H'ers,

This month's meeting is my favorite meeting of the year, of course, after pizza and bingo night, which is still to come. Every February our club celebrates Valentine's Day by having the theme of dressing in pink, red, white, and any other Valentine's Day like attire, also this meeting we participate in a favorite tradition of mine, decorating sugar cookies and eating them! So not only bring your Valentine themed clothing but also bring your sweet tooth!

Project leaders, at this month's project meetings, discuss having a few specific things to say about the project meeting for a member or two to say at the general meeting. We have had so many enthusiastic project members sometimes it is hard to fit all of them in, so when there is a bit of a time issue we may have only a few members of each project speak.

And last but defiantly not least, fair books have begun to arrive at the doorsteps of previous exhibitors. What about new 4Her's who have never exhibited, maybe don't even know what an exhibitor is!? Not to fear new 4Her's, the Internet is here! You can also view the San Mateo County Fair's exhibitor book online at...

<https://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/competitive-exhibits/departments>

Here you can find a list of departments to enter in. Exhibits range from robotics to pictures or food! I encourage everyone to take a look and begin considering the possibilities.

Happy February! See everyone on February 15th!
~ Becca Lewit



At this month's meeting:
Wear red, pink, or white
and decorate cookies

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

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| Feb. 15 | 7 PM February General Meeting |
| Mar. 1 | Farm to Fair Meeting |
| Mar. 11 | Favorite Foods Day entries due |
| Mar. 15 | 7PM March General Meeting |
| Mar. 16 | Mandatory meeting for all first time livestock exhibitors and ALL Livestock Project Leaders, San Mateo County Fairgrounds |
| Mar. 19 | San Mateo County Favorite Foods Day |
| Mar. 21 | 7PM County Council Meeting |
| Mar. 26 | Sectional Presentation Day |
| Apr. 2 | Hog ear tagging (on location with the hogs) |
| Apr. 11 | 5 PM Entry forms due for livestock and small animal departments |
| Apr. 17 | 10 AM to 12 PM Market sheep and goat ear tagging, Fairgrounds |

Are You Ready for Hometown Days?

Save the dates for Hometown Days-May 20 to May 22. Our club makes a big splash at the parade on Saturday morning, in our information booth and at our Dime Toss. All San Carlos Eaton Hills families are needed to make the weekend a success. Plan to work at one or both of our booths to make a strong showing for our club.

Dime Toss

Remember the Dime Toss! To make this booth a huge success search your cupboards for miscellaneous glasses, plates, mugs, wine glasses and the like. These will become the prizes at our Dime Toss so we need MANY. Check your grandmother's house. Ask your co-workers. Bring your finds to the February general meeting (in a cardboard box please) or drop them off at the Weaver house 2145 Greenwood Avenue, San Carlos. You can leave your glassware on their porch anytime.

Favorite Foods Day

San Mateo County Favorite Foods Day will be held on Saturday, March 19 at Sandpiper Community Center, Redwood City. Check-in will begin at Noon.

Everyone is invited to participate in Junior Judging, enter a decorated cake in our “for fun” contest (adults too), bring a project display or mini-activity related to the food chain and participate in cupcake decorating and experiments about food. Join the fun. Watch your emails for more details.

Entry forms are due by March 11 to the County 4-H office.

Change of Dates

Due to school vacation schedules, the April General Meeting will be held on the **second** Tuesday of April, on April 12, 2011. See you there.

The night of May 17 we will hold **two** club meetings back to back. Mark your calendar now. This way we will complete ten club meetings before the County Fair begins in early June. If you need 80% attendance because you plan on showing an animal at the Fair, be sure to attend the May meeting!

The Importance of Keeping Record Books

4-H record books serve a variety of purposes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. While society has changed, so have the goals of 4-H record-keeping. 4-H record books allow 4-H members to reflect on their yearly work completed, as well as maintain records of project and club work. In this way, 4-H members demonstrate growth and measure achievements across their years in 4-H.

Through record-keeping, 4-H members develop the following life skills:

- Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work, as well as school and community activities
- Keeping personal and business records
- Improving communication with other people
- Learning time-management and organizational skills
- Learning responsibility and developing goal-setting skills

4-H record books are an educational component of the 4-H youth development program. They may not be required for 4-H membership nor for participation in 4-H activities such as club events and activities. **In the San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H club, completing a record book is required each year to participate in the San Mateo County Fair as a 4-H junior exhibitor and to complete a year “in good standing” and earn a year stripe.**

Mandatory Fair Meeting

March 16, 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The Fair requires all first-time exhibitors, and ALL Livestock Project Leaders (returning and first time) to attend this meeting to orient you to the complexities of the County Fair. Do not miss this meeting- there will be no make-up. If you wonder if this meeting is for you, please ask Maeve or Bruce Knoth.

Reports from Members

County Fashion Revue & Craft Expo

San Mateo County Fashion Revue & Craft Expo will be held on April 30, 2011. It will be held at College of San Mateo. All sewing and crafting project members should plan to enter their crafts/garments in this exciting annual competition. Fashion Revue winners will also be able to move on to the State level, so get out those sewing machines and get to work! Entry information and details are soon to follow.

If you are interested in serving on the Fashion Revue/Craft Expo committee, contact Robin at rjnielsen@comcast.net
Robin Nielsen
Committee Chair
Fashion Revue/Craft Expo

Medieval Project

I'm a member of the Medieval Project. So far I've really liked it. The Medieval Demonstration was an epic meeting. Three medieval role players came and demonstrated/reenacted for us! They showed us their reenacting gear, they let us try them out, and let us battle them (FYI: no one got hurt)! The medieval role players even let us wield a minor sword (being closely watched)! But like all things, it ended. We helped them put their stuff back in their cars, and finally said goodbye. But they will be back in a few months, I can hardly wait!

By Nicholas Nolasco

Stockton Poultry Show

When I went to the Stockton Chicken fair last month, the first thing I noticed was the cold. Once I got into the exhibition building, with all of its chickens, I forgot about that. There were so many breeds and colors and sizes of chickens. Most of the roosters were crowing, along with the noises from the geese and ducks, so it was really loud. My friend was in a different building, so I left this room where birds were going to be judged and showed, and went into a smaller building, the sales building. It was really crowded, but after a couple of minutes, I found my friend. Together, with the book of standards in hand, we hunted the cages for the "perfect" chicken. When our moms found us, I went off to examine some quail d'Anvers and to see some Silkies. It turned out that most of the show-quality hens were already bought. My friend ended up with

two buff Silkies, and I was beginning to feel like there wasn't going to be a show chicken for me after all. Eventually, we found a d'Anvers hen; she was soft white, dappled with light tan and pearl. The owner told us that she was really good in shows, so we bought her! After that, my friend and I took a knowledge test, asking us about different hens and other related poultry questions.

By Madison Mills

Beginning Cooking Project

Beginning Cooking is really fun! At the first meeting we made latkas, whoopee pies and apple sauce. The latkas were ...how do I describe them? Maybe, oh I know ... AWESOME! The second meeting we made pizza. It was delicious! I'm excited about the next meeting. I think we're making chicken nuggets and fruit kabobs. I'll try to let you know how they turn out in the next newsletter.

By Claire Nolasco

Wildflower Hiking

We just went on our first wildflower hike on Super bowl Sunday. We hiked at Pulgas Ridge in San Carlos and saw just a few flowers. Most have not bloomed yet so I'm really looking forward to our next hikes to see the many cool flowers. The best flower we saw today was the Giant Trillium. It only has three leaves and a beautiful purple flower. We also got to see a Fetid Adder's tongue which is rare and only on one small part of the trail.

Sarah Sutherland

Report from National Conference Planning Meeting

Kate Lyn Sutherland and I attended our second (and final) planning meeting for our trip to Washington D.C. for the National conference on February 6th. Unfortunately one of the people in charge was sick and unable to attend, but with the help of one of our adult chaperones we still managed to accomplish a great deal. We shared our research on various important topics in 4-H such as California 4-H and how it differs from 4-H in different states, and the various ways in which youth can be involved in 4-H such as independent study, camps, and after school programs. We practiced what we are planning to say to Senator Boxer and Representative Speier about the value of 4-H. Finally we got more detail about our travel plans and learned more about the members of our delegation. Kate Lyn and I can hardly wait for April 2nd to arrive!

Peter Warrick

Kate Lyn Sutherland

Reminder to Help the Local Homeless

The Community Service project is collecting warm clothes, blankets, and sunglasses. We ask you to search your closets, and donate anything you are not using. We will be collecting the items at the February general meeting. We as a group are going to go deliver the goods in person. We hope you will contribute to our project!!

- *The Community Service Project*

Summer, Maeve, Anya, Cormac, Kathryn, Sarah, Justin, Kate Lyn, and Heather

CA & ES Field Day

UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences is hosting the 35th annual CA&ES Field Day on March 5, 2011. Over 3,000 FFA and 4-H members (age 14 and older) will participate in 26 contests from 9:00am until 6:00pm. High school aged 4-H members are invited to participate and/or observe the contests held on the UC Davis campus.

This event will also serve as the California 4-H State Qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Judging, Dairy Cattle Judging, and Poultry Judging contests.

Find a list of categories at:

<http://caes.ucdavis.edu/NewsEvents/Events/2010-field-day-results>

It's not clear from the contest materials that the Job Interview is open to 4-H high-schoolers, but it is. You need to send a cover letter and resume this week, and register for the March 5th event.

See instructions below. It is open to 4-H. Below is the process that you need to go through to register.

To register, browse to <http://www.calaged.org/registration>. Select our event (2011 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link "Get Access Code". Complete the information on the form and click the register button.

Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page you may save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes.

~ Julie Figliozzi

Want to Find Out More About 4-H?

You can view the January issue of *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter, at http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/4-H_Highlights_Monthly_Newsletter15187.pdf.

To subscribe to *Highlights*, do the following:

1. Go to www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/.
2. Click on "4-H Youth Development Program".
3. In the little purple box, click on "4-H Highlights Monthly Newsletter".
4. Type your email address in the box and click on "Submit".

Next newsletter deadline: March 8, 2011

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