

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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April 2011

Next General Meeting:
April 12 at 6:30 PM,
SPECIAL TIME
Clifford School
President's Message



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Hello 4Her's!

It's April and that means spring! I know I am excited for the weather to start warming up! A lot is starting this month for members of our club! 4Her's have brought their lambs and pigs to the farm and chickens will soon be purchased! Also, don't forget that April 11th is the deadline to enter all of those animals in the San Mateo County Fair. To enter your animals in the fair you need to have completed a record book. Yes, the record book may seem incredibly complicated and like a bother. But I recommend everyone to complete it even if you do not have an animal. Over March I prepared mine for the 4H scholarship and I loved looking back on how long I've been in 4H, the memories are priceless! Maeve Knoth has generously offered her time to help anyone complete their record book, so there are no excuses! I promise, it is a rewarding experience.

Another heads up for this month is on the general meeting. This month's meeting will be a week early on Tuesday, April 12th and it's a potluck! Every year we have a potluck with delicious food prepared by all our members! The Junior/Teen Leaders will bring the main dish, lasagna. We ask that Members who's last names begin with **A-K bring a salad**, Members who's last names begin with **L-R bring bread**, and Members who's last names begin with **S-Z bring dessert**. It will be lots of fun, so show up early at 6:30pm so that we can all have time to partake in the wonderful food everyone has made! And last but definitely not least on the topic of our potluck is please bring your own plate and silverware (to take home and wash). Those 4Her's that do will be entered in a drawing for terrific prizes!! Let's be GREEN (and not just in the clover sense).

Besides the potluck, April's theme of the month for this meeting is mismatched clothing and grocery bags. Wear your most mismatching outfit to the meeting and bring grocery bags to help pack the glassware from last meeting for the Hometown Day's Dime Toss. I hope to see some very crazy outfits at the meeting on April 12th!

Your President,
Rebecca Lewit

At this month's meeting:
Bring a dish to share; wear mismatched clothes.
Bring grocery bags for dime toss items.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

- April 12 7 PM April General Meeting – Potluck Theme
April 24 4-H Camp Registration Due
April 26 7 PM Farm-to-Fair, Clifford Library
April 30 12 PM – 4 PM County Fashion Revue & Crafts and Hobby Expo, Canada College
May 8 Record Book help available
May 17 7 PM May & June General Meetings (counts as two)
May 21 – 22 Hometown Days activities
June 5 Lions Club Car Show
June 11 – 19 San Mateo County Fair

Dinner is Served!

This Tuesday evening, prior to the general meeting, the Junior Teen Leaders are 'hosting' a potluck dinner for the Club. The JTL's will provide the main course – **lasagna** – the rest of the club members will potluck the salad, bread and dessert.

Members whose last name begins with **A – K bring a salad**

Members whose last name begins with **L – R bring bread**

Members whose last name begins with **S – Z bring a dessert**

The club will provide the beverage, cups, salad dressing, and napkins, in an effort to be green we ask that you bring your own plate and eating utensils. All who bring their own supplies will be entered in a raffle for great prizes!

Come early at 6:30 and enjoy 'breaking the bread' with your fellow 4-H'ers.

P.S. – parents in attendance are invited to eat, too!

4-H Summer Camp June 19 – 24, 2011

Sign-up now for the 4-H Summer Camp. San Mateo County 4-H holds a summer camp at Jones Gulch for one week in June. This year CAMP NENTENDO runs from June 19 – 24. Club member check the County web site for registration information and ask Elena Wycoff for more details

When: June 19 – 24, 2011

Where: YMCA Camp, Jones Gulch

Who: ages 9 – 19

San Mateo County 4-H Summer Camp offers fun and excitement such as swimming, boating, archery, arts & crafts, hiking, rock tower climbing, horseback riding, and both organized and unorganized games. We have fun nightly recreation, which gets all the campers involved. The friends and memories made there last a lifetime. 4-H offers hands-on, experiential learning activities to promote citizenship, leadership, and life skills. Through Summer Camp, each camper has the opportunity to become a leader by getting involved and potentially becoming camp staff!

For those who do not want to become camp staff and move up in camp leadership; don't worry – there is a lot of fun to be had for all!

For more information please go to the county website :

<http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/SummerCamp/>

San Mateo County 4-H Fashion Revue and Hobby and Crafts Expo on April 30, 2011

We need you to help plan and execute the event! Please contact Robin Nielsen at 650-759-7118 to let her know if you would like to help. Participants may want to bring reading material to read while they are waiting while the judging is taking place and perhaps water to drink outside of the changing room.

Friday April 22nd, 2010

Entries due to Robin Nielsen

rjlnielsen@comcast.net

2444 Melendy Dr., San Carlos, CA

Fashion Revue Schedule:

Saturday April 30th , 2010

12:00 p.m. – Fashion Revue Registration

12:30 p.m. – Fashion Revue Judging Begins

1:00 p.m. - Craft Expo Registration

1:30 p.m. - Craft Expo Judging Begins

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. – Demonstrations & Workshops

3:30 p.m. Fashion Show

4:15 p.m. Awards

4:30 Refreshments Served

Families and friends are encouraged to come for the Fashion Show plus the Hobby & Craft Expo (record book credit can be given for attending 2 County events) which concludes with the Award Ceremony for both the Craft Expo and Fashion Revue. Tasty refreshments will follow the awards.

Please plan to arrive no earlier than 3:20 p.m. for the Fashion Show so that the judging can be finished without any delays. As you can imagine, we never know exactly how much time is needed to complete the judging. The Fashion Show will take place after the judging has been completed, which is estimated to be approximately at 3:30 p.m.

4-H'ers working on hobby of craft projects independently are welcome to enter those items; please note – no school projects. NNP projects without end products, i.e. Air Rifle, Leadership, Community Service, Drama, Automotive, etc., are encouraged to enter presentation boards. 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.

IMPORTANT: Please read the guidelines and regulations carefully.

Mail all forms to Robin Nielsen, 2444 Melendy Dr., San Carlos CA 94002

Or you may email entries to: rjlnielsen@comcast.net

If you have any questions, call Robin at 650-759-7118. Before mailing, please double-check your entry. It is the members' responsibility to prepare their entry and make sure it arrives on time.

Registration Packet can be found on the county website at:

<http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/files/80491.pdf>

Farm to Fair Meeting, Clifford Library, April 26, 2011

April 26 at 7 PM, meeting is at Clifford Library. Are you bringing an animal to the County Fair? If so, this meeting is a required event as we get our club organized for those busy days. Questions, then call Bruce or Maeve Knoth at 650-654-4975.

Hometown Days Approaching

Danielle Grimsby is coordinating the parade decorations so make sure you see her to sign up to ride a scooter or to bring an animal. Come to the April meeting with your calendar so you can sign up for time slots at the information booth and the dime toss booth.

Record Books Due on May 17 – 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 have a “drop-in” record book workshop on the afternoon and evening of May 8, 2011 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 records book updated and done. RSVP to 654-4975

San Mateo County Fair is Coming in June

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 June. 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 signup sheet for baking cakes and working the booth at the year-end meeting on May 17, 2011.

We are looking for Fair ticket donation 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 Maeve or Bruce Knoth know.



Cookie Contest Judging Results

And the winners from the cookie contest are.....

For the cookies:

First place: Anthony Musch with his oat/chocolate bar

A very close second place: Benjamin Wolking with his peanut butter cookie

An even closer third place: Nicole Case with her pecan oatmeal cookie

For the Junior Judging:

First place: Claire Woodell

Second place was a 7 way tie: Anna Paczuski, Chris Nielsen, Kathryn Stratz, Evelyn Rossi, Taylor Meeks, Kate Lyn Sutherland, and Will Korsch

Congrats to all the bakers and junior judges for making it such a tight race

~ Heather Sutherland

Piggies!



Pigs arriving at the 4-H Farm, April 3, 2011.

Kiss the Pig Contest

We are trying to raise money for the San Mateo County 4H Scholarship Fund by having a Kissing the Pig contest. The object is to get people to donate money to you to see you kiss the pig (we are hoping to raise \$250 per person who kisses the pig). We currently have 12 people trying to raise money and would love to see more people join in Kissing-The-Pig or help raise donations. Please contact Scot Marsters at sam@gene.com for donation forms.

Lambies!



Kelsey and lamb, April 2011.



Jesse and lamb with lamb breeder, April 2011.

Lamb Buying Trip

On Sunday March 27 we drove to Santa Rosa to pick out and buy our lambs. When we arrived there was a trailer filled with 10 lambs. We each picked out the one we wanted to buy. We gave our new lambs' de-wormer by a syringe in the mouth. Kelsey got to help dock a tail on a five-day-old lamb. We really learned a lot. Pete Albers the lamb breeder delivered the lambs to us on Monday. All 8 lambs are now at the farm and have adjusted quite well. This is my first lamb and I am super excited about everything I am learning. We feed the lambs every morning and feed and exercise them every night. All the lambs now have names, mine is Camaro. Stop by the farm and check them out, the pigs are there now too so it really feels, looks and smells like a farm.

~ Sarah Sutherland

4H & Lions Working Together

Thank you 4H for your help at the Lions Club Bingo & Crab Cioppino, I hope you had a lot of fun. There are two more opportunities for the 4H to help the Lions Club: the first is at Hometown Days May 21 & 22. In addition to the 4H Information Booth and Dime Toss, the Lions will be having a Hamburger Booth and a Cotton Candy, Popcorn and Snow Cone Booth that we could use volunteers to help at. The second opportunity is our 'Parade Your Pride' Car Show on Sunday, June 5, 2011. We are looking for volunteers to sell drinks, volunteers to help with the auction and adults to help park the cars from 6am to 10 am. I will have signup sheets at the April and May 4H General meetings.

~ Scot Marsters

Lions Club Car Show "Parade Your Pride" June 5, 2011

Members, please take a moment to write down a time to help the Lions Club for their annual car show on June 5, 2011, at Sparky's Garage in San Carlos. The Lions Club is donating the proceeds from this years' show to our club. It is beneficial for all members and a parent to participate in volunteering a few hours to assist in assigned tasks. This activity is accountable for community service for your record book. The Lions Club will need help with selling raffles tickets, selling drinks, help with auction items and adults to help park the show cars from 6AM to 10AM.

Plus you will have the benefit of seeing all the tricked-out cars with fantastic paint schemes and the elements of customized auto body engineering along with the muscled horsepower from chromed-out engines and customized exhaust flow systems! You too may be a gear/petrol head and not know it! Sign-up sheets will be circulating during the April and May general meetings. Hook yourself up for a really good time.



Project Reports

Beginning 4-H

On Saturday, April 2, we made decoupage collage art to enter in the County Fair. First, we cut out pictures from magazines and books and glued them onto pieces of plywood. We also glued fabric, tissue paper, drawings that we made and photographs. Second, we coated our projects with Mod Podge. They looked cloudy at first, but the glue dried clear. It was fun! Our final meeting is May 7 at 3:30pm. We'll mount hooks on the backs of our boards so that we can hang them and then we'll put another coat or two of Mod Podge on to protect them. I love 4-H!

~ Benjamin Wolking

Wildflower Hiking

We went to Stulsaft Park to go wildflower hiking. It was really, really fun! We saw lots of unique flowers. When we got to the creek we had to cross the stones or the pipe. There was a rope swing there, too, and we swung on it across the creek. It was a really fun hike.

~ Taylor Meeks

Medieval Arms & Weaponry

At the last meeting we made leather-bound shields. First we took a piece of plywood (all ready cut with holes drilled in) and sanded down the holes. Next, Lisa marked where the strap holes would be and cut them. After that, we sanded the strap holes down and threaded the straps through the sanded holes. Then, we took a foam tubes with a slit down the side and placed them around the edges of the shield. Next we took some leather and used a pencil to mark where the holes were. After that we poked out the holes with a leather-punch. Then we used lace to bind the shield. We got to take our shields home. It was really fun. This shield is really nice, I will use it when I'm fighting with Nerf swords!

~ Maya Donovan

Want to Find Out More About 4-H?

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

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Next newsletter deadline: May 12

We welcome and encourage articles written by members. Newsletter articles can be sent to Shelle McGee-Lucas via email at straycatgt@comcast.net. Also articles can be hand written and mailed or dropped off if experiencing computer issues. Call 508-8392 for address.