

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:
May 17 at 7PM, Clifford School

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President's Message

Hello 4H members!

This month is yet another busy month for us but I'm sure that will just make it all the more fun! This month we have the exciting San Carlos Hometown days! Every year our club has participated in the parade and up until recently, we have won first place in that parade. This year our junior/teen leaders have started a float committee so that we may regain our lost title! I hope everyone comes to ride and help out with the float we have so many members that we can make a very impressive showing!

Also going on this month is pizza and bingo night at our general meeting. This is the meeting to go to. Every year after our May meeting, we play bingo and eat pizza; its great bonding with all our club members! Please try to bring one-dollar bills because it will make the selling of pizza and bingo cards an easier and faster process.

The final reason to attend this meeting is because it counts for two meetings this month! Meaning if you miss this months' meeting then you've missed two meetings out of the year. So I hope that is all a very enticing incentive to come to this months' meeting, two meetings, pizza, and bingo. I will see everyone at the meeting!

-Rebecca Lewit



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 drinks and lots of fun prizes!
Feel free to bring a prize to donate
(worth \$5 or less).

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

May 17	7PM May general meeting
May 17	Record books due to community leaders
May 21 - 22	Hometown Days! Sat. 8:15-11 Float decorating and parade Sat. & Sun. 10-5 Dime Toss and Information Booths open
May 28	State 4-H Field Day, UC Davis
June 5	7AM-3PM Lions Club Car Show
June 11 - 19	San Mateo County Fair
June 19	Cake Booth service at San Mateo County Fair
Aug 21	Club BBQ and Recognition & Awards Ceremony

Line up for Hometown Days Parade

Get ready for San Carlos Hometown Days! This annual celebration happens **May 21, 2011**. 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 "Home Run Fun." 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 Central Middle 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 4-H 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. Email Danielle Grimsby if you plan to bring an animal, scooter or bicycle at danigrimsby@yahoo.com

So to review:

- Arrive at 8:15am on Saturday, May 21.
- Wear your 4-H t-shirt or uniform (including the hat) or green and white.
- Wear comfortable walking 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 your decorated scooter or bicycle
- Bring extra decorations from your project and a way to secure them.
- Confirm via email to Danielle Grimsby if bringing animal or scooter/bicycle

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. This event takes place during Hometown Days. Please contact Scot Marsters at sam@gene.com for donation forms.

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 cannot 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 Candidates

Hello, my name is Peter Warrick. Being a 4-H'er for the past 7 years, I have participated in a variety of projects from raising an animal for fair to being Teen leader for the Beekeeping Project. I have also been active at the county, state, and national level, having been a club representative to the SET meetings, attended the sectional and state leadership conferences, and was selected as one of 6 California delegates to the National 4-H Conference. I would enjoy the opportunity to put the leadership skills and knowledge I have learned to good use as President of the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club. Please vote for me!

My name is Tristan Knoth. I've been a member of this club for 8 years, and a junior teen leader for 4 years. I've also held the office of treasurer for the last two years, where I kept us afloat during the financial crisis. In 4-H, I have done many things, including raising goats and chickens and pigs and having an amazing experience going on an exchange to Costa Rica for a month. I have a Gold Star and I'm beginning work on an Emerald Star project. As president, I would attempt to make sure the club works for everybody. It's important that we have active projects, like mountain biking. To quote everybody who has ever used my name, "Tristan...is...perfect".

Vice President Candidates

My name is Kate Lyn Sutherland and I am 16 years old. I have been in the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club for six years and this year I will be running for Vice President. Over the past six years I have been in a wide range of projects like hobby crafts, cooking, chickens, lambs, wildflower hiking, and more. I would be honored to be your Vice President because I love 4-H and I love the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club and I will do anything for the club to make it better than the best. As a National 4-H Conference Delegate and a member of the State Leadership Conference Logistics Committee I have seen how 4-H works on the club, county, sectional, state, and national levels and I am willing to bring all that information back to the club to help it thrive. I am also more than willing to go to all the County Council meetings and take over for the president when he/she cannot make it to club meetings. As your club secretary for the past two years and a Jr/teen leader for the past 4 years, I understand the great responsibility of being a leader and I am willing to use all I have learned to stand up for what is right for you as the members of the club. Thank you. Please vote for Kate Lyn as your 2011-2012 Vice President!

My name is Peri Wong and I am running for Vice President of the San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4-H club for the 2011-2012 year because I know that I will be the best option for this position. I have been a loyal member of this club for nine years, almost ten, and I have been active in

many projects and many 4-H activities on the county, sectional and state level. This past year, I was a chair on the Sectional Leadership Conference Staff, and before that, I was a cabin leader and a workshop presenter for two years plus a delegate for two years before that. In 2009, I was a delegate at the State Leadership Conference and between those conferences I was active in the Sectional Youth Council and the Club Leadership project. If you vote for me, Peri Wong, San Carlos 4-H will prosper.

Sergeant At Arms Candidate

Hi, I'm Sarah Sutherland and I am running for Sergeant at Arms. I am 12 years old and have been in the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club for 7 years. I have been a Junior Teen leader for one year. I am very excited about running for this position. I have always wanted to be part of the Board. I have watched for years how the Sergeant-At-Arms controls the club meetings and I've always thought that it would be a great position for me.

I love this club and would be honored to be elected to the board. Please vote for me.

Treasurer Candidate

Hi my name is Maeve. This is my 5th year in 4-H. I've done multiple presentations at Presentation Day and have helped out with Sectional Presentation Day. I'm also on the Junior Fair Board. I want to be Treasurer because I have been the treasurer of my Girl Scout troop for six years and know how to keep records of money being put in and out of the account. I also know how to put checks and money that we get from 4-H into the bank. 4-H has been a great and fun time so far and I hope to endure more in the last few years that I have left in this club. I have had many leadership roles in my Girl Scout troop. I'm also very responsible and honest.

Secretary Candidate

My name is Summer Weaver and I'm running for the position of Secretary. I'm fifteen years old, and am a freshman at Mercy High School. Even though this is only my second year in 4-H, I absolutely love our club. I've participated in many projects including sewing, poultry, community service, and sheep, and I hope to do more in my future years. I think my organization and writing skills would make me a great secretary. Also, I would be super excited to be even more involved in the club. So please, vote for me!

Candidate for Membership Chair

My name is Isabella and I am running for the membership chair. I have been in 4-H for about 5 years and have signed up for a whole lot of the different projects in our club. I am currently a Junior Teen Leader for the Beginning 4-H Project, the Manga Project, and the Astronomy Project. And I am also in Advanced sewing and have recently participated in the Fashion Revue this year. Okay, enough about me, so let's talk about you guys for a second: How many of you have been in 4-H more than one year? ...And how many of you, with your hands up, remember your first year in 4-H?... What I remember was eating pizza and cookies, playing BINGO, and doing all that fun stuff at the general meetings! But, you know what I also

remember, and all the super nice older kids come to say "hi" to me during all the meetings, whether it was woodworking or beginning 4-H, there was always a JTL there to greet me or to answer my never ending list of questions. And as the Membership Chairperson, I would be responsible for welcoming and getting to know new 4-H members. I want to be the person that new 4-Hers can go to when they have questions or just as someone to talk to about their projects and how much fun they're having in 4-H.

Record Books Due on May 17 – Get a Jump on Them

Members who plan to show animals at the San Mateo County Fair **MUST** have their record books at the May 2011 General Meeting. All other members who hope to earn a pin and year stripe, can bring record books to the Knoth home at 519 Prospect Street, San Carlos, in early June 2011.

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.

San Mateo County Fair is 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 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, June 20. 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? Or the cake fell over? Please buy two-layer 8" or 9" store-bought cakes are perfectly fine.

Please sign-up at the May general meeting. Vera Warrick (warrick@plsinfo.org) and Beverly Kellogg (bevannm@ymail.com) are our cake booth coordinators. Contact them with questions or to sign up to work or donate 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. Sign up at the May general meeting to help or contact Claudia Case (casefamily@hotmail.com) or Vicky Lewit (my1to3@aol.com).

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 every June. This year's theme, CAMP NENTENDO, runs from June 19 – 24. Club members 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/>



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.

The 2011 National 4-H Conference

On April 2nd-9th we along with 6 other people from California traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the National 4-H Conference. The National 4-H Conference takes place every year at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase Maryland, just a few miles from Washington D.C. We started the conference with meeting people from the other 48 states including some delegates from Canada and Puerto Rico. We also gave out beach balls during the trinket triad. Throughout the conference we meet in groups called round tables that talked about a specific topic. We were both in different round tables but they were both about the environment and national forests. We also attended workshops on how to improve presentations and how to make a point. In the round tables we learned a lot of things about other states such as that Delaware has no national parks and Louisiana has parishes instead of counties. At the end of the conference we both presented our ideas from our round tables to the Department of the Interior and the National Forest Service at the USDA. After we gave our presentations, we went to the Capitol where we met with Congresswomen Jackie Speier and the aids to both Senator Boxer and Feinstein. After the Conference, California and some of the other western states spent an extra 2 days in Washington D.C. We were able to go to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, International Spy Museum, Lincoln Memorial and other memorials, and Arlington National Cemetery. But our favorite memorial was the F.D.R. Memorial; it took you through all the years of his presidency and was beautiful. We both had an amazing time at the National 4-H Conference that we will remember forever. We would also like to encourage everyone to apply to the conference so they can have the same amazing experience that we had.

Peter Warrick
Kate Lyn Sutherland

Project Reports

Beginning Sewing



4-H National Conference



Taylor wearing her vest she created.

Beginning 4-H

We met members of the Community Service Project at the 4-H farm. We saw their lambs and looked at the pigs. Then we watched the lambs being shown in the ring at the farm and learned about how to judge them. We weighed one lamb on the new scale. We finished our decoupage projects for the County Fair.

--by Benjamin Wolking



Beginning 4-H Project visits the Farm.

Manga Project Japantown Field Trip

On a surprisingly beautiful, warm Sunday on April 10, the Manga Project took an exciting trip to Japantown in San Francisco. There we visited one of the largest manga bookstores in the United States. We also visited many other shops in the Japantown shopping center, such as Daiso (a \$1.50 store from Japan), one of the largest Sanrio stores (Hello Kitty), and various collector shops. Japantown was also sponsoring a special event-the 44th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. There was live music and the streets were filled with all types of food booths, clothing booths, even origami booths. There were exhibits including one displaying ancient Samurai sword and artifacts. An anime artist was even selling his artwork. Afterward, enjoying Japantown to the fullest, we tried different foods like sushi, udon soup, shrimp tempura, edemame, and unagi. We all had a great time and want to visit again soon!
-Isabella Paragas

Want to Find Out More About 4-H?

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