

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

Issue Two

<http://www.sancarlos4h.org>

October 2011

Next General Meeting:
Oct. 18, 2011 at 7 PM
Clifford School, Redwood City



President's message

October is the month we sign up for projects. This year we, as a club, are undergoing what some consider a major change. Change can be bad. For example, the monthly president's letters used to have content. However, change can also be good, even though we may not yet realize its' worth. No, I'm not talking about the change in leadership. I'm referring to our new project-enrollment system. This system, to put it as simply as possible, is almost exactly the same as the old one, just without the frantic scrambling and annoyed parents. With this system, you simply list the project that you would have sprinted, pushed and kicked to get to as your number 1 priority. I, for one, am looking forward to it. We have some really fun projects (I like mountain biking and parkour), and some projects that you will be excited about. This month should start off a great year of learning things, so we want it to start off as well as possible, with no contusions.

Sincerely,
Tristan Knoth

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

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| Oct. 17 | 7PM Life Skills & Hobbies, Fox School in Belmont |
| Oct. 18 | 7PM October General Meeting and Project Fair |
| Oct. 29 | 9AM – 12PM Winterizing the Farm (required for animal project members) |
| Nov. 1 | 6:30PM Animal Project Leaders Meeting, SMCO Event Center |
| Nov. 5 | Enrollment and Award Social (see article for details) |
| Nov. 14 | 7PM County Council Meeting, Fox School, Belmont |
| Nov. 15 | 7PM November General Meeting |

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Registration Reminder

Please remember to bring completed registration forms with payment to the October meeting. (Extra forms will be available.) We encourage all 4-H parents to register as volunteers. Registration is essential for any parent whose child will have an animal at our farm this summer. Registered adult volunteers receive liability protection for all 4-H sponsored events (such as driving for field trips, visiting the farm, etc.). Membership fees are \$52 per youth member, with no fee charged for adult volunteers. Register online through our website and bring completed medical forms and your check to the October 2011 general meeting. All returning members must be fully registered by October 31, 2011, to be considered "in good standing" for the 2012 San Mateo County Fair. Do you wonder if your registration is complete? Please e-mail our registrar, Karen Biggers, at kgallion05@yahoo.com.

Important Attendance Policy Reminder

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Club Attendance Policy

80% attendance at the club's monthly general meetings and 80% attendance at the project meetings are needed to exhibit any project at the San Mateo County Fair. 80% attendance at the club's monthly general meetings is required to obtain a star rank. 80% attendance at project meetings is required to earn record book credit for "project completed" for each project.

An excused absence will not count against the 80% calculation.

Excused absences include illness, religious commitments, or mandatory school activities (one-time meeting, school play, or concert). Other excuses may be presented to the Steering Committee for authorization.

Bring a note to the club secretary the month before or after your excused absence so it can be recorded.

Homework and school social activities are examples of non-excused absences.

If you will have to leave early or arrive late on a regular basis, please provide a note of explanation to the club secretary. You can still receive credit for attendance, but more than two late arrivals or early departures will disqualify you from earning a 100% participation pin.

You are responsible to find out what you missed at the general meetings.

You are encouraged to make-up the missed meeting with community service time: volunteering at schools or special-needs programs, or representing the club at Lions Club activities, Hometown Days, and the San Mateo County Fair (auction, cake booth, Redwood Hall attendant, and Pen Pride).

Don't Forget Those Medical Forms!

Did you know that a copy of that medical form you fill out for your child must be given to each of your child's project leaders? The forms are meant to help protect your child while not under your supervision and may contain essential information about allergies, medications, phobias, etc. These forms are essential; they allow medical providers to care for your child if your child gets hurt. It is your job to provide a copy of this form the leader of each project your members enrolls in.

Please fill out a separate form to give to each project leader. Please note that if you make photocopies, each copy must have a fresh signature to be valid.

What is the easiest way to do this? Go to the club website and find the medical release form. Fill it out on your computer and print as many copies as you will need. Is your child signing up for four projects? Bring four copies. (Bring an extra if in doubt.) Sign each one (signatures must be original) and bring them to the October meeting. We will have blank copies at the meeting, but you might prefer to fill out forms ahead of time. Many thanks for helping us complete this important job.

—Maeve and Bruce Knoth

This Year's Projects

Thanks to the parent volunteers who have enthusiastically offered to lead the following projects for the 2011 – 2012 year:

Thanks to the parents who have enthusiastically offered to lead the following projects for the 2011-2012 year. As you think about projects for your family please watch your e-mail and check the website for the project list complete with details about age restrictions, meeting times and dates and additional fees. New members should consider signing up for just one or two projects as you get to know 4H and what involvement is best for your family. At the October General Meeting each member will receive a project list and, after talking to project leaders, will rank projects and turn in their project registration (rather than sign up individually with project leaders as we have done in the past).

Backpacking
Secret Language of Baseball -
scorekeeping and statistics
Bees
Beginning 4-H
Canning and Preserving
Community Pride and Community Service
Cooking- Beginning
Cooking- Advanced
Drama
Demonstrations
Duct Tape and Jewelry Making
Engineering With Wireless Sensors
Farm Construction
Favorite Foods Day Project
Goats- Market
Goats- Dairy
Hobby Craft- Hand Sewing
Hobby Crafts- Beginning

Interviewing
Leadership Development
Manga Art
Mountain Biking
Parkour
Poultry- Beginning and Market Turkeys
Poultry- Competition
Poultry- Market Chickens
Rabbits Husbandry and Market
Sewing, Beginning, Intermediate and
Advanced
Sheep
Shooting Sports- Air Rifles- Beginning and
Competition
Shooting Sports- Archery, Beginning and
Intermediate
Skateboarding
Transportation- Buses, Trains and Planes
Woodworking- Beginning

4-H'ers: Please read the detailed project grid that arrived in your e-mail and is posted on our club website **before** arriving at the October general meeting project fair so you can find out the schedules for each project and make good choices when you sign up.

Want to Go to CAL (Creating a Leader Conference)?

4-H members in 7th grade and up are invited to register for the North Central Division Creating a Leader Conference at Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma. It will be held from January 20 - 22, 2012. The North Central division includes Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Amador, and El Dorado counties.

Successful leadership is best learned in two ways: by observing it in others and by trying it oneself. The CAL Leadership Team is composed of former delegates who are now in charge of planning and delivering the Conference. The overall focus of CAL Conference is to provide a platform for youth leaders to share their joy, knowledge, and enthusiasm with their peers. The educational focus of CAL Conference is for delegates to enhance their techniques to demonstrate leadership in how they behave, in their attitudes, and in the words they choose to use.

Mark your calendar and watch the county newsletter and this newsletter for further information.

San Mateo County Awards 11/5/2011

San Mateo County 4-H will be hosting the Enrollment and Awards social on November 5, 2011 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1835 Valota Road, Redwood City, CA, from 2-4pm. This is a great chance to see what is happening in 4-H around the County and for many of our members to have a chance to visit with friends they see at the Fair and other county-wide events.

See you there.

~ The Knoths

Flood County Park Cleanup

On September 25, 2011, 4-Hers gathered at Flood Park in an effort to "save the park" and secure a piece of the park for a new 4-H farm. Flood Park is a San Mateo County owned Park and has been closed for aqueduct work. It appears that it may be passed to the City of Menlo Park because of certain financial issues. 4-Hers from the San Carlos-Eaton Hills Club and Canada Club pitched in by helping to clean up the beautiful park for its temporary reopening and to demonstrate how 4-Hers are responsible. There was painting, pruning, and washing stations. I participated in pruning the pine trees. It was a lot more fun and challenging than I had expected. I would definitely attend another Flood County Park clean-up event and would like to encourage other 4-Hers to attend as well.

By Dina Ferguson



Flood Park clean-up crew with 4-H'ers of San Mateo County

4-H Million Trees Project

This year we are offering a County wide 4-H Million Trees project. This project is for Middle school children and older. Here is the information sent from the Belmont club:

We'd be pleased to have some of the Middle and/or High School San Carlos 4-Hers join us. The kids can get a lot out of 4HMT, which is quite different from other 4-H projects. We do have periodic (but not regularly scheduled) project meetings where we plan events, make decisions (such as to grant funds to tree planting projects around the world), and prepare for big planting or speaking events. A lot of the work in this project is done remotely and online. For example, one 4-her just prepared a flyer to be distributed at the National FFA Convention coming up this month in Indiana. She did it at home and e-mailed it out. Julien, another middle school 4-H'er, is currently working on a grant proposal, and we just submitted another one last week. We also hold tree planting events, such as the one last month where we planted some coastal live oaks in a county park. Most members are from Belmont, Pacifica and Coastside 4-H. When we meet, we try to spread it around so folks don't have to do the same drive on an irregular basis

Tom Webber is the Project Leader of the 4-H Million Trees Project, which is based in Pacifica (www.4hmilliontrees.org). This project was conceived in 2008 by Tom's daughter, Laura Webber after watching Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth.' The 4-H Million Trees Project (4HMT) is an international service-learning project to inspire over 6 million youth to plant one million trees to slow global climate change. To date, over 38,000 youth in 46 US states and other nations have planted over 277,000 trees.

4HMT (cont'd.)

The "headquarters" of 4HMT is in San Mateo County as a county-wide 4-H youth project with some 5-10 middle/high school aged youth members who, in addition to planting trees, make presentations about the project, write articles about 4HMT and write grants to raise funds in order to plant trees. For example, right now, Julien is writing a grant proposal to the California 4H Foundation to ask for \$1000 in order to be able to plant some 20 trees in Flood Park this winter or spring. The group also makes decisions about whether to match funds requests from other 4HMT projects around the country as they identify tree planting projects of their own. Julien was lucky enough to have the "board" vote to match grant funds he worked to get for the Reforesting San Bruno project. The most recent grant decision that the 4HMT "board" made was to fund a tree planting project team in Kenya, which we're calling 4HMT-Kenya

Please let me know if you are interested and I will pass on the information to Tom Webber. Thank you.

Katherine Schembri
San Carlos 4-H Project Coordinator

4-Hers Lead the Pledge of Allegiance to Open City Council Meeting

During the National 4H week, five youth members from the San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4H club attended the Menlo Park City Council Meeting on October 4th. Our group members and an adult volunteer, Julie Wong, met before the meeting and discussed the specifics of how we would lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge. At 7:00, our group stood at the chamber's podium in front of the city council members and led the audience through the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge.

Representing 4-H at the City Council Meeting during National 4H Week is a wonderful way to spread the word about 4H and improve your public speaking skills. It would have made a bigger impact if we had more youth attend the meeting. I encourage 4Hers to take the next opportunity for this or similar event! Thanks to all of the 4Hers who did come and represent 4H during National 4H week!

By: Sebrienne Ferguson

Goat Project Meeting

Hello all you Goat members.

We will have our 1st Goat meeting on October 29th at the 4-H Farm in San Carlos, beginning at 10:00. We will fit it in between winterizing the farm for the season. Bring gloves, health records and a parent to sign a waiver for the other ranch where I keep our dairy goats. Any questions call Judy Grimsby @ 591-2212 or email me at judy.grimsby@yahoo.com

Thanks

Judy Grimsby /Heather Sutherland co – leaders

The Socializing Rabbit Project Gets a New Location

This year there is a big change in the socializing rabbit project. The PHS/SPCA has built a new state of the art facility that is three stories on Rollins Road in Burlingame. The rabbits all have new enclosures and it is beautiful. Our TLC time is much better as well. We now work with the rabbits in the same room they are housed in. It is so much fun and I strongly encourage anyone with rabbit experience to join this project. You get to help socialized the rabbits which helps them find their forever homes. It is a lot of fun and very rewarding, and did I mention, the new building is beautiful.

Sarah Sutherland

Want to Find Out About 4-H at the County Level?

You can subscribe to *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter. To do this:

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

Also, you can do the following:

[Download and view the newsletter here.](#)

Next newsletter deadline: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Email newsletter articles to Shelle McGee-Lucas at straycatgt@comcast.net - thanks. Call me, too, to drop off newsletter articles if you can't access the internet; phone 650-508-8392.