

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:
Dec. 18, 2012 at 7 pm,
Clifford School, RWC



President's Message

Happy Holidays 4-H'ers,

December is my personal favorite time of the year. Why? Because I love how everything smells like cinnamon, the taste of gingerbread cookies, the glimmer of lights, and of course the club Holiday Gift Exchange! Please remember bring one unisex wrapped gift that would be appropriate for a boy and/or girl and doesn't cost more than \$10. Also come dressed in your finest holiday apparel: dancing Christmas tree hats, reindeer antlers, or light up menorah sweaters are always a good choice. This holiday season, "There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy, when they pass coffee and the pumpkin pie." It'll nearly be like a picture print by Currier and Ives. These wonderful things are the things we remember all through our lives." May your holiday season be filled with happiness and good memories. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Kate Lyn Sutherland



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

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Dec. 18	7 PM	December 2012 General Meeting
Jan. 8	7 PM	So You Plan to Show at Fair meeting
Jan. 15	7 PM	January 2013 General Meeting
Jan. 22	7 PM	Record Books 101
Jan. 25 - 27		CAL Conference

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 **your** age group. If you are between the ages of 5 and 9, bring a gift for a member in that age range. If you are between the ages of 10 and 19, bring a gift for a member in that age group. These are broad age ranges, so be creative and please do not spend more than \$10 on the gift. Please mark the outside of the gift with the appropriate age group. Please make sure the gift is something you would like to receive.

Record Books 101 – January 22, 2013

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 22, 2013 at 7 PM in the Clifford School 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.

~ Maeve and Bruce Knoth

So You Plan to Show at Fair – January 8, 2013

On January 8, at 7 p.m. ALL members who hope to bring an animal to the County Fair in June, 2013 must come, with a parent, to our important informational meeting. This meeting is for those who are bringing small and large animals, even those who hope to bring dogs and/or covies. The Fair requires that 4H members meet certain requirements before being allowed to show. Learn about these requirements and learn about how Fair can be a great experience for you and your family. Animal Project Leaders will take attendance. Questions, please contact Maeve and Bruce Knoth at 654-4975.

Reports from Members

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day

The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences will hold its 37th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day on March 1st (Job Interview) and 2nd (all other contests). This field day is open to FFA and 4-H high school students, who come to Davis to compete in agriculturally based judging contests. UC Davis students coordinate the contests while faculty and staff serve as advisors.

The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2013 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. 4-H youth must be 14 to compete, but *NEW THIS YEAR* there are the three levels of participation for 9-13 year old 4-Hers in the livestock contests:

1. Observe students participating from a designated area.
2. Judge classes in a designated group and record placing's in personal notebooks, no placing cards will be turned in and no oral reasons given.
3. Judge classes in a designated group; turn in placing cards and present oral reasons. Not tabulated or eligible for awards and all cards will be returned to coach at end of contest.

* All sheep and cattle classes will be available for viewing by coaches and contestants at the conclusion of placing, swine classes at the conclusion of oral reasons.

4-H groups must register as a team. Have your adult project leader (and team coach) register at <http://calaged.csuchico.edu/registration/> Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes. After your team is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to "UC Regents" and mailed to:

Attn: Courtney Rhodes
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

Deadlines:

November 12: Online Registration opens

February 8: Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due

February 8: Online Registration closed

February 15: Payments must be postmarked - We are now enforcing a \$25 late fee for payments postmarked after the 15th.

Field Day questions may be sent to

fieldday@ucdavis.edu <mailto:fieldday@ucdavis.edu> or visit

<http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday>

4-H questions may be sent to Sarah Watkins at spwatkins@ucanr.edu<mailto:spwatkins@ucanr.edu>.
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"Life is an event, stand up for it"

Contest Descriptions

Agricultural Mechanics

Students will compete in six different areas of Ag Mechanics. These areas include: Tools and Material identification, a written test, Arc Welding, Electrical Wiring Skills, Plumbing Skills, and Soil and Water Management Skills

Agronomy

Students judge agronomic crops, primarily field crops, for value and quality. They must identify crops and weeds and give oral reasons for their placements.

Farm Power and Machinery

The contest shall be designed to test a student's mechanical skills and abilities relating to power equipment used in agriculture, and shall serve as a training forum for students interested in pursuing a career as an equipment technician.

Forestry

This contest consists of the following areas: Plant Identification Tool and Wood Identification, Acreage, Compass, Knowledge, Table Interpretation, Timber Measurement, and Tape Measurement.

Job Interview

This contest is designed to stimulate interest and acquaint members with the employment procedures they will face when applying for a job. The contest will also allow students to demonstrate oral and written communications through the process of a mock interview and job application.

Light Horse Judging

This contest consists of evaluating 8 classes of Halter and Performance Horses. Students shall also present two sets of oral reasons.

Livestock Judging

Students judge cattle, sheep, and swine classes and present oral reasons for their placing.

Meats Judging

Students evaluate carcass merit and retail cuts of meat for beef, lamb and pork products.

Milk Quality and Dairy Foods

Students identify various dairy products, take general information tests and evaluate quality deficiencies in milk products.

Poultry Judging

Students judge live birds, carcasses, eggs, processed foods and retail cuts of poultry products. Contestants take a general knowledge test and give oral reasons on their placing.

Small Engines

Contestants troubleshoot malfunctioning engines, take tool, parts and general knowledge tests on small engines.

Specialty Animal Judging

Students demonstrate knowledge and handling of rabbits, take general knowledge and tool tests, judge classes of rabbits and give oral reasons for their placing.

Red Cross and Second Harvest Food Bank Donations

Great job San Carlos 4-Hers!! At the last meeting we collected \$47.85 for the Red Cross to help with Hurricane Sandy relief. All those quarters and dollars added up.

For our food drive, 200 lbs of pasta, cereal, and canned foods were collected and delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Carlos. That will help feed a lot of needy, local families. We should be proud of ourselves for helping with these community service projects.

- Laurel Nelson

Beginning / Primary 4-H

At this month's Primary 4H meeting we met at the San Carlos Library. We made reindeer and decorated peace signs. We made snowflakes. We made houses out of holiday cards. We made flowers out of paper. We stuck cloves into oranges to make cool designs. And then we went to the Redwood City Holiday Parade and joined up with a lot of other 4H members. There was a 4H dog in the parade. Whenever it passed people on the side would say, "oh how cute!" It was fun marching down the street in the parade. We saw fireworks afterward.

By Greer McGhee

4-H Timeline

"Bleed Green: The 4-H Clover"

By N. S. Grimsby Historian

The green and white four-leaf clover emblem of 4-H is one of the most widely recognized logo of any organization. Historians have traced the clover symbol back to 1903 in

Iowa. Two educators, Jessie Field (left) and O.H. Benson (right), are credited with introducing a three-leaf clover.

Each leaf contained an imprinted H, representing the head, heart and hands. Later, some other states began displaying the clover to identify products produced by youth agricultural clubs

The now-familiar four-leaf clover emblem, the fourth leaf representing health, replaced the three-leaf insignia in 1911.

Benson, the Iowa teacher, had been appointed a USDA field agent for demonstration work with young people, and he brought the successful logo to Washington D.C. with him in 1910.

Another USDA field agent, O.B. Martin, proposed the formal adoption of the four-leaf clover as the official logo of the youth organization at a conference for Education in the South in Richmond, Virginia, in 1913. It was approved unanimously.

Gertrude Warren is given credit for giving the name 4-H to the program. She joined USDA in 1917 to organize expansion of canning demonstrations and promote food conservation during World War I.

The clover symbol had been in use for several years, but the term 4-H was more a shorthand name than an identification of the national youth movement. Ms. Warren used the name in a publication in 1918, and promoted its usage thereafter.

Next Timeline topic: Lincoln and Agriculture

Upcoming County Events Calendar

17 Lifeskills & Hobbies meeting, Fox School, 7pm

21-23 Bethlehem AD, contact Jeff Richardson at 650-455-2329

31 President's Environmental Youth award nominations due, www.epa.gov/peya

31 Western Region Leader Forum registration deadline,
<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/>

Jan. 27 - 29 CAL Conference

Want to Find Out More About 4-H?

San Mateo County Highlights Website:

Highlights are available online!

Follow the simple steps listed below to receive an electronic copy.

STEP 1: Go to the county 4-H web address:

<http://www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/>

STEP 2: on the navigation area click on "newsletters"

STEP 3: On this page you should see, "*4-H Highlights*" - *click on this option*

STEP 4: "Subscribe to Newsletter - receive e-mail when this newsletter is updated", enter email address in the box under this heading.

Your subscription will start with the next newsletter. For those without an Internet connection please contact Wendy Rotchstein at 650-726-9059 X 101.

Next newsletter deadline: January 9, 2013

Email newsletter articles to Shelle McGee-Lucas at straycatgt@comcast.net - thanks. Or call for address to drop off newsletter articles if you can't access the internet; 650-508-8392.