

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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November 2013

Next General Meeting:
November 19 at 7PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

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President's Message

Hey 4-H'ers,

As the leaves start to fall and the days get shorter, you can clearly see that fall has started to set in. Along with Fall comes Thanksgiving and thus, being thankful for the many great things we have.

This month, we are trying to give the kids in our community something to be thankful for by collecting new toys and donating them to children in need. I hope we can all join together this season and make a huge difference!

--Jesse Taylor



This Month's theme:

Bring a New, Unwrapped Toy to Donate

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November 18th *County Council*
November 19th *General Meeting*
December 10th *Holiday Caroling*
December 17th *General Meeting*
January 21st *General Meeting*
January 24th-26th *CAL Conference*

Toy/Gift Drive at the November Meeting

Our club is collecting toys for St. Francis Center in Redwood City. St. Francis Center provides a variety of services for very poor families. In December, the center's "Christmas Store" gives their client families an opportunity to select one or two toys for each child in the family. Often, the toys from the center's "Christmas store" are the only toys a child receives all year.

The Jr/Teen Leaders decided to focus on the Toy Drive this year and we will hold our annual food drive later in the year. The St. Francis Center REALLY needs great gifts and if each of us donates a GOOD toy or gift, we can have a real impact. Please consider purchasing something extra special. The Teens and Tweens love accessories such as jewelry, watches, colognes, scarves, sporting attire and sweatshirts. The youth all love sporting goods such as indoor soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs, jump ropes, pull up bars and wiffle balls and bats. Gift certificates to Redwood City stores such as Target and Ross are always great choices since they are close to the neighborhoods served by Saint Francis Center. The gifts must be new, unwrapped and something YOU



would enjoy receiving!

Say "Cheese"!

At the November meeting, we will be taking a group photograph of all club members. The photo will be posted on the club website. We also use this photo in thank you notes to our supporters. Don't miss this meeting! Come prepared to smile!



Make a Holiday Card at the November Meeting

At the November general meeting, we will be making holiday greeting cards to give to the residents of the Carlmont Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility and Convalescent Home. Every club member is encouraged to contribute to the collective burst of these caring creations!

Registration Reminders

All Parents: Please consider becoming a registered volunteer. Registered adult volunteers receive liability protection for all 4-H sponsored events (such as driving for field trips, visiting the farm, etc.), and help ensure the safety of all our children.

Farm Parents: If your child plans to have an animal at the farm this spring, we need you to register as an Adult Resource Leader. No child may be at the farm unless accompanied by at least one officially registered adult. That means that you and your child may not be alone at the farm (for a morning feeding, etc.), unless you are registered with 4-H. Take care of this important requirement before the spring animals appear!

Questions: Contact Bill Sharrat, club registrar, at 650-244-1943.

Medical Form Reminder

Parents: Please remember to provide each of your child's project leaders with a separate completed medical form by the first project meeting. Forms can be found on our website www.sancarlos4h.org. (Look for the link at the top of the home page.) Be sure to discuss with the project leader any information that may impact your child's participation in project activities.

Project Leaders: Do not allow parents to drop off their child at your first meeting unless you have a completed and signed medical form in hand. You can print the forms from our website www.sancarlos4h.org. (Look for the link at the top of the home page.) Have some extra forms for parents to fill out. Look over the completed forms and discuss with parents any matter of concern (allergies, etc.) Keep a complete set of the forms with you at all project meetings.

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 24-26, 2014. 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.

Please go to the County website for more information and to register.

Share the Holiday Spirit!



All club members and their families are invited to our holiday caroling event at Carlmont Gardens, a skilled nursing facility and convalescent home, at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 10. For the past few years, we have entertained residents in their recreation room and then strolled through the facility singing for the bedridden patients. Our audience is always so appreciative and they invite us back every year. Enthusiasm and a cheerful spirit are more important than singing

ability at this event!

- What?** Holiday caroling!
- When?** 6:00 pm – Tuesday, December 10
Please be prompt! Our audience goes to bed very early.
We will be done by 7:15 pm at the latest!
- Where?** Carlmont Gardens, 2140 Carlmont Drive, Belmont
(Near Carlmont Shopping Center)
- Who?** 4-H members, parents, siblings, friends, and relatives!
Don't be shy! Wear those antlers, stocking caps, and Santa hats!

Member Reports

In the 4-H Beekeeping project this year, we went up to the farm to learn more about the bees. We have had 2 meetings so far. We had an optional meeting, and an official meeting with all of our members. All of us got a chance to learn about bees, put on suits, and open up the hive to see all the bees and parts of the hive. We took out the frames in the hive one by one, sorted them, and got to see what the bees were doing. We also got to use a handheld smoke device, a very important tool for beekeepers. We had a great time at the farm this last meeting.

--Cale Hallamasek



Hi ! My name is Elise and I volunteered at my first Lion's Club Tri-Tip Dinner Saturday night. We served the people there and helped prepare the food. It was a lot of fun and I met some new people. I think it was a great experience. I think everyone should try it.

--Elise Wacha

On November 9th we had our first hand sewing class. We made a pansy hair clip and it is really cute. There was three different color pansies you could choose from. There was purple,yellow,or dark and light purple. It was really fun making them!!

--Ashley Vaccarella, 1st year member

Beginner 4H was very fun. My favorite part was making bracelets. My brother's favorite part was catapulting pennies. That was also fun. I got to finger knit. I cannot wait until the next Beginner 4H meeting!

-- Süsse Vorzimmer "

COUNTY CALENDAR EVENTS

Up coming events

- **November 18, 2013 - County Council meeting in the Multipurpose Room at Fox Elementary School in Belmont, CA**
- **November 16, 2013 - North Central Sectional Family and Consumer Science Presentation Day**

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

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In the little purple box, click on "4-H Highlights".
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