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Next General Meeting:
DOUBLE MEETING

May 20th at 7:00 PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

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Co-Presidents: Maeve Keegan and
Jesse Taylor

Vice President: Anya Knoth

Treasurer: Cormac Keegan

Secretary: Sarah Sutherland

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Jr. Farm Boss: Daphne Schwartz

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President's Message

Hey 4-Hers,

Maeve and I (Jesse) are writing our final Presidents letter together to commemorate our 80th 4-H meeting in this wonderful club. Having our last meeting is somewhat bittersweet, of course we are sad to be leaving the club that we have had so many great memories in over the years but we are also really looking forward to being able to use the skills 4-H has taught us in college and the rest of our lives.

Our parting words of wisdom are this: Take advantage of 4-H and all the other parts of your childhood and learn everything you can, have as many experiences as you can, and try to leave a lasting legacy. Time goes much faster than you think and oftentimes people look back at their past wishing they had more time.

The meeting this month will count as two meetings, 20% of the total club meetings for the year. At this final meeting the JTL's decided to recognize all the projects, participants, and leaders, all of whom are vital to the smooth functioning of our club.

We both look forward to visiting and seeing how much you have all grown and developed, maybe we'll even make a little progress ourselves.

Regards,

Jesse and Maeve



This Month's Theme

Elections and Celebration of the 4-H year!



UPCOMING DATES

May 20	7PM - May general meeting
May 20	Record books due to be in good standing for Fair. All other record books due by June 30
May 17 – 18	Hometown Days! Sat. 8:30-11 Float decorating and parade Sat. & Sun. 10-5 Dime Toss and Information Booths open
June 7 – 15	San Mateo County Fair
June 15	Cake Booth service at San Mateo County Fair
June 15-20	4-H Summer Camp

Bring 4-H Whites to May Meeting

We would everyone to please remember to bring their old whites to the next general meeting. Since fair is fast approaching, the bin of whites will be available. Feel free to add a pair, take a pair or just peruse. Old shirts are needed, as well. Thanks, Melissa Stewart

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:**

President

Whenever I, Anya Knoth, play 2 truths and a lie, I always say that I am in an organization that allows me to raise lambs, help to manage a club of 130 members, and practice skills like cookie decorating and beekeeping. Nobody ever believes that.

Being in 4-H for 10 years has been an experience I can never forget. I have served as Corresponding Secretary and normal Secretary, as well as your Vice-President this past year. I have raised 5 lambs, 1 goat and countless chickens, and I have made good friends while doing these things.

One of the reasons I have been able to do this is the older, teenage leaders that helped run the club and made me a part of the group. Anne Peale was president when I joined the club. She was in a few projects with me, and I loved being around her. To my dismay she graduated and went off to Dartmouth with me still here, a third-grader. Luckily, Anne would come back and take me ice-skating and hang out with me whenever she was home on a break, and we have been friends since, despite the huge age gap.

Anne made a huge impact on me as a young 4-H'er, and represents someone I strive to be. I have always (and still do) look up to the remarkable leaders of this club and would like to use the skills that 4-H has helped me to develop to follow in their footsteps. This year, I would be honored to serve as your president and help to make your experience just as extraordinary as mine has been. -Anya Knoth

Vice-President

My name is Laurel Nelson. I am running for the position of Club Vice-President. I have been a member of the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club for 6 years. I have acquired lots of leadership experience in 4-H that will help me in this Club position. I have been the Junior or Teen Leader for the Presentation Project for four years. I have been a member of the San Mateo County Fair Junior Fair Board for two year, this year serving as Vice President. I have also been a 4-H County All-Star this past year.

For this coming year, I would also like to use my leadership skills to help out at the club level. We have a great club with many new and returning members. I would like to help ensure that everyone gets as much out of their 4-H experiences as I have, and see that our club continues its reputation as being one of the best 4-H clubs around!

Vote for Laurel Nelson for Vice-President!

Treasurer

Hello, my name is Cormac Keegan and I am running for treasurer again. I was the treasurer last year and I have learned some things from the last year. I have been working hard for the last year to make sure the budget is correct. I have been responsible and know what to do and how to do it. I believe that my experience will help me and know what to do and when to do it. I have been responsible and I know that I am the best choice for the treasurer the job. One vote for me will be a step in the right direction. So vote for me Cormac Keegan for treasurer.

Secretary

Hi! My name is Sebrienne Ferguson, and I'm running for the position of Secretary. You may know me as the photographer in the Beekeeping project, the teen leader of the SET project, or the current Corresponding Secretary. I've been in 4-H for five years and I am very passionate about dance, swimming, computer programming, and writing. I think I would be a good fit for the position of Secretary because I am good at taking notes, keeping track of things, and organizing, which are important for the position. I have also served as our club's Corresponding Secretary and Membership officer. Please vote for Sebrienne Ferguson as our club's Secretary!

Jr. Farm Boss

Hi everyone! We're Daphne Schwartz and Anthony Musch, and we're running for junior farm boss together. We are running together because we believe that two heads are better than one, and we want to make the farm better step by step. We work together well which makes us perfect for the job. Daphne has been in 4-H for 5 years, and has raised 2 lambs, and a pig on the farm. Anthony has been in 4-H for 4 years, and has raised chickens and a lamb on the farm. We both love the farm and are happy to be there, and hope to continue to make the farm a fun and happy place to be! We look forward to another year on the farm, so please vote Anthony and Daphne for junior farm boss!

Sergeant At Arms

Hi! My name is Anna Quinlan and I'm running for 4-H Sergeant At Arms. I'm 13 years old, and a 7th grader at Hillview Middle School. During my time in 4-H, I have participated in the Cooking, Backpacking, and Archery projects, in addition to being a Junior Teen Leader for one year. I would be a great Sergeant-At-Arms since I'm good at controlling crowds. My job, if elected Sergeant-At-Arms, would be to make sure there's order during our meetings so that we can get done faster. Who else wants more time to do fun activities after the meetings, like Capture the Flag? Thanks, and please vote Anna Quinlan for Sergeant-At-Arms.

Record Books Due on May 20 – 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 2014 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, by June 30, 2014.

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 are claiming credit for demonstrations, you must complete a Demonstrative Verification Form and submit it with your record book. Forms are available from the club website.



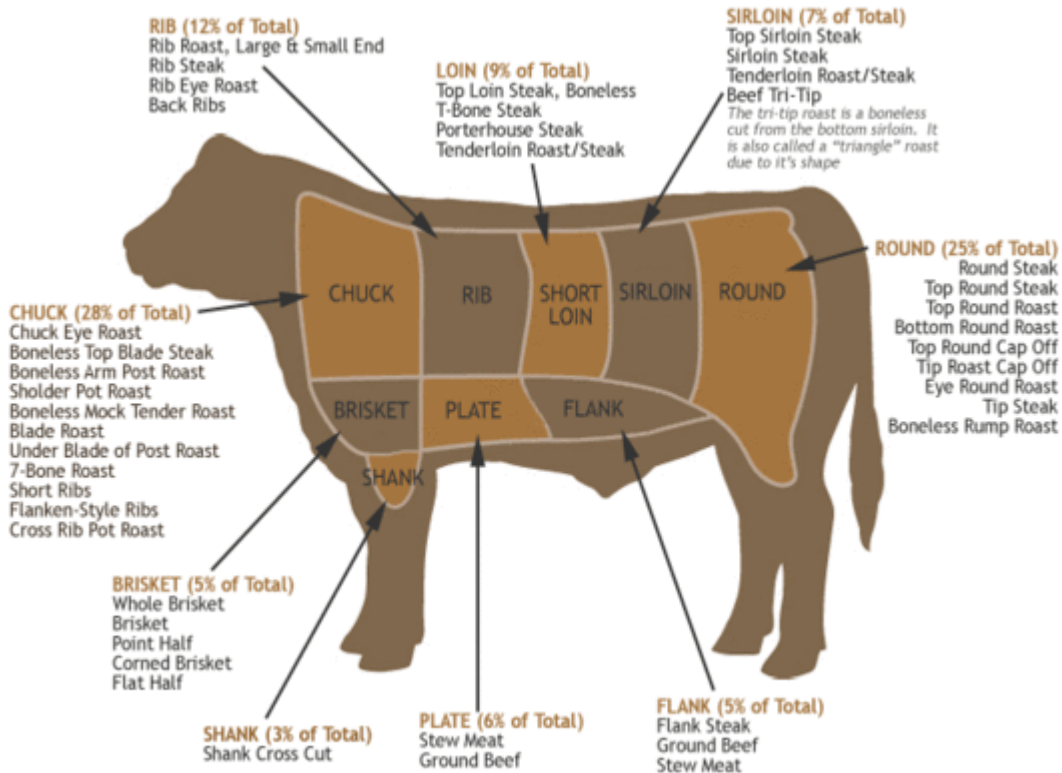
Cake Booth at Fair

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 15**. 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. Please contact our cake booth coordinators Jason Gische gische@cs.stanford.edu and Maria Smith at maria.smithsmith@gmail.com. They can answer your questions, get you signed up to work the cake booth, or how/where/when to get your cakes donated!



“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 \$2 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 3 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 Jeanine Musch is the new coordinator at jeaninemusch@gmail.com.

Notice:

Year round ranch space available. I have been keeping my kids goats/sheep and my dairy goats at Ralston Ranch in Belmont for years. Nice quiet place. Located right off Ralston Ave and 92.

If interested Please call ranch manager Rich Braun At 591-0181.

I am usually there between 3:30 and 5:00 most nights or contact me at 339-1846.

-Judy Grimsby



Member Reports

Fun Time at North Central Sectional Presentation Day:

This year, I was a room host at the North Central Sectional Presentation Day. It was held at UC Davis.

I got to meet 4Hers from all over Northern California. Everyone was very nice and I had a lot of fun. I liked all of the presentations in my room. There was one about how to light a fire, another was about what to feed your cavies, and another was all about water polo, there was even one about how to birth a lamb. As room host, I announced each presenter and the title of their presentation and gave the rules for people in the room, such as that no one is to help the presenters, no one but the judges can ask questions, the door is not allowed to be opened while a presentation is going on and everyone has to turn off their cell phones and no video taping. Most of the presenters in my room were from Solano County.

Davis is a two hour drive in no traffic and I needed to be there by 9am. So, we stayed overnight at a hotel in Davis which was a lot of fun. On the way there, we stopped at the Nut Tree in Vacaville and played on the see saw and had Thai food. It was very, very rainy on Saturday and we drove straight through. We did not see many kids from San Mateo County or Eaton Hills. That is the one thing that would have made it better! I hope to do this again next year and see you there!

--Nicole Klein

Backpacking Project Hikes to Wildcat Camp in Point Reyes

The 4-H Backpacking Project chose Point Reyes National Seashore for its overnight trip this year. Our merry band of hikers included Jesse Taylor, Anna Spalletta, Anna Quinlan, Maya Donovan, Sofia Demers, Nathalie Farkas, and three adults -- Paul Quinlan, co-leader John Schuck, and me. Paul Demers hiked in with us but didn't stay overnight. After picking up the camping permit from the Bear Valley ranger station, we drove to the Palomarin Trailhead and started hiking. The trail ran north along the coast and through dense wooded areas. We saw wildflowers, banana slugs, deer, and lots of poison oak. After about four miles we dropped our packs and scrambled down to Alamere Falls for lunch. Alamere Creek flows right over the cliff onto the beach below and is really spectacular. We continued hiking to Wildcat Camp and found our campsite, one of eight campsites set behind the bluffs near the ocean. We walked south on the beach back toward the falls, and then came back and cooked pasta and sausages for dinner. When it was almost dark we made a driftwood campfire on the beach and cooked s'mores. During the night it started to rain. Anna Q and Sofia's tent leaked, so Anna went to her Dad's tent and Sofia squeezed into Maya and Nathalie's tent. Fortunately our food stayed dry in the metal food locker so we ate breakfast, loaded our packs, and hiked out. As we discussed during our project meetings, you have to be prepared for all kinds of weather in the backcountry, and we were put to the test. In all we hiked 14 miles. The kids' packs weighed an average of 22 pounds which was approximately 20% of their body weight. Everyone got along really well and demonstrated excellent backcountry skills.

By Laura Deck, Co-Leader



On April 26th and 27th, the backpacking project went on their annual backpacking trip. There were six members that attended, and it was very fun. It rained on us! I woke up at around two in the morning and our tent was soaked! It turned out that our tent wasn't waterproof. Same with all of the other kids' tents. The adults were the only ones who had dry tents! Both the inside and the outside were wet. That's why I ended up in my dad's tent at two in the morning. The only pair of pants I had brought were soaked. Same with my shoes. That's why, on the trek back to the trailhead, I had two squeaky plastic bags inside my shoes. But, the beach was beautiful, and the times we had at Point Reyes were fun.

By Anna Quinlan



Beginning 4-H:

The 4H'ers made a recycled materials scarecrow to enter in fair, decorated cupcakes and worked on their record books. A great end to a fun project!



The Knitting project

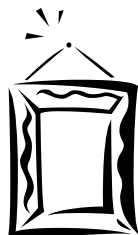
This year I was in the knitting project. You probably heard of knitting as the thing you do with two needles and yarn. It is an amazingly fun project. This year I did three projects: A scarf, elephant and cat. The project leader decided that after kids practiced and got good enough, they could knit an animal. Since I was in the project last year, I finished up the scarf I was working. I also made an elephant; it was the first animal I ever made and it was with a very tricky yarn. The knitting project was fun. It was very funny when people decided to have a lamb and a pig (both knit by the project leader) get married. It was funny but really weird. I brought all three of my projects to the Arts and Crafts Expo. I got two red ribbons (my cat and scarf) and one blue (my elephant). Overall, the knitting Project is fantastic. -- Elisabeth Rossi



Community Service Project:

At the May meeting the community service project went to Family Connections. We took photos of the kids and their parents and had them decorate a picture frame. Also, we brought animals to show the kids. I brought my chicken, and we brought many more animals too. It was fun. I liked working with the kids.

-Taylor N. Meeks



Rabbit Project:

On April 26th we met at Peggy Scholl Farm to see a working old fashioned farm. We got to see sheep, rabbits, bees, geese, chicks and chickens. There were new baby lambs to feed and stroke. We learned that it is very important to provide a clean and healthy environment for your animals.

--Andrew Gould



S.E.T visits the *Intel* Museum:



Manga Art:

On the manga trip to Japan town we did many fun things. We also went to a Japanese restaurant we went early because it gets really busy later in the day. After lunch we went and learned how to make origami and I made a Pikachu it looked exactly like Pikachu. After that we went to *Diaso* (Japanese \$1.50 store). All in all it was a pretty great experience. –Anna Smith



Manga Art goes to Japantown, San Francisco.

Beginning cooking:

We made salsa, guacamole and our own tortillas all from scratch!



UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

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