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Next General Meeting: Sept. 16 at 7PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

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### President's Message

My fellow 4-H'ers,

In case you happen to be wondering why I got this prime spot to write in the newsletter, it is because this year I am your club president. Expect to see a letter from me every month detailing the happenings in the upcoming general meeting. This month, however, I have no particular agenda except to praise 4H. We all know why 4H is great-you get to wear all white (a universally flattering color) and walk around with livestock in circles. However, there are many parts to 4H that are not always known. You can backpack, cook, learn beekeeping and all the while develop leadership skills that others will be jealous of.

So, with this in mind, come to the September meeting excited to learn about 4H or getting back into the swing of things. Tell your parents to sit in the back with the rest of the adults and introduce yourself to someone new (it can even be me)!

~Anya Knoth

This Month's Theme:
Welcome Newcomers
and
Wear Green

### **UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS**

Sept. 15	7 PM County Counsel Meeting, San Bruno Farm
Sept. 16	7 PM September General Meeting ~ Clifford MUR
Sept. 26	Junior Fair Board applications due, http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/files/152055.pdf
Sept. 30	7 PM Returning Parents Meeting ~ Clifford Library
Oct. 1	7 PM New Parents Meeting ~ Clifford Library
Oct. 7	7 PM Project Leaders Meeting ~ Clifford Library
Oct. 21	7 PM October General Meeting and Project Fair

### It's Time to Register Again



Returning youth members and adult leaders *must* re-register for 4-H *immediately*. Fees for youth members will be \$60.00, with no fee for adult leaders. Please bring your checks and health forms to the SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING so we can complete this task immediately. We encourage all 4-H parents to register as volunteers. Registered adult volunteers receive liability protection for all 4-H sponsored events (such as driving for field trips and visiting the farm). The 4-H fee covers State and County dues, insurance for 4-H members at 4-H events, and insurance and fees for parent volunteers. Once these expenses have been covered, the rest is used by our club to pay for food and supplies for meetings and special events (such as the annual barbeque). You can learn more about our budget at the October general meeting when the club members approve the budget for the coming year. All retuning members must be fully registered and paid by October 31, 2014, to be considered "in good standing" for the 2015 San Mateo County Fair. Got questions? Then contact our registrar s Bill Sharratt at bill.sharratt@gmail.com or Jason Gische at jgische@yahoo.com.

### **Returning Parents Meeting September 30, 2014**

Welcome back to another great 4-H year! 4-H cannot exist without parent participation. Our members have requested some exciting, new projects that require parent support in order to happen. We need new, enthusiastic leaders and assistants! Please attend this meeting to learn what our club is planning and how you can contribute to a fun and meaningful 4-H year.

Returning parents, do you have a child who might raise an animal on our farm this spring? If so, you <u>must</u> come to this meeting. Once we go over general business of the year, we will dismiss those parents not involved with farm animals, and hold a special planning meeting regarding farm animals.

### New Parents Information Meeting, October 1, 2014

Do you know of any families who are interested in learning more about 4-H? Invite the potential 4-Hers and their parents to attend our Club's General Meeting on September 16, and invite their parents to attend the new parents' information meeting on October 1, 2014, at the Clifford School Library. This meeting (*for parents only, please*) will inform them about our Club's programs and activities, and we will try to answer all their questions about 4-H. For more information, call Maria Smith at 867-9773



### **This Year's Projects**

Many thanks go to the parent volunteers who have enthusiastically offered to lead projects for the 2014-2015 year. If you would like to lead or co-lead a project for this year, please promptly contact Katherine Schembri at kathandnora@aol.com.

4-H Members: Please think about the projects you are interested in. Sign-ups will be at the Project Fair, after our General Meeting, on Tuesday, **October 21, 2014**. It looks like it's going to be another epic year!



### Membership Chair

Hi! I'm Kathryn Stewart and am running for Membership Chair. This will be my 6th and final year of San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4H Club. I'm a HUGE animal lover and have spent many, many hours at the farm. I think I would be great for this position because I'm super outgoing and friendly, always wanting to meet new people. I think I could do a great job of welcoming new people to the club and welcoming existing people back to the meetings. I have an enthusiastic and positive vibe that can be a greater use to the club by becoming the Membership person. So thank you and please vote for me! (:

### Corresponding Secretary

Hi, my name is Nora Schembri, and I am running for corresponding secretary. I am 13 and I've been in 4-h for 7 years. I think I would make a good corresponding secretary because I am friendly and have a way with words. I have never held a position of office, but I have often been put in leadership roles. The role of a corresponding secretary is to write and send thank you notes on behalf of the club to donors and to assist the secretary with their job. I have helped with and participated in events such as the New Member Breakfast, the Hometown Days Parade, and Pen Pride at the fair. I love helping out so vote Nora Schembri as corresponding secretary.



### San Mateo County Fair Awards

Manga display booth receives blue ribbon at Fair!

By: Isabella Paragas

This past June, in the San Mateo County Fair, the Manga Project decided to make their biggest and most detailed entry to date. The display easily took up the size of two booths, measuring 12 feet across by 6 feet high, with two life-sized characters flanking either side of the entry.



The members either worked in small groups or solo on their portion of the manga. ("Manga" is Japanese comic books, where the dialogue is read from right to left, the opposite of English.)

In our group manga, the basis of the story was this:

Two siblings, Kat and JJ, are sucked into the video game realm after the power shuts off while they are playing video games. To find their way back into the real world, they must beat every game that JJ owns. Unfortunately, JJ is a bit of a collector.

#### (Manga Cont'd)

Each member/group worked on one "video game" that is a part of JJ's collection. The individual stories came together into one big comic. There were over 10 pages of the manga, fully colored and inked!



The only requirements the members had were: they must have the two main characters, there must be some sort of competition or conflict, and they must create a portal or door for Kat and JJ to exit into the next game. Each video game was completely unique, displaying the vivid and diverse imaginations of the young artists who created them.

Here are the artists featured and their influences:

Alexander F. - soccer goalies

Ava B. - cooking competitions

Felix W. - foxes

Alice D. - running mazes

Katie M. - Duck Hunt

Roman M. - Dad's old video games

Maja W. - shooting challenge

Sofia D. - capture the flag

Francesca F., Anna S., and Elise W. - saving the magic elixir

Gus E. - unicorn fights

Jackson M. - Minecraft

Natalie F. - mermaid races

### (Manga Cont'd)

Everyone was very excited to see their hard work come together! Thank you to everyone in the project; especially our backdrop crew and researchers: Spencer G., Cale H., Natalie F., Ava B., Sofia D., Alice D., Roman M., Francesca P., Elise W., Gus E., Jackson M., Anna S.

And a special thanks to the Mrs. Demers, Sofia, and Alice, who set up the whole display at Fair!

I look forward to having an amazing last year in this project and hope to continue seeing the project grow and improve.



### **Member Reports**

4-H County Fair in Ohio By: Elise Wacha

Over the summer I had a chance to visit the Cuyahoga County Fair in Ohio. In many ways the fair was similar to ours. There were posters up that symbolized 4H work, 4Hers were showing their animals, and 4H members brought their animals to the barn for housing. One of the main differences I noticed was that because there is so much farmland in Ohio there were tons of horses, cows, sheep, goats and rams. There were so many that there were two barns to house them all. One of the barns was only for horses. There were not a lot of smaller animals though. I even saw some Alpaca there! I also got a chance to explain to my cousins what 4H is all about. I had lots of fun at the Cuyahoga County Fair and hope to explore more county fairs and 4H exhibits worldwide.



The 4-H Cake Booth By: Evelyn Rossi

This Year as always 4-H did the Cake Booth. The Cake Booth is a place we're we sale cakes, cakes, coffee, water ,and lemonade. We make a lot of money at the cake booth every year which is why the cake booth is one of the most important fundraisers. I thought when I first got there that not many people would want to buy stuff. But I was wrong a lot of people came over and bought stuff. Surprisingly not all of them wanted something sweet like cake some people wanted drinks only. It was a lot of hard work but it was worth it. Because overall it was good to know I was helping my club.

#### Millionth Tree Ceremony

By: Elise Wacha

I recently attended the Millionth Tree ceremony at Huddart Park in Woodside. Laura Webber and her dad Tom originally started the project as a climate change project in Pacifica 4H seven years ago. During the ceremony many people talked about the project and the people involved with it. A field representative from Jerry Hill's Senate District gave an award to Laura and Tom for their hard work. They received a few other awards as well. Also during the ceremony, I helped plant the Millionth Tree with a silver shovel. The very first tree planted was named "Mill". And the millionth tree was named "Lion". Tree planting is now going on in places like Africa as well. It is also spreading to local county parks here in California. After the ceremony we moved to the Redwood Shelter and planted 25 Douglas Firs. I helped with digging, planting, fertilizing and fencing. It was a lot of fun and a fantastic project that more people around the world should be involved with.



## Market Poultry Project By: Daphne Schwartz

This last 4h year I was the JTL for the market poultry project. This year i wanted to make the project different and try to incorporate a way to give back to our community through the project. In the end I decided to run a 'food drive' or chicken drive is more like it! I raised 8 extra chickens, but in all the project raised 16 chickens to donate and serve to a group in Redwood City called Street Life Ministry's. This summer the project met back up and we bbq'ed the now processed chickens and brought them down to the shelter. People were so grateful because in general they do not get full pieces of meat as they did that night! I want to thank everyone who donated and participated in the reparation and serving of the meal!



### **COUNTY CALENDAR EVENTS**

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Next newsletter deadline: Wednesday, October 8, 2013

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Thanks!

