

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

**ISSUE TWO** <http://www.sancarlos4h.org>  
**October 2014**

Next General Meeting:  
October 21 at 7PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

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## **President's Message**

Shooting, science, sheep, and even socializing with seniors or bunnies. As you can tell, there is quite a diverse selection of projects for you to pick from at the project fair in October. And these are just the S's.

At the upcoming meeting, you have the opportunity to walk around (while wearing orange and black for the theme of the month) and visit a bunch of projects and choose which to sign up for.

Back when I was only 5 feet tall, only the biggest and strongest could make it to sign up for the most in-demand projects. A first-come-first-serve sign up system helped to accelerate Darwin's survival of the fittest process. However, after our insurance stepped in, the system has changed and now we can proudly say we are 3 years without any casualties during the project fair.

With that said, this year you can leave your sharpened fingernails and football pads at home. You will even have time to chat with project leaders and other members at your leisure before deciding what projects to join.

See you Tuesday!

~Anya

## **This Month's Theme:**

*Wear* **BLACK** *and* **Orange**



## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

October 21, 7 p.m. October General Meeting  
October 25 Family Connections Family Carnival volunteer opportunity  
November 8 Lions Club Tri-Tip Dinner  
November 18, 7 p.m. November General Meeting  
November 18 CAL Conference registration due  
November 24, 6 p.m. County Awards Event, Fox School

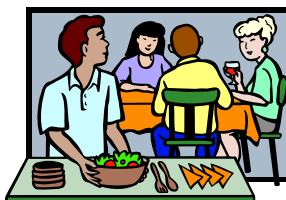
### Registration Reminder

Register online BEFORE coming to the October meeting and bring completed medical forms with payment to the October meeting. Your child will not be enrolled in projects until their registration is complete. 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. Membership fees are \$60 per youth member, with no fee charged for adult volunteers. All returning members must be fully registered by October 31, 2014, to be considered -in good standingll for the 2015 San Mateo County Fair. Do you wonder if your registration is complete? Please e-mail our registrar volunteer, Bill Sharratt at [bill.sharratt@gmail.com](mailto:bill.sharratt@gmail.com).



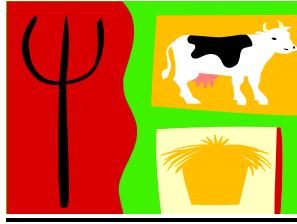
### **Don't Forget Those Medical Forms!**

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 direct supervision and allow medical providers to care for your child if s/he gets hurt. It is your job to provide a copy of this form to the leader of each project your child enrolls in. Please print several copies of the form, sign them and and give them to the leader at the FIRST meeting of any project.



### **13th Annual San Carlos Lions Club Tri-tip Dinner Saturday November 8th, 2014**

Come help serve dinner to the Lions Club, earn record book credit, make friends and have fun. Saturday, November 8 is the annual Tri-Tip Dinner fund raising event for the San Carlos Lions. For many years our 4-H club has provided the servers and the Lions donate money to our club as a thank you. This event is appropriate for members of all ages and we will need some adult help as well. Sign up to help by contacting Lisa Weaver at [lisa.weaver3@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.weaver3@gmail.com) or Linda Wacha at [wachamom@gmail.com](mailto:wachamom@gmail.com). Spots are filling up so don't wait!



## Farm Clean Up

Hi everyone,

For anyone who raised an animal last year, or will be raising one at the farm this coming year there is a mandatory farm cleanup. This is also a great way for anyone who isn't involved in the farm yet but would like to be to join in and see how the farm works! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 2nd. 12-3 pm. The farm address is 99 Oak Creek Lane, San Carlos 94070.

Hope to see you all there!

-Daphne and Anthony



## Fun Opportunity to Help a Wonderful Organization

Family Connections is asking San Carlos Eaton Hills 4Hers to provide additional volunteers to help at their annual carnival on **Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 11-2**. The carnival will be held at their East Palo Alto location. Volunteers will be helping to give out prizes at the carnival.

Family connections is parent- participation preschool for low-income families with newborns to five year olds. It provides education for parents and children to be better prepared for kindergarten and life.

In addition to getting a warm feeling for doing something to help out an important community resource, this will count as a 4H related community service event for your Record Books.

Please contact Jessica or Nicole Klein or their mom Esther Klein if you are able to come or would like more information: email: [esther136@comcast.net](mailto:esther136@comcast.net) or call 408-761-0047.

## San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Projects 2013 to 2014

2014-15 PROJECTS: The List You Have Been Waiting For !

Thanks to the parents who have enthusiastically offered to lead the following projects for the 2014-15 year. As you think about selecting projects, please watch your e-mail and check to club website for the project list complete with details about age restrictions, times, dates and additional costs. We have some new projects this year so read the descriptions below to learn more about them. New members should consider signing up for just one or two projects as you get to know 4-H and what involvement is best for your family. As the October General Meeting each member will receive a project list and, after talking to project leaders, will rank projects and turn in their completed project registration request form. Members will hear from project leaders shortly after that General Meeting about enrollment in particular projects.

Backpacking  
Beginning 4-H  
Community Detectives: Mission: San Carlos  
Hands Across the Generations: 4-H at the San Carlos Elms  
Computer Programming  
Cooking- Beginning  
Cooking- Intermediate  
Drama  
Demonstrations  
Duct Tape and Jewelry  
Hobby Crafts  
Horse  
Knitting  
Lambs  
Leadership Development  
Manga Art  
Pen Pride- Raise Pigs for the County!  
Poultry: Market Chickens  
Poultry: Show Chickens  
Rabbits: Socializing Bunnies  
Rabbits: Care, Keeping, Show  
Science, Engineering and Technology  
Shooting Sports: Beginning Archery  
Shooting Sports: Advanced Archery  
Swine

New Projects for the 2014-2015 4-H year:

### **Hands across the Generations 4-H at the Elms**

During our regular trips to this San Carlos senior living facility, we will make new friends, teach skills and learn something ourselves. Activities might include helping seniors with their iPads, dancing to music from their juke box, playing wii bowling, gardening, reading aloud, and playing board games. Sign up and help us decide! ...Ages 8 and up...

## Community Detectives

Mission: San Carlos – All Ages

Do you like figuring things out? Do you like coming up with creative ideas?

Community Detectives is on the case. In this project, you will use your detecting skills to figure out problems in San Carlos that need to be solved. The mysteries are “What does San Carlos need?”, “What are the problems?”, “What can we do about it?” and “How can we make San Carlos even better?”

You will join together with other 4H members and create a community-service project that makes San Carlos an even better place to live, play and learn. What’s the problem we’re going to solve? For now, that remains a mystery...for you to help solve.

## Horse Project: Ages 9-13

The 4H Horse Project is intended to be a fun and interactive way to teach kids about horses, and themselves, through their interactions with horses on the ground. There is much more to horses than just riding and so emphasis will be placed on acquiring basic horse knowledge and the importance of building relationship with horses.

## Computer Programming:

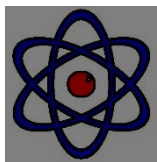
Love computers? Want to get to know yours better? Sign up for computer programming this year. This project will teach computer programming using the MIT Scratch program. Ages 10 & Up

**Pen Pride Project:** Get involved with raising animals on the farm and making money for San Mateo County 4-H while you do it. The Pen Pride project members will raise a pair of pigs and the responsibility for care and farm work will be shared among the members. Have you wondered if raising animals is for you? This can be your chance without the full commitment of a large animal.

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

4-H members in 7<sup>th</sup> 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 23-25, 2015. 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. Registration deadline is November 18.



Explore **SciEnTech** All Around You!

The 4-H SET project this year will explore different parts of your world. Will it be robotics, rocketry, chemical reactions, electricity, 3-D Printing, or...? Each meeting will be different and offer hands on activities. Check out our table at the Projects Fair. We will meet every 2nd Saturday of the month 3-5pm at the San Carlos Library 2nd floor. For more information or if you are interested in being a guest scientist/engineer/computer specialist contact Aida Paragas at [aidaparagas@hotmail.com](mailto:aidaparagas@hotmail.com) or Doug Magie at [doug.magie@gmail.com](mailto:doug.magie@gmail.com)



### **Manga Art Project**

Do you like to draw? Or do you want to learn how to draw?

Then join the Manga Art Project, where you will be able to meet kids with that same interest. Members from ages 9 to 19 are welcome!

If you are at all interested, please feel free to email the Adult Leader, Aida Paragas, at [aidaparagas@hotmail.com](mailto:aidaparagas@hotmail.com), or myself, the creator of the project, at [paragas.isabella@yahoo.com](mailto:paragas.isabella@yahoo.com). Or, talk to one of the 4 new Junior Teen Leaders before or after the meeting; Sofia and Alice Demers, Maja Watte, and Ava Barganier.

The Manga Art Project meets every second Sunday of the month in the San Carlos Library from 1:15 to 2:45.



### **Who Loves Rabbits??**

If you do, come and join the Rabbit Project. You don't have to own a rabbit. You don't have to show a rabbit at Fair. Come to our meetings once a month and learn how to take care of rabbits, different breeds of bunnies, and have lots of hopin' fun! For those who are showing at the Fair, we will help you prepare for it. Hope to see you there!

Heather Vaccarella  
Project Leader

### Lost & Found

Who lost their lime green Camelback water bottle with a gray top at the last meeting? Also found was one junior's cropped gray jacket. See Melissa Stewart if they belong to you.

# MEMBER REPORTS



“On Saturday, September 27, me, my brother, my friend, and my parents helped the Coastal Cleanup at Montara beach. We found bottles, plastic, and styrofoam. I had a lot of fun doing it and I think that you should do it too.”

-Lillian Fox, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
4H San Carlos Eaton Hills

Over the weekend I went to Elkus Ranch with my mom and my friend for a 4H project leader meeting. While my mom went to a lecture we kids got split into groups. I was in a group with my friend, which was nice. Most groups decided to sit in a room to draw, but my group wanted to go on a hike to the creek. When we got to the creek we decided to follow it but then the path stopped. We were all disappointed until someone came up with the idea to build a bridge. At first I thought it was a joke but then we actually did it! We ended up building 4 bridges. Also, underneath a bridge (not one we made, one for cars to go under) we found a bunch of live bats! Then we had lunch. After lunch we made rockets and my group's came in second place! All in all Elkus ranch was a great experience! I am also really glad that my mom will be more involved with 4H!

-Jessica Klein

## **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 completedll 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).

## COUNTY CALENDAR EVENTS

<a href="#">C.A.L. Conference Registration Deadline</a>	11/18/2014
<a href="#">County Awards Ceremony</a>	11/24/2014
<a href="#">County Council Meeting</a>	11/24/2014
<a href="#">Life Skills and Hobbies Meeting</a>	12/15/2014
<a href="#">4-H Day at the Oakland Raiders</a>	12/21/2014

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

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Click on "4-H Youth Development Program".  
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