

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

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Next General Meeting:
March 17th at 7:00 PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

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President's Message

Hi 4-Hers,

This month is the long awaited cookie judging meeting. After our usual business agenda, you guys will have the chance to judge and eat lots of delicious creations made by 4hers like you! In order to be able to overdose on sugar though, there has to be cookies to eat. Take this opportunity to make 12 of your best cookies/brownies/bars and show them off, and maybe even win a prize! I highly recommend you bring brownies (those are my favorites) but any baked good is acceptable.

In addition to cookie judging, another great opportunity to make food is coming up. The county Life Skills Festival and Field day on April 18th will have both an arts and crafts expo and iron chef competition, so if you are good at either arts and crafts or cooking, you should probably enter.

See you on Tuesday!

~Anya

This Month's Theme:



Wear Green and bring cookies for judging!

UPCOMING DATES

March 17 7 pm March General Meeting
March 22 1 pm Farm Clean-up
March 28 North Central Sectional Day, UC Davis
March 31 7 pm Steering/ Club Leadership meeting, Enthoven home
April 11 Animal Check-in, County Fairgrounds
April 14 7 pm April General Meeting (NOTE SPECIAL DATE!!)
April 18 Life Skills Festival and Field Day
April 26 Animal Challenge
May 16-17 Hometown Days
May 19 / 7 pm May and June General Meetings

Record Books Due in May

All record books will be collected at the May General Meeting. This is an especially important deadline for members who are bringing animals to the County Fair. The Fair requires that you be in "good standing" to take your animals through the gate and we must have your record book for that to be true! All members are encouraged to turn in a record book. If you would like any help, please call Maeve and Bruce (654-4975). We encourage you to make an appointment to drop by our house and work on your book with our help

Hometown Days is Fast Approaching

Our 4-H Club has a big presence at the San Carlos' Hometown Days celebration, and we want this year to continue on our tradition! Express your 4-H centennial pride and plan on participating in at least one of three ways:

Saturday, May 16, 9:45 AM – PARADE FLOAT
Arrive at 8AM to decorate the FLOAT!

Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17, our club will host **two** booths:
DIME TOSS BOOTH and the INFORMATION BOOTH.

Please plan to sign up for either the DIME TOSS or the INFORMATION BOOTH. It is fun to participate and interact with the community. There will be sign-up sheets at our next club meetings. Participation counts for record book credit!

~ Maeve and Bruce



Farm Cleanup

Hi 4Her's!

The farm is off to a great start! We have 8 happy pigs living with us this year at the farm: Charlie, Oliver, Case, Petey, Poppy, Freida, and our two pen pride pigs: Patty and Pierre!

Would you like to meet them? Well they'd love to meet you! Please join us on Sunday, March 22nd at 1 p.m. at our farm (99 Oak Creek Lane, San Carlos 94070) to meet our funny friends and help prep our farm for the 2015 season! This is mandatory for anyone raising an animal on the farm, but we would love for everyone who can to join us, and experience what the farm is like!

Hope to see you all there,
Daphne and Anthony



Life Skills Festival and Field Day

Mark your calendar for the first ever Life Skills Festival and Field Day! This is a new event, combining Favorite Foods Day, Fashion Revue, and the Arts and Crafts Expo. There will be activities all day, so families are encouraged to attend even if their children are not competing in the events.

Important details:

When: April 18, 2015 9:00am-2:30pm

Where: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1835 Valota Road, Redwood City

Registration: will be online and live March 15, 2015 - This link will have info and instructions on registration: http://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/Calendar/_Events/ (not up to date yet but will be March 15)

Open Categories:

Arts and Crafts expo - Open to any 4-H member, members do not need to be in a 4-H arts and crafts project

FFD Open Category - Iron Chef - members do not need to be in a food project to enter this category of the FFD competition - Category Details: Make a dish at home and bring it with you. The dish must contain an ingredient of your choice commonly found at a salad bar. The dish does not have to be a salad! Use your imagination!



Glassware Needed

In order to make the DIME TOSS a success, we also need you to collect glassware for prizes. Check your cupboards, ask your neighbors, talk to your grandparents. If each member brings a full box of miscellaneous cups, glasses, plates etc., then we will have enough prizes for the weekend. Bring glassware to the meetings, or drop off at the Weaver home at 2145 Greenwood Avenue in San Carlos. –the Dime Toss Committee

May Meeting - Save the Date - Two Meetings in One !

For our May general meeting, May 19, 2015, we will hold two club meetings back to back. Mark your calendar now. This way we will complete ten club meetings before the County Fair begins in early June. If you need 80% attendance because you plan on showing an animal at the Fair, be sure to attend the May meeting!



San Mateo County Fair: What Are You Showing?

Maybe you are thinking that the County Fair is just for 4-H'ers who are raising animals? Wrong! ~ Do you build with Lego's? Do you like to make models? Could you bake a favorite cookie? How about setting a beautiful table? Check out the Fair premium book and see what strikes your fancy at www.sanmateocountyfair.com

Let's have 100% club participation this year!

Uniform Check-up: Do You Have All the Pieces?

Do you need to get a 4-H uniform? Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair. You are not *required* to wear a uniform at any other 4-H event, but we like having some members in uniform at Hometown Days and other events.

We will have the Clubs' current supply of small uniform pieces and club t-shirts at the March general meeting. Read below the description of the complete uniform. Note the prices for the small items that may be purchased through the Club and where you can go to get your "whites". Bring cash for your Club purchases or remind your parents to bring their checkbooks. Also, remember to bring your old, clean whites to the meeting or up to the farm to be recycled.

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Uniform Regulations

General Requirements

- Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair.
- You are not required to wear a uniform at any 4-H event.

Bottoms:

- White canvas pants or white jeans (jeans recommended if showing an animal). (*We have a good selection of hand-me-down pants at the farm.*)
- Brown or black belt with matching shoes.
- White shorts or skirts are optional for girls not exhibiting animals.

Shirt:

- White.
- Long-sleeved. (Short sleeves OK if not showing an animal.)
- Collared.
- Must be worn tucked in.
(*You can find shirts at department stores (boy's department) and thrift shops, and also check out the hand-me-downs at the farm.*)
- Most girls wear boys' shirts.

Tie or Scarf:

- Must be the official 4-H tie or scarf.
- Girls wear scarf or tie; boys wear tie.

Hat:

- Must be the official 4-H hat.
- K-8th graders wear the green hat; high school students wear the white hat.

These items are available through the Club, while supplies last.

Contact the Musch Family at 650.592.9701 or jeaninemusch@gmail.com

Member Reports



Drama Project Tours the Dragon Theatre in Redwood City

Our most recent Drama Project meeting was held at the Dragon Theatre in Redwood City. We got a personal tour from the managing director of the studio. It's a small theatre that holds about 70, and because of its size, it's called a black box theatre, and the actors don't use microphones. We went to where the actors hang out, where the props are, and even got to sit in the VIP seats. The control booth, where they manipulate the sounds and lights, was filled with cool computers and sound boards. In the end we performed our speeches on stage, with actual lighting to add to see what it's like to be on stage.

-Devon Paragas

Presentation Day

I attended Presentation Day. I got to be a junior judge and vote on different presentations. My favorite presentation was about a boy Andres and his sheep Buster. Buster lives at Elkus Ranch, which is my favorite summer camp.

-Devin Engberg

Dog Project

As part of the countywide Dog Project, I went to a dog show at cow palace. There were more than 1,300 dogs. I got to see the boxers getting judged. We saw a lot of different items for your dog. I got to see some dogs doing rallies. It was a lot of fun!

-Süsse Vorzimmer



Pig Project

This year I decided to raise my first large livestock animal, a pig. The day we got the pigs, everyone drove to Stockton to a pig farm. When we got there, we were taken to a building with four pens of pigs. I chose a spotted female pig, who I named Frida, and went back outside to begin vaccinating the pigs. Next, we put all the pigs in a truck and drove all the way back to the San Carlos 4H Farm.

When we got to the farm, we let the pigs out of the truck, and began finishing up their pens. We added shavings and straw to the pens, and filled their feeders. After an hour, of socializing with the pigs so that they were comfortable around us, we were all exhausted and decided it was time to move the pigs into their pens.

From that day on, I have been going to the San Carlos Farm at 5:30-6:30 p.m. everyday. While I am there, I let Frida run around the farm, clean her pen, fill her feeder, and practice showmanship with her. About fifteen minutes before we leave, the pigs go back into their pens and are put to sleep with belly rubs.

Now, almost two months from the time we got her, Frida, has grown to over 162 pounds and is always running around happily and healthily. She loves running up and down the farm, rolling around in the mud, and trying to eat water from a hose.

-Emma Loiza



Socializing Rabbits

On March 7th we went to the old SPCA on Airport Blvd in San Mateo, which is the intake center. The intake center is for all new rabbits that come to the SPCA. Cathy Goldschmidt, the volunteer of the year at the regional SPCAs, was our tour guide. Rabbits can be either healthy or unhealthy physically and/or mentally when they are dropped off. Sometimes rabbit litters are born at the facility. There are around 40 rabbits at the Airport SPCA and only 10-12 adoptable rabbits at the Burlingame SPCA. A network of volunteers cares for the rabbits at the Airport SPCA and gets them ready for transfer to the Lantos Center in Burlingame, where we volunteer. White bunnies with pink eyes usually wait the longest to be adopted. Some rabbits can not be adopted due to health or behavior concerns. In this case rabbit rescues are sought to take these animals.

By Andrew Gould



Hands Across the Generations

At the last meeting, we read to the seniors, Alex led duct tape crafts, and we interviewed the seniors about their lives as kids. I think what went best at the last meeting was when we read books to the seniors. The seniors enjoyed making duct tape crafts, too.

At the next meeting, we will be decorating cookies. I'm very excited for the next meeting!

Mikaela Wenzel

UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

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