

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

ISSUE NINE <http://www.sancarlos4h.org>

May 2015

Next General Meeting:
DOUBLE MEETING

May 19th at 7:00 PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

Club Officers

President: Anya Knoth
Vice President: Laurel Nelson
Treasurer: Cormac Keegan
Secretary: Sebrienne Ferguson
Jr. Farm Boss: Daphne Schwartz,
Anthony Musch
Sergeant at Arms: Anna Quinlan
Kathryn Stewart: Membership Chair
Nora Schembri: Corresponding Secretary

Community Leaders

Bruce & Maeve Knoth - 654-4975
Maria Smith - 867-9773

Steering Committee

Lisa Demers
Dan and Beth Enthoven
Rita Gould
Steve Hunsader
Gretta Keegan
James Meeks
Jeanine Musch
Aida Paragas
Ellen Scheetz
Melissa Stewart
Heather Sutherland
Erica Thuener
Linda Wacha

Registrar

Bill Sharratt- 224-1943
Jason Gische

Projects Coordinator

Katherine Schembri - 365-2331

Farm Boss

Eric Grimsby- 591-2212

Webmaster

Robert Lewit
robert.lewit@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

Christine Barganier
4barganier@comcast.net

President's Message

Hi 4Hers!

Our last 4H meeting of the year is approaching, and I hope to see you all there. May is an important meeting because it counts for 2 meetings (so make sure you come).

If you are a project leader or graduating senior (although there is only one) we will recognize all the hard work that you have put into 4H and how much we have enjoyed having you in our club- another great reason to come.

Officer elections will take place, officially ending my term as president. Check further in the newsletter for each candidate's statement. It has personally been a great year in 4H for me, mostly thanks to all you members and I am grateful to be a part of such a vibrant and fun club. I hope to see you on Tuesday (and next September)!

Regards,

Anya

This Month's Theme

Elections and Celebration of the 4-H year!



UPCOMING DATES

May 16-17 Hometown Days!

Sat. 8:30-11:00 Float decorating and parade

Sat. and Sun, 10-5 Dime Toss and Information Booths open

May 19 7 PM May General Meeting

May 19 Record Books due to be in good standing for the Fair. All other record books due June 30

June 6-14 San Mateo County Fair

June 14 Cake Booth, San Mateo County Fair

July 12-17 4H Summer Camp



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:**

Hi! My name is **Laurel** and my name is **Cormac**. We are running as a team for the position of Club **President**. Next year will be my eighth year in 4-H. I (Laurel) have participated in a variety of projects including sheep, sewing, socializing rabbits, cooking, wool fiber and leadership development. I have been a project Junior or Teen leader for 4 years, club vice-president, and a San Mateo County All-Star for two years. And I (Cormac) have been in 4-H for 7 years. I have been the club treasurer for the last 2 years. I have participated in a variety of projects from animals to SET and backpacking. I have been involved in club activities like the crab feed dinner and hometown days. We have the largest (and best!) 4-H club in the County. We will work together to ensure we keep that tradition going. Double your voting power! Get two for the "price" of one! Vote for us, Laurel and Cormac!

Hi, I'm **Sebrienne Ferguson**, and I'm running to serve as **Vice President** during the 2015/2016 4H year. I've been in 4H for 6 years and previously, I've served as the club Membership Officer, Corresponding Secretary, and currently, club Secretary. I've also been the JTL for projects such as Beginning Cooking, Intermediate Cooking, 100 Years of 4H, and the SET project and I was also the photographer for Beekeeping project. I would like to take more responsibility for this club by serving as Vice President. I feel that I know and have interacted with almost all of our club's 140 and counting members and would be able to represent their best interests. I believe that I am qualified for this office because I have learned the necessary skills in order to assist and backup the president, such as leadership, public speaking, and collaboration with other leaders. Please vote for me, Sebrienne, as your next Vice President!

Hi everyone, my name is **Daphne Schwartz** and I am running to be your club **secretary**. I believe I am a good candidate for this position because I'm responsible, organized, and I am good at taking notes. I am 17 years old and have been in 4H for 6 years now. I have been junior farm boss for 2 years, as well as raised 2 lambs, 4 pigs, and numerous chickens. I love 4H and I hope that I can have the opportunity to incorporate this into the position of club secretary. So, please vote Daphne for your club Secretary!

My name is **Anya Knoth**, and I am running for the position of **corresponding secretary**. I (as you probably have noticed) was your president this last year, banging my gavel up at the officer table. Previously, I have also been the club's corresponding secretary, secretary and vice president. Over 10 years, 4H has given me the opportunity to raise animals (mostly lambs), do a lot of community service, and grow as a leader. If I serve as corresponding secretary again, I will get the chance to stay an officer, continuing my growth as a leader with a really strong group of other teens to help make your 2015/2016 4H year great.

I, **Ryan Heitel**, am interested in holding the office of **Sargent at Arms** for our 4-H club in part because it is a starting officer position and I feel it will be a springboard to other positions. I have been a 4-Her for seven years and I am very active in the club through JTL, different projects, and other various 4-H activities. I understand how the meetings work and would love to be able to make them better. I bring a lot of enthusiasm to what I do and I will bring that to this position, too. This is why I am running for Sargent at Arms.

Hello, my name is **Nathalie Farkas** and I am running for the position of **treasurer**. I am a freshman at Summit High School and this is my second year in 4H. I have been in the JTL project both years and I have attended most of the monthly meetings. I also have participated in the backpacking project, Manga project, and the Presentation Project. I also helped out for the new member breakfast this year. I believe that I would be good as treasurer because I am good in math and know how to handle the money and checks. Also, I have some experience with this position - I helped Cormac Keegan last year with the audit and helped him one month this year with the finance tasks. By becoming the treasurer I will learn more about handling money in the real world. This position will also help me improve important, everyday skills such as leadership and organization. I will work hard as the treasurer and help give to the San Carlos 4H community.

Record Books Due on May 19 – 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 2015 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, 2015.

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 Demonstration Verification Form and submit it with your record book. Forms are available from the club website.



Cake Booth at the 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 14**. 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 Suzanne Crevelt sjcrevelt@comcast.net phone 650-321-5645 or Christine Barganier 4barganier@comcast.net. They can answer your questions, get you signed up to work the cake booth, or how/where/when to get your cakes donated!

San Mateo County 4-H Summer Camp

San Mateo County 4-H Summer Camp offers a week of fun and excitement including swimming, boating, archery, arts & crafts, hiking, rock tower climbing, horseback riding, and both organized and unorganized games. We have fun nightly recreation, which includes all campers in the activities, is a big hit, and facilitates positive youth interactions. The friends and memories made at camp last a lifetime. 4-H offers hands-on, experiential learning activities to promote citizenship, leadership, and life skills. Throughout summer camp, each camper has the opportunity to become a leader by getting involved and potentially becoming camp staff! For those who do not want to become camp staff and move up in camp leadership; don't worry – there is a lot of fun to be had for all! **Camp Dates: July 12-17, 2015 Early Registration (April 15-May 15, 2015) - \$370 Regular Registration (May 15-June 19, 2015) - \$390**

http://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/About/4-H_Camp/Camp_Registration/

“Pen Pride” Booth at Fair!

What!? For more than 65 years 4-H members in San Mateo County have been raising a special steer and fair-goers have had the chance to win prizes by guessing her weight. Well, change comes to San Mateo County and this year, Pen Pride is a pair of fabulous pigs, raised on our own farm by San Carlos Eaton Hills members. This is where you come in. Not only do you get a chance to guess the weight of the pigs (each member gets 3 tickets) but you have a chance to work at the Fair to encourage visitors to buy tickets to support our club. Every club family is requested to sign up for a shift. Bring you calendar to the May General Meeting and sign up or contact Kash Donovan at ktdonovanvs@gmail.com



Farm Open House

Hi everyone!

As the end of the 4h year comes closer we would like to invite our club members to an open house on our farm. We've had a great year expanding the farm with a beautiful new chicken coop. Please save **Saturday May 30th, 4-5pm.** to come check out the farm and our animals before they go to fair! The farm is located at 99 Oak Creek Lane in San Carlos- we hope to see you all there! --Daphne and Anthony



Member Reports

Making Rube Goldberg machines in SET

On Saturday, 5/9/15, I went to an exceptional 4H SET meeting. We were making Rube Goldberg machines. They were named after Rube Goldberg because he was a comic artist who made really complex contraptions to do a simple task, such as lighting a candle. Our task was, in groups, to make a complex marble maze that eventually ended in popping a balloon. We had specific materials: a hotwheels car, a piece of hotwheels track, tiny wooden planks, two types of tape, some strange plastic pieces, and a bunch of wooden pegs to stick into the peg board we were building the maze on.

My team of four worked together well, and the result was pretty impressive. I'd love to do something like that again sometime.

--Adrian Spinali

Fantasy, the Knitted Elephant

This year in 4H I took the knitting project and knitted an elephant. I named him Fantasy. I entered him in the Life Skills Festival and Field Day and got a ribbon. I'm also going to enter him in the County Fair.

--Logan Spinali

2015 San Mateo County Fair Horse Show

By: Laurel Nelson

On Saturday, May 9, local girls and boys (and their horses!) participated in a horse show sponsored by the San Mateo County Fair. Since the horse show is too large to occur during/at the actual fair, it is held in May at an off-site venue. This year it was held at a ranch on the coast in Montara. As a member of the Junior Fair Board, I helped to put on this event and it was surprising to see both the number of horses and the excitement this event brought to the participants. It was a record turnout. The parking lot was full of horse trailers, saddle racks and saddles, beautiful horse blankets, fancy and decorative rider's helmets, and riders dressed in both Western and English attire. Once in the ring, the riders chose to take part in some of the many classes including, English or Western Equitation, Jumping, Western Horsemanship, Showmanship, Trail or Pleasure Riding. The top points rider will participate in the Large Animal Master Showmanship competition at the San Mateo County Fair in June. It was a long, fun day for all. Check it out next year!



4-H Backpacking Project Tackles Big Basin State Park

By Sofia Demers

The 4-H backpacking trip has always been an exciting end to our project's year, and this trip was no exception. Our excursion to Big Basin included an assortment of wildlife, such as salamanders, banana slugs, woodpeckers, mosquitoes (nobody brought bug spray, unfortunately) and owls. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, prepared by us campers (with a *little* help from John – you know, a *little*) with sausage, chicken, pasta, and, as dessert, freeze-dried ice cream and, of course, s'mores. The only drawback was the regulation against wood fires – we had to roast our s'mores over our backpacking stoves!

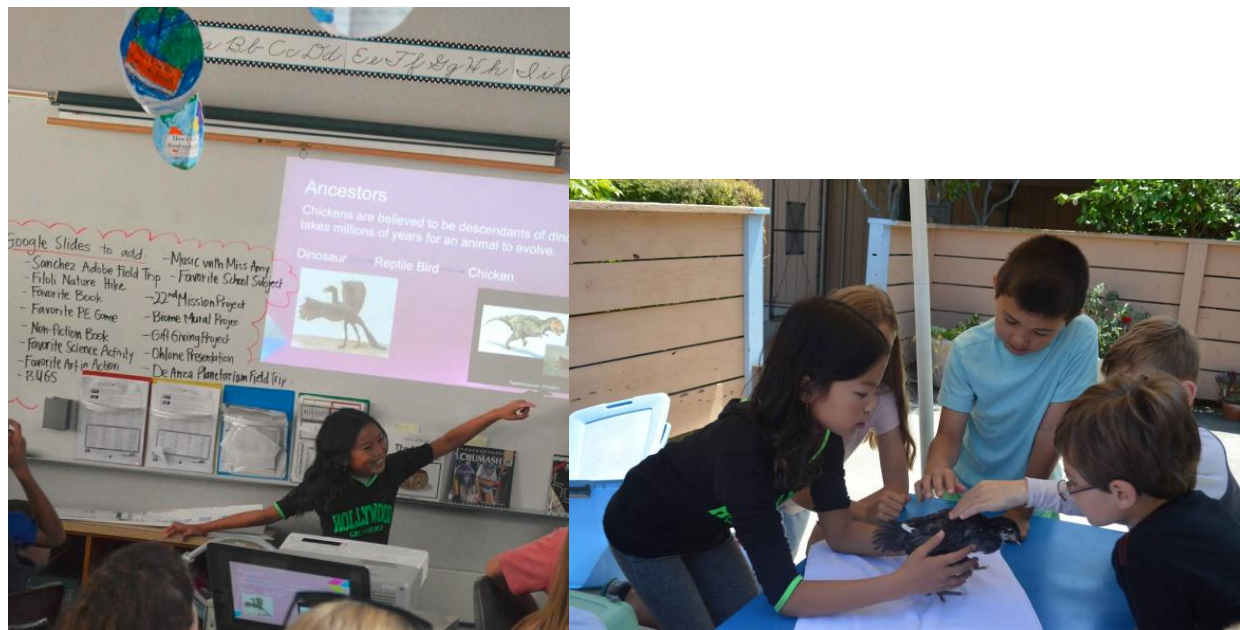


Food and fauna aside, the hiking was fairly easy – until we came to the waterfalls. As majestic as they were, it was hard to admire them as we (and by “we,” I mean “I” – how slow can one person be?) drugged up the stairs and slopes, legs begging for mercy. Reaching Sunset Camp was a relief, except for the mosquitoes. We could’ve done without them. The way back was gorgeous, and yours truly had more time to appreciate it without the stairs – luckily, we took a different route back. We stopped for snacks at the base camp, and drove back both sore and hopped up on slushies and soda. Needless to say, that was an interesting feeling. Despite the blisters, bugs, and aches, I’m sure the 4-H Backpacking Project will not be short of members next year.

~

In my first backpacking trip of my life was an adventures trip. From walking up and down mountains to seeing the beautiful waterfalls. I carried over 20 pounds of food and supplies so that I and the group could stay warm and eat. I felt pain and my back hurt throughout the trip with all the weight on my shoulders and back. But despite this pain I felt i still enjoyed every minute of the trip. From the food we cooked(which was good) to the waterfalls we saw on our trip. I encourage everyone to join the backpacking project because you will enjoy the trip that you go on.

-Cormac Keegan



On Friday, 1 May, I gave a presentation on chickens and chicks at my school. I presented to my 3rd/4th grade class and our book buddy class (2nd graders). I brought in my 4 week old chicks. The students learned how to care for the chicks and got to hold the chicks, if they wanted. I shared with the class the breeds of the chicks, what they eat and how to handle the chicks. I think that the kids had a fun experience. I enjoyed sharing what I've learned from my 4H chicken projects with others and had fun.

--Tia Chan



Market Poultry: Chicks!

This is my first year in 4-H and I was in the Market Chickens project. The chicks arrived April 20 and I received 3 baby chicks. They live in the garage in a crate we made out of plywood. They need a heat lamp, a water nipple, a feeder, lots of bedding, and you need a large supply of newspaper to line the bottom of your enclosure with. Chicks start out being all fuzzy, with no feathers. After only about 2 weeks, though, they lost almost all of their fuzz and started to grow real feathers. A week from now they will be moved to the farm, where they will live for another 3-4 weeks.

- Samantha Campbell

The day that we got our chicks was very exciting for me! We got an e-mail from our project leader as soon as the chicks had arrived at the San Carlos post office. We went over to our leader's house as soon as we could to choose our chicks. Market poultry are entered into the fair in pairs, so my sister and I chose 2 each and an extra chick for a back-up. (Chicks are very fragile and many things could happen to them.)

We brought the chicks home and they looked like little yellow fluff balls. That didn't last long! Now that they have doubled in size, they actually have pin feathers and are turning white, so they look more like grown-up chickens every day.

We have to clean their coop every day and give them feed which is high in protein and water with vitamins added. I enjoy having chickens but they are hard work!

~ Lily Basil

I attended the County Field Day on April 26th. There were 10 sessions on different animal projects. I visited most of the animal sessions, and learned quite a bit. At the end of Field Day there was a jeopardy game to test us on what we learned. My favorite part of the day was doing the rabbit proficiency test level 1. I got a couple questions wrong, but passed the test and received my rabbit pin. As a bonus Robin Nielsen brought her lambs and rabbits to Field Day. I got to pet Red Velvet, my favorite of her rabbits.

by Andrew Gould



And finally, what the Teens have to say about our Adult Volunteers this year...

--I am amazed with Christine Bargarier's prowess at leading a project. She has a natural ability to capture the attention of the drama project. Always keeping us entertained with the humor and games, but also is able to get us focused for interesting lessons on how to improve as an actor and everyday citizen.

--I really appreciate that Melissa and Debbie took the time to make us swine binders. It was a great and fun way for me to learn about pigs.

--I would like to appreciate Hanno for helping to make the new chicken coop possible. Without him we would still have the same chicken coop.

--I learned how to step out of my comfort zone from Bruce and Maeve

--Mrs Gische showed us how to incorporate everyone into projects.

--Aida and Isabella Paragas- thank you for handling the Manga Club! You were both super supportive of the four of us JTL's and accepting of our ideas. I really appreciate how you both made Manga Club interesting (and the bacon games) and I want to thank you both for making all of this possible.

--Bill Sharratt is the one who gets us registered so we can participate in the projects we love. He is very patient in getting even the most complicated accounts registered.

--Thank you Laura Deck and John Schuck. You guys were so nice and went out of your way to make sure we had a great experience backpacking. I learned a lot, from the many uses of duct tape to types of edible plants. I love how there are always cookies or muffins and that you take our feedback for food. Thank you so much.

--Thank you Kathryn Donovan for leading the Beginning 4-H with Beth Enthoven. You are always patient and the projects you do are always exciting.

--Amy Hublou impressed me with her ability to lead as a first year project leader- always engaging the kids and teaching new things. I learned from her how to take a step back and lead from a position of trust.

--Jeanine has been a great role model for me for the past four years. She motivates me to do my best and supports my decisions. Thank you.

UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

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

You can subscribe to *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter. To do this:

Go to www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/
Click on "4-H Youth Development Program".
In the little purple box, click on "4-H Highlights".
Submit your email address in the box.

[Download and view the newsletter here or](#)

<http://ucanr.org/sites/smsf4h/?newsitem=44281>

* * *

Next newsletter deadline: Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Email newsletter articles to: Christine Barganier 4barganier@comcast.net

