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Next General Meeting:
Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., Clifford School, Redwood City

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President's Message

Hello 4-H'ers,

With a new season around the corner, we start a new 4-H season. The whole year will be packed with excitement. We get the honor of writing in this prestigious position every month because we are your Co-Presidents for the 2015-2016 year. This newsletter is the best way to stay informed about what is happening every month.

With the September meeting around the corner, remember to dress up in the best colors (green and white). Make sure your parents can sit back and relax and let the teens do the rest. This will help the kids grow in leadership and help meet new people in the club. Be sure to bring your wonderful spirit and attitude for another amazing 4-H year.

--Cormac Keegan and Laurel Nelson



**This Month's Theme:
Welcome Newcomers
and
Wear Green & White**

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, September 15	General Meeting	Clifford School MUR
Tuesday, September 15	Record Books to County for Judging	
Tuesday, October 6	Returning Parents' Meeting	Clifford School Library
Wednesday, October 7	New Parents Meeting	Clifford School Library
Tuesday, October 13	Project Leaders' Meeting	Clifford School Library
Tuesday, October 20	General Meeting	Clifford School MUR
Tuesday, November 17	General Meeting	Clifford School MUR
Tuesday, December 15	General Meeting	Clifford School MUR

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 **\$62.00**, 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 barbecue).

You can learn more about our budget at the October general meeting when the club members approve the budget for the coming year. All returning members must be fully registered and paid by October 31, 2015, to be considered "in good standing" for the 2016 San Mateo County Fair. Got questions? Then contact our registrar Jason Gische at jgische@yahoo.com.

Candidate for Healthy Living Officer

My name is Sofia Demers, and I am running to be the Healthy Living Officer for 4-H. As the Healthy Living Officer, my goal would be to promote healthy lifestyles among members of the club. Don't worry – I enjoy tasty treats as much as the rest of you, and I won't be taking drastic measures such as banning Cookie Judging or Pizza and Bingo! Instead, I would educate members of 4-H on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and explaining the steps you can take to be healthy. I believe that I am qualified for this position because I enjoy teaching and leading a group, and I would benefit from being a 4-H officer. I am enrolled in a school program called the "Green Academy," which focuses on environmental sustainability and – you guessed it – healthy living. I would love to have the experience of being a 4-H officer, and I can't wait to see you all at the September meeting!

Returning Parents' Meeting October 6, 2015

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 *must* 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 7, 2015

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 15, and invite their parents to attend the new parents' information meeting on October 7 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 (650) 867-9773.

This Year's Projects



Many thanks go to the parent volunteers who have enthusiastically offered to lead projects for the 2015-2016 year. If you would like to lead or co-lead a project for this year, please promptly contact Beth Enthoven at beth@enthoven.org or at (650) 207-3735.

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 20, 2015. It looks like it's going to be another epic year!



Member Reports

San Mateo County 4H Camp

This last summer was my second year as a camper at the 4H Camp in Jones Gulch. I had an awesome time. One thing we did was canoeing. First we hiked up to the lake. Then we got in 3 person canoes and got to go around the lake for about a half an hour. But my favorite thing to do was zip lining. We also hiked up there and then waited our turn and then got to go. At the camp it was a competition to see who could touch the pole at the end of the zip line. I was able to be one of the people to go far enough to touch the pole from the zip line. Overall, 4H camp was really fun. --*Jessica Klein*

I had a great time at camp again this last summer. Camp was fun because you could do so many activities and you got to plan your own schedule. I would recommend this to others because you could go swimming, canoeing, hiking, rock climbing, archery, zip lining and arts and crafts. 4H camp isn't just an ordinary camp. Its location is in nature and it has fun stuff like the canteen, a shop where you could buy candy and soda. Also in the beginning of camp, everyone gets a secret buddy that they give presents to and they get to receive presents from their secret buddy. I am definitely going to camp again next year. --*Nicole Klein*



This was my second year going to 4H Camp and like always I had lots of fun. I made several new friends and got to have some time away from home. We had a different campsite this year so it was a little confusing to find our way around. But in the end, I think we all enjoyed our time at Jones Gulch. I plan to go back next year and I hope to see many new faces there as well. --*Elise Wacha*



San Mateo County Fair

Last year, I raised Market Chickens for Fair the first time, so I spent the first nine (awesome) days of my summer at Fair. Every night for the nine nights of Fair, we all have a giant potluck, where one club serves dinner for all the other clubs. It's really fun, and I met a lot of new people. I would never have known, if I hadn't raised an animal. I am DEFINITELY going to do it again.

--Anna Basil

Last year at fair I entered market poultry chickens, and two articles of knitting. One article was a gray bunny, with a rainbow pom-pom tail. I used 12mm knitting needles, and I added buttons for eyes. My second article was a handbag, made with a mix of dark and light gray yarn. I used 20mm knitting needles, and used a large wooden button as a clasp. My chickens got 12th out of 14 entries, and I was happy because it was my first year, and I wasn't in last! In the auction, I got \$300.00 for them, which I was also really excited about! All in all, the fair was really fun, and I'm glad I did it. I'm looking forward to it next year! -- Samantha Campbell

This year was my 3rd year showing chickens at the fair. Fair is a fun place where you get to show off your talent with animals. Fair is a great time when you work hard and have fun. You can earn money and awards and you get to be around animals most of the day. If you like to be around animals, work hard and have a fun time, fair is the place for you.

-- Quincy Thuener



Last year, I had lots of fun at the San Mateo County Fair. I worked at the cake booth and we sold tons of sweets! There were so many delicious treats and some people even came back for more! I watched my sister and some members of the dog project show their dogs and it was really fun to see my dog in the ring!

Also, the 4-H Horse project is featured in the latest issue of "The San Mateo Horseman!" There are some pictures of us and an article written by the project leader, Amy Hublou. I am very excited to sign up for some fun projects this year! -- Viva Vorzimmer



This year was my first time entering livestock in the fair. I got to show two chickens at the fair. The show was lots of fun and I want to show more animals in the future. The auction was a totally new experience for me and my chickens sold for \$275.00. I was very happy about that and I ended up thoroughly enjoying my first experience at fair. --Elise Wacha



Record Book Corner

The 4-H program has a long history of record keeping. In 4-H, young people have tracked their activities, events, profits and losses, skill development and learning experiences, and much more using the iconic 4-H Record Book.

- 4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to reflect on their yearly work. They document their skill development and learning experiences in a written report. 4-H members measure these achievements and growth over their years in 4-H.
- 4-H Record Books encourage members to set goals, pursue strategies to meet those goals, and to shift gears in the face of challenges and obstacles.
- Completing a 4-H Record Book is a process where 4-H members record project and club work.
- 4-H Record Books are not required for membership or for participation in 4-H activities such as club events, projects and activities.



County Calendar Events

For a complete list of events, visit the [4-H County Web site](#) calendar page.

Record Books due for County Judging	9/15/2015
County Council Meeting	9/21/2015
National Shooting Sports Workshop	9/29/2015
National 4-H Youth Science Day	10/7/2015
4-H and FFA State Livestock Quiz Bowl	10/17/2015
Countywide Volunteer Training	10/24/2015

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."
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Next newsletter deadline: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Email newsletter articles and photos to Jamie Vorzimmer at jamievorzimmer@gmail.com. Thank you!

