

SAN CARLOS EATON HILLS 4-H

<http://sancarlos4h.org> | Next Meeting May 16 @ Clifford School

Upcoming Club Events

Record Book Help

Saturday, May 13, 1-4 p.m.
Knoth Resident, 519 Prospect

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m.
Clifford School MUR

Hometown Days Parade

Saturday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. set up

4-H Info Booth & Dime Toss

Saturday, May 20 - Sunday, May 21
Burton Park

San Mateo County Fair

Saturday, June 10 - Sunday, June 18

Cake Booth

Sunday, June 18

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m.
Clifford School MUR

President's Message

Dear Members of the San Carlos 4-H Club,

As this 4-H year comes to a close, I look back at my time as a 4-Her with nothing but happiness and pride. I have spent 8 years in this program learning more than I ever imagined when I first joined and getting the wonderful opportunity to truly help my club, my community, my country, and my world. I joined to learn how to train my dog Daisy, but I leave with the ability to speak in front of a group, the skills to set up my own beehive, the ability to write and teach how to write code, a collective of experiences working on projects benefiting the local community, and much more. I would like to thank all of the leaders of this club that have put so much hard work to make this program what it is today.

I hope to see you all at our final meeting of the year, which, don't forget, counts for two meetings. We will be celebrating the leaders of our club, graduating seniors, and electing new officers for the 2017-2018 year. Make sure to read their candidate statements so you can be an informed voter!

Sincerely,
President Ferguson



MAY THEME:
Elections and celebration
of the 4-H year!

Candidate Statements

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.

My name is **Ryan Heitel** and I am running for Club **President**. I have been in 4-H for 11 years, and have been a JTL for the past 3 years, and have served as vice president and Sergeant of Arms. Over my years in 4-H I have participated in many different projects from presentations to projects, and everything in between, and have participated in fair for many years. I will be a good president because I have the knowledge of how to best run the general meetings in order to have them both run smoothly, as well as be mildly entertaining. I also have an authoritative presence, which will help effectively maintain order during the general meetings. In addition, my over 10 years of experience in 4-H has taught me what works well and what doesn't during the meetings, and how to make 4-H as enjoyable an experience as it can possibly be.

I am **Maya Donovan** and I am running for the position of **Vice President**. I have been in 4-H for seven years and I've had the opportunity to be part of many projects, to be the JTL for some of them and to serve as the club's Membership Officer in this past year.

This year, I had the opportunity to lead my own project, and I learned so much from that. I had to solve problems as they came up and figure out how to communicate and organize groups of people. It really gave me an appreciation for what the club officers, adults and project leaders have to do, how they work together with every member to create such an amazing club full of opportunities for learning, growth, and most importantly, fun.

As Vice President, I look forward to using everything I've learned here to make the club the best it can be. I would be honored if you voted for me for Vice President.

My name is **Samantha Campbell** and I am running for **Treasurer**. I think I should be elected Treasurer because I know a lot about numbers. I am always on top of things, and I have good people skills, which will help me communicate about costs. I have been in 4-H for three years now, and I'm really looking forward to becoming a bigger part of it.

My name is **Elise Wacha** and I am running for the office of **secretary** in the upcoming 2017-2018 year. This year, I served as the corresponding secretary and I feel that I am ready for the next step. I think that I am a good candidate for this position because I have been in 4-H for nine years now, so I know how everything works. I am a strong note taker and ready to perform any task presented to me. I am also very responsible as I am currently raising two turkeys and a lamb at the farm this year. I hope that you will elect me at the upcoming meeting and look forward to the upcoming year in office.

My name is **Will Demers** and I am running for the position of **Corresponding Secretary**. I think that I would be good at this position because I know how to write diplomatic, professional letters and can be organized. I have been in 4-H for seven years and am approaching my last year in the club. I have been the Healthy Living Officer and the Sergeant-at-Arms but I am interested in a position with more duties and responsibilities. I hope you will consider me as your future secretary!

Hi, my name is **Quincy Thuener**. This year I am running for the position of **Club Membership Secretary**. I am 13 years old and have been in 4-H for 7 years. I raise show chickens, market chickens and goats. I have been junior teen leader for the market chicken and show chicken projects for the past two years. I have been in the dog project, sewing project, SET project and have participated in presentation day. I have been awarded general meeting perfect attendance four times. You should vote for me to be Club Membership Secretary because of my past experience as Club Secretary and my commitment to our 4-H club. I look forward to improving my leadership skills and would like your vote for Club Membership Secretary. Thank you!

Hello! We are **Anna Smith** and **Emma Loazia**. We're running for **Junior Farm Boss**. We are running for the second year in a row, together we believe that we can have a larger positive effect on the farm. We work together well which makes us perfect for the job. Anna has been in 4-H for 6 years and has helped raise pigs, 2 goats, and market chickens at the farm. Emma has been in 4-H for 7 years, and has raised a pig, 2 lambs, market turkeys and chickens, and also a goat on the farm. We both enjoy working on the farm, and want to make it a great place for the members and the animals. We look forward to our second year sharing the junior farm boss together, so please vote Anna and Emma for junior farm boss!

My name is **David Chabra**; I'm running for **Sergeant-at-Arms**. I'm a homeschooling freshmen taking most of my classes at Cañada College. I have been a member of 4-H for two years. Even though I have not been with 4-H for a very long time, having the opportunity to join this club has been a great experience. I have been able to learn many useful skills and meet many amazing people in the Archery, Automotive, and JTL projects. I developed my leadership abilities as the JTL for the American Sign Language project this year. It would be my honor to assist this club by taking on an officer position.

My name is **Asher Becker** and I am running for **Sergeant at Arms** with my good friend, David. I have been in 4-H for three years and was the Club Historian this year. I think I would be good for this position because I'm growing in my public speaking and I feel have the respect of quite a few 4-Hers who will listen to me if I ask them to quiet down during General Meetings. I think David Chabra and I would make a great team this upcoming 4-H year because we are both good problem solvers and willing helpers at 4-H.

My name is **Linnea Weaver**, and this year in 4-H, I'm running for **4-H Historian**. I'm currently finishing up my 8th year in 4-H. I've done several projects over the years, and I really enjoyed learning new skills, that may or may not impact my life choices later. I believe that 4-H is an opportunity for learning, developing, and gaining interests in activities or skills that you may have not even tried before. I think that participating in 4-H is good because it can teach kids to get out of their comfort zone and try new things, as well as strengthen the creative mind in different ways. I think that I would be good for this office because one of my favorite subjects in school is history. I think that learning about the history of the club can help the kids feel more connected and become more interested in the club as a whole. This will help so that kids are enjoying the club instead of dropping out, and this may even make it so that the club can gain some new members.

Hi my name is **Nora Schembri** and I'm running for your 2017-2018 **Recreation Leader** with Ashley Vaccarella. I have been in 4-H for 11 years and a JTL for 3 years. This year I led the Duct Tape project as well as JTLed for Cooking and Hand Sewing projects. For those of you who don't know, the job of the recreation leader is to lead the games that happen post-meeting. I think I would make a good recreation leader because I have a big imagination, I like working with kids, and I LOVE playing games! Nothing is more fun than a game. I think that we could have a lot of fun next year so vote Nora Schembri for Recreation Leader!

Hi, my name is **Ashley Vaccarella** and I am running for the position of **Recreation Leader** with Nora Schembri. I am 14 years old, I have been in 4-H for 5 years and I have been a JTL for 3 years. I believe that I am a good candidate for this position because I am creative, organized, and work great with others. Being a JTL, I have been taught a lot about teamwork. Working along side of the Recreation Leader, I am confident that the after meeting activities will be exciting and new.

Hi, my name is **Pablo Pinilla** and I am running for the position of **Club Photographer**. I am in eighth grade at Tierra Linda Middle School. I have been in 4-H for 3 years and have participated in many exciting projects including Archery, Dogs, STEM, Turkeys, as well as JTLs. As part of the JTL project I assist in the Beginning 4-H. I want to be Club Photographer because I love taking pictures and I feel that photos help us preserve some of our favorite memories. It would be my honor to capture the enjoyment and learning that 4-H brings to everyone. So vote Pablo Pinilla for Club Photographer.

Record Books Due!

Record books will be collected at the **May 16** general meeting for all members who are bringing animals to the County Fair or running for office.

Record books for ALL youth (not showing at fair, or running for office) are due to Maria Smith's house at 16 Garden Street, Redwood City, CA, 94063 by **June 30**. All members are encouraged to turn in a record book whether or not you are participating in the Fair.

For youth between the ages of 5-8, 4-H has finally developed a new Primary PDR that the kids should use. It is a paper form, not the one that says iSprout. It can be found here [Record Book Training and Resources](#) (look in the section that says "Primary Members").

Still need help with your record book? On May 13 from 1-4 p.m., former San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Leader Maeve Knoth is offering record book help at her house at 519 Prospect Street, San Carlos. Lisa Demers will also be on hand to help with online record books. Please call (650) 654-4975 or email Maeve at knoth@pacbell.net to RSVP.



Please Donate to Our SPCA Donation Drive!

We are still collecting items for the SPCA Donation Drive. Most-wanted items include: towels paper towels, toilet paper, Timothy hay pellets, mealworms, dog treats and Fancy Feast or Friskies cat food. Here is the [complete list](#).

Donations can be brought to the general meeting or left on the porch at 1316 Cordilleras Avenue. If you choose to donate via our [Amazon wish list](#), please leave a note that this is for the San Carlos/Eaton Hills Donation Drive. Thanks for your generosity. --Andrew and Rita Gould

Looking Back with Your Club Historian

Have you ever wondered how we got the four-leaf clover as the 4-H symbol?



The story of the four-leaf clover is that in 1906, in a school near Clarion, Iowa, 11 children spent their recess outside looking for four-leaf clovers. A man named O.H. Benson (one of the supporters of the early 4-H) drove up as the children were doing this. Their teacher recognized that Mr. Benson was an important person and suggested the children present him with a gift. The children gave the good luck charms they had been collecting to Mr. Benson. He said, "I'm looking for an emblem for the agricultural clubs and the schools of the country, and you have just given me that emblem – the four-leaf clover; it will help explain to young and old the message of a four-square education."

Club work for rural youth was organized several years before the term "4-H" or before the four leaf clover emblem was ever used. The clubs initially started using a three-leaved clover as its symbol to represent "Heart, Hands, Head" and then in 1911 "Health" was added and the four-leaf clover that we know today was adopted.

--Asher Becker, Club Historian

Glassware Needed for Dime Toss Booth!

We are still well short of our needs for the Dime Toss booth. We will be collecting glassware at this month's meeting again to ensure that we do not run out of glassware for Saturday and Sunday. Please check your cupboards, ask your neighbors, your relatives, and possibly work associates too. Maybe even your church has some leftover glassware! We'll take it all.

Please bring donations to the May general meeting or drop them off on front porch of the Gould home at 1316 Cordilleras Avenue in San Carlos at any time.

Thank you for your help in keeping the Dime Toss Booth fully stocked for this fun two-day event.
--Linda Wacha

Make Our 4-H Float a Winner in the Hometown Days Parade

Wear your 4-H shirts and REPRESENT! We need props and people to ride the float. If you did the Cooking project, wear your 4-H T-shirt and a chef's hat. Archery? Bring your bow and a target! If you knit, bring your knitting needles and some yarn. Be creative!

Dogs, chickens, backpackers, woodworkers, all are welcome!

The Hometown Days Parade is Saturday, May 20. Plan on coming to Central Middle School at 8:30 a.m. to decorate our float . Stay to walk in the parade at 10:00 a.m. Let's show San Carlos what 4-H is really all about!

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, the cake booth is great opportunity for you.

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 18. It is a really fun way to be part of the action of the fair for a day.

You can make this a fun family activity by following these cake-baking guidelines:

- Cakes must be 8" or 9" round, two-layer cakes. No square or rectangular cakes.
- Box mixes are preferred. 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. 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? Two-layer 8" or 9" store-bought cakes are perfectly fine.



Please sign-up at the May general meeting or contact our cake booth coordinators Jason or Kim Gische at gische@cs.stanford.edu. They can answer your questions, get you signed up to work the cake booth, or tell you how/where/when to get your cakes donated.

Check Your Closet!

Do you have your uniform for fair or that extra white T-shirt for the parade? Now is the time for that final purchase. Please bring a check payable to SCEH 4-H or exact cash to the May 16 general meeting. If anyone needs to go through the extra whites from the past years for fair, I will bring that as well. --Pam Leffler

San Carlos Eaton Hills – 4-H Wear:



Caps :	\$ 25.00
Girls Collars:	\$ 15.00
Ties:	\$ 14.00
T- Shirts:	\$ 10.00
Record Book Cover:	\$ 5.00

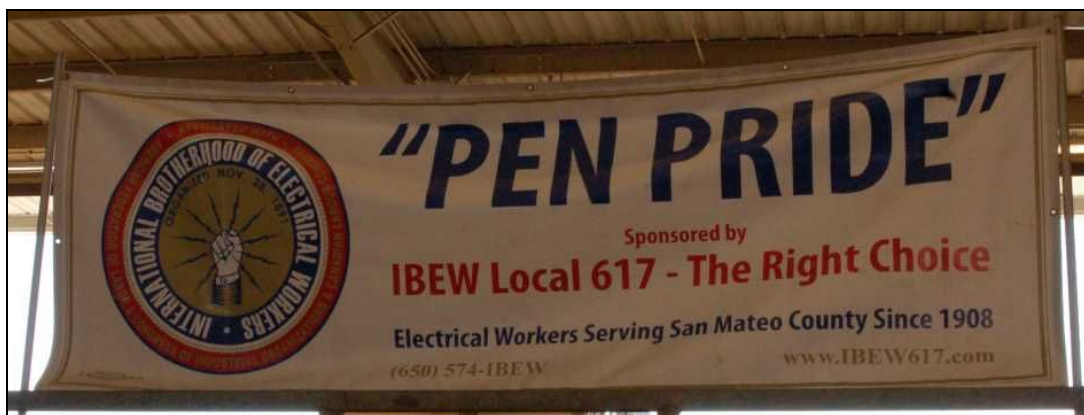


“Pen Pride” Booth at Fair!

Pen Pride is a pair of fabulous pigs raised by 4-H members, and fair-goers have the chance to win prizes by guessing each pig's weight.

This is where you come in. You get a chance to guess the weight of the pigs (each member gets three tickets) and you can work at the Fair to encourage visitors to buy tickets to support our club. Every club family is asked to sign up for a shift.

You can sign up at the May general meeting or by contacting Lisa Demers at lisademers77@gmail.com or (650) 283-4087.

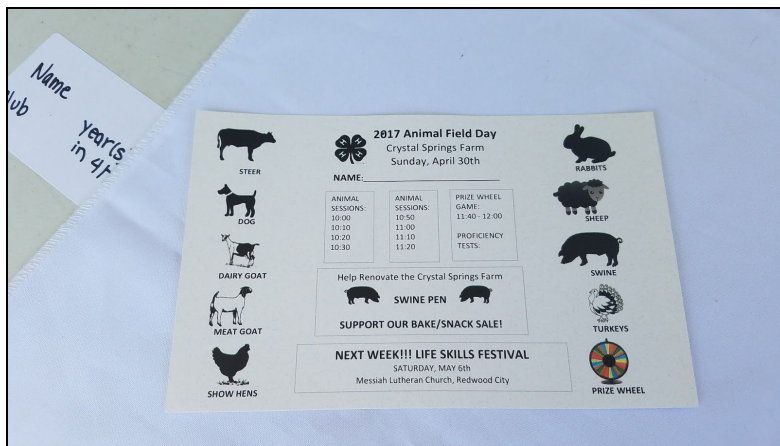


Member Reports

Animal Field Day

Two weeks ago I went to the Animal Field Day. My friends Roen, Quincy, Anna and my sister Tia were there with me. There were presentations set up so that everyone was able to go to each one and learn a little about the different animals. There were presentations on dogs, chickens, goats, lambs and more. After the presentations, we got to play in a quiz bowl. We got to spin a prize wheel after. I took some animal proficiency tests too. I took the level 1 goat, sheep and steer proficiency test. I only passed the goat one. It was a really fun day.

--Zerach Chan



Animal Field Day is an event held at the 4-H farm by Crystal Springs Lake. This year's Animal Field Day was held on Sunday, April 30. There are ten minute sessions to learn basic information about different animals including: rabbits, cattle, sheep, goats for both dairy and meat, chickens, turkeys, and dogs. There was also a guessing game to test our ability to remember animal information. If we went to each animal session and the game, we got to spin a prize wheel.

I also met a friendly rabbit named Peanut Butter. He was a red Mini Rex, a breed of rabbit known for smooth and silky fur. I hope he enjoyed the affection I showed for him, because I love him so much. See, if you're lucky, a friendly owner will let you have fun with their animal. I encourage you all to visit the Animal Field Day in 2018. There's fun and games, and enough animals to eat your heart out.

--Andrew Gould





I recently attended Animal Field Day at the Crystal Springs Farm. At Animal Field Day I learned about all of the animals you could show at fair. I participated in a livestock Quiz Bowl and our team won first place. Some of the questions were: "What is the average lifespan of a chicken?" "What is the average lifespan of a rabbit?" "What animal was Judy Hops in the movie Zootopia?" It was more for fun and practice. At the fair, I plan to participate in the Avian Bowl. We also took proficiency tests at the event which tests your knowledge about specific animals. We got to see all of the animals that live on the Crystal Springs Farm which include a lot of show chickens, 2 goats, 2 lambs and 4 pigs. This is a county event. I recommend you attend next year if you are interested in animals or are attending fair. --Quincy Thuener

Beginning 4-H



Beginning 4-H loved all the presentations at the farm clean-up day. Thank you, 4-Hers!



Capture the Flag

At the April 18 general meeting, 4-Hers played Capture the Flag. Here is what Club Photographer Alice Demers “captured.”



Chicken Project

I was really excited for the chickens to arrive! I set up my brooder, and bought the shavings. All the chickens came in perfectly, and I got to go pick out 5. I named them Heihei, Birb, Sebastian, Ivy, and Becky. They are doing great, and they've already grown a lot! --Samantha Campbell



Lamb Project

A couple of weeks ago I learned how to shear my lamb, Mister Sunshine. My project leader, Becca was there to help and teach me. She told me that it was important to keep the shears oiled. Keeping the shears oiled kept the shears running smoothly. Every 10 minutes, we had to re-oil the shears. She said that if we washed the lamb first, it would be easier to get a closer shave and the shears wouldn't break because of the dirt. Becca taught me that it was important to shear along the direction the wool was growing. This was a bit difficult because the wool grew in all different directions on the lamb. It took us at least 2 hours to wash and shear Mister Sunshine. The process was very stressful on Mister Sunshine but, it was very interesting for me. Mister Sunshine was set up on the stanchion to help keep him still. We sheared the body, neck, the legs (only to the knees) and the head and face. The head and face were difficult since we had to take him off the stanchion to get to the entire face and head.



When I was done shearing Mister Sunshine, my hand was very tired. The shears are super big and heavy. Plus they vibrate when they are turned on. It was very interesting to see how thick Mister Sunshine's wool was, and what color he was underneath. It turns out that Mister Sunshine is pink. Since he did so well, I gave him some alfalfa before I put him back into his pen. Alfalfa is candy to lambs. -- Tia Chan



Life Skills Festival

I had a lot of fun at the favorite food festival. Everyone's hobby expo and photographs were great. I really liked the different outfits that were displayed at the fashion show. I like how this year each fashion show participant had a blurb about them. The lunch was delicious! My favorite part of the lunch was the chocolate cake and the pasta sauce. I enjoyed all the activities, my favorites were helping make a dress for kids at shelters and leather craft braiding. I had fun, hope you did to!

--Millie Garrett



Woodworking

This year woodworking has been super fun, I learned a lot. In the project, we learned how to use many different types of tools, for sawing, sanding, measuring, screwing, drilling, and even decorating wood. My favorite project was the airplane. The plane sits on a rod and it spins around when the wind picks up. One reason that it's my favorite is, the way the wings are tilted it makes it look as if the airplane is really flying. Another reason is that it's decorative and it tells how fast the wind's moving at the same time. The most important reason is because it looks really awesome! I've learned so much from my project leader (George) this year, I just wanted to thank him. Thank you, George, you were a great teacher!! --Millie Garrett



County Calendar Events

[San Mateo County Fair](#)

6/10-6/18/2017

[4-H Summer Camp](#)

7/16-7/21/2017

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

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Check out *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter. You can download and view the newsletter [here](#) or you can subscribe to receive the newsletter in your email every month:

- 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.

Next newsletter deadline: Monday, September 11, 2017

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



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