

SAN CARLOS EATON HILLS 4-H

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Upcoming Club Events

General Meeting

Tuesday April 17, 7pm
Clifford School MUR

Farm to Fair Meeting

Tuesday April 24
Clifford School, 7pm

Farm Clean-up

Sunday April 29, 3-5pm
SCEH 4-H Farm

Farm Open House

Saturday May 5, 1-3pm
SCEH 4-H Farm

General Meeting

Tuesday May 15, 7pm
Clifford School MUR

Hometown Weekend

Saturday/Sunday May 19-20
Burton Park

President's Message

Dear 4-H'ers-

This meeting you will be participating in an epic game of capture the flag. I will get us through the meeting stuff as quickly as humanly possible so that we can all go out onto the blacktop, divide into teams led by your fearless JTLs and run around. A lot better than sitting around doing homework.

This is also the time to think about entering things into Fair. It's too late for entering an animal, but you can enter just about anything else you made in just about any project, including cooking, sewing, woodworking. You can also enter anything else you might have made in school or at home, even if it's not from a 4-H project. People enter photos, arts projects, LEGOs, science fair displays - all sorts of things. Fair is great, so give it a try.

Your president, Ryan Heitel

APRIL THEME:

Bring glassware for the dime toss booth!



Double Meeting in May

The night of May 15 we will hold two club meetings back to back. Mark your calendar now. This way we will complete 10 club meetings before the County Fair begins in early June. If you need 80 percent attendance because you plan on showing an animal at the Fair, be sure to attend the May meeting.



Cookie Judging Results

Best Cookie – Gabby Lou

Top Judges:

- 1st Place - Sophia Vattuone
- 2nd Place - Marty Gische
- 3rd Place - Juliet LeCuyer 3rd place tie
- 4th Place - Zerach Chan 3rd place tie



Hometown Days is Coming in May!

Hometown Days is May 19-20. Let's show our 4-H spirit!

Plan on coming to Central Middle School at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, to decorate our float for the parade. Stay to walk in the parade at 10:00 a.m. Wear your 4-H gear!

On Saturday and Sunday our club will have an Information Booth and a Dime Toss booth. Kathleen Houston is coordinating the Information Booth. Kim Machado is organizing the Dime Toss Booth with the help of Rita Gould who has been storing our glassware all year. Volunteers are needed for all shifts! Please bring your calendar to the April meeting so you can sign up for your favorite time slots.

Glassware and Volunteers Needed for Dime Toss

Please gather your CLEAN glasses, plates, cups, vases - anything that will hold a dime! - and bring them to the April meeting. Everyone please bring as much glassware as you can. Feel free to ask your grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, etc. for their contributions as well. (Donations can also be dropped off on the front porch of the Gould home at 1316 Cordilleras Avenue in San Carlos at any time.) We also need volunteers to work at our booth. We will be circulating the Dime Toss Sign-Up Sheet at the April meeting. Please sign up for one (or more) two-hour shifts on either day. It's easy and a lot of fun!

Call for Pen Pride Prizes - Can You Help?

Pen Pride (Peninsula Pride) is a county-wide fundraiser where 4-H youth raise and train a market animal which is then exhibited at the San Mateo County Fair. The goal of this project is to give youth the opportunity to experience the responsibility of raising a large animal for the consumer market as a group "learn by doing" activity. In addition, the Pen Pride project serves as a community outreach fundraiser for San Mateo County 4-H educational programs (e.g., Presentation Day, Life Skills Festival, Animal Field Day, leadership conferences, service learning activities, youth and adult training, and more).

We need your help finding great prizes that will motivate fair attendees to purchase tickets. Do you have access to event tickets? Know someone that can get a tour of the Tesla factory? How about someone that can get a performance driving experience on the Sonoma Raceway? Please think about what connections you have and share your ideas with a club leader or with our Pen Pride club organizer, Kelly Steitz. All prizes must be in-hand by May 18th.

Note: to simplify prize distribution, gift cards are preferred over gift baskets or larger items.

San Mateo County Fair: What Are You Showing?

Don't be shy! The San Mateo County Fair is for every 4-Her! Whether you are showing an animal you raised on the farm or a project you made in the woodworking project, every 4-Her has something they can submit for judging at the Fair! Check out the Fair premium book and see what strikes your fancy at www.sanmateocountyfair.com. The Fair runs Saturday, June 9 through Sunday June 17. Let's have 100 percent club participation!

Cake Booth at Fair



Each year our club is responsible for staffing the County Fair cake booth for one day and for supplying delicious cakes to be sold that day. This year our day is Sunday, June 17. This is a great opportunity for 4-Hers who are not showing an animal, or even those who are, to get involved with the fair and it's always a fun time. Look for a sign-up sheet for baking cakes and working the booth. The cake booth coordinator is Kash Donovan (ktdonovan@hotmail.com). We are also looking for Fair ticket donations to the club that we can hand out to our cake booth

and pen pride volunteers. If you are entering multiple items in the fair and end up with extra tickets please let Linda Wacha, Maria Smith or Katherine Schembri know.

Life Skills Festival and Field Day

Mark your calendar for the Life Skills Festival and Field Day on April 28, 2018. This event combines Favorite Foods Day, Fashion Revue and the Arts and Crafts Expo. Attendees not participating in the competitions are invited to observe the sessions and participate in games, demonstrations and workshops. More information to follow.



Life Skills Festival: Blanket Donations

For the community service project at the Life Skills Festival this year, we're making Linus blankets to donate to the victims of the Northern California fires through Project Linus. Our countywide goal is to make 50 blankets, which means each club should make about 6. We would love if it people from this club could pitch in fabric or completed blankets to bring to the March meeting. The fabric (or blanket) should be fleece in any pattern from 1 ½ to 2 yards in length. It would be so helpful if we could get some more donations!

If you're interested in making the blanket, the information is here:

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/267635.pdf>. If you want to learn more about Project Linus, their link is here: <https://www.projectlinus.org/> and if you want to read the challenge, the pdf is here: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/267632.pdf>.

We would very much appreciate your support! --Maya Donovan

Mandatory Farm Clean-up Sunday April 29th 3-5PM

Taking an animal to Fair? You must attend our spring farm clean-up on Sunday, April 29th from 3-5pm.

Please bring gloves, any weeding tools, extra shovels and/or rakes. Please clean them before and after using them on the farm. Wear sunscreen, old closed-toe shoes and long pants- NO SHORTS! Please bring water and a snack.

Farm Open House

Its time to show your 4-H pride at our 4th annual open house at the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Farm. Wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt, hat, sweatshirt or 4-H Green outfit to tour the farm! You'll meet our junior farm bosses, dedicated farm youth and market animals including pigs, lambs, goats, turkeys and baby chickens!

Saturday May 5th
1:00-3:00 PM
SCEH 4-H Farm
99 Oak Creek Lane, San Carlos

Please RSVP by April 28th to Erica
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Farm to Fair Meeting April 24

Are you bringing an animal to the County Fair? If so, come to the MANDATORY Farm to Fair meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Clifford Library. This meeting will help our club get organized for the busy days at the Fair. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Smith (maria.smithsmith@gmail.com).

San Mateo County 4-H Camp 2018

The dates for San Mateo County 4-H Camp 2018 are Sunday, July 15, 2018 - Friday, July 20, 2018. Starting Monday April 16, 2018 registration starts for the general public & 4-H members who have not done it during priority registration. Registration fills up extremely quickly, so if parents are able to put a deposit down it can help ensure a spot at camp.

To register or find further information visit the San Mateo/San Francisco 4-H Camp website:
http://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/About/4-H_Camp/

Member Reports

JTL's

At the last JTL meeting, we discussed the upcoming meeting and talked about how the previous meeting went. After, we played Capture the Flag since that is what we will be playing at this month's meeting. We also got our new JTL sweatshirts and they look really good. Nice job Maya Donovan!! -- Taylor Meeks

Weaving



At Mrs. Spinali 's house I learned how to weave using a rigid heddle loom. I chose the colors green, light purple, and dark purple because they are my favorite colors. It was very fun to do. In the end we cut the strings and tied knots at the end of them. I will be entering my weaving in the San Mateo County Fair this year. -- Sarah Schembri

Pig Project

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, I attended a jackpot show at the Modesto Junior College. The space that it was held in was divided into three separate areas, each with arenas, in which to show pigs, goats, and lambs. Personally, as I have raised lambs in the past but this is my first time raising a pig, I watched the pig aspect of the show. I thought that it was very interesting and I got to see how people of all ages from many different places showed pigs of all breeds and sizes. Also, from listening to the tips and remarks of the judge, I learned a lot about how a pig show operates and what is very important to pay attention to. For example, I learned that the judge can know more or less how you will be placed within the first couple seconds after you enter the arena. Overall, I had a great time at the show and I definitely recommend for anyone raising an animal or who just wants to see a show to attend in the future. -- Elise Wacha



S.T.E.M



Microscope Madness: On Saturday, March 24th, we had our 3rd S.T.E.M meeting. The meeting theme this time was Microscopes. Our leader Anna, had some slides already for us to look at, but we could also bring our own. It was really cool to look at the different organisms and plants. You can see a lot with a microscope, that you can't see without one. After we saw all the slides we wanted, we got to make our own. We made slides on roots of basil, lettuce, and, wheatgrass. We cut the roots off and put them in water, to make the roots flat. Then we added methylene blue die so we could see the roots better. They looked really cool. After that, we got to find anything outside and put it on a slide. The coolest thing we found outside was a small bug. But in total, we ended up using: a part of an orange, a fern leaf, mud, water, fungus, and fiber from a doormat. The meeting was really fun and cool. I am looking forward to the next meeting. -- Millie Garrett

SPCA Tour from Sunday, March 25th

We met at the Burlingame SPCA Sunday morning for a tour of the Lantos Center for Compassion as a thank you for our last 2 donation drives. Kylynn, an SPCA employee, kindly showed us around all three levels of the SPCA including part of the wildlife area. All who participated were very excited to see the extensive volunteer opportunities that are available at the Lantos Center for Compassion. The tour may have encouraged some to volunteer there in the future. Approximately 1,500 volunteers keep the SPCA locations in San Mateo, Burlingame and their Thrift Shop well staffed. It takes many hands to keep the SPCA running efficiently. -- Andrew Gould



Goat Project

Two weeks ago I went to pre fair check in. I was a little scared that my goat's horns were too long. They have to be less than one inch to get into fair. When the vet checked the horns, he said that the horns are too long. He told me that I should file them down. Goat horns are like fingernails and they keep growing. The breeder told me they would fall off from the dehorning medicine but I was not sure. Last week they fell off! The animals also got their ears tagged for fair. They had to cut off the ear tag from the breeder to put on the new tag. The fair starts June 9th. -- Roen Thuener



Lamb Project



A couple of weeks ago I went to the pre-fair check-in. This is only for large livestock, like lambs, goats and pigs. At the pre-fair check-in the vet checks the lamb's dock (the tail) to make sure it is not too short. If the dock is too short, the lamb does not get into fair. I was pretty nervous while waiting in line at check-in. I was worried that my lamb, Philby, might not get in, but he checked out fine! The next scary part was the ear tagging. I held onto Philby when the vet was putting the ear tag into his ear. Philby jumped pretty high, but I held onto him so that he wouldn't hurt himself. That was a stressful day for Philby and me. He was happy to be back on the farm. --Zerach Chan

On March 31, I went to pre-fair check-in. Pre-fair check-in is when all the lambs, goats, and pigs go to the county fairground to get a health check and ear tag by a California State Certified Veterinarian. I was very nervous about my lamb not getting pass check-in because I wasn't sure if his dock (tail) was long enough. When all of the lambs arrived to the fairgrounds, we all haltered our lambs and walked them into the line of other lambs and goats. When it was Latte's (my lamb) turn to get a health check, I tried to remain calm. Dr. Seals (the veterinarian) greeted me then started the check-up. He first glanced at his mouth and nose then moved over to his dock. When Dr. Seals was checking Latte's dock, I tensed up. Dr. Seals let me know that Latte was all good and ready for fair when he started to read out Latte's scrapie tag number. I was overjoyed! Latte got a flashy, new, orange fair tag indicating that he is in fair! -- Tia Chan



County Calendar Events

SMC 4-H Animal Field Day	4/21/2018
Life Skills Festival	4/28/2018
San Mateo County Fair	6/9-17/2018
4-H Summer Camp	7/15-7/20/2018

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

Do you want to learn about 4-H at the county level?

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 May 7, 2018

Email newsletter articles and photos to sue.gower@icloud.com. Thank you!



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