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**Next General Meeting:
April 17 at 7 pm,
Clifford School**



President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone has had a pleasant spring break and that no one was a fool on the first! Our next meeting is on April 17 and it will be our annual cookie-judging contest. This is another one of my favorite meetings because everyone in our club has a chance to bake cookies and have them judged. The best part is that we are all the judges! I hope everyone can make a tasty treat for Tuesday night.

Summer is coming and we can expect to have animals at the farm soon. This means we will need to clean up our farm. Our mandatory farm clean-up (for anyone who chooses to raise a large animal) will take place on April 28.

Nicole Donovan, President

**At this month's meeting:
Wear pastels
Bring a batch of cookies**

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Apr. 17	7 pm	April General Meeting
Apr. 28	9am-noon	Spring Farm Clean-up
Apr. 28	1-3:30pm	Record Book Workshop
May 8		Deadline for articles for the April newsletter
May 15	7 pm	May General Meeting

At our general meeting this Tuesday night, April 17, we will hold our annual...

!!COOKIE JUDGING CONTEST!!



This contest is really about learning to be a good judge of cookies, but we obviously can't do that without eating them, so we need YOU to BAKE and BRING to the meeting several dozen (a good batch) of homemade cookies so that the judges—that's YOU again—will have something to taste. (It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it!)

We will all get to eat lots of yummy cookies, and you can get record book credit for junior judging as well. The more people who bring cookies, the more cookies there will be to eat. The cost of a cookie is a completed junior judging sheet. We rate the cookies based on appearance, texture, and most importantly taste. This is a great opportunity to test your baking skills and your taste buds!

Call Kathy Wilfong (366-3810) if you have any questions about the contest.

Register for San Mateo County 4-H Camp

When: June 17-22 (please note corrected end date)

Where: YMCA Camp, Jones Gulch

Summer Camp Advisor Jerry Hoffman has initiated the contract for use of Jones Gulch, so plans are in the works for a FUN summer camp for youth ages 9 – 19. Camp fees are \$250 for 4-H members and \$275 for youth who are not currently 4-H members. Reservation forms and deposits are due on **April 21!** The registration forms can be found on the county website at <http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu>.

—reprinted from the Highlights newsletter

Get Out Your Rakes and Shovels!

**Spring Farm Clean-up — Saturday, April 28
9 am to noon**



All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in our spring farm clean-up. We have many jobs to do, especially after the winter rains, and the farm needs everyone, including parents! This is a mandatory event for every member who is in a farm animal project: goats, sheep, pigs, poultry (chickens and turkeys), and bee-keeping. Attendance will be taken. If you have an excused absence, as defined in the Club attendance policy, please inform your project leader and Eric Grimsby, the Farm Boss, and you will be assigned make-up farm work.

Bring gloves, disposable dust masks, etc. This is also a fun club event, which you may enter in your record book as “attended event”. Hot chocolate, juice, coffee, and doughnuts will be provided.

Come to the Record Book Workshop

Record-keeping is an important component of a member's 4-H experience. As well as having a lasting reminder of their years in 4-H, members develop communications, time management, and organization skills, and learn how to set goals.

Effective this year, San Mateo County 4-H will begin using the new Record Book format as recommended by the Statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee. These forms are available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/forms/index.asp>.

To help county 4-H community leaders, project leaders, parents, and members learn how to correctly use these new forms, the County Council has invited Lisa Tobias, a member of the statewide 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee, to conduct a workshop for us on Saturday, April 28 from 1 to 3:30pm at the Peninsula Community Foundation, 1700 So. El Camino Real, Suite 300 in San Mateo.

Lisa has been a 4-H leader in San Benito County for more than 20 years. She will review the new forms, discuss the differences between the new and old record books, and show how to transfer information from the "old" record books to the new format. She will also talk about the new "star" system and the opportunities for recognition and awards at the state level.

A paper copy of the manual will be provided for everyone who registers. All club leaders, project leaders, parents, and *senior youth members* are welcome.

To register, go to www.acteva.com/go/casbs or contact Jane Stahl at (650) 583-7249 or jstahl@casbs.org.

Help at the 4-H Hometown Days Booth

It's time again to sign up to help at the 4-H Hometown Days booths. As usual, we staff two booths for Hometown Days, the Lemonade & Cookie Booth and the Information Booth. You can sign up for a shift at either one or both!

The Lemonade & Cookie Booth needs your help on Saturday from 10 - 11:30 (two adults and some 4-Hers) and 11:30 - 1 (one adult and a 4-Her or 2). Call Joan Dreschke if you can help (598-9624).

The Information Booth needs helpers and a small animal on Saturday from 11:30 - 1 and 4 - 6 and on Sunday from 10 - 11:30, 11:30- 1, and 1- 2:30. Call Tessa Martino if you can help (593-3181).

—Joan Dreschke

Get Your San Mateo County Fair "Premium Book"

The 2007 San Mateo County Fair "premium book" is now available at <http://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/exhibits.html> (scroll ALL THE WAY DOWN the page). If you are planning to exhibit at the fair this year, please read the premium book carefully; many rules, requirements, and deadlines have changed in all categories, not just livestock.

Important Fair Dates for Junior Livestock Exhibitors

San Mateo County Fair
August 10-19, 2007

Theme: 100% Fun Under The Sun!

Date and Location	Event
<p>May 12, Saturday ID badge photos taken beginning at 8 a.m. Meeting starts at 9 a.m. May 16, Wednesday I.D. badge photos taken beginning at 6 p.m. Meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m. San Mateo County Expo Center</p>	<p>Pre-Fair Mandatory Meetings. <i><u>Attendance at one of these meetings is required for all livestock exhibitors, project leaders, and parents who will be signing 2007 San Mateo County Fair entry forms.</u></i></p>
<p>June 23, Saturday, 9 a.m.- Noon Gate E – Expo Center Barn Area (Scheduled by club/chapter/group or individual.)</p>	<p>Market Hog, Sheep, Goat, and Feeder animals ear-tagging and pre-fair check-in. <i><u>All entry forms with all required signatures and fees due.</u></i></p>
<p>August 4, Saturday, 9 a.m. Expo Center Barn Area</p>	<p>All animal exhibitors, parents, and leaders – Barn Set-Up Day</p>
<p>August 8, Wednesday, 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. Expo Center Barn Area</p>	<p>Pen & Barn Decorating</p>
<p>August 9, Thursday, 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Expo Center Barn Area</p>	<p>Large animal and poultry weigh-in and poultry inspection</p>
<p>August 10, Friday, 8 a.m. Livestock Arena</p>	<p>Fair, Facts, and Fun Livestock Exhibitors and Small Animals Meeting – mandatory for all exhibitors, project leaders, and parents. Information, photo ID's distributed.</p>

Project Reports and News

Rabbits Hop into Spring at the Humane Society



The advanced rabbit project is still visiting the rabbits at the shelter. We bring each one out and watch them play taking notes on their progress cards. The time goes by fast. If you can't have a rabbit, this is a great opportunity to get your bunny fix.

—by the Grimsby's

Grand National Livestock Show

Thursday April 5th I showed my heifer at the Grand National. It was a great learning experience. We also showed our rabbits on April 14th. There were a lot of rabbits and it was a great way to see all the breeds.

—by Danielle and Nikolaus Grimsby

Saying Goodbye Is Never Fun

This year has been very difficult and tiring for me. I want you all to know that I am here if you need help, but I am not going to be your poultry leader for 2008. I am physically and emotionally spent and in need of a vacation. I have been your leader for the past 5 years and doing poultry for 6 years. I will finish out the year to the fall clean-up. We need a leader who loves birds/kids and wants to teach. You are welcome to copy any of my information.



—by Judy Grimsby

Hobby Craft Project Report

This month the Hobby Crafters made tons of cool Shrinky Dinks into pins, keychains, earrings, and magnets. Next month we will be painting rocks to decorate our gardens.

—by Joan Dreschke

Advanced Cooking—Not Your Average Cooking Project!

We have made several great meals in our advanced cooking project. We had a Mexican theme, a Greek theme, then last meeting we had a seafood theme. The Marsters flew in live lobsters from Maine and we got to see how to cook and eat them. (Thank you Marster Family!) Such a treat! We had so much fun. This is most definitely not your average cooking project.

Here are some pictures as proof.



—by Kate Lyn Sutherland

Next newsletter deadline: May 8

Email articles to Betsy Parkhurst: betsyrus@sbcglobal.net