

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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**Next General Meeting:
May 15 at 7 pm,
Clifford School**



President's Message

Hi 4-Her's,

I hope everyone is having a fantastic May; I know I am. The warm weather is just a reminder that summer is coming. Summertime means that before you know it, it will be time for the fair. I hope everyone entering something is working really hard.

Our May meeting is one of our club's most fun nights. We will be having our annual pizza and bingo night. Make sure to bring some cash to the meeting so you can buy your pizza and bingo cards. We will be giving away some awesome prizes.

See you all at Pizza and Bingo Night,

Nicole Donovan, President

**At this month's meeting:
Vote for club officers
Enjoy pizza and bingo:**

\$1 for a slice of pizza. The first bingo card is free with a slice of pizza; then \$1 per additional card.

The club is providing lemonade, plus, of course, lots of fun prizes!

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

May 15 7pm May General Meeting

May 19 8:15-10am Hometown Days Float Decorating and Parade

June 3 12-4pm Club BBQ and Recognition and Awards Program

Club Officer Elections at May Meeting

Be An Educated Voter!

Elections for club officers will be held at the May general meeting. Only club members vote for officers. (Parents do not 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 candidate; read the candidates' statements that you'll find in this newsletter.

At the May Junior/Teen Leadership Project meeting, members "threw their hats into the ring" as follows:

Office	Candidate
President	Joanna Settles
Vice-President	Samantha Cotter
Secretary	
Corresponding Secretary	Natalie Soulard
Treasurer	
Sergeant at Arms	
Junior Farm Boss	

Candidates' Statements

President

Hello my fellow 4-Her's,

My name is Joanna Settles and this year I am running for president of the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H club. I am 17 years old and I am a junior at Carlmont High School. This is my sixth year in 4-H, and I have raised one goat, four pigs and eight chickens. I have also been in other projects such as sewing, backpacking, and gardening. I have been a teen leader for three years, and I am currently Vice-President of the club. I have been in the club for many years and I would love to be a leader. Since I have seen how things are run in the club for so long I feel that I am a prime candidate for this job. I have some really great ideas, and I feel like I could really improve the club.

Thank you,

Joanna Settles

Vice-President

My name is Samantha Cotter, and I am running for Vice-President. I have been in 4-H for 8 years and have been in the Jr. Teen leader project for 4 years. I have been secretary for two years, and this year I was Sergeant at Arms. I am really hoping to be Vice-President this upcoming year in 4-H because this will be my last year. So please vote for me!!!

Thank you,

Samantha Cotter

Corresponding Secretary

Hi, my name is Natalie Soulard, and I am running for Corresponding Secretary. I have already been Corresponding Secretary for 2 years, so I have a lot of experience in writing thank you letters. I have been in 4-H for 7 years, and I am looking forward to making my 8th and final year in the club an enjoyable and fulfilling one. Please vote for me because I would make a great Corresponding Secretary who is organized and efficient!

Thank you,

Natalie Soulard

Hometown Days are Here—Be There or Be Square!

Have fun! March in the parade with us! Tell your friends to buy our cookies and lemonade! Invite them to our information booth to see Nicole's goat, Rebecca's lamb, Danielle's heifer, and Hayley's heifer!

Parade

Check out the parade article below for details. If you need a club t-shirt, plan to buy one at the general membership meeting. A map of the parade route and our parade staging location will be available at the May meeting. Don't miss out on the fun!

4-H Booths: Cookie/Lemonade Booth and 4-H Information Booth

If you have forgotten your time slot, check out the club website for the schedule of booth workers.

Need a 4-H T-Shirt or Record Book Cover?

Don't forget to bring money to this month's meeting. We will have green 4-H logo t-shirts available for sale just in time for Hometown Days! All sizes are available. Youth tees are \$8 and adult tees are \$10. We want everyone—members and parents—to participate in the Hometown Days parade and wear a 4-H uniform, club t-shirt, or 4-H colors. Our remaining supply of uniform pieces will also be on sale at the May meeting, as well as record book covers, an item every member needs, for just \$2.00. Bring cash for your club purchases or remind your parents to bring their checkbooks.

Strong Parents Needed for “Heavy Lifting” at Hometown Days

At the May general membership meeting, we will be asking parents to sign up to help with the following very important and often overlooked jobs:

- Moving fencing from the farm to Burton Park and setting up pens for two heifers, a goat, and a lamb on Friday evening and dismantling the pens and returning the fencing to the farm on Saturday evening.
- Preparing the float for decorating early Saturday morning (loading the hay bales, etc.) and dismantling the float at the end of the parade and moving the hay bales to other uses in Burton Park.

If you can help but will not be attending the May general membership meeting, please, please contact Eric Grimsby (ejgrimsby1@comcast.net).

Hometown Days Parade: Home is Just a Walk in the Park!

Let's get ready for San Carlos Hometown Days. This annual celebration falls on the weekend of May 18-20 this year. Next to fair, Hometown Days is the biggest event in our 4-H year. Every 4-H family is needed to make this year's celebration a success. This year's theme is “Home is just a walk in the park”. To celebrate this theme we can bring our animals with us along the parade route and take a walk with them. Please be certain to provide water and a bowl for your animal. Small animals and poultry will be more comfortable in a kennel/cage.

Please wear your 4-H t-shirt, 4-H uniform, or 4-H colors—green and white. Be certain to wear comfortable shoes.

Parade activities begin at 8:15 am when we gather on Cedar Street near the north end of the school playground to decorate our float. The parade steps off at 9:45 am from Central Middle School, follows a route through downtown San Carlos, and ends back at the school approximately an hour later. All club members are welcome to participate in the parade, and adults who are not helping set up the club booths should also plan to join in the fun.

So to review:

- Arrive at 8:15am on Saturday, May 19, 2007.
- Wear your 4-H t-shirt or uniform (including the hat).
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Bring an animal to take a walk; remember a leash and water and a bowl.
- Bring a wagon for your small animal.
- Bring water in a bottle for yourself.
- Bring decorations, and a way to secure them.

Save the Date and Time!

Sunday, June 3rd, 12 – 4 pm
Annual Club BBQ, Recognition and Awards Program,
And

A Short Business Meeting
To Vote on Proposed Constitution and By-laws & Install New
Officers

Fun! Games! Good food! Good Company! Swimming!
Watch as Project Leaders Try to Convict Members in the Infamous Kangaroo Court!

Status Report from the By-laws Committee

Senior Club members Nicole Donovan, Joanna Settles, Natalie Soulard, Anne Peale, Carson Sprock, Samantha Cotter, Tatiana Martino, and Katlin Murphy have been working with Janae Novotny to draft a club constitution and by-laws to replace the club's original documents that have disappeared from the archives of both the club and the county office. The committee plans to post the proposals on the club website for review and comment by club members before the June 3 meeting and to present the constitution and by-laws for adoption at the June 3 meeting.

Record Books Are Due June 3

Member record books are due Sunday, June 3. Members who wish to exhibit in any category in the San Mateo County Fair in August must submit a record book. Please deliver completed record books to Janae Novotny at the Annual Recognition Event/June meeting. Members who plan to enter their record books at the county level should inform Janae when they turn in their record books.

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 missed our informative Record Book Workshop, helpful materials will be available at the May 15 general meeting.

If you are claiming credit for demonstrations, you must complete a Demonstrative Verification Form and submit it with your record book. Forms are available on the club website.

Questions? Contact Janae Novotny (janae@sprock-novotny.com) or Julie Figliozzi Wong (girlfig2u@yahoo.com).

Thank You for a Great Farm Clean-up!

Check out the club's website for photographs of these members and parents working hard to clean up the farm: Danielle, Nikolaus, Eric, and Judy Grimsby; Nicole and Gaye Donovan; Katrina Hull; Evelyn Klein; Anya, Tristan, and Maeve Knoth; Anne Peale; Frank Peale; Sandra Bernhard; Janae Novotny; Maeve and Gretta Keegan; Andrew and Ben Bowler; Jesse and Joanne Taylor; Jeanette and Emily Chow; Rebecca and Vicki Lewit; Sean and Neil Rossiter; Emma Martino; Katlin and Michael Patrick Murphy; Winston Wyckoff; Peri and Julie Wong; Sunny and Leslie Marx; Sydney Schoonbrood; Peter and Hans Warrick; and Emily, Cale, and Kurt Hallamasek.

Thanks also to Kira and Elena Wyckoff, Michael Pons, and Joanne Settles, who did farm clean chores on other days. Poultry, goat, sheep, and pig project members who did not attend the farm clean-up day will be contacted soon by the Farm Boss or Farm Manager to schedule the required farm maintenance work.

Rewarding Job Opportunity Available! Work from Home!

Check Out The New Listing!

Secretary's Mentor: Each of our club officers is paired with an adult mentor. This mentor, who will ideally serve for a number of years, helps the new officer acquire necessary skills and monitors the various duties of the office. We need an adult to assist the club secretary in basic note-taking and the preparation of minutes. Previous secretarial experience is not necessary—just a few common-sense organizational skills and an encouraging smile.

This position is open immediately and offers a small but important way to contribute to our club and to the growth of skills and self-esteem in one young person. Please contact Sandra Bernhard to volunteer: s.bernhard@sbcglobal.net, 592-3558.