

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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## Next General Meeting:

**Dec. 18 at 7 pm,  
Clifford School**



## President's Message

Seasons Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great month. I would like to thank those who went caroling at the local convalescent center. It is great that our club is spreading holiday cheer this time of year.

For the December meeting, we have our yearly holiday gift exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a gift under \$10 for your age group. At the end of the meeting, we will sit in a circle and exchange our gifts! Also, remember to wear something holiday themed. Can't wait to see you there!

Joanna Settles, President

**This month's theme:  
Wear holiday accessories and  
bring a present to exchange**



## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Junior Fair Board Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>December General Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>5-7 pm</b>	<b>help at Samaritan House</b>
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>January General Meeting</b>
<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Record Books 101</b>

## **Member Gift Exchange at This Month's Meeting**

Each club member who wishes to participate in our annual member gift exchange must bring a wrapped gift appropriate for both a boys and girls in one of two age groups: primary members (ages 5-8) or regular members (ages 9-18). Please mark the outside of the gift with the appropriate age group. Be creative, and please do not spend more than \$10 on the gift.

## **Lions Club Speech Contest**

Club members in grades 9-12 are invited (and encouraged) to enter the Lions Club Speech Contest. Speeches will be presented at the Lions Club lunch meeting on January 24, 2008. Speeches should be between 5 and 10 minutes long on the topic of "Immigration: My Solution". The winner of the speech contest at the San Carlos club level will receive \$50 and a chance to move on to higher levels. The speech contest is a national program and there are thousands of dollars in scholarship monies available for high school students who do well.

If you are at all interested in participating (this is a fabulous chance to show the community how much you have learned about public speaking from your 4-H experience and gain record book credit at the same time), please contact Paula Ebejer-Moffitt: paula@primaprinting.com, 631-0714 (home), or 637-0650 (work). The contest will be limited to just 3 or 4 participants so your chances of winning are high while you gain terrific experience at the same time.

## **Record Books 101**

Are you new to 4-H? Have you ever turned in a record book? Do you know what a record book is? Maybe you turned in a primary record book but turned 9 this year and need to move on to a new set of forms? If any of these apply to you, please come to "Record Books 101" on Tuesday, January 29 at 7 pm in the Clifford School multi-use room. This meeting is intended to be an introduction to record books. We will go over some of the basics and give you ideas on how to keep track of information that you will need for the book.

We will hold a more advanced level record book workshop later in the spring. This meeting is for members and/or parents. (If your member is quite young, you might want to come and take the information home). —Maeve and Bruce Knoth

## **Samaritan House Needs You!**

Volunteers are desperately needed to help the County All-Stars as they volunteer with holiday gift distribution on December 20 from 5-7 pm. Both adults and youth are welcome. Pizza will be served after the distribution. Please call Penny Richardson at 368-6896 to volunteer or call Maeve and Bruce with questions. It would be great to see our club represented at this county-wide community service opportunity.

## **Want to be on the Junior Fair Board?**

There will be an informational meeting for youth and parents who are interested in learning more about the Junior Fair Board on Monday, December 17 at the San Mateo Expo Center Board Room at 7 pm. The Junior Fair Board is made up of 4-H members, FFA members, and youth in the general public who would like to have input planning the 2008 fair. Junior Fair Board members do not have to show anything at the fair. Meetings will be held monthly. Attending the informational meeting does not commit you to participating on the Junior Fair Board; it is an opportunity to learn if this is the right year for you to participate.

There will be an application process for those interested in applying for a Board position. There are also volunteer opportunities for youth who are interested in participating and volunteering during the Fair. Give Sue Garcia a call at (408) 654-6338 (days) or (650) 592-7313 evenings and weekends. Let's see some San Carlos-Eaton Hills representation on the Junior Fair Board! —Maeve and Bruce

## **Caroling Spreads Holiday Cheer**

On December 11, a whole group of 4-Hers and I went caroling at the Carlmont Gardens older persons' home. We sang a lot of Christmas carols and some of the residents sang along. We passed out the holiday cards that we made at the November general meeting. Jim Stevens was our guitarist and song leader. He made us sound good. It was really fun to be there. —Anya Knoth



## **2007 County Fair Announces Carcass Winners**

Congratulations to San Carlos 4-H members Kristine Gomez, Danielle Grimsby, Nicole Donovan, and Rebecca Lewit for being recognized for the quality of their animal carcasses at the 2007 county fair. The carcass contest gets little publicity, but each lamb and steer is (once slaughtered) automatically considered for this award. Kristine Gomez's lamb earned 5th place lamb carcass. Kristine's steer was the first place carcass, and San Carlos-Eaton Hills was well represented in the top five, winning four out of the five places. Danielle's earned third place, Nicole's placed fourth and Rebecca's placed fifth. Basically this award means that our members raised very high quality meat this past year. Congratulations.

## **Demonstration Project Report**

We just had our first demonstration project meeting. We started brainstorming ideas for our presentations for County Presentation Day in March.

We have seven members in the project this year. We have some great ideas for demonstrations and hope to give our presentations at an upcoming general meeting some time soon. —Kate Lyn Sutherland, teen leader

## **Horse Project Reports**

The second horse project meeting was held in Woodside. We joined Cañada 4-H Club's project because San Carlos-Eaton Hills does not have a horse project. We learned to tack and untack horses. We also learned some safety tips like don't put yourself between something like a fence or rail and the horse because you can get smashed; you need to give yourself room to escape. We learned that before putting the blanket and saddle on a horse, you have to brush them to remove dirt, burrs, and stones that can pinch or hurt the horse. I had lots of fun at the meeting. —Gabriella Pons

We joined the horse project of Cañada 4-H and had our meeting in Woodside on December 8th. I was excited to learn about saddling horses. We also learned about being safe around horses, by letting the horse know where you are at all times. This can be done by keeping your hand in contact with the horse's body as you move around the back end. We also learned the importance of brushing the horse before saddling them. We completed our project reports when we were through. —Caitlyn Pons

## Shooting Sports Project Report

We had our second meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Palo Alto Rod & Gun Club in Redwood City. There were approximately 12 boys and girls at the meeting. We talked about what kind of gun we would use – air rifles. We also talked about the scopes and safety rules about firearms. We were taught three of the most important rules – First, always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. Second, always keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to shoot. Lastly, always keep the gun unloaded until ready to fire. Next we went into the shooting range and checked our eyesight. We learned which eye was dominant and whether or not we would shoot with one eye or both eyes open. We learned the prone position and how to load the air rifle. After that, we got our effects to shoot. —Cutler Pons, age 9



Woodworking project members at their first meeting

**Next newsletter deadline: January 8**

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