

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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### Next General Meeting:

Feb. 19 at 7 pm,  
Clifford School



## President's Message

Hello 4-Her's,

I hope everyone has had a great month and is looking forward to a Happy Valentine's Day. This month's theme is to wear red, pink, or white to the next general meeting, and remember to bring you sweet tooth because at the end of the meeting we will be decorating heart-shaped cookies!

Hometown Days is right around the corner, and we need volunteers for our float in the parade. Let's keep our winning streak going and make another first-place float!

It's almost that time of year again when people need to start thinking about possibly raising an animal for the summer. I was fortunate enough to be able to raise animals in the past and I have had some great memories. I've learned valuable lessons that I know I will use later in my life. I hope everyone will be able to grow and learn from 4-H like I did. Sadly, I will not be raising any animals this year but I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the farm working hard.

I can't wait to see everybody at the next meeting!

Joanna Settles, President



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## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Feb. 19	7 pm	February general meeting
Feb. 29		Favorite Foods Entry forms due
Mar. 1	12 pm	County Presentation Day
March 8		Favorite Foods Day
Mar. 11	7 pm	March general meeting
March 17	7 pm	County Council meeting, Fox School
April 11		Fashion Review entries due
April 19		Fashion Review

Special  
Date!

## **Do You Need a New Shirt?**



The new 4H t-shirts are here. We have plenty of youth and adult sizes so bring your money (shirts are \$10 each) and plan to buy them at the Feb. general meeting. Get yours while there is a wide selection! Vikki Jeffers will be selling them and exact change or checks will be appreciated. Call her with questions, 592-9579.

## **Are You Ready for Hometown Days?**

Save the dates for Hometown Days —Saturday, May 17 is the parade, and 4-H will have an information booth and sell cookies and lemonade on Saturday as well as Sunday, May 18. All San Carlos/Eaton Hills families are needed to make the weekend a success. Watch for more information about the parade float. Arthur Ortiz (ortiza@sbcglobal.net) and Shelle Magee-Lucas (straycatgt@comcast.net) have graciously volunteered to organize the float. Please think now about what kind of object your project can make to represent your activities. Remember the huge paper-mâché pig? What will you contribute?

## **Do You Want to Lead an Archery Project?**

Attend the Shooting Sports Volunteer Leader Course, Archery Discipline on Saturday May 3 from 8 am—5:30 pm and Sunday, May 4 from 8 am—4:30 pm. It will be held at 890 N. Bush St. Ukiah, CA 95482.

Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified in the shooting sports discipline of Archery. They will be certified as volunteer leaders and eligible to serve as shooting sports leaders for clubs or counties.

There is a \$20 fee for the course and you must register by April 25. To get more information or register for the class, contact Linda Edgington at lgedgington@ucdavis.edu or call 707-463-4495.

## **Do You Like to Plan Parties?**

We are very excited that the San Mateo County Fashion Revue is coming up. It will be on Saturday April 19, 2008 at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church at 303 36th Avenue in San Mateo. It will be approximately 12 - 4:30 pm, although the exact times have not been set yet. I would like to invite you to be on the committee that is planning the event. You do not need to be in a clothing project to participate. It will be really fun. We will talk about the decorations, food, and everything else we need to consider. I hope you will be on the committee.

Our first meeting will be on Friday, February 29 from 6 - 8 pm at 3210 Upper Lock Road in Belmont. If you would like to be on the committee, please email me at [laura\\_kramer@yahoo.com](mailto:laura_kramer@yahoo.com).

To make it fun, we will be eating lasagna and Caesar salad. If you would like to bring a dessert to share, that would be great. Also, if you would like to help on the day of Fashion Revue without being on the committee, we would welcome that and you can let me know. Lastly, if you would like to be on the committee, but can't make the first meeting, please email me and I'll make sure you are up-to-date with everything.

The entry forms will be ready in early March after the committee meets. The entry forms will be due on Friday, April 11 by 4 pm at 3210 Upper Lock Road Belmont CA 94002.

I look forward to hearing from you and getting your ideas. Please let me know if you have any questions. —*Victoria Kramer, Fashion Revue Chair, Belmont 4-H*

## **The Importance of Keeping Record Books**

4-H record books serve a variety of purposes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. While society has changed, so have the goals of 4-H record-keeping. 4-H record books allow 4-H members to reflect on their yearly work completed, as well as maintain records of project and club work. In this way, 4-H members demonstrate growth and measure achievements across their years in 4-H.

Through record-keeping, 4-H members develop the following life skills:

- Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work, as well as school and community activities
- Keeping personal and business records
- Improving communication with other people
- Learning time-management and organizational skills
- Learning responsibility and developing goal-setting skills

4-H record books are an educational component of the 4-H youth development program. They may not be required for 4-H membership nor for participation in 4-H activities such as club events and activities. In the San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H club, completing a record book is required each year to participate in the San Mateo County Fair as a 4-H junior exhibitor and to complete a year “in good standing” and earn a year stripe.

## **Got Chickens?**

Right now it is against city ordinances to have pet chickens in San Carlos. At the February meeting I am going to have two petitions, one for adults and one for kids. They will help me with my project of trying to change the city ordinance. Please only sign if you live in San Carlos. I am hoping to present these petitions to the City Council in April.  
—*Anya Knoth*

## **Poultry Project Report**

Last Saturday on the 10th there was a poultry project meeting. We learned how to see if a chicken was a good egg layer. We did that by putting fingers between the pelvic bones. A good egg layer would never have one or two fingers fit between the pelvic bones. You would want a chicken where three, four, or even five fingers fit between the pelvic bones. The people who buy hens can also figure out which chickens lay the most eggs by looking at the combs. The hen's comb should be big and very red. The buyer of the hen would want a chicken that has a soft abdomen and a large, moist vent. —*Sean Rossiter*

## **Tristan's CAL Conference Report**

On January 26 I went to CAL (Creating A Leader) conference. We got there late and it was raining a lot when we were driving there. The next day we went to four workshops. One of them was about how to run a meeting and it was fun because we got to act out how not to run a meeting. Then we learned about how to run a meeting and things we should bring back to our club to improve our meetings. That night there was a party. It was fun. I recommend that other people go next year. —*Tristan Knoth*

## **Peri's CAL Conference Report**

During the weekend of the 26th, Caitlyn, Tristan, and I went to Cal Conference, which was held at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County. Maeve Knoth (Tristan's mom) was a chaperone and drove me, Tristan, and Caitlyn to Walker Creek on Friday. When we got there, we had to drag our bags to our cabins in the pouring rain. After we were all set, we went to Maple Hall for an introductory assembly and to meet with our cabins. One of the ice-breakers that we did was to make a totem pole of our cabin's mascot. For us it was a deer. We were given a list of words to use in a skit that would be presented on Saturday. The following morning, we went for a "nature" hike, but all the nature we saw was the scenery, turkeys, deer, and a squashed lizard. After the hike, we had four workshops that were things such as ice-breakers, meeting organization, impromptus, and how to keep an open mind. Saturday night was the talent show and the cabins presented their skits. There was a short, concluding assembly on Sunday morning, and then we went home. —*Peri Wong*

## **Dog Show Report**

On Saturday, January 26 my mom and I went to the Golden Gate Kennel Club dog show at the Cow Place in S.F. There were so many breeds of dogs and lots to do. We talked to a Newfoundland breeder/handler (someone who shows the dog in the ring), and she told us how to become a professional handler. It takes a lot of practice but has great rewards if you work hard. I hope to attend future GGKC shows and have fun with the dogs! —*Danielle Grimsby*

## **Beginning Dogs Goes to the SPCA**

On February 5th, the Beginning Dogs group took a tour of the SPCA. They had farm animals, domestic pets, and wild animals. The only wild animal at the SPCA was a white dove. We saw a rooster and some chickens.

There were lots of cats and dogs. We met a dog named Cooper, that belonged to someone who worked at the SPCA. Cooper loves treats! We met a cat named Shadow, and she was all black. She put her front leg out of the cage, and extended her claws right at Lucas. I think she liked him and wanted to go home with him.

We had a great time, and saw lots of animals. —*Carrie Fulton*

## **Next newsletter deadline: March 4**

We welcome and encourage articles written by members. Email articles to Betsy Parkhurst: [betsyus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:betsyus@sbcglobal.net)