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Next General Meeting:

**Mar. 11 at 6:45 pm,
Clifford School**



President's Message

Hey 4-Her's,

The next meeting is a very exciting one. It is our 2nd annual potluck! The meeting will be starting at 6:45 so we have time to eat a delicious meal. Remember to mark your calendars. If you didn't sign up for a dish at the last meeting, a dish will be assigned by last name.

This month we will be following up on the 4-H million trees project. Also we need some volunteers for the 4-H information booth at Hometown days, so if we have any volunteers please let us know at the next meeting.

I can't wait to see everyone at the next meeting, and remember to bring you appetite! Wear your club t-shirt, your 4-H uniform, or something green since our theme is "all things 4-H".

Joanna Settles, President

**This month's theme:
all things 4-H**

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

March 8		Favorite Foods Day
Mar. 11	6:45 pm	March general meeting
March 17	7 pm	County Council meeting, Fox School
March 25	7 pm	Steering Committee meeting, Clifford Library
March 31	7 pm	Leadership project meeting
April 11		Fashion Review entries due
April 15	7 pm	April general meeting
April 19		Fashion Review
April 26	9 am-noon	Spring Farm Clean-up



Potluck Dinner at the General Meeting

We are having a potluck dinner this Tuesday, March 11, at our General Meeting to help celebrate our 4-H family! The Jr./Teen leaders and their families are providing the entrees (both meat and veggie lasagnas), and we ask that your family bring a salad, breads, or dessert (see assignments below). The club will provide lemonade and napkins. Please bring plates, utensils, and cups for your family members. We can generate substantially less trash if we each bring what we need and take it home to be washed.

Date: Tuesday, March 11

Time: 6:45 pm (Let's start a little earlier than usual.)

Assignments: If you were at the February meeting, you already signed up for your contribution. If not, please bring the following item assigned to your last name.

Last names A-K: Salad or Veggie tray

Last names L-R: Breads

Last names S-Z: Dessert

Last names A-Z: Bring your appetite!

Since the March theme is "All things 4-H", we invite you to be creative in your use of green or clovers for the dinner! ;-)

Steering Committee Meeting—All Adults Invited

Please come to the steering committee on Tuesday, March 25 at 7 pm in the Clifford Library. All 4-H parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

At this meeting, we will talk about many important topics, including Hometown Days, the county fair, plans for marketing 4-H meat, and the June barbecue. We need your input!

See you there,

Maeve and Bruce

Wanted: Items for Our Hometown Days Float

We need to create some large-scale items for the float that our members proudly decorate each May for the San Carlos Hometown Days parade. **Project leaders:** please have your project members design a large-scale, three-dimensional object that represents what your project does.

You can use very thin sheets of wood as a base, use paper maché with wire frames or balloons, and of course, use your imagination. As a bonus, it is very likely that the object can be used at the San Mateo County Fair. The goal is to create an item that will last our club for several years.

—Shelle McGee-Lucas, 508-8392, straycatgt@comcast.net
and Art Ortiz, 802-1100, ortiza@sbcglobal.net

Speaking of Hometown Days...

We are still looking for a coordinator for our information booth at Hometown Days. This year's dates are May 17 and 18. Please let Maeve or Bruce know if you are interested in coordinating the set-up and sign-ups for this booth, which is one of our best ways of expanding our community visibility and attracting new members. We can provide all the guidance you need!

Get Out Your Rakes and Shovels!

Spring Farm Clean-up



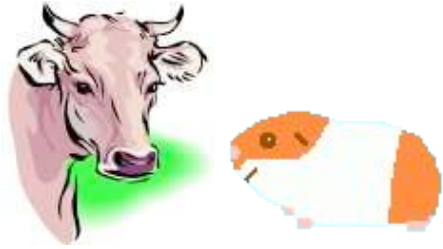
Saturday, April 26 9 am to noon

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.

Mandatory Pre-Fair Meeting

The San Mateo County Fair has published the schedule for the mandatory pre-fair meeting. If you intend to show any animal at the fair, you must attend a meeting at the fairgrounds either Saturday, May 10 at 10 am or Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm.



This year you are required to attend one of the meetings if you are showing an animal *even if* the animal will not be staying at the fair. Are you bringing a cavy for a day show? Showing your dog? Exhibiting a rabbit? All market animal exhibitors *and* show animal participants must attend one of these meetings. Mark your calendar now!

P.S. Rumor is that there will be a uniform exchange at the meetings.

Uniform Check-up: Do You Have All the Pieces?

Do you need to get a 4-H uniform? Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair. You are not *required* to wear a uniform at any other 4-H event, but we like having some members in uniform at Hometown Days and other events.

We will have the club's current supply of small uniform pieces and club t-shirts at the March meeting. Read below the description of the complete uniform. Note the prices for the small items that may be purchased through the club and where you can go to get your "whites". Bring cash for your club purchases or remind your parents to bring their checkbooks. Also, remember to bring your old, clean whites to the meeting or up to the farm to be recycled. The upcoming farm clean-up will be the perfect time!

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Uniform Regulations: General Requirements:

- Uniforms are only required if you are showing an animal at fair.
- You are not required to wear a uniform at any 4-H event.

Bottoms:

- White canvas pants or white jeans (jeans recommended if showing an animal).

Pants are available at Western Saddlery (650) 345-2261; 206 E Hillside Blvd, San Mateo (near intersection with 101.) Some sizes need to be ordered in advance; check by calling the store.

We have a good selection of hand-me-down pants at the farm. Check 'em out!

- Brown or black belt with matching shoes.
- White shorts or skirts are optional for girls not exhibiting animals.

Shirt:

- White.
- Long-sleeved. (Short sleeves OK if not showing an animal.)
- Collared.
- Must be worn tucked in.

You can find shirts at department stores (boy's department) and thrift shops, and also check out the hand-me-downs at the farm.

- Most girls wear boys' shirts.

Tie or Scarf:

- Must be the official 4-H tie or scarf.
- Girls wear scarf or tie.
- Boys wear tie.

Available through the club while supplies last. Contact Vikki Jeffers at 796-5933 or mvvjeffers@hotmail.com.

Hat:

- Must be the official 4-H hat.
- K-8th graders wear the green hat; high school students wear the white hat.

Available through the club while supplies last. Contact Vikki Jeffers at 796-5933 or mvvjeffers@hotmail.com.

Price List:

Green hat (K-8 th):	\$10.00
White hat (high school):	\$10.00
Girl's collar:	\$11.00
Tie (clip or regular):	\$8.50
Record Book cover:	\$2.50

Something to Crow About

Accolades go to the Poultry Judging and Avian Bowl teams that attended this year's Greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers annual show, held February 23 at the Fresno County Fairgrounds. Arranged through the cooperation of Modesto Junior College and UC Davis, this poultry judging contest challenged the kids, exposed them to new methods of reasoning, and forced them to think on their feet. All of our members did well and deserve congratulations!

In the five-part poultry judging contest, members had to grade eggs (both in the shell and broken out), grade whole chicken carcasses, identify commercial cuts of chicken, and finally place four live laying hens in order of their egg productivity. All contestants presented oral reasons for their placings.

Kate Ortiz gave proud representation as a senior team of one! Please congratulate Kate on her individual achievement. The junior team, comprised of Elena Wyckoff, Peri Wong, and Allison Kostecki (Lamorinda 4-H) placed first in juniors. All three junior team members also won individual medals in the sub-group of Past Layer Production.

So now you know who to ask if you need to know what piece of chicken you are eating, or which laying hen to keep in your flock! —*Julie Wong*

Advanced Rabbits Project Report

The Advanced Rabbits project is well underway. On a rotating schedule, we take care of the rabbits at the Peninsula Humane Society in San Mateo. Each parent/child team attended an orientation at the Humane Society and then a second session with their rabbit coordinator. Now we work on rotating Saturday mornings to feed, exercise, and socialize anywhere from 15 to 30 rabbits that are in their care and awaiting adoption. We take them by turns to outdoor runs, spend time with them, then leave them with carrots and oat hay. It is always a busy and rewarding morning. —*Allison and Tracy Clark*

Presentation Day Reports

Carrie's Report

I attended Presentation Day and there were four rooms to choose, and I chose Room 4. I saw six individuals give their presentations. They were:

- * How to clicker train a Rabbit
- * Astronomy
- * How to Groom a Dog
- * Chicken Disassembled
- * Beehive
- * How to Build a Paper Water Bomb

My favorite presentations were dog grooming and the paper water bombs. The dog grooming was fun, especially when the presenter tried to brush the dog's teeth. The dog just wanted to eat the toothpaste! I like the paper water bomb demonstration because I never thought of using paper for a water bomb.

After, there were two little plays. They were called Alice in Wonderland and the Razzle Dazzle Kids. —*Carrie Fulton*

Kate Lyn's Report

Presentation Day was on March 1st. It was a fun day and there were lots of great demonstrations. Kelsey Cochran did how to draw a duck. Ashley Cochran did how to draw a monkey. Sarah Sutherland did how to adopt an animal from the Humane Society. Sean Rossiter did how to make a paper water bomb. Peri Wong did how to disassemble a chicken, and I did how to decorate a cake.

Peri, Sean, Ashley, and I were awarded a blue ribbon. Sarah and Kelsey were awarded a red ribbon.

The Beginning 4-H group was there to watch and cheer on our club members. Congratulations to all who presented; you all did our club proud! —*Kate Lyn Sutherland*

Lance's Report

I went to Presentation Day and I talked about Astronomy. I was a little nervous but I spoke about my presentation. All the judges asked me questions and I was a little nervous answering them but then I got over my nervousness. The kids said I did a good job. A few adults asked me questions. I got a primary ribbon for my presentation.



I also signed up to be a junior judge. A junior judge had to guess what the speakers were going to be awarded by the judges. If you guessed correctly, you could get a ribbon.

I listened to other presentations and my favorite was how to make a paper water bomb. After the presentations there were shows performed on stage. I liked the first show, which was Alice in Wonderland. I'm looking forward to doing another presentation next year. —*Lance Torno*

Sean's Report

On March 1st was Presentation Day. On Presentation Day you have to have a demonstration that's ready to be shown in front of judges. You usually give a presentation with posters but some people did their demonstration with a projector. You can win a gold medal and a blue, red, or white ribbon. If you win a gold medal, you can continue on to the state championships. I did "How to Make a Water Bomb".

There is also Junior Judging. This is when you try to figure out what the judges gave the other presenters and you can even judge yourself. If you get most of them right, you can get another blue ribbon and points for your star. At the end you get a certificate for participating in Junior Judging. It was a lot of fun and we also had snacks. —*Sean Rossiter*

Next newsletter deadline: April 8

We welcome and encourage articles written by members. Email articles to Betsy Parkhurst: betsyrus@sbcglobal.net