

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:
Feb. 23 at 7 PM,
Clifford School



President's Message

Dear 4-H'ers,

Love is in the air with Valentines' Day and at 4-H you might also smell cookies! At our upcoming meeting we will have our annual cookie decorating activity. Junior Teen Leaders will provide all of the supplies so just come ready to decorate.

Coming soon is our very own 4-H Zoo trip. Make sure you sign up before the limited space runs out. The date is set for April 16th to the 17th and costs \$62 per person; we are also looking for a few more parent volunteers.

Everyone take note that Hometown Days are coming up, so that means we need as much participation as possible to make San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H look and be great! One thing about Hometown Days that I look forward to every year is the parade. 4-H'ers will gather early on Saturday morning and create a wonderful float. We have a long history of winning, so let's continue this tradition.

Sincerely,

~ Jeff



At this month's
meeting:

Wear red, pink, or
white and decorate
cookies

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Feb. 23	7 PM February General Meeting
Feb. 27	North Central Sectional 4-H Council Meeting, Santa Clara County. ALL INVITED
Mar. 5	Favorite Foods Day entries due
Mar. 15	7 PM County Council Meeting
Mar. 18	Mandatory meeting for all first time livestock exhibitors and Livestock Project Leaders, San Mateo County Fairgrounds
Mar. 20	San Mateo County Favorite Foods Day
Mar. 23	7 PM March General Meeting (note: different date)
Apr. 3	Hog ear tagging (on location with the hogs)
Apr. 10	Sectional Presentation Day. Support your County Medalists
Apr. 12	5 PM Entry forms due for livestock and small animal departments
Apr. 18	10 AM to 12 PM Market sheep and goat ear tagging, Fairgrounds
Apr. 27	7 PM Farm to Fair meeting, Clifford School Library
May 1	County Fashion Revue/Hobby & Craft Exp, Crystal Springs Methodist Church

Are You Ready for Hometown Days?

Save the dates for Hometown Days-May 21 to May 23. Saturday, May 22 is the parade. Shelle McGee-Lucas (straycatgt@comcast.net) and Carla Cinti 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?

Scott Marsters will coordinate a Dime Toss booth. Please donate your glassware by dropping off at the Weavers at 2145 Greenwood Avenue, San Carlos. Thank you.

Jenni Nelson and Robin Nielsen will coordinate the Information booth set up for both days.

All San Carlos-Eaton Hills families are needed to make the weekend a success. Plan to work at one or both of these fun booths to make a strong showing for our club.

Do You Need a New 4-H Shirt?

We have plenty of youth and adult sizes so bring your money (shirts are \$10 each) and plan to buy them at the February 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.

Dime Toss

We are trying something new this year at Hometown Days. Instead of selling cookies and lemonade, we will run a Dime Toss. To make this a huge success, we need your glassware. Search your cupboards for miscellaneous glasses, plates, mugs, wine glasses and the like. These will become the prizes at our Dime Toss so we need MANY. **Check your grandmother's house. Ask your co-workers.** Bring your finds to the February general meeting (in a cardboard box please) or drop them off at the Weaver house 2145 Greenwood Avenue, San Carlos. You can leave your glassware on their porch anytime.

Favorite Foods Day

San Mateo County Favorite Foods Day will be held on Saturday, March 20 at Sandpiper Community Center, Redwood City. Check-in will begin at 12:30 PM.

Everyone is invited to participate in Junior Judging, enter a decorated cake in our **“for fun” contest (adults too), bring a project display or mini-activity** related to the food chain and participate in cupcake decorating and experiments about food. Join the fun. Contact Dan Hogan at 738-0925 with questions.

Entry forms are due by March 5 to the County 4-H office.

Zoo Overnight

Don't forget to sign up for the County-wide zoo overnight at the February General meeting or call Laura Deck 592-0287. All the details, and the registration form, for this fun April trip are on-line in the January club newsletter and included in this newsletter.

Change of Dates

Due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, the March General Meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday in March, March 23 this year. See you there!

The night of May 18 we will hold **two** club meetings back to back. Mark your calendar now. This way we will complete ten club meetings before the County Fair begins in early June. If you need 80% attendance because you plan on showing an animal at the Fair, be sure to attend the May meeting!

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.

Mandatory Fair Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2010. What is this meeting? The Fair requires that all first-time exhibitors and Livestock Project Leaders attend a meeting to orient you to the complexities of the County Fair. Do not miss this meeting- there will be no make-up. If you wonder if this meeting is for you, please ask Maeve or Bruce Knoth. We do not yet have the full schedule, but the meeting will be in the evening at the County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendar now.

Reports from Members

Presentation Day

This past Saturday, February 6, I was a presenter at our county Presentation Day. My presentation was called, “Poultry Judging, Grading, Identifying and Reasons.” This was only a small part of the bigger competition called Poultry Judging. At first, I was really nervous, and as the day went on after I was done presenting, it only got worse. Finally, when they announced the awards, I was relieved to hear that I had won a gold. Now I am going to be presenting at sectional presentation day at UC Davis in April.

–Peri Wong

Stockton Poultry Show

Early Saturday morning, probably around 4 or 5, I woke myself and my friend Sarah Lloyd to go on an adventure. We were going to Stockton to compete in a rather large poultry show. Once all six chickens had been packed in the car, we were on our way. Once we got to the San Joaquin Fairgrounds, I checked in at started my day, which was sure to be busy. By the time Sarah, my mom and I sat down at our Banquet dinner seats that night, I had been awarded 4th in showmanship and a Best and Reserve of Variety for my Black Dutch Pair. We had also bought four new hens!

-Peri Wong

Poultry Project

On Saturday, January 30, my mom, my friend, and I went to the poultry show in Stockton. We left at seven in the morning, and it took us an hour and a half to get to the San Joaquin Fairgrounds. Once there, we discovered about five buildings with different things in each building. First we went into building two to see the judging. Peri Wong had submitted her chicken for show; she won fourth place in the senior section. Once the judging was over, we meandered to another building which housed all the different classes of poultry for show. **My favorite building was the “sale” building.** It held just about any fowl- chickens, ducks, geese, peacocks, swans, doves, pigeons, and turkeys- for purchase. Prices ranged from ten dollars to four hundred dollars. One of the buildings sold various chicken products: supplies, books, pens, egg crates, etc. Having **never been to a poultry show, I didn't know what to expect.** It was really fun and interesting!

~ Kathryn Stewart

San Mateo County Presentation Day 2010

On Saturday, February 6 I participated in the San Mateo County Presentation Day. It was my first time participating. I had to practice my presentation many times. I chose to demonstrate: How to Correctly Put an English Saddle on a Horse. I had to memorize my speech and make sure I was confident with my presentation. Part of the presentation is using props. I used lots of different horse tack. I received a gold medal which I was very excited about. Other people from our club also did very well including Perry, Peter, Nicole, Maeve, and Cormac. It was also fun to do Junior Judging which is when you judge other people's presentations like you think the official judges will judge them. I got a blue ribbon for best matching the judges in my room. Overall Presentation Day was very interesting and fun. Because I got a gold medal I am moving on to the Northern California Sectionals in April. I encourage everyone to try Presentation Day.

~ Laurel Nelson

Manga Project

Manga is a sure way to express who you really are. That shows most at the manga meetings. Everyone shows off their new clothing designs and talks about how to improve, and understand what their manga can be like. Plus, there is no wrong fashion sense in manga. You can have a preppy cheerleader look all the way up to a beat down homeless person. No one ever feels left out. The best part of it though is just hanging **out and draw like there's no tomorrow.**

~DJ Lucas

Helping Haiti Heal Update

In case you were wondering how much money the Haiti fundraiser made, we are proud to tell you we made \$1136.61. We hand delivered an envelope that contained the money we collected during the last meeting to the local Red Cross office in Burlingame. They were very impressed with our fund raising efforts. We were even mentioned in the Christian Science Monitor. We send a big thank you to each and every one of you who contributed and made this fundraiser such a big success.



The Community Service project: (Kate Lyn, Peter, Maeve, Anya, Sarah, Lucas, Ashley and Kelsey).

C.A.L Conference

On January 22nd-24th Kate Lyn, Maeve, Isabella, Peri, and Andrew all went to the 4-H sectional leadership conference called C.A.L. (create a lender) conference. We went to five workshops: team building, bullying, social skills, interviewing, and leadership style. We listened to many speakers who came and talked about useful skills like how to work with younger or older club members. We also learned about flag etiquette from the C.A.L. staff members. On the last day each cabin had to perform a pirate themed skit. The weekend was a lot of fun and we learned lots of great ways to become better leaders. We encourage every Junior Teen Leader to go next year.

~ Kate Lyn Sutherland and Maeve Keegan

Wildflower Hiking

We had our first wildflower hike at Pulgas Ridge in San Carlos. The trail was really muddy at first because it had just rained. We were lucky because we had a nice clear day on Sunday. We saw all sorts of native flowers that I never knew existed before. My favorite was the Hounds Tongue plant. We hiked 2.5 miles and I was a little sore afterwards. **I can't wait for the next hike.**

~Sarah Sutherland

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San Mateo County 4-H Clubs go to San Francisco Zoo "Wild Nights"

When: 5:30pm Friday, April 16 to 10:00am Saturday, April 17, 2010

What: A fun-filled educational and overnight program for youth groups at the San Francisco Zoo. Kids and chaperones go on a nocturnal safari and meet a zookeeper for an up close animal encounter. Our group sleeps indoors in a large, heated hall. Games, activities and a morning nature walk are also part of the wild adventure. You are free to explore the zoo on your own for the remainder of the day on Saturday.

Who: San Mateo County 4-H members 9 years old (as of 1/1/10) and older. Maximum group size is 70. We need one adult chaperone for every five kids.

Cost: \$62/person covers activities, guided tours, pizza dinner, snack, breakfast. Members must provide their own transportation to/from the zoo.

Bring: sleeping bag, pad, pillow, warm clothes

To sign up: Submit completed form with check payable to San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H along with standard 4-H medical release form at **February's** meeting (2/23) or mail to: Laura Deck, 224 Bayview Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070. First come, first served.

Questions? Contact Laura Deck at 592-0287 or ladeck@sbcglobal.net.

Yes, I would like to participate in the 4-H Wild Nights program at the San Francisco Zoo on April 16-17.

Name _____ Age _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Club _____

I am a parent and I can chaperone the overnight. I am registered as a 4-H adult volunteer.

Name _____ Cell: _____

For Sale

Havana Rabbits-

I have four broken black Havana rabbits left from my litter that need homes! They are all show quality, tattooed and come with a pedigree, so if you are interested, please call Peri Wong at (650)853-1305 or email me at peritree@sbcglobal.net!

Next newsletter deadline: March 9, 2010

Email articles to Shelle McGee-Lucas: straycatgt@comcast.net

