

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:  
Jan. 17, 2012 at 7 PM  
Clifford School, Redwood City

## President's Message:

As my New Years' resolution, I've decided that my letters will from now on be nothing but seriousness. I will try to refrain from humor and unhelpful asides. So that I don't lose my resolve, I guess I'll just end this now. I suppose next year I'll have to resolve to have content. Until then, goodbye.

p.s. Please read the article about the African Library Project and plan on participating at the January meeting.

Sincerely,  
Tristan Knoth

## THEME:

**Pajamas and parkas and  
participate in the African  
Library Project!!**

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Jan. 17	7PM	January General Meeting
Jan. 21		Sheep Skills Day, Wooden Ranch in Davis
Jan. 23	7PM	County Council Meeting, Fox School, Belmont
Jan. 24		Record Books 101
Jan 27-29-		CAL Conference
Feb. 1-		Registration due for Presentation Day
Feb. 4-		Presentation Day at Canada College
Feb. 21-		February General meeting
March	TBD	Sectional Presentation Day
Mar. 26		State Presentation Day

## Record Books Demystified

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 24** at 7 pm in the Clifford School library. 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. This meeting is for members and/or parents. (If your member is quite young, you might want to come and take the information home).

~ Bruce and Maeve Knoth

## Get Ready for County Presentation Day

### 4-H County Presentation Day - Saturday, February 4, 2012

**NEW LOCATION – CANADA COLLEGE** Participant check in time is 12 noon.

What will you do at County Presentation Day?

At a 4-H Presentation Day, 4-H youth are judged on subject knowledge, presentation, organization, voice, manner and appearance, visual clarity, and the ability to answer questions. Check out the very complete Presentation Day manual at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/2193.pdf>. This contains everything you need to know about choosing a category, State standards and rules. These State rules, standards and judging rubrics will be used at County Presentation Day. Review them and make sure you understand them.

Presentations are an excellent way to demonstrate something that you've learned in 4-H and to develop your public speaking skills. Get started now. Sharing your knowledge with others is basically what a presentation is. Choose a topic related to a 4-H project or activity that you are comfortable with, and have plenty of knowledge in, and you're all set. Your project leaders can also help in selecting and pre-paring your presentation. An excellent tool to help prepare a presentation can be found at:

<http://www.alamedacounty4h.org/presentationday/planningpresentation.pdf>.

So, what can you do?

There are 11 different categories in which to enter:

- ✓ Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
- ✓ Scientific Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
- ✓ Educational Displays
- ✓ Prepared Speech
- ✓ Impromptu Speech
- ✓ Interpretive Reading
- ✓ Share the Fun
- ✓ Cultural Arts
- ✓ Audio-Visual Presentations\*
- ✓ Problem Solving Presentations
- ✓ **NEW!** Interview Contest **NEW!**

Practice your presentation (a lot!) and try it out at a club or project meeting prior to County Presentation Day. Gold Medal winners at our County Presentation Day will be eligible to present at the **North Central Sectional Presentation Day** in March at UC Davis. Medalists from Sectional Presentation Day will be eligible to present at the **State Presentation Day**, also at UC Davis, held during the State Field Day on **May 26, 2012**.

## APPLYING FOR JOBS??

(from County Highlights newsletter)

This year, we're offering an Interview Contest in which each "applicant" turns in a cover letter, a résumé and goes through a 5-10 minute interview. Here's how to participate:

Choose one of these jobs to apply for: (full descriptions posted on the County web site)

### Junior jobs

- California State Parks Position - Jr. Park Ranger
- Cows and Sows Petting Zoo Position - Petting Zoo Helper
- Green Heart Recycling Position - Recycling Assistant
- Good Eats Cafeteria Position – Server

### Intermediate Jobs

- General Hospital Position - Hospital Attendant
- Real Life Media - Media Set Up Assistant
- Heartland News Position - Freelance Reporter
- Smooth Fruit Shack Position – Smoothie Maker

### Senior Jobs

- Happy Days Photography Position – Photographer
- Franklin Street Deli Position - Sandwich Maker
- Good Morning Cafe Position - Coffee Bar Attendant
- Mid-Valley Veterinarian Clinic Position - Vet Technician

Create your cover letter and résumé. See examples and get help from the 4-H Interview Contest manual at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/51307.pdf>.

Enter the Interview Contest!

Bring **three** copies of your cover letter and résumé to County Presentation Day.

Entries are due by **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2012** in the County office. Registration forms (paper and online) are available on the San Mateo County 4-H web site. Even if you don't enter, come along anyway and cheer on the presenters.

Can you help? Many adult and youth volunteers are needed to make this event spectacular. We will need youth to serve as Room Hosts and Runners as well as adult volunteers to help organize and serve as Judges. So pick up the phone and call Jane Stahl at 583-7249, or e-mail her at [jane@tri-bridgeappraisals.com](mailto:jane@tri-bridgeappraisals.com) to help. We ask that each club provide two adult representatives as judges.

\*AV Presentations: Please review the criteria for AV Presentations in the Manual. The 4-H youth presenting is entirely responsible for all aspects of creating the presentation and for providing and setting up the equipment. In other words, an AV presentation should not be attempted unless the youth member is able to handle and connect laptops and projectors on their own. Parents will not be allowed to assist (other than lifting something too heavy for the child) regardless of the child's age.

## African Library Project

Want to make a difference in the world? Try donating just \$10 or 10 books and help to enrich children's lives in Swaziland. The community service project is working with the African Library Project to start new libraries in Swaziland, by collecting 1000 new or gently used primary (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade) books and \$500 for shipping. We will have a table set up at the January, February and March club meetings to deposit your books.

We will kick off our collections with a bake sale at the January meeting. If you would like a project member to pick up your donation, then please contact Heather Sutherland at [hpsutherland@comcast.net](mailto:hpsutherland@comcast.net) or Laura Deck at [ladeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ladeck@sbcglobal.net). Check the club website at [www.sancarlos4h.org](http://www.sancarlos4h.org) for more information. Our goal is to be done by March 18<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!

~ Anya, Sarah, Kate Lyn, Anna, Cormac and Justin



## 4H Christmas Caroling

The 4Hers went Christmas Caroling at Carlmont Nursing Facility on December 14th and had a blast. We sounded terrific with lots of help from the audience. We had a great turnout and lots of fun. And we are all looking forward to next year. So tag along for next year's fun with lots of smiling friends.

~ Elise Wacha

## Beginning 4-H

At the December meeting, we stuck cloves in oranges for a yummy smell. We made reindeer heads out of palmetto bark and made other holiday crafts. We later played "pass the button," a game from colonial times in the U.S.

At the first meeting of 2012, we watched a presentation on hand-sewing cat toys. We learned the hem stitch and the running stitch to make jelly fish and octopus toys for cats.

~ Submitted by Nolan H. Scheetz

## Want to Find Out About 4-H at the County Level?

You can subscribe to *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter. To do this:

- Go to [www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/](http://www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/)
- Click on “4-H Youth Development Program”.
- In the little purple box, click on “4-H Highlights”.
- Submit your email address in the box.

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[Download and view the newsletter here.](#)

## Next newsletter deadline: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

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