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April 2014

Next General Meeting:
April 8th at 7:00 PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

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President's Message

Hello 4-Hers,

April showers bring May flowers and we have had our fair share of showers. It is hard to believe that it is already spring. Everything is in full swing and the animals are growing up at the farm. This meeting is a special meeting as afterwards we get to play a large game of Capture the Flag. Hopefully the rain will stay away so we are able to play. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

--Maeve

This Month's Theme:

Bring glassware for the Dime-toss Booth!



UPCOMING DATES

April 8- 7 PM General Meeting
April 22- 7 PM Farm to Fair meeting- Clifford Library
April 26- County Fashion Review and Craft Expo
May 4- Drop in Record Book help
May 4- Animal Challenge
May 17-18 Hometown Days
May 20- 7 PM May and June General Meetings

Farm Animals Family Meeting, Clifford Library, April 22

April 22 at 7 PM, meeting is at Clifford Library. Are you bringing an animal to the County Fair? If so, this meeting is a **MANDATORY** event as we get our club organized for those busy days. Questions, then call Bruce or Maeve Knoth at 650-654-4975.

Record Books- Due May 20!

All record books will be collected at the May General Meeting. This is an especially important deadline for members who are bringing animals to the County Fair. The Fair requires that you be in "good standing" to take your animals through the gate and we must have your record book for that to be true! All members are encouraged to turn in a record book. If you would like any help, please call Maeve and Bruce (654-4975). We encourage you to make an appointment to drop by our house and work on your book with our help. May 5 is one opportunity to drop in at the Knoth house and get help (please let us know you are coming) but if that date does not work for you, don't hesitate to ask about other times and dates. We are happy to help.

May Meeting –Save the Date–Two Meetings in One!

For our May general meeting, **May 20, 2014**, 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!

Cookie Contest Winners

The winners of the "Best Cookies" are as follows:

Best Appearance : Jesse Taylor

Best Texture: Ava Messina

Best Taste: Anthony Musch



AND . . . The winners of the junior judging portion of the contest are:
Andrew Gould, Gus Enthoven, Noelle Barganier, and, Ashley Vaccarella

Congratulations to all! Be sure to come to the April meeting to claim your prize!

Hometown Days Coming in May

Our 4-H Club has a great tradition of participating in Hometown Days and we look forward to another great year. Donna Howe and Lorraine Heitel will coordinate our parade float. Plan on coming to Central Middle School at 8:30AM, on Saturday, May 17, to decorate our float for the parade. Stay to walk in the parade at 10:00. On Saturday and Sunday our club will have both an Information Booth and a Dime Toss. Kash Donovan and Robyn Garrido are coordinating the Information Booth so please see them to volunteer to work for a slot. Melissa Stewart is organizing the Dime Toss, with the help of Lisa Weaver who has been storing our glassware all year! Plan on having a busy and fun 4-H weekend. **Bring your calendar to the April meeting so you can sign up for your favorite time slots!

Hometown Days Dime Toss Booth-Glassware Needed

Hometown Days is fast approaching! This year, the dates are May 17 & 18. Please gather your CLEAN glasses, plates, cups, vases - essentially anything that will collect a dime - and bring them to the next meeting. Or, you can drop them off at the Weaver home at 1625 Greenwood Avenue in San Carlos. (You may leave them on the front porch.) We will be circulating the Dime Toss Sign-Up Sheet. Sign up for one (or more) two-hour shifts on either day. It's a lot of fun!

In order to make the DIME TOSS a success, we also need you to collect glassware for prizes. Check your cupboards, ask your neighbors, talk to your grandparents. We need each member to donate 5 pieces of miscellaneous cups, glasses, plates etc. Also, check out the local thrift shops if you don't have enough at home! Bring your items to the meetings, or drop off at the Weaver home at 2145 Greenwood Avenue in San Carlos.

-Lisa & Melissa, Dime Toss Committee



Cake Booth at the Fair

Each year our club is responsible for staffing and supplying delicious cakes to be sold at the cake booth at the fair one day in June. It's a great opportunity for 4-Hers who are not showing an animal, or even those who are, to get involved with the fair and it's always a fun time. Look for a signup sheet for baking cakes and working the booth at the year-end meeting on May 20, 2013. The cake booth coordinators are Jason Gische and Maria Smith.

We are looking for Fair ticket donations to the club that we can hand out to our cake booth and pen pride volunteers. If you are entering multiple items in the fair and end up with extra tickets please let Maeve or Bruce Knoth know.



Farm Clean Up Day-Sunday, April 6th

Hi San Carlos Eaton Hills 4H Group!

4H Riddle: What has 20 legs, 10 Ears, 5 Snouts, and 5 curly tails?

Well- If you haven't guessed it already, please come this **Sunday, April 6th @ 1-3:00 (approx.)** at the San Carlos Farm at the top of Eaton Ave- #99 Oak Creek Ave.
Gavin, Daisy, Tilly, Wilbur Pebbles will fill you in.

Sunday is our annual San Carlos Farm Clean Up. But if the wording "Clean Up" scares you- don't let it. We will be introducing the Fab 5- noted above, to our San Carlos 4H group. There are 4 others to greet you- introduction to come this week.

The 4H Farm has been at the top of Eaton Ave for about 50+ years- yes the "0" is correct. It's a "hidden treasure" in our quaint little community. I can't think of a better way to learn than in our own back yards!

The kids raising animals at the farm will be there- but it's introducing their animals to the rest of the group that will be the cherry on the top of the ice cream "Sunday". If you are not raising an animal at the farm this year, please consider coming just for the introduction! It's a pretty magical place.

Any Questions- please feel free to email Daphne Schwartz, Jr. Farm Boss, at daphers98@gmail.com. Verbal Questions can be directed to Debbie Schwartz: 650-773-0942



San Gregorio State Beach Clean up April 5, 2014 10am-2pm

Hello 4-Hers,

Want to spend a couple of hours at the beach? Come out to San Gregorio State Beach on Saturday, April 5th from 10-2. It is a great opportunity for community service for you record book, school, etc. All are welcome! If you have any questions I can be reached at mackeegan@gmail.com

Thanks--Maeve Keegan
San Mateo County All-Star

Get ready for Animal Field Day!

Save the date, May 4th 2014 from 9am to 4pm

What is Animal Field Day you ask?

Well it is a super fun event for San Mateo County 4-Hers at Barrett Community Center, 1835 Belburn Dr. Belmont, CA. It is put on by the ASAP committee and the County All-Stars for *all ages and no animal experience is needed!*

It is a great opportunity to learn about small and large animals, participate in a fun and friendly competition and win prizes.

Small animal challenge will be in the morning from 9-12. You will learn about rabbits, cavys, and chickens.

There will be lunch break, for \$5 you can purchase a pasta lunch provided by our county All-Stars.

The large animal challenge will be from 1-4 where you will learn about lambs, goats and steers.

Animal proficiency test will also be offered during lunch from 12-1 at no charge

On line registration coming soon!!!

Sign up on line or sign up the day of the event, just sign up and be prepared to learn something new and have tons of fun!

I have attended this event and highly recommended it.

See you there,
Sarah Sutherland

San Mateo County Fair: What Are You Showing?

Maybe you are thinking that the County Fair is just for 4-H'ers who are raising animals? Wrong! Do you build with Lego's? Do you like to make models? Could you bake a favorite cookie? How about setting a beautiful table? Check out the Fair premium book and see what strikes your fancy at www.sanmateocountyfair.com .

Let's have 100% club participation this year!

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 April general meeting. Read below the description of the complete uniform.

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.

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).
(We have a good selection of hand-me-down pants at the farm.)
- 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.

Hat:

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

These items are available through the Club, while supplies last.
Contact Jeanine Musch at 650-593-8720.



Member Reports

North Central Sectional Presentation Day

Last Saturday, I was a participant in the Sectional Presentation Day held at UC Davis. That means, that I gave the same presentation that I gave at the San Mateo County Presentation day two months ago. Once I got over how very nervous I was, it was very fun! All the judges were very nice and enthusiastic. My heart was beating like crazy when I first got there, but, once I actually sat down

and started watching other people's presentations, I calmed down because I could tell that the judges were not mean. It was exciting to see that there were so many other presenters and they all looked so great in their 4H uniforms (white pants, belt, white shirts with green ties and hats with lots of pins).

All the presentations were interesting and exciting. A sixteen year old from San Bruno explained how to create a website. My presentation was called "A Special Treat". I explained how to make peanut butter and pumpkin dog treats. I made them for my Shih Tzu, named Sugar, who I brought with so she could do a few tricks. I also gave some background on the history of Shih Tzus.

It was a really fun experience and I can't wait to give this presentation at the State Presentation Day in a couple of weeks because I got gold again! It will also be held at UC Davis, but, this time there will be 4Hers from all over California!

Just coming to Sectional Presentation Day was a lot of fun. It's about a two hour drive so we stayed at a nice hotel five minutes away. We stopped on the way to walk my dog, who was part of the presentation and to eat. Sectional Presentation Day was a lot of fun and I hope to see more 4Hers from San Mateo and Eaton Hills there next year! --Jessica Klein,

Baby Lambs Born

By: Laurel Nelson

Last week my two Old English BabyDoll Southdown ewes gave birth to their lambs. After two years of finding babies in the morning when arriving to feed, I was finally there to observe their actual births. It was very exciting! Chloe (my two year old ewe) gave birth to twins; one little black ram and one little white ewe. They weighed 6 pounds each. Their birth went quite easily. My older ewe Charlotte, gave birth to a single, white, ewe who weighed 10 pounds. That birth was a little more difficult since one of the legs was stuck and she needed some help with her delivery. All three babies are growing and enjoying chasing and head-butting each other in the enclosure. I will be showing all my lambs at the fair this summer.



Rock Climbing

On Sunday, March 16th, we had our 2nd rock climbing meeting. We met at 10:00 am at Planet Granite in Belmont. Eight of us showed up and there were 3 belay people. We each did a good amount of climbs during the 2 hour meeting. I did 5 climbs. I did a 5.4 two 5.7s and two 5.8s. Ryan explained the scale that terrains were rated on. He said that rock climbing courses were rated at 5s. It goes from 5.0 all the way to (I think) 5.12c. All the climbing we did was top roping, when the rope is put through an eyebolt or pulley--Andrew Gould

Archery

Our aim is improving this month! For fun we target balloons and foam zombies at the Palomo Range. We also learn about types of bows. --Andrew Gould



Beekeeping

We installed a new colony of bees today. Unfortunately, we lost both old colonies over the fall and winter months. First we cleaned out debris and overgrown grass. Then we prepared the site with landscape cloth that shields the bees from hatching hive beetles that are below the bee boxes. The boxes were scrapped clean and insulated with styrofoam to keep the new bees warm.

Photos: Our leader Kurt shows us the queen bee, who was packaged separately within the crate. It's a rough trip for the rest of the colony which is cramped for space.



UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

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my country, and the world.*