

SAN CARLOS EATON HILLS 4-H

<http://sancarlos4h.org> | Next Meeting March 23, Online

Upcoming Club Events:

General Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 7pm

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Tuesday, April 20, 7pm

President’s Message:

Dear 4-H family,

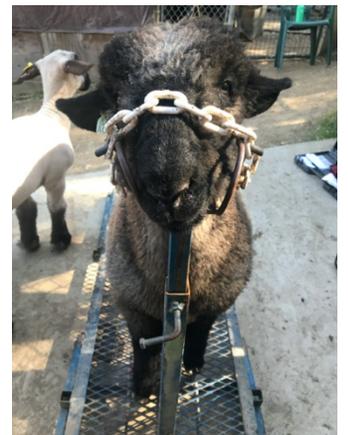
Happy March! I am so proud of everyone for all the hard work they have been doing this year in 4-H, school, and everything in between. You should all be very proud of yourselves for persevering through this past year, and continuing to persevere even now, a year later. As some things are beginning to open up and some of you may even be returning to school in-person, I wish you all health and safety as we begin to return to 'normal'.

I hope everyone is excited for our March meeting where we have a very fun event planned for you all to look forward to. Our theme for this month will be participation in the event (which may involve some fun props if you have any on-hand). Also, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the February meeting cooking and I hope everyone enjoyed their treats!



I am very excited to hear all about what has been going on in all the projects this last month and I look forward to seeing everyone soon. For my part, I washed and sheared my market lamb and learned more about how the fair might function this year.

See you all soon!
Elise Wacha, President



**March THEME: Participate in our
March Meeting Event!**

2021 Virtual Regional Presentation Event, April 10-24

4-H presentation events supports youth 4-H members (aged 9 to 18) in practicing and improving their public speaking skills.

County to Regional

If you receive a Gold or Blue award at the county level, you are encouraged to present in the Regional 4-H Presentation Event.

Regional to State

If you receive a Gold or Blue award at the Area Presentation Event, you may present at the State 4-H Presentation Event at State Field Day.

Sign up by April 20! There will be 7 presenters for each 2-hour period. Time slots are on a first-come basis, so don't delay to sign up!

We also need Evaluators and Room Hosts - and you can pick the time slots also on a first-come basis.

Click here to [learn more](#).

Citizen Science Trash Challenge

The Citizen Science group has created a challenge to collect trash around San Carlos to improve the environment of our community and help us learn more about the different types of trash in our area. Any 4-H member can participate in our challenge. To participate all you need to do (with parent permission) is download the free Litterati app and create an account. After you have created an account, join our challenge by going to the Challenge tab and use the challenge code: 727634 to join. After you join the challenge go out and take pictures (through the app) of trash you pick up. Pictures should be tagged with type of trash (example - material type, brand and/or type item). At the end of the challenge, we will get a report of all the types of trash collected and will report out at a general meeting our findings. Help us reach our goal of collecting 100 pieces of trash. Click here to [learn more](#).

-Nica and Alyce Miller-Bowen



Chickens Project Selling Egg-Laying Hens

With the pandemic and uncertainty about the fair this year, the Market Chicken project decided to raise egg-laying hens instead of the usual, meat chickens this year. The chicks were raised for their first 6 weeks at the project member's homes, where they got lots of love and socialization every day. Once the chicks were old enough to go outside, they moved to the farm where they will stay until they are 12 weeks old and ready to go to their new homes. The group carefully selected a variety of breeds that would be the best fit for a bay area back yard, based on their egg production, temperament, and uniqueness.

We will be selling these chickens to 4H families and other happy homes. The price is 1 chicken for \$50, 2 chickens for \$90, and 4 chickens for \$150. If you are interested in purchasing egg-laying hens or want to learn more please email:

4Hlayinghens@gmail.com.

-Lucy Winmill



12 Week Old Ready to Lay Hens Raised By 4H Members Are Looking For Forever Homes!

- ◆ San Carlos Eaton Hills 4H Youth Members raised egg laying hens for Bay Area families.
- ◆ The breeds were selected based upon friendliness, egg laying proficiency, and beauty.
- ◆ These well-socialized chicks were lovingly hand raised by children in their homes.
- ◆ All the chickens were raised naturally and according to organic standards.
- ◆ On April 10th, 2021, these beautiful, friendly, ready to lay, impeccably raised chickens are ready for new homes. *You can't find better raised chickens anywhere!*

If interested, please contact:
4Hlayinghens@gmail.com

Asking price:
\$50 for 1, \$90 for 2, \$150 for 4



Member Reports

4-H for Service, Weeding!

Alyce Miller-Bowen

On March seventh, the 4-H for Service project went to Arguello Park to weed invasive, non-native plants. We mostly targeted the French Broom as this plant is highly invasive and is a potential fire hazard. This plant tends to be three to eight feet tall and has strong roots. Because of this, we had to use a tool called a weed wrench, to remove it. This activity was both fun and rewarding because, in the end, we could see the impact we had made on the park.



Weeding 4 Service

Justin Webb

At Arguello Park on March 7th the 4-H 4 Service project picked French broom with weed wrenches. Weed wrenches are a wrench that pulls out the weed including the roots. It clamps onto the stem and when you pull on the lever it starts pulling out the weed. The weed wrenches were kind of finicky on the hills and started working again after you kicked it. French broom is not native to the US, it is a weed that grows so densely that it pushes the other plants out of its path. Picking the weeds helps native plants grow.

Argi-Science Summit 2021

Millie Garrett

Last Weekend I attended the virtual Agri-Science Summit. It was really interesting and fun to meet kids from all over the United States, and learn about which aspects interested me most within the argi-science field.

One of my favorite things from the summit was when we learned about how bad plastic is on our environment and how we really need to start changing our plastic usage. I already knew that plastic is really influential in our economy, but I had no clue how much plastic is really everywhere. They then talked about how a lot of the things that do contain plastics end up in landfills (and our bodies) at some point and really damage our earth. We all discussed ways that we could use less plastic or alternatives to using plastic. The group leaders continued the conversation by creating an experiment where they made plastic with milk. This showed us that plastic does not always have to be made by things that damage the earth.



Another thing that interested me was that someone who worked in agri-science technology has to learn and work within the weather department because large occurrences like tornados and storms destroy crops and livestock. We also learned that those same people make sure that radio announcements go out to the public if there will be a large tornado, storm, hurricane, etc so that people can take shelter and stay safe.

Overall, this Summit was really fun and everyone should attend next year!

County Calendar Events

[County Council Meeting](#)- March 22, 2021

[Animal Field Day](#) – April 25, 2021

[Life Skills Festival](#) – May 2, 2021

[County Council Meeting](#)- May 24, 2021

For a complete list of events, visit the 4-H County Web site [calendar page](#).

Do you want to learn about 4-H at the county level? Check out the San Mateo County 4-H website at <https://ucanr.edu/sites/smsf4h/>.

Next Newsletter Deadline: April 9th

Send articles and photos to igower100@gmail.com. Thank you!



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