

Homesteaders Happenings

February 2016



Don't
miss...

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Our Next Club Meeting on March 10 at Pomeroy Elementary School @ 7:15pm See you there!

Homesteaders' Ranch

By: Ilan Montes

On Saturday, January 30th, we had a club meeting for the ranch. While we were there, we saw a whole host of new ideas for the ranch be approved. While much of it does have to do with improving the poultry area, we also had other things we voted on for the ranch. We had a unanimous decision to purchase mouse traps in order to combat the mouse problem that has been plaguing the ranch. We have also decided to reinforce the bottoms of the chicken pens, as well as another unanimous decision to make sure all of the chickens that come to the ranch have vaccinations against Marek's Disease. Along with these, we also have many handyman jobs available to anybody willing to volunteer, who has any sort of construction experience. If you would like to volunteer, email our club leader at misty@moonlitfibers.com



Santa Clara County 4-H Green Clover 5K Walk/Run and 1K Walk

Sunday, March 13

Check-in: 8:00AM

Run Start: 9:00AM

Location: Martial Cottle Park

5283 Snell Ave., San Jose, CA 95136

CAL's "Creating an Olympian was from Jan.22 to Jan.24 at the beautiful Walker Creek Ranch. Two Homesteaders attended CAL and had a great experience!

Here is your chance to throw water balloons at the All-Stars and All Star Advisors!

Sign up now to register for the first annual 4-H Green Clover Run. Let's pull together and have all of the **Homesteaders 4-Hers, family, and friends** at this fun event. The club that brings in the most "paid" 4-Hers to the 4-H Green Clover Run (percentage of the club) will get to **throw water balloons** at the All-Stars and All Star Advisors (including our very own **Curtis Ullerich**).

Registration between February 10, & March 1, 2016: \$30.00 per person (race t-shirt not guaranteed)

<http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=16972>

As of January 28:

Coyote Crest - 7 Registered

El Sereno - 5 Registered

Homesteaders - 3 Registered

Pacheco Pass - 1 Registered

Pleasant Acres - 4 Registered

Rolling Hills - 15 Registered

Sunset - 1 Registered

Clover Foundation Gala

April 30, 6PM-11PM

Expo Hall, Tully Road, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

We welcome youth 9th grade and above and adults

Bring a friend or bring a whole table of friends to support youth agricultural education and access to livestock project management in Santa Clara County. This is a great opportunity to mingle with old friends, make some new friends, bid on unique auction items, and listen to or dance to some good live band music. Event will have no host bar with wine, beer, and cocktails.

Last year, your attendance helped the Clover Foundation give \$55,800 to local 4-H and FFA youth in three ways:

- **College Scholarships** – given to 4-H and FFA graduating seniors
- **Livestock Purchase Loans** – zero interest livestock loans accessible to all youth
- **Santa Clara County Youth Fair** – keep the 4-day fair tradition going!

6:00pm Doors Open

View the display boards, Scope out Silent and Live Auction items

See updates on Fairground evolution plans

Learn about the Heritage Foundation, Fair planning, and the Livestock Auction

7:00pm BBQ Dinner served

- Awards & Recognition
- Live Auction

Followed by

- Bucking Bull Contest, Karaoke, Live Music by Country Cougars, Casino Games (21 & over), Bingo (18 & over), Silent Auction Bidding, Announcement of Silent Auction Winners

Save yourself a few bucks and buy your tickets online now!

Tickets are \$40-\$60

Mark your Calendars for the Santa Clara County Fair

August 4-7

Fair entry guides are available. Start preparing your fair projects now! You can enter and win prizes for your rabbits, chickens, showmanship, goats, honey, vegetables, cooking, record books, photography, poster projects and more!

<http://www.thefair.org>

Favorite Foods Day

By: Rhedyn Haggerty-Arnett

Attend Favorite Foods Day! Saturday, March 12, 2016

Last year, when I was seven years old, I attended Favorite Foods Day and made mini-cheesecakes. My theme was spring. I had a spring flowered napkin, a matching table clothes, and table setting, and a vase with pinwheels in it. To go along with my theme, I also wore a sundress. This year, I want to make shortbread cookies and I want a Scottish theme. I will have plaid napkins and I may also wear my kilt. You get to pick your own theme and when you are nine years old you can make a salad or any other kind of dish that you want. Since I am only eight years old, I have to make a dessert.

My food and table set-up got judged and you have to say your name, your age, your dish, and how you cooked it. While I waited for the judging to be completed, we made quilts, had a Lego contest, storytelling, and we heard funny 4-H camp stories. It was a lot of fun because I got to eat different foods, some of which were from different cultures. I am looking forward to this year and I want more people to come!

County Awards Night

By: Ilan Montes

This past weekend, we had our annual county-wide Awards Ceremony! It was at Berger Drive from 6 pm to 9 pm, and it was a wonderful event. It was a potluck, so everybody brought a dish of some sort. Some of the people from our ranch who attended actually won some really interesting awards! Our enrollment coordinator, Curtis Ullerich, was nominated for the adult volunteer recognition award for all of his hard work over the past year to make sure everyone can get into our 4-H club. Our ranch manager, Mary Bartlett, received a special award, along with a 30-year pin. We also had 3 youth awards from our ranch: Nathan F., Fiona R., and me, Ilan M. This year's event was wonderful, and while I had to leave early, everyone who stayed after the awards had coffee, desserts, and were able to socialize with members from other clubs! This year's awards ceremony was amazing, and I hope that all of you are able to make it next year!