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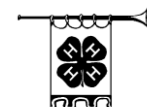
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4-H News



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Learn More About 4-H

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

Use this link to learn

All about state 4-H programs find publications
(project guides, record keeping information, etc.)

<http://d74-h@tamu.edu>

Use this link to learn about District 7 4-H happenings
(district contests, etc.)

<http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/>

Record Keeping and Record Books



Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Record book. The primary purposes of completing a record book are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.

Record book forms can be found at <http://www.4hreports.com/index.aspx> and the Family Guide to the Texas 4-H Record book can be picked up at the extension office or found at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2012/04/rb_family_guide.pdf

A record book must be turned in to receive awards such as Rookie, Silver Star & Gold Star Awards. The County Record book deadline is July 1 to be turned in to the Extension Office.

Thank-You Notes

This is a reminder to any 4-Her, who participated in the Lampasas Youth Livestock Association Auction, to send a Thank You note to your buyer. Lists of buyers & add-ons from the county stock show are available for pick up at the office. Please come by & get them & write your thank you letters ASAP! You will be required to show your thank you letters to us at the office prior to mailing.

Dinner Tonight Invitation

Karen DeZarn would like to invite all 4-Hers and their families to the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School scheduled in Lampasas on March 27th at the Catholic Church 6-8PM. The event is free to the first 80 registrants, sponsored by Scott and White and the Texas Beef Council, to register call the extension office.



Photography Project

4-Hers Take Those pictures!

The Photography contest is for any 4-Her K – 8th grade. Turn in your 8x10 photographs to the Extension office by 5:00PM on March 14, since this is spring break, you may turn in the week before. For those 4-Hers that need to mount their pictures there will be a \$1.00 charge for each mounting board. For those that advance to district the cost will be \$5.00 for the first photo and \$1.00 for each additional one. Judging results will be available before the end of March



4-H Has Talent

(Deadline April 1)

Do you have what it takes to be a star? Have you always pictured yourself performing on the Big Stage? Then the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup- 4-H Has Talent Competition is for you!! So sing a song, do a dance, tell a joke or just do something unusual! Get the chance to show your skills on stage in front of nearly 4,000 fellow 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers, and 4-H faculty. *See Attachment.*



4-H Fashion Show/Clothing project

Senior level 4-Hers interested in the 4-H Fashion Show project which includes buying, sewing/construction and fashion storyboard need to begin working on this project. The deadline for the county will be the beginning of April with the district deadline April 11th. For the Jr. and Intermediate levels (elementary & middle school) the county deadline will be in early July with the district deadline July 15. Call Karen to schedule one on one or group lessons.

Outdoor Challenge

The state committee is excited to provide information for the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge, scheduled for June 27-29, 2014. You will find registration information, rules, a tentative schedule, and various educational resource links at the following link:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/outdoor>

If there is interest the extension office can help you understand what this contest/camp involves and it would be great to start an Outdoor Challenge Club. Are there any adult leader volunteers?

Leaders 4 Life

It is important for youth to have an understanding of proper parliamentary procedure and leadership techniques. A structure to make fair decisions, keeping a meeting to a timely schedule, allowing each voice to be heard, and a basis of fun are all important factors that are made possible through this program. With Leaders 4 Life teams compete with other county 4-H teams. Anyone interested in this project contact Heath or Karen. A detailed description can be found at:

http://texas4h-tamu-edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2012/10/12-13_ProgPriorities_Leaders4Life.pdf

The goals of the Leaders 4 Life Program are to:

- Increase the leadership skills of youth to equip them for future leadership opportunities in adulthood.
- Providing counties with a toolbox of resources to effectively train youth in leadership, parliamentary procedure and service learning.
- Recruit and train volunteers as leadership project leaders.
- Provide a contest opportunity to youth which allows them to develop and/or showcase their skills related to leadership and associated areas.



Share the Fun

Do you have a talent to share with your fellow 4-H members? Singing? Dancing? Playing an instrument? Acting? Then sign up for Share-The-Fun! Guidelines have been released and you can plan on the same six categories as last year: Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routines, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band Performance, Poetry/Prose, and Vocal. An entry can be an individual or in teams up to 9 4-H members. Check out the Texas 4-H Roundup webpage for the rules and more information!

4-H Educational Presentations

If you aren't already doing demonstrations or presentations at your 4-H club meetings now is the time to begin. Also if you want to participate in the district or state 4-H Roundup you need to begin practicing. An educational presentation or demonstration can be done in so many different areas. The best way to see all the categories is to refer to the current Texas 4-H Roundup Participant Guidelines.

View or download at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2012/01/youth_roundup_guidelines12.pdf

Texas 4-H Roundup is the event where all educational presentations are given for competition. The Texas 4-H Roundup Guide provides the updated categories and detailed rules related to each category. Educational presentations can be presented in subjects, such as beef, food & nutrition, clothing & textiles, companion animal, shooting sports, and family life, to name just a few. There is also one category that is called "open" or all those other cool projects 4-H members are doing on their own. The district roundup in San Angelo is May 4 at West Texas Training Center and the state 4-H Roundup in College Station is June 9-12. County Agent, Karen DeZarn has printed material, a PowerPoint, and a VCR video describing demonstrations/educational presentations and talks.

Let's see some involvement at the club, county, district and state level!!

Educational Presentation - any number of junior entries /3 senior entries per county

Share-the-Fun - 2 entries for juniors and 2 entries for seniors per county. Wouldn't it be nice for there to be so many entries that we could have a county Share-the-fun/Roundup???

Texas 4-H Roundup

Texas 4-H Roundup is a qualifying and invitational event for youth between the ages of 11 and 18 that have successfully placed in a qualifying event at the district level or signed up to compete in an invitational event at the state level. County and district Roundup's are open to all ages of 4-H members from 9 to 18. Texas 4-H Roundup includes approximately 50 different contests and workshops that test 4-H members on life skills in such attributes as decision making, public speaking, organization, and working with others. These contests include such things as Fashion Show, Food Show, an assortment of judging contests, and educational presentations. The 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup will be held in College Station, Texas on the campus of Texas A&M University from June 9th to June 12th, 2014.

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>

The qualifying event is the District 7 4H Roundup to be held on May 3 at the West Texas Training Center in San Angelo. The county deadline for submission is April 11th so be getting ready.

Archery Update

On February 1 near Lometa, 24 shooters turned out on youth day. 9 bows were loaned out to beginners. A Great day to be in Lampasas 4H!



Texas Brigades Summer Camp Registration Starts Now

(If you wish to attend speak to Heath about a possible scholarship.)

Registration for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Texas Brigades summer wildlife leadership camps program has begun, said Dr. Dale Rollins, camp coordinator.

"Summer seems a long way off with these 'Blue Northers' whipping across the state, but now is the time to start making plans," Rollins said.

"It's hard for me to believe, but this is our twenty-second year of turning out young leaders through the Texas Brigades program," Rollins said. "It's great to watch them mature and go on to assume professional leadership roles. And while our camps feature quail, deer, bass, ducks and beginning last year, livestock, our real aim is to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and drive to really make a

difference in wildlife conservation and proper land management throughout their lives."

Rollins said youth are taught leadership skills, natural resources conservation and proper ranch management at the camps held across the state. Each camp is limited to 20-30 students ages 13 through 17.

"The camps are designed to develop life skills such as critical thinking and team-building through fun and interesting activities that focus on a particular species of wildlife and now livestock," Rollins said.

Shiloh Mullican, a junior in natural resources management at Texas Tech University, served as a Covey Leader at the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade and said her involvement with the program was life-changing.

"I went into this adventure looking to gain experience, meet new people in the natural resource field and add diversity to my resume," Mullican said. "Though I must say, what I got out of the Texas Brigades goes much deeper than a good resume."

"I learned things about life, people and quail and the list goes on," she said. "This experience has led me to shift my life goals and plans, and instilled in me a passion for education. I am incredibly blessed and thankful to have been given this opportunity."

The camp dates and locations are:

- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, June 15-19, Centennial Lodge, Coleman.
- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 16-20, Southern Star Ranch, Uvalde.
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, June 27-July 1, Buck Horn Creek Ranch, Pleasanton.
- Bass Brigade, July 8-12, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, July 14-18, El Escondrijo Ranch, San Angelo.
- Waterfowl Brigade, July 21-25, Big Woods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony.
- Ranch Brigade, July 15-19, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.

The camps are a partnership effort of AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, several universities, conservation groups, local soil and water conservation districts, private businesses, and individuals with an interest in wildlife and youth leadership development.

Tuition is \$400 per cadet per camp, but Rollins said sponsors are available to provide financial aid when requested.

Helen Holdsworth, Texas Brigades executive director at San Antonio, said camp organizers are looking for adult leaders to help at all the camps.

“Adults interested in working with the Brigades program should be highly motivated, ages 20 to 60 years old and willing to serve as ‘covey,’ ‘school,’ ‘herd,’ ‘flock’ or ‘ranch’ leaders,” Holdsworth said.

“They’ll get a full helping of appreciation topped with growing optimism from having worked with these young people and seeing firsthand the powerful impact these young people can have on conservation in the future,” she said.

“One of the greatest compliments I receive regarding the Brigades comes from older folks who tell me they wish there had been programs like this when they were younger,” Rollins said. “These comments often come just after they’ve listened to one of our cadets ‘nail the landing’ at some public meeting.

“The confidence our programs instill in young people is palpable, and it is an adaptation that will serve them well regardless of their career choice.”

Katelynn Butler attended her first brigade camp last summer and had this to say about the camp: “My experience at the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade will stay with me for the rest of my life.”

“This camp brought me out of my comfort zone and widened my view on the environment and the wildlife that live in it. The Texas Brigades showed me the importance of conservation and the impact of our actions on others. I encourage any teen with an interest in the outdoors or wildlife conservation to attend one of the Brigade camps.”

Applications may be completed online or downloaded at <http://www.texasbrigades.org>. For more information, contact Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or Kassi Scheffer at kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org or by calling 855-TXBRIGS (855-892-7447).

Registration deadline is March 15, Rollins said.

Stockshow Update

Congrats to Hayden Lusty & Lane Cardenas for catching at the San Antonio Calf Scramble! They will each receive an \$800 certificate to use towards purchasing a breeding animal for next show season!!!



Lampasas County 4-H is readily available on the internet

Below are links to many sites you may find useful.

<http://lampasas.agrilife.org/> Lampasas County Extension website.
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> Texas 4-H website.
<https://texas.4honline.com/> State 4-H registration page, 4-H Connect.
<http://4-h.org/> National 4-H site including the 4-H mall.
<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/> National 4-H site.
Clothing & Textiles Packet (will be updated for 2012)
<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>
Share the Fun Information
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/youth_roundup_resources_share.pdf
District 7 4-H Events
<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/>
4-H Record Books
<http://www.4hreports.com>
4-H Shooting Sports
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports/index>
4-H Round-Up
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>
Leaders 4 Life
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_leadership/leaders
Better Living for Texans
<https://www.facebook.com/BetterLivingForTexansLampasasCounty>



FACEBOOK Check out Lampasas 4-H on Facebook. Become a friend!

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/199928750048104>

4-H Club Meetings*

OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, at 6pm in the community building.

Leaders: Trisha Pratt at 254-247-6573 & Lisa Kepner at 512-489-2275.

SULPHUR CREEK & LAMPASAS 4-H CLUBS JOINT MEETING

The Sulphur Creek and Lampasas 4-H Clubs will have a joint regular meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at 5:30 in the County Annex conference room.

Contact: Becca Dishman becs@sbcglobal.net or 512-556-3763, Mandy Gautier 713-504-5223 or Karen DeZarn and Karen Longoria at 512-556-8271 for additional information.

Swine Club

Swine Club will not meet during stock show season unless otherwise notified. If you have questions contact the 2013-14 club managers Bobby Gene Carroll 512-525-1540 or Chad Hopson 512-734-2122.

Horse Project Meetings

Horse project members meet on the 3rd Monday of the month 6:30 PM at the Farm Bureau Bldg. This month the meeting will be on March 17. Contact Shelley Kozma (817-845-5041) or Kim Pearce (512-556-3183) for additional information.

Sincerely,

Heath Lusty
CEA – AG/NR

Karen DeZarn
CEA – FCS



4-H Events & Activities



2014 Summer Camp

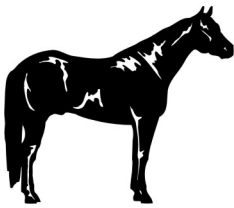
AT THE TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER

CAMP	ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE	REGISTRATION FEE (Youth / Adult)
Horizons (Grades 4-8)	June 29, 2 pm to July 3, 10:30 am	\$280 / \$135
County Camp I	June 30, 2 pm - July 2, 11 am	\$180 / \$ 85
Mission Possible Mentor Training	July 6, 2 pm - July 7, 2 pm	\$ 85
Mission Possible	July 7, 2 pm - July 9, 3 pm	\$175 / \$ 85
County Camp II	July 7, 2 pm - July 9, 11 am	\$180 / \$ 85
County Camp III	July 9, 2 pm - July 12, 11 am	\$230 / \$110
Camp Corral	July 13, 2 pm - July 18, 11 am	designated for children of wounded, disabled, or fallen military families.
Prime Time I (Grades 5-8)	July 20, 2 pm - July 23, 10 am	\$230 / \$110
Prime Time II (Grades 2-5)	July 23, 2 pm - July 26, 10 am	\$230 / \$110

TO REGISTER:

Visit, texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.
Click on "Camps" page and
on REGISTER NOW button.

- All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in spring, 2014
- 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp
- Pre-order t-shirts
- Register for a camp and automatically send a note to your friends for them to register for the same camp!
- Pay a deposit by June 14 or full amountDiscount for registering by June 14



PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AS THERE ARE TWO SETS OF DIRECTIONS BASED ON IF YOU ARE VALIDATING A NEW HORSE FOR 2014 OR REACTIVATING A HORSE THAT WAS ENTERED LAST YEAR INTO 4-H CONNECT!



2014 HORSE VALIDATION INSTRUCTIONS

FOR THOSE ENTERING A NEW HORSE INTO 4-H CONNECT, BEFORE YOUR BEGIN YOUR VALIDATION PROCESS, YOU MUST:

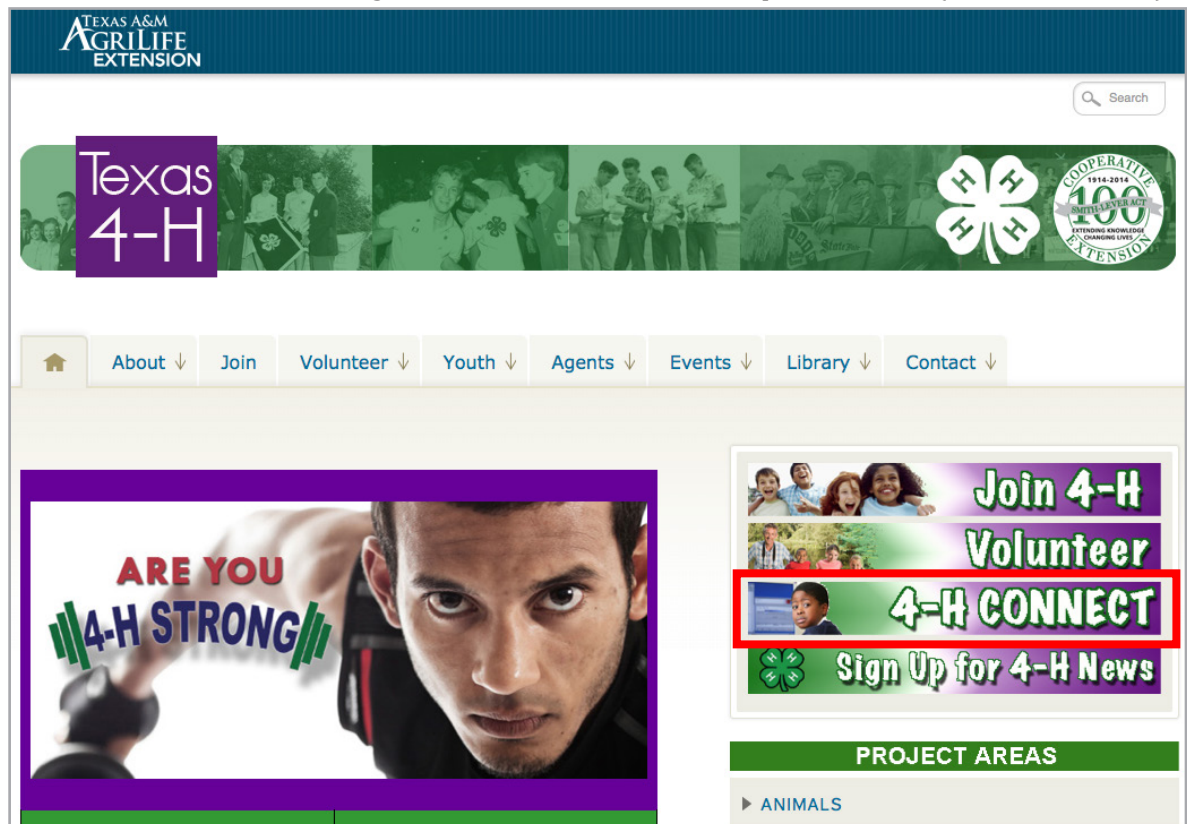
- Have a family and youth member profile established on 4-H CONNECT
- Be an paid/active youth member of Texas 4-H for the 2013-2014 year.
- For any horse which was NOT validated in 4-H CONNECT last year, have digital photos of your horse(s) from the front, left side, and right side. These photos must be accessible for upload during the validation process.
- For any registered horse that was NOT validated last year you will need to have a pdf copy of your horse(s) registration papers for upload.

IMPORTANT

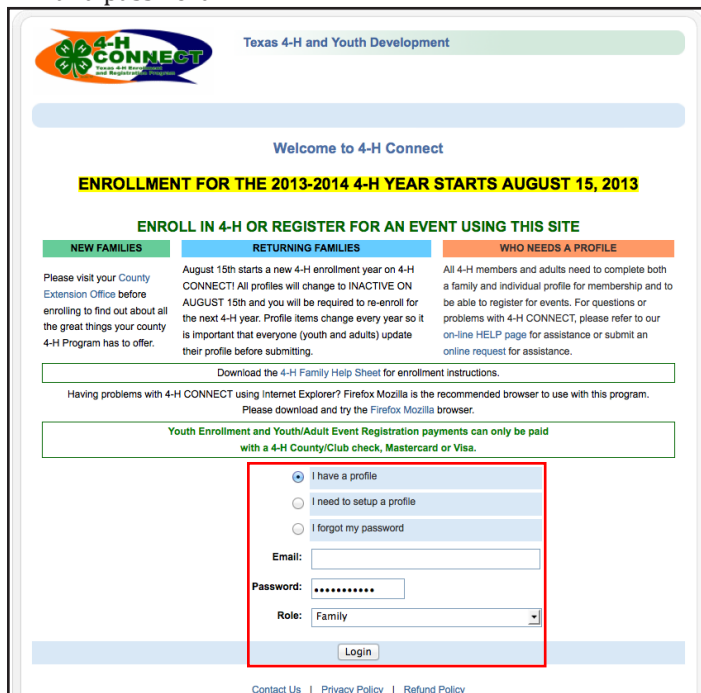
Horse Validation is completed for EACH HORSE and will cover all 4-H youth members in that family profile. However, when validating your horses on 4-H CONNECT, you will select ONLY ONE 4-H youth member to conduct the validation under. Once a horse is validated, validation paid, and you begin registering for district horse show, the validate horse(s) can be moved to the appropriate 4-H member(s) that will be exhibiting the horse in the show.

VALIDATION OF A NEW HORSE INTO THE 4-H CONNECT SYSTEM

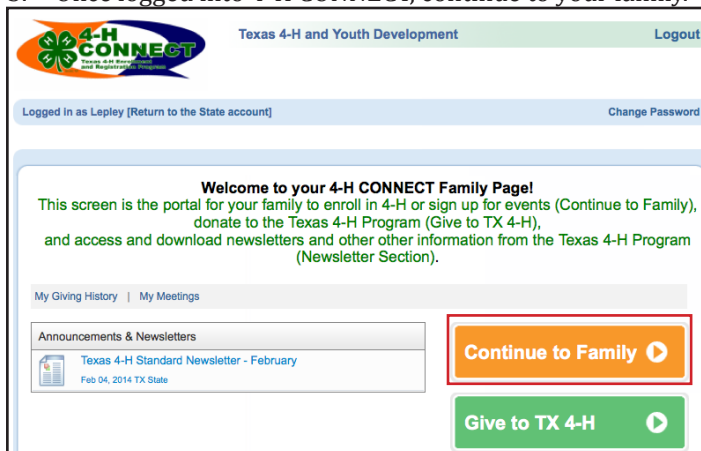
1. Access 4-H CONNECT through the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website (texas4-h.tamu.edu).



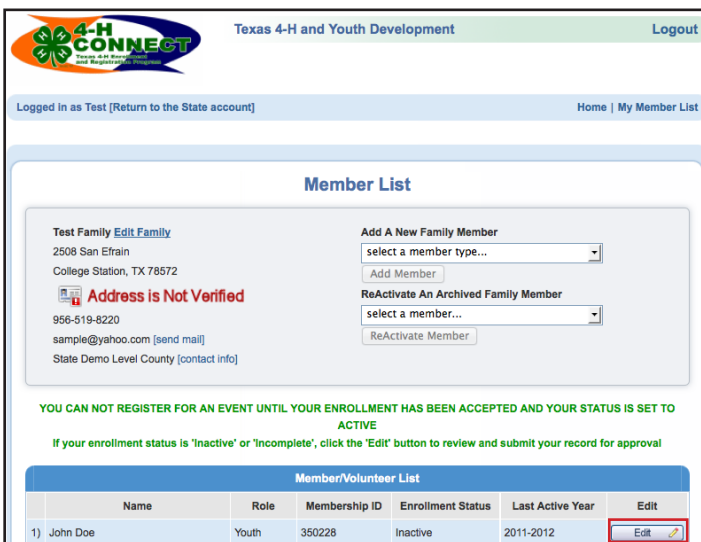
2. Log into 4-H CONNECT using your family email address and password.



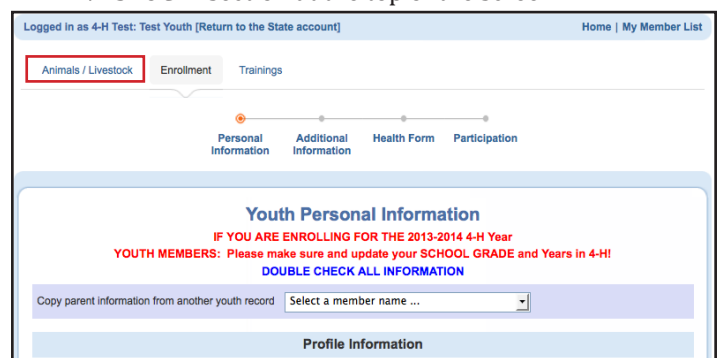
3. Once logged into 4-H CONNECT, continue to your family.



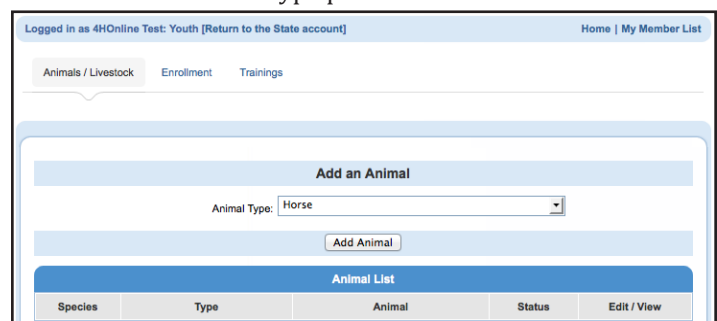
4. Once at your family profile, select ONE ACTIVE 4-H youth that you would like to validate ALL horse(s) under. Select the 4-H member by clicking the "Edit" button beside name.



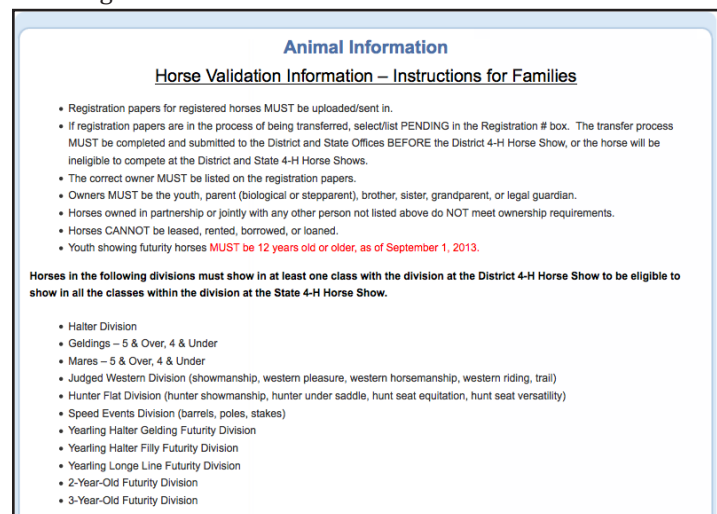
5. At the 4-H member profile, you will click on the "ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK" section at the top of the screen.



6. You will now be at the screen to enter your horse(s) information. At this screen, click the "Add Animal" button under the Animal Type pull down list.



7. Read all instructions/rules pertaining to the validation of a horse in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.



*Items listed above, may be different than what appears on screen - refer to official information on 4-H CONNECT.

8. Complete information for the horse you are validating. In addition to completing all information, you will also need to upload photos/registration papers for each horse (front view, left side, and right side). **Three photos will be required of each horse validated, including a front view and the left and right side of the horse. The entire horse MUST be in the photograph. Photos should be as close as possible and markings should be clearly visible.**

To upload a photograph/paper, click on the “Select” button in the appropriate upload box, a box will appear - locate the correct photograph/document based on where it is located on your computer/drive. Once selected, click on the “Open” button in the bottom right corner.

9. The photo or a pdf logo should now appear in upload box. After all information is complete and photos/documents uploaded, you will click the “CONTINUE” button at the bottom of the screen.

10. After clicking continue you will be ask for your payment method. The two options may be either credit card (preferred) or by club/county check. If paying by club/county check you will need to print out an invoice and provide it and your payment to the County Extension Office so they may request a club/county 4-H check. **A PERSONAL CHECK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.**

Select your form of payment (if a credit card information has not previous been entered into the 4-H CONNECT system, you will be prompted to complete prior to using the credit card method).

After payment has been made, you will acknowledge 4-H CONNECT policies and then click enter. Once validation for this horse is submitted you will be returned back to your animal list. At that point another horse can be added, or validated.

HORSE VALIDATION PERIOD IS:

March 1, 2014 to April 15, 2014

\$10.00 per horse

April 16, 2014 to May 1, 2014

\$20.00 per horse

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of ALL horses regardless if they
were entered this year or last!**

RE-VALIDATION OF A HORSE ALREADY IN THE 4-H CONNECT SYSTEM

1. Follow steps 1 through 5 of the instructions above.
2. Once you are at your animal screen, you will see the horse(s) that were entered in the past already in the system.

Species	Type	Animal	Status	Edit / View
Horses	Horse	Deputy Doc	Incomplete	Edit / View
Horses	Horse	Ronarun	Incomplete	Edit / View

3. From this list, you will select the horse(s) you wish to reactive for the 2014 year by clicking on the box beside the horse name. Once the correct ones are selected, click the "ACTIVATE ANIMAL(S)" button.

Species	Type	Animal	Status	Edit / View
Horses	Horse	Deputy Doc	Complete	Edit / View
Horses	Horse	Ronarun	Complete	Edit / View

4. After clicking the activate button, you will see the horse(s) appear underneath the "Animal List" section of your screen.
5. To complete the validation process of the horses listed, you will click the "Edit/View" button beside each horse, verify all information and then click the "CONTINUE" button at the bottom of the screen.
6. After clicking continue you will be ask for your payment method. The two options may be either credit card (preferred) or by club/county check. If paying by club/county check you will need to print out an invoice and provide it and your payment to the County Extension Office so they may request a club/county 4-H check. **A PERSONAL CHECK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION.**

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