

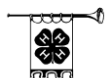


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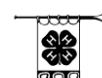
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4-H News



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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/>

2012 4-H Registration

All 4-Hers must re-enroll to verify membership for livestock shows, contests, and for the 4-H mailing list. EVERYONE – Leaders and 4-Hers will need to re-enroll on 4-H Connect at

<https://www.4honline.com/Login>

It is mandatory that all 4-H leaders & youth annually enroll to be eligible to participate in 4-H. A participation fee of \$25 will hopefully insure that Texas AgriLife Extension Service will continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world.

4-H Council & 4-H Leader/Parent Meeting February 27

The first 4-H Council will meet in the conference room Mon Feb. 27 at 6:00 PM. At the same time the Leaders and parent meeting will be held in the Extension Office. The groups will meet separately at first then will join together for discussions about setting up a booth at the Bloomin' Fest, future meeting dates, sharing plans for 2012, participating in the parades, county fair, project completion, etc. The council meeting should include each club president plus a council delegate but all 4-Hers are encouraged to attend. Please notify the office with agenda items and RSVP your attendance.

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. If you need the name(s) contact the Extension office.

4-H Scholarships

All 4-H scholarship applications are due to the District Office on Friday, February 10th. Call Karen by Feb 4 if you are working on an application.

Photography Project

The first 4-H Photography Project meeting was held Jan 24th. If you are interested in participating, please send your contact information to the 4-H office, including your phone number and email address. Be watching your emails for future meetings/workshops. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Lusty at megan.lustv@yahoo.com. You can check the District 7 Extension website for a link to the 4-H Photography Contest Rules for year 2011-2012. <http://d74-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography-contest/> These district rules will apply to the Jr. and Intermediate Age 4-Hers and will be the same rules for the county. Senior photography members advancing to state should go to the site above and click on the State 4-H Photography Contest. County photography meetings are being scheduled. Photographs will be turned in/are due March 23 at 5 PM in the conference room of the county annex. Megan will be available for help/consultation at 5:00 on March 19, 20 and 22. Please let us know if you plan on attending. Judging will take place on March 30. 4-Hers can talk to the judge at 5:00 that day. If you have a suggestions for 4-H photography activities please notify Karen DeZarn or Megan Lusty.

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!

The Share The-Fun-Contest will be held on May 5 in San Angelo at Howard College and Sr. winners advance to State which will be June 10, 2012. Youth may only compete in one Share-The- Fun Category.

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to develop a spirit of cooperation through working together to develop self-confidence through public appearance.
- To stimulate interest and encourage a broad-based recreation program in Texas 4-H at the club and county level.
- To encourage 4-H members to discover and develop their talents.
- To provide for social, cultural, and leadership development of 4-H youth.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS for Individuals or groups of 1-9 participants: Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

POETRY/PROSE - Acts which showcase poetry or prose are required.

VOCAL - Vocal presentation may be done a cappella or with an accompaniment CD/tape. All members in the act must be singing. No lip sync will be allowed.

MUSICAL – Musical presentation may be musical instruments accompanied by background tape or an instrumental performance only.

SOLO/BAND PERFORMANCE – All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act by playing a musical instrument, singing, or both (solo performance must play an instrument and sing.)

CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES — No speaking to form a skit or story line. The act requires choreography and can be demonstrated through twirling, pom pom squad routines, jump rope teams, basketball dribbling exhibitions, or dance (jazz, tap, country & western, ballroom, etc.)

CELEBRATE 4-H – May be a 4-H based story line promoting 4-H, community service, a project, or activity. This category may also address a specific youth issue and present ways in which this issue can be addressed through 4-H efforts. May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance. Skits can be humorous, creative and make fun of but not degrade Extension employees or the 4-H program. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judging will be based on material chosen, talent, creativity, showmanship, costumes, and props.

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 5 at Howard College and the state 4-H Roundup in Lubbock is June 10-14. 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???

Blooming Fest

Save the date of April 7. There are discussions regarding a 4-H/Extension booth at the festival. Face painting anyone? Selling Pet Treats (left over from last year)??

Fashion Storyboard a New Project for 4-H Clothing

A 4-H Clothing Fun and informational day has been scheduled for Sunday afternoon March 13 at 2 PM in the County Annex Conference Room. We will explain the Fashion Storyboard and other 4-H Clothing projects. The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as additional materials (such as photos from the internet or magazines, paper, fabric swatches, patterns, etc.) that have influenced the unique design. Resources Texas 4-H Fashion Storyboard Website

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/storyboard/index_storyboard.php.

State 4-H Camp at Brownwood - County Camps

County Camp programs at the Texas 4-H Conference Center are designed to provide an opportunity for youth to experience summer camp while enjoying the advantage of meeting youth from across the State.

Participants will enjoy canoeing, swimming, the climbing wall, drama, riflery, archery, arts and crafts, games, special events and more! I am planning on reserving space at camp for July 9-11, 201 - cost is \$175 or July 11-14 – cost is \$225. To see other specifics check the website at:

http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/county_camp

Any adult wishing to chaperone RSVP early to Karen DeZarn.

McCulloch County is also sponsoring a multi-county 4-H camp at the Brady Heart of Texas Camp location. Five 4-Hers attended last year. It will be July 11-13. We would like a parent volunteer to attend camp this year because Heath and Karen will be involved with the County Fair during Spring Ho.

AVAILABLE TO PROMOTE YOUR COUNTY'S 4-H PROGRAM

Lampasas has already ordered and received 4 signs that are being posted at various points throughout the county. If you wish to participate, additional signs may be ordered before May 1. The Texas 4-H Program is now offering the opportunity for county 4-H Programs to purchase metal road signs that welcome visitors to your county. These signs are made with the same materials as Texas Department of Transportation road signs so they are quality, long-life signs. The signs are 36 X 48 inches and can have space for sponsorships information on the bottom of them. Each sign is \$150.00 which includes shipping and handling. Mounting of signs can be done using either metal or wood post along the roadways on private property (make sure you receive permission from land owner first - don't want to lose a sign!!!).

To download more information about the Texas 4-H Roadsigns and an order form visit:

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



2012 4-H Volunteer Conference

The dates for the 2012 4-H Volunteer Conference have been set! Mark your calendars – and share the date with others – for July 27th – 29th in San Antonio. More details later.

Texas Youth Saves

Join the hundreds of Texas youth who are making a difference with their money by becoming Savers. Young Texas Saves is a community based effort to empower youth to increase their saving and become more financially capable. Through Young Texas Saves, young people are challenged to take the first step in reaching their financial goals by making a savings commitment.

In the month of February every 4-H club in Texas is challenged to present the Young Texas Saves program at their monthly meeting. The presentation includes a short PowerPoint with real life examples of the impact of saving and investing at a young age, handouts for members and parents with tips on saving and investing and provides 4-H members the opportunity create a saving goal and commit to making it happen. Young Texas Saves program materials will be available January 1, 2012. For more information about Texas Youth Saves contact county agents Karen or Heath.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Due Dates!

Monday Feb. 27 - 4-H Council will meet in the conference room at 6:00 PM.

Monday Feb. 27 – Parent meeting in 4-H office at 6:00 PM.

4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational

County agent, Karen DeZarn would like to get a group of interested 4-Hers together to practice for the Healthy Lifestyles Invitational. The classes and resources for the 2012 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest are now available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/healthy_lifestyles/. Previous contest classes from which we can study are also posted on the web site. The contest is held during Texas 4-H Roundup and is open to intermediate and senior 4-H members. Youth may compete as teams or individuals. Contact Karen before the end of January if you are interested in participating.

MASH Camp

Courtney Dodd, Extension Program Specialist

The Medical, Athletic Training, Safety & Health Camp provides youth an opportunity to learn about nutrition, physical activity, health and safety, as well as explore a variety of careers available in the health and medical fields. Activities include tours and hands-on experiences of Texas A&M College of Medicine, Health Science Center, College of Veterinary Medicine, A&M Athletic facilities, and TEEX Disaster City. The camp is scheduled for **June 27-29, 2012** and is open to youth ages 13-17 (at the time of the camp).

New 4-H Record Book System!

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*. In an effort to update the current *Record Book* system, a committee of 4-H faculty has polled 4-H members, 4-H parents, and Extension faculty to request suggestions to improve the process. It has been highly recommended and requested by many members, parents, and Extension staff that the Texas 4-H recordkeeping system (*Record Books*) be available as an online, data entry system that easily allows for updates, editing, and printing.

So, State 4-H announced. Important Details:

- * There will be three (3) levels of *Record Books* based on 4-H age (junior, intermediate, and senior). Information requested for each level will progressively add on to each other. The junior & intermediate books will be significantly simplified from the current *Record Book*. The senior level book will be similar to the current *Record Book* with some minor edits.
- * Parts of the report form will be standardized to allow for ease of completion and judging.
- * Much of the data from previous *Record Books* that a member may have saved on their home computer may be 'cut and pasted' into the new forms.
- * All 4-H members (juniors, intermediates, and seniors) will begin using the new online forms or new paper forms that will be available for download from the Texas 4-H website beginning with the 2011-2012 4-H Year.
- * *Record Books* will still be printed and turned in (in hardcopy form) to be judged by the deadline set by your local County Extension Office.

LOCATION & RESOURCES:

<http://www.4hreports.com>

(AVAILABLE FOR USE STARTING OCTOBER 15)

District 7 4-H Community Service Project

The 2011-2012 Community Service Project for our 4-H district will be to collect funds to purchase preemie car seats for the Children's Miracle Network. Be thinking of a way to raise the funds. Each county in the district is being asked to raise \$100 which will purchase one car seat for the Network. Funds are due to the District 6 office by May 1st.

State 4-H Roundup

The 2012 State 4-H Roundup will be in a new location this year. It will be June 11-14 in Lubbock. You must enter 4-H project competitions and win at the county and district levels to advance to State 4-H Roundup. Begin now planning your project entries.

District 4-H Trip Planned for July 2012 to Scotland and Ireland

Parents and 4-Hers can travel to Scotland and Ireland with 4-H. Start planning now to visit Edinburgh, Glencoe, Loch Ness, Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin. The travel size will be 25. If you plan now you can have 20 monthly payments of \$151 after an initial payment of \$275. A 4-H group recently returned from London, Paris, and Rome. They shared great pictures and stories of their trip. Check out the flyer at the county office.

Shooting Sports Project

Lampasas 4-H Shooting Sports Project will shoot in the pasture on Feb 12 at 2:00 p.m. If you do not know where this is, meet at the Courthouse Parking Lot next to the County Extension Office to travel to the range. This shoot is open for all participants that have had the mandatory training and for returning members as well.

There will also be a shoot at Ft. Hood Trap and Skeet on Sun Feb 26 at 2:30 p.m. This event is not open to first year participants. Bring cash for round fees to be paid at the range.

For more information contact Rick Baxter, Lampasas 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Project Leader at 512-525-4086 or email rickbaxtertx@gmail.com or the County Extension office at 512-556-8271 ext. 140.

4-H on the Internet

Lampasas County 4-H is readily available on the internet. Below are links to many sites you may find useful.

<http://lampasas-tx.tamu.edu/> Lampasas County Extension website.
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> Texas 4-H website.
<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/> District 7 website contains information on District events.
<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.
www.orientaltrading.com We also just found out that you can purchase 4-H novelty items from Oriental Trading.
Clothing & Textiles Packet (will be updated for 2012)
<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>
Houston Livestock Show Calf Scramble
<http://www.hlsr.com/access/calf-scramble/participate.aspx>
Share the Fun Information
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/youth_roundup_resources_share.pdf
Photography Rules (soon to be updated)
<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography-contest>
District 7 4-H Events
<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/>
4-H Record Books
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordbooks/index_youth_recordbooks.php
4-H Shooting Sports
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/shooting_sports/index.php
4-H Round-Up
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>
4-H Connect
<http://texas.4honline.com>
Leaders 4 Life
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/leaders4life/index.php>

FACEBOOK

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

http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_199928750048104

4-H Club Meetings*

OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H

Our next meeting will be on February 13th at 7pm, at the Oakalla Community Center.

Point of contact:

Tricia Pratt (dragonmaxmerlin@yahoo.com), or

Robin Allen (robredeemed@gmail.com).

TAYLOR CREEK 4-H CLUB

Club meeting date: Monday, Feb. 6, 5:00 in the Taylor Creek Elementary Cafeteria.

Contact: Alicia Menard at

lampasasinfo@sbcglobal.net or 254-449-2007

SULPHUR CREEK 4-H

Club meeting date: Tuesday February 21 at 5:00 pm at the Farm Bureau Bldg.

Contact: Jill Carroll at

lampasaschamber@sbcglobal.net or 512-556-7435

Sincerely,



Heath Lusty
CEA – AG/NR



Karen DeZarn
CEA – FCS