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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

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member starting with the 2011-2012 4-H year on September 1, 2011. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world.

# **State Fair of Texas**

Call Heath to schedule the tagging of your lamb, goat or pig for the State Fair. 512-556-8271 ext 142.

#### **District 7 4-H Photography Results**

Please offer your congratulations to the following participants of the 4-H District 7 Photography competition.

# Category: People

Blue Ribbon: Breighton Loeffler and Jordan Ross Red Ribbon: Cheyenne Koracsy

#### **Category:** Animals-Domestic

Red Ribbon: Jordan Ross & Cheyenne Koracsy

White Ribbon: Taylor Loeffler

Category: Animals-Wildlife

Red Ribbon: Luke Kepner *Category: Catch All* 

Blue Ribbon: Teresa Tschoerner

Red Ribbon: Casey Gautier

Category: Details & Macro

Blue Ribbon: Sydney Dishman and Luke Kepner

## **Category: Dominant Color**

White Ribbon: Jordan Ross and Kristin Johnson
<u>Category: Elements of Design</u>
Best in Class: Casey Gautier
Red Ribbon: Taylor Loeffler and Cheyenne Koracsy
<u>Category: Nature & Landscape</u>
Red Ribbon: Taylor Loeffer, Kirstin Johnson, & Luke
Kepner
<u>Category: Night Photography</u>
Blue Ribbon: Casey Gautier & Taylor Loeffler
White Ribbon: Sydney Dishman
<u>Category: Plant/Flora</u>
Red Ribbon: Sydney Dishman

White Ribbon: Kirstin Johnson & Cheyenne Koracsy <u>Category: Theme</u> White Ribbon: Cheyenne Koracsy

# **Quality Counts Verification**

Quality Counts Verification is now active and ready to be used! Moving forward into the 2011-2012 Major Show Season, Quality Counts Verification will be a part of the process for entry in all major shows.

This means youth exhibitors will need to demonstrate their knowledge of the Six Pillars of Character and the Eight Core Concepts presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. **To do this, they** will need to pass an online test on the website ( <u>http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/</u>) and acquire a Quality Counts Verification number. Do not lose this number! You will need it when entering majors. If you lose it then you will have to take the test again and get a new number. You will not be allowed to enter without it.

#### Things you need to know about Verification:

- 2011 State Fair of Texas will implement Quality Counts Verification on a voluntary basis.
- 2012 All Major Livestock Shows in Texas will require Quality Counts Verification at the time of entry This means youth will need to be verified prior to entry in the fall of 2011.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. • A Verification number is obtained by answering 80% of the questions correctly on an online test.

The Quality Counts website (<u>http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/</u>) will serve as your portal to the online test. The website should also answer any questions you have concerning Quality Counts Verification. If you have any other questions please give me a call.

Quality Counts training will be offered this fall, however, you are more than welcome to do the online training version and go ahead and take the test and get verified.

# District 7 Trainings for 4-H'ers, Parents and Leaders

This year there are special training workshops to help everyone understand various 4-H projects and activities. Let's load up the cars and caravan to nearby counties for these trainings to be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The topics, dates and locations are: *Program Management* (Working with club manager, club officer, county council, volunteer leader assoc., etc) - July 21 in Brady (Other dates are available, but are in counties farther away. Check with the Extension office for dates and locations.)

## <u>4-H Clothing Workshop for Jr. &</u> Intermediate Ages

If you are a 4-Her age 8-13 as of Sept. 1, 2010 and are interested in Clothing Construction, Buying, Embellished Apparel, Jewelry Making, Non-Apparel Sewing or Fashion Storyboard we are planning handson workshops. The workshops will begin June 8, & <u>10 from 2-4 p.m.</u> Additional times and dates will be added if needed. The District 7 Fashion Show is Tuesday July 19 in San Angelo. Entry Deadline is July 5. You only have to go to San Angelo on July 19 if you are modeling in the construction or buying categories. All other entries can be entered for you by the county agent. Check out all the details at: <u>://d74-</u> h.tamu.edu/district-events/junior-and-

**intermediate-fashion-show**. Reserve your spot and express your interest in a particular category so the office can prepare accordingly. Call 512-556-8271 Ext. 140 if you are interested. One volunteer judge is needed on July 19. Several participants can ride to the event with Karen DeZarn. Below are the categories and sample entries:

Jewelry Making – Necklace/Earring Set

Embellished Apparel – Must be wearable clothing – Tops (t-shirts, blouses, jackets) & Bottoms (pants, skirts, shorts, Capri's)

Non-Apparel Sewing – Pillows, Quilts, Tote Bags, Small Electronic Device covers, Aprons Construction – Dressy, Single Garment, Specialty, Sportswear/Casual Buying – Pant Type (pants, shorts, Capri's, swimsuits, pajamas), Dress Type (dresses, skirts, night gowns) Fashion Storyboard – Wearable, Accessory, Jewelry,

Non-wearable, pet clothing – The theme this year is inspired by nature's four elements – Fire, Water, Earth, or Wind

#### 4-H Statewide Photography Workshop

Bell County 4-H will host a Statewide Photography Workshop on June 17-18, 2011 at the Bell County Expo Center. Registration is \$20 per adult and youth. Spend a couple of extra days after Texas 4-H Roundup and join Bell County for the 4-H Statewide Photography Workshop. Learn new and basic photography techniques.

The second day will be a field trip to the antique tractor fairgrounds where we will take pictures of tractors, old buildings, people, in costume, and horses. Schedule and speakers to be posted soon: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/

# **4-H Record Books**

Record Books are a very important key to achieve both short term and long term 4-H goals. Record books provide an excellent guideline for you to plan your 4-H career that will enable you to obtain long term goals such as scholarships, trips, etc.

#### **REASONS TO DO A RECORD BOOK:**

1) qualifies you for 4-H Awards in Lampasas County,

2) Allows you to apply for selected scholarships.

3) Helps inspire ambition to build a great resume.

<u>Deadline to turn in ALL Record Books is July 8.</u> Turn in at the county fair room in the First Texas Bank or at the county office (INCLUDING County only Record Books). Inform the office if you want your record book to be a part of the district contest which will be July 14.

## 4-H Beef Project

The District 7 4-H Beef Project Committee has put together a program to enhance the educational opportunities of youth involved in 4-H and FFA Beef Projects and adults wishing to learn more about beef production. Please help us promote it in your county to leaders and youth interested in the beef project. The training will be Wednesday, June 8th in McCulloch County.

9:30-10:00: Registration

10:00-11:00: History of Production at Jacoby Farms &Information on Jacoby Brand Beef from Start to Finish

11:00-Noon: Tour Cow-Calf, Stocker and Feedlot Operations

Noon: Lunch

1:30-3:00: Tour Feed Mill, Store, Offices etc\*

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. Costs - \$20.00 per person and will include the noon meal. Youth and Adult Participation is encouraged. Attendance is limited to the first 50 people to register.

Contact the McCulloch County AgriLife Extension Office @ 325-596-1295 before Noon on Monday, June 6th to register and to notify of any special needs accommodations.

#### **Annual County Steer Validation**

The annual County Steer validation for all state-wide livestock shows has been slated for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All county 4-H and FFA youth who will be exhibiting show steers at any major stock show must validate their animal in order to be eligible to show this fall or in 2012 spring shows. Students will have their club calves tagged with an EID(Electronic Identification Device), nose-printed, and have hair pulled for possible DNA testing. Additionally, all participants and family members will sign an ethics pledge. Please make plans to participate and each steer tag ordered is \$10.00 a piece and checks should be made payable to the Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show. Steer validation will be held at the Mike Atkinson Ranch beginning at 4pm on Monday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. County Steer Validation committee members are Brad Barnett, Lometa AGSCI Teacher, Heath Lusty, Lampasas County Extension Agent, Ricky Prescott, LMS Ag Sci teacher, Wes Harris, LHS AgSci teacher, and Steer Validation Chair- Dr. Steve Forsythe, Lampasas HS AgSci teacher. Entry fees for County and purchase of the tags will be facilitated by the LCYL Show Officials. 65 tags have been ordered for County and State-wide competitions/

For more information, you may contact Forsythe at 564-2367

#### **Texas 4-H Volunteer conference**

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will be sponsoring a state-wide leader training on July 29-31, 2011 in San Antonio to prepare the new generation of 4-H volunteers to lead and instruct our members.

Highlights of the conference will include:

Opening session featuring a dynamic motivational speaker in the field of youth development as well as an update on the state of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.

Sessions on Saturday and Sunday focused on needs provided through agent and clientele surveys ensuring our program leaders are receiving the training they want!

Schedule Overview Friday, July 29th San Antonio Livestock Show Grounds 5:30 \* 6:30 pm Registration & Social6:15 pm Dinner Buffet7:00 pm General Session

Saturday, July 30th Region 20 Education Service Center 8:30 am\*4:30 pm Workshops

Sunday, July 31st Region 20 Education Service Center 8:30 am\*12:00 pm Workshops

Registration Registration is open on 4-H CONNECT from April 15th to June 20th. Registration fee is \$120.00

## **<u>4-H on the Internet</u>**

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

<u>http://lampasas-tx.tamu.edu/</u> Lampasas County Extension website. <u>http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/</u> 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.

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# 4-H Club Meetings\*

# OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H

May meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at the Oakalla Community Center.

Contact Robin Allen for more info 713-530-6545 or **robredeemed@gmail.com** 

Rabbits! Come to the meeting to get more info and order your books. Record Books...it is time to start, work on and/or finish your record book. Let's do it together!

Contact Debbie Tschoerner for more info 512-489-2657 or <u>dtschoerner@yahoo.com</u>

Contact Robin Allen 713-530-6545 to sign up.

# TAYLOR CREEK 4-H CLUB

*Club meeting date:* Contact: Alicia Menard at **lampasasinfo@sbcglobal.net** or 254-449-2007

# **SULPHUR CREEK 4-H**

Contact Jill Carroll at lampasaschamber@sbcglobal.net or 512-556-5172

# CLAY BREAKERS Shooting Sports Club

## **Bertram Shoot:**

For Bertram Range dates and times, Please call Katie Allmand or email at 512-734-1334 or **<u>katie.allmand@gmail.com</u>** if you have questions or need directions.

**For more information** contact Rick Baxter, Lampasas 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Leader at 512-525-4086 or email <u>diamondbax@wildblue.net</u> or the County Extension office at 512-556-8271 ext. 140.

Sincerely,

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