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County Council & Adult Leader Meetings

The 4-H Youth County Council meetings are open to 4-H members age 9 and older. Meetings provide opportunities for youth to meet, share ideas, plan, and implement activities with other youth throughout the county. Each club is encouraged to send 2—3 representatives to each meeting. Club representatives typically include the President and 1—2 Council Delegates.

The next County Council Meeting will be **Tuesday, March 26, 2013**, at 6:30 p.m.

Likewise, the Adult Leader Association meetings provide an opportunity for adult volunteers to meet, discuss ideas, and plan and implement activities that support the youth of the county. Each club is encouraged to send up to 3 adults to serve as voting representatives. The next Adult Leader Meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013** at 7:15 p.m.

4-H Volunteer Leader Appreciation

Our 4-H volunteers are amazing people who dedicate their time and energy to provide positive opportunities for youth. In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week, the Tarrant County Extension office will host an Appreciation Family Picnic on **Saturday, April 20**.

RSVP information will be provided in March.
County Fashion Show

The County Fashion Show provides an opportunity for youth in the Clothing & Textiles project to display their knowledge and skills in a variety of ways. Youth may enter either the Construction Category or the Buying Category:

Fashion Show categories include:
- **Construction** – Youth learn about garment construction by selecting a pattern and fabric and constructing a garment or ensemble.
- **Buying Category** – Youth learn about the importance of being a knowledgeable consumer by selecting an item to add to their wardrobe. Then, the member shops for the item, comparing similar items in 3 different types of stores.

Another contest available to the youth in the Clothing & Textiles project is the Storyboard contest. In this contest, youth design an item and then mount their designs, fabric swatches, etc. on a foam board for display.

Storyboard categories include:
- Wearable
- Non-wearable (pillow, decoration, wall hanging, etc.)
- Accessory (belt, shoes, boots, hat, etc.)
- Jewelry
- Pet Clothing

The contest takes place on **March 12, 2013** at the County Extension office at 6:30 p.m.

Share the Fun Contest

The Share the Fun event is a talent contest which provides an opportunity to be creative, share your talents, and share in the fun with 4-H youth across the county. Youth may participate individually or within age division groups. Categories are provided to encourage youth to showcase “traditional talents,” as well as those that are “very creative and unique”.

The categories are:
- Poetry/Prose
- Vocal
- Musical Instrumental
- Solo/Band Performance
- Choreographed Routines
- Celebrate 4-H

The complete list of Rules and Guidelines and the entry form will be posted on the 4-H website under Current Events soon.

The contest will take place on **March 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**
The entry forms are due on **March 1, 2013**.

4-H Has Talent

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce this year’s 2013 4-H Has Talent Competition. The Texas 4-H Has Talent Competition has grown tremendously over the last three years. We are looking for another great year of acts and excitement at Roundup. Deadline for entries is **April 1st**.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup
District Photography Contest

The District Photography Contest will take place on March 19, 2013 at the District 4-H office.

Each participant must register on 4-H Connect and pay the District contest registration fee.

For exact guidelines please go to the District IV 4-H website at http://d44h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography/ Click on 2013 photography memo.

The District Photography Contest is a non-qualifying contest.

County Dog Show

The Paws A Plenty 4-H Club is hosting its annual dog show on Saturday, April 20, at 8064 Briar Road, in Azle. This is a great opportunity for the kids to get some practice and gain experience in a fun, supportive environment.

A variety of classes are offered, including conformation, showmanship, obedience, trick, costume, and photography. Entries are only $5 per class.

Please save the date and plan to participate. Registration forms will be due April 9. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Burton at jenbscrappy@yahoo.com.

Roundup Housing

As most of you know, Texas 4-H Roundup is back in College Station in 2013. With this move back to College Station also bring changes that we hope will benefit our clientele. The communities of Bryan and College Station have shown a huge outpouring of support this year and are really looking forward to hosting us in 2013. As a result of this support, construction on campus in dorms, and moving our HUB back to Reed Arena all housing will be located OFF-CAMPUS in 2013. This is a major change in how we have done housing in the past. We feel we have a list of hotels that will provide excellent rates, services, and amenities. Each of these hotels is committed to making you and your clientele's stay in Bryan/College Station a great one. It is very important that you book your rooms early as these rates will not last until the week of Roundup. Many hotels will begin releasing rooms to the public the second week of May. Please book early to ensure you get the hotel and rates you would prefer.
Community Service Project

Go to http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/community-service/quilt-challenge.php to find out the latest on the 4-H Quilt Challenge. The 2013 4-H Quilt Challenge offers opportunities for all 4-H members to get involved. The Community Service portion of the quilt Challenge will focus on the creation and donation of blankets, afghans, and quilts to either Project Linus or a local charity selected by the individual or group. The Quilt Challenge contest will be focusing on creation of quilts for two specific organizations, Project Linus and Quilts of Valor.

The community service donation of blankets, afghans and quilts will not be judged. An online site will be provided for individuals and clubs to report their local donations. Our goal is to donate 254 blankets to charity before Roundup 2013.

The Quilt Challenge contest will focus on the creation of youthful quilts for Project Linus or adult patriotic quilts for our service men and women through Quilts of Valor program. All quilts to be judged must be registered on 4-H Connect by April 15, 2013 and the quilt delivered by the May 1, 2013 deadline. Following judging quilts will be returned to the participants to be donated to one of the organizations listed above.

Community Service-Special Olympics

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

4-H Clubs, Families, and Friends are welcome to support these athletes by serving as “FANS in the STANDS”. The event will be held at Mavericks Stadium @ UTA. April 19, 6:30 pm.

So, save the date and plan to join the fun as we cheer and celebrate the success of the athletes. This service project is coordinated by Graham Gunn and the Straight Shooters 4-H Club. In order to have an estimate of the number of people who will be in the 4-H group, please contact Teresa Womble with an RSVP. twomble@verizon.net
Be part of the fun this summer with your friends at the Texas 4-H Conference Center! Sign up and experience hands-on adventures on Lake Brownwood!

To register go to: Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu

- All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in the spring, 2013.
- 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp.
- Registration program allows for:
  - Pre-ordering of t-shirts
  - Sending messages to friends encouraging them to sign up for same camp
  - Pay a deposit by June 13th or full amount for July camps.
  - Discount fee if you register for July camps before June 13th

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4-H Livestock News

Horse-O-Rama
March 8, 9 & 10, 2013

For those of you interested in Horse O’ Rama all information can be downloaded from our web page: http://tarrant.tamu.edu, click on Supporting Agriculture”, then (Click on) the Horse O’ Rama logo. Entry is free for all events to the public. HOR is an 81 class

“Open All Breed” Horse Show in the John Justin arena.

Please give Ken Johnson a call at 817-884-1946 if you need more information. We need volunteers to help out with this event. Please let Ken know if you can serve in this area.

2013 Horse Validation Instructions

Please read the instructions carefully as there are two sets of directions based on if you are validating a new horse for 2013 or reactivating a horse that was entered last year into 4-H Connect!

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 validated horse (s) can be moved to the appropriate 4-H member (s) that will be exhibiting the horse in the show.

The 2013 Horse Validation Period is March 1, 2013-April 15, 2013 and the cost is $10.00 per horse, starting on April 16th to May 1, 2013 the price goes up to $20.00 per horse.

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. The correct owner MUST be listed on the registration papers. If registration papers are in the process of being transferred, select/list PENDING in the Registration # box. The transfer process MUST be completed and submitted to the District and State Offices BEFORE the District 4-H Horse Show, or the horse will be ineligible to compete at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows.

Owners MUST be the youth, parent (biological or stepparent), brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian. Horses owned in partnership with any other person not listed above do NOT meet ownership requirements. Horses cannot be leased, rented, borrowed, or loaned. Youth showing futurity horses MUST be 12 years old or older, as of September 1, 2012.

The complete instructions can be accessed at the Tarrant County 4-H website under Current Events & Livestock News.
We’re on the web, click on 4-H at http://tarrant.tamu.edu

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April 2013
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Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, services, or accommodation in order to participate in meetings or events are encouraged to contact Cindy Bryant CEA-4-H at 817-884-1291 ten days prior to the event.

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