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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 Monday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

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. The next Adult Leader Meeting will be on Monday, March 23, at 7:15 p.m. at the Extension office.

Keep up the great work! Your goodshop purchases at Home Depot just raised $0.35.

Do you shop online? Do you order online and pick-up in store? Do you want an easy (painless!) way of supporting Tarrant County 4-H? Well this opportunity is for you!

Goodshop.com has over 5,000 stores willing to make a donation to our youth. All you have to do is sign-up and use their site to link to your preferred store. 4-H Volunteers have been testing the site since 2012. Raising over $120 to date, no issues have been encountered.

To sign up, go to www.goodsearch.com, or click here http://www.goodsearch.com/choosecause. When asked ‘Who You Want to Help’, type Tarrant 4-H Council, then click on Tarrant 4-H Council and enter your email and establish a password. Be sure and bookmark or set the site to your Favorites list.

Anytime you shop, scoot over to www.goodsearch.com, log in, select ‘goodsearch’ and find your store, then finish your shopping. Each store donates a different percentage of the dollar amount purchased, but every little bit supports our youth.

Any questions about the opportunity? Email tarrant4hala@gmail.com.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING/TOASTMASTERS YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Back by popular demand, the Youth Public Speaking Project begins February 19. The class will meet at the Extension office on Thursday evenings 7 – 9 pm, for eight weeks. This class is perfect for youth who would like to improve their public speaking skills.

Dr. Jeff Johnson, from Toastmasters International, has graciously taught this program for us for approximately 23 years. His ability to help the youth overcome nervousness and present their ideas skillfully is a special talent.

The class is offered free of charge to both 4-H youth, ages 9 – 17. However, attendance and commitment are also necessary for the success of each student.

Pre-registration is required and classes fill quickly. Parents may register their children by sending an email to NFSwindle@ag.tamu.edu. Please include the names and ages of the children you would like to enroll.
Great News! It is time to begin preparation for the upcoming 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”.

*Note: The new rule for State Roundup is that members who have placed 1st in a prior year WILL be permitted to enter the same category. There are no exclusions for prior 1st place youth.

Contest date: **February 27, 2015**

Entry Forms Due: **February 13, 2015**

Event Location: 3900 Meadowbrook Drive; Fort Worth, TX

1. All categories allow individual or group entries (1-9 participants of the same age division, i.e. Jr., Int., Sr.)
2. All categories have a time limit of six (6) minutes for presentation and four (4) minutes for setup and break down.
3. NO Accompanist is permitted for any category. If music is required, it must be on a CD, digital format, and cassette tape or performed by the contestant. Contestant is responsible for bringing equipment, setting the volume, and arranging for an adult to turn the music on and off at the appropriate times.
4. Acts must be appropriate for family audiences of all ages.

Categories include:

A. Celebrate 4-H  
B. Choreographed Routines  
C. Dramedy  
D. Musical/Instrumental  
E. Poetry/Prose  
F. Solo/Band Performance  
G. Vocal

**Educational Presentations**

The Educational Presentations contest provides an opportunity for youth to select a topic of interest, research, and prepare an educational presentation. Each presentation is usually 5-12 minutes in length and may include posters, slides, or visual props. Presentations may be made by individuals or age-division teams. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to practice their public speaking skills in a supportive, non-threatening environment.

In order to accommodate busy schedules, youth may select one of three presentation options.

Presentations may be made at the Extension office:

Tuesday, March 17, in the afternoon (2:00 pm) or Tuesday, March 17, in the evening (6:30 pm) or Video submission, due by March 16 (noon) - The video should be formatted to be viewable on a PC (Windows Movie Maker recommended) and saved to a DVD or USB.

Entry forms are due on **March 6**, and may be submitted by email or fax for your convenience.
The Clothing & Textiles project includes a wide variety of activities through which members may choose to learn about the selection, care, or construction of garments, accessories, etc.

**FASHION SHOW CONTEST**

The county Fashion Show contest provides several opportunities for youth to display the skills and talents they have acquired. This year’s contest will be conducted on **March 3, 2015**. Entry forms will be due to the Tarrant 4-H office by **February 17, 2015**.

There are two main divisions of the Fashion Show:

**Consumer Buying** – In the Consumer Buying Division, youth consider a garment to add to their wardrobe. Then the member compares garments from at least 3 different types of stores (department, boutique, discount, online, resale, etc.). By recording the characteristics on a worksheet, the member is able to compare the items and select the best option to purchase.

**Construction Categories:**
- Everyday Living
- ReFashion
- Semi-formal to Formal
- Theatre/Costume

**FASHION STORYBOARD CONTEST**

Another opportunity offered in conjunction with the Fashion Show, includes the Fashion Storyboard contest. This event focuses on the design skills of the 4-H member and the ability to communicate design ideas through visual media. This year’s contest will be conducted on **March 3, 2015**. Entry forms are due to the Tarrant 4-H office by **February 17, 2015**.

Participants in this contest create a poster featuring their design (of one item), along with ideas for color variations, design modifications, embellishments, inspiration, etc. The poster is submitted, but there is no interview or modeling portion for this contest.

The title for the 2015 contest is: **Inspired by Art**

Create a fashion piece inspired by art. Sculpture, painting, taxidermy…or any other visual art can spark your imagination and creativity! It might be the merging of colors and textures, eccentric imagery or just its simplicity that inspires you. Inspiration comes from great works of art as well as little known artists. Whatever art piece makes you stop and look twice can be used as inspiration.

Storyboard categories include:

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Additional information may be found at [http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php](http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php)
Duds to Dazzle

This exciting new competition is a team event in which each team is given a garment to alter or refashion into a new garment, accessory, or decorative item.

Teams are allotted 60 minutes to create their product and prepare a presentation to a team of judges.

It is a fast-paced, fun event!

Start forming your teams of 3-5 members and

Recipe Rally

In the 4-H Recipe Rally, 4-H members are challenged with selecting, creating and/or altering a recipe and submitting a video of them demonstrating the preparation of the recipe. To participate, youth will submit their video entry online for a chance to be selected as a presenter at the Dinner Tonight with Texas 4-H Cooking School, held at the 2015 Texas 4-H Roundup. Recipes should be a healthy main dish that tie to the theme “Bringing Texas to the Table.” Please read the contest overview and guidelines (link below) for more details. Entry deadline is April 1, 2015.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles/
Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show Scholarship

Scholarship Rules - 2015

1.) Applicant must be an active 4-H or FFA member and be a graduating senior in 2015.

2.) Applicant can apply as a 4H Member or FFA Member, not both.

3.) Applicant must have participated in the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show and/or the Tarrant County FFA & 4-H Youth Fair in at least one division during the past 2 years and be entered in at least one division of the 2015 Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show or 2015 Tarrant County FFA & 4-H Youth Fair.

4.) 4-H members must have turned in a 4-H record book the previous year. CEA must attest.

5.) FFA members must have earned their FFA Chapter degree. AST must attest.

6.) Applications are available after November 1, 2014; email application requests to Paul Burrough at paul@nationalfinance.org or call 817-882-4700.

7.) Applications must be completed as directed. Please do not add extra pages or pictures to your application. Late, incomplete or applications with extra pages will NOT be accepted.

8.) Applications must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2015.

9.) All applications are to be mailed to Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation, P.O. Box 162386, Fort Worth, Texas 76161. Do not send by FED EX, they won’t deliver to a PO Box.

10.) A minimum GPA of 2.5 and a copy of applicant’s high school transcript are required.

11.) Applicant must have taken the SAT or ACT before January 1, 2015 and attach a copy of scores to scholarship application.

12.) Applicant must submit two letters of recommendation with scholarship application. Applicants must submit one academic reference and one personal reference.

13.) Applications will become the property of the Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation.

14.) Scholarship Awards will range from $1,000 to $3,000 per award, with no more than $19,000 total for all awards in 2015. Allocation of awards is the sole discretion of the Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation Board of Directors.

15.) Interviews and awards will be determined by a panel of not less than 3, nor more than 5 judges elected by the Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation Board of Directors. The judges will be representative of the community.

16.) Based on applications and letters of recommendation, applicants selected for scholarship interviews will be notified by February 28, 2015. Scholarship interviews will take place on Tuesday February 24, 2015 at a location to be announced.

17.) Scholarship(s) will be paid to the university, college or trade school for the benefit of the winner when a written request for funds, along with a certified copy of school registration and class schedule are submitted by the winner(s) to the Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation. Scholarship winners have one year from March 1, 2015 to claim their award. If the scholarship is not claimed within one year, the monies will be forfeited. No exceptions.

18.) Scholarship recipients must be present at the awards ceremony held prior to the 2015 TCJLS Premium Sale. They must also attend and volunteer to assist with the Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation Gala event scheduled on April 23, 2015.

19.) If you have any questions or concerns please contact Heather Banks at hbanks@carterpark.com or Paul Burrough at paul@nationalfinance.org

20.) All deadlines are final and awards will be approved solely by the Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation Board.

The mission of the Tarrant Ag Scholarship Corporation is to raise funds to provide scholarships to qualified members of 4-H clubs or the FFA in Tarrant County, Texas.

Applications are available on the 4-H website under Scholarships.
Stock Show Results

- The 4-H office does not receive results from the major stock shows. If your child has participated, please email the results to us for placement in the upcoming newsletter.

America Segovia - 2nd in class - Simmental Heifer

Calf Scramble - Faith Dugdale successfully caught a calf

Leadership at Jr. Heifer Opening Ceremonies America Segovia Faith Dugdale Jacob Densmore Amanda Roach

Food Challenge Contest Results

Congratulations to Audrey Patterson for participating in the Food Challenge Contest. We apologize for leaving her name out of the results last month. Audrey was on the Team Fabulous Fillies and won Most Creative in the challenge.

Texas Junior Livestock Association placings

Nikayla Vest-Champion Junior Finewool showman and 3rd in state for Junior Showmanship, 6th place Region 2 juniors

Maci Morgan- 4th junior Finewool cross, 10th in region 2 juniors

Max Morgan- 4th place Finewool cross intermediate, 12 in Region 2 Intermediate

Kyndle Cain-Champion Finewool Intermediate showman, 3rd place Finewool cross Intermediate, 6th place southdown intermediate, 3rd in Region 2 Intermediate, 7 intermediate showmanship,

Dalton York-Champion All around showman, champion Finewool, Finewool cross and southdown senior division, reserve champion senior showman, champion region 2 senior showman and 3rd in medium wool senior division
Horse O’ Rama

Horse O’ Rama is an 81 class “Open All Breed” Horse Show in the John Justin arena that will take place on **March 7, 2015**.

Information and entry forms are available on the web page: http://tarrant.tamu.edu, click on “Supporting Agriculture”, then (Click on) the Horse O’ Rama logo.

Admission is free for all spectators. If you need additional information or would like to volunteer, contact:

Sonia Benavides at 817-884-1946 or email: smbenavides@ag.tamu.edu

Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show Upcoming Dates

- **March 4, 2015**
  Market Rabbit Validation at 6 – 8 pm Boswell Saginaw Chisholm Trail FFA Barn
- **March 26-28, 2015**
  Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair
  Will Rogers Memorial Center Swine Barn

No Pass-No Play

4-H members are encouraged to “Make the Best Better” as they continue through the school year.

Remember to give each assignment your best effort and to manage your time wisely. In accordance with the Texas Education Agency policy and House Bill 72, a student must be passing all courses in order to compete in extracurricular activities (including 4-H).

For each competition, an academic eligibility form will be available from the 4-H office. Members will submit the form to their school’s office for eligibility status/signature and return it to the 4-H office.

Possible Causes of Low Grades

Some of the most prevalent causes of low grade averages include:

- Failure to submit homework on time
- Failure to make up work when absent
- Difficulty understanding the subject topics
- Difficulty managing time wisely
- Disorganization of assignments, etc.

If your child is struggling academically, speak with the teacher as soon as possible to determine the cause and options to remediate the situation. Many schools offer free tutoring and some offer classes in time management and student organizational skills.
February 2015

13 Share the Fun Entries due
17 County Fashion Show entries due
23 County Youth Council Meeting @6:30
27 County Share the Fun Contest @
   Meadowbrook UMC

March 2015

3 County Fashion Show
4 TCJLS Rabbit Validation
6 Educational Presentation Entries due
6 District Food Show & Food Challenge
7 Horse O Rama
7 4-H Clothing Project Modeling at HOR
16 Co. Photography Entries due
17 County Educational Presentations
23 County Council Meeting
23 Tarrant Adult Volunteer Meeting
26-28 Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show

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.