4-H Cloverleaf

Tarrant County 4-H Leadership

Adult Leader Association
2011-2012

President-Dale Tilton
Vice President-Matt Rolston
Secretary-Chrissy Ruder
Delegate-Melinda Maynard

4-H County Council
2011-2012

President-Megan Maynard
Vice President-Ashley Rolston
Secretary/Treasurer-Daniel Harrison
Council Delegate-Tressa Watkins
Historian-Amanda Roach & Will Babler
Reporter-Makenna Ruder
Parliamentarian-Becky Tilton

For more information about 4-H Projects, opportunities, programs, or activities, please call 817-884-1291 or visit us at 200 Taylor Street, Suite 500 (building entrance faces Burnett Street).

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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 youth have voted to meet on a monthly basis on the 4th Monday evenings.

The next County Council Meeting will be Monday, February 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. Please note the time change that will be in effect throughout 2011-2012.

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 meeting scheduled for Adult Leaders is on Tuesday March 27, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. Our office will be closed on March 26.

Parking Changes for Extension Office

Please Read: Parking Policies and Rates Have Changed

The County’s parking policy for the lot adjacent to the Plaza Building (in which 4-H is located) has changed. It is now a paid parking lot 24/7. Upon entering the lot, a driver obtains a “ticket” from the machine. When exiting the lot, drivers insert their “ticket” into the machine. The machine calculates the fee and drivers are able to pay by coins, debit, or credit card.

Our office is only able to validate for people who are present in a volunteer capacity, between the hours of 8 am – 5 pm. There is no validation available for any after-hours events. Current range from $1.50 (up to 15 minutes) to $10 (91+ minutes).

ALTERNATIVE: Parking may be available at meters along some streets (Burnett, 1st Street, Weatherford, etc.) around the building. Currently, there is no charge at the meters after 6 pm or on weekends.

NOTE: Please make plans accordingly. All employees have strict guidelines regarding the issuance of validations are we are unable to make exceptions.

Nominate Your Favorite Volunteer

4-H volunteers provide encouragement, fun, and opportunities for our youth. They give freely of their time and efforts, without asking anything in return. Show them your appreciation by nominating them for an award.

The 2012 Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award nominations will be accepted online February 15 – March 15. The website is http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_recognition
**District Photography Contest**

The District IV Photography Contest will be held on **March 20, 2012**. Registration opens on 4-H Connect on **January 28th** and will close on **February 28, 2012**. Photos must be turned in to the 4-H office by **February 22, 2012**.

Only one photo per class per individual will be accepted.

This contest is **NOT** a qualifying event for the State Photography Contest. Rules and Guidelines available at the 4-H office.

For more information regarding this contest please contact Cindy Bryant at CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu or call at 817-884-1291.

Information can also be accessed at the District IV website.

**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 23, 2012**. The entry forms are due on **March 2, 2012**.

**4-H Has Talent**

Do you have what it takes to be a star? Have you always pictured yourself performing on the “Big Stage?” If so, the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup 4-H Talent Competition is for you. Get the chance to show your skills on stage in front of nearly 3,000 fellow 4-H’ers, parents/volunteers, and 4-H faculty. So sing a song, do a dance, tell a joke or just do something unusual.

Deadline for submission of entries to the State 4-H office is **April 1, 2012**.

Submissions must be uploaded to YouTube (all links made public). Submissions must be appropriate for 4-H youth. A 4-H member may only participate on one team/entry. Intermediate and Senior aged 4-H members are allowed to participate in this activity. Teams may be one age category or a combination of intermediates and seniors. An individual and/or team (max 7 members) may only submit one video. Ten finalists will be selected by a expert panel of judges. These 10 finalists will then have the opportunity to perform on **Tuesday, June 12, 2012** at the Tuesday night assembly at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock, Texas.

After all finalists are finished performing, the audience will have the opportunity to vote via text message to select their winner. The top two entries selected at Roundup will win cash awards.

**Submission Guidelines:**
- Videos must be uploaded to YouTube
- Maximum Length: 5 minutes
- Links must be submitted via e-mail to Kyle Merten at kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

Please include in your email the following:
- Name of group/act
- Names of each participant and age
- County/county representing
- Contact person

Following information for contact:
- Address
- City/State/Zip
- Phone
- E-mail
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.

The county Fashion Show provides several opportunities for youth to display the skills and talents they have acquired. This year’s contest will be conducted on March 29. Registration forms will be due on March 8.

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** – In the Construction Division, youth learn basic sewing skills as they construct garments and participate in activities.

Each of the two divisions (Consumer Buying & Construction) are subdivided into categories, according to the intended use of the garment.

**County Fashion Storyboard**

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.

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.

Storyboard categories include:

- Wearable
- Jewelry
- Accessory

Additional information may be found at [http://texas4h.tamu.edu/storyboard/index_storyboard.php](http://texas4h.tamu.edu/storyboard/index_storyboard.php)
**County 4-H Dog Show**

Once again, Paws A Plenty will be hosting the Tarrant County 4-H Dog Show which will be held **April 21, 2012** in Azle starting at 10 am.

The show is open to all 4-H members. With a variety of classes, there is sure to be something for everyone! We will have a photography contest, breed Id contest, showmanship, conformation, obedience, trick, costume and drill team classes.

Information and registration form will be available in March.

Please contact Robin Hays at robindhays@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding this show.

*A dog doesn’t care if you’re rich or poor, big or small, young or old. He doesn’t care if you’re not smart, not popular, not a good joke-teller, not the best athlete, nor the best-looking person. To your dog, you are the greatest, the smartest, the nicest human being who was ever born. You are his friend and protector.*

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**4-H Volunteer Leaders 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 21. RSVP information will be provided in March.

**Discover Scientific Method Research Poster Mini-Camp Science Experience Day**

Tarrant County 4-H will host a 4-H Science Experience Day on **Monday, February 20**. Participants will sharpen their skills as they participate in a variety of experiments and activities designed to reinforce the scientific method process of investigation.

The event will be presented by Dr. M. Tarpley, Texas 4-H Science Coordinator. Dr. Tarpley has been instrumental in expansion of the 4-H Science program and implementing the new Discover Scientific Method Poster Contest. This program is specifically targeted to serve youth ages 11-18. Mature 10-year-olds may request to attend.

Sponsorships will enable this opportunity to be provided free of charge for 4-H members. However, pre-registration is required. The registration form is located on the county 4-H website, under “Current Events”.

For additional information, please contact Cindy Bryant at 817-884-1553.
Breyer Model Horse Show Results

Halter Foals
Kenedie Southard-1st
Madison Johnson-2nd
Cherokee Zarate-3rd

Halter Mares
Madison Johnson-1st
Madison Kubecka-2nd
Ashtyn Kilpatrick-3rd

Halter Geldings
Cherokee Zarate-1st
Amanda Schenck-2nd
Madison Kubecka-3rd

Halter Stallions
Madison Johnson-1st
Madison Kubecka-2nd
Cherokee Zarate-3rd

Halter Ponies
Madison Johnson-1st
Peyton Ruder-2nd
Madison Kubecka-3rd

Color Halter
Ashtyn Kilpatrick-1st
Madison Johnson-2nd
Madison Johnson-3rd

Non Color Halter
Madison Johnson-1st
Peyton Ruder-2nd
Madison Kubecka-3rd

Western Pleasure
Madison Johnson-1st
Peyton Ruder-2nd
Makenna Ruder-3rd

Western Performance
Madison Kubecka-1st
Madison Johnson-2nd
Amanda Schenck-3rd

Cheers
Trail
Becky Tilton-1st
Makenna Ruder-2nd
Peyton Ruder-3rd

English Pleasure
Madison Johnson-1st
Madison Kubecka-2nd
Makenna Ruder-3rd

Hunter/Jumper
Ashley Schenck-1st
Madison Johnson-2nd
Ashtyn Kilpatrick-3rd

Gaited Horses
Madison Johnson-1st
Peyton Ruder-2nd
Makenna Ruder-3rd

Specialty
Madison Kubecka-1st
Madison Johnson-2nd
Madison Johnson-3rd

Dioramas
Ashley Schenck-1st
Madison Kubecka-2nd
Becky Tilton-3rd

Rider
Cherokee Zarate-1st
Madison Kubecka-2nd
Ashley Schenck-3rd

Family
Madison Johnson-1st
Ashtyn Kilpatrick-2nd
Cherokee Zarate-3rd

Collections
Madison Johnson-1st
Ashtyn Kilpatrick-2nd
Madison Kubecka-3rd

Non Breyer
Madison Kubecka-1st
Peyton Ruder-2nd
Cara Harms-3rd

Best Horse
Madison Johnson-1st
Becky Tilton-2nd
Peyton Ruder-3rd

“Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.”
Robert Heinlein

“Love is the only gold”
Alfred Lord Tennyson

“Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it meaning”
Unknown

Valentine’s Day
Is a wonderful way
To make "I love you"
Easy to say.
2012 Livestock Shows

Fort Worth Stock Show
January 13-February 4, 2012
San Antonio Livestock Show
February 9-26, 2012
Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show
February 16-18, 2012
San Angelo Livestock Show
February 16-26, 2012
Houston Livestock Show
February 28-March 18, 2012

Horse O’ Rama
March 9-11, 2012

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.

Tarrant County Jr. Livestock

The Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show will be held February 16-18, 2012 at Will Rogers Memorial Center, Swine Barn. Local 4-H and FFA members will be exhibiting a variety of projects. Plan to attend and encourage all participants.

The academic eligibility form for the Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show can be downloaded from the Tarrant County 4-H website under Current Events. The earliest this form can be turned in is one week prior to the show.
We’re on the web, click on 4-H at http://tarrant.tamu.edu

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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.