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 next County Council Meeting will be **Monday, February 24, 2014**, 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 **Monday, March 24, 2014** at 7:15p.m.

**Support for Tarrant County 4-H**

Looking for a way to support Tarrant County 4-H without taking money out of your pocket? Do you search the internet? Do you make online purchases? If so this opportunity may be just what you are looking for... Join [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com), and every time you search the internet, a donation is made to the Tarrant County 4-H Youth Council and Adult Leaders Association.

It’s easy, doesn’t cost a thing, and turns every day actions into an easy way to raise funds for many of the events and activities that are sponsored by the Tarrant County 4-H Youth Council and the Tarrant County 4-H Adult Leaders, including the annual County Awards Banquet.

All you need to do is log on to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and choose “Tarrant 4-H Council” as your charity. You can even make a profile so that you don’t have to select Tarrant 4-H Council each time and you can watch the funds grow!

A penny is donated every time you search with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). It is easy, painless on your pocketbook, and benefits our Tarrant County 4-H youth.

There are even other ways to make money through [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) for 4-H while shopping or dining. Just go to their website to find out more. Don’t waste any time.

Start helping our Tarrant 4-H youth while you search the Internet today!
Share the Fun Contest

For an evening of fun, family entertainment, plan to attend the annual 4-H Share the Fun Night. 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 members 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 county Share the Fun event will be
Friday, February 21  @  6:30 pm
Meadowbrook Methodist Church
3900 Meadowbrook;  Fort Worth, TX

Concessions will be available for purchase

County Fashion & Storyboard Contest

The 4-H Fashion Show is a competition in which youth may participate to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have gained in their Clothing & Textiles project. Youth may participate in one Fashion Show category and/or one Storyboard Design category.

The 4-H Fashion Show will be conducted at the Extension office on February 18 @ 6:30 pm. Entry forms are available on the 4-H website, under Current Events. Entry forms are due by February 10.

Additional Modeling Opportunity:
Anyone interested in modeling at the Horse O’ Rama Style Show on March 8, please contact Marian Ross at 817-884-1294 or email m-ross@tamu.edu  no later than February 24.
County Educational Presentations

Do titles like, “The Deadly Six Letter Word”, “Know Your Dots”, “Fungus Among Us”, and “To Dye For”, sound intriguing?

These are a few of the titles of Educational Presentations that the 4-H members have prepared. Some youth will give presentations on **February 11, at 6:30 pm**, and other youth will present on **February 12 at 2:00 pm**. (Video entries are due February 18.)

The children have worked very hard on their presentations and are looking forward to this event. Friends and family are invited to join us at the Extension office show their support.

County Photography Contest

Photography encourages communication through visual media. With the advancement of digital technology, participation in the 4-H Photography project has grown rapidly. Combining their knowledge and technical skills with their creativity, many youth produce high-quality photos that impact the audience in positive ways.

At the county level, for 2013-2014, we will adopt the state categories and judging criteria, but will submit the photo entries in **print format** (as in the past). All entries are due **March 3, 2014**.

**Rules Overview**

- All photographs must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of January 1, 2013 and the time of the entry. Photos may be submitted in only one category.
- Members may have only one entry per class
- Entries must be submitted by **March 3, 2014** to the Tarrant County 4-H office.
- Each photograph must be 8”x10”, mounted on 8”x10” thin foam board or mount board
- Entrants must be able to provide original digital files upon request. All state-qualifying entries will require original digital files. Maintain in high resolution format.
- Blue, Red, and White quality awards will be given based on the score sheet criteria.

**Classes:**

- Animals-Domestic
- Animals-Wildlife
- Catch-All
- Details & Macro
- Digital Darkroom
- Dominant Color
- Elements of Design
- Food
- Marine/Aquatic
- Nature & Landscape
- Night Photography
- People
- Plant/Flora
- Storyboard
- Theme—“What is Your Why?”

Please feel free to contact the 4-H office if you have any questions or concerns. Rules and guidelines, along with the academic eligibility form, can be accessed at the 4-H website under Current Events.
The Texas Home Demonstration Association (later named Texas Extension Education Association) was organized in August, 1926 by 399 women attending a Farmer’s Short course at A&M University. One of the purposes for organizing was to establish a scholarship for a deserving 4-H member. 4-H appreciates their continued support today. The TEEA rules and application are available on the Tarrant County 4-H website, under “Current Events.”

The application items are due in the 4-H office by February 14th.

**TEEA Scholarship**

**Summer Employment Opportunities for College Students**

Want a summer job where you can play with kids, swim, dance, and just have fun while gaining valuable experience in leadership, team building, communication, and much more? Consider applying for a Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff Position! It is a great learning experience and a good resume builder for when you seek that ultimate professional, career position.

Deadline: **March 1, 2014** — Applications reviewed and interviews will be scheduled after March 15.

Applications and additional information is located on the Texas 4-H Center website:

http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/about-2/employment/

**4-H Winter Formal**

The Winter Formal was a great success! Sponsored by the 4-H Youth Council, the event offered an evening of elegant dining and socialization with youth across the county. Lots of sparkles, lots of smiles, and lots of memories.

Thanks to all the teens and adults who assisted to provide a special event for the teens.
District Horse Quiz Bowl

Quick on the buzzers.....the Texas Wranglers 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl team represented Tarrant County in the recent District 4 Horse Quiz Bowl contest. They placed 4th in the district!

Congratulations to:

Anna Desholels    Nora Goodyk    Katie Sabey    Katie Whitfield

Beekeeping Contests

Beekeeping contests are buzzing and two Tarrant County 4-H members are the top winners.

Emily Frank, from Countryside 4-H Club, won 1st place in the Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. Her essay will represent Texas in the National contest. Congratulations Emily and “Good Luck” at Nationals.

Alexander Pritchard, from Straight Shooters 4-H Club, won a scholarship prize from Metro Beekeepers Association. The award includes a beehive and gear, as well as membership and mentoring from MBA. Way to go, Alexander.

Tarrant County 4-H Food Show

Congratulations to four members who each received a first place award in their competition categories at the 4-H Food Show. Each of these members qualified to participate in the upcoming District Food Show later this month. Great job!

Grace Alcazar    Jaiden Flannery    William Flannery    Felicity Roberts

Blossom 4-H Club — Top Club Sales Award

Adult Leaders Association Pecan Fundraiser

The recent pecan fundraiser for the Adult Leaders Association was a HUGE success, which far exceeded our expectations. The 4-H Adult Leaders Association sponsors opportunities for Tarrant 4-H members. Some of their major sponsorships include scholarships and the county awards banquet.

Congratulations to Blossom 4-H for receiving the “Top Club Sales Award”..... coming in with a whopping 45 pounds sold. Their club won $50 prize money.
4-H Breyer Horse Show

Over 200 horses stampeded into the Tarrant 4-H Breyer Horse Show to compete for prizes and learn about horse conformation and performance, as well as collectability.

Contestants who received 1st place awards in one or more of the 21 classes are as follows:

- Hannah Collins
- Madisson Johnson
- Lauren Cooney
- Charlotte Lancaster
- Emma Elenick
- Peyton Ruder

High Point Champion — Maddison Johnson, from the Rough Riders 4-H Club
Reserve High Point Champion — Hannah Collins, from the Saginaw 4-H Club

Congratulations to all of the contestants!

The 4-H Breyer Horse Show was sponsored by the Tarrant 4-H Adult Leaders Association.

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4-H Livestock News from Ken Johnson

Horse O’ Rama is an 81 class “Open All Breed” Horse Show in the John Justin arena.

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: Ken Johnson at 817-884-1946 or email: kd-johnson@tamu.edu

Livestock Show Dates

- **Fort Worth Stock Show**
  January 17-February 8, 2014
- **San Antonio Livestock Show**
  February 6-23, 2014
- **Tarrant Co. Jr. Livestock Show**
  February 27-March 1, 2014
- **San Angelo Livestock Show**
  February 14-March 2, 2014
- **Houston Livestock Show**
  March 4-23, 2014
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.

March 2014

3  County Photography entries due
4-23 Houston Livestock Show
7-9  Horse O Rama
8  Special Invitation Fashion Show HOR
14  Dist. Share the Fun entries due
24  Co. Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

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6-23  San Antonio Stock Show
8  District Food Show & Food Challenge
10  Fashion & Storyboard entries due
11  Educational Presentation Contest
18  Co. Fashion Show & Storyboard Contest
21  Share the Fun Contest
24  County Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
27-3-1  Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show