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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, January 26, 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, January 26, at 7:15 p.m. at the Extension office.

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Beekeeping has become difficult due to a lack of native plants for forage. In this essay, you will be required to discuss ways that habitats can be modified to become “bee friendly”. Does your community allow roadsides and open land to grow wildflowers and encourage native planting of bee friendly plants?

Survey your community to see what is being done to help honeybees. Include your state in your survey to see if there is a wildflower planting program available or any other program that could aid the honey bee.

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a "Resources" or Bibliography" list.

Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

NOTE: FOR 2015 ONLY ESSAYS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY WILL BE ACCEPTED. Applications are due January, 9, 2015. For more information got to http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2014/11/2015 beekeepingessaycontest.pdf to download the rules for the contest.

Fort Worth Stock Show Parade

The annual Fort Worth Stock Show Parade will launch the new Stock Show season on Saturday, January 17 at 11:00 a.m. in downtown Fort Worth. 4-H youth and Adults are encouraged to join us as we walk, wave and smile.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the Parade Release of Liability form located on our website under Current Events and return to the 4-H office as soon as possible. (Fax: 817-884-1941) or Email: nfswindle@ag.tamu.edu w/cc: to CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu
4-H Winter Formal

All teens (ages 14 – 19) are invited to join us for an elegant evening of dining and dancing at the 4-H Winter Formal. This year’s event will be Friday, January 30, 2015….so save the date on your calendar.

Tickets will be on sale until December 31, for a price of $15/ticket, while supplies last. If any tickets remain, they will be available for a price of $25/ticket during January 1 – 9.

1. Reserve your tickets via email at tarryouthcouncil@gmail.com with a cc to tarrant4hala@gmail.com.
2. Payments for reserved tickets may be made at the 4-H office on business days 8 – 4:45 pm, as well as at after hour events such as the November County Council meeting and County 4-H Christmas Party. (Please make checks payable to: Tarrant 4-H Adult Leaders Association with a note “Winter Formal – Member’s Name”.

Last year, we sold out of tickets early, so don’t hesitate if you plan to attend

2015 Retreats

Texas 4-H Conference Center 2015 Retreats

Teen Retreat
January 9-11, 2015
- Sessions include: Vet Science, Dog Project, STEM, Food Challenge, Fuel Up to Play 360 & Leadership
- 4-H members grades 8-11
- Dancing, Polar Bear Swim & lots of FUN!

Re-Fashion Retreat
January 16-18, 2015
- Industry leaders, 4-H Specialists & County agents lead hands on workshops
- 4-H members grades 3-11
- Re-Fashioning project, skill-a-thon & much more

To register visit the 4-H Center website: texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
Click on the “Register Now” link. $115 for youth $30 for adults
Each county is responsible for providing adult chaperones.

Dog Project Certification

The Texas 4-H Dog Show will be at the Bell County Expo in Belton, Texas on July 10-12, 2015. 4-H Dog projects must be validated by January 10, 2015 to be eligible to enter.

The dog validation is completed through your profile on 4-H Connect. When you log-in and select your profile from the family list, you will see a title at the top that says “Animals/Livestock”. When you click on that, you will select Dog from the list and follow the instructions to fill out the information and upload photos of the left and right side view of the whole dog.

If you have validated before, you will click on the box next to each of the dogs you will be validating this year and then click the “activate animals” button. Once they are active click the edit button next to the dog and review the information making any corrections and updating photos if needed.
District Photography Contest

The District photography contest is a non-qualifying event which serves as an independent contest. (An independent contest means that awards are given for placement but no advancement is available.)

Photo categories

- 4-H Projects
- Farm & Ranch
- Food
- Leading Lines
- Panorama
- Shadow
- Silhouette
- Water (any form)

Photo entries will be submitted electronically by uploading with the registration entry on 4-H Connect. 4-H Connect entries and registration will be open 12/7-12/31.

Additional details regarding this contest are located on the District 4 4-H website at: http://d44-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography/

Breyer Horse Show

The Breyer Horse Show, which was tentatively scheduled for January 31, has been cancelled.

Connect With Texas 4-H

4-H Connect  https://texas.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4079444C6D387A6E595A2F6F3D
Facebook 4-H  https://www.facebook.com/texas4h
Twitter 4-H  https://twitter.com/Texas4H
You Tube 4-H  https://www.youtube.com/user/tx4h
Flickr 4-H  https://www.flickr.com/photos/tx4hphotos/sets/
Instagram 4-H  http://websta.me/n/texas4h?lang=en
Pinterest 4-H  http://www.pinterest.com/texas4h/
Texas 4H App  http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/app/
County Share the Fun Event

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 6, 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

State Roundup Updates

Please note the following changes regarding competitions for Texas 4-H Roundup 2015.

- Contestants may enter more than one competition on the same day (unless it is an “all-day” event).
- New contests added for 2015: Duds to Dazzle and Hippology
- Share the Fun contestant who previously placed 1st at state may enter the same category beginning in 2015. (There is no exclusion for prior 1st place winners.)
- New categories for Fashion Show

Senior members (ages 14+) are encouraged to review the new rules and guidelines which are posted on the website.
District Lock-In

District Lock-In will take place on January 18-19, 2015. The drop off location will be at TAMU-C in Rockwall, 2610 Observation Trail, Rockwall, Texas 75032. The pick up location will be Shenaniganz, 1290 East Interstate 30, Rockwall, Texas 75087.

Registration will close midnight on January 7, 2015. The registration fee is $45 per person (youth and adult). The lock in is open to all 4-H members 13 and up. Each participant is required to have all medical release and emergency contact information completed and up-to-date on 4-H Connect prior to attending. Additional waivers from Shenaniganz are required as well.

Registration includes the following activities: Unlimited bowling, arcade games, 2-story laser tag, black light miniature golf, billiards, shuffle board, pizza buffet and drinks, mechanical bull rides (with parent consent only), and indoor go-cart rides will be available throughout the night. 4-H will have its own private VIP bowling lanes, dance floor and lounge. The registration fee also includes pizza and drinks provided at Shenaniganz.

Each participant is required to have all medical release and emergency contact information completed and up-to-date on 4-H Connect prior to attending. Additional waivers from Shenaniganz are required as well.

No member will be permitted outside of Shenaniganz, unless given special permission or accompanied by an adult 4-H chaperone.

Any youth needing to leave early, must notify Derrick Bruton upon arrival to make arrangements to meet parent/adult at a designated time.

Schedule: 7 p.m. Arrival at TAMU-C facility in Rockwall-Educational Workshops

11 p.m. Transported to Shenaniganz by approved adult chaperones-Fun and Games

6 a.m. Checkout and Depart from Shenaniganz

For required forms please visit the District IV website at: http://d44-h.tamu.edu/district-events/district-lock-in/

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Program.

The application and the instructions are separate documents for easier completion and direction. The application form is being offered in Microsoft Word edition. Applications are posted on the 4-H website under Scholarships and also under Current Events.

What is new for 2015:

• A 4-H member can apply for a Texas 4-H, Texas FFA, and Texas FCCLA scholarships

• The scoring matrix for 4-H scholarships has changed for 2015

Due to an continued increase in incomplete and the incorrect completion of the scholarship applications from applicants, any incomplete or incorrect application submitted will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and parent/guardian to ensure all information is correct and complete prior to submitting. Absolutely no follow up or updates will be allowed once submitted.

The due date for the scholarship application to be turned in to the 4-H office is: January 21st.
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.
**County Food Show Results**

**Food Show Results:**

Congratulations to the following members who participated in the County Food Show contest in December.

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**Food Challenge Contest Results**

Congratulations to the following members who participated in the Food Challenge contest.

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<td>Food Ninjas</td>
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<td>Cate Cumbie</td>
<td>Rebekah Gary</td>
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<td>Best Teamwork</td>
<td>Blossom 4-H</td>
<td>Felicity Roberts</td>
<td>Madison White</td>
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<td>Tastiest Dish</td>
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<td>Emma Baars</td>
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<td>Best Presentations</td>
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<td>Rachel Hermanski</td>
<td>Katlyn Davis</td>
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<td>Most Nutrition Knowledge</td>
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<td>Chloe Baars</td>
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Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show

Members, start thinking about the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show. Rules and guidelines and entry forms are posted on the county 4-H website under Current events & also under Livestock.

For this show, members turn in their entries, forms, and fees to their club manager, who turns in all the club’s entries, along with a single check or money order payable to Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show.

Members will need to check with their club manager for the deadline date for their club.

No entries will be accepted at the 4-H office.

For all questions regarding the TCJLS please contact

Jeff Newcomb at j.a.newcomb@netzero.net or Darla Reynolds at dcrffa@yahoo.com or call at 817-460-2645.

Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show Upcoming Dates

Entry date set by Club Mgr.  
Please check with your CM  
TCJLS Entry Deadline –check with Club Manager  
Code of Conduct, TCJLS Eligibility Form, Bake Goods Form & Checks

March 1, 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

Quick Reference Links for Major Stock Shows

Fort Worth  http://www.fwssr.com/  
San Antonio  http://www.sarodeo.com/  
Houston  http://rodeohouston.com/  
San Angelo  http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/  
STAR (Austin)  http://www.rodeoauustin.com/
We’re on the web, click on 4-H at http://tarrant.tamu.edu

January 2015
9  Deadline for Winter Formal tickets
10  Dog Certification/Validation
17  Fort Worth Stock Show Parade
18-19 District Lock-In
24  District Range Plant ID Contest
26  County Council Meeting @ 6:30
26  Adult Leader Meeting @ 7:15
30  4-H Winter Formal

February 2015
23  County Youth Council Meeting @6:30
27  County Share the Fun Contest @ Meadowbrook UMC

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.