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TARRANT COUNTY 4-H LEADERSHIP

Adult Leader Association
2011-2012

President-Dale Tilton
Vice President-Matt Rolston
Secretary-Christy 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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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or natural origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.
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, January 23, 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 January 23, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.

The Fort Worth Stock Show Parade is the traditional kick-off to the Fort Worth Stock Show. This year’s event will be Saturday, January 14, in downtown Fort Worth. All 4-H Youth and adults are invited to join in the parade. We will meet in the Plaza Building (Extension office) lobby at 9:45 a.m.

If you are interested, please complete and return the “Release” form (located on the 4-H website) to the Tarrant County 4-H office. Fax form to 817-884-1941 or scan and e-mail to the 4-H office.

Following the Stock Show parade on January 14, be sure to walk over to the Western Heritage event which will be located on the 1st floor of the parking garage at the corner of Belknap, Weatherford, and Taylor. There will be numerous educational booths with fun activities to experience, focusing on Fort Worth’s heritage.

Stop by the 4-H booth to say “Howdy” to our Tarrant County 4-H Ambassadors and learn about cotton, spinning, needle works, and more.

Here's to the bright New Year, and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold."
-- Anonymous
Dog Project News

We are excited about the dog project activities that are coming up this year. One of the biggest is the Texas 4-H Dog Show in July. It will be held July 13-15, 2012 in Conroe, Texas. The 2012 Rulebook is in the final stages and soon it will be posted on the State 4-H website by the first part of December.

However the first step is to Certify the active dog projects.

The Texas 4-H Dog Project Certification form must be completed and submitted to the Texas AgriLife Extension County Office by January 10, 2012 to be eligible for the Texas 4-H Dog Show. Even if a member has not yet decided to participate in the Texas 4-H Dog Show, it is recommended to complete the form(s) so the opportunity is still available in April/May when registration for the Dog Show is due.

The first page is the Certification Form designed to be completed one per family. If the dog is registered, a copy of the registration form should be attached to this page. If the dog is not registered, the second page will need to be completed with photographs of the dog. One Non Registered/Non-Purebred form must be completed per dog.

These forms will be maintained in the county. At the time of Texas 4-H Dog Show Registration, County Extension Agents will refer to these forms to verify certification and approve registration.

This form is available at:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dogshow/

Dog Quiz Bowl

Paws a Plenty 4-H Club is pleased to hold a Quiz Bowl for the dog project!

Please complete the entry form and return by January 21st to:

Paws a Plenty 4-H Club
C/o Robin Hays
5445 Champlain Drive
Ft Worth, Texas 76137

Basic 4-H quiz bowl rules & procedures will apply. A team will consist of 3 to 4 individuals. If you do not have enough individuals for a team, please write their name in the appropriate age category and they will be assigned to a team. This is a learning experience and everyone is encouraged to participate and have fun. If you need the questions please e-mail Robin Hays.

The quiz bowl will begin at 1:00PM on Saturday, January 28th. The quiz bowl will be held in the Plaza Building at 200 Taylor St, 5th Floor, Fort Worth.

Check-in will begin at 12:30PM. Any questions please call Robin Hays at 817-781-7807 or robindhays@gmail.com

The entry form can be accessed from the 4-H website under Current Events.

District IV Lockin

Attention:
Intermediate and Senior Members

Join the fun January 20-21, 2012 at Amazing Jakes at 831 North Central Expressway in Plano. Enjoy a night of games, activities, and fun while meeting other 4-H members throughout the District.

Registration is online through 4-H Connect. The cost is $42. (Registration closes on January 13).

Adult chaperones are also needed to maintain a ration of 1:10 (adults : youth).

Each member must also turn in a signed “Camp & Enrichment Program Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form” at check-in.
Educational Presentation Contest

The Educational Presentations contest provides an opportunity for youth to select a topic of interest, research, and prepare a brief educational presentation. Topics may relate to projects, hobbies, or special interests. Youth may choose to demonstrate “how to” or they may choose to present information using other visuals or 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.

Youth may choose to present on

February 2 or to submit a DVD of the presentation by February 1, 2012.

Entry forms (available on the website) are due to the 4-H office by January 24.

District Grass ID Contest

The District Grass and Range Plant Identification contest is scheduled for January 21. Members of the team will have an opportunity to participate in a lab practical exam while identifying 40 plant samples and indicating their characteristics (season of growth, native or introduced, quality of forage, etc.)

4-H Model Horse Show

January 28, 2012

If you own 1 or 100 model horses, you will enjoy this opportunity to display your favorites and compete for prizes

For registration details contact:
Dale Tilton
817-297-0567
SCHOLARSHIP INFO

For graduating seniors, this time of year is extremely busy, while planning your schedule, please allow plenty of time for completion of your scholarship applications. These applications are an opportunity for you to “sell yourself” to donors who are willing to invest in a young person’s future. Remember to keep track of deadlines.

- Prepare in advance
- Write, review, rewrite
- Create a checklist of requirements for each scholarship

The 4-H County Extension agent will be happy to review applications and provide feedback by appointment.

Also please make sure you have completed the FAFSA form and have received your score. You will need this score for the application. It takes several weeks to receive the score, so if you have not already submitted the FAFSA, please do so today. (in the space where it asks for tax return information, you may estimate by using your last form (which was probably 2010).

4-H SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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 97 edition.

What is new for 2012:
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will allow home and private school youth to be considered for their scholarships in 2012.
- Courageous Heart applicants cannot be considered for other scholarship categories.
- Applicants that are invited and participate in interviews are not guaranteed a scholarship.
- Applicants will NOT be excused from either the face-to-face interviews or the scholarship assembly.
- Applicants and families should plan accordingly based on the dates provided in the guidelines!

Due dates and deadlines for 2012 Scholarship process are as follows:
January 30, 2012 due to the Tarrant County 4-H office.

Requirements for the Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart Scholarships are:

All applications MUST meet the minimum requirements/criteria to even be considered for judging (see guidelines for complete details). Those applications not meeting the requirements should not be submitted to the county Extension Office and/or Agent.

All applications, instructions, and an on-line training module are available through the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu (youth -> scholarships).

TCJLS SCHOLARSHIP

Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show applications may be requested from Mr. Paul Burrough at PaulBurrough@prodigy.net or 817-882-4700. They must be post-marked by January 17 and require an agent’s signature.
District Quiz Bowl Contests

Horse Quiz Bowl

Junior Team-5th
Sophia Fox
Cameron Turner
Channyn Turner
Katie Whitfield

Intermediate Team-4th
Gabby Chapman
Molly Hunter
Bailey King
Marialyssa McDavid

Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Senior Team-2nd
Esther Butler
Micah Butler
America Segovia
Skye Segovia

Consumer Decision Making Contest

Senior Team 1
Allie Butler
Micah Butler
Skye Segovia
Margaret Shorrock

Senior Team 2
Cameron Milton-6th
Gage Milton-6th
America Segovia-6th

Cheers

Intermediate Team
M. J. Johnson-2nd
McCrae Milton-2nd
Amanda Roach-2nd

Amanda Roach-3rd Individual

Junior

Briggs Milton-9th Individual
McKalyin Milton-5th Individual
Kennedie Southard-3rd Individual

Junior Team
Briggs Milton-1st
McKalyin Milton-1st
Kenedie Southard-1st

Thoughts for the New Year

“We all have two choices;
We can make a living or
we can design a life.”
Jim Rohn

“We can't hit a target you cannot see, and you cannot see a target you do not have.”
Zig Ziglar

“Goals that are not written down are just wishes.”
Anonymous

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.
~Mark Twain

“Man is fond of counting his troubles, but he does not count his joys. If he counted them up as he ought to, he would see that every lot has enough happiness provided for it.”
~Fyodor Dostoevsky

We hope that each of you have a wonderful and successful 2012!

Tarrant County 4-H
Beef Quiz Bowl

The 2nd Annual National 4-H and FFA Beef Quiz Bowl Contest will be on March 1 & 2, 2012 at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

This contest is open to all Texas 4-H and FFA members meeting basic 4-H and FFA age requirements. Other States are invited to send up to 3 teams representing 4-H and FFA, making this a truly national competition. Awards will include trophy buckles and gift certificates along with National bragging rights.

The highlight of this competition is a guided tour and educational program at the historic George Ranch in Richmond TX. This educational experience is included in the entry fee for contestants and coaches.

This competition requires a team of 3 to 4 competitors, and Entries are Due to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by January 5, 2012.

For more information about resources, entry forms etc. go to: http://agrilife.org/beefquiz/

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

Rules and guidelines and entry forms for the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show that takes place on February 16-18, 2012 has been posted on the county 4-H website under Current Events.

For this show, members turn in their entries 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. **There will be no paper entries accepted this year.** Online entries are due on January 9th along with payment, summary sheets, and code of conduct form.

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

Club Managers will be submitting entries directly to the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show for their club members. No entries will be accepted at the 4-H office.

For all questions regarding the TCJLS entries please contact Jeff Newcomb at j.a.newcomb@netzero.net.
We’re on the web, click on 4-H at http://tarrant.tamu.edu

January 2012
6-8  Teen Leadership Retreat
14  Fort Worth Stock Show Parade
20-21  District Lock-In at Amazing Jakes in Plano
21  District Grass ID Contest
23  County Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
23  Adult Leader Meeting 7:15 p.m.
24  Educational Presentation entries due
30  Opportunity Scholarship Application due

February 2012
2  Educational Presentation Contest
16-18  TCILS
22  District Photo Entries due
25  District Food Show
25  District Food Challenge
25  District Leaders for Life
27  County Council Meeting 7 p.m.

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.