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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 27, 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, January 27, 2014 at 7:15p.m.

4-H Report by County Council Reporter Samantha Mares

Tarrant County 4-H members, it has been a wonderful 4-H semester so far and we are approaching another great semester. Your council officers are hard at work making ‘the best better’ and planning opportunities for members to interact with other 4-H members, and our community at large.

At our last council meeting, in November, we had seven clubs in attendance. Club representation at the council meetings is highly encouraged. During the meeting, we had the Tarrant County 4-H Leaders for Life team give us a presentation on their club, as our program for the night. Furthermore, we finished preparations for the holiday party, which was canceled due to severe weather conditions. However, the council officers are planning a winter formal dance for the senior members, to be held on January 31st. The theme is ‘fire and ice’. It will take place at the county extension office, and it will be a formal attire event with a sit down dinner and dancing. More details will be sent out as the date approaches.

At our next council meeting, we will be creating homemade cards to send to soldiers overseas, as our community service effort for the month. We hope to see you at the next council meeting on January 27th, at the county extension office.

Thank you for being a part of an organization that is influencing the community and continually ‘making the best better’.
Breyer Model Horse Show

Do you have a model horse? If so, this is your opportunity to participate in the 4-H Breyer Model Horse Show! It is a fun opportunity to meet other families who also enjoy model horses and win ribbons and prizes. The event will be conducted at the Extension office on Saturday, January 25. Check-in begins at 9:00 am and the show begins at 10:00 am. The entry fee for 4-H members is only $1 per horse/class.

This is a fun event to share with your friends. Invite them to enter their horses as well. The entry fee for non-4-H members is only $2 per horse/class.

Youth may enter as many horses as they choose. The class list and registration forms are located on the Tarrant County 4-H website.

Educational Presentation

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.
- Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 pm-
- Wednesday, February 12, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 18, video presentation on USB

Entry forms are due on January 28, and may be submitted by email (to: nfswindle@ag.tamu.edu with a cc: CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu) or fax to 817-884-1941 for your convenience.

Share the Fun Contest

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”. A new category, called Dramedy, has been added this year. So, there are a total of 7 categories from which to choose. Youth may participate in only one act.

a. Celebrate 4-H
b. Choreographed Routines
c. Dramedy
d. Musical/Instrumental
e. Poetry/Prose
f. Solo/Band Performance
g. Vocal

The county Share the Fun contest will be Friday, February 21—so, SAVE the DATE. Registrations are due on February 5.
Dog Project Certification

All 4-H Dog Project members need to complete a Dog Certification form on 4-H Connect no later than January 9, 2014. The certification is required for dogs which compete at the State 4-H Dog Show. There is no fee for the certification form so it is highly recommended that members certify all dogs with which they work and may possibly show. The State 4-H Dog Show will be July 11-13, 2014 in Belton, at the Bell County Expo center. It provides opportunities for youth to compete in a wide variety of areas, such as: Conformation, Obedience, Showmanship, Rally, Agility, Drill, & Costume.

The Rules and Guidelines can be located online.

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 one Storyboard Design category.

- Fashion Show
  Construction Categories
  - Everyday Living
  - ReFashion
  - Semi-formal to Formal
  - Theatre/Costume
  Buying Categories
  - Business/Interview Attire
  - Fantastic Fashions under $25
  - Semi-formal to Formal
  - Special Interest
  
Storyboard Design Categories
Title: Geometry Lesson
Categories:
- Wearable
- Accessory
- Jewelry
- Non-wearable
- Pet Clothing

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

Fort Worth Stock Show Parade

The Fort Worth Stock Show Parade is the traditional kickoff to the Fort Worth Stock Show. This year’s event will be Saturday, January 18, 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, as soon as possible. Fax form to 817-884-1941 or scan and e-mail to CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu
4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program Opportunity Scholarships are ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a required criterion). The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted in coordination with the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. All applications must be submitted through the applicant's county Extension office and meet all criteria to be considered.

Approximately 225 academically-competitive scholarships will be awarded in the 2014 Texas 4-H Scholarship Program ranging in amounts from $1000 to $20,000 (amount established by donor). For the majority of the total scholarships and scholarship funds available, participation in a livestock show is not a requirement for consideration for an Opportunity Scholarship.

There will not be a 2014 SALE Rural scholarship.

4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications require the following attachments:

- Application
- High School Transcript
- Class rank and quartile rank
- GPA (numerical, based on 100 pt. scale)
- SAT or ACT Official Score Report copy
- FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Curriculum Degree Plan from college catalog

The due date for the Opportunity Scholarship to be turned in to the County 4-H office is January 22, 2013.

TEEA Scholarship

The Texas Home Demonstration 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 girl. This original scholarship of $200 has grown to 12 in 2002, given annually at $1000 each; however, in 1997, only four $1,000 scholarships were given due to lack of funds. Funding of these scholarships began with a 5 cent donation per member in 1926. Scholarships are now funded through the annual TEEA budget and awarded to a 4-H boy or girl.

The TEEA Application will be available soon on the Tarrant County 4-H website and will also be e-mailed out to members.

The application and the members record book are required to apply for this scholarship. These items are due to the 4-H office by February 15th.
Cheers & Announcements

County Food Challenge Results

Best Preparation & Food Safety Practice
Westside 4-H Team 1
Best Overall
Petite Cupcakes
Best Food Presentation
Cooking Cowgirls
Excellent Teamwork
Westside 4-H Team 2
Most Cost Effective Dish
Giddyup Gourmet
Most Nutritious Dish
Fabulous Fillies
Most Creative Team
Fantastic Foodies
Oral Presentation
Kitchen Commanders
Outstanding Team Spirit
Culinary Cowgirls
Best Overall
Petite Cupcakes

District CDM Results

Intermediate
Katie Orr-8th
Cassie Porter
Tarrant Int. Team-5th
Senior
Amanda Roach
Katie Kozak

4-H Winter Formal

Fire & Ice
Winter Formal
Ages 14 and up
Friday, January 31, 2014
7:00 pm-11:00 pm
200 Taylor St.
Fort Worth
Ticket Prices
$5.00 before Jan. 22nd
price goes up to $20
Jan. 23-27th
Italian Dinner
In
Secret Garden
Followed by
Dancing & games
Attire
Semi-formal or Formal
Non 4-H member welcome as long as they are in age range.
R.S.V.P. to Nanci Swindle at nfswindle@ag.tamu.edu with names of people who will be attending as soon as possible.
District Photography Results

Junior
Farm & Ranch
Makayla Campbell-White
Blake Foster-White
Honorable Mention
Rebekah Gary-White
Honorable Mention

Fashion
Makayla Campbell-Red
Class Winner
Gregory Pulliam-White

Food
Gregory Pulliam-Blue

Leading Line
Makayla Campbell-Blue
Class Winner
Blake Foster-Red
Gregory Pulliam-Red

Panorama
Gregory Pulliam-Red
Honorable Mention

Shadow
Rebekah Gary-Red
Gregory Pulliam-White

Silhouette
Makayla Campbell-Red
Gregory Pulliam-Red
Class Winner

Intermediate
4-H Projects
Katie Whitfield-Blue
Class Winner &
Best of Age Division

Cheers

Farm & Ranch
Peter Colby-White
Carson Lopez-Red
Katie Whitfield-Red

Leading Line
Peter Colby-Blue
Carson Lopez-Blue

Shadow
Peter Colby-Red
Gabrielle McLean-Blue
Class Winner

Silhouette
Katie Whitfield-Red

Water
Peter Colby-White
Carson Lopez-White
Gabrielle McLean-White
Katie Whitfield-Red
Class Winner

Senior
4-H Projects
Lauren Cooney-Red
Amber Greenwood-Red
Lauren Hamilton-Blue
Bailey Paniszczyn-Red
Taylor Waller-Blue
Honorable Mention
Tressa Watkins-Blue

Panorama
Katelyn Fessender-Blue
Class Winner
Best of Age Division
Best of Show
Amber Greenwood-Red
Taylor Waller-Red

Shadow
Emma Colby-Red
Lauren Cooney-Blue
Honorable Mention
Katelyn Fessenden-Red
Amber Greenwood-Red
Lauren Hamilton-Blue
Class Winner
Bailey Paniszczyn-Blue

Silhouette
Emily Frank-White
Lauren Hamilton-Red
Hannah Paniszczyn-Red

Water
Emma Colby-Blue
Lauren Cooney-Red
Katelyn Fessenden-Red
Carolyn Frank-Red
Emily Frank-Red
Lauren Hamilton-Blue
Bailey Paniszczyn-Red
Hannah Paniszczyn-Red

Fashion
Amber Greenwood-White
Lauren Hamilton-White
Ag Products Identification Contest

20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Following, the product identification, each station has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions can be general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e. Texas’ national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production) and specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). Contestants are given 40 seconds at each station to answer both questions. Please refer to the Product list for suggested products and the resource guide for study materials. Products and resources are listed in the samples rules and the Agricultural Products Manual.

State Contest Locations
San Angelo Stock Show - March 1, 2014 (entries must be post marked by Jan. 15, 2014)
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo - March 19, 2014 - (entries must be submitted by Dec. 1 at rodeohouston.com)
Texas 4-H Roundup - June 10, 2014
Contest manual located at this link. http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2012/04/ag_products_master.pdf

Poultry Project Highlight

The poultry project teaches members poultry production and marketing by managing poultry projects. Project topics include broilers, capons, turkeys, egg production, and development from egg to chick. Resources available to teach you more about this project can be found at the State 4-H website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_poultry

Printed Resources include:
- How to produce Broilers and Roasters for Show
- Producing Turkeys for Show
- Nutrition & Feeding of Show Poultry
- Poultry Q & A

At the National 4-H Curriculum site at 222.n4hccs.org the following resources are available:
- Poultry Group Activity Helper’s Guide
- Poultry 1-Scratching the Surface
- Poultry 2-Testing Your Wings
- Poultry 3-Flocking Together
- Embryology-Chick Development Poster
- Embryology1-Hatching Classroom Fun
- Embryology 2-Experiments is Poultry Science
- Hatching in the Classroom Enrichment Curriculum

If you have questions regarding the poultry project please contact Ken Johnson at kdjohnson@tamu.edu
TCJLS Important Dates to Remember

- Breeding Rabbit Date is November 22, 2013
- County Tag in is Saturday, December 14 (market animals and horticulture projects)
- Check with your Club Manager for your club’s deadline
- Online Entries Deadline is Wednesday, January 8 (for club manager)
- Checks, ShoWorks Summary Sheet and Code of Conducts postmarked no later than January 9, 2014
- Rabbit Validation (market) / January 29, 2014 / 6 - 8 pm / BSCT Ag Barn / Cost will be $1.00 per rabbit validated.

Horse O Rama

March 7-9, 2014

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.
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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.