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TARRANT COUNTY 4-H LEADERSHIP

Adult Leader Association  11-12
2011-2012

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Vice President-Matt Rolston
Secretary-Christy Ruder
Delegate-Melinda Maynard

4-H County Council  11-12

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Vice President-Ashley Rolston
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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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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 Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

Likewise, the Adult Leader Association will meet on Tuesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. (Our office will be closed on Monday, March 26th.)

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 event. Current range is 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
Recordbook Update

The 4-H recordbook is a compilation of the records and photos of a member’s activities throughout the year. Tarrant County 4-H youth have had a long-standing tradition of completing & submitting books. While youth should submit books for the satisfaction of a job well done, they should also realize that the submission of a recordbook is a requirement for a wide variety of awards (such as: Outstanding Member Achievement, Gold Star, Danforth, Scholarships, etc.).

The 4-H recordbook system is experiencing some changes this year. For additional information regarding the changes, please refer to the 4-H website, under "Current Events". The new forms are located at: http://4hreports.com/index.aspx

Recordbooks are due in the county 4-H office by June 18.

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 are posted on the 4-H website under Current Events.

The contest will take place on March 23, 2012 at the Meadowbrook United Methodist Church located at 3900 Meadowbrook Dr., Fort Worth, Texas 76103. The entry forms are due on March 8, 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/Counties representing
- Contact person
- Following information for contact:
  - Address
  - City/State/Zip
  - Phone
  - E-mail
County Fashion Show

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 https://texas4h.tamu.edu/storyboard/index_storyboard.php

Entry forms are available on the County 4-H website under Current Events. Registration is due March 8th.
Country 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 are available at the 4-H website under Current Events.

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

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.

Deep in the Heart - Movie

4-H families are encouraged to support Deep in the Heart—a documentary about the remarkable life of Richard "Dick" Wallrath, the top individual financial contributor to Texas 4-H and Texas FFA scholarship programs, said a Texas 4-H administrator.

Wallrath’s overall contributions to 4-H and FFA, including scholarship contributions through his educational foundation, currently exceed $16 million.

“We sincerely request that 4-H families support this moving documentary of Dick Wallrath’s life for two reasons,” said Dr. Chris Boleman, director of the 4-H and youth development program of Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

“The money donated from ticket sales will go to further strengthen much-needed scholarship programs, Boleman said.

Deep in the Heart—Movie

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.”

Louis Sabin
District IV Food Challenge Results

Intermediate

Culinary Cowgirls-8th
Avery Green
Bailey King
Gabby Chapman

Mixed

Party Pickles-2nd
Mikayla Bucholtz
Katie Scevers
Robbie Scevers
Logan Slaboda

Colorful Plate Club-7th
Denver Brown
Sophia Fox
Kyra Webb
Christina Wheaton

District IV Food Show Results

Intermediate

Bread & Cereal
Mollie Molinar-3rd

Senior

Fruit & Vegetables
Tressa Watkins-6th

Cheers

District IV Leaders for Life Results

Tarrant County-1st
Micah Butler
Alex Harris
Daniel Harrison
Megan Maynard
America Segovia
Skye Segovia

Happy St. Patrick’s Day

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Irish Blessing
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.

Domino’s Pizza Ranch

Dominos Pizza Ranch is an agricultural literacy activity in which children learn about the agricultural products in pizza.

Some of the exciting activities at Pizza Ranch include watching a demonstration of milking a cow, the process of gathering grain and turning it into flour, growing and harvesting vegetables used to produce the sauce, meat production, sanitation, etc.

It is open to all 4th grade elementary school children in Tarrant County, and is scheduled May 8-9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the John Justin Arena in the Will Rogers Memorial Complex. Pre-registration is required.

Many volunteers are needed to help with this event, if you are interested please contact Sonia at 817-884-1946. Youth volunteers will be accepted on a limited basis.

For information regarding this event please contact Ken Johnson at kd-johnson@tamu.edu.
We’re on the web, click on 4-H at http://tarrant.tamu.edu

March 2012
23 County Share the Fun Contest
27 Youth County Council Meeting
27 Adult Leader Meeting
29 County Fashion Show Contest

April
13-14 District Horse Judging
14 (tent) District Livestock Judging
21 Extension Volunteer Ldr. Family Picnic
21 Dist. Rifle & Shotgun
23 County Council Meeting
28 Dist. Contests (Edu Pres, Share the Fun, Fash.)

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.

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