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 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 on **May 23, 2011**, at 7:00 p.m.

**County Council Officer Elections**

Current members of the County Council will be electing officers at their May meeting. Youth who are interested in serving as a Council officer for the 2011-2012 year are encouraged to pursue this opportunity. Please review the “Duties and Responsibilities” of the offices and submit an “Intent to Run for Office” form to the 4-H office by **May 6**.

**Adult Leader Association Meeting & Officer Elections**

The Adult Leaders Association meeting will be conducted on **Monday, May 23** at 7:00 p.m. Officers will be elected to serve for the 2011-2012 term.

Anyone who plans to pick up supplies or copies at an ALA meeting should e-mail their requests to Nanci & Cindy at least 2 days prior to the meeting.
Project Show

The Tarrant County 4-H Project Show provides an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their increase in knowledge and skills by preparing exhibits and displays in areas of specific interests.

Entry forms are due May 2, and are accepted by email or fax. The actual project entries or displays will be submitted to the Extension office May 16.

The Project Show Exhibition will be open to the public May 21, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

- All entries must be completed by the 4-H club member during the current 4-H year (Sept 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011).
- Entries must not have been entered in more than one previous contest.
- Members may enter as many classes as they wish, but only one entry per class. Therefore, it is important that members select entries that are representative of their best efforts.

Each entry must have an identifying Project Show label affixed.

Entries in each class may receive 1st through 5th place ribbons.

State 4-H Roundup

Registration for the 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup is now open. Regular registration will be open until May 11th.

Please pass this information on to your 4-H families so they can begin registering. Please take a look at the registration packet as well as there are some changes for this year. Some of these changes are listed below:

1) There are two separate registration options that can be found on 4-H Connect. These include:

   - 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup (Senior/Adult)
   - 2011 State Roundup – Intermediate (Full time) or Invitational One-day Pass (Senior or Intermediate)

The 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup (Senior/Adult) registration is the standard form of registration for full-time participants and includes a housing option.

The Invitational One-day Pass is a $20 registration option for Intermediate and Senior aged 4-Hers who are interested in participating in one of Invitational contests on Thursday of Roundup. This registration does not include a housing option. In order for a youth to have housing as an option they must sign up as a full-time youth (Intermediate or Senior).

State 4-H Roundup Cont.

In addition, youth may not register for a qualifying event through this type of registration. Those individuals participating in a qualifying event must register as a full-time participant.

State Roundup Adult
Volunteer Opportunities

If you wish to help out at the State Roundup event please go to this link and sign up according to the events you feel like you can assist with.

http://d44-h.tamu.edu/state-roundup-help/
Recordbook Training

Recordbooks are a record of what a member has learned and accomplished in a 4-H year. It includes records on project learning experiences, activities, and accomplishments. It also displays information on leadership and community service. Included in the book is a 4-H story, coupled with photos showing the youth in action.

The submission of a recordbook is an accomplishment that also qualifies members to apply for advanced awards.

A record book training will be conducted on **Thursday, May 12** at the Extension office at 1:00 p.m. Please pre-register with the office by **May 9th**, to enable us in preparation of the appropriate number of packets. You may call us a 817-884-1291 or e-mail us at nfswindle@ag.tamu.edu to register.

Graduating Senior Night

As our seniors prepare to graduate and move on to exciting new adventures, we would like to pause for a moment of congratulations and encouragement. Please mark your calendars and join us on **May 23**, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office as we honor these young individuals.

Please R.S.V.P. to Nanci at 817-884-1291 or nfswindle@ag.tamu.edu

Mayfest Volunteer Opportunity

Mayfest (**May 5-8**) is an annual event that raises money for FW Parks. We will host a booth in the children’s area, assisting children in making Mosaics with dried, colored beans on plates.

Volunteers need to be 13 years or older. Volunteers receive free admission.

Shift times are:
- Thursday 3:30-7:00
- Friday 3:30-7:00
- Saturday 10-2 or 2-7

Sunday 10-2 or 2-7

Kelley@dibutler.com or call 817-232-3990.

“I hope your dreams take you... to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.”

Mother’s Day
County Awards

The County 4-H Awards program is designed to recognize 4-H members for their progress work, leadership, and personal growth and development. It is not necessary to have won top honors with a project to receive a county award!

Often, a member who has never won first place but has consistently done a good job and placed well, will have completed the most outstanding project. Remember, aspects of learning, teaching others, leadership, and personal growth are important too.

A completed record book or 4-H memory book and an application are required to apply for these awards.

- Gold Star (Sr.’s only)
- Danforth (Sr.’s only)
- 4-H Letterman (Sr.’s only)
- 4-H Honor Roll
- 4-H Rookie
- Outstanding New Member
- Junior Achiever
- Intermediate Achiever
- Senior Achiever

You may pick up an application when you turn in your recordbook or access them at the 4-H website under Current Events.

Applications are due to the 4-H office on June 22, 2011.

Interviews for awards will be on June 27, 2011 from 1-5 p.m.

Awards will be presented at the Tarrant County 4-H Awards Banquet.

Tarrant Adult Awards

Nominations are being accepted until July 1, for the volunteer awards listed below.

The Alumni Award recognizes adult former 4-H*ers who have made significant achievements in their communities. Consideration is given to individuals who demonstrated an outstanding record of achievement as a 4-H member and who have shown evidence of the influence of 4-H in their adult lives.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a person who has made outstanding contributions to our 4-H program through their involvement and leadership.

The Friend of 4-H Award is presented to a group, business, or individual that has contributed to the development of the overall 4-H program in Tarrant County.

Recipients may receive each award only once.

Please submit your nominations by email or fax.

Nomination forms are located on the website, under Current Events.

Adult Leader Scholarships

Attention:
High School Juniors & Seniors

The Tarrant 4-H Adult Leaders Association plans to award the following scholarships this year. The purpose of the scholarships is to award Tarrant County 4-H members for outstanding participation in 4-H activities.

The Mark Green Memorial Scholarship was established in 2008, for the purpose of helping the youth of Tarrant County 4-H who have established themselves as avid 4-H members. Mark was an ardent 4-H participant from the time he was a youth. He resonated the values he instilled in the youth of 4-H.

The Millie Hurst Memorial Scholarship was endowed in 1993 for the purpose of helping those youth” who do the most work in the 4-H program.” Millie was and active leader who encouraged youth to actively pursue their goals.

The application and eligibility requirements are posted to the website, under “Current Events”.

The completed application must be received in the Tarrant County 4-H office on or before June 7, 2011.
County 4-H Awards Overview

Club members who submit a completed recordbook for the current year are encouraged to apply for the county awards. Youth may apply for multiple awards (criterion-based, community service, and merit based), depending upon guidelines.

Below is a brief overview. Applications are available online at http://tarrant.tamu.edu (click on 4-H, then Current Events) or from the 4-H office. They must be submitted to the 4-H office by the deadline, June 22, 2011. (Always keep a copy for yourself.)

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**Criterion-based Awards**

**Merit-based Awards**

* **Community Service Award**
Youth keep a log of volunteer service activities (up to the last 12 months). The log should indicate the date, type of service, location, number of hours, and supervisor’s initials. Each session of service must be entered on a separate line. Do not group several sessions together.

**Gold Star Award**
The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member’s 4-H career. Candidates will be at least 15 years of age, with 3 years of 4-H membership, having completed a minimum of 3 projects, and demonstrated leadership. Please refer to the Gold Star Award Requirements for additional information.

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ULTRA Leadership Camp

Each summer, District IV 4-H offers a leadership camp for youth ages 13-19. This camp is called ULTRA Leadership Camp, and will be conducted June 28-20 at Lone Oak Retreat, in Gainesville, TX.

Participants will have an opportunity to participate in specialized workshops in their choice of topics, such as Culinary Arts, Leadership, Natural Resources, Media/Technology, Clothing & Textiles, and Theatre Arts. Additionally, they may be involved in team-work and leadership activities, swimming, games, and activities.

At this camp, officer candidates for the 2011-2012 year will campaign and an election will be conducted.

Registration will be conducted through 4-H Connect, beginning May 7. Campers will be accepted on a 1st come 1st served basis. The cost for the event is $134.

Summer Camp Opportunities 2011

The Texas 4-H Center, located on beautiful Lake Brownwood, provides children with the chance to develop character, learn valuable life skills, make new friends, and discover new interests. Finding the right camp for your child is as important as helping them find the right college! Annually, five or more sessions are offered each summer for youth ages 9 to age 18, 4-H membership is NOT required for most camps. The 4-H Center is accredited by American Camp Association.

Specialty camps include the normal camp activities, such as teambuilding, swimming, kayaking/canoeing, etc. but also include experiences in specialty areas. Starting with the next few articles are a few of the specialty camps offered for the summer of 2011.

Chef at Camp

This camp is perfect for those foodies who want to enhance their skills while exploring new opportunities. Campers will be able to tape their own cooking show and participate in a Chef’s Food Challenge. Subject focus topics include: Kitchen Safety and Breads, All About Desserts, Get Your Fruits & Veggies, 4-H Healthy Lifestyles, and Manners and Etiquette.

Mission Possible

This is an Inclusive Camp, created to promote an environment for all youth. It is specially designed for youth (ages 9-21) with a variety of special needs including, but not limited to, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, visual impairments, and hearing impairments. Campers are able to enjoy nature while participating in fun activities.

Prime Time

This camp is designed especially for youth ages 9-13 and provides opportunities to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others. Activities include: Swimming, canoeing, archery, climbing and rappelling, and more!
As the name indicates, the focus of this camp is geared on technology. In addition to the traditional camp activities, campers may participate in activities such as robotics, stop motion animation, and video game creation.

The objective of SpecTra is for youth to enhance project knowledge, explore careers, expand leadership skills, and strengthen their confidence. Evenings are dedicated to college and/or workforce preparation. It is about “life after high school”! Campers select one of the following as their project area of focus for the camp: Culinary Arts, Entomology, Creative Leadership, Meat Science, Speaking Your Way to Success, or Global and Cultural Education.

The Texas 4-H Conference Center offers a variety of opportunities geared towards all ages and interests of youth... general camps, specialty camps, and more! There truly is something for everyone!

Additional information on camp opportunities and registration dates can be located on their website: http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/

Lukas Griffiths, Tarrant County 4-H member, is conducting a service project for Soles4Souls. It is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes shoes for needy people in the USA and abroad. Many of the shoes currently being collected will go to people in recently devastated regions of Japan. Lukas is collecting gently worn shoes and/or monetary donations that will be used for shipping costs.

If you need additional information, please contact Lukas (or his mother, Tanna) at TannaGriffiths@sbcglobal.net or 817-881-9885.

The Administrators of Texas AgriLife Extension Service have announced a Partial Cost Recovery Initiative. Faced with upcoming budget reductions, the purpose of the cost recovery effort is to help sustain the agency’s program delivery capacity.

As part of the initiative, they have decided to assess an annual 4-H membership fee for all youth club members.

Beginning with the Fall enrollment, each youth member (except Clover Kids) will be assessed a $25 fee. (There will be a $5 discount for enrollments that are processed before Oct. 31.)

Families who anticipate needing financial assistance with this fee are encouraged to contact Cindy Bryant at the 4-H office. CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu
County Horse Show

May 14, 2011 is the scheduled date for the Tarrant County 4-H Horse Show. The show will be held at the Rendon Riding Arena. Deadline for entries is April 29th.

For all questions pertaining to the County Horse Show please contact Ken Johnson at KD-Johnson@tamu.edu

Dominos 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.

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

District Horse Show

The District IV 4-H Horse Show will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 21st and 22nd, at the Hopkins County Civic Center, in Sulphur Springs, TX.

All entry for the District IV 4-H Horse Show will be done on 4-H Connect.

“A dog may be man’s best friend, but the horse wrote history.”

Author Unknown

Happy Memorial Day!
We're on the Web
http://tarrant.tamu.edu  Click on Our Programs and then 4-H

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.

May
3-4  Domino’s Pizza Ranch
6   Council Intent to Run form due
TBA Dist. Horse Show Registration
7   Dist. Shooting Sports Contest
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