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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Calendar of Events

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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, November 24, 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, November 24, at 7:15 p.m. at the Extension office.

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 & 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 by December 15th. (Fax: 817-884-1941) or Email: (nfswindle@ag.tamu.edu) w/cc: to CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu.

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.
**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 **November 17 - 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. Beginning November 17, reserve your tickets via email at tarrantyouthcouncil@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

**County 4-H Christmas Party**

The County Council would like to invite all 4-H youth/families to attend a Christmas Party on Friday, December 5. The event will be conducted at the Extension office, beginning at 6:30 pm. The event will have a pot-luck of food and snacks. So, **save the date December 5**, and plan to join us in an evening of activities, music, and socializing. It is a great way to meet families throughout the county.

**Consumer Decision Making Contest**

The Consumer Decision Making project is one in which the youth learn how to review products and prices to determine a “best purchase” for a particular scenario.

The district-level contest for this event is scheduled for **Thursday, December 11**, at the TAMU campus in Commerce, TX. Youth are encouraged to form teams of 3-4 members of the same age division; however, individuals may also compete.

The contest classes for this contest include:
- Jeans
- Boots
- Fast Food
- Computers
- Outdoor Equipment
- Mystery

Class category descriptions and study guides are available online at: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2013/10/consumer_decision_making_201314_categories_descriptions.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2013/10/consumer_decision_making_201314_categories_descriptions.pdf)

Registration for the event is online, through 4-H Connect. The district registration fee is $10, which is payable online. Registration is currently open and will remain open **until November 23**. (Late registration may be available 11/24-11/30, with an additional fee of $20.)
4-H Food Challenge

The 4-H Food Challenge is another fun way that 4-H members can exhibit their knowledge and skills while working as a team to create that “special dish”. Modeled after the Food Network’s “Iron Chef”, this contest challenges teams of 3 – 5 members to create a dish using a predetermined set of ingredients. There is always a lot of excitement and laughter as members build lasting friendships while working together as a team to meet the challenge.

Once again, TCU has graciously agreed to host the event for us. The contest date is November 8, so save the date.

4-H Food Show

The Tarrant County 4-H Food Show provides a unique opportunity for youth to showcase their food & nutrition knowledge and skills. In this contest, members prepare a dish, display it, and tell the judges about their selection.

The theme for the 2015 Food Show is “Bringing Texas to the Table.” This gives you an opportunity to select your favorite dish which features Texas ingredients. If local, Texas grown and produced foods are available and economical, include them in your dish. Otherwise, use items that represent Texas foods such as pecans grown elsewhere.

**Contest categories/divisions.** The four contest categories are listed as follows:

- **Protein** - All foods made from meat, poultry, seafood, beans and peas, eggs, processed soy products, nuts, and seeds are considered part of the Protein Foods Group.

- **Fruit & Vegetable** - Vegetables may be raw or cooked.

- **Grains** - Any food made from wheat, rice, oats, cornmeal, barley or another cereal grain is a grain product.

- **Dairy** - All fluid milk products and many foods made from milk are considered part of this food group.

It is strongly urged that 4-Hers choose recipes that are relatively simple (i.e. less than 7 ingredients, 1 dish meals, etc.). Contestants are encouraged to select recipes that follow sound dietary practices.

The contest will be conducted on Saturday, December 6, 9:30 am, at the Extension office. Entries are due to the 4-H office by November 20. Refer to the Tarrant County 4-H website (http://agrilife.org/urbantarrant4h/) under “Current Events” for entry forms and additional information.
Clothing & Textile Project Training

Save the evening of November 18 for the upcoming Clothing & Textiles project training. This year’s event will include information on project content which is beneficial for youth and adult volunteers. You will receive news on the latest trends in the fashion industry, along with tips for video presentations, and contest information.

Multiple opportunities exist for those who are interested in competitions. In addition to the Fashion Show, Fashion Design Storyboard, and Trashion Show, a new contest called Duds 2 Dazzle has been created.

The training will be on the TCU campus (Schar 2003 building) at 6:30 pm, on November 18. The training is free, but reservations are required. Please RSVP by 11/14 to: NFSwindle@ag.tamu.edu with a cc: CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu.

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://d44h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography/](http://d44h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography/)
Ag Awareness Day Cheers

The 2014 Ag Awareness Day food drive brought in over 18,000 pounds of food in a short two and a half hour time frame. Westside 4-H came in first place in the 4-H portion of the food drive!

Congratulations to all the youth and adults who participated in the Ag Awareness Day food drive at the State Fair.

National 4-H FilmFest Cheers

Tarrant County competitor, Gage Milton of Countryside 4-H, placed 2nd in the Narrative Category for his film “The Tale of Darren and Gollroth.” This year’s event was held in St. Lohis, MO.

McKalyon Milton also entered the competition and although her narrative film, “Make a Difference” did not place at the contest, it was selected to be sent to the Citizen Jane Film Festival, where it was chosen to be shown as a part of the festival to a live audience, November 7-9th.

State Fair Cheers

Embroidery
William Flannery-2nd

Egg Show
Cherokee Zarate
1st place - Bantam White Egg
2nd place - Single Egg
3rd place - Contents (Bantam)

Goat
Cherokee Zarate
3rd place Jr Percentage Doe in both junior and open classes

Sculpture
William Flannery-Honorable Mention

Poultry
Cherokee Zarate
Best Variety - Maran Pullet
5th place - Old English Game Bird Cockerel
5th place - Showmanship
State Swine Validation

State Swine Validation will take place on Wednesday, November 19 at the Grapevine Ag Barn from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Address:
Grapevine Ag Barn is located at 3223 Mustang Dr., Grapevine, TX 76051

Major Stock Show Entry Day

Sign-up Day for Major Stock Shows - Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and STAR (Austin) will be Tuesday, November 11th from 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Tarrant County Extension Office. Parking is NOT validated for this event.

This sign-up day includes all contests associated with these stock shows; except for open, all open show entry will need to be done by the participant.

For each eligible exhibitor you must have:
♦ Current, paid active 4H enrollment on 4HConnect,
♦ A verified Quality Counts number,
♦ Social Security Number
♦ Each breeding animal a copy of the registration paper(s).

Bring payment in the form of a check or money order. If paying with cash you must have the exact amount as we cannot make change.

Here are the links for the major shows. Be familiar with their rules, updates, and times before coming to the office as this will assist in speeding up the process. Some shows already have forms available online while others do not.

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If you have any questions or concerns about signing up for any stock show please call or email Marian Ross immediately at 817-884-1294 or m-ross@tamu.edu.
State Wide 4-H & Youth Cutting Clinic

A state wide 4-H Cutting Clinic will take place on November 15 & 16, 2014 at the NRS Arena located at 309 CR 4228 in Decatur, Texas. It is limited to 20 youth riders. This is not a beginning riding clinic. You must have a broke horse which has had considerable cow work in order to derive the most benefit from this clinic.

The focus will be on: herd work, improving your cattle handling and showmanship skills, improving your horsemanship, helping your horse perform better and the rules for showing in the cutting class.

The cost is $220 which includes one stall for Friday & Saturday (additional stalls are available for $25 per night), lunch Saturday & Sunday, BBQ dinner Saturday night, and all cow work.

Registration must be postmarked by Monday, November 10th.

For more information and to reserve your spot for this event please contact Todd Vineyard the County Extension Agent in Wise County at 940-627-3341.

Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show Broilers

Are you planning to show broilers for the TCJLS in March? If so, it is time to place your order. Please watch your e-mails for the order form coming soon.

Tarrant County Jr. Livestock Show Upcoming Dates

December 6, 2014 Breeding Date for Rabbits
December 13 County Tag in
8 – 11 am Boswell Saginaw Chisholm Trail FFA Barn
1 – 3 pm Crowley FFA Barn
January 24, 2015 TCJLS Entry Deadline
Code of Conduct, TCJLS Eligibility Form, Bake Goods Form & Checks
February 18, 2015 Market Rabbit Validation
6 – 8 pm Boswell Saginaw Chisholm Trail FFA Barn
March 26-28, 2015 Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair
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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.