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).

Cindy Bryant

County Extension Agent 4-H
Tarrant County 4-H
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, October 28, 2013, 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, November 25, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.

National 4-H Youth Science Day

On October 9, 2013, millions of young people will become scientists for the day during the sixth annual 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD). This event, which takes place in urban, suburban and rural communities all across the nation, seeks to spark an early youth interest and leadership in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers in an effort keep America competitive in those fields.

This year, the National Science Experiment will be - 4-H Maps & Apps! Designed by Colorado State University Extension, the year’s set of activities will turn young people into geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey.

Currently, more than five million young people across the nation participate in 4-H STEM programming in topics as varied as robotics, agricultural science, rocketry, wind power, environmental science and alternative energy.

For more than 100 years, 4-H has been at the forefront of teaching young people about science, engineering technology and math (STEM). 4-H National Youth Science Day is the premier national rallying event for year-round 4-H STEM programming, bringing together youth, volunteers and educators from the nation’s 109 land-grant colleges and universities to simultaneously complete the National Science Experiment.

For more information and to register go to this link: http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx
Make and Take

Do you enjoy putting on the hat of creativity and doing crafts projects, but dislike pulling out all the supplies which fill the dining table until the completion of the project?

If so, the "Make and Take" sessions may be of interest. In each session, the participants will learn new techniques as they MAKE a project and TAKE it home with them. It is a fun opportunity for adults and youth to share ideas as they create ...

Currently enrolled 4-H members receive a $15 discount per class, upon request at time of registration. No parking validations are available for the Make and Take sessions.

To register for a class, please RSVP to NFSwindle@ag.tamu.edu with a cc: CPBryant@ag.tamu.edu.

Include: Class name & time slot; participant name & age; phone

These classes are open to the public. Invite a friend.

One Day 4-H

Join over 10,000 other 4-H members in Texas on OCTOBER 12, 2013 as they step out into their communities to make a difference in one day! One day 4-H is one day for all the 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to step out into their communities and county and say "thank you" by giving back for them more than 103 years of support to 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is what ever each 4-H member, club, or county 4-H Program wants it to be. It could be as simple as picking up trash and mowing the lawn for senior citizens to elaborate as hosting a 5K Walk/Run and raising money for a cause.

How do you participate?

♦ 4-H members and their clubs/county programs should start now on identifying and planning a community service project.
♦ Work to secure all the necessary supplies/equipment/resources to get the project done.
♦ Advertise/market your project to locate media and others in the community so they will know the difference you, and 4-H, is making.
♦ Sign your project up at the one day 4-H website (coming soon.
♦ Conduct your project and then report your successes at the one day 4-H website.

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County Food Challenge Contest

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 9, so save the date. The entry registrations are due by October 15. (There is kitchen space available for 8 teams.)

For additional information, please refer to the Tarrant 4-H website, under "Current Events".

District Photography Contest

The District IV 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and process of photographs.

This contest is NOT the qualifying contest for the state senior contest that will be held in the spring.

Each member may enter one photo per category for a maximum of 8 photos. All photos must be uploaded through 4-H Connect at the time of registration. Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible. Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .kpg, or .gif format. Files submitted may not be larger than 2,048 k (2MB). There is no minimum size requirement, however, your photograph must be large enough that it can be clearly evaluated for the contest (i.e. if it is too small, it can be disqualified.

Each photograph will need to be clearly named with the Age Division, Category, County, and 4-H member's first and last name.

Quiz Bowls

Quiz bowls are a fun way to display the knowledge and skills gained in a project area. Teams of 3 - 4 youth compete to be the first to "buzz in" and answer the question correctly. It is a fast-paced, fun-filled event.

District IV will be hosting quiz bowl contests on Saturday, December 14, in Terrell, TX.

Registration is due on 4-H Connect by November 22.

Three contests will be offered on December 14.
- Beef Quiz Bowl
- Horse Quiz Bowl
- Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Additional information and study materials for each contest are listed on the district website at: http://d44-h.tamu.edu/district-events/quiz-bowls/.

4-H Cloverleaf
Younger 4-H members, ages 9-14, will have an opportunity to hone their skills in several 4-H programming areas during the Junior Leadership Retreat set for Nov. 8-10 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood.

“The Junior Leadership Retreat features Texas 4-H Council members conducting hands-on educational workshops with younger 4-H members,” said Mark Carroll, center program director. “This year’s program will focus on increasing knowledge and skills in five 4-H project areas -- veterinary science, leadership, and bullying and inclusion, as well as a ‘trashion show’ and archery.”

Carroll explained that for the trashion show, participants buy clothing from thrift store and “recycle” it, using their talents and creativity to produce a different garment or outfit. The retreat starts with registration at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8, followed by general orientation at 9 p.m., then adult chaperone orientation at 9:30 p.m. Carroll stressed that each county sending 4-H youth to the retreat must provide adult chaperones for the weekend. Nov. 9 activities start at 7:30 a.m., followed by a flag ceremony and breakfast, with the first of the day’s three general assemblies beginning at 8:30 a.m. The remainder of the day will have concurrent sessions on the five programming areas to be emphasized. Evening activities will start at 6:15 p.m. with a flag lowering ceremony and dinner, followed by a 7:30 p.m. presentation on state and national opportunities for 4-H youth and a costumed theme dance. Adjournment is set for 11 a.m. Nov. 10.

“While this is learning retreat, the main ingredient for the whole weekend is a sense of fun,” Carroll said. “The State 4-H Council members take pride in showcasing their creativity, which will become apparent at the Saturday Night Theme Dance. The theme for the dance is the ‘The Final Screening,’ and attendees will come dressed up as their favorite movie star. All the council members plan to be in costume, so it should prove to be fun for everyone.

Individual registration is $115 for youth and $80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Online registration is currently available through Nov. 3 at [http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu).

For more information, contact Carroll at 325-784-5482, jmcarroll@ag.tamu.edu.
Welcome to 2013-2014

Current Tarrant 4-H Clubs

- Blossom 4-H
- Children’s University 4-H
- Christian Life Preparatory 4-H
- Countryside 4-H
- Eagle Mountain 4-H
- East Fort Worth 4-H
- Faith Christian School 4-H
- Keller 4-H
- Lake Country 4-H
- N. Texas Claybreakers 4-H
- Northstar 4-H
- Paws A Plenty 4-H
- Poly High School 4-H
- Rendon 4-H
- Rough Riders 4-H
- Saginaw 4-H
- South Tarrant Equestrian 4-H
- Southwest Fort Worth 4-H
- Straight Shooters 4-H
- Texas Wranglers 4-H
- Vets of Tomorrow 4-H
- Voyage 4-H
- Westside 4-H

Happiness is not the absence of problems, but the willingness to deal with them joyfully.

- Jonathan Lockwood Huie

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

~Elizabeth Andrew
4-H Livestock News

State Lamb & Goat Validation

State Lamb & Goat Validation will take place on **Tuesday, October 29, 2013** at the Sewell Ag Center in Crowley from 3-6 p.m.

The Sewell Ag Center is located at 1800 Cleburne Crowley Rd., Crowley, Texas 76036.

Please contact Ken Johnson at kd-johnson@tamu.edu if you have any questions about the validation process.

Major Livestock Show Entry Day

Sign-up Day for Major Stock Shows - Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo and STAR (Austin) will be **Wednesday, November 6, 2013** from 8:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Tarrant County Extension Office. Parking is NOT paid for this event.

This sign-up day includes all contests associated with these stock shows.

For each eligible exhibitor you must have: current, paid 4H enrollment on 4HConnect, a verified Quality Counts number, their Social Security Number and for 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.

 './fwssr.com/

San Antonio
 http://www.sarodeo.com/

Houston
 http://rodeoohouston.com/

San Angelo
 http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/

STAR (Austin)
 http://www.rodeoaustr.com/

If you have any questions or concerns about signing up for any stock show please call or email Ken Johnson at 817-884-1946 or kd-johnson@tamu.edu immediately, or at the very least prior to that date.

State Fair of Texas
Ag Awareness Day
October 8, 2013
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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.