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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, October 27, 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.**

No Pass-No Play

4-H members are encouraged to "Make the Best Better" as they progress through the upcoming school year.

Remember to give each assignment your best effort and to manage your time wisely. In accordance with the Texas Education Agency policy and House Bill 72, a student must be passing all courses in order to compete in extracurricular activities (including 4-H).

For each competition, an academic eligibility form will be available from the 4-H office. Members will submit the form to their school's office for eligibility status/signature and return it to the 4-H office.

Centennial Celebration

**On Saturday, October 25,** Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Tarrant County will be hosting a Centennial Celebration. Its purpose is to celebrate 100 years since the passage of the Smith-Lever Act that created the Cooperative Extension program throughout the United States.

The event will be open to the public and will be conducted in the **Stampede Room at Stockyards Station,** in Fort Worth. The public event will be **10:00 am – 2:00 pm,** and will include exhibits, activities, etc. Remember to stop by the 4-H booth and the community service card-making booths and enter the drawing for a door prize.

(The Red Stegall Cowboy Gathering will also be occurring at the Stockyards Station, so there will be a lot of free family activities, music, & contests.)

We hope to see you there!
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. The entry registrations are due by October 8. (There is kitchen space available for 8 teams.)

It’s Quiz Bowl Time

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, October 25, at the TAMU campus, in Commerce, TX.

Registration is due on 4-H Connect by October 12.

Three contests will be offered on October 25.
• Beef Quiz Bowl
• Horse Quiz Bowl
• Nutrition Quiz Bowl

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 5-11. There are several activities & events occurring during this time. Commissioners Court will issue a proclamation recognizing the week throughout Tarrant County. October 7 is Ag Awareness Day at the State Fair. October 8 is National Youth Science Day and is also the day of the National 4-H Food Challenge contest which will be conducted at the State Fair. One Day 4-H will be on Saturday, October 11. This is a day of service in which many clubs will be participating.

So, mark your calendars for National 4-H Week. If your club is planning a special activity, please let us know.
One Day 4-H

Tarrant County 4-H clubs are gearing up for their One Day 4-H events. While our youth are very active in volunteer service throughout the year, One Day 4-H is a glimpse of what can be accomplished when clubs throughout the state work towards a common goal. Each club identifies a need and plans an event to address the need. Often, individual 4-H members contact additional clubs to join in their events as well.

Down on the Farm – A Special Day for Children with Special Needs

Texas Wranglers 4-H Club will host Down on the Farm again this year. The event will be Saturday, October 11. The event provides a fun day for children with special needs and includes activities such as: pony rides, games, animal petting, gathering eggs, etc.

Volunteers will work 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Adults and youth who would like to volunteer with this event, please contact: Doreen Bruton at rwpinc1@aol.com or 817-999-8332

Blast Off to Fun for National 4-H Science Day !!

The countdown has begun....T-3 days and counting...... until the Science Day event at Lockheed.

On Wednesday, October 8, Lockheed Martin engineers will work with youth across Tarrant County as they participate in the 2014 National Youth Science Day experiment.

This year's event is titled, "Rockets to the Rescue". Participants will use their critical thinking skills as they plan a solution to a problem given in a specific scenario. Youth will work in teams as they engage in hands-on activities involving the design, construction, testing, and analysis process.

In addition, Voyage 4-H Club and Countryside 4-H Club will be hosting "Rockets to the Rescue" events at their club meetings. Each will have volunteer engineers to mentor the young scientists as they complete their mission.
District Fall Focus

The District 4 Fall focus provides an opportunity for teens throughout the district to meet each other and learn about new opportunities. It also serves as one of the “District Meetings”. For additional information, please refer to the District 4 4-H website. http://d44-h.tamu.edu/

Agriculture Photography Contest

The Texas State Preservation Board in partnership with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program are pleased to present an annual photography contest for members of the Texas 4-H and FFA Programs. This photography contest allows 4-H members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos.

A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in January 2015 before the opening of the Legislative Session. Selected photographs will feature a place card with the photographer’s name, city, and age. Photos will remain on display for one year in the Agriculture Museum.

Entry period is from September 19-December 10, 2014. A youth may enter a maximum of two photographs in the contest. Only one entry in each category is allowed. All photographs must have been taken within the state of Texas. Those entering the photographs may be asked to provide location of where the photograph was taken to ensure an in-state photo. Photo format must be .jpg. The file size should not be any bigger than 1.5 MD. Photos larger than that will not be uploaded to file size restrictions. Must be 8” x 10” in size. Photos should be at least 800 pixels by 1000 pixel. The ideal 8 x 10 quality is 2400 pixels by 3000 pixels, which is the same as an 8 x 10 photo at 300 dpi (resolution). Higher variations of the 8 x 10 ratio are allowed but the final file size may not be larger than 2,048k (2MB). Photos can be entered in either color or black & white. Extreme use of editing and effects should be a minimum. These photos are intended for the purpose of promoting and highlighting Texas agriculture and should be taken and edited with that concept in mind. Photographs should not contain “user placed text.” Enter photos online at http://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/4hffa

The categories are: Agriculture Equipment, Animals-Domestic, Architecture in Agriculture, Crops, People in Agriculture, True Texas Agriculture Food, Weights and Measures

For more information on this contest please visit the State 4-H website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2013/08/photography_contest_4hffa_state_preservationboard.pdf
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://d44-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography/.

Public Speaking Project Contest

The final night for the Fall Series of the county-wide Public Speaking project will be Thursday, October 23. Under the leadership of Dr. Jeff Johnson, the students have been working on their speech and leadership skills. The highlight of the final night will provide an opportunity for each student to give a speech for the Public Speaking Contest.

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 all youth and adult volunteers interested in the project. For those who are interested in competitions...multiple opportunities exist. In addition to the Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboard, a new contest called Duds 2 Dazzle has been created.
## Livestock Cheers

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## Cheers for National 4-H Week

“Regardless of your social media choice - Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter you can be part of it! Check it out here: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hweek](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hweek)

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Strong people don’t put others down..... They lift them up.”

*Michael P. Watson*
Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 7, 2014 for the annual Ag Awareness Day event! Ag-Awareness Day teaches participants how technology and agriculture are improving our lives.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at Agriculture Awareness Day, Tuesday, October 7, 2014!
Livestock Project Registration

It is time to send in your livestock project sheets to the 4-H office. Livestock Project Sheets must be renewed each year just as your member enrollment form. For new members the form is due when you enroll in 4-H and get a project.

The Livestock Project Sheet is due for renewing members on October 1, 2014. You may access the form on the Tarrant 4-H website under Current Events.

State Lamb & Goat, Heifer & Swine Validation

State Lamb & Goat Validation will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Sewell Ag Center in Crowley from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

State Heifer Validation will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Sewell Ag Center in Crowley from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

State Heifer Validation (heifers only) will take place on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Grapevine Ag Barn from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

State Swine Validation will take place on Monday, November 10 at the Mansfield FFA Barn Reed-Stewart Ag Center from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Addresses:
Sewell Ag Center is located at 1800 Cleburne Crowley Rd., Crowley, TX 76036
Grapevine Ag Barn is located at 3223 Mustang Dr., Grapevine, TX 76051
Mansfield Ron Whitson Ag Science Center located at 6069 Mansfield Retta Rd Burleson Tx. 76063
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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.

We’re on the web, click on 4-H at http://tarrant.tamu.edu

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