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TEXAS 4-H CLOVER *2009-2010*



The Texas 4-H Clover is a “catalog” of the many opportunities, programs, activities, and events that enrich the 4-H experience. The information provided in the Texas 4-H Clover covers the period from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.

As with any annual periodical publication, the opportunities and contact information may change. 4-H members, leaders, volunteers, and parents are encouraged to stay in contact with their county Extension office on the latest information regarding any opportunity or experience in the Texas 4-H Clover.

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Program year

The 4-H program year begins on September 1 and concludes on August 31 the following year.

Membership policies

Any person, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, disability or national origin, may enroll as a 4-H member. Texas 4-H membership is open to youth between the ages of 9 (OR 8 and in the third grade) and 18 on August 31. A youth's eligibility for membership will expire on August 31 of the 4-H year in which the 19th birthday occurs.

For events that require registration/certification/entry during the summer prior to the beginning of the 4-H year, County Extension agents may sign entry forms for events that will occur during the 4-H year for youth who will become eligible for and enroll in 4-H on September 1, but these youth may not participate in 4-H competitive events and activities until September 1.

Zero-based enrollment

For accountability purposes and the requirement for keeping mailing lists updated, the Texas 4-H Program uses zero-based enrollment. This means that at the start of every new 4-H year, previous members and volunteers and new members and volunteers must enroll or re-enroll in the 4-H Program.

Cross-county memberships

Membership cannot be held simultaneously in more than one county or state, but membership may change with residence as long as the member competes in a given project in only one county or state. Exception: If it is more convenient, desirable or logical for a 4-H member or Clover Kid to belong to 4-H in an adjacent county, he or she may do so if both agents involved agree. The agreement should be in writing. In addition, crossing county lines requires either changing membership from the home to the host county or participating in the project in the host county but representing the home county in events and activities. This agreement of cross-county membership must be renewed annually between the involved county Extension staff and the 4-H member.

Project enrollment

All 4-H members must be enrolled in at least one project and provide written evidence of project completion. A member may add or delete project enrollments at any time during the 4-H year. A member of a 4-H club must participate in 4-H learning groups and other educational activities under the guidance of a 4-H volunteer who is enrolled with the county Extension office.

Statewide projects/activities

The 4-H projects listed in this handbook are offered in most of the counties in Texas. Please contact your county Extension agent for more information about projects or activities.

County projects/activities

Some counties offer additional projects of local interest. Check with your own county to see what is available. Counties provide the materials and training guides for these projects, and they may vary from area to area depending on local resources and needs.

Events and activities

Youth competing in state, district and/or county events and activities must be 9, or 8 AND in the 3rd grade, to 18 years of age. See specific state contest packet information for additional details. Youth must be enrolled in the project during the current year in order to participate or compete in a related event or activity.

Considerations in selecting a 4-H project:

- Select a project you like.
- Select a project that can be completed.
- Consider the money it will take. Can parents/guardians help?
- Consider the space and equipment that you have at home.
- Consider the time the project will take.
- Consider parental support for the project.
- Be aware of the opportunities for growth in this project.
- A 4-H project should be fun, serve a purpose, and be worth the effort.
- Select only the number of projects you can complete.

Items available to help you learn about your project:

- 4-H project promotional brochures
- Project training workshops
- Tours
- Exhibits
- Contests—judging, visual presentation and 4-H recordbooks
- Reputable web sites

Goals

When you write down your goals and plans, you have already made a step toward reaching those goals. Your written goals will help you keep track of where you are going and how you are going to get there. Write your goals and plans for each project. Use the Member Achievement Plan (M.A.P.) or a method that works for your family to keep track of progress made toward goals.

Your project goals should include the following:

- Knowledge goals - things you want to learn.
- Skill goals - things you want to raise, make and/or do.
- Leadership goals - things you want to do and to teach others.
- Community Service goals - things you want to do for others.

As you get older or become more advanced in your project(s), you will want to set goals in the following areas:

- Energy goals - how your project relates to energy and ways to save natural resources.
- Economic goals - what you will do to save and make money.
- Experiment and research goals - studies and experiments you can conduct in your project.
- Career goals - studies and interviews.
- Other goals - workshops or contests you plan to participate in through your project.

Guidelines that relate to all projects:

- Make a set of project goals (refer to Member Achievement Plan—MAP).
- Complete certain goals each month—most project work is done at home.
- Keep a record of goals completed.
- Exhibit project work.
- Enter a contest at the local and county levels.
- Attend workshops on your particular project.
- Attend 4-H meetings regularly.
- Complete 4-H MAP and/or recordbook each year.

- Develop leadership by teaching other interested persons something about your project.
- Carry out community service activities related to your 4-H project.
- Continue to study and broaden project knowledge and skills.

Find out what you can learn and do in your projects:

1. Knowledge - things to do and resources to use in developing knowledge of your project.
 - Read the 4-H Clover.
 - Surf the Web for reputable, non-biased sources.
 - Read library books related to projects.
 - Read magazines or journals.
 - Purchase literature related to projects.
 - Secure owner's manual.
 - Attend workshops related to your project.
 - Interview someone who is knowledgeable about your project subject matter.
 - Tour places related to the project.
 - Develop a research paper related to project.
 - Subscribe to magazines.
 - Go on field trips to study project.
 - Study careers related to your project.
 - Study catalogs.
 - Take correspondence course related to project.
 - Study history related to your project.
 - Attend summer workshops through local community colleges or community education programs.
2. Skills - the doing part of 4-H in which you develop your skills to your potential.
 - Make several things related to your project.
 - Raise and properly care for something related to your project.
 - Repair things related to your project.
 - Make a list of skills related to your project and practice them.
 - Use computer skills to find related credible web sites or maintain records of your own project on the computer.
3. Safety - part of almost every 4-H project.
 - Purchase safety equipment.
 - Make a safety plan (locating safety hazards).
 - Participate in a safety clinic.
 - Make a study of accidents related to your project.
 - Study state and national safety laws related to your project.
 - Use warning signs where necessary.
 - Secure a safe place to work. Follow all safety recommendations.
4. Leadership - also a part of every 4-H project. It is your duty as a 4-H member to develop leadership skills.
 - Present and display in schools and your

- community to promote your project.
- Assist individual members with their projects.
 - Conduct interviews.
 - Help plan and conduct workshops about your project.
 - Serve as chair of your project group.
 - Teach groups about project work.
 - Organize a 4-H project club.
 - Conduct project contests in the local 4-H club.
 - Assist volunteer leader with project.
 - Set up a project tour for your club.
 - Assist with county contests.
 - Serve as a project leader for your club.
 - Recruit new club members into your project.
 - Write an article for your local newspaper.
 - Serve as a group leader during a workshop or tour.
 - Assist with county exhibit days
 - Secure a county donor for your 4-H project.
 - Teach disabled children about your project.
 - Write and give speeches about your project.
 - Develop a business related to your project.
 - Serve on a committee related to your project.
 - Write news articles about your project.
 - Make exhibits that tell other people about your project.
 - Appear on TV and/or radio and talk about your project.
 - Write an information sheet about your project and use it as a handout during workshops.
 - Develop a slide set or video about a certain part of your project.
 - Serve as a teen or junior leader.
5. Citizenship and Community Service - part of every project, or Citizenship can be a project by itself. Each 4-H member should incorporate several activities or experiences of citizenship and community service in each project in which they enroll. These experiences can be done as an organized group/club or as an individual. Discuss ways you can work in your community to promote a part of your project through associations and private businesses.
- Make the public aware of the economic importance.
 - Write your state and national legislators about issues related to your project.
 - Give something related to your project to shut-ins.
 - Secure pen pals who are interested in the project.
 - Discuss project issues with local officials.
 - Write project donors, thanking them for their support.
 - Sell a product from your project and use the money for some worthy cause.
 - Assist friends and neighbors with work related to your project.
 - Make speeches about the importance of your project to the economy, society or school.
 - Provide transportation for others to a project workshop.
 - Organize a campaign to improve something related to your project.
 - Conduct a radio program on your project, making the community aware of an issue.
 - During National 4-H Week, do some type of project promotion.
- Take pictures of other 4-Hers project exhibits, and use the pictures for publicity.
 - Report to the proper authority things that you see in your project that are dangerous to people of the community.
 - Do volunteer work related to your main project.
 - Serve on a county or community committee that is related to the project.
 - Loan something that you have related to your project.
6. Environmental Stewardship
- Study how your project relates to conserving our natural resources.
 - Share stewardship information with others in your project area.
7. Economics
- Study consumer reports about your project.
 - Watch television. Listen to the radio for economic news related to the project.
 - Conduct your own price study.
 - Make a study of how to cut cost and maintain quality.
 - Compare cost of project materials to cost of buying a finished project.
8. Experiments
- Develop your own design.
 - Compare the outcome of more than one item, using different ingredients.
 - Invent something that is useful in your project.
 - Conduct experiments related to your project.
9. Careers
- Study careers related to your project.
 - Tour businesses related to your project and volunteer at a local business.
 - Attend seminars about careers.
 - Interview people in different careers related to the project.
 - Write several colleges and universities concerning careers related to the project.
 - Start your own personal business related to your project.
 - Find entrepreneurial ideas and resources on the Web.
 - Talk to an economic development leader or visit the nearest small business development center.
- Do you need help? Secure help from the following:**
- Your 4-H club manager
 - Your 4-H project leader
 - Texas AgriLife Extension Service staff
 - Retired senior citizens in your community
 - Professional people with careers related to your project
 - Businesses related to your project
 - School teacher, principal, or counselor.
- When is the project over?**
- When you have met the goals you set at the beginning of the year, and when a Member Achievement Plan has been submitted to the 4-H project leader, club manager, or county Extension office, you have finished your project.

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ADULTS - see "Volunteer"

AFTER SCHOOL

Texas 4-H provides an extensive resource, YEA! 4-H, for use by clubs and after school programs. This project and curriculum provides opportunity for volunteers and leaders to provide programming for youth in three age groups: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Each level of the curriculum is available on CD and can be purchased through the Extension Bookstore.

Project Experiences

4-H C.A.P.I.T.A.L.

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After-school clubs and summer day camps help students increase their science, technology, and literacy levels, and their ability to become productive, contributing members of society. For the format of this educational experience contact the Travis County Extension Office, (512) 854-9600.

AGRICULTURE - see "Science of Agriculture or Ag in The Classroom"

ALUMNI



FRIENDS AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association is a state-wide, nonprofit association for citizens who believe strongly in the 4-H program and want to support the youth involved. The program is not just for Alumni members of 4-H, but anyone that believes in the value of the 4-H program and wants to help make a difference. The association is committed to promoting the value of the 4-H program.

Mission Statement:

To build and foster relationships among Texans who support the development programs of 4-H and who believe that the future of our nation depends on the success of reaching today's youth with the values and opportunities provided through 4-H.

Many past 4-H members have pledged their support to the Texas 4-H program through their membership in the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association. The membership dues and corporate sponsorships are used to support 4-H programs in order to reach their educational goals, provide scholarships for 4-H members to attend camp and other 4-H opportunities, and provide networking for former 4-H members through collegiate scholarship programs.

Each county has access to contact information for the interested alumnae in their area. These able volunteers stand ready to support the local 4-H program in a "grass roots" effort across the state.

Levels of membership in the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association are:

Lifetime Joint	\$750.00
Lifetime	\$500.00
Joint (Annual)	\$ 50.00
Annual	\$ 30.00
Collegiate	\$ 15.00
Corporate Giving Levels*	
Gold	\$10,000.00
Silver	\$ 5,000.00
Bronze	\$ 1,000.00
Associate	\$ 150.00

*Please contact our office for information regarding benefits of each level.

AMBASSADORS

The Texas 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.

The ambassador program has several specific goals:

- To tell and show key audiences what the 4-H Youth Development Program is and who it impacts, so that these audiences will understand the impact of 4-H on the lives of young people and will see how it addresses key youth issues in the community and state.
- To develop leadership and communication skills among the 4-H'ers selected to make ambassador presentations.
- To make families and youth more aware of 4-H and the benefits it offers.
- To inform elected officials about the 4-H program and get them involved.
- To tell current and potential donors about 4-H and give them opportunities to support the program efforts that interest them.
- To change or improve the 4-H image among selected audiences.

To be effective, a 4-H Ambassador Program should include:

- Training: teaching ambassadors how to make presentations,

how to represent the organization and how to serve.

- Planning: developing both the plan and commitment to it.
- Team-centered activities: sponsoring elections, meetings, recognition, etc.
- Program/team management: making assignments, records, schedules, arrangements, etc.

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BEEF

Printed Resources:

4-H Beef Leaders Guide - 4-H AS3-1.025
 Managing Beef Cattle for Show (AS 1-2)
 Using Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) and Scenarios in Livestock Judging Contests
 Animal Science Skills for Life - 4-HCCS PC-6372
 A Guide to Raising Beef Cattle - ST-037-4 (N4-HC)
 Your Calf - A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing Beef and Dairy Calves - # ST-947-8
 National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
 Beef 1 - Bite into Beef
 Beef 2 - Here's the Beef
 Beef 3 - Leading the Charge
 Beef Group Helper's Guide
 Calf Pattern
 Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)
 Feeds and Feeding for Junior Beef Cattle Projects
 Managing Beef Cattle for Show
 Sick Calves: How Do You Know
 Texas Show Steer Breed Classification
 The Facts on Optaflexx™
 Use of Preventative and Therapeutic Drugs in Show Animals
 Approach to Placing a Market Steer Class
 Breeding Beef Cattle Judging Outline
 Evaluating Market Steers from a Grading Standpoint
 Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures
 Presentation of Oral Reasons
 Reasons Terminology for Breeding Cattle
 Reasons Terminology for Market Steers
 Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons by Former Members of the TAMU Livestock Judging Teams
 Why Judging Beef Cattle is Important

Project Experiences:

Major Texas livestock shows
 County shows
 Texas 4-H Roundup Beef Educational Presentation
 Texas A&M University Beef Cattle Short Course
 Spring TAMU Judging Clinics
 SpecTra - Ag. & Natural Resources

Beef Quiz Bowl

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This activity helps 4-H'ers increase their knowledge of beef cattle and the Texas 4-H Beef Program. Clubs can use this "game show" activity as an effective and fun teaching method any time during the year, even when inclement weather or limited resources prohibit outdoor activities. 4-H members who do not own beef cattle can participate. Counties and districts schedule their Beef Bowls at various times of the year. State 1st and 2nd place teams advance to national competition. Refer to the "4-H Quiz Bowl Guide."

Livestock Judging

The three national livestock judging events Texas 4-H youth can compete in are: North American Livestock Exposition—Louisville, Kentucky, November; American Royal Livestock Show—Kansas City, Missouri, November; and National Western Livestock Show—Denver, Colorado, January. The top three teams from Texas 4-H Roundup represent Texas on the national level. Partial donor support may be provided to eligible teams for each event; however, teams raise money for the remainder of needed funding. County teams must qualify at county and district to advance to Texas 4-H Roundup.

Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Camp

Contact:

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The Department of Animal Science and the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program annually host the "Texas A&M University 4-H Livestock Judging Camp." The camp is designed for 4-H youth ages 14-17 that are interested in building their knowledge about the evaluation principles associated with marketing and breeding beef, swine, and sheep. Oral reasons, live grading and the use of performance data will be heavily stressed. The cost range is \$250-\$500.

Beef Educational Presentation

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Beef demonstration allows 4-H members to give presentations on all aspects involving the beef industry. Such topics include reproduction, health care, breeds and breed characteristics, and other management aspects.

Recordbook Category:

Beef

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Breeding supply consulting service
 Artificial insemination service
 Supply dealer
 Processing plant owner
 Branding service

Fertilizer dealer
 Auctioneer
 USDA grader
 Show manager
 Livestock barn operator/order buyer
 Feed lot owner/manager
 Breed association representative
 Equipment manufacturing and sales
 Feed sales/nutritionist

Volunteer Opportunities

Livestock Mentor Program - see "Volunteer"

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Printed Resources:

Project Experiences:

Open Class Educational Presentation at county, district, and state levels.

Recordbook Category:

Science and Technology Open Category

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Agronomy
 Biophysics
 Developmental Biology
 Environmental Law
 Forensic Entomology
 Forestry
 Genetic Counseling
 Immunology
 Medical Practice
 Molecular Biology
 Neurobiology
 Secondary School Teaching
 Systematics
 Veterinary Medicine

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CAMPS

Texas 4-H Teen Leader Retreat

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This educational program focuses on the development of intensive leadership skills and targets 4-H members age 13 and older. Young people explore their own leadership styles and potential and develop plans for implementation at the local, county and district levels. This workshop is held annually in January.

Texas 4-H Fall Leadership Retreat

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This educational program is for youth ages 14-19 to enhance and explore leadership through hands-on workshops and service opportunities. This workshop is held annually in November.

Summer Programs For Counties

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This program brings counties together for a 3- or 4- day event planned and implemented by the Texas 4-H Center summer staff. Counties must provide their own chaperones at a ratio of one chaperone for every eight youth of the same gender. Recreational opportunities include shooting sports, archery, canoeing, swimming, folk dancing, sport fishing, and more. Information is distributed to county offices by October. Sessions are scheduled in July.

Prime Time

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Prime Time helps youth ages 9 to 13 learn interpersonal skills and develop lifetime friendships. Programming focuses on educational and recreational experiences, with emphasis on helping young people understand the opportunities that are available in the future. Information is distributed to counties via electronic format. Sessions are scheduled in July.

Junior Leadership Retreat

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Junior Leadership Retreat provides youth ages 9-13 a state level leadership development experience. Workshops, facilitated by Texas 4-H Council and other senior level 4-H youth, are on leadership, group dynamics, leading recreation, etc. Additionally, youth experience service opportunities. Workshop conducted annually in November.

SpecTra

Contact:

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Special Training in Spectacular Tradition (SpecTra) is the focus of this program targeting youth ages 14 to 18. A four-fold objective is addressed: project enhancement; leadership development; self-image enrichment; and career exploration. Participants have 20 hours of intensive instruction in a specific program area. Other recreational activities are incorporated to bring all program areas together. Information is distributed via electronic format to counties. SpecTra is held on odd-numbered years in July.

Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff Opportunities

Contact:

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Texas 4-H is known for the quality of youth leadership that comes from the program. These youth are valuable resources at the local, county, district and state levels. The Texas 4-H Center employs a summer staff to plan, implement and evaluate programming for summer activities.

Summer staff applicants are not required to have been 4-H members, but they must have successfully completed one year of college (this does not include college course work taken during high school). Applications and information for these positions are distributed to county offices by January. Interviews are conducted in February and March. All summer staff are required to participate in a two-week intensive training session in May. Positions available are Program Assistants, Counselors, Lifeguards and Aquatics Supervisor.

Memorials and Donations to Camps and/or Texas 4-H Conference Center

Memorials and donations can be made to the Texas 4-H Conference Center by individuals and groups/organizations. Please make donations payable to: Texas 4-H Center, 5600 FM 3021, Brownwood, TX 76801.

Other Camp Opportunities

Contact:

Local county Extension office or district or regional websites for youth camp experiences.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Printed Resources:

Character Counts!

Take a Stand Bullying Curriculum

Character Becomes You! (B-6128)

Quality Counts (4-H CHE-1)

Quality Counts Gold (CHE-2)

Texans Building Character

Character Counts – www.charactercounts.org

Auto B Good - www.studentsbgood.com

Character Classics – www.characterbuilding.com

Project Experiences:

Quality Counts

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This curriculum was developed through a partnership between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas FFA. Quality Counts is a comprehensive program for all 4-H and FFA members in Texas who are involved in the youth livestock program. Texas has the largest number of 4-H and FFA livestock projects in the nation. "Quality Counts" is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects and in every aspect of their lives.

This curriculum will also help youth learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved.

Recordbook Category:

Personal Development/Leadership Open

Career Exploration Opportunities:

County Extension Agent

Agri-Science Teacher

School Teacher

Community Volunteer

Mentor

CITIZENSHIP

Printed Resources:

Keys to the Courthouse County Government Guide

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Citizenship Adventure Kit

Citizenship Guide's Handbook

Project Experiences:

Texas 4-H Congress

Contact:

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This mock legislative educational event is held in Austin in even-numbered years. During the week-long program, senior 4-H youth experience the legislative process first hand. By role-playing senators, representatives, lobbyists and press corps members, youth are exposed to the full political scene. Activities range from debating bills in the actual Texas Legislature chambers to socializing with advocates and opponents at evening receptions. Youth return to their communities with a better understanding of how our state government works. Information is sent to county Extension offices in the Fall preceding the event year.

National County Government Week

Contact:

National Association of Counties

www.naco.org

2010: May 2-8

2011: May 1-7

National County Government Week (NCGW) is an annual celebration of county government. First held in 1990, the goal of county government week is to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation's counties. There are activities at the national, state and local levels during county government week. More than 1,000 counties annually participate in NCGW by holding a variety of programs and events. These include tours of county facilities, presentations in schools, meetings with businesses and community leaders, recognition programs for volunteers, briefings on environmental projects, and adoption of proclamations.

*Patriotism through Preparedness (B 6179)***Contact:**

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Patriotism through Preparedness, is a disaster preparedness program developed for youth. Disasters can cause children to experience many different feelings, especially fear and sadness. Allowing children to actively participate in a family disaster plan is an excellent way to build their confidence and may help them cope better with their feelings in the event of a disaster. The curriculum was developed to help parents and youth/children bond together in preparing for an emergency and/or disaster.

Recordbook Category:

Citizenship and Civic Education

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Elected Official

Social Worker

First Responder (Police Officer, EMT, Firefighter)

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES**Printed Resources:**

Clothes that Click (FCS 2-2)

Clothing Capers (FCS 2-1)

Clothing Quality Standards (E-403)

Food & Fiber Curriculum

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org)

Sewing - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Sewing - Let's Sew Book

Sewing 1 - Under Construction

Sewing 2 - Fashion Forward

Sewing 3 - Refine Design

Yea 4-H! 6-8, Designers Choice

Project Experiences:

Fabric & Fashion Design Competition

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The Fabric and Fashion Design Competition allows 4-H members to demonstrate skills in developing ideas and sketching designs. The three categories are accessory design, apparel design and textile design.

Senior district winners who advance to the state competition will need to accompany their entries to Texas 4-H Roundup. An interview will be part of the contest and 4-H youth must attend Roundup to participate in this interview. The forms and entry information are available from the Extension Family Development and Resource Management office or your county Extension agent. Additional information can be found in the 4-H Clothing Program Annual Packet. Entries are due in the state 4-H office with all other Roundup materials in May. Winning designs will be displayed throughout Roundup.

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The 4-H Fashion Show allows members to exhibit skills developed in their clothing projects, including application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection; clothing construction or comparison shopping; fashion interpretation and understanding of style; good grooming and poise; and modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments at the county, district and state levels. The Fashion Show has two divisions, buying and construction.

The four categories in each division are casual, dressy, formal and specialty. Garments entered at the state level that meet specific fiber requirements may also be entered in the Natural Fiber Competition. Senior district winners in each category in both divisions compete at the state level. The State 4-H Fashion Show is held during Texas 4-H Roundup. Entry information is due to the state 4-H office on the same date as all other Roundup materials.

*Narrator Contest***Contact:**

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Narrators for the Texas 4-H Fashion Show are selected through videotape competition. Narrators are not required to have experience in clothing projects, although familiarity with fashion terms is helpful. Fashion Show contestants may not be narrators at the state level.

*Stage Design Contest***Contact:**

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A Stage Design contest is held as part of the Texas 4-H Fashion Show. A team of up to nine 4-H youth and a coach will be selected to design and decorate the stage for the Fashion Show. Those chosen may not participate in the Fashion Show or the Narrator Contest.

*Clothing Board***Contact:**

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The Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board offers 4-H members, volunteer leaders and county Extension agents an opportunity to help determine and expand the 4-H clothing program by recommending and implementing special activities and new project ideas.

Recordbook Category:

Clothing and Textiles

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Fashion Designer

Seamstress

Buyer/Purchaser
Textile Designer
Retail Sales/Management
Dry cleaner

CLUB ED

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Club Ed is a resource for club officers and club managers to gather ideas, management information, ceremonies, inspirations, program ideas, and other great club resources. The resource is organized month by month in order to make it easier for information gathering. In each month you will find the following pieces of information: Club Activities, Club Managers Checklist, Community Service Activities, Flag Ceremonies, Ice Breakers, Inspirations, Parent Opportunities, Program Ideas

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Community Service Projects are a service learning experience where youth determine a need for their community and/or county. From the determination, an action plan of how to help and care for those in need, or assist as much as possible, is created. The plan is put into place by youth (and adults) working to organize the necessary persons, develop or collect the necessary resources, and then implement or distribute the need to the community. A quality community service project should include a follow up with those assisting with the project. This follow up should include a reflection of the participants thoughts, feelings, and knowledge gained as to how and either help with future situations, or to prevent them.

one day 4-H

Contact:

Dr. Toby L. Lepley, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
tlepley@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1212

This new statewide day community service project will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 the final day of National 4-H Week. 4-H members from all counties in Texas are encouraged to take one day to give back to their community or county by serving others. Projects can be done as individuals or as groups and can range from some as simple as mowing the lawn for someone to the creation of the next big community service! For more information visit the one day 4-H website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday>.

COMPANION ANIMALS

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Pets - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Pets 1 - Pet Pals

Pets 2 - Scurrying Ahead

Pets 3 - Scaling the Heights

Cat 1 - Purr-fect Pals

Cat 2 - Climbing Up!

Cat 3 - Leaping Forward
Cat Group Helper's Guide

Project Experiences:

Companion Animal Educational Presentation

Contact: *Jodi McManus, Extension Program Specialist*
jhmcmamus@ag.tamu.edu 361-265-9203

Relate to skills learned in any project concerning the care, maintenance, or production of small animals (e.g. dogs, hamsters, fish, etc.). Do not draw from projects included in other Roundup contests (e.g. poultry, swine, natural resources). Small live animals are allowed. Arrangements to house animals off-campus must be made ahead of contest week with the contest superintendent.

Recordbook Category:

Plants & Animals Open Category

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Animal Control Officer

Pet Caretaker

Groomer

Veterinarian/Vet Tech

Pet Store Owner

Animal Shelter

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.4hccs.org)

Robotics - Robotics and You CD

Robotics 1 - Robotics EXPLORER

Robotics 2 - Robotics PROBE

Robotics Helper's Guide - Robotics COACH

Geospatial - Beginner

Geospatial - Intermediate

Geospatial - Advanced

Geospatial Helper's Guide

Project Experiences:

4-H Youth Technology Team

Contact:

Dr. Toby L. Lepley, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
tlepley@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1212

The 4-H Youth Technology Team concept surfaced as a result of a Texas youth delegation participating in the National 4-H Youth Technology Conference. 4-H youth selected for this team will focus toward incorporating technology into current projects and developing an individual 4-H project that would attract youth interested in computer technology.

Computer Educational Presentation:

Dr. Toby L. Lepley, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
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The purpose of the Computer Educational Presentation at Texas 4-H Roundup is to demonstrate the latest in technology information. This includes presentation on new and innovative software and hardware. It can also include presentations on how

technology in being intergrated into the everyday world.

Recordbook Category:

Science and Technology Open

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Computer Designer
Retail Sales
Graphic Designer
Programmer
GIS/GPS Specialist
Intelligence Specialist
Medical Technician

Volunteer Opportunities:

Computer Technology Team Leader

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Printed Resources:

Consumer Decision Making Study Guide

(<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>)

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Consumer Savvy - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Consumer Savvy 1 - The Consumer In Me

Consumer Savvy 2 - Consumer Wise

Consumer Savvy 3 - Consumer Roadmap

Financial - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Financial 1 - Money FUNdamentals

Financial 2 - Money Moves

NEFE The High School Financial Planning Program (www.fcs.tamu.edu/money)

Project Experiences:

Consumer Decision Making Contest

Contact:

Ms. Nancy Granovsky, Extension Family Economic Specialist

ngranovs@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1869

This contest will include eight judging classes and two sets of oral reasons. Seven classes are selected from the current Consumer Decision Making Study Guide; the eighth class is a "Mystery" class. Participants are given seven minutes to place each class and two minutes to present each set of oral reasons. Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H Consumer Life Skills project.

Consumer Life Skills Educational Presentation

Contact:

Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Extension Family Economics Specialist

jcavanagh@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-3859

Individuals, or teams up to five members, demonstrate an understanding of the marketplace and the personal factors that influence consumer choices. The contest focuses on basic money management principles, how consumer decisions affect the economy and the environment, and basic consumer rights and responsibilities.

Farm and Ranch Economics Educational Presentation

Contact:

Dr. Steven Klose, Extension Economist

slklose@tamu.edu 979-845-1807

Relate to management and decision making intended to improve the farm and ranch business. Emphasis in the presentation should be placed on the economic considerations of the topic and how these considerations might influence farmers and ranchers.

Recordbook Category:

Consumer Education

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Products Buyer

Market Analyst

Economist

Marketing Executive

Advertising Executive

Market Researcher

Product Developer

COUNCIL

Contact:

County Extension Office

4-H members at the county, district, and state levels have the opportunity to participate in 4-H councils. These 4-H councils provide leadership in the direction of the 4-H program at their respected levels. 4-H Councils are typically elected by representatives at the local, district, and state levels. Depending on the level of the council, representatives and officer elections may be conducted in a variety of methods.

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DAIRY CATTLE

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Dairy Cattle 1 - Cowabunga!

Dairy Cattle 2 - Mooving Ahead

Dairy Cattle 3 - Rising to the Top

Dairy Cattle Group Helper's Guide

Mobile Dairy Classroom

Project Experiences:

Dairy Cattle Judging

Contact:

Mr. Kyle Merten, Extension Associate - 4-H

kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-6533

The National Dairy Cattle Judging will be in Madison, Wisconsin during October. The exact date is to be announced. The first place 4-H Roundup team competes there. Partial donor support may be provided to eligible teams for each event; however, teams raise money for the remainder of needed

funding. County teams must qualify at the county level and district level to advance to state.

National Dairy Conference

Contact:

Mr. Kyle Merten, Extension Associate - 4-H

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The National 4-H Dairy Conference is for 15 to 18 year-olds who have participated in the 4-H Dairy Program for at least three years. The Dairy Conference is an educational program designed to provide a way for the dairy industry to meet the developmental needs of youth; provide a better understanding of the production, processing, marketing and use of dairy products; and provide a broader understanding of careers available in dairy production, processing, marketing, and selected areas. The conference is held in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo and the National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin in October.

Recordbook Category:

Dairy

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Breeding supply consulting service

Artificial insemination service

Supply dealer

Processing plant owner

Branding service

Fertilizer dealer

Auctioneer

USDA grader

Show manager

Livestock barn operator/order buyer

Feed lot owner/manager

Breed association representative

Equipment manufacturing and sales

Feed sales/nutritionist

DOG CARE AND TRAINING

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Dog 1 - Wiggles and Wags

Dog 2 - Canine Connection

Dog 3 - Leading the Pack

Dog Group Helper's Guide

Project Experiences:

Dog Show

Contact:

Mrs. Faith Ballard, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H

f-ballard@tamu.edu 254-968-4144

The Dog Show is open to any 4-H member in Texas. Exhibitors (or their immediate families) must have owned dogs they intend to show for at least 60 days prior to the show. Shot records are required. The show stresses teamwork and follows American Kennel Club classes and procedures but is not sanctioned by the AKC. Beginning dogs are entered in prenovice classes and more

advanced dogs are entered in more demanding classes. Each class has set commands and conditions under which the dog is expected to perform.

Guide Dog Program

Contact:

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

Attention Puppy Department

4210 77th Street East

Palmetto, Florida 34221

The 4-H program, in conjunction with the U.S. Guide Dog Council, attempts to match interested families with quality dogs, training materials, and professional assistance to develop needed companion guide dogs for the nation's physically challenged. For more information about applications, processes and procedures contact Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.

Companion Animal Educational Presentation

Contact: Jodi McManus, Extension Program Specialist

jhmcmamus@ag.tamu.edu 361-265-9203

Relate to skills learned in any project concerning the care, maintenance, or production of small animals (e.g. dogs, hamsters, fish, etc.). Do not draw from projects included in other Roundup contests (e.g. poultry, swine, natural resources). Live animals are allowed. Arrangements to house animals off-campus must be made ahead of contest week with the contest superintendent.

Recordbook Category:

Plants and Animals Open Category

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Breeder

Trainer

Vet. Tech

Groomer

Boarder

Sales

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EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

See specific projects for detailed descriptions.

More than 18 Educational Presentation categories allow 4-H members from the age of 9 to 18 to present educational presentations using posters, powerpoints, props, or just the power of words to educate the audience on a specific topic and/or issue. Educational Presentations can be presented by an individual 4-H member or with a team up to five 4-H members. The presenting team has twelve minutes to present the topic/issue, in addition to another nine minutes for setup and takedown.

ENTOMOLOGY

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
 Entomology - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Entomology 1 - Creepy Crawlies
 Entomology 2 - What's Bugging You?
 Entomology 3 - Dragons, Houses and Other Flies
 Kidz Ants Curriculum (http://kidzants.tamu.edu/
 Teacher Guide (B-6141)
 Student Fun Book (B-6142)
 Yea 4-H! 6-8 age, Bugging' Out Unit

Project Experiences:

Beekeeping Essay Contest

Contact:

Mr. Kyle Merten, Extension Associate - 4-H
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The American Beekeeping Federation Essay Contest is designed to stimulate interest in honey bees and to promote a better understanding of the value of bees. It is open to all active 4-H members. State entries are due February 1. One state winner is selected by March 1 and sent to national. The national winner is announced by May 1. The top three winners receive cash awards—\$250.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00.

Entomology Identification Contest

Contact:

Dr. Noel Troxclair, Extension Entomologist
NTroxcla@ag.tamu.edu 830-278-9151

Identify selected insects and complete a written examination on insects. Questions will be selected primarily from "Study Materials for 4-H Entomology Contests."

Recordbook Category:

Entomology

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Researcher/Scientist
 Pest Control
 Pesticide Sales

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
 Be the E
 Entrepreneurship - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Yea 4-H! 6-8 age, Biz Venture Unit

Recordbook Category:

Consumer Education
 Personal Leadership/Development Open Category

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Business Owner
 Market Analyst
 Sales

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4-H CONNECT

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/

4-H CONNECT is the on-line management program for the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. 4-H members and adults registering for a district and state level event that has a registration fee, will use the 4-H CONNECT program. Beginning for 2009-10 4-H year all state 4-H enrollment will be conducted via 4-H CONNECT.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org)
 Child Dev - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Child Dev 1- Growing On My Own.
 Child Dev 2 - Growing with Others.
 Child Dev 3 - Growing in Communities.

Project Experiences:

Family Life Educational Presentation

Contact:

Dr. Stephen Green, Extension Specialist - Child Development
s-green@tamu.edu 979-845-6468

Individuals or teams (consisting of up to five members) demonstrate their understanding of family life issues, including factors that influence human development, family relationships, and the overall quality of family life. Each year, competitive family life contests are held throughout the state. Contestants who win at the county and district levels qualify to compete in the annual 4-H Roundup Family Life Contest in College Station.

Recordbook Category:

Family Life

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Anthropology
 Education
 Psychology
 Recreation,
 Social Work
 Sociology

FIELD & STREAM

Printed Resources:

Texas 4-H Field & Stream Guide
 Something's Fishy - Teaching module - contact Billy Higginbotham (903) 834-6191 (SP-136)
 Pond and Stream Safari - item # 147L24 (N4-HC)
 Fishy Science - item # 4-H625 (N4-HC)
 National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
 Fishing 1 - Take the Bait
 Fishing 2 - Reel in the Fun

Fishing 3 - Cast into the Future
Fishing for Adventure Helper's Guide

Project Experiences:

Sportfishing Volunteer Training/Advanced Sportfishing Training
Texas 4-H Sportfishing Workshops
Summer Sportfishing Camps
Golden Bonefish Tournament
Texas Brigades
Wildlife Conservation Camp
National Wildlife Invitational
Advanced Training in Wildlife and Hunting

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Project

Contact:

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WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to junior and senior level (ages 8-19) youth in the United States.

Recordbook Category:

Wildlife & Fisheries
Environmental Sciences Open Category
Conservation of Natural Resources
Sportfishing

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Fishing Guide
Wildlife Biologist
Fishery Biologist
Refuge Managers
Outdoor Recreation Planners and Rangers
Special Agents
Wildlife Inspectors
Refuge Officer
Ecologist
Ethologist
Taxonomist
Sales and Marketing

FOOD & NUTRITION

Contact:

Mrs. Courtney Dodd, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
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Printed Resources:

USDA "My Pyramid"
<http://www.mypyramid.gov> and <http://www.mypyramid.gov/downloads/MiniPoster.pdf>
Dietary Guidelines for Americans
[http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/document/Eat 5 to 9 A Day](http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/document/Eat5to9ADay)
<http://www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov/>
The Whole Grains Council Website

<http://www.wholegrainscouncil.org>
Gateway to Government Food Safety Information
www.foodsafety.gov
Partnership for Food Safety Education "Fight Back"
<http://www.fightbac.org>
ADA = American Dietetic Association's Complete Food and Nutrition Guide, 2nd edition
FOOD = AAFCS Food: A Handbook of Terminology, Purchasing, and Preparation, 11th edition
Texas AgriLife Extension Service publication (<http://www.tcebookstore.org>)

Irradiation of Raw Poultry L-5076

Electron Beam - 21 Century Food Technology SP-157

Food and Fiber Curriculum

Nutrient Needs at a Glance L-1875

Safe Home Food Storage B-5031

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

A - Six Easy Bites

B - Tasty Tidbits

C - You're the Chef

D - Foodworks

Foods Group Helper's Guide

Microwave - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Microwave 1 - Bag of Tricks & Treats

Microwave 2 - Micro Magicians

Microwave 3 - Amazing Rays

Microwave 4 - Pesto Meals

Yea 4-H! 6-8 age, S.W.A.T. Unit

Project Experiences:

Food Show

Contact:

Dr. Sharon Robinson, Extension Nutrition Specialist
s-robinson@tamu.edu 979-847-9227

This activity is open to all 4-H members. The Food Show provides for educational and personal development and recognizes youth who excel in the 4-H Food and Nutrition program. The state level competition is open to senior 4-H members and is held during 4-H Roundup. Scholarships are awarded to top placings. There are similar processes at county and district levels. Refer to "State 4-H Food Show: Guidelines, Rules and Regulations," sent to each county Extension office, for the current year information.

Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Contact:

Dr. Jenna Anding, Program Leader for Nutrition & Food Sciences
j-anding@tamu.edu 979-847-9227

This team activity helps participants learn core concepts of nutrition, food preparation, and food safety. Clubs can use this "game show" activity as an effective and fun teaching method any time during the year. Refer to "4-H Quiz Bowl Guide" for official procedures and the "Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl Supplement."

Food & Nutrition Educational Presentation**Contact:**

Ms. Amanda Scott, Extension Program Specialist
 arscott@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-2798

Provides an opportunity for youth to explore current food and nutrition issues that are relevant to their peers and their community. Broadly, these issues include basic nutrition, food preparation, and food safety. Entries may be individual or consist of a team of up to five members.

Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board**Contact:**

Mrs. Courtney Dodd, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
 cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-6533

The purpose of the Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board is to empower youth and volunteers by giving them the opportunity to provide leadership and oversight to the 4-H food and nutrition, health and safety projects. The advisory board also helps ensure relevancy of the 4-H healthy lifestyles program by giving youth and volunteers the opportunity to provide vision for the future of the 4-H healthy lifestyles program, including project materials, activities, and recommending program direction, special activities, new materials and competitive events. Membership on the advisory board is open to senior 4-H members (age 14 as of August 31, 2009), volunteers and County Extension Agents. Members will serve a two-year term beginning in January 2010, and are required to attend meetings held at least two times per year (in January and June).

Food Challenge**Contact:**

Mrs. Courtney Dodd, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
 cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-6533

Throughout the Texas 4-H Program, more than 100,000 youth participate in the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project. In order to provide additional opportunities for youth to apply their knowledge and skills gained through the food and nutrition project, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is offering the 4-H Food Challenge as a new contest in support of the food and nutrition project. In 2010, the 4-H Food Challenge will be offered as a contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. Therefore, it is important the opportunity be offered to youth at the county and district levels.

Recordbook Category:

Food & Nutrition

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Chef
 Registered Dietician
 Cook
 Food processor
 Food technologist
 Grocer
 Quality Control Specialist
 Restaurant owner
 Grocery store manager

Caterer
 Food Packager
 Food Distributor

FORESTRY**Printed Resources:**

Web Resources may also be available as printed resources.
 Texas 4-H Forestry Invitational (<http://extforestry.tamu.edu/publications/pdfs//for1000.pdf>)
 Field Guide for the Eastman Nature Trail (<http://extforestry.tamu.edu/publications/805-110.pdf>)
 National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
 Forestry - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Forestry 1 - Follow the Path
 Forestry 2 - Reach for the Canopy
 Forestry 3 - Explore the Deep Woods

Project Experiences:**National Forestry Invitational Contest****Contact:**

Dr. Montza Williams, Regional Program Director - 4-H
 mwilliam@ag.tamu.edu 903-834-6191

The National 4-H Forestry Invitational is the national championship of 4-H forestry. Each year, since 1980, teams of 4-H Foresters gather at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center at Weston, WV, to meet, compete, and have fun. Jackson's Mill is the boyhood home of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, hero of the Civil War, and a historic setting for the Invitational. Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center is the first and oldest 4-H camp in the United States and is operated by West Virginia University.

The purpose of the Invitational is to develop appreciation for the importance of conserving forest land as a source of products, benefits, and services necessary for quality living. 4-H Foresters learn citizenship and leadership skills as well as practical forest management skills through participation in the 4-H Forestry Invitational. By learning these skills young people will be better prepared to own forest land or deal with environmental issues in the future.

4-H Foresters participate in forestry skills and knowledge events over two days of competition, including:

Tree Identification
 Tree Measurement
 Forest Evaluation
 Compass Orienteering
 Topographic Map Use
 Forest Insect and Disease Identification
 Forestry Bowl
 Forestry Written Exam

Additional Invitational activities include local tours, campfires, and woodsmen skills fun competition.

The Invitational is sponsored by the International Paper

Company Foundation through the Cooperative Extension Service. The event is organized and conducted by a management committee comprised of Cooperative Extension Service specialists and agents, International Paper Company employees, and professional foresters from the U.S. Forest Service, the West Virginia Division of Forestry and forestry agencies from other state governments.

Expenses are responsibility of the team representing Texas.

Recordbook Category:

Forestry

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Forester

Lumberjack

Arborist

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GLOBAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Provides 4-H youth with educational opportunities that will cultivate an awareness of global issues, develop culturally aware citizens and provide opportunities to learn about and address major issues confronting the world.

Global Education Project can serve as a stand alone project or be used to support existing project areas such as food & nutrition, clothing & textile, expressive arts, community service, recreation, etc.

Project Experiences:

Texas 4-H County Exchange Program

Contact:

*Mrs. Jodi McManus, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
jhmcmamus@ag.tamu.edu 361-265-9203*

County 4-H Programs have the opportunity to establish state exchange programs with other county/parish 4-H Programs throughout the United States. This opportunity exposes 4-H members to other cultures as well as how other 4-H Programs are conducted throughout the country.

World Food Prize Institute and the Texas A&M Youth Agriculture Symposium

Contact:

*Mrs. Jodi McManus, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
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The World Food Prize Youth Institute provides a three-day all expenses paid educational opportunity and forum for high school students. Students interact with Nobel and World Food Prize Laureates and are exposed to an array of experts, facilities and organizations relating to food security. The Youth Institute also provides students with opportunities

to consider careers in food, agriculture and natural resource disciplines.

The Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture has created the Texas A&M Youth Agriculture Symposium as an extension of the World Food Prize Youth Institute. Students from all over the state of Texas are invited to submit essays and participate in the event.

Other Experiences:

Interstate Exchange

International Exchange

Cultural Fair

Global Epals Network

Cultural Encounter

Recordbook Category:

Citizenship and Civic Education

Leadership

Personal Development/Leadership Open

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Scientist

Researcher

Diplomat

Elected Official

Educator

GOATS

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Dairy Goat - 1 - Getting Your Goat

Dairy Goat 2 - Stepping Out

Dairy Goat 3 - Showing the Way

Dairy Goat Group Helper's Guide

Meat Goats - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Meat Goats 1 - Just Browsing

Meat Goats 2 - Get Growing with Meat Goats

Meat Goats 3 - Meating the Future

Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)

4-H Meat Goat Guide (AS 3-4.060)

Project Experiences:

Texas A&M University Goat Camp

Contact:

Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Associate Professor

sramsey@tamu.edu 979-845-7616

This program is for beginning and intermediate youth involved in meat goat projects. It includes sessions on ethics, facilities, selection, nutrition, health, management, fitting and showmanship. The camp is held in July and sponsored by the Animal Science Department.

Goat Field Day**Contact:**

Scott Horner, Dairy Goat Specialist
s-horner@tamu.edu 936-857-3926

This annual event is designed to convey the latest in goat research information to the public and provide hands-on practice in advanced management skills and refresher courses in the basics of dairy goats to producers.

Goat Judging Contest & Goat Bowl**Contact:**

Scott Horner, Dairy Goat Specialist
s-horner@tamu.edu 936-857-3926

This annual event is open to all 4-H members and is held on the first Saturday in August at Prairie View A&M University.

Dairy Goat Show**Contact:**

State Fair of Texas
<http://www.bigtex.com/>

The show is open to all 4-H members with dairy goat projects. Youth must own the goats exhibited and maintain them as regular 4-H projects. One goat may be entered per class per exhibitor. Members must show their own goats. All purebred and recorded grades are eligible. Rules are available from the show secretary. Currently, the Dairy Goat Show is held at the State Fair of Texas. Refer to the State Fair show catalog for information.

Goat Kid Giveaway Program**Contact:**

Scott Horner, Dairy Goat Specialist
s-horner@tamu.edu 936-857-3926

The Cooperative Extension Program, in cooperation with the International Goat Research Center, sponsors this program to bring quality dairy, boar, or miniature goats and interested 4-H members together. The 4-H members do not have to have experience with goats, but they must show a high level of interest and responsibility, and have adequate facilities and help to successfully raise a goat. After the 4-H member receives a goat, he or she is obligated to fulfill a contract with the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University. The 4-H Goat Kid Giveaway is held each year during the Dairy Goat Field Day on the first Saturday in May at Prairie View A&M University.

Texas Sheep And Goat Youth Leadership Workshop**Contact:**

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist
b-craddock@tamu.edu 915-653-4576

This workshop is a week-long intensive training tour of the Texas sheep and goat industry. Participants learn about all facets of the industry. The workshop is offered to junior and senior age youth during the summer of odd numbered years.

Mohair Judging Contest**Contact:**

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist
b-craddock@tamu.edu 915-653-4576

Teams can compete in two separate contests in which they evaluate wool and mohair on grade, texture, crimp, etc. The National 4-H Wool Judging Contest will also be held in conjunction with the Sonora Open in June in Sonora, Texas. Partial donor support may be provided to eligible teams for each event; however, teams raise money for the remainder of needed funding.

Recordbook Category:

Goats

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Goat Breeder
Food Product Developer
Show Judge
Farmhand
Owner/Manager/Share Farmer
Livestock Manager/Overseer
Cropping Manager/Overseer
Specialist Managers
Specialist Contractors
Farm Business Owner/Manager
Shearing Contractor
Shearer
Wool Handler
Wool Classer

Volunteer Opportunities:

Livestock Mentor Program - see "Volunteer"

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HEALTH

Printed Resources:

4-H Club Health/Safety Officer Handbook
Texas 4-H Opportunities: Health Project Brochure
National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
Health 1 - First Aid in Action
Health 2 - Staying Healthy
Health 3 - Keeping Fit
Yea 4-H! 6-8 age, S.W.A.T. Unit

Project Experiences:**Focus on Health Educational Presentation****Contact:**

Ms. Alice Kirk, Extension Program Specialist
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The annual Focus on Health Contest is open to all 4-H members. The contest provides for educational and personal development and recognizes youth who are interested in health education

topics. Suggested topics for the contest include increasing physical activity among youth, reducing cancer risks (sun safety, tobacco prevention), hand-washing, first aid, prevention of communicable diseases, dental care, and stress management.

The state level competition is open to senior 4-H members and is held during 4-H Roundup. For more information, refer to the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide.

Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board

Contact:

Mrs. Courtney Dodd, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
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The purpose of the Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board is to empower youth and volunteers by giving them the opportunity to provide leadership and oversight to the 4-H food and nutrition, health and safety projects. The advisory board also helps ensure relevancy of the 4-H healthy lifestyles program by giving youth and volunteers the opportunity to provide vision for the future of the 4-H healthy lifestyles program, including project materials, activities, and recommending program direction, special activities, new materials and competitive events. Membership on the advisory board is open to senior 4-H members (age 14 as of August 31, 2009), volunteers and County Extension Agents. Members will serve a two-year term beginning in January 2010, and are required to attend meetings held at least two times per year (in January and June).

Recordbook Category:

Health

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Health Educator

Nursing

Radiology

Pharmacology

Medical care

Public Health

Vision Care

Emergency Medical Services

Dietetics & Nutrition

Health Care Service Administrator

Clinical Laboratory Science

Health Information Management

Extension Health Specialist

HORSE

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Horse - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Horse 1 - Giddy Up & Go

Horse 2 - Head, Heart & Hooves

Horse 3 - Stable Relationships

Horse 4 - Riding the Range

Horse 5 - Jumping to New Heights

Horse Pattern

Texas 4-H Horse Project & Teaching Outlines (AS 3-2.031)

4-H Quiz Bowl Guide (4-H 3-2.030)

Horse Quiz Bowl Supplement (4-H 3-2.031)

Project Experiences:

Horse Quiz Bowl

Contact:

Mr. Kevin Chilek, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
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This activity helps 4-H'ers increase their knowledge of horses and the Texas 4-H Horse Program. Clubs can use this "game show" activity as an effective and fun teaching method any time during the year, even when inclement weather or limited resources prohibit riding or other outdoor activities. 4-H members who do not own a horse can participate. Counties and districts schedule their Horse Bowls at various times throughout the year. State 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams advance to national competition. Refer to the "4-H Quiz Bowl Guide" and "Horse Quiz Bowl Supplement" for official references.

Horse Educational Presentation & Public Speaking Events

Contact:

Dr. Brett Scott, Extension Horse Specialist
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State competition for senior teams is held during Texas 4-H Roundup. Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship is held in early August. Eligible 4-H members include the 1st and 2nd place demonstration teams and individuals from Texas 4-H Roundup. Western National 4-H Horse Classic is held in Denver, Colorado in January. Eligible 4-H members include the 1st place team and 1st place individual from Texas 4-H Roundup.

Horse Judging Clinics/Camps

Contact:

Clay Cavinder, Assistant Professor
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Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the TAMU Animal Science Department host and teach judging workshops on the Texas A&M University campus at various times. Emphasis is on horse evaluation and oral reasons.

Horse Judging Events

Contact:

Dr. Dennis Sigler, Extension Horse Specialist
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Ms. Teri J. Antilley, Horse Program Specialist
tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1562

State competition for senior teams is held during Texas 4-H Roundup. County teams must qualify at county and district level to advance to state. All American Quarter Horse Congress is held in Columbus, Ohio in late October. The 1st place team at 4-H Roundup represents Texas 4-H. American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Contest is held in Fort Worth in early August. The 1st and 2nd place teams at 4-H Roundup represent Texas 4-H in the 4-H division. Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championship is held in early August with eligible teams from 4-H Roundup including the 1st and 2nd place teams in horse judging. The 3rd place team from Texas 4-H Roundup is eligible for the National Western 4-H Classic is held in Denver, Colorado in January.

*Horsemanship Schools**Contact:*

Ms. Teri J. Antilley, Horse Program Specialist
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Summer Horsemanship Schools are designed to teach basic horsemanship skills and advanced training maneuvers to 4-H members, parents and leaders. These 2- and 3-day clinics are conducted using a hands-on approach in a learn-by-doing environment, and are available throughout the state at the county level. Schools are held in May, June and July. Specific information is mailed directly to county Extension offices.

*Reining School**Contact:*

Somervell County Extension Office
somerv@ag.tamu.edu 254-897-2809

Reining School is designed to train 4-H members in reining horse skills. Enrollment age is from 9 to 19. The school is held during late December in Abilene.

*Calf Roping School**Contact*

Mr. Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent - Brown County
sa-anderson@tam.u.edu 325-646-0386

State 4-H Calf Roping School teaches youth calf roping skills and improves leadership abilities. The school is held in Stephenville in mid-June (starts on Father's Day). Enrollment is limited — first come-first served.

*Team Roping School**Contact:*

Hockley County Extension Office
hockley@ag.tamu.edu 806-894-3159

Team Roping School teaches 4-H members team roping skills. The school is held in Levelland in mid-June. Contact the Hockley County Extension Office for details, (806) 894-3159.

*Horse Show**Contact:*

Dr. Dennis Sigler, Extension Horse Specialist
dhsigler@tam.u.edu 979-845-1562

County, district and state horse shows showcase members' skills in horsemanship, horse training and horse management. The Texas 4-H Horse Show includes both Qualifying and Open Divisions. 4-H members, ages 9 to 19, qualifying through district shows, are eligible for the qualifying show. The Open Show Division is open to any 4-H member. Divisions in the Open Show are cattle, hunter, futurities and drill teams. (Futurities are offered to 4-H members 12 years old or older as of September 1 of the 4-H year who nominate yearlings, 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds by April 1 of the current year.) Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H horse project. The show is held the last week of July at a site determined by the Texas 4-H Horse Committee.

*Southern Regional 4-H Championships**Contact:*

Dr. Brett Scott, Extension Horse Specialist
bdscott@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1562

The Southern Regional 4-H Championships are held in late July or early August. The top 4-H horses at the State 4-H Horse Show are eligible to attend. Entries are taken at the State Horse Show.

*Essay Contest**Contact:*

Texas POA Club, c/o Leslie Hash
P.O. Box 606
Archer, TX 76351

An essay contest to stimulate interest in the "Pony of the Americas" breed is sponsored by the Texas Pony of Americas Club. It is open to all junior 4-H members, third grade or age 9 through 13 as of August 31 of the current year. Entries are to be at the Texas POA Club by December 10. The state winner receives a registered POA, traveling scrapbook, halter, and other prizes to be determined annually. Five finalists will be selected for an interview and will receive appropriate participation awards. Request entry forms directly from Texas POA Club

Recordbook Category:

Horse

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Veterinarian
 Rehabilitation therapist
 Riding Instructor
 Veterinary Technician
 Artificial Inseminator
 Bloodstock Agent
 Identifier
 Rodeo Professional
 Stallion Manager
 Show Manager
 Show Secretary
 Judge
 Trainer
 Farm Manager
 Mounted Police Officer
 Breeder
 Hot Walker
 Farrier
 Pony Person
 Groom
 Steward
 Driver
 Jockey
 Jockey Valet
 Jockey Agent

Volunteer Opportunities:

Livestock Mentor Program - see "Volunteer"

HORTICULTURE

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
 Down-To-Earth - Gardening in the Classroom
 Gardening - Exhibit Guide
 Gardening - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Gardening A - See Them Sprout
 Gardening B - Let's Get Growing
 Gardening C - Take Your Pick
 Gardening D - Growing Profits
 Junior Master Gardener Publications (www.jmgkids.us)

Project Experiences:

4-H Junior Master Gardener Program

Contact:

Mrs. Lisa Whittlesey, Program Coordinator
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The JMG ® program is an innovative youth gardening project. The JMG program has curricula to support this project. Current curricula for elementary (Level 1) and middle school (Level 2) are available. Curricula can easily be adapted for use with both younger and older 4-H'ers. Level One is for children in grades 3-5, but can easily be adapted up or down. It is modeled after the highly successful Master Gardener program and offers horticultural and environmental science education, as well as leadership and life skills development through fun and creative activities. Youth can become certified Junior Master Gardeners ® by completing one individual and one group activity for each teaching concept in the eight chapters, in addition to one leadership/community service activity per chapter. If the youth does not want to go through the entire program, he or she can complete a Golden Ray Series. The youth are required to complete a combination of 12 group or individual activities from a given chapter in the Level One curriculum, complete one Life Skill/Career Exploration activity (from chapter eight), and participate in one Community Service Project. Youth also can choose to complete Golden Ray Certification by completing a Golden Ray Curriculum such as Health and Nutrition from the Garden, Wildlife Gardener, or Literature from the Garden. Youth who meet the requirements for certification in the Junior Master Gardener ® program or in a Golden Ray series receive completion certificates through the National JMG Program Office. Additional recognition pins and medals are available for purchase through the TCE Bookstore. Leaders can also use the JMG curricula to enhance current programs.

JMG Level Two (grades 6-8) - Operation Thistle: Seeds of Despair allows students to participate in novel, hands-on activities focusing on plant growth and development. JMG Level Two combines Teacher/Leader Guide and reproducible pages of independent student "handbook" activities into a single book. In addition, while independently investigating plant growth and development, middle-school youth will be engaged in an urgent mission in Operation Thistle: Seeds of Despair Defeat the Evil Dr. Thistle. Students will work as a group to complete lessons in each of the eight learning concepts, then work independently to complete the activities that are in the mission briefs and mission option pages. By completing these missions, students can help

foil the twisted plans of Dr. Thistle and his menacing gang, while reinforcing concepts learned in the group setting. In the second module of the JMG Level Two curricula, Operation W.A.T.E.R.: Dr. Thistle Goes Underground, students will learn important soils and water concepts as they continue their mission to defeat Dr. Thistle.

Leaders are encouraged to register their Junior Master Gardener ® groups. Simply fill out the registration forms and send them to your local Extension office or to the JMG ® Program Office. JMG ® registration forms can be found in the JMG curricula or downloaded from the JMG SM web site at www.jmgkids.us. Registering your group is free and without obligation.

Youth who belong to a registered JMG® group and meet the requirements for JMG or Golden Ray are eligible to receive certificates through the National JMG Program Office. A completion form is available through the JMG website at www.jmgkids.us or can be found in the back of all JMG curricula. Completed forms should be returned to: JMG Program Office 225 Horticulture/Forestry Bldg. MS 2134 Texas A&M University College Station, TX 77843-2134 Phone: (979) 845-8565.

Please allow a minimum of two weeks for completed certificates to be sent back to your group. State level JMG awards are given annually. Categories of awards and award applications are available on the JMG website and are posted in early spring. Awards are given during the Texas Master Gardener Conference each year. The Junior Master Gardener program helps grow good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success and service through a unique gardening education.

Junior Master Gardener Specialist Training Program

Contact:

Mrs. Lisa Whittlesey, Program Coordinator
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This program trains Master Gardeners, 4-H Volunteers and teachers to lead the JMG program in their communities. This training is an in-depth training program that consists of at least 20 hours of instruction.

Program includes overview of all curricula; how to conduct training programs; steps to implementation; leading a JMG group; and publicizing and evaluating a program. Volunteers are listed as JMG Specialists and used to assist local county programs in implementing JMG.

Horticulture Educational Presentation

Contact:

Mrs. Lisa Whittlesey, JMG Program Coordinator
l-whittlesey@tamu.edu 979-845-8268

Educational Presentation is related to any phase of horticulture. These include such things as gardening, floral arranging, lawn and yard care, etc. Peanuts, sunflowers, and cottonseeds are not horticulture crops.

Recordbook Category:

Gardening & Horticulture

Plants & Animals Open Category
Plant & Soil Science

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Education
Research
Golf and Sports Turf
Landscape Design
Writing and Communications
Sales and Marketing
Parks and Garden
Public Service
Production Management
Owner and Entrepreneur

Volunteer Opportunities:

Master Gardener Training
JMG Specialist Training Program

HOUSING & HOME ENVIRONMENT

Printed Resources:

4-H Housing Volunteer Teaching Guide(H&HF 3.022)
Creative Design for Today's Home (H&HF 3.210)
Family Resource Management (HMI 2.020)

Project Experiences:

Housing And Home Environment Educational Presentation
Contact:

Mrs. Janie Harris, Extension Housing & Environmental Specialist
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The annual Housing and Home Environment Contest is open to all 4-H members. The contest provides for educational and personal development and recognizes youth who are interested in topics related to housing and the home environment. Suggested topics for the contest include water conservation in the home, energy conservation, energy efficient building materials, new technology, indoor air pollutants, design, universal design for accessibility, etc. The state level competition is open to senior 4-H members and is held during 4-H Roundup.

Recordbook Category:

Housing and Home Environment

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Interior Designer
Photo Stylist
Furniture Designer
Draftsperson
Set Designer
Furnishings Buyer
Lighting Designer
Facility Manager
Floral Designer
Window Designer

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LEADERSHIP

Printed Resources:

Public Speaking - 4-H Style (COM 1-2.050)
Club Officer Guides (4-H publication website)
Putting the Pieces Together Leadership Curriculum (4-H 11-1)
National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
Step Up 1 - My Leadership Workbook (grades 3-5)
Step Up 2 - My Leadership Journal (grades 6-8)
Step Up 3 - My Leadership Portfolio (grades 9-12)
Yea 4-H! 6-8 age, Take the Lead Unit

Project Experiences:

Leadership Councils

Every youth has the opportunity to serve as an officer of a club, or on the county, district and even state leadership council. Each level of leadership is governed by a set of standing rules. Most councils are advised by adult leaders who assist in discussions and business. The Texas 4-H Council is the state level leadership team. To become a delegate to Texas 4-H Council, a member must have been elected either President, 1st Vice President or Delegate at Large of the District Council. Contact your county Extension agent or regional 4-H program specialist for information about serving in these roles.

Texas 4-H Congress

Contact:

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This mock legislative educational event is held in Austin in even-numbered years. During the week-long program, senior 4-H youth experience the legislative process first hand. By role-playing senators, representatives, lobbyists and press corps members, youth are exposed the full political scene. Activities range from debating bills in the actual Texas Legislature chambers to socializing with advocates and opponents at evening receptions. Youth return to their communities with a better understanding of how our state government works. Information is sent to county Extension offices in the Fall preceding the event year.

District Leadership Labs

Contact:

County Extension Office

Each Extension district and region hosts a 2- to 4-day leadership retreat where senior 4-H members receive in-depth training. Dates and costs vary from district to district. Information is mailed to county Extension offices in the Spring of each year.

Teen Leadership Connection (TLC) Project

Contact:

Cooperative Extension Program 4-H & Youth Development
Unit at Prairie View A&M University
936-857-2517

The Teen Leadership Connection (TLC) project delivers edu-

cational, preventive and developmental programs. Through a variety of interactive activities, youth participants gain skills designed to improve self-esteem, enhance cultural awareness, promote wellness, provide positive role models, improve on leadership and life skills, and promote drama and fine arts. The TLC curriculum comprises eight modules with 60 lessons aimed at youth in grades 6 through 12, using activities and visuals that focus on 4-H club organization, cultural diversity, conflict resolution, social skills, community service, entrepreneurship, leadership and cycling. Because of the lessons' sensitive nature, training is provided to adult leaders and county agents who wish to conduct this program with teens. For training schedule, contact the Cooperative Extension Program 4-H & Youth Development Unit at Prairie View A&M University.

Career Awareness and Youth Leadership Laboratory

Contact:

*Gail Long, 4-H Youth Development Specialist
Cooperative Extension Program PVAMU
glong@ag.tamu.edu 936-261-5119*

The Career Awareness and Youth Leadership Laboratory is an educational program held each year during the month of June on the Prairie View A&M campus for youth ages 14 to 19. Hands-on workshops expose youth to careers in agriculture, family and consumer sciences, communications and entrepreneurship.

County Youth Boards

Contact:

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The County Youth Board serves a strategic function by helping the county Extension agent determine what programs should be implemented from year to year, reviewing the educational impacts of programs, determining how to reach new youth audiences, and helping decide whether task forces or coalitions are needed to address priority issues. The Youth Board is made up of 8 to 15 youth and adults (three youth to one adult) who work or have interest in the area of youth development and who represent the demographics and diversity of the county. Youth members not only represent the 4-H and Youth Development Program but other youth organizations in the county (FFA, Boy/Girl Scouts, Student Councils, etc.). The board should sponsor or play a significant role in at least one major program each year. This may be an ongoing program or a different program each year. The key is for the board members to work together and take ownership of the program to ensure its success.

Leaders 4 Life Program

Contact:

*Ms. Cheryl Newberry, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
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Youth leadership development at the county level is currently delivered 254 different ways. Some counties conduct a thorough training while others may not even have an active County 4-H Council because they only have one 4-H club or have been

unable to develop a structure that works effectively. Counties have limited resources available to help them train their County 4-H Council Teams. The Leaders 4 Life Program will provide additional resources to equip counties in conducting high quality leadership training, parliamentary procedure training, and service learning activities. Over the next three years, there are plans to expand Leaders 4 Life Program by adding components that are more age appropriate for Junior and Intermediate age youth.

Leaders 4 Life Skill-A-Thon

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The Leaders 4 Life Skill-A-Thon is a four-fold event which will test the knowledge of youth on leadership, parliamentary procedure and service learning. The contest will be a qualifying event for Texas 4-H Roundup with one team per district advancing to State. The contest will be held on Tuesday at Texas 4-H Roundup. Components of the contest will include:

- *Parliamentary Procedure demonstration - teams will have 20 minutes to present a mock 4-H club meeting. Each team will be given a meeting agenda and three problems to incorporate into their presentation. Maximum score is 100 points.*
- *Question/Answer - Teams will be asked seven (7) questions about parliamentary procedure following their demonstration. Each team member will answer one question. Teams will determine who will answer the remaining questions. Each team member may answer no more than 2 questions. Maximum score is 70 points.*
- *Quiz Bowl - Each team will compete in one Quiz Bowl round in which 30 questions will be asked. There will also be 3 bonus questions included in the round. Maximum score is 30 points with potential for an additional 6 bonus points.*
- *Service Learning Interpretation Piece - Teams will develop a one page (front and back) interpretation piece about a service learning project they conducted during the year. This item will be turned in at the time of registration for judging prior to the contest. The interpretation piece should include the relevance, response and results of the project. Maximum score is 100 points.*

Shooting Sports Ambassadors

Contact:

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Senior 4-H Shooting Sports members may apply from July through the end of November to be 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors. Ambassadors represent the program and the state at a variety of events and promote the program in their regions.

Recordbook Category:

Leadership

Public Speaking

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Corporate and Community Relations Officer
 Human Resources Director
 Personnel Recruiters
 Project Coordinator
 Attorney
 Event Planner
 Consumer Protection Specialist
 Advertising Account Executive
 Customer Relations Manager
 Financial Advisor
 Corporate Strategy Analyst
 Sale and Marketing Associate

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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

“4-H Road to Successful Clubs”

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program has a management system that is used by all county Extension agents, club managers, and volunteers to start, organize, and/or manage a 4-H club on all levels. The guide includes resources on membership types, leader development, organizational structure, volunteer opportunities, club management tools and guidelines, and other important information. Materials are posted on line at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/adults/>

MEAT SCIENCE

Printed Resources:

Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)
 2004 Practice Meat Judging Contest and Results (Study Guide)
 2004 Practice Meat Judging Contest ID Results and Question Classes
 2003 Practice Meat Judging Contest and Results (Study Guide)
 2002 Practice Meat Judging Contest and Results (Study Guide)

Project Experiences:Meat JudgingContact:

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www.4hmeat.org

The National 4-H Meat Judging and Identification Contest will be held in Kansas City, Missouri during early November. The 1st place team at Roundup is eligible to attend. The National Western Youth Meat Identification and Judging Contest in Denver, Colorado will be held during January, and the 2nd place Meats Judging and Identification contest team at Roundup is eligible to attend. Partial donor support may be provided to eligible teams for each event; however, teams raise money for the remainder of needed funding.

Meat Science Educational PresentationContact:

Dr. Davey Griffin, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist
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Related to any phase of the red meat industry (beef, pork, lamb) from slaughter through processing/cooking (does not include consumer cooking/recipes).

Recordbook Category:

Beef
 Plants and Animals Open Category

Career Exploration Opportunities:

USDA Inspector/Grader
 Food Scientist
 Lecturer

MILITARY 4-H

Project Experiences:Military 4-H ProgramContact

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The U.S. Army, Air Force and the USDA Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES) share the goal of providing positive youth development programs to build the skills and competencies youth need to live productive, healthy and self-sufficient lives. These federal agencies have created a partnership to accomplish their common goal and make efficient use of public resources.

This partnership helps Extension/4-H impact new audiences and helps the Army and Air Force meet its mission of providing predictable, consistent youth programs on Army installations worldwide. Military youth at every Army and Air Force installation in the world have an opportunity to participate in 4-H Citizenship, Technology, Fine Arts, Photography, and various other projects as determined by local interest. Currently 4-H opportunities are offered at the following Texas Army and Air Force installations through their respective youth programs: Fort Bliss, Fort Hood, Fort Sam Houston, Brooks City Air Force Base (AFB), Dyess Air Force Base, Goodfellow AFB, Lackland AFB, Laughlin AFB, Randolph AFB, and Sheppard AFB. Military youth not served by a nearby base are encouraged to join a local community or project club in their county.

Operation: Military Kids

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When National Guard, Army Reserve and other military parents living in civilian communities are mobilized, their children become different. Now they are “military kids” but they still “look the same” to teachers, friends and the rest of the community. Their lives are turned upside down!

Many of their usual support systems may no longer be adequate.

Extensive media coverage of on-going military operations creates daily anxiety. These “new” military kids need to connect with other youth in similar situations. They seek friends and adults who can empathize and can help them cope with their new world. State and County Cooperative Extension staff, community agencies, schools, and 4-H Club youth are reaching out to military youth ... before, during and after their parents are deployed. This outreach effort is called Operation: Military Kids! You can get more information at <http://www.operationmilitarykids.org>

OMK:

- Creates community support network for military youth “in our own backyard” when Soldier parents are deployed.
- Delivers educational, social and recreational programs for military youth living in civilian communities.
- Supports military kids coping with the stress of knowing their deployed parents may be in harm’s way.
- Educates the public on the impact of the deployment cycle on Soldiers, families, kids and the community as a whole.
- Encourages military youth to become a part of the ongoing 4-H and other youth serving programs across the state.

Speak Out For Military Kids

Contact

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Speak Out for Military Kids (SOMK) is a component of the national Operation: Military Kids initiative in partnership with the U.S. Army and CSREES. Texas 4-H and Military teens (ages 12 and in the 7 th grade -17) can apply to become S.O.M.K. team members. Applicants must attend a required training, after which they will be “reviewed” and accepted or denied for team membership. Factors such as attitude, expressed desire, leadership potential and teamwork are considered by the review team. Through youth-led programs, participants find out firsthand the challenges and issues military families go through when a parent is deployed. S.O.M.K youth develop lectures, displays, PowerPoint presentations, videos and other methods/ programs to raise public awareness of the issues facing military families, particularly the military child. They also gain valuable life skills such as leadership, public speaking, self-confidence and more. Team members are expected to give leadership/team support to at least five or more presentations, workshops or other pre-approved educational endeavors in their respective areas of the state and/or on a statewide basis.

Recordbook Category:

Leadership

Citizenship & Civic Education

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Accounting, Budget, and Finance

Arts, Communications, Media, and Design

Aviation

Business Administration and Operations

Combat Operations

Communications Equipment Technologists and Technicians
Construction, Building, and Extraction
Counseling, Social Work, and Human Services
Education and Training
Engineering and Scientific Research
Environmental Health and Safety
Health Care Practitioners
Human Resources Management and Services
Information Technology, Computer Science, and Mathematics
Intelligence
International Relations, Linguistics, and Other Social Sciences
Law Enforcement, Security, and Protective Services
Legal Professions and Support Services
Mechanic and Repair Technologists and Technicians
Medical and Clinical Technologists and Technicians
Naval and Maritime Operations
Personal and Culinary Services
Transportation, Supply, and Logistics

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NATIONAL 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

National 4-H Council Program Assistant Internships

Contact:

National 4-H Council

Attention: Program Assistant Coordinator

7100 Connecticut Ave

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

301-961-2840

The National 4-H Council offers paid internships for older youth at the National 4-H Center throughout the year. Send application request to National 4-H Council.

Wonders Of Washington

Contact:

National 4-H Council

Attention: Wonders of Washington

7100 Connecticut Ave

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

301-961-2840

This educational experience is available to young and old from a variety of youth groups. The format is similar to, but less structured than, Citizenship Washington Focus. The program is available throughout the school year as a co-curricular activity focusing on citizenship, government, history, culture, public policy, etc.

National 4-H Congress

Contact:

Mr. Kyle Merten, Extension Associate - 4-H

kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-6533

This educational program for senior 4-H members is designed to teach participants the citizen’s political approach to community action for youth. In addition, youth delegates

participate in programs that focus on citizenship, leadership and communication. Youth between the ages of 14 and 18 on August 31 of the year attending are eligible to apply for Congress. Also, delegates must be participating in youth development programs in which Extension is a partner (4-H clubs, special interest groups, school curriculum enrichment, and ENP-Y). Information and application forms will be sent to each county office and each county-based Prairie View Cooperative Extension faculty member in March. Applications are due in May and finalists are interviewed in late May or early June.

National 4-H Conference

Contact:

Mr. Kyle Merten, Extension Associate - 4-H
kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-6533

This week-long event held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland involves youth, volunteers and staff in determining 4-H program directions at all levels. Participants are involved in an array of operations committees, consulting groups, pre/post conference commitments and obligations. Participants are representatives of their county, district and state constituency and are expected to add to discussion in an effort to gain input from all levels of involvement.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Contact:

National 4-H Council
Attention: Citizenship Washington Focus
7100 Connecticut Ave
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-961-2840

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a leadership program for high school youth from across the country. Every summer thousands of young people participate in this week-long program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants broaden their appreciation for other cultures, as well as their own, increase their commitment to citizen involvement, understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities, and participate in a 4-H experience at the national level.

NATIONAL DAIRY CONFERENCE

- see "Dairy"

NATURAL RESOURCES

Contact

Dr. Ron Howard, 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
rhoward@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1214

Printed Resources:

Investigating Water Curriculum (4-H 17-1)
 Operation W.A.T.E.R.: Dr. Thistle Goes Underground, JMG Curriculum (B-6193)

Project Experiences:

Natural Resources Educational Presentation

Contact

Ms. Melanie Kirk, Extension Program Specialist
mrkirk@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1351

Relate information to managers of renewable natural resources of land, such as forestry, range, wildlife, outdoor recreation, nonagricultural soil, and water or fisheries. Demonstrations on how to start fires do not qualify in this contest.

Recordbook Category:

Conservation of Natural Resources

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Biologists
 Engineers
 Natural Resource Specialist
 Law Enforcement Officers
 Park Rangers
 Foresters
 Forest Rangers
 Mechanics
 Pilots
 Telecommunication Specialists
 Hydrology
 Structural Engineering
 Ecologist
 Ethologist
 Taxonomist
 Mathematics
 Computer Scientist



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org)
 Outdoor - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Outdoor 1 - Hiking Trails
 Outdoor 2 - Camping Adventures
 Outdoor 3 - Backpacking Expeditions

Project Experiences:

4-H Conference Center Camps
 County, district, and regional camps

Outdoor Challenge

Contact:

Mr. Derrick Bruton, Extension Program Specialist - 4-H
dbruton@ag.tamu.edu 903-834-6191

Forget Survivor! this is the way outdoors were meant to be enjoyed, where teamwork and rugged determination are lauded

and only the best are rewarded with the ultimate prize being recognized as the top outdoor team in Texas. You and a group of friends will compete in a series of contests to find the best overall outdoors people in the state. You will be challenged physically and mentally. You may even want to give up before you are through, but in the end, you will emerge a stronger leader with the confidence to take on any challenge man, beast or nature may throw into your path.

Recordbook Category:
Recreation

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Camp Counselor
Camp Operator/Owner
Summer Internship at Camp
Camp Director
Environmental Educator

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PARENTS - see "Volunteers"

PHOTOGRAPHY

Printed Resources:

Adventures With Your Camera – B (Grades 6 to 9) (Available from National 4-H Council Supply)
National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
Focus on Photography
Controlling the Image
Mastering Photography

Project Experiences:

Photography Contest And Exhibit

Contact:

Dr. Toby L. Lepley, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
tlepley@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1212

This contest is open to all 4-H members. Photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member during the current 4-H year. A county may have one entry per class in each category. A fee will be assessed per entry and must accompany the photo upon entry. Entries are due according to guidelines stated in the current year's in-depth guidelines mailed in late summer. Details on the contest, guidelines, score sheet, Standards of Excellence and entry forms are mailed to county 4-H coordinators in January.

National 4-H Calendar Contest

Contact:

2011 4-H Calendar

National 4-H Supply Service

6931 Arlington Road Suite T-400

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state

and county fairs to create the 2012 4-H Calendar. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2010 through November 2011 and also posted on the National 4-H Council web site.

VERY IMPORTANT - Submissions will only be considered if they meet these criteria:

- Full NAME and AGE of person submitting photograph.
- Affiliation with 4-H.
- Complete return address (for both UPS delivery and USPS First Class Mail).
- Telephone number.
- List of awards that each submitted photograph has received (county, state, 4-H or other) - If it has not received some prior award or recognition, it will not be considered.
- The photographer's thoughts about the photograph, in 25 words or less (include title of photograph).
- Photo submissions should be 8"x10", in color, and in a horizontal format. Vertical shots will be accepted only if they can be cropped to fit the horizontal format of the calendar. Black and white photos will not be considered for this full color calendar.
- Please do not submit photos printed on a home printer, color photo copies, or low resolution digital prints. Have the print developed at a photo processing store.
- Email address (if applicable).

National 4-H Council will return all submissions, if not selected, by late August 2010. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 2010. After final selection we will notify the winners and ask them for a signed release to use the photo in the 2012 4-H Calendar. Both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign the release. We will also request a second photo to be kept at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Recordbook Category:

Photography

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Photographer

Photo Processor

Videographer

Photo Journalist

POULTRY

Printed Resources:

How to Produce Broilers and Roasters for Show, (L-5431)

Producing Turkeys for Show, (PS-5145)

Nutrition and Feeding of Show Poultry, (L-5159)

Poultry Q & A, (L-5323)

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Poultry - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Poultry 1 - Scratching the Surface

Poultry 2 - Testing Your Wings

Poultry 3 - Flocking Together

Embryology - Chick Development Poster

Embryology 1 - Hatching Classroom Fun

Embryology 2 - Experiments in Poultry Science

Hatching in the Classroom Enrichment Curriculum

Project Experiences:

Raising Broilers and Turkeys for Show

Contact:

County Extension Office

4-H members can raise broilers and/or turkeys for show in local and state livestock expositions. 4-H member will need to receive detailed rules and guidelines from their respective county Extension office on growing period, and other regulations.

Hatching in the Classroom (B-5084)

Enrichment curriculum that demonstrates the science of egg to chick development. Focused towards elementary and middle school aged youth.

Recordbook Category:

Poultry

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Genetics

Pharmaceuticals

Nutrition

Engineering

Production

Food Science & Processing

Agribusiness

Volunteer Opportunities:

Livestock Mentor Program - see "Volunteer"

PROJECTS (4-H)

4-H projects are the educational experiences in which youth who are members of 4-H participate. These can be club, county, and state supported projects, or they can be projects that 4-H members determine for themselves, research through various methods, and then conduct a learning strategies in, such as a presentation, speech, workshops, fieldtrips, and/or recordbook. These types of projects are called "self-directed" projects and are not supported with educational materials by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. Other state or national 4-H programs may have resources to support a self-directed project.

Typically, all projects must consist of at least five learning experiences that last from 45 minutes to one hour and include the assistance of an adult or leader.

Projects that are self-directed can include, but are not limited to, such topics as: aerospace, automotive, electric, exotic animals, small engines, and small animals.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Printed Resources:

Public Speaking - 4-H Style (COM 1-2.050)

4-H Public Presentation Guide: Method Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks (4-H 3-5.012)

4-H Presentation Scoresheet

What is an Educational Presentation

Public Speaking Scoresheet

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Communications 1 - Picking Up the Pieces

Communications 2 - Putting It Together

Communications 3 - The Perfect Fit

Communications Group Activity Helper's Guide

Project Experiences:

4-H Roundup Public Speaking Contest

Contact:

Mr. Luis Saldana, Regional Program Director - 4-H

l-saldana@tamu.edu 956-968-5581

Individual presents a 5 to 7 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. Props and visual aids are not permitted and recordings of any type may not be used. Contestants should be prepared to answer questions concerning the subject matter of their presentation. Presentations will be scored with equal consideration of composition and delivery utilizing a score sheet (revised Aug 2005) specific to the Public Speaking Contest. Contestants selected as finalists will repeat their presentations.

4-H Roundup Educational Presentations

More than 18 Educational Presentation categories allow 4-H members from the age of 9 to 18 to present educational presentations using posters, powerpoints, props, or just the power of words to educate the audience on a specific topic and/or issue. Educational Presentations can be presented by an individual 4-H member or with up to five 4-H members. The presenting team has twelve minutes to present the topic/issue, in addition to another nine minutes for setup and takedown.

Recordbook Category:

Public Speaking

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Advertising Executive

Attorney

Corporate Communications Officer

Corporate Trainer

Customer Service Representative

Human Resources Manager

Organizational Development Specialist

Public Relations Professional

Sales Representative

Television Reporter

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QUIZ BOWLS

Printed Resources:

Quiz Bowl Guide

4-H Quiz Bowls are interactive four member team competition that allow 4-H members to be tested on their knowledge and skills in a particular subject matter. Currently, 4-H members can participate in Horse, Food and Nutrition, Beef, and Fish Bowls. Refer to the specific project for quiz bowl resources.

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RABBITS

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Rabbit - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Rabbit 1 - What's Hopping?

Rabbit 2 - Making Tracks

Rabbit 3 - All Ears

Rabbit Project Reference Manual (AS 2.010)

Project Experiences:

Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

Contact:

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The Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza is open to official Texas 4-H-age enrolled members. (Clover Kids may not enter this competitive event.) The fall event is held at the Bell County Exposition Center, in Belton, Texas. The event includes opportunities for youth to exhibit their rabbit projects in numerous breeds in addition to single fryers and meat pens. 4-H members without rabbits also may participate in a variety of other educational events. These include Art (graphic and handicrafts), Best Dressed Rabbit (costume), Breed Identification, Educational/Promotional Rabbit Posters and Displays, Hands-on-Judging (by the youth), Photography, Rabbit Quiz Bowl, and Showmanship. Enrolled 4-H'ers can also use their creative skills to submit a design for the T-Shirt Design (concept) contest with their idea for a logo and theme for next year's Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza! Exhibitors at this year's event cast their vote to decide the logo and theme for next year. Rules are posted on the Texas 4-H website at texas4-h.tamu.edu in August.

Recordbook Category:

Rabbit

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Rabbit Breeder

Show Judge

Volunteer Opportunities:

Livestock Mentor Program - see "Volunteer"

RANGE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

Printed Resources:

Plant Identification Scorecard

Range Evaluation - Part 1 (RS 1.040)

Range Evaluation - Part 2 (RS 1.041)

Range Evaluation - Part 3 (RS 1.042)

Master Plant List for Texas 4-H Range and Pasture Plant

Identification Contest (RS 1.044)

Description of Range and Pasture Plants (RS E-32)

Know your Grasses (helpful supplement to 4-H Range Pasture

Grass ID Project) (B-182)

Project Experiences:

Texas Section Youth Range Workshop

Contact:

Dr. Barron Rector, Extension Range Specialist

b-rector@tamu.edu 979-845-2755

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until April 30. The workshop will be held at a date and location to be announced. The state recordbook winner in the range management project receives an expense-paid trip to the workshop. The workshop is designed to develop leadership and provide advanced training to youth interested in practical range and ranch management.

Range Evaluation Contest

Contact:

Dr. Barron Rector, Extension Range Specialist

b-rector@tamu.edu 979-845-2755

Contestants identify 20 to 40 range plants; determine use, condition, site, and practices for range area; and judge four range plots. In case of inclement weather, mounted plants will make up the contest. A master plant list is available from the contest superintendent.

Range and Pasture Grass Identification Contest

Contact:

Dr. Barron Rector, Extension Range Specialist

b-rector@tamu.edu 979-845-2755

Identify and classify 40 to 50 live or mounted grass specimens according to their life span, season of growth, origin, and grazing value for livestock and wildlife. A grass list is available from the contest superintendent.

Recordbook Category:

Range Management

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Land Managers

Scientists

Educators

Producers and Conservationists.

Specialties exist in ecosystem science, wildlife and fisheries, plant and soil science, hydrology, agricultural science and systems, and social economics.

Rangeland professionals may work closely with landowners on private rangelands and with the public on national forests, grasslands and other public rangeland.

RECOGNITIONPrinted Resources:*4-H Recognition Model*

One important responsibility of adults who work with youth in 4-H is to provide the participants with recognition and encouragement so that they understand they are worthy and valued individuals. The 4-H program has a highly diverse youth audience. Its members are from all racial and ethnic groups; live in rural, urban and suburban areas; and range in age from 5 to 19. Successful youth development programs incorporate all five ways to recognize youth, including recognizing youth for:

- Participating in educational experiences.
- Progressing toward self-set goals
- Achieving a standard of excellence.
- Accomplishments through peer competition.
- Developing a team concept through cooperation.

Experiences:

I Dare You

Contact:

American Youth Foundation

Attention: *I Dare You Committee*

Department 620

St. Louis, MO 63179

314-646-6000

www.ayf.com

William H. Danforth's book, *I Dare You*, was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the area of personal motivation. The book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its *I Dare You* committee. The *I Dare You* Leadership Award is not a contest or competition. High school principals and county agents are asked to select (or have a staff or committee select) nominees. The award consists of a copy of *I Dare You*, a certificate, and an invitation to apply for a scholarship to attend a 7-day International Leadership Conference (ILC) at one of A.Y.F.'s three sites (Michigan, New Hampshire and California). The award recognizes excellence in character, well-balanced personal development, and potential for leadership. A prepaid processing fee of \$20.00 is required whether one or two selections are made. The fees must accompany the selection forms. *I Dare You* application forms and ILC brochures, posters and information packets are available from the American Youth Foundation.

Gold Star

Contact:

Dr. Toby L. Lepley, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
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The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career.

Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following are minimum requirements that must be met.

1. The member must be at least 15 at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
2. The 4-H member must submit an awards program recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.
3. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - Educational Presentations
 - Citizenship activities
 - Projects
 - Project exhibits
 - Camps
 - Leadership labs
 - Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.)

Note: The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program.

The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working with or counseling junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group or club); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Contact:

www.barronprize.org

This award honors young people, ages 8 to 18, who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. Emphasis is placed on young people who help the environment. Winners receive a \$2,000 cash award. Deadline is April 30, 2010.

*Congressional Award**Contact:*

*Dr. Toby L. Lepley, Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist
tlepley@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1212*

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans. It is nonpartisan, voluntary and noncompetitive. The program is open to all 14- to 23-year olds. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas—Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning the award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace, on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals. Regardless of your situation, you can earn The Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge. The Congressional Award is open to all. For more information: <http://www.congressionalaward.org/>

Volunteer Recognition

Each year, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for two categories of special people. All awards are presented at the Salute to Excellence Banquet during Texas 4-H Roundup. Any Extension employee, 4-H member and/or volunteer may make nominations for the awards. A list of prior award winners is available on the Texas 4-H Website. It is important that proper recognition be given to those who have made significant contributions to the young people of Texas. To nominate someone for any award, the corresponding award application/nomination form must be completed, typed and submitted to the respective County Extension Office by Friday, February 27, 2009. All award applications must be submitted to the district office by Friday, March 13, 2009 and to the state office by the deadline of March 27, 2009.

*Texas Salute to Excellence Award**Contact:*

*Mr. Kyle Merten, Extension Associate - 4-H
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This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people. Each district may select two recipients who will be honored with this award. A couple may be honored together as one recipient. Districts are strongly encouraged to submit one award winner for excellence in club work (community, project, school) and one award winner for excellence through special interest and curriculum enrichment programs. Selections are made at the district level with two copies of the nomination forms forwarded to the Texas 4-H Office.

*Texas Leader Legacy Award**Contact:*

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kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-6533*

This award recognizes a 4-H leader who has been an integral part of the 4-H and Youth Development Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is the one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom he/she works. Stretch beyond normal thinking and be inclusive in making a selection for this prestigious nomination.

*Texas 4-H Alumni Award**Contact:*

*Mrs. Jana Barrett, Coordinator - Friends and Alumni
jbarrett@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-1213*

The Texas 4-H Alumni Award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record of achievement AS A 4-H MEMBER and who have shown evidence of 4-H's influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important. No current Extension employee may receive this award. The number of 4-H alumni awards presented will vary each year.

*Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H Award**Contact:*

*Mr. Kyle Merten, Extension Associate - 4-H
kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu 979-845-6533*

This award recognizes an individual or a business who has made an outstanding contribution to Texas 4-H programs ON A REGIONAL OR STATE BASIS. Awards are generally made based on a long-term commitment rather than a one-time program. Individuals or businesses that are local supporters, and limit their contributions to local programs, should be recognized at the local level. The number of citations awarded will vary from year to year.

*Meritorious Service Award**Contact:*

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The 4-H Volunteers Leaders' Association of Texas annually recognizes an outstanding county Extension agent, county Extension director, or program assistant and an outstanding Extension Specialist (any program area), County Extension Director or District Extension Administrator with the Meritorious Service Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize Extension faculty members for their role in making 4-H volunteers more effective. Nominees must be a resident of Texas and have been paid staff or faculty with Texas AgriLife Extension Service/Texas 4-H for the immediate past five (5) years. Two awards are given annually.

RECORD BOOKS

Contact:

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Following is an overview of the system and information about completing a 4-H Member Achievement Plan and 4-H Recordbook.

Categories

A 4-H member who has participated in any project may also submit a recordbook for judging. Senior 4-H members who have placed 1st in one of the Recordbook awards program categories in any previous year may not submit a recordbook for judging.

First place senior winners in each of the categories will be awarded a partial travel scholarship toward a trip to Washington D.C. during the Thanksgiving weekend. Remaining expenses for the trip are the responsibility of the winner.

Please refer to the "For the Record" publications for guidelines for preparing a recordbook.

Recordbook Objectives

The following objectives will be used for a recordbook. These objectives will be revised annually to address issues affecting youth development. The objectives are to be used in setting goals for project experiences, leadership, community service and awards. They will be reflected throughout a 4-H member's recordbook.

- Attain a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and activities and the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings to everyday living.
- Use all 4-H training and experiences in choosing and preparing for a job.
- Develop leadership skills that promote positive youth development.

Refer to the current year's Texas 4-H Record Keeping Guidelines for more information and instructions.
<http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/recordbook/>

Texas 4-H Awards Program Categories

- Aquatic Science
- Beef
- Citizenship & Civic Education
- Clothing & Textiles
- Communication & Expressive Arts Open Category
- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Consumer & Family Science Open Category (includes, but is not limited to, such projects as *Personal Financial Planning*)
- Consumer Education
- Dairy
- Energy Management
- Entomology

- Environmental Sciences Open Category (includes, but is not limited to, such projects as *Composting and Recycling, Give Water a Hand, Outdoor Education, Three R's of Trash*)
- Family Life
- Food & Nutrition
- Forestry
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat
- Health
- Healthy Lifestyles Open Category (includes, but is not limited to, such projects as *Fire Prevention and Safety, It's Up To Me, On Your Own, Pace Setters--Crime Prevention, Toothfully Speaking*)
- Horse
- Housing & Home Environment
- Leadership
- Personal Development/Leadership Open Category (includes, but is not limited to, such projects as *4-H After School, Texans Building Character, Exploring 4-H, Me, Inc.—workforce preparation, Talking with TJ*)
- Photography
- Plant & Soil Science
- Plants and Animals Open Category (includes, but is not limited to, such projects as *AG in the Classroom, Small Animals, Exotic Wildlife*)
- Poultry
- Public Speaking
- Rabbit
- Range Management
- Recreation
- Safety
- Science & Technology Open Category (includes, but is not limited to, such projects as *Aerospace, Automotive, Bicycle, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Meat Science, Small Engines, Wood Science*)
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Swine
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife & Fisheries

RECREATION

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Theatre Arts - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Theatre Arts 1 - Play the Role - Acting

Theatre Arts 2 - Become a Puppeteer - Puppetry

Theatre Arts 3 - Set the Stage - Stagecraft

Yea 4-H! K-2, 3-5 ages - Recreation Units

Texas 4-H Recreation Handbook (HLE 1-1.000)

Project Experiences:

Recreation Team Training

Contact:

Dr. Darlene Locke, Director - 4-H Conference Center

dlocke@ag.tamu.edu 325-784-5483

This training is designed for county youth teams to promote recreational programming in local 4-H club activities. The purpose is to learn about the dynamics of recreation and how to effectively use recreation to involve youth and adults. Participants will engage in hands-on activities to learn how

to facilitate games and to process the educational value of the games. The role of recreation in programs can be entertaining, but also can be used to teach life skills such as communication, decision-making and teamwork. The Recreation Team Training is held in conjunction with the 4-H Ambassador Team training at the Texas 4-H Center.

Recordbook Category:

Recreation
Public Speaking

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Park Rangers
Interpretive Park Rangers
Naturalists
Park Police
Park Management
Park Planners
Tour Operators
Tour Guides
Guest Services Coordinator at hotels/resorts
Hotel Recreation Managers
Facility Manager at Sports Arenas and Recreation Centers
Challenge Course Manager and/or Facilitator

ROUNDUP

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Texas 4-H Roundup is the culmination of years of hard work and dedication for youth throughout Texas. Texas 4-H and Youth Programs involve more than 600,000 youth statewide. Each year contests are held throughout the state, at the county level and in the twelve districts of Texas AgriLife Extension Service. These climax with the participation of more than 3,500 senior youth and adults at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station. Roundup consists of 40 competitive contests whose participants qualify for the opportunity to compete at the state level by winning at the county and district levels. Winners in select state contests have the opportunity to advance to national competitions throughout the United States. Roundup guides are distributed in the Fall to all county Extension offices, with follow up details in February.

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SAFETY

Printed Resources:

Available at <http://passengersafety.tamu.edu>
Teen Project Guide - Traffic Safety
School Bus Safety
Safer Texas Children
Kids Aren't Cargo

Pedestrian Safety
Bicycle Safety
Kick Scooter Safety
Occupant Protection

Project Experiences:

Safety & Injury Prevention Educational Presentation
Contact:

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passengersafety.tamu.edu

Relate to safe equipment designs and safe procedures or methods associated with the prevention of injuries in work, home, or recreational environments (e.g. safe methods of designs relative to home, farm or yard machinery, equipment, chemicals and animals; prevention of injury relative to falls, fire, electricity, boating, tractors, hunting, natural disasters, or traffic safety).

Farm Safety Day Camps

Contact:

Susan Reynolds
Executive Director - Programs
Progressive Agriculture Foundation
P. O. Box 530425
Birmingham, AL 35253
888-257-3529
205-871-0646
fax 205-871-2137
e-mail: farmsafetyday@aol.com
www.progressiveag.org

The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day™ program was formerly known as the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp® program. Founded by The Progressive Farmer magazine in 1995, the program trains and provides the resources that local communities need to conduct one-day safety programs that are age-appropriate, hands-on, fun, and safe for children. While the basic program reaches children ages 8 to 13, safety days may also be conducted for 4- to 7-year-olds or even entire families.

Teen Rollover Convincer Presentations

Contact:

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The Rollover Convincer is basically the cab from a pickup truck attached to a frame with a motor and mounted on top of a trailer. The windshield and doors have been removed so that the interior can be viewed. When the electric power is turned on, the cab rotates to simulate a rollover crash. When demonstrating the Rollover Convincer, an adult dummy is used in the driver position and a child size dummy is used in a child safety seat in the passenger position. First, the demonstration shows what

happens if the dummies are not using their safety belts. After 1-3 rotations the dummies topple out of the cab and land on the ground, often right under the cab and on the trailer. Then, the demonstration is repeated. With the dummies correctly restrained they remain in place in the cab, thereby showing the importance of wearing a safety belt.

Recordbook Category:

Safety

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Law Enforcement

Fire Fighter

EMS

Environmental Safety

Traffic Safety Engineer

Volunteer Opportunities:

Assist with Rollover Convincer Presentations

Assist at Child Safety Seat Checkup Events

Farm Safety Days

Health Fairs

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships Available

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program provides scholarships in four different areas. Each type of scholarship has its own requirements and criteria. It is up to the applicant to make sure that he/she clearly understands the requirements and completes the application in order to be considered.

- Baccalaureate Scholarships - the traditional Texas 4-H Scholarship Program, for students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree.
- Technical Certification Scholarships - for students who wish to pursue technical certification offered in the eligible majors/courses of study and from an approved Texas accredited college listed in the scholarship packet.
- Collegiate Scholarships – designated for former Texas 4-H members who have graduated from high school and have completed a minimum of 30 hours of college credit at a grade point average of at least 2.7.
- Courageous Heart Scholarships – special scholarships awarded to Texas 4-H members that have overcome extreme obstacles related to medical, family, and/or education and remained an active member of both 4-H and school.

Texas Extension Education Association, Inc. Scholarship
TEEA sponsors twelve (or one per district) scholarships, each valued at \$1,000. If there are no district submissions or acceptable applicants, a district scholarship may not be given that year.

SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE

(Ag in the Classroom)

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The Science of Agriculture is an exciting educational experience for youth that brings “agriculture to the classroom”. Youth can learn about how agriculture affects their daily lives through classroom lessons and activities; and in many counties, through a hands-on Ag Fair where students listen to representatives from local commodity groups as they share their knowledge and experiences. Over 500,000 Texas youth participate in a local Ag Fair annually. Resources on how to conduct Science of Agriculture classroom lessons and Ag Fair events are available to County Extension Agents through the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/>.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY (S.E.T.)

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Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program fully embraces 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) Programming in the Context of 4-H Youth Development to properly facilitate the development of 4-H SET Abilities in meaningful and significant ways. Understanding and appreciating the role of science, engineering, and technology is even more critical as the needs of our society and its workforce change. The National 4-H Council goal is to reach one million new 4-H members with SET Projects by 2013 to prepare America’s youth to excel in science, engineering, and technology. Technology, in the simplest term, is human innovation. Design, model making, problem solving, controls, optimization and trade-offs, inventions and many other human topics encompass technology. Engineering is recognized as a problem solving and design process within science and technology. Derived from the word Ingenuity, engineering requires using science, math, and technology as tools to solve problems and design solutions. Science abilities encompass the entirety of the cause and effect on the world around us. Behaviors of the scientific process together with the knowledge, scientific values, and intellectual habits they produce, define scientific education.

Our strategy to implement science, engineering, and technology in the forefront of all 4-H project work is to introduce the 4-H SET Abilities, train Extension faculty and volunteers on ways to familiarize and use the Abilities terminology to bring about awareness in the 4-H member’s project work. Additionally, develop 4-H SET Projects that are purposeful in teaching scientific methodology. 4-H members will become actively engaged in the scientific process of inferring, hypothesizing, measuring, estimating, and experimenting to bring meaning to their world. The Abilities will be valuable skills for life-long learning for 4-H members to call upon for problem solving and decision-making. Non-formal learning experiences directed

by project group leaders and Extension faculty will use the Addendum sheets (which identify the 30 4-H SET Abilities) as a resource to bring about awareness of the 4-H SET Abilities. With the increased use of uniform terminology and an awareness campaign of 4-H SET Abilities that 4-H members use in everyday project work, 4-H members will become actively engaged in scientific discovery at their age appropriate level.

Developing 4-H SET Projects will be targeted at teaching the scientific methodology in solving problems. Teaching not only the technical subject matter, but also appropriate processes of scientific methodology to create an engaged group of young people focused on learning and solving problems in the realm of science. An experientially based SET curriculum includes aims, goals and objectives; subject matter; learning experiences and assessment. In addition, three overriding principals are essential:

- Engaging resilient preconceptions (critical that learner preconceptions be identified, confronted, and resolved)
- Organizing knowledge around core concepts (increase the learner's understanding and retention while developing key scientific abilities)
- Supporting self-regulation (provide safe and nurturing environment under the guidance of a trained learning facilitator)

Project curricula developed as a 4-H SET specific learning experience should lead the 4-H member through the scientific process in a designed, organized, age appropriate activities to support the 4-H SET Abilities.

Discover: Scientific Method is a new area for 4-H members to actually put into practice the research of an idea, using the scientific method, and putting together a research poster (much like a science fair project) and allowing a panel of judges to evaluate the research and have an opportunity to tell about their learning experiences.

SHARE-THE-FUN: *see Theater and Performing Arts*

SHEEP

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Sheep - Group Activity Helper's Guide

Sheep - Lamb Pattern

Sheep 1 - Lambs, Rams and You

Sheep 2 - Shear Delight

Sheep 3 - Leading the Flock

Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)

4-H Show Lamb Guide (AS 3-4.059)

Keeping Your Lamb Healthy

Market Lamb Classification Standards

Selection of Prospect Market Lambs

What Goes in the Lamb Showbox

Reasons Terminology for Market Lambs

Inspecting and Handling Sheep in Judging

Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures

Presentation of Oral Reasons

Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons by Former Members of the TAMU Livestock Judging Teams

Project Experiences:

Texas Sheep And Goat Youth Leadership Workshop

Contact:

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This workshop is a week-long intensive training tour of the Texas sheep and goat industry. Participants learn about all facets of the industry. The workshop is offered to immediate and senior age youth during the summer of odd numbered years.

Livestock Judging

Contact:

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The three national livestock judging events Texas 4-H youth can compete in are: North American Livestock Exposition—Louisville, Kentucky, November; American Royal Livestock Show—Kansas City, Missouri, November; and National Western Livestock Show—Denver, Colorado, January. The top three teams from Texas 4-H Roundup represent Texas on the national level. Partial donor support may be provided to eligible teams for each event; however, teams raise money for the remainder of needed funding. County teams must qualify at county and district to advance to Texas 4-H Roundup.

Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Camp

Contact:

*Texas A&M University Animal Science Department
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The Department of Animal Science and the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program annually hosts the "Texas A&M University 4-H Livestock Judging Camp." The camp is designed for 4-H youth ages 14-17 that are interested in building their knowledge about the evaluation principles associated with market and breeding beef, swine, and sheep. Oral reasons, live grading and the use of performance data will be heavily stressed. The cost range is \$250-\$500.

Wool Judging Contest

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Teams can compete in two separate contests in which they evaluate wool and mohair on grade, texture, crimp, etc. The National 4-H Wool Judging Contest will also be held in conjunction with the Sonora Open in June in Sonora, Texas. Partial donor support may be provided to eligible teams for each event; however, teams raise money for the remainder of needed funding.

Sheep and/or Goat Educational Presentation

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Relate to the production of sheep and/or goats or to the utilization of their meat, milk or fiber.

Recordbook Category:

Sheep

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Farmhand

Owner/Manager/Share Farmer

Livestock Manager/Overseer

Cropping Manager/Overseer

Specialist Managers

Specialist Contractors

Farm Business Owner/Manager

Shearing Contractor

Shearer

Wool Handler

Wool Classer

Volunteer Opportunities

Livestock Mentor Program - see "Volunteer"

SHOOTING SPORTS

Printed Resources:

4-H Shooting Sports Leader's Guide*

4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Guide*

NRA/NRMA Reloading Manual*

NADA Archery Instructor's Manual*

Federal Cartridge Wildlife ID Guides:

Upland Birds

Small Game and Furbearers

Big Game

Waterfowl

National Rifle Association The Hunter's Guide

Teaching Aids

4-H Instructional DVD and much more

* available through workshops ONLY

Project Experiences:

Shooting Sports

Contact (unless otherwise specified):

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Awards in most Shooting Sports events are based upon the Lewis Class System with numbers of classes and awards determined by the registrations on the entry deadline for each age and equipment class.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Games

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The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Games are held every July

in San Antonio at the National Shooting Complex. Match include 6 archery , 3 hunting (one with 4 parts), 4 muzzle loading, 12 pistol, 14 rifle, and 6 shotgun events plus overalls for both individual and teams. This is an open match for all 4-H Shooting Sports participants. Pre-qualification (aside from membership in 4-H and either the Shooting Sports or Field and Stream projects) is NOT required. In addition to the youth competitions, an adult fun match is provided as a fund raiser for the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, Inc. In 2007, a total of 685 shooters registered for and competed in this match, our annual outdoor championships.

Shooting Sports Ambassadors

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Senior 4-H Shooting Sports members may apply from July through the end of November to become 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors. A selection committee will review all documents and contact applicants prior to the January meeting of the committee. Ambassadors represent and interpret the program and the state at a variety of events, promoting the program in their regions.

4-H Shooting Sports Camp

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Two camps are planned for the program year. They differ in content and age/experience requirements.

1. Intermediate Level Shotgun Junior Olympic Camp - This camp, based in College Station, focuses on American skeet and trap as well as 5-stand sporting clays for junior and intermediate shooters. It lays a solid foundation of basic and intermediate skills for those who wish to improve their shotgun skills.
2. Advanced Junior Olympic Shotgun Camp - This camp, also based in College Station, is designed to enhance the skills of Senior 4-H shooters in international skeet and international trap.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Games

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The national 4-H Shooting Sports Program offers a national match each year in June for senior shooters (14 but not more than 19 on January 1, 2009). Texas 4-H requires evidence of having participated in all events included in each discipline for which any member applies. All eligible Texas 4-H Shooting Sports members having met age and experience requirements (outlined in the applications) are invited to apply for membership in one of the nine, four-member teams to represent the Texas 4-H at this national event. The event moves biennially and will be held in Nebraska in 2009. Teams will be selected for recurve archery, compound archery, air pistol, smallbore pistol, hunting, muzzle loading rifle, air rifle, smallbore rifle, and shotgun

events. Applications are due in the State Office before the end of November, and selections will be made in January. Selections use the entire application and are blind until initial rankings are complete. Names are added in the next phase to allow known abilities to be considered. A participant may participate in any given set of matches only once, but may return in other disciplines if age and abilities permit. Applications are posted on the web site.

4-H/Jaycees BB Gun Match

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Texas 4-H Shooting Sports and the Texas Jaycees cooperate in hosting an annual BB Gun Match that qualifies the winning team and runner-up to represent the state in the Daisy International BB Gun Contest. The event moves its location annually. Watch the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Newsletter on our web site for information in January. The event is open to Junior (8-12) and Intermediate (13-14) shooters only.

4-H Indoor Rifle Contest

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This match permits the top three teams and the top three individuals (if not on those teams) to represent their district in a half-course, indoor, 3-position smallbore rifle match. The event uses A-36 targets and standard 50 foot smallbore rifle rules. Entry is made through forms on the web site, with early notification of the top three teams and individuals from each match requested. Pending development of a near-campus shooting site, the match will be conducted in Rosenberg. The top ten individual shooters after the match will compete in a 10 shot standing finals round with scoring after each shot is fired to determine final placing. The team scores are determined by using the top three scores in each position to form a team composite. In keeping with Roundup Rules, all members of winning teams are barred from future competition in this event only.

TPWD/Whizbang Sporting Clays

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This 5-stand sporting clays event is held in conjunction with EXPO each year with invitations coming from Charlie Wilson on behalf of Texas Parks and Wildlife. The State 4-H Office supports, but does not control or manage, this event.

Texas Youth Hunting Program

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An independent program managed by the Texas Wildlife Association with support from Texas Parks and Wildlife, this is an effort to get young people into the field with qualified adult mentors and guides. Mr. Jerry Warden directs the program

from the TWA offices in San Antonio. Note that some Field and Stream or Shooting Sports clubs have developed their own hunting programs using this model.

4-H Indoor Archery Match

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The Texas 4-H Indoor Archery Match is held March 13-14, 2009. The match includes the indoor FITA (10 ends of 3 arrows each at 18 meters on 60 cm (recurve) or 40 cm (compound) targets for most archers.) First year junior archers may elect to shoot at 9 meters and shoot only 30 arrows if desired. Clover Kids are not permitted to participate in this event. Lewis Class scoring will be applied where sufficient entries exist.

Shooting Sports Educational Presentation

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Educational presentations relating to any 4-H Shooting Sports program element, including archery, black powder, hunting, pistol, reloading, rifle or shotgun may be included in this category. No actual firearms, live ammunition, live primers or powder may be used in this program; but inert materials or simulations may be used. Strict firearms and ammunition handling safety are expected at all times. Participants may have demonstrations with archery tackle, but no arrow may be nocked during demonstrations (captive devices to simulate shots with air piston shaft control may be used). Arrow shafts may be used with no bows present in arrow making demonstrations.

Recordbook Category:

Shooting Sports

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Chemical Engineering
Aerospace Engineering
Structural Engineering
Biological Sciences
Physics
Optics
Chemistry
Mathematics
Metallurgy
Stock making
Sales and Marketing
Gunsmith
Demonstration Shooter
Wildlife Biology and much more

Volunteer Opportunities:

4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer And Junior Leader Training

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Both youth and adults are equipped to lead this program and

to assist others in learning the disciplines of Shooting Sports. Training programs are announced through the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Web page and by direct communication with selected county offices. Youth 14 and older may attend the 2 to 4-day training workshops with an adult sponsor to become certified as junior leaders in the program. Certified volunteers receive approximately 30 hours of training in all disciplines except hunting, where training programs approximate 65 hours in length. Volunteers and youth attending these programs receive general orientation to the program and its objectives and methods and complete a single discipline at each workshop: coordinator, archery, black powder, hunting, pistol, reloading, rifle or shotgun. We attempt to hold two workshops annually in each of the four Extension Regions at the invitation of regional specialists or county Extension Agents. Additional workshops may be offered as time permits and demand dictates. In general, single discipline workshops, except in hunting and reloading, are discouraged.

Advanced Shooting Sports Training

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Periodic efforts are made to expand training to include more advanced instruction as demand for those elements is demonstrated. Some volunteers are able to complete advanced training as coach-counselors at various Shooting Sports camp programs. Others seek external training through cognate organizations like, NADA, NRA, NSCA, NSSA, CMP, and USA Shooting. These supplement, but do not substitute for, basic 4-H training.

SOIL & CROP SCIENCE

Printed Resources:

Project Experiences:

Soil Judging

Contact:

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Soil judging focuses on determining the soil characteristics of soil profiles and making interpretations based on observation. Actual judging includes four soil profiles with 20 minutes allowed for each.

Agronomy Educational Presentation

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Relate to any topic in the production and management of field crops, forage crops, or pasture (not native range), and turf grass, or soil and/or water conservation and management.

Recordbook Category:

Plants and Animals Open Category
 Plant and Soil Science

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Landscape Design and Ornamental Horticulture
 Greenhouse and Nursery Management
 Turf Management
 Soil Science
 Plant Biotechnology
 Vegetable and Fruit Production
 Soil Fertility Management
 Farmer

SPORTFISHING

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Sportfishing Leader's Guide (draft version)

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Fishing 1 - Take the Bait
 Fishing 2 - Reel in the Fun
 Fishing 3 - Cast into the Future
 Fishing for Adventure Helper's Guide

Project Experiences:

Sportfishing Volunteer Training/Advanced Sportfishing Training

Contact:

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Volunteer leaders and junior leaders are encouraged to participate in both basic and advanced training in this discipline area. While we realize that sportfishing is a single topic, we have divided it into convenient portions to make training easier. We have materials to support angling skills (tackle and tactics along with release, killing, preparation and storage and cooking), aquatic ecology (the science of fishing), fishing heritage (history folklore, collections, stories, conflict resolution and more), tackle crafting (lure making, fly tying, jig casting, jig painting and dressing, soft plastics, rod building, sewing projects, woodworking projects, and PVC pipe projects for anglers). Using a team approach permits a county to form a functional group with a broad array of skills to convey to youth.

Texas 4-H Sportfishing Workshops

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Adult leaders receive two days of valuable training in a given discipline with hands-on techniques for program delivery. Each element is taught for the full time, so it is best to bring at least four people to cover all disciplines. Each discipline is a separate session, so only one can be taken by any person during a single workshop.

Recordbook Category:

Sportfishing

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Fishing Guide
 Wildlife Biologists
 Fishery Biologists
 Refuge Managers

Outdoor Recreation Planners and Rangers
 Special Agents
 Wildlife Inspectors
 Refuge Officer
 ADDichthyologist
 Ecologist
 Ethologist
 Conservation Officer

SWINE

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Swine - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Swine 1 - The Incredible Pig
 Swine 2 - Putting the Oink in Pig
 Swine 3 - Going Whole Hog

Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)

Baby Pig Basics
 Carcass Quality - Why Is It Important
 Diarrheal Disease in Show Swine
 Elimination of the Porcine Stress Gene: What the Show Pig Industry Needs to Know
 From the Ground Up: Importance of Structural Soundness
 From Pen to Place: Carcass Composition of Market Hogs
 Keeping Show Gilts As Replacements
 Keeping Show Pig Healthy (E-418)
 Paylean Use in Show Pigs
 Preventing Drug Residues in Livestock
 Preventing Lameness in Show Pigs
 Providing a Safe, Wholesome Product: Administration of Medications to Ensure Safety and Quality
 Starting Them Off Right! Getting Your New Show Pigs on the Right Track
 The Facts About Paylean - Ratanapamine for Swine
 The Frequency of the Porcine Stress Gene in Texas Show Pigs
 Texas 4-H Swine Guide (AS 16-1)
 Breeding Swine Selection
 Evaluating Market Swine
 Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures
 Presentation of Oral Reasons
 Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons by Former Members of the TAMU Livestock Judging Teams

Project Experiences:

Contact:

Texas Pork Producers Association Pork Leadership Camp

Dr. Jodi Sterle, Extension Swine Specialist

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The Pork Leadership Camp is a week-long intensive training tour of the pork industry across Texas. Participants learn about the production, marketing, processing and merchandising of pork, and critical issues facing the pork industry.

Texas A&M Pig Camp

Contact:

Dr. Jodi Sterle, Extension Swine Specialist

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This program is for beginning and intermediate youth involved in swine projects. It includes sessions on ethics, showmanship, feeding, nutrition, housing, and clipping and fitting. The camp is held in late June and sponsored by the Texas Pig Club Association.

Swine Skill-A-Thon

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Academic competition that includes a written test, demonstration of knowledge through demonstrating skills, individual quiz bowl competition, and a public speech. Scores from each portion of contest will be added together to determine high point individuals.

Recordbook Category:

Swine

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Breeding supply consulting service
 Artificial insemination service
 Supply dealer
 Processing plant owner
 Branding service
 Fertilizer dealer
 Auctioneer
 USDA grader
 Show manager
 Livestock barn operator/order buyer
 Feed lot owner/manager
 Breed association representative
 Equipment manufacturing and sales
 Feed sales/nutritionist.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Livestock Mentor Program - see "Volunteer"

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THEATER AND PERFORMING ARTS

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):

Theatre Arts - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Theatre Arts 1 - Play the Role - Acting
 Theatre Arts 2 - Become a Puppeteer - Puppetry
 Theatre Arts 3 - Set the Stage - Stagecraft

Project Experiences:

Share the Fun

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Allows 4-H members to demonstrate talent and skills in the area

of performing arts.

Category Descriptions:

1. **POETRY/PROSE**– Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. Acts which showcase poetry or prose are required. The act may NOT incorporate vocal, musical, and/or choreographed routine. This category does not require 4-H related material, however, if an original poem or prose piece showcasing 4-H is written, this would be acceptable. Every 4-H member entered in the category must be a part of the performance on stage. Judged on material chosen, message, talent, presentation, style, props/costuming. Four (4) minutes total for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
 Defining Poetry and Prose: Poetry is generally characterized by structured meter and rhyme that tells a story or provides a message to the reader. Prose is distinguished from poetry by its greater variety of rhythm and its closer resemblance to the patterns of everyday speech. Another description might be an excerpt from a larger piece such as a play or book. Contestants in Poetry/Prose are not required to memorize their presentation and may read from their printed copy but performance will be judged on how well the contestant can balance between using the script, keeping eye contact with the audience and interpreting the piece through character development.
2. **VOCAL** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. Vocal presentation may be done a cappella, with an accompaniment tape, or with an ADULT ACCOMPANIST (see rule #13). **PARTICIPANTS IN VOCAL MAY NOT PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. PERFORMANCE IS BASED STRICTLY ON VOCAL TALENT.** Bands may NOT enter this category. All members IN THE ACT MUST BE SINGING. No lip sinc will be allowed. No skit or story line will be permitted. Sign language may be added to enhance the performance, but entries that strictly showcase sign language without vocal presentation are not permitted in this category. They must be entered in Choreographed routines. Judged on talent, showmanship, vocal presentation, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
3. **MUSICAL/BAND** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. Musical presentation may be musical instruments accompanied by background tape or an ADULT ACCOMPANIST (see rule #13) playing a musical instrument. Band presentation may include vocal performance. Bands will not be permitted to utilize an accompanist. No lip sinc will be permitted in this category. No skit or story line will be permitted. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the musical or band act. Judged on talent, showmanship, musical presentation, vocal presentation when applicable, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

4. **CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. No speaking to form a skit or story line. The act requires choreography and can be demonstrated through twirling, pom pom squad routines, jump rope teams, basketball dribbling exhibitions, or dance (jazz, tap, country & western, ballroom, etc.) . Sign language presentations to music have been added to choreographed routines. However, if a participant is SINGING and SIGNING, this entry should be entered in the Vocal Category. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judged on material chosen, talent, uniformity, creativity, showmanship, costuming, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.
5. **CELEBRATE 4-H** – Individual or Group Entry – maximum of nine (9) participants. May be a 4-H based story line, promoting 4-H, community service, a project or activity . This category may also address a specific youth issue, current event or world affair and present ways in which this issue can be addressed. May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance. Skits can be humorous, creative and make fun of but not degrade Extension employees or the 4-H program. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judged on material chosen, talent, creativity, showmanship, costumes and props. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

Recordbook Category:

Public Speaking

Communication and Expressive Arts Open

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Actor/Actress

Singer/Songwriter

Performer

Composer

Stage Manager

Concert Promoter

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VETERINARY SCIENCE

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Printed Resources:

4-H Veterinary Science Project Brochure
(<http://extensionvetmed.tamu.edu/>)

Available through IMS (www-ims.tamu.edu):
 Veterinary Assistant Handbook
 Teacher Guide for Veterinary Assistant Handbook
 Teacher Key for Veterinary Assistant Handbook
 National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
 Veterinary - Group Activity Helper's Guide
 Veterinary 1 - From Airedales to Zebras
 Veterinary 2 - All Systems Go!
 Veterinary 3 - On the Cutting Edge

Project Experiences:

4-H Veterinary Science Project

Contact:

TAMU Veterinary Science

979-462-2670

The 4-H Veterinary Science Project is a 5-year curriculum based project with 100 lessons and 50 activities that gives youth interested in veterinary medicine opportunities to work in the field. The project is career-oriented and provides job-training so students can determine if this is a field they would like to pursue. Students who participate in this project will work with licensed veterinarians at their practice. By doing this hands on training they learn the knowledge and skills that are expected of a veterinary assistant. This will also be valuable on a resume and will help them to prepare for a professional program degree from an accredited university. This project has a set curriculum that allows youth and adults to work together to achieve success. It also allows for youth to develop an interest in veterinary medicine, human medicine and other allied health fields.

4-H Veterinary Science Skill-A-Thon

Contact:

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The Veterinary Science Skillathon is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-H member can gain through their involvement in a Veterinary Science project. There are several components to the contest. The Written Exam is to test the contestant's subject matter knowledge. The Skills Stations examine the hands-on or experiential learning. The Quiz Round requires contestants to think on their feet, as well as analyze risks as far as losing points for incorrect answers, and this part is generally the most fun for the participants. Finally, the Communication/Interview portion of the contest helps to develop public speaking skills.

Veterinary Enrichment Camps

Contact:

*Dr. Elizabeth Crouch, Associate Director of Biomedical Science
 College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
 (800)874-9591*

This special summer program is for high school students who have an interest in science, mathematics, and veterinary medicine. The three-day program will give participants the opportunity to explore the possibilities of veterinary medicine as a career. Participants will live in air-conditioned university dormitories, attend special classes, and discover the broad

diversity of career opportunities available to graduates with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.

Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Open House

Contact:

www.cvm.tamu.edu/openhouse

979-845-5051

Held annually in the spring as an opportunity for students to visit and participate in areas of veterinary medicines such as: cardiology, dentistry, endoscopy, feline medicine, intensive care, orthopedics, parasitology, pathology, public health, rehabilitation, and zoo medicine.

Recordbook Category:

Veterinary Science

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Veterinary (small and/or large animal)

Veterinary Assistants/Technicians

Researcher

Pharmaceutical Sells

Regulatory Agency employee

Animal Shelter

Education institution

Diagnostic Laboratory

VOLUNTEER

Role of 4-H Volunteers

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Resources:

4-H is a non-formal educational program delivered by volunteers supervised by county Extension agents. A 4-H volunteer leader is a person who is responsible for a group, activity or event, and the members and/or other volunteers involved.

There are several major roles adults may assume in 4-H:

Direct Volunteer

Any adult volunteer who meets the following criteria:

- provides unpaid support for the 4-H program through face-to-face contact;
- provides a learning experience for youth;
- has volunteer application on file in the county Extension office;
- has a job description on file; and
- passed a criminal background check within the past three years.

Examples: club manager, project leader, camp counselor, teacher and coach

Indirect Volunteer

Any volunteer who meets the following criteria:

- provides unpaid support for the 4-H program which does not include face-to-face contact with youth;
- does not provide a learning experience for youth;

- has a volunteer application on file in the county Extension office; and
- has a job description on file.

Examples: youth or adult board members, committee members, livestock show boards and donors

Club Manager

Any enrolled volunteer who provides guidance in the general leadership and management to a 4-H club unit. A 4-H club manager involves 4-H officers, parents/supporting adults, leaders and members in promoting the goals of 4-H and serves as the contact person between the club and the county Extension office.

Project Leader

Any enrolled volunteer who provides structured learning experiences, personal guidance as well as counseling in project-related opportunities for 4-H members enrolled in the project group. Junior leaders assist project leaders by taking responsibility for specific tasks as requested by the leader.

Activity Leader

Any enrolled volunteer who works closely with the club manager(s). They are responsible for one or more activity areas in the 4-H club. This will be a non-project area.

Livestock Mentor

The purpose of the Texas 4-H Livestock Mentor Program is to recruit and train volunteers/project leaders that will provide support and leadership to the project, new members, and leaders enrolled in the project, thereby enhancing the project experience for youth. Livestock Mentor Training Program is available for beef, swine, shee and goat, horse, and small animals such as rabbit and poultry.

Any adult volunteer who meets the following criteria:

- participates in Livestock Mentor training, gaining knowledge and skills in youth development and subject matter species areas;
- is able to make significant contributions to leadership in the subject matter area;
- commits to provide service and leadership in the subject matter to the 4-H program;
- has a volunteer application on file in the county Extension office;
- has passed a criminal background check within the past three years.
- has a job description on file.

Episodic/Random Volunteer

Volunteer involved with a single or limited activity, event, or program on a short-term basis. They may volunteer for more than one episode.

Age

It is understood that a person must be at least 21 years of age at the time of a 4-H event to serve as an adult overnight chaperone. A person 18 years or older may serve in other volunteer roles.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H volunteer to carry out the assigned position responsibilities that he or she has accepted. 4-H volunteers are expected to conduct themselves as good examples for youth in both public and private life. This includes appropriate dress, language and moral conduct in accordance

with the generally recognized standards of our society. It should be understood by the volunteers that they are expected to participate in learning, training and teaching opportunities provided for them. Being a 4-H Volunteer is a privilege, not an inherent right. The 4-H Administration has the authority to restrict a volunteer's involvement based on the best interest of the total program. Dismissal procedures are in section B.5 and C.1 of the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines.

Youth Protection Standards

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The Texas AgriLife Extension Service Youth Protection Standards Program was implemented to assist in providing a safer and more positive environment for youth and adult volunteers. All direct volunteers who work with youth and adults must be screened through the Youth Protection Standards Program prior to fulfilling any roles as a volunteer. The YPS Program involves a criminal background check of all direct volunteers working with youth and adults in Extension programs. To be screened, volunteers must complete a 4-H Volunteer Application annually and be screened every three years. Screening by other entities may be accepted depending upon the screening source. A list of approved screening entities is available from county Extension offices, the Office of Volunteer Development or <http://texasvolunteer.tamu.edu>. Upon completion of screening, volunteers are assigned a status of cleared, restricted or dismissed.

Volunteer Liability

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In order for a volunteer to serve with Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, all 4-H volunteers must be formally enrolled on the Volunteer Leader Application Form (4-H 2-1.056). This is an annual process. Criminal background checks will be conducted every three years for volunteers being qualified through the Youth Protection Standards Program. Texas AgriLife Extension Service volunteers do not have the same immunity from liability as governmental units and employees. However, volunteers may be immune from civil liability under Section 51.937 of the Education Code for discretionary acts within their scope of duties as volunteers for Texas AgriLife Extension Service. This law does not apply to the operation of motor vehicles. Adult volunteer leaders are expected to act in good faith and without negligence in the performance of their duties in order to minimize any chance of creating a Texas A&M University System liability.

Experiences:

Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

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The Southern Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is held in October at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, south of Atlanta, GA. During a typical 3-day forum, leaders can participate in several workshops, take part in field trips, view displays and exchange ideas and resource materials with volunteers from 13 other states, Puerto Rico and

the Virgin Islands.

Texas 4-H Livestock Mentor Program

Contact:

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These training programs provide volunteer leaders with expertise in beef, goat, horse, sheep, and swine. Master volunteer candidates are trained a minimum of 20 hours. Participants are certified master volunteers after completing 50 hours of service and the program evaluation. Master Volunteers provide support to local and county project work and to youth development. A minimum of one training in each species is held each year, rotating locations within each of the four regions of Texas Extension.

Adult Leadership Institute

Contact:

Cooperative Extension Program 4-H & Youth Development
Unit at Prairie View A&M University
936-857-2517

The Adult Leaders Institute teaches volunteer leaders (both youth and adults) contemporary 4-H leadership principles. The institute targets senior 4-H'ers and adults that have had no opportunity to assume traditional leadership roles, but demonstrate leadership potential. This institute provides eight hours of formal training at Prairie View A&M University and eight hours of interactive hands-on program training through independent study and community service.

Trainees are responsible for conducting youth programs with 4-H members and new youth groups in their respective communities.

County 4-H Parent/Leaders' Association

Contact:

County Extension Office

This association works together at the county level to improve leadership opportunities for 4-H members. These volunteers are dedicated to the well-being and development of youth, assume direct responsibility in working with youth, believe in a helping relationship between youth and adults and seek to improve their own abilities in working with youth. Any interested enrolled volunteer 4-H leader may belong to the association. All enrolled 4-H leaders within the county are invited to attend association meetings.

The County 4-H Parent/Leaders' Association also serves volunteer 4-H leaders. Leaders exchange ideas, discuss mutual concerns and help each other. Association meetings provide leaders with information about 4-H and about working with youth. Meetings feature learning, sharing and fellowship. Two voting delegates from each local association may attend district association meetings. These delegates are typically the county president, district voting delegate or vice president.

District 4-H Leaders Associations

Contact:

District 4-H Coordinator in the District Office.

The purpose of the District 4-H Leaders Association parallels that of the county association. The work of the district association is done at the district and regional levels. Each district may elect four voting delegates for VLAT. All enrolled

volunteer 4-H leaders from a district may belong to the association. The main functions of the District 4-H Leaders Association are:

- Identify leader training needs
- Promote idea exchange and mutual support
- Cooperate with other 4-H organizations
- Help explain 4-H to the public
- Help develop program resources
- Involve leaders in 4-H activities
- Recognize leader accomplishments

Volunteer Leaders Association of Texas (VLAT)

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VLAT membership is open to all adult volunteers who work with 4-H. Each district selects four volunteers as official voting delegates. The association promotes training, markets 4-H and supports statewide efforts to advance youth development through the 4-H program. VLAT meetings are open to all 4-H volunteer leaders. Statewide meetings are held in January and in June of each year. For information, contact your county Extension office or visit <http://texas4-H.tamu.edu/volunteers/vlat.htm>.

County Youth Boards

Contact:

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The County Youth Board serves a strategic function by helping the county Extension agent determine what programs should be implemented from year to year, reviewing the educational impacts of programs, determining how to reach new youth audiences, and helping decide whether task forces or coalitions are needed to address priority issues. The Youth Board is made up of 8 to 15 youth and adults (three youth to one adult) who work or have interest in the area of youth development and who represent the demographics and diversity of the county. Youth members not only represent the 4-H and Youth Development Program but other youth organizations in the county (FFA, Boy/Girl Scouts, Student Councils, etc.). The board should sponsor or play a significant role in at least one major program each year. This may be an ongoing program or a different program each year. The key is for the board members to work together and take ownership of the program to ensure its success.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

- see "Recognition"

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WATER

Printed Resources:

Operation W.A.T.E.R.: Dr. Thistle Goes Underground (B-6193)

Aquatic Resources Education - 4-H FISH 4-6.22

Investigating Water - Ron Howard (979) 845-1214 (4-H 17-1)

Give Water A Hand - Matt Tarpley (432) 336-8585

Texas Water Conservation Handbook - 4-H CON 5.020

Pond and Stream Safari - item # 147L24 (N4-HC)
 Something's Fishy (school based curricula) (SP-136)
 Fishing for Adventure – PC-07604 (N4-HC)

Project Experiences:

4-H Water Camp

Contact:

Ward County Extension Office

ward@ag.tamu.edu 432-943-2682

Website: <http://ward-tx.tamu.edu/>.

Texas 4-H Water Camp is a hands-on educational program for older youth held each summer. The program is designed to help youth understand issues about water use and conservation and to become aware of related career opportunities.

Texas 4-H Roundup - Open Category Educational Presentation
 Texas 4-H Roundup-Natural Resources Educational Presentation
 SpecTra - Aquatics (limited to 16 participants)
 Sportfishing - Aquatic Ecology Section

Recordbook Category:

Environmental Science Open Category
 Conservation of Natural Resources
 Aquatic Science

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Land Surveyor
 Hydroelectric Power Utility Engineer
 Control Engineer
 Electrical Engineer
 Engineering Geologist
 Engineer, Water Resources
 Mechanical Engineer
 Photogrammetrist
 Land and Water Use Analyst
 Environmental Scientist
 Junior Chemist
 Public Health Chemist
 Water Resources Technician
 Water Resources Engineering Associate
 Water Services Supervisor
 Biologist
 Aquatic Scientist
 Research Assistant
 Limnologist
 Oceanographer
 Environmental Regulatory Specialist

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

Printed Resources:

City Critters Curriculum (SP-260)
 Predators in the Classroom Curriculum (SP-100)
 Something's Fishy Curriculum (SP-136)
 White Tail Deer Curriculum (SP-258)
 Wildlife Success Stories Curriculum (SP-255, SP-109)

Project Experiences:

Texas Brigades

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The Texas Brigades are four half-day programs for youth ages 13-17, with some of the top wildlife and fisheries professionals in Texas serving as instructors and mentors. There are four programs to choose from: Bobwhite Brigade, Feathered Forces, Buckskin Brigade and Bass Brigade.

Texas Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program

Contact:

Mr. Larry Hysmith, Extension Associate

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Specific information about this program can be obtained from the program coordinator, (979) 845-0916. The winning team will qualify to represent Texas in the National Wildlife Habitat Judging Invitational at a date and location to be announced.

Wildlife Conservation Camp

Website at www.tctws.org.

The Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and Texas 4-H present this week-long, intensive training program for youth interested in exploring wildlife science as a career. A variety of instructors from all over the state will involve participants in hands-on field activities with a wide variety of techniques and species. Details on date, location, cost and registration will be in the spring edition of "Field Notes."

National Wildlife Invitational

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This event will be held in North Dakota. Dates are to be announced.

Advanced Training in Wildlife and Hunting

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Advanced trainings for adults and teens are scheduled throughout the year. Topics include waterfowl biology and habitat, quail hunting, wildlife habitat management, aquatic ecology, fly fishing, sunfish fishing and tackle crafting. Topics and training locations may change each year. Participants are equipped to teach these topics in their local clubs.

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Project

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4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Project Coaches Training is for volunteers who will coach teams competing in the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Judging Contest held in June. The location is to be announced.

Recordbook Category:

Wildlife & Fisheries
Environmental Sciences Open Category
Conservation of Natural Resources

Career Exploration Opportunities:

Fishing Guide
Game Warden
Wildlife Biologists
Fishery Biologists
Refuge Managers
Outdoor Recreation Planners and Rangers
Special Agents
Wildlife Inspectors
Refuge Officer

WORKFORCE PREPARATION AND CAREERS

Printed Resources:

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
Workforce - Get in the Act! Take 1 Helper's Guide
Workforce - Get in the Act! Take 1 Youth Guide+CD

Project Experiences:

Texas 4-H "For the Record" Record Keeping
Texas 4-H Recordbook

Recordbook Category:

Personal Development/Leadership Open Category

Career Exploration Opportunities:

All careers can be explored in this project.

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