

Texas 4-H STANDARD



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IT'S COMING
AUGUST 15th
A NEW YEAR IN TEXAS 4-H

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2013-2014 TEXAS 4-H YEAR STARTS AUGUST 15TH !

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Are you ready for another great 4-H year? Texas 4-H is! Starting at 12:01 am on August 15th, 4-H members in Texas can start enrolling for the 2013-2014 year.

Participation fees will remain the same for the 2013-2014 year, \$20.00 from August 15th to October 31st and then \$25.00 from November 1st on.

Here are some things to remember as you re-enroll for the 2013-2014 4-H year:

- If you have forgotten your e-mail address or password - DO NOT create another profile in 4-H CONNECT. Call your county office and they can help get you logged in!
- If you are 8 and in the 3rd grade

and enrolling in 4-H WAIT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1st to enroll! It is tricky because the official first day of 4-H is not until September 1st but enrollment starts August 15th. This means there are 15 days for our new (young) members where they may not be assessed a participation fee and 4-H CONNECT will classify them as a Clover Kid. Therefore, have them wait until September 1st.



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TEXAS 4-H

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

PUTTING THE TECH IN TEXAS 4-H

BE THE TECH IN TEXAS 4-H, TECH TEAM APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED ON-LINE

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Are you interested in technology but not sure how it can be a 4-H Project? Are you wanting to learn more about technology and give back by teaching others about technology? If you said yes, then we want you to apply to be the TECH in Texas 4-H!

The Texas 4-H Technology Team is a group of 15 to 20 youth from across the state who are selected based on their technology skills or their desire to learn more about technology and give back to others. To be considered for membership, a 4-H member must be at least 14 years of age at the start of the 2013-14 4-H year, willing to be active on the state wide leadership team through their participation in monthly chats/on-line meetings, and participation in at least two face-to-face meetings during the year.

For more details and to complete the on-line application visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/techapplication>. Applications are due September 1st.

TEXAS NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION INVITE 4-H MEMBERS TO BE PART OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cameron Hill, cameron@tnlaonline.org

Texas Nursery & Landscape Association Offering FREE Conference Registration to Texas 4-H Members!

The Texas Nursery and Landscape Association is extending an invitation to 4-H members to join them at the 2013 Texas Nursery/Landscape Expo. This years

conference will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Dallas Convention Center from August 15 to 17, 2013.

This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to learn about the world of landscape and nursery management. From career opportunities, to trainings and seminars on horticulture and landscape, it will have something for everyone!

Some of the other cool and exciting things you can participate in, include:

- Inspire ideas for projects
- Network with professionals
- Discover innovative products and trends.
- Learn about Texas Water Smart technology and drought resistance.
- See the latest organic plant materials

To register for the Nursery/Landscape Expo, click <http://registration3.experiencevent.com/showTNU131/>

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST

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The Texas Agriculture Product Identification Contest will be held in Dallas on October 8 at 9:00. Registration information can be found here: <http://www.bigtex.com/sft/LiveStock/Contests.asp>. All 4-H members are welcome to register online with an entry fee of \$10 per team. This deadline is Tuesday, August 25. Please contact the State Fair of Texas at 214-421-8723 or Amy Dromgoole at amy.dromgoole@tamu.edu for more information.

2014 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST DETAILS ANNOUNCED

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The 2014 Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will once again be held in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Dairy Judging Contest. It is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Cattle Arena.

The contest will be open to senior Texas 4-H members. There will not be a qualifying

contest required at the District level. There will not be a state-level contest for Juniors or Intermediates. However, they are welcome to participate in the Fort Worth and/or possible District-level contests.

Senior 4-H teams wishing to compete in the Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will need to register through BOTH Fort Worth Stock & Rodeo AND through 4-H Connect. There will be no onsite registration.

More details (including deadlines, entry fees, rules, etc.) will be shared once the Fort Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo Premium Book is available this fall.

If you have any questions, please contact Derrick Bruton, Laura Huebinger, or Kyle Merten.

JOIN IN FOR "THE FINAL SCREENING" AT THE 2013 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CAMP

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The Texas 4-H State Council would like to invite 4-H members age 9-14 to the 2013 Junior Leadership "The Final Screening" at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Texas. The retreat is scheduled for November 8-10.

This year's retreat will feature workshops in 5 different areas. They include vet science, leadership, bullying & inclusion, "trashion show" and archery. Each workshop will be tied to a movie theme.

While this is learning retreat, the main ingredient underlying the whole weekend is a sense of fun. The State 4-H Council members take pride in showcasing their creativity which will become apparent at the Saturday Night Theme Dance. They're asking participants to come dressed as their favorite movie character. All the council members plan to be in costume, so it should prove to be fun for everyone.

Individual registration is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Online registration will open September 2nd at: <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.



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For Questions Call
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For Complete Details Visit
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FIELD TRIP FACTORY

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Looking for something to do with your 4-H members? Check out Field Trip Factory! You can search for free field trips in your area, book your trip online and then relax while they take care of the rest! Field Trip Factory provides fun, interactivity that links to valuable teaching moments in the areas of nutrition, health and wellness, energy and environment, economics, arts, animal welfare, and STEM. Their website also has a bank of classroom activities that can be incorporated into your project meetings and club activities. Check it out today at www.fieldtripfactory.com.

TEXAS 4-H FRIENDS & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES ALLIANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL COUNTIES

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The Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association is here to assist all 254 Counties

across Texas with raising funds for their local 4-H programs. All your county has to have are 4-H Alumni and Friends of 4-H within your county lines to be a part of this new fund raising endeavor !!

Beginning August 15 - May 31, 2014, the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association will be hosting "Roundup Former 4-Hers and Supporters Across Texas" membership drive. A significant portion of the funds raised through this campaign will be returned to the local 4-H Club or County 4-H Program by the Friends and Alumni Association.

Recruitment materials will be made available on the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni website or you can email Jana Barrett to have them sent to you directly. The membership drive materials will include talking points about the efforts of the Association, a membership information flier and F&A Membership recruitment forms.

The County and/or local 4-H Club portion

of Memberships sold will be as follows:

- Lifetime Membership (\$50 donated to County and/or Club)
- Annual Membership (\$10 donated to County and/or Club)
- Collegiate Membership (\$5 donated to County and/or Club)

The individual 4-H member recruiting "F&A Memberships" will be allowed to designate their portion of the funds to their specific local 4-H club (subject to verification of club charter by the State 4-H office and notification to the county), their local County 4-H Program, or split the funds between both their Club and their County 4-H Program.

The 4-H membership recruiter will receive credit for both new and current members. If current members "join" within this time, their membership renewal date will be extended.



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ANDERSON BEAN ANNOUNCES 10 % DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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Anderson Bean Boot Company through their new alliance contract with the Texas 4-H Foundation, is now offering a 10% discount on their complete line of Anderson Bean, Horse Power, Macie Bean and Anderson Bean Kids Boots to all members of Texas 4-H, the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association, Volunteers (registered in 4-H Connect), and county agents who are members of one of the professional extension associations. Certificates will be made available on 4-H Connect for all 4-H members and screened volunteers,



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once approved, which can be downloaded. The Association related membership certificates will be provided direct to the members upon membership renewal. The certificate would need to be presented at the participating retailer to receive the discount. A member can print and use the discount certificate as many times as they would like during the promotional period. Currently not all Anderson Bean retailers are accepting the certificates. The following retailers are currently participating in the promotion: Dollar Western Wear, The Mule Barn, National Roper's Supply, South Texas Tack and Teskey's. Information on how to contact these locations is provided on the certificate. As additional retailers are added, we will update the list. Anderson Bean Boot Company has a limited number of the Texas 4-H boots still remaining and those can be ordered as well through the participating retailers. If you have any questions regarding this new membership benefit, please contact Jana Barrett at the Texas 4-H Foundation office 979-845-1213 or jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY RULES AND GUIDELINES RELEASED

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The 2014 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Guidelines are now available on-line at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography_contest.

This years theme category is "What's Your Why?" This category allows 4-H members to capture photos of why they are in Texas 4-H. It could be photos of friends in 4-H, projects, leadership activities, community service experiences, or anything that tells the story of why they love 4-H!

TEXAS STATE PRESERVATION PHOTOGRAPHY CON- TEST FOR TEXAS 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS

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The Texas State Preservation Board in partnership with the Texas 4-H and Youth

Development Program are pleased to present an annual photography contest for members of the Texas 4-H and FFA Programs. This photography contest allows 4-H and FFA members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos.

A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in January 2014. Selected photographs will feature a place card with the photographer's name, city, and age. Photos will remain on display for one year in the Agriculture Museum.

The deadline for entering the contest on-line is October 15, 2013 and will be done through the Texas 4-H website, texas4-h.tamu.edu. For more information and rules & guidelines, go to the Texas 4-H photography website.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

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Join Texas 4-H in celebrating the 2013 National 4-H Week, October 6th to 12th. To help promote the occasion at the club and county level, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will be releasing the 2013 National 4-H Week - Texas Packet, on or before September 1st. The packet will include the following resources:

- News releases
- Social media icons and graphics
- Newspaper advertisements
- Program/Banquet shells/covers
- Commissioner Court & City Council Proclamations
- Ideas for seven days of celebrating
- One day 4-H information
- Information on National 4-H Science Day
- Graphics and logos for marketing promotion

4-H HEALTHY LIFESTYLES ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

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The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board is accepting applications for new members. 4-H members, volunteers and County Extension Agents are invited to submit an application to serve on the board, which

provides youth and adults an opportunity to help guide and expand the 4-H healthy lifestyle program. Application will be accepted until October 1, 2013 and must be accompanied by a letter of support. The application and more information is available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.

MILITARY 4-H NEWS!

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SPORT FISHING CAMP

On Tuesday, July 30th Military 4-H and Operation: Military Kids hosted their 3rd annual fishing camp in Round Rock, Texas. There was excitement in the air as 79 military youth from the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Army, and Air Force came to the camp for an exciting day of educational programs and fishing. With the help of 54 outstanding volunteers from organizations such as: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, 4-H, Master Naturalist, Soldiers Kids Involved in Having Fun, Boy Scouts, City of Round Rock, University of Texas at Austin, Military Family Life Counselor, Living Waters, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Austin White Lime the day was a complete success!



The day started with kids going through a series of rotations and programs led by volunteers. The kids had the opportunity to construct their very own fishing pole, learn casting techniques, knot tying, learn about different species of fish, and importance of conserving our environment. After going through the rotations everyone was treated to hamburger and hot dogs prepared by David Wright, Texas Military 4-H and OMK Specialist. At lunch it was very rewarding to hear all the kids and volunteers interact and share stories and experiences with each other.

Following lunch the kids went fishing on a 25 acre lake that was stocked with catfish and bass. The excitement filled the air each time a fish was caught. The experienced volunteers would be there to help the kids as they unhooked their catch, even encouraging them to kiss their very first catch as many of the veteran fishermen do. The Round Rock 4-H club sponsored a few of the day's contests: biggest fish caught, smallest fish caught, and most fish caught. However, no one left empty handed. Each child left that day with their very own fishing pole and all the tools necessary to continue their fishing fun.

GEAR TECH 21

Fort Bliss youth had the unique opportunity to enjoy science in a whole new light this past July 22nd-26th. The Gear Tech 21 Camp took 28 youth on a learning adventure through Lego Robotics, GPS, and GIS curriculum provided by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The curriculum is geared towards a future in the workforce and building on science based knowledge.

The curriculum led the youth through various activities in technology. They learned about robotics and programming by building their own robot and having it perform various operations. The robotics activities had youth troubleshooting various operations and challenging, allowing the youth to learn new critical thinking skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

The great outdoors beckoned as youth stepped out to learn about global positioning and mapping skills. They not only learned to read a map but how to

find a location based on geographical and global positioning data. The next adventure led them to the latest hobby trend of geo-caching. They quickly discovered that Fort Bliss has a abundance or geo-caching locations to explore.

Everyone had such a great time. Fort Bliss YouthPlex has decided to take on the program as a year round 4-H club.

HOUSTON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP

Operation: Military Kids hosted a two day Science and Technology camp in Conroe this July. With the support of Montgomery, Harris, and Fort Bend Counties Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, The Boys and Girls Club, and the 4-H Tech Wizards program we were able to provide youth with a fun and educational camp experience.

On the first day of the camp the youth experienced the wonderful world of Robotics, led by the 4-H Tech Wizards program. The youth truly were challenged and had a great time building some basic robots as well as some more complicated one, such as: a working lawn mowers, snakes, and catapults. While the robotics activities were challenging, they exceeded their own expectations in constructing working models which they were so excited to see in action!

The second day of the Science and Technology Camp started with the Montgomery County Master Gardeners leading the youth on a tour of the beautiful Montgomery County Gardens. The youth were able to learn about new species of plants, ways to sustain the environment, and discover new and exciting means of gardening. After they cooled down from the 100 degree temperatures, they enjoyed a lesson on Military Ready to Eat Meals (MRE's), called "Mystery Foods". They had to hydrate dried foods as the soldiers must do on the battlefield. Upon re-hydration, they identified the mystery foods such as coffee, pudding and noodles. Another activity which they were fully engaged in was the chemical composition of "Slime".

Each camper left the two day camp with new knowledge, friends, and experiences to remember.

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Funds are used to benefit 4-H locally in Texas, and in the past have been used to help counties with their leadership training efforts, to help youth attend leadership camps and present workshops, purchase needed equipment, pay registration expenses for 4-H contest participation, and to support a variety of additional 4-H programs and activities. This year, participating stores include ALL Stripes locations throughout Texas, including the Rio Grande Valley area and newly opened stores within the state.

The Friends & Alumni Association will be again hosting the Facebook Photo Contest tied to the Stripes Campaign. The theme of the message will be "4-H THANKS Stripes". The county offices or clubs can submit the photo(s) via email to jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu. Title your email "Mobile Clover Photo Contest Entry" and include in the body of the message the County name, 4-H club, and store location

Photos must be submitted via email by September 15th at 11:59 pm. Photos will be loaded to the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Facebook page on Monday, September 16th. Voting will begin that morning and end on Monday, September 23 at 11:59 pm. Submit pictures taken at your local Stripes store showing how 4-H appreciates Stripes and thanks them for their support of 4-H locally. Be sure and proudly display 4-H in your photo, either through clothing, signage or displays.

Winning photo(s) will be selected based on highest number of individual likes and comments. A person's like/comment will only count once even if they make multiple comments regarding the photo. The comment/like will count only from the official photo posted to the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni FB page. If you share the photo on your personal page to recruit votes, make sure they like the official post on the Friends & Alumni FB page not that which is posted on your personal wall. Winners will be announced on Facebook on or around September 24. Prizes will be awarded to the county 4-H program for 1st place: \$100, 2nd place: \$75, 3rd place: \$50





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