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Hays County 4-H News - July 2011

4-H Blog Very Useful!! http://hays4-h.blogspot.com

Be sure to visit the 4-H blog every chance you get. It is much more up to date and provides much more info than your newsletter. If you can't get to the blog and need more info on anything you see in your newsletter, you can also contact the Extension office.

Texas 4-H Participation Fee

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service, just like many other agencies, is struggling with reduced state and federal funding. A partial cost recovery effort has been initiated, and Texas 4-H members will now pay a participation fee of \$25 per member, which will be discounted to \$20 if paid between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31.

Enrolling for 2011-12 4-H Year

You may begin re-enrolling on 4-H Connect on August 1. If you have been enrolled in 4-H this year (2010-11), then you already have profiles on 4-H Connect, so please *DO NOT* create new profiles. Go to 4-H Connect (http://texas.4honline.com), select "I forgot my password" and put in your e-mail address. The system will reset your password, which will be e-mailed to you.

All you have to do is update your information. Please let us know if you have any trouble logging on. We expect "instructions" from the state office soon.

West San Marcos 4-H Dove Hunt

West San Marcos 4H Boosters 2nd Annual Dove

Hunt

Date: 9/10/2011

Place: Krackau Ranch off FM 1979 & FM 621 (San

Marcos)

850+ acres with 10 tanks

Entry Fee: \$60 per gun (includes a meal) -

Reserve your spot soon

For more information please contact Lori Krackau @ lkrackau@centurytel.net or 210-325-8972.

4-H W.E.T. Training

Come learn about the fun that water, science and the environment provide by participating in the W.E.T. (Water Education Team)
Training. This workshop will be held <u>July 6-</u>
<u>7</u>. Participants in this workshop will be expected to assist in planning and conducting youth water educational events in Hays County. Cost is \$10 per person, and is due <u>by July 1</u>. This is a great science and leadership training!

District 10 Junior Leader Rally

All 4-H'ers age 9-13 are invited to join the fun at Junior Leader Rally. It is *Thur., July 14*, 9 am-3:30 pm (in conjunction with District 4-H Recordbook Judging) at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center. Register on 4-H Connect by July 2 and pay \$20. Learn about the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge and then enjoy an afternoon of swimming.

4-H Club Manager & Club Officer Workshop

As your 4-H clubs are electing officers and assembling your 4-H club leadership teams, mark your calendars for <u>Sat., July 16</u> for our annual club training. Training and resources will be provided as well as time for annual club planning for the 2011-12 4-H year. It will be held at the Buda United Methodist Church. We will begin the day's program at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude by 2:30 p.m. We hope to see all 4-H Club Officers and Managers there.

Livestock Extravaganza

Hays County 4-H Livestock Extravaganza is set for Sat., *July 30*, 9 am-noon, at the Buda Vo-Ag Building. All youth and adults involved in 4-H and FFA projects are invited to participate. The workshop will focus on three different livestock species: beef, rabbit, and goat. It will include information on selection, grooming, nutrition, housing, health maintenance, and so much more. Cost is \$10. Registration forms (available on 4-H blog and from our office) are due **by July 27**.

EEA Hosts Christmas in July

The Hays County Extension Education Association is hosting a wonderful afternoon of crafts, refreshments, and fun during their Christmas in July, scheduled for Tue., July 19, at 2 pm, at the Extension office. Cost is \$5 which covers printed pattern book and refreshments. Mark your calendars to join the fun!!

"4-H Welcomes You" Signs

The County 4-H Council has discussed putting "4-H Welcomes You" signs in several places throughout Hays County. These would be large metal signs along major roads that would be put up on personal property. If you have ideas as to where to put them and/or know someone who may be willing to have a sign on their property, please let us know.

County 4-H Council Officers Meeting

Congratulations to our newly elected County 4-H Council officers: Will Herron, Chairman; Brandon Polk, 1st Vice Chairman; Kiera McGee, 2nd Vice Chairman; Hunter McDonald, Secretary; Cooper Moore, Reporter; and Ranson (Ramey) Moore, Parliamentarian. Will, Brandon, and Kiera will also be serving as our District 4-H Council Delegates. Officers, please make sure you mark your calendar and plan on participating in a meeting on *Mon.*, *July 25* (time and location coming soon). Bring your calendars and be ready to plan.

District 4-H Mega Meeting

This "big" event will take place on Sat., Aug. 27, at Palo Alto College in San Antonio. Mega meeting consists of lots of great opportunities for both 4-H members and leaders. It will include 5 project workshops, 5 volunteer workshops, District 4-H Council meeting, District 4-H Volunteer Leaders meeting, silent auction, and lunch. If you're looking to boost your 4-H know how, then be sure to attend. More info available from our office and on the 4-H blog. Register at our office by paying your \$20 registration fee and signing up for the workshop you plan to attend.

Hays Co. 4-H Play Day Series

The Hays County 4-H Horse Committee is sponsoring a Buckle Series. Age categories will be 13 & Under, 14-19, and 20 and Over. The July 16 show is at the Hays County Civic Center. The Hays County 4-H Horse Project Awards will take place during the lunch break of this show.

The Aug. 13 and Sept. 10 shows will be at the Wimberley VFW Arena. Register the day of the show. Books open at 7:00 am, show starts at 8:00 am.

TSC's Pet Appreciation Week

This event gives 4-H'ers a special opportunity for fundraising, recruiting, and publicity in their communities! TSC's first-ever National Pet Appreciation Week (P.A.W.) is a week-long pet celebration event which will be hosted in all TSC stores *August 3-7*. The culminating event during P.A.W. is on <u>Sat., Aug. 6</u> and will celebrate pets and 4-H with:

- Fun, free activities and giveaways;
- Pet adoptions:
- Vaccinations:
- Demonstrations; and a
- \$25 TSC gift card for the first 4-H club that signs up to host a pet watering station at each store!

By signing up to host a watering station, 4-H club(s) are agreeing to help TSC provide water to any pets attending the event on August 6th (timeframe to host station to be agreed upon between club and store manager). In order to qualify for the gift card, clubs need to call the P.A.W. Hotline at 1-877-234-0623 and be the first sign up by June 24th --only one card will be given out per store so sign up today! For questions or more information on how to sign up with a TSC store, check out the P.A.W. event flyer, contact Julie Conn at jconn@fourhcouncil.edu or 301.961.2819, or visit the 4-H promotion toolkit page at www.4-h.org/PAW.

Parsons Horse Clinic Series

The Parsons Performance Horses Clinic Series is July 16, Aug. 13, & Sept. 10 at the Diamond F Equine Exposition Center in Seguin. 4-H Members are eligible for Rider & Auditor discounts. Find out more at http://www.parsonsperformancehorses.com/Clinics.html.

Hays Co. 4-H Awards Night

The Hays County 4-H Awards Night will be held on the evening of Monday, October 3 in San Marcos. Mark your calendars. More information will be in future newsletters.

Pictures Needed

Photos are needed for the annual 4-H slide show that will be shown at the Awards Night. If you have pictures of 4-H members or volunteers that you would like to include in this presentation, please email them or bring them to the Extension Office by September 2.

Photo Contest

The Hill Country Photography Club and Hays County Master Naturalists are hosting the 7th Annual Naturescapes Photography Contest & Exhibition. It is open to all, but photos must highlight greenspaces in Hays County such as scenery, wildlife, plants, people and pets. Cash awards are presented. Entries may be submitted online or mailed it **by July 11**. An awards ceremony will be held Sept. 10 with selected photos on display from then until Nov. 4 at the San Marcos Activity Center.

SALE Date Changes

The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo has moved their show one week later, so please note the 2012 dates are Feb. 9-26. Breeding shows will be Feb. 8-17 and market shows are Feb. 14-23. Visit their website at www.sarodeo.com for more specifics on their livestock show schedule.

Free Cooking Classes

The "Best Food Fits" program from Texas State is offering FREE cooking classes every week at the Chapultepec Adult Learning Center. You'll learn how to:

- * Fight overweight and obesity in your family
- * Cook vegetables that you and your children will like
- * Avoid sugar-sweetened beverages
- * Prepare healthy recipes for your family
- * Find San Marcos restaurants with healthy kid's menus

For more info and class calendars, go to bestfoodfits.fcs.txstate.edu.

Be a Leader For Healthy Change

The ACTIVE Life Movement has initiated a "Young Leader" program to promote healthy change. Together, the teams of at least four high school students and one adult engage in 12 weeks of health challenges that inspire you to try new activities and to participate in a variety of fun service and leadership experiences. As Young Leaders, you will create an individual and team profile online, blog to share experiences, post photos, set and track fitness goals, launch a community service project, complete online trainings. and have a chance to earn scholarships towards higher education. The current 12-week training course is already underway, but you can find out more on the 4-H blog or http://www.activelifehq.org/young leaders/abou <u>t.</u>

Quality Counts Verification for Major Shows

Starting in 2012, Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O'Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

The Quality Counts Program has now been in existence statewide for six years. Over this time, it has reached an average of 30,000 youth per year through the 4-H and FFA Programs. The program outcomes clearly demonstrate youth being more knowledgeable of best management practices associated with livestock projects. More importantly, the program's impact has demonstrated positive

changes in personal character attributes as well as adoption of livestock best management practices.

Over these six years, Quality Counts has been supported and endorsed by every major livestock show in Texas. These livestock shows have been instrumental in helping market the program statewide and have also been a strong partner regarding the educational content developed for the Quality Counts Program. In addition, these livestock shows have fully endorsed this verification process.

Starting in May, youth are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock

show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show's entry deadline. A passing score has been determined to be 80%.

Youth educators and the major livestock shows in Texas believe strongly in Quality Counts. Collectively, they are confident that this significant step of requiring youth to be "Quality Counts Verified," starting in 2012, will strengthen and enhance the youth livestock program in Texas.

For more information, please contact the Extension Office. To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit: http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/.

4-H & FFA Days at Schlitterbahn

Beat the crowds and take advantage of a special discount available to 4-H and FFA students, their families and friends. Discount dates are: June 18-July 4 and Aug. 20, 21, 27, and 28. We have an order form, or you can download it on the 4-H blog. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Dripping Springs Camps

Dripping Springs ISD is offering numerous summer camp programs on many different topics. The city of Dripping Springs camps are also included. You can find a link on the 4-H blog or call 512-858-3021 for more details. One of the camps is Goat Camp for grades 3-8. It will be July 18-22.

International Opportunities

There are some wonderful opportunities for your family to either host a foreign exchange youth or travel the world. Inbound (hosting) opportunities are July 23-Aug. 19 and include youth from Japan and Greece. Outbound (travel) opportunities are July 7-Aug. 4 for Japan - Greece dates are still being finalized. Find out more at www.texasglobaleducation.org.

Become a Junior Health Educator

The Junior Health Educator training and certificate program is offered to anyone 18 years and under. This simple and easy-to-complete free, online training equips youth with the tools, skills, and knowledge needed to become grass roots advocates for health among their peers and in their community. Visit the 4-H blog or http://www.activelifehq.org for more details.

Texas 4-H Technology Team

Applications are now available for 4-H members between the ages of 14 to 18 (and collegiate members) to apply for membership. The team focuses on the many ways that technology can be implemented into 4-H. The team conducts trainings for others, provides support to state-level events, and travels throughout the United States to participate in other 4-H experiences and opportunities. Application deadline is September 1. Find out more at the 4-H blog.

4-H Saluted at Ball Games

Texas Rangers - The 2nd Annual "Green Out" 4-H Event on Sat., Aug. 27 will help kick-off the 2011-12 Texas 4-H year! The discounted tickets are on sale now for the Los Angeles Angels game at the Ballpark in Arlington. There is a Pre-Game Concert by MercyMe, presented by I Am Second. This will be a fun-filled day of family, friends, and fellowship for all to enjoy. Every ticket holder will receive a FREE one-of-a-kind GREEN OUT t-shirt sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company with the Rangers and 4-H logo (must order tickets by Aug. 12). An order form can be found on the 4-H blog.

Houston Astros - 4-H Night at the Ballpark is set for Sat., Sept. 3 as they take on the Milwaukee Brewers. To order tickets, contact Brent Broussard at 713-259-8316 or Broussard@astros.com.

One Day 4-H 2011

What is one day in the life of a person? For some it can be a difference of life of having something to eat, it could be having the blood for a car wreck or transfusion, or it could be just having some to talk to. One day does make a difference to thousands in our state! On <u>Sat., Oct. 8</u>, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will host its 3rd annual day of community service, One Day 4-H 2011. Make sure your club makes a difference on Oct. 8th!

Texas 4-H Volunteer Website

This website has been updated and is linked to the 4-H blog, so be sure you check it out. From this site, you can access the On-line Orientation for 4-H Volunteers, the Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference, Club Ed, and several other great resources.

National 4-H Week Doodle Art Contest

One lucky Texas 4-H member has the chance to win a \$100.00 gift card and his/her art work displayed on the Texas 4-H Homepage during National 4-H Week. The Doodle for 4-H contest is open to all active Texas 4-H members. Basically, 4-H members can either hand draw or computer draw a doodle featuring 4-H in either a general manner or a program/project. Top doodles will be placed on the Texas 4-H Website the first of September with a link to a judging site to vote on your favorite doodle. The winning doodle will be featured on the Texas 4-H Website during National 4-H Week, October 2-8, 2011. To download the details and an entry form, go to http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get /file/1102776233283-139/Nat 4H Week Doodl e Contest.pdf

Hays County 4-H High Fives

Congratulations to our Texas 4-H Roundup participants:

- Raquel Niño & Bailey Ethridge each received
 \$1,000 Texas 4-H Foundation scholarships
- Rachel McDaniel placed 3rd in the Fashion Show
- Raquel Niño placed 4th with her Food Educational Presentation
- Abby Linam participated with her Companion Animal Educational Presentation
- Will Herron placed 3rd with his Natural Resources Educational Presentation Special congratulations to Mrs. Mary Ann Till! she received the Texas 4-H Alumni Award. Special thanks to all of the adults and supporters who accompanied our 4-H'ers: Dawn McDaniel, Suellen Ethridge, Lee Ann Linam, Kevin & Fran Herron, Kyle Herron, Avery Herron, Richard Parrish, and Laura Petty.

We also congratulate and wish Jonathan Roppolo the best as he serves as a mentor during Mission Possible Camp July 6-8 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center.

Congratulations to our District 4-H Horse Show participants: Tom Ayers, Katharine Daniel, Kaitlyn Eben, Ella Gohlke, Kate McCallick, Caroline Soechting, Megan Swirczynski, Cassandra Twining, Olivia Twining, and Alyssa Updegrove.

A huge thank you to the West San Marcos 4-H Club for their contribution of an item for the 4-H Foundation's Silent Auction during Roundup. Their package included passes to their Dove Hunt and a stay at the Hampton Inn. They won the 3rd place award for top 4-H club/county items in the auction, and will receive a check for \$90.

Congratulations to our 4-H'ers who submitted their completed recordbooks! Recordbooks by the following 4-H'ers will now advance to district judging:

Araya Feeney - Jr. Beef

Haley White - Int. Beef

Raquel Niño - Sr. Beef

Makayle Araujo - Jr. Clothing & Textiles

Joseph Niño - Jr. Goat

Hunter McDonald - Int. Goat

Brennan Miller - Sr. Goat

Karen Crews - Int. Horse

Kiera McGee - Sr. Horse

Anna Weinheimer - Sr. Leadership

Abby Linam - Sr. Photography

Bridget Decker - Jr. Plants & Animal Open

Eamon Decker - Int. Plants & Animal Open

Frank Linam - Sr. Plants & Animal Open

Mikaela Williams - Int. Poultry

Scott Sisk - Jr. Rabbit

Makenna Hawkins - Int. Rabbit

Jeremiah Burke - Sr. Rabbit

Will Herron - Sr. Sportfishing

Kamri Clark - Int. Swine

Bailee Ethridge - Sr. Veterinary Science

Others who submitted recordbooks include: Hunter Leinneweber, Kirby Bohls, Delaney Odell, Mikayla Wenzel, Max Ramsey, Madison Hawkins

Best wishes to all the 4-H'ers who will be participating in the Texas 4-H Dog Show in Belton...Sarah Bouckley, Abby Linam, Frank Linam, Jonathan Roppolo, and Linksay Thompson.

Way to go 4-H clothing project participants!! Best wishes to the following 4-H'ers who will be competing in the District 4-H Clothing Contests on July 18 in Hondo: Rebekah McDaniel - Fashion Show, Claire Akers - Fashion Storyboard, and Rachel McDaniel - Textile Show. Special thank to Mrs. McDaniel and Rachel McDaniel for serving as judges.

We also wish the best to all our 4-H'ers who will be taking part in the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Games in San Antonio: John Moerke, Kordell Drake, Mitchell Borrel, Kade Schmidt, Chris Wilhelm, Zachary Klaus, and Jake Fritcher.

4-H Partnerships

The Anderson Bean Boot
Company debuted these Texas
4-H Boot during their February 18
truck show at the College Station
Cavender's. For every boot
purchased, the Texas 4-H
Program will receive a royalty!



The boots are coming to local retailers soon. Plans are to also have them available for purchase at the Texas 4-H Roundup within the Trade Show area.



Lone Star Silversmith has created a line of 4-H jewelry items that can be sold/ordered directly through Lone Star Silversmith and sold exclusively within the state of Texas. Lone Star Collections will donate 10% of all sales of the Texas 4-H

line of jewelry to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation in support of the statewide 4-H youth program. To order, contact 1-877-373-0529 and ask for the "jewelry department". You can also contact Tami Murphy -

tamim@lonestarsilversmith.c om or Leigh Ann Dees ladees@lonestarsilversmith.c om. La Quinta is offering a 15% discount off standard rates for all Texas 4-H families and friends of Texas 4-H when they book hotel reservations. If reserving on-line, put in



tx4h as the promo code. If reserving by phone, call 1-800-531-5900 and ask for the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation Rate, and state "TX4H Youth" as your booking code. In addition to the 15% discount, La Quinta will donate 9% of the revenue earned through this alliance to the Texas 4-H Foundation for its support of Texas 4-H and youth development efforts.

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) offers a 4-H



discount card, as well as 4-H Paper Clover Campaigns twice yearly to support local 4-H programs. 4-H clubs

could have special events during this time to promote 4-H and encourage customers to purchase paper clovers for \$1, most of which comes back to the Hays County 4-H program.

The **TSC Clover Card** offers special deals to those in the 4-H community — parents, guardians, volunteers and leaders — and provides chances to win TSC gift cards for their club. Each month, TSC will randomly select 5 transactions made with the Clover Card. The local club associated with each of those cards will receive a \$500 Tractor Supply Gift Card. Remember, each swipe of the card gives your club a better chance to win gift cards from TSC!

4-H Food Project Leader Training

Attention 4-H adult and teen leaders interested in providing leadership to the 4-H food project. We will kick off the project with a leader training on <u>Tues., Aug. 30, at 6:30 pm</u>, at the Extension office. We will review the basics of the project, talk about the various opportunities, and then plan county 4-H food contests (food show, food challenge, and nutrition quiz bowl).

State Fair of Texas

It is about time to make entry into the State Fair of Texas. If you validated a sheep, goat or steer project in June, your project is eligible to be entered into the State Fair of Texas. Rules and entry forms can be downloaded from the State Fair's website, http://www.bigtex.com. All market and breeding livestock entries in the youth show are due to the Hays County Extension Office by August 19.

Do You Have Diabetes?

Our Hays County Diabetes Coalition is hosting Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes Class Series will take place on Thursday in September, at 6:00 pm. The classes will help people with diabetes learn how to self-manage the disease. For more details, contact Laura.

Child Care Please

4-H'ers interested in helping take care of children are encouraged to contact Laura. Child care is needed during our Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes Classes in September. More details are available from the Extension office.

Ribbon Recycling

RIBBON RECYCLING collects new and used show ribbons from donors, and distributes them to therapeutic riding facilities. These facilities hand out the ribbons to their very special riders. Many such facilities are unable to afford their own ribbons. Without donations, their riders might never experience the joy of getting one. Check out their website at http://www.ribbonrecycling.com to find out how you can help out.

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Hays County 4-H - July 2011 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Extension Office Closed	5	6 WET Training	7 WET Training	8	9 Texas 4-H Dog Show
10	11	12 Star Award Interviews District Record Books Due	13	14	15	16 4-H Club Officer/Club Manager Training Horse Play Day
17	18 District 4-H Clothing Contest	19 Christmas in July	20	21	22	23 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Games
24	25 County 4-H Council Officer Meeting	26	27	28	29	30 Livestock Extravaganza
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Hays County Livestock Extravaganza Saturday, July 30, 9-noon Buda Vo-Ag Building, FM 2770 in Buda



Want to learn more about your livestock project? How about be a better showman in the ring? Then make plans to attend the Hays County Livestock Extravaganza! Educational topics would include selection, housing, feeding, health maintenance, record keeping, and showmanship.

8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:00 a.m. Livestock Ethics - Hays County 4-H Livestock Ambassadors

10:15 a.m. Begin Species Workshops

Rabbits - Skip Richter Goats - Todd Swift Beef - Dwight Sexton

Noon Conclude



Registration fee is \$10/person. Registration after the deadline and at the door is \$20. To participated in this workshop, please return the registration form and registration fees to the Hays County Extension Office by <u>July 27</u>. Contact the Hays County Extension Office at (512) 393-2120 if you have any questions.

Hays County Livestock Extravaganza Registration Form

Sign me/us up! The following will be attending the Hays County Livestock Extravaganza on July 30. My check, made payable to Hays County 4-H, in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Please check one species workshop for each person.

Participant Name	Youth/Adult	Beef	Goat	Rabbit

Please return with registration fee by <u>July 27</u> to Hays County 4-H, 1253 Civic Center Loop, San Marcos, Texas 78666. **Registration received after July 27 and at the door will be \$20 per person.**