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FOR MILITARY KIDS

Wear Purple on

April 15, 2014

to support military kids

Purple represents all branches of the military. Wearing purple will show your appreciation for all military youth's sacrifices and challenges

Get your friends, school, business, local sports teams, 4-H club to join in and wear some purple!

Submit your photos supporting the Purple campaign to: David Wright at dwright@ag.tamu.edu or post to Twitter using hashtag #b/4hpurpleup



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TEE UP FOR SOME TEXAS 4-H GOLF EXPERIENCES

Dr. Kyle Merten, kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

TEXAS 4-H GOLF SWING CAMP

Location: The Campus Course at Texas A&M University - Col-

lege Station, TX Date: May 3, 2014 Time: 8:30 am - Noon

Cost: \$75

Registration: 4-H Connect

The Texas 4-H Golf Swing Camp will be for 4-Hers of all ages and all skill levels. This fun and exciting camp will provide instruction to youth on chipping, pitching, putting, full swing, and trouble shots. Instructors from the Campus Course at Texas A&M University will provide individualized attention to each participant to ensure each youth leaves more confident in their golf swing and enjoys their experience at the camp. For more information visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/golf

2014 STATE 4-H GOLF CHALLENGE

Location: The Campus Course at Texas A&M University - Col-

lege Station, TX Date: July 28, 2014

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Cost: \$60

In 2014 changes are being made to the Texas 4-H Golf Challenge Program. There will be no regional events hosted this year. Instead one State event will be hosted at the brand new course located on the campus at Texas A&M University. The Campus Course at Texas A&M University is in its first year and is being rated as one of the top new golf courses in Texas. This event will be open to all age 4-Hers and split into two age divisions (Juniors 12 and under and Seniors 13 and up). This event is also open to non 4-Hers. For more information please visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/golf

CHECK OUT THIS NEW CAREER AND EDUCATION RESOURCE!



Looking for a cool app that helps you explore careers and education needs? Check out the Nebraska 4-H

Program's CAREER EXPLORER app available for the iPad. Go to the Apple store and download this Free and cool app!

SHARE THE FUN NEW ACTING CATEGORY!

Laura Huebinger, lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu

Do you have a special talent like singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or acting? Then the Share-The-Fun contest may be just for you! A NEW acting category has been added this year called DRAMEDY! Here is the category description: A dramedy (also known as a comedy-drama or comedic drama) is an act that combines elements of comedy and drama, having both humorous



and sometimes serious content. Acts cannot incorporate 4-H related material or theme. (Otherwise, it would be categorized as Celebrate 4-H.) Skits can be currently available scripts, original material, or a combination of the two. Humor and creativity are encouraged, but the degradation of any individual or organization is not permitted. May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines, but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance.

The other six categories remain the same: Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routines, Poetry/Prose, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band Performance, and Vocal. Check out the Roundup page on the Texas 4-H website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup to find the full listing of state rules. Check with your County Extension Agent and/or District 4-H Specialist for any county or district specific guidelines. Good luck!

4-H HEALTHY LIVING/FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 AMBASSADORS

Dr. Courtney Dodd, cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is inviting 4-H members to apply to serve as a 4-H Healthy Living/Fuel Up To Play 60 Ambassador. The purpose of the ambassador program is to promote the purpose and goals of the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Program through Fuel Up To Play 60, equip youth to serve as a leader to implement the Fuel Up To Play 60 Program at the local level, and empower youth by giving them the opportunity to provide leadership to the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Program as it related to Fuel Up To Play 60. Applications are available at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles and are due to the Texas 4-H office by April 15, 2014. Youth will be notified by the first of May of their selection. Ambassadors must be 15 by the start of the 2014-15 4-H year and will be required to participate in a training June 30-July 1 in the DFW area.



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TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS IS AROUND THE CORNER! ARE YOU READY??? LOBBYIST AND PRESS CORP APPLICATION OPENING APRIL 1ST!

Toby Lepley, t-lepley@tamu.edu

Texas 4-H members between the ages of 15 and 18 at the time of the event are eligible to participate in this mock legislative session held in Austin at the State Capitol. Information has just been released to District and County 4-H Offices and will be released from your County Office shortly.

From April 1st to April 30th those 4-H members who are interested in serving as a Lobbyist or Press Corp member need to fill out the application on-line through the 4-H CONNECT system.

Who are the Lobbyist: The Lobbyist group is designed for 4-H members who have attended Texas 4-H Congress in the past. The responsibility of the Lobbyist group is to identify certain bills and then lobby members of the House and Senate to either pass or defeat the bill. Lobbyist should be knowledgeable about Texas 4-H Congress and the schedule that it follows. Lobbyist members should be prepared to and have the ability to approach other 4-H members and persuade House and Senate members for support.

What does the Press Corp do: The Texas 4-H Congress Press Corps play an extremely important part in the success of the event. Press Corps members can be either first time or returning 4-H members to 4-H Congress. Individuals applying for Press Corps should have strong skills in writing, word processing, interviewing, photography, and focused on making deadlines. The press corps is responsible for the publishing of a daily newspaper and helping maintaining a web page/electronic communication. Press Corps members should be aware that sometimes they may not be able to attend certain events because of print deadlines.

2014 MILITARY CAMP MENTORS NEEDED AT 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER

Mark Carrol, jmcarroll@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas 4-H Center is accepting applications for mentors to assist with camps for our military youth this summer. We are accepting mentor applications for the Young Hero's Camp scheduled for June 9-13 and Camp Corral which is scheduled for July 13-18.

The Young Hero's camp is designated for military youth whose parents serve in National Guard and Army Reserves. Youth for this camp range in ages 11-14 and their parents are currently active members of the military.

Camp Corral is a summer camp designated for children of wounded, disabled or fallen military families. The camp is a place where kids, ages 8-15, are free to be kids, apart from the day -to-day challenges, they face as children whose parents were wounded or disabled during military service.

Youth interested in serving as mentors must be from 15-18 years of age. Mentors will reside in the dorms and participate in all camp activities. They will shadow Texas 4-H Center counselors and be available to assist in whatever capacity is needed.

This is a great leadership opportunity and will help the children of our military have a fun filled camp experience. Registration for each mentor selected will cost \$25. To apply for a 4-H Camp Mentor position, visit our website at http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/

For more information on the 4-H Military Camp Mentor positions please email Mark Carroll at jmcarroll@ag.tamu.edu. Applications will be accepted until May 1st.

HORIZONS CAMP SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUMMER AT TEXAS 4-H CENTER

Mark Carrol, jmcarroll@ag.tamu.edu

Registration has begun for the Horizons Camp to be held June 29-July 3 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood for Texas youth who have completed grades 4-8 by the end of May 2014.

The Horizons Camp is a summer youth camp featuring six different 4-H project learning programs. Project areas include share the fun, taxidermy, sport fishing, fashion, photography and food challenge.

Horizons Camp will also include many of the fun activities youth have come to enjoy at the 4-H center, such as dancing, rock wall climbing, zip line, swimming and more. The 4-H Center offers more than just camping, we strive to provide opportunities for young people to understand themselves and others, promote teamwork and decision-making skills.

The cost for the camp covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health-care services, facility and programming fees for the 4-night, 5-day event. Register at http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu. For early registration on or before June 14, the cost is \$280.



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BIOFORCE SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULED AT TEXAS A&M

The National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing (NCTM) at Texas A&M University will be hosting its BioFORCE Summer Academy for interested high school students. BioFORCE is an experiential Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program of the NCTM that provides developmental activities with a focus on the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. BioFORCE Summer Academies offer high school students a unique opportunity to learn about cutting-edge research, medical discoveries, and biomanufacturing, to prepare for college programs in engineering and science, and ultimately, to pursue a career in the biotech or pharmaceutical industries. BioFORCE Summer Academy will accept students from statewide high schools who will have completed the 9th or 10th grade by June 7, 2014. This 4-day residential academy allows the students to get a feel for a college campus by staying in on-campus housing and enjoying university activities. Also, because we have received scholarship funding from the Texas Workforce Commission and Cognizant Technology Solutions Corporation, this camp will be FREE OF CHARGE to all participants.

See information in back of newsletter for more details.



4-H NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATES

DISTRICT 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACH TRAININGS

In addition to the four regional trainings offered by the State Office, 4-H districts are now hosting Shooting Sports Coach Trainings. These trainings feature the same training and certification as a state level training and all district hosted trainings are open state-wide. For more information about rules and requirements of coaches and information about coach training, please see the "Coach & Assistant Coach Training and Certification Information" document on the Shooting Sports website: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports

• District 8 Shooting Sports Coach Training—Waxahachie, May 17-18, 2014. Registration will be open on 4-H Connect starting April 1, 2014 and will close May 5, 2014. Cost is \$120. Participants MUST have completed and passed the Background Check PRIOR to registering for the event. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Registration will cover meals and course materials. Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun) is obtainable per participant per training. The training will begin at 8:00am on Saturday, May 17 and tentatively end at noon on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Detailed information will be sent to those that register.



TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL NATURAL RESOURCES EVENTS

- Check out the 4-H Natural Resources Program Calendar and share your county or club Natural Resources/Outdoor/ Shooting events. Access and instructions are available on the website.
- Website: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/natural
- Blog: http://tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com Sign up on the blog to receive program updates directly to your email and learn how to subscribe to text message updates!
- Facebook Page: facebook.com/tx4hnaturalresources
- Download the "4-H News and Events" App on your iPhone or Android device.
- General email address: tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu.

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All Updates: @tx4hnatrec WHEP: @txwhep Shooting Sports: @tx4hss Indoor Archery Match: @indoorarch

Go to the Blog: http://texas4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com, or the specific event information for new subscription codes. (Standard text messaging rates apply).

2014 INDOOR ARCHERY MATCH

Great job to all and congratulations to award recipients of this year's Indoor Archery Match in which participation grew by almost 20%! Results are available via the blog or website.



Derrick Bruton, d-bruton@tamu.edu

Ready for a challenge, an outdoor challenge? Join in the fun during the 2014 Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge competition. This year's competition will be held June 27-29 at the Collin County Adventure Camp in Anna, Texas. Registration is open on 4-H CONNECT from May 1st to May 31st. Cost is \$30 per person for contest and \$100 per person for meals, lodging, and facility expenses. For more information go to:texas4-h.tamu.edu/outdoor.

UPCOMING NATURAL RESOURCES EVENTS/TRAININGS

Mark your calendars! All of these events have registrations opening in 2014. No late registrations accepted.

EVENT	DATE	HOW TO SIGN UP	REGISTRATION DATES
Invitational Shooting Sports Events Hosted by various counties. See blog and calendar.			
Roundup Indoor Rifle Match Victoria, Texas	June 7-8, 2014	4-H CONNECT Qualifying Event	April 17, 2014 to May 15, 2014
Roundup Wildlife Challenge College Station, Texas	June 12, 2014	4-H CONNECT State Roundup Registration Event	April 24, 2014 to May 22, 2014
4-H Junior Olypmic Shotgun Camp College Station, Texas	June 11-14, 2014	4-H CONNECT	April 17, 2014 to May 15, 2014
State WHEP Contest College Station, Texas	June 14-15, 2014	4-H CONNECT	April 24, 2014 to May 22, 2014
Outdoor Challenge Collin County Adventure Camp, Anna, Texas	June 28-29, 2014	4-H CONNECT	May 1, 2014 to May 31, 2014



2014 Poultry Institute for Youth

Sponsored by U.S. Poultry and Egg Association



The 2014 Poultry Institute for Youth will be held Sunday, June 15 through Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Texas A&M University in College Station,

What is the Institute?

The Institute is a 3 day camp for students with an interest in the poultry industry. Students will attend mini lectures taught by Texas A&M University staff on topics such as anatomy, embryology, immunology, nutrition and processing. Students will also participate in field trips to a commercial layer facility and a local processing facility.



Who is Eligible?

Students who will be enrolled in the fall 2014 semester as a high school junior, senior, or college freshman are eligible to apply to attend the Poultry Institute for youth.





How do I Apply?

Students who are interested must complete an application that can be found at the following

http://posc.tamu.edu/files/2012/08/2014-Institute-Application.pdf

Students must submit their application by Friday, May 16, 2014. Applications may be submitted through mail, fax or email. Participants will be selected based on their application and resume. Notification will be mailed to the selected students by Friday, May 30, 2014.



How much does it Cost?

A registration fee of \$50 will be required for each participant that is selected to attend the Institute. This fee is to be paid upon acceptance to the program and will go toward a commemorative camp t-shirt and evening activities. Registration fees will be paid online once students receive their acceptance packets. Do not send money with the application. All other expenses (lodging and meals), except transportation to and from College Station, will be covered by the sponsor-ship of the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association.

For any questions about the Poultry Institute for Youth, please contact the Poultry Science department at 979-845-1931.



2014 TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP SILENT AUCTION! The Texas 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce they will host during the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup the "I Support the Clover" Silent Auction. There will again be the opportunity to earn money for your local 4-H program by submitting an

The auction will open May 1, 2014 for online bidding. Many items will be offered with BUY IT NOW pricing! Online bidding will close on Friday, June 6 at 11:45 pm. On Monday, June 9th at 9 am the LIVE Silent Auction will begin in conjunction with the Scholarship Assembly. The auction will close at 4 pm or Thursday, June 12th. Proxy bidding is also available for those who are unable to attend Roundup but would like to keep in on the bidding action of the LIVE

To be eligible to participate in the county challenge, counties need to submit a silent auction form with description and photo of the auction item by Monday, March 31st. The form can be downloaded at texas4hfoundation.org/silentauction/countychallenge/

With the LIVE auction opening on that Monday of Roundup, the sooner we have the physical item the better. If you are able to mail your donation, then please send to

Attn: Silent Auction 4180 State Highway 6 South College Station, TX 77845

The Foundation does not have to have the physical county challenge items in hand by the March 31st deadline, just the description form and photo(s). If unable to mail do to bulk of item, let Jana Barrett know and arrangements can be made for delivery during Re

The Top 10 items donated by county 4-H programs receiving the highest bid amounts, as compared to the other county donated items, will be awarded as follows ...of the items selling price

item(s) on behalf of your county.

- Second Place 75%
- Third through Six Place 50% Sixth through Tenth Place 25%

If you would like ideas of what has been submitted in the past visit www.32auctions.com/supporttheclover to see the



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jana Barrett at 979-845-1213 or jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu Proceeds from the auction will be used for state-wide 4-H program support efforts where needed.



4H Where Change Makes Cents fundraiser

JAN. 10 - JUNE 12 4H - WHERE CHANGE **MAKES CENTS**

Spare change drive

Empty your pockets and look between your couch cushions for any spare change to help raise money for the Texas 4-H Conference Center! We're raising money to install two Gaga Pits and a 9-hole disc golf course!

There are lots of ways to donate!

Online through Texas 4-H Foundation

At Texas 4-H Roundup June 2014

Or get a collection jar of your own from a Texas 4-H Council Member!

Help your district raise the most money and win prizes!

New Series Coming May 5th and 6th!

Are You 14-H STRONG/

Join Texas 4-H on May 5 and 6th for our second series of 4-H Strong Virtual Volunteer Workshops. Each workshop is designed to get you pumped up to make the best better for the youth of Texas. Workshops will be conducted via TTVN Web Meeting. A complete schedule of workshops and times are listed below.

Monday, May 5, 2014		Tuesday, May 6, 2014			
Time	Topic	Presenter	Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00 am	Teaching Public Speaking	Dr. Chris Boleman	11:00 am	Share-the-Fun	Laura Huebinger
11:00 am	Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP)	Larry Hysmith	11:00 am	Social Media	Amy Dromgoole Shawnte Clawson
12:00 pm	4-H Summer Camp Opportunities	Mark Carroll	12:00 pm	Leaders 4 Life	Garry Branham
12:00 pm	Robotics	Derrick Bruton	12:00 pm	How to Train 4-H Food Challenge Teams	Charlene Belew Dr. Courtney Dodd Dr. Sara Dodd
12:00 pm	Share-the-Fun	Laura Huebinger	12:00 pm	How to Judge 4-H Recordbooks	Dr. Montza Williams Dr. Kyle Merten
1:00 pm	College Readiness: A Guide for Families and Leaders	Luis Saldana	1:00 pm	4-H Roundup	Dr. Kyle Merten
1:00 pm	4-H'ersStart Your Engines	Kelli Lehman	1:00 pm	Livestock Judging Basics	Dr. Billy Zanolini
6:00 pm	Social Media	Amy Dromgoole Shawnte Clawson	6:00 pm	College Readiness: A Guide for Families and Leaders	Luis Saldana
6:00 pm	Leaders 4 Life	Garry Branham	6:00 pm	Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP)	Larry Hysmith
7:00 pm	4-H Roundup	Dr. Kyle Merten	7:00 pm	How to Judge 4-H Recordbooks	Dr. Montza Williams Dr. Kyle Merten
7:00 pm	Livestock Judging Basics	Dr. Billy Zanolini	7:00 pm	Robotics	Derrick Bruton
8:00 pm	How to Train 4-H Food Challenge Teams	Charlene Belew Dr. Courtney Dodd Dr. Sara Dodd	7:00 pm	4-H Summer Camps & Opportunities	Mark Carroll
			8:00 pm	Teaching Public Speaking	Dr. Chris Boleman
			8:00 pm	4-H'ersStart Your Engines	Kelli Lehman

For workshop descriptions, instructions on how to participate, and any updates, visit the Volunteer Conference website at:

texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference







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Horizons (Grades 4-8)	June 29, 2 pm to July 3, 10:30 am	\$280 / \$135
County Camp I	June 30, 2 pm - July 2, 11 am	\$180 / \$ 85
Mission Possible Mentor Training	July 6, 2 pm - July 7, 2 pm	\$ 85
Mission Possible	July 7, 2 pm - July 9, 3 pm	\$175 / \$ 85
County Camp II	July 7, 2 pm - July 9, 11 am	\$180 / \$ 85
County Camp III	July 9, 2 pm - July 12, 11 am	\$230 / \$110
Camp Corral	July 13, 2 pm - July 18, 11 am	designated for children of wounded, disabled, or fallen military families.
Prime Time I (Grades 5-8)	July 20, 2 pm - July 23, 10 am	\$230 / \$110
Prime Time II (Grades 2-5)	July 23, 2 pm - July 26, 10 am	\$230 / \$110

TO REGISTER:

Visit, texas4hcenter.tamu.edu. Click on "Camps" page and on REGISTER NOW button.

- All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in spring, 2014 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp
- Pre-order t-shirts
- Register for a camp and automatically send a note to your friends for them to register for the same camp!
- Pay a deposit by June 14 or full amountDiscount for registering by June 14

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a unique opportunity to learn about cutting-edge research, medical discoveries, and biomanufacturing, to prepare for

BioFORCE Summer Academies offer high school students

industries.

lab practices like cell transformation and protein production

the knowledge and skills needed to teach these and other and purification, allowing high school educators to gain

applications in their classrooms.

BioFORCE Teacher Workshops offer hands-on training in

series of week-long residential camps. Students who enroll in BioFORCE dates, and application deadlines. BioFORCE Summer Academies are a Visit nctm.tamu.edu/bioforce.html for eligibility requirements, session are eligible to participate in a 3-year program. BioFORCE Teacher Workshops are generally offered in the summer months and last



Application forms can be accessed at nctm.tamu.edu/bioforce.html. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Student applications also require a personal essay, teacher recommendation form, and most recent report card.



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- 1. Go to the App Store.
- 2. Search for "4-H News and Events"
- 3. For iPads be sure to select apps for iPhone devices when downloading.
- 4. Select the app "4-H News and Events"
- 5. Tap on "Install". Enter your Apple ID if requested
- 6. Once installed select Texas and your county

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