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let's go
let's grow
Making Texas 4-H Stronger... Together

LIVE

Join Us Monday, December 16th!

4-H Leadership LIVE gives youth, adult volunteers, parents, and County Extension Agents the opportunity to learn about leadership from those that lead in the organizations they serve. This is a virtual event, so in order to participate, simply go to the following link next Monday, December 16th at 7:00 pm: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/texas-4-h>.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from Dr. Doug Steele, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Director, and Ms. Sarah Hamm, former 4-Her and State 4-H Council Officer, about their leadership perspective and how they apply leadership. The evening will conclude with the opportunity to hear from current State 4-H Council members about the leadership lessons they have learned and are applying as a result of participating in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.

Close to College Station?
Join us in person!
You can join us for the live event in person. Everything is taking place at the AgriLife Center on the campus of Texas A&M University at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 16th.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

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Photo by Clare Trent, Williamson County 4-H member, 2013 Best of Show Winner

2014 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

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The deadline to register for the 2014 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest on 4-H Connect is January 1, 2014. Those interested in attending the event should already be registered with the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show (December 1st). The event is scheduled for January 19, 2014 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Cattle Arena and will be held concurrently with the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo 4-H & FFA Dairy Judging Contest.

TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP NEEDS YOUR INPUT!!!

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In 2013, Texas 4-H Roundup organizers hosted a series of educational workshops for both youth and adults. This educational workshop series was highly attended by participants. For 2014, organizers would like to offer this same opportunity at Texas 4-H Roundup. However, we need your help. Visit the Google Forms link below to provide us input on the educational workshops you would like to see in 2014. From this list Roundup organizers will work to incorporate as many as possible in the Roundup schedule. Thanks and we look forward to seeing your responses.

To participate in the survey, go to: <http://alturl.com/h4kq7>



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FIRST EVER WHITE HOUSE STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Chris Boleman, chris.boleman@ag.tamu.edu

The First-EVER White House Student Film Festival: Something big is happening today, and you don't have to be a kid to be excited about it:

We're launching our first-ever White House Student Film Festival -- and we're inviting K-12 students from around the country to create and submit one- to three-minute short web videos.

Finalists could have their videos screened at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, and posted on the White House website. It might just be cooler than having your homework up on the fridge.

The topic: Highlighting the importance of technology in the classroom -- and imagining how technology will change the educational experience for kids in the future.

the WHITE HOUSE STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

CALLING ALL STUDENT FILMMAKERS

Submit your film for the first-ever White House Student Film Festival at WH.GOV/FILMFESTIVAL

SUBMISSIONS DUE
January 29, 2014

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STUDENTS K-12

FILMS MUST BE
UNDER 3 MINUTES

RECIPE RALLY LET'S GET COOKIN'

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

Information on the 2014 Recipe Rally contest, held in conjunction with Texas 4-H Roundup, is now available at texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles. The contest is open to intermediate and senior 4-H members. To participate, youth (as a team or individual) create a video of them demonstrating the preparation of a recipe while highlighting nutrients, food safety practices, serving size and cost analysis. The theme for the 2014 contest is breakfast. All video entries are due by March 1, 2014, with the top 6 finalists in each age division advancing to participate at Texas 4-H Roundup.

TEXAS 4-H HERE'S YOUR SIGN CONTEST WINNER!

Dr. Toby Lepley, t-lepley@tamu.edu

Congratulations to the Wichita County ACT 4-H Drama Club for their winning submission in the social media "Where's Your Sign" contest. This contest featured photos submitted by 4-H clubs showing how they had used the "Join 4-H Today" signs. The ACT 4-H Club is truly demonstrating their acting during the Halloween season! Congratulations!!!!



Jean Hall

@4HDramaMama



Follow

ACT drama club recruiting the undead!
Zombie workshop on makeup and costumes
followed by the WF Zombie Crawl. #4hsign
pic.twitter.com/3fHSclo3SH

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TEXAS 4-H INTRODUCES INVITATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CONTEST

Dr. Toby Lepley, t-lepley@tamu.edu

Are you ready to demonstrate your skills in selecting the best 4-H photograph? Well get ready because at the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup intermediate and senior 4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in the Photography Judging Contest. Just a like consumer decision making, or livestock judging, participants will have six classes of photographs to evaluate and place into the correct order! In addition to the placing classes, 4-H members will have a couple of problems classes to evaluate and judge as well.

Are you nervous? Don't be! Go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photographyjudging> for the photography judging contest rules, powerpoints on how to judge, and other great resources on how to set-up and score a contest. Additionally, there are forty sets of practice classes that you can use to train yourself and your teams. The state-wide contest will be held on Tuesday (June 10, 2014) of Texas 4-H Roundup.

4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP RETREAT AT THE TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER

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4-H members ages 13-19 will have an opportunity to hone their 4-H project skills during several programs at the Teen Leadership Retreat to be held January 10-12 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood.

The Teen Leadership Retreat will have 4-H volunteers, 4-H specialists and college professors conducting hands-on educational workshops with 4-H members from throughout the state. The retreat will begin with registration at 7 p.m. January 10, followed by general orientation at 9 p.m., then an adult chaperone orientation at 9:30 p.m.

The retreat will include 5 different educational workshops on January 11th and the day's activities will conclude with an evening dance. The retreat will finish up the weekend's activities at 10 am on Sunday, January 12th.

Individual registration is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Each county sending 4-H youth to the retreat must also provide adult chaperones for the weekend.

Online registration begins November 1st at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.

BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST FOR 2014

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Entry for the 2014 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest is now available. This year's theme is "Beekeeping in Colonial Times." For a complete list of rules and guidelines please visit the following website http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_entomology/beekeeping. All entries should be submitted electronically to Kyle Merten (kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu) no later than January 10, 2014.

2014 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

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The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce that applications will be accepted on 4-H Connect for the 2014 National 4-H Conference starting Wednesday, November 6, 2013 and closing December 15, 2013. The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program.

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters--located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) --is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. At the same time, ensuring that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants.

The event will be hosted April 5-10, 2014 in Washington DC at the National 4-H Center. Cost to attend this event is \$2,000. This includes airfare, transportation, registration costs, food, and housing. For more information please see the attached document or visit the following site. http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_national_conference

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES INVITATIONAL

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Contest information and resources for the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational are now available at texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles. The invitational contest will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at Texas 4-H Roundup. Class topics, a resource list, contest details, and scoring information are all available in the contest packet posted online. Example classes from the 2013 contest are also posted online as a point of reference for youth, volunteers, and agents.

RE-FASHION RETREAT AT THE TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER

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Join us for the first Re-Fashion Retreat at the Texas 4-H Conference Center December 13-15. The retreat features educational sessions conducted by the Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles youth advisory board members, fashion industry leaders and extension staff.

They will be conducting hands-on educational workshops. This new program will focus on increasing your knowledge and skills in the "Trashion Show" and a re-fashioning project. Don't miss out on a weekend full of fun and exciting activities.

The retreat is designated for 4-H members ages 8 & up. Individual registration is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Each county sending 4-H youth to the retreat must also provide adult chaperones for the weekend. Online registration begins October 7th at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.



Photo by Emma Coffman, Bell County 4-H member

SEAWORLD FAMILY SLEEP OVER

Brigid Mejia, blmejia@ag.tamu.edu

The military families made a splash at SeaWorld, San Antonio for the “the Month of the Military Families.” Families from all over Texas came to SeaWorld, San Antonio for a slumber party with the sharks. 22 families joined Operation: Military Kids and National Guard Child and Youth Program for an exciting overnight camp experience. Families were welcomed by SeaWorld staff where they were split up into four groups: Orcas, Otters, Sting Rays, and Beluga Whales. Each group was given an in depth behind the scenes tour of the park, where families had the chance to interact with some of the world’s most interesting animals.

Halfway through their adventure, families were led to a dining hall where they enjoyed a pizza party. After all their tummies were satisfied, it was back out to explore the park.

It was a pleasant sight to see the holidays come to life as SeaWorld turned into a Winter Wonderland. As the families made their way through the Candy Cane Forest, families continued their behind the scenes tour of the park. Families interacted with the Beluga Whales, made their penguin ID’s, visited the Lemurs, experienced the sharks up close, barked at the sea lions, and learned about some of the world’s endangered species.

After walking countless miles through the park the families were lead to their sleeping quarters for the night, the shark and sting ray exhibit. As the families began to settle for the night, it was impossible to not be excited by the positive energy in the room. Kids were visiting with their new friends and parents were enjoying the company of one another. After sleeping with one eye open all night, nothing says “good morning” like a continental breakfast waiting for you in the dining hall. Families enjoyed those last few moments in each other’s company, some even exchanging numbers for future get-togethers.

Oh, but the fun didn’t stop there, after taking a group photo, all were led over to the dolphin habitat where families got to feed the dolphins breakfast and pet their new friends. After the dolphins realized breakfast was done, it turned into a “splash zone.”

We would like to thank the families that came to the SeaWorld Sleepover and making it such a special event for everyone. Thank you to SeaWorld and the amazing staff that made it a great experience for everyone and the National Guard Child and Youth Program for purchasing tickets for the youth.

“Having an all family member bonding experience is rare. Events like this are a nice way to reward the kids for their sacrifices.”
Gomez Family

TELL ME A STORY

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On November 16th, National Guard youth in El Paso spent the morning bonding through a story and related activities with the MCEC sponsored Tell Me A Story initiative. LTC James Pleasant, Deputy Fire Support Coordinator and Deputy Program Manager for Lockheed Martin at the Ft. Bliss Mission Training Complex, was the special guest reader for this event.

LTC Pleasant, read the book Night Catch by Brenda Ehrmantraut. The book is geared towards military youth ages 4-12 and “reminds us that even when we are separated by many miles, the things we do as families become our family story and keep us connected.”

Twelve youth from National Guard families were present for the event. Another special guest was Prinz Charming. Charm is a therapy dog and Tail Waggin’ Tutor with Therapy Dogs International and he spent the morning working his magic with the youth.

Youth enjoyed snacks, story time and an activity that related to the story. Representatives from Parent to Parent were on hand to discuss the book with the youth and help them gain more perspective from the story they heard. Each youth left with a copy of the book signed by LTC Pleasant, a book mark and a fun craft activity that was made.

ROBOTICS TRAININGS

Annie May, annie.may@ag.tamu.edu

Texas 4-H Military Tech Wizards hosted three mentor trainings across the state during the month of November. Those trainings took place at JBSA Lackland, Fort Hood and Fort Bend County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. A total of 40 mentors were trained on Texas 4-H Military Tech Wizards and 4-H Robotics. Those trained included: Lackland Youth Services staff, Operation: Military Kids, American Legion Auxiliary, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Fort Bend County, Fort Bend County 4-H volunteers, Army and Army Reserve Child, Youth and School Services, MFLAC and National Guard State Family Programs. The purpose of the trainings were for the mentors to become familiar with the 4-H Robotics Curriculum and start a 4-H Tech Wizards club at their respective sites. Through these trainings the mentors were able to become familiar with their Lego NXT kits and learn the basics of programming and building robots with their youth. They also were able to realize that robotics can be used as a way for their youth to explore the engineering, design and programming processes without restrictions. One main point of the training was for the mentors to realize they don’t have to know all the answers; it is an activity they can participate in with their youth and explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) together in a new way.





2014 Summer Camp

AT THE TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER

CAMP	ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE	REGISTRATION FEE (Youth / Adult)
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
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



Texas 4-H Night at the Dallas Mavericks



VS.

**Saturday, April 12th
vs. Phoenix Suns
7:30 p.m.**

Please Join Us for Texas 4-H Night at the American Airlines Center, as the Dallas Mavericks take on the Phoenix Suns!

- Discounted Game Tickets
- All 4-H Members Have Opportunity to Take Post-Game Shot on Basket
- \$3 From Each Ticket Sold Will Be Donated Back to Your County!

<u>Seating Options</u>	
<u>Section</u>	<u>Cost Per Ticket</u>
Lower Level (Corner)	\$79
Upper Level (Lower Center)	\$43
Upper Level (Upper Center)	\$26
Upper Level (Behind Basket)	\$22

Orders are filled on a first-come, first serve basis.

Deadline: Friday, March 7th 2014

Reserve Your Tickets Today By Contacting

**Deanna Rothberg
(214) 658-7120
Deanna.Rothberg@dallasmavs.com**



4-H DAY AT TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY JANUARY 20, 2014

LOCATION:

TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY FACILITY

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

12:30 P.M. - GROUPS CHECK IN
1:00-5:00 P.M. - BREAK OUT INTO STATIONS, ROTATE EVERY 30 MINUTES
5:00 P.M. - HEAD FOR HOME

STATION TOPICS:

- COMMENTATORS - BRAD GILLIE
- CAR EDUCATION - TIRES, ENGINE, BODY, COMPARISON OF INDYCAR TO NASCAR TO REGULAR CAR
- CLOTHING - FIRE SUITS
- NUTRITION - DIET AND EXERCISE
- PACE CAR RIDES

COST:

- \$40 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
- PRICE INCLUDES TICKET TO THE TEXAS 500 NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES RACE ON APRIL 6, 2014
- ADDITIONAL TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$49 ADULTS AND \$25 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER
- PARKING IS FREE!



For more information: Ryan Molnar 817.255.6145 or rmolnar@texasmotorspeedway.com

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