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MEMO TO: Agricultural Science Teachers/County Extension Agents – AG/NR and 4-H Coordinators

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FROM: Barron S. Rector, Asso. Professor and Extension Range Specialist and YRW Co-coordinator
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SUBJECT: **2013 Youth Range Workshop, June 23 - June 28**

Enclosed is an announcement and application form for the 2013 Youth Range Workshop. The 59th consecutive annual workshop will be held on June 23 - June 28, 2013. Purpose of the Workshop is to recognize outstanding youth, develop leadership skills, and provide advanced training to 4-H and FFA youth interested in practical range ecology, ranch and natural resource management. A goal of the Workshop is that youth participants will return to their local communities and can serve as leaders to educate youth and other audiences about the value and management of the rangeland resource. The workshop will be conducted at the Texas Tech University – Junction, located in Junction, Texas. A total of 40 youth will be accepted to the 2013 Workshop.

For developing teen and junior leaders in range management, the Youth Range Workshop has served for the past 58 consecutive years as an excellent opportunity for Texas youth to receive training in range management, stewardship of natural resources and leadership. The Youth Range Workshop was first held at Junction in 1955. The 2013 Youth Range Workshop will provide 40 4-H and FFA youth from across the state with an intensive 6 days of hands-on training and learning by up to seventeen volunteer range professionals in the state.

Many of you know how critical it is to get range and natural resource training and knowledge available to Texas youth. The workshop curriculum is structured to provide knowledge and understanding in the following areas; land stewardship, range ecology, plant growth, plant-soil-water relations, primary and secondary plant succession, watershed management, livestock and wildlife needs, tools of range and natural resource management, prescribed burning, the impact of management decisions on the range resource, and the landowner. Hands-on activities provide curriculum reinforcement, visual examples and opportunities to learn skills in plant identification, plant collecting, plant species composition, total resource planning, stocking rate determinations, estimating forage standing crops, and estimating brush densities and ecological trend. Special sessions on water and range health provide the participants with skills for teaching youth and adults in their home communities. A media program is conducted which encourages youth participants to use and train others on what they have learned. Extending the knowledge learned or gained to others is one of the highest goals of this program.

Participants are exposed to actual land management practices and decisions through field trips to Menard and Mason County ranches and the Kerr Wildlife Management Area. The field trips bring out facts on decision-making, goals of land ownership and the responses of vegetation to practices conducted for livestock, wildlife and range

2013 YOUTH RANGE WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

PURPOSE: To recognize outstanding youth, develop leadership, rub shoulders with professionals and provide a stimulating but in-depth educational experience and training for youth interested in practical range, ranch, and natural resource management.

Date & Location: June 23 - June 28, 2013, Texas Tech University Campus – Junction, Texas

SELECTION OF: Applications will be accepted until 40 participants are selected. **Youth 14-17 years of age and who have completed the 8th grade** are usually best able to benefit most from the workshop. It is helpful to County programs if participants have a year of high school left following the Workshop as youth who participated can serve as leaders for training other youth.

No alternate delegate is needed. If you find that after acceptance and notification, your youth participant is unable to attend please notify us by phone or in writing and we will contact the next randomly selected application.

Records of work projects or interest in range or natural resource management should be used to select an applicant.

All nominations should be registered and active 4-H or FFA members and willing to fully participate in all activities of the Workshop.

Nominees may be of any race, color, religion or national origin.

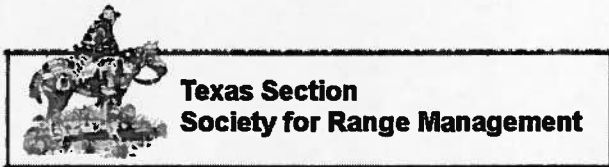
ENROLLMENT: Until 40 applications have been accepted. Application must be submitted and signed by the County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Youth selected and their leaders will be notified as soon as possible following their selection. Nominee and sponsors will be notified by mail.

COST: Expenses for meals, lodging and supplies for the week-long Workshop will be \$300 per participant. This does not include transportation to or from Junction, Texas. This fee must be raised locally (e.g. bank, Chamber of Commerce, service club, soil and water conservation district, etc., having funds for such educational purposes). Checks for \$300 must be submitted after notification of acceptance, payable to TSSRM Youth Activities. Do not send a check until you receive notice of applicant's acceptance. Refunds will be possible minus administrative fees after camp is completed.

A brochure about the Youth Range Workshop is available on the web. The web site for the announcement, brochure and application can also be found at www.rangelands.org/texas/youtheducation.htm

SEND APPLICATION TO: Youth Range Workshop - Co-coordinators, Hoyt Seidensticker and Dr. Barron S. Rector, 1822 FM 473, Boerne, Texas 78006
phone no. (210) 414-6603, fax (830) 336-4697

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* **Date Recd.:** _____ *

APPLICATION FOR 2013 YOUTH RANGE WORKSHOP

DUE BY: Until 40 applicants have been received
On the basis of records, interest, and outstanding range work.

Full Name _____ Preferred Name _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

has been nominated to attend the 2013 Youth Range Workshop representing

_____ **4-H Club/FFA Chapter in** _____ **County**
Please circle one of the above

APPLICANT'S T-SHIRT SIZE (circle one adult size): S M L XL XXL

It is understood that if this application is accepted and following notification, a check for **\$300** must be submitted by **May 31, 2013** to cover the applicant's meals and lodging expenses. Transportation cost to the Workshop site and return home will be borne by the local sponsoring group, nominator or participant.

Please supply us with the name and address of the Applicant's Local Sponsor/Organization.

Sponsor (Group/Organization)

c/o Name of Responsible Person

Address

City

Zip

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Office Home

County Extension Agent/Ag Science Teacher
(Please print or type)

County Extension Agent/Ag Science Teacher
(Signature)

Address

City

Zip

County

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

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