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### **CALLING ON ALL 4-H FAMILIES**

The Texas 4-H Center is looking for 'some good Volunteers'. The list of spring chores is longer than we can manage and we need help!

*To accomplish our list we are recruiting* 4*-H* members and families to join us for the

## 4-H Center One Day **Service Project** Saturday, March 29th @ 8 am

Kick off dance 8 pm Friday! It's the 4-H Center so we must dance! Spring Chore List Includes:

- Assemble 88 new beds in dormitories
- Assemble new dorm furniture
- Remove trees/limbs
- Install new boards on ROPES Climbing Tower
- Trail Work



Come join us for some great fun, fellowship and a little work to make your Texas 4-H Center the center of fun for the summer! If you have any questions or need additional information contact Dr. Darlene Locke at dlocke@ag.tamu.edu

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### 2014 TEXAS 4-H CALF ROPING AND BREAK AWAY SCHOOL

Scott Anderson, sa-anderson@tamu.edu The 2014 Texas 4-H Roping School has been announced for June 15th to the 19th at the Tarleton State University Equine Arena. The cost of the school will be \$380.00 for the



week. Registration fee includes event insurance, meals, lodging, stall rental for one horse, and cost for practice calves. For more information and to request a complete registration packet, email Scott Anderson, Brown County Extension Agent at sa-anderson@ tamu.edu.

### TEXAS 4-H VETERINARY SCIENCE SKILL-A-THON

### Laura Huebinger, lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu

*Dr. Floron "Buddy" Faries, FFaries@cvm.tamu.edu* Are YOU in the 4-H Veterinary Science project and like a little friendly competition?!? Then the Texas 4-H Invitational Veterinary Science Skillathon is for YOU!! Apply to participate today! Postmark your completed application by Friday, March 28, 2014. The contest will be held during Texas 4-H Roundup on Thursday, June 12, 2014 in College Station.

This is an exciting, hands-on contest for youth in the Vet Science project to showcase their skills in a little friendly competition! It is an Invitational contest for Intermediate and Senior age 4-H members who meet the minimum requirements (see application). It is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-H member can gain through his or her involvement in a Veterinary Science project. There are four components to the contest.

- Written Exam to test subject matter knowledge
- Skills Exam to test hands-on or experiential learning (and it's FUN, too!)
- Quiz Round think on your feet to gain (or lose) points
- Communication share your knowledge with others and practice your public speaking skills

Applications and complete guidelines are attached and can be found on the Texas 4-H Roundup webpage in the Resources-Contest section: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup



### TIME TO BREAK OUT YOUR CHEF HAT!

### *The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge is back.*

First Lady Michelle Obama is again teaming up with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Epicurious to host a nationwide recipe challenge to promote cooking and healthy eating among America's youth. We're inviting parents or guardians and their children, ages 8-12, to submit an original lunch recipe that is healthy, affordable, and tasty, with the opportunity to be invited to attend a Kids' "State Dinner" here at the White House where a selection of the winning healthy recipes will be served.

Go to: http://www.recipechallenge.epicurious.com/ for more information about the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and to submit your recipe.

### SHARE THE FUN NEW ACTING CATEGORY!

Laura Huebinger, Ihuebinger@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!



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### Texas 4-H Standard

### NATIONAL 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE

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

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is pleased to announce plans to host the National 4-H Food Challenge Contest in 2014! The contest will be held in conjunction with the State Fair of Texas on October 7th and 8th, 2014 in Dallas. Educational activities are being planned for Tuesday, October 7th, with the food challenge contest set to take place on Wednesday, October 8th. States are allowed to enter up to four teams in the competition. For Texas, the top 4 teams that advance to the Final Challenge at State 4-H Roundup this year will qualify to compete in the national contest. More information is also available at www. nationalfoodchallenge.org.

### 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.

### **NEW 2014 NATIONAL 4-H CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Youth involved in contests at Texas 4-H Roundup now have a great opportunity to participate in recognized national 4-H contests. Starting in 2014, eight new contests have established "Recognized National Contests" levels associated with them. The following, lists each of the new national contest offered. For a complete list please visit the following website <a href="http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup">http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup</a>

Texas 4-H Contest	Team/ Individual	State Placing	National Contest Opportunity	Contest Venue
Fashion Show*	Individuals	4 1st place individuals	Fashion Revue	Western National Roundup
Nutrition Quiz Bowl	Team of 4	$1^{st}$	FCS Bowl	Western National Roundup
FCS Open Educational Presentations	Ind/Team of 2	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FCS Presentations	Western National Roundup
Healthy Lifestyles Invitational	Sr. Team of 3-4	$1^{st}$	FCS Skillathon	Western National Roundup
Food Challenge	Team of 3-5	1 <sup>st</sup> in each of 4 categories	National Food Challenge	State Fair of Texas
Public Speaking	Individual	$1^{st}$	Prepared Public Speaking	Western National Roundup
Beef Quiz Bowl	Team 3 or 4	$1^{st}$	Livestock Quiz Bowl	Western National roundup
Range Evaluation	Team of 3 or 4	1 <sup>st</sup>	National Land & Range Judging Contest	National Land & Range Judging Contest

\*Please contact the fashion show superintendent, Angela McCorkle, to inquire about the process for selection of youth to advance to the national fashion revue.

Please note: Individuals who participate in Texas 4-H Roundup and then go on to compete in the recognized national contest (named above) are ineligible to compete at both State 4-H Roundup and any National 4-H Contest associated with that specific contest. For example, the nutrition quiz bowl team that placed 1<sup>st</sup> at Texas 4-H Roundup and went on to represent Texas at the Western National Roundup, would not be allowed to compete again in the state contest.

### National Contest Dates and Locations:

Western National Roundup: January 8-11, 2015 in Denver, Colorado – <u>www.westernnationalroundup.org</u> National 4-H Food Challenge: October 7-8, 2014 in Dallas, TX – <u>www.nationalfoodchallenge.org</u> National Land & Range Judging Contest: April/May in Oklahoma City, OK – <u>www.landjudging.com</u>



### March 2014 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.

### **TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST ENTRIES OPEN APRIL 1ST**

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

From April 1st to April 15th senior aged 4-H members who are eligible to participate in the 2014 Texas 4-H Photography Contest need to enter their photographs through the 4-H CONNECT system. Entries will close at midnight on April 15th (No Exceptions!) When you enter on 4-H CONNECT, you will also be required to upload your photo at the same time. All photos must be in a jpg, png, or tif format with a maximum file size of 2MB. If you have a question if you are eligible to enter or not, please contact your County Extension Office.



### CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL OF EXTENSION IN AMERICA

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

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the American Extension Service with this 4-H Poster. Twenty-four posters from state and national 4-H celebrating National 4-H Week make up this historical timeline of 4-H in America.

Each poster was originally sponsored by the Coats and Clark Company which range from the mid-1940's to late 1970's and reflect a changing 4-H program in America.

The posters are only \$5.00 each and can be purchased from the Texas A&M AgriLife Bookstore (Item # 4-H-003) at www.agrilifebookstore.org. The posters are limited, so order today before this bit of history is gone.



### 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 10 Shooting Sports Coach Training—Kerrville, April 26-27, 2014 (More details TBA)
- 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



### Derrick Bruton, d-bruton@tamu.edu

### 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.

*NEW!!* Subscribe to text message updates about your favorite Texas 4-H Natural Resources projects and events! Simply text any or all of the following subscription codes to: 469-804-3344. Save this number so you'll know the text is from us!

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).

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	<b>REGISTRATION DATES</b>
Shooting Sports Extravaganza Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood	April 26, 2014	4-H CONNECT	March 6, 2014 to April 3, 2014
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





# WEAR PURPLE ON APRIL 15TH, 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 COMPANIES TO HAVE THEIR EMPLOYEES WEAR PURPLE. ASK STORES AND RESTAURANTS TO PUT THIS FLIER IN THEIR WINDOWS. INVOLVE SCHOOLS, SPORTS TEAMS, CLUBS, AND AFTER-SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS. ASK LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO WEAR PURPLE ON APRIL 15.



PLEASE SUBMIT IMAGES OF YOU OR YOUR GROUP WEARING PURPLE TO: TEXAS 4-H MILITARY PROGRAMS 720 EAST BLACKLAND ROAD, TEMPLE, TX 76502 DAVID D. WRIGHT - EMAIL: DWRIGHT@AG.TAMU.EDU PH: 512-864-4060





### JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE TEXAS 4-H PROGRAM THROUGH THE 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 item(s) on behalf of your county.

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 on 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 event.

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:

Texas 4-H Foundation 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 Roundup.

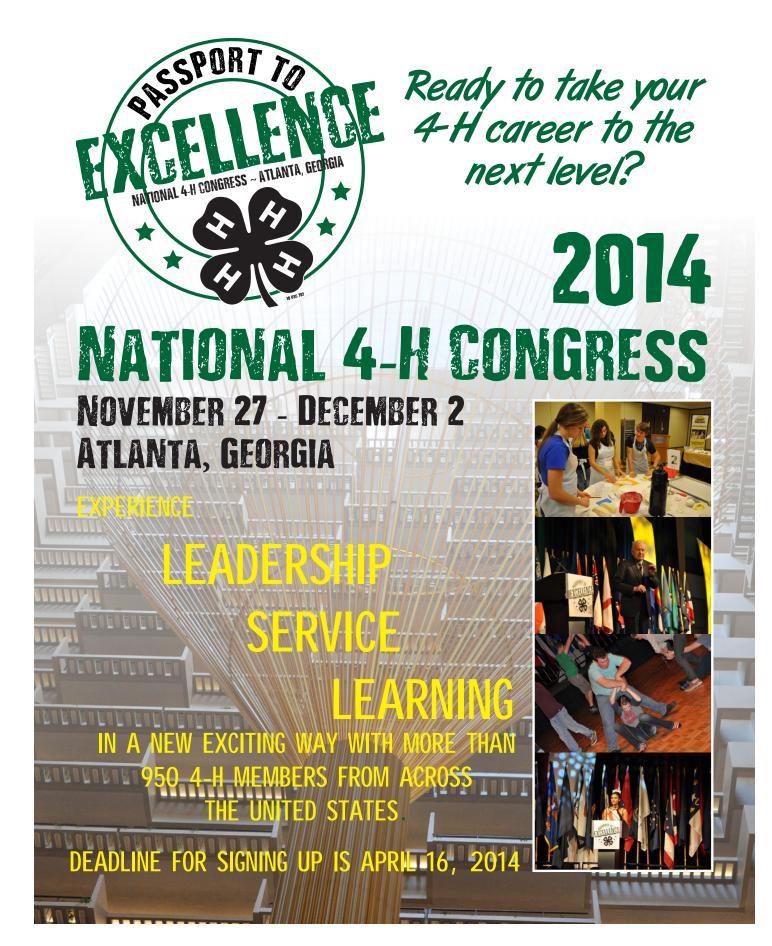
The Top 10 items donated by county 4-H programs receiving the highest bid amounts, as compared to the other county donated items, will be awarded as follows:

...of the items selling price First Place 100% 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 2013 items.



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.



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# 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 texas4hfoundation.org/centersupp

> 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!

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# Texas 4-H Night at the Dallas Mavericks





Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 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

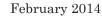
- All 4-H Members Have Opportunity to Take Post-Game Shot on Basket
- \$3 From Each Ticket Sold Will Be Donated Back to Your County!

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

Orders are filled on a first-come, first serve basis. Deadline: Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

Reserve Your Tickets Today By Contacting Deanna Rothberg (214) 658-7120 Deanna.Rothberg@dallasmavs.com

# 2014 Poultry Institute for Youth Sponsored by U.S. Poultry and Egg Association





### When?

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, Texas.

### 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 link:

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 sponsorship 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.



# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Vet School Open House

### March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 9am – 4pm

Children and Adults of all ages are invited to come and enjoy:



Pictures with Reveille Teddy Bear Surgery Large & Small Animal Hospital Tours Breed Rescue Groups Petting Zoo and Exotic ZEW Room Search and Rescue Dogs Live Spays and Neuters The Fistulated Cow And So Much More!



For more information on this year's events and activities, please visit vetmed.tamu.edu/open-house



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# 4-H Night with the Houston Rockets!

4-H is invited to watch James Harden and Dwight Howard of the Houston Rockets take on the New Orleans Pelicans. \$5 of every ticket sold through 4-H will go back to 4-H!

> Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 7PM @ Toyota Center





Order Your Tickets: www.rockets.com/promocode Promo Code: 4H <u>For Questions Contact:</u> Joelle Hardin @ 713-758-7459 joelleh@rocketball.com

\*All tickets subject to availability and price changes.\* Group Prices only available through the Houston Rockets Group Sales office. \*Tickets ordered less than 10 business days before game will be held in Will Call.





# There's an App for that? Stay connected by downloading the 4-H News and Events App today!

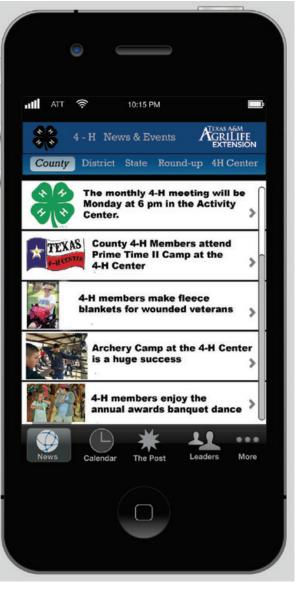
Texas 4-H has an app to help you keep up to date on 4-H events in your county, district and across Texas. Best of all it's FREE!

### For iPhones/iPads:

- 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

### For Androids:

- 1. Go to Play Store.
- 2. Search for "4-H News and Events"
- 3. Select the app "4-H News and Events"
- 4. Tap on "Install"
- 5. Once installed select Texas and your county



### **4-H Center One Day Service Project**

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name	
Phone number	
Email	

### YES! Count us in - will attend the workday! Please complete information below.

Name	Adult or Youth	Male or Female	Dorm Lodging* (yes or no)

- Please keep in mind, all youth under the age of 18 must be chaperoned by an Adult (of the same gender) that is either an AgriLife Extension employee or a Volunteer registered in 4-H Connect.
- Basic linens (sheets, blanket, pillow and towels) will be provided for those staying in the Dormitories on Friday night.

### There are no charges to participate,

but if you register and decide not to come, please let us know.

### Please call if you have any questions, call 325.784.5482.

<u>Complete the form and mail/e-mail/fax to:</u>

Texas 4-H Conference Center, 5600 FM 3021, Brownwood, TX 76801-0006 Fax: 325-784-6486 ~ Email: dlocke@ag.tamu.edu