4-H NEWS

Texas 4-H Connect – To enroll in a Llano County 4-H Club, you must register online using the 4-H Connect Management System.

Go to: https://texas.4honline.com

COUNTY 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Club Meetings. Listed here are regular meeting dates, times, and places. If your 4-H club needs to change its regular meeting, the club managers and officers are asked to notify members so that they will have the correct information.

4-H Horse Club: Contact Tana Schilling or Sandy Osbourn for more information.

Kingsland 4-H Club: 1st Monday of every month @ First Baptist Church in Kingsland at 6pm.

Shooting Sports Club (Shot Gun): Meets at the Clay Busters Shooting Range, Hwy 16 N. Contact Tricia Lively for exact dates & times.

Straight Shooters (Rifle): Meets at the Clay Busters Shooting Range, Hwy 16 N. Contact Kody Wagner for exact dates & times.

Town and Country: 3rd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room.

Valley Spring: 2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00 p.m., Valley Spring Community Center. Will start back up in March.

County 4-H Council and Adult Leader Association Meetings. The next meeting has not been scheduled yet, it will be in April after all Major Livestock Shows are over.

One Day 4-H allows 4-H members, parents, and volunteers help their communities through service projects. This event is flexible and can be as straight forward or intricate as you like. Llano County 4-H Council leads this event. This year's event is scheduled for October 12, 2019.

Leadership Opportunity—Dauber Critter Corner: Jr High and High School 4-H members have the opportunity to speak to 3rd Graders about 4-H Animal Projects. The event is set for April 2, 2019. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 325.247.5159.

DISTRICT 7 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Dates to remember.

Consumer Decision Making – February 15, 2019 in San Angelo, Texas District Horse Judging – February 26, 2019 in Coleman, Texas Leaders 4 Life – March 25, 2019 in San Angelo, Texas District Photography Contest – April 2, 2019 at District Office Duds to Dazzle – April 2, 2019 in Coleman, Texas Horse/Beef Quiz Bowl/Swine – April 16, 2019 Meats Judging – April 17, 2019 in San Angelo, Texas Range Evaluation & Plant ID – April 13, 2019 in Eldorado, Texas District Rifle Contest – April 27, 2019 in McCulloh County 4-H Roundup/Sr. Fashion Show – May 10, 2019 in San Angelo, Texas Livestock Skill-a-thon – May 24, 2019 in San Angelo, Texas District Horse Show – June 17-18, 2019 in San Angelo, Texas District Leadership Lab – June 26-28, 2019 TBA District Jr/Int. Fashion Show – July 16, 2019 in Burnet County District Recordbook Judging – July 9, 2019 in San Angelo, Texas

DISTRICT 7 4-H OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

District 4-H Leadership Lab. Youth ages 13 and older may want to mark their calendars for District 4-H Leadership Lab, June 26-28, at the Texas 4-H Center. The cost will be \$110 per participant. Llano County Adult Leader Association has budgeted to pay half the cost for each participant. District 4-H Council officer elections will be held at this event. Please contact the County Extension Office for additional information.

STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Day at The State Capitol is a day designed for 4-H members to learn more about our state legislative process, see our legislators in session, and to visit with their respective elected officials. This event happens every other year on the odd numbered years. A save the date for March 14, 2019 has been set. Registration will be opening soon. Check out: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/4hday/ for more information.

National 4-H Conference is a yearly opportunity for 4-H members from all over the nation to gather together and discuss societal topics. Participants are selected by their state 4-H Program and attend as a delegation. This year's event is April 6-11, 2019 and will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. Ages requirements are 15-18 years old. The cost is \$2,000.00. You can apply on line and gather more information at: https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/

State 4-H Roundup is a qualifying and invitational event for 4-H youth who placed in a district level roundup or signed up to compete in one of the invitational events. The Texas 4-H Round up has around 50 diverse competitions that tie in with the many projects that 4-H has to offer. This year's 4-H Roundup is June 10-13, 2019 at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. For more information, contact the Extension office or check the website at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/

State Dog Show is held each year in July, and offers classes in agility, rally, obedience, costume, tricks, drill, showmanship and conformation. This event is July 12-14, 2019 and is held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall in Conroe, Texas. For more information: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/dogshow/

Texas Brigades Youth Leadership Summer Camps are now Accepting Applications. Seven Leadership camps focus on natural resources and wildlife conservation and are open to youth 13-17 years of age. The all-inclusive tuition for each camp is \$500 per participant and the application deadline is March 15th. The 2019 Summer Camp Dates and locations are:

- June 7-11, Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Centennial Lodge, Coleman.
- June 16-20, South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Welder Wildlife Refuge, Sinton.
- June 22-26, South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Buck Horn Creek Ranch, McCoy.
- July 7-11, North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- July 16-20, Coastal Brigade, Sea Star Base, Galveston.
- July 17-21, Bass Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- July 22-26, Ranch Brigade, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.

For more information and to apply: https://www.texasbrigades.org/applications/

Other State 4-H Events: Shooting Sports State Games, State 4-H Horse Show

IMPORTANT DATES FEBRUARY 2019

Check-It-Out

Llano County AgriLife Extension Website: https://llano.agrilife.org/

Feb 4— Kingsland 4-H Club Meeting @ 6:00pm @ FBC in Kingsland

Feb 13—High School Scholarship Applications are due to Teri Smarr at the High School

Feb 15—Consumer Decision Making Contest in San Angelo

March 11-15, 2019—Spring Break

January/February 4-H Club Meetings Suggestions:

Club Managers Checklist:

- *4-H Record Book Preparation
- *Entry Deadlines for District & State contest
- *Community service Projects
- *Recognize participants/winners in recent County & District events & Stock shows

Recreation:

*Balloon Bounce—Need: Round Balloons & Music: Divide the larger group into smaller groups of 4 or 5. Give each person in the smaller group a different color balloon and ask them to blow it up but where it won't burst. Object is to bounce the balloons in the air as long as the music plays without letting any of them touch the ground. Participants may only tap their balloon once before another member taps it. (They cannot touch their balloon twice in a row).

Community Service:

*Wear Red on Valentine's Day in recognition of family, friends, and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease.

Program Idea:

*The 4-H Photography project usually takes place in the Spring with State photography entries due in April. Utilize this meeting ot create awareness about the photography project as well as celebrate American History month by collecting historical photos and information on your 4-H Club, Program ideas include:

*Have a local photographer do a program for the group!

*Have 4-H Members bring photos they have recently taken and have a "mock judging" after the photographer's presentation. The photographer can give each member tips and ideas for taking better photos.

*Create a club time capsule or historical scrapbook with club memorabilia and photos.

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