



# Austin County 4-H Family Newsletter

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## 4-H Headlines



### *We Need You!*

4-Hers interested in applying for 2014-2015 County Council officer positions will need to submit a completed application to the Extension Office by April 30th. The form can be found on our county website (<http://austin.agrilife.org>). Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

### *Record Books*

Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a recordbook. Members who complete a Record Book are also eligible to advance to District and State Record Book contests and apply for annual 4-H awards.

Record Books are printed and placed in binders for submission and judging. There are training videos available online at [www.4hreports.com](http://www.4hreports.com)



website. If you would like to participate in an area training in a surrounding county, please notify our office. If available, we will be sure to inform you. Record Books are due to the Extension Office **by 5pm on Friday, June 20.**

- Websites:**
- Texas 4-H: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>
  - District II 4-H: <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>
  - Austin County: <http://austin.agrilife.org>



### *Star Awards*

Star Awards are county level awards that distinguish 4-H members within the county program as exceptional leaders and members. Information on the specific age categories, star award levels, and applications can be found on the county website (<http://austin.agrilife.org>). You must complete a recordbook to be considered.

- Star Award Applications are due in the extension office on the same day as recordbooks, June 20th.
- Star Award Interviews will be held on July 9th at the Extension Office beginning at 9:00 AM. Please note that if you cannot be in attendance for the interviews, you are responsible for making arrangements prior to the 9th to hold a video interview.



## *Leadership Lab*

Leadership Lab is a three day/two night leadership training for 4-H youth. It is designed to equip participants with programs that can be replicated in the county and to allow the District 11 4-H council to hold an annual meeting to conduct needed business for the year and to elect officers. District 11 Leadership Lab will be held on June 23-25, 2014 at Alto Frio Baptist Camp in Leakey, Texas.

4-H Connect Entry/Registration Deadline:  
May 30, 2014

Registration Fee:  
Youth – \$165.00  
Adults – \$135.00

The Austin County PLA and the Austin County 4-H Council split this cost with you, therefore your portion will be \$55 for members and \$45 for adults. Please visit the district 11 website for more specifics on the camp.

<http://d114-h.tamu.edu>

## *State Steer Validation*

### *& State Fair of Texas*

### *Swine and Lamb/Goat Validation Tags!*

If you are planning on exhibiting at the State Fair of Texas in the market division with a steer, swine, lamb or goat, or if you are planning on exhibiting a steer in any other major livestock show, you will need to have that animal validated. Validation tags must be ordered from the Extension Office by April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Tags are \$10.00 and must be paid for at the time the order is made. Validation for the major shows will take place on Wednesday, June 25, 2014.

## *District 4-H Round Up*

District 4-H Roundup is around the corner ! If you have registered for District Round Up on 4-H Connect, it is scheduled to be held on April 12th in Victoria, Texas at the St. Joseph High School. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the Pep Rally starts at 10:00 a.m. Judging will follow immediately after the Pep Rally. We would like to wish the following 4-Hers best of luck:

Bailey Blezinger  
Wyatt Blezinger  
Mark Bonaccorso  
Sabrina Bonaccorso  
Gabrielle Eskew  
Walker Eskew  
Alyssa Hale  
Canute Janish  
Gabriel Janish  
Reid Janish  
Samantha Kins  
David Lewis  
Emily Lewis  
Emily Martin  
Faith Martin

## *District 4-H Fashion Show*

District 4-H Fashion Show will be held on April 11, 2014 at the Victoria Mall in Victoria, Texas. Check-in will be 4:00 pm and judging will begin at 5:00 p.m. We would like to wish the following participants good luck in their efforts:



Bailey Blezinger  
Gabby Eskew  
Lexi Higgins  
Madsion Makowsky  
Emily Shupak  
Emily Spiess



## *Ag In the Classroom Tour Guides Needed*

Ag in the Classroom has been scheduled for April 28th at the Austin County Fairgrounds. We are in need of 12 volunteers to assist with the event. If you are at least 14 years of age, we can use your help in assisting to make this event a success. All participants will need to arrive by 8:00 am and excuse letters will be sent to all schools for your participation. It is sponsored by Austin County Farm Bureau and your lunch will be provided. If you can assist, please call the Extension office with your name by April 21st. Phone calls received sooner will definitely be appreciated. Remember tour guide opportunities can be used as community service for scholarship applications and recordbooks.

## *Austin County Fair Beef Cattle Tag In*

The tag in for all Austin County Fair Beef Projects, Steers, Halter Heifers and Pen of Heifers, will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at the Four County Auction Center in Industry, from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. A \$10.00 tag in fee will be charged for each animal tagged in. In addition, there will be a \$50.00 validation fee for all Pen of Heifers that are tagged in. Exhibitors and their parents are strongly encouraged to pick up a rule book from the Extension Office or from the Austin County Fair office to familiarize yourself with any special rules related to the beef cattle project at the 2014 Fair.

## *Safety Day Tour Guides Needed*

The Annual Youth and Safety Day is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 15th at the Austin County Fairgrounds. 18 tour guides are needed for the event. We are asking that guides be at least in the 7th grade and prepared to lend a hand. All participants will need to arrive by 8:00 a.m. and excuse letters will be sent to all schools for your participation. Your lunch will be provided at the event. Please contact the Extension Office by May 1st with your name. We appreciate your heart to serve in advance". Remember tour guide opportunities can be used as community service for scholarship applications and recordbooks.

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4-H Bull Blow Out April 13, 2014*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4-H Bull Blow Out will be taking place on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at the Austin County Fairgrounds in Bellville. A portion of the proceeds from this event is donated to the Austin County 4-H Parent Leaders Association, which in turn is used to support various programs and activities throughout the year. Anyone interested in helping in the concession stand, placing arm bands on participants, or help with taking admission to the event, is asked to contact the Extension office to sign up. Shifts are available from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. and from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.



## *4-H County Council & PLA Meetings*

Austin County 4-H Council as well as Parents Leaders Association will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, May 1st at the First National Bank Civic Center in Bellville at 7:00 p.m. Club Presidents and Council Delegates are encouraged to attend County Council but **all** members are welcome. Come prepared to have recreation and loads of fun. Refreshments will be served!

## *Shooting Sports Leader Training*

District 10 4-H will be hosting a Shooting Sports Coaches Training for Archery, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun in Kerrville on **April 26-27, 2014**. This training is open to potential coaches across the state. Registration will be done through 4-H Connect, **closes on April 11, 2014**. Cost is \$120, and a portion of expenses will be reimbursed from the Austin County Parent Leaders Association. Registration costs will cover meals and course materials. Participants **MUST** have completed and passed the Background Check **PRIOR** to registering for the event.

Location:

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Kerr County Office  
3655 Highway 27  
Kerrville, TX 78028

Lodging will not be provided for registrants. However, room blocks have been set-up for participants at the following hotels. **Best Western** (830) 896 -1313; **Motel 6** (830) 257-1500; and **La Quinta Inn and Suites** (830) 896 - 9200. The event will begin at 8AM on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and “tentatively” end at Noon on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Detailed information will be sent to those that register.

### **For questions and more information, please contact:**

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