



# Austin County 4-H News

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## Council & Parents/Leaders Association Meeting

The next Council and Parents/Leaders Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 7pm at the Extension Office**. These meetings are very important for members to meet other members within the county program, gain leadership skills, participate in community service activities and make decisions regarding the Austin County 4-H Program. Even if you have never been to a meeting before, now is the chance!

Parents, we have something for you too! While your 4-H member is participating in the Council meeting, you can partake in the Parents/Leaders Association Meeting. This group makes important decisions regarding fundraising efforts, programming ideas, and much more! If you want to be more involved with your 4-H Program, this is your chance! Stay up to date with different project ideas and



get your child more involved! Refreshments will be provided at this meeting! So come and have some fun!



4-Her's, County Round-Up is just around the corner! Come out and share your talent! This competition is the perfect opportunity for singing, dancing, poetry, acting, public speaking and so much more. Who knows.....you might be the next "America's Got Talent" contestant! So please don't miss this fantastic event.

If you can't participate in the contest, we encourage you to come out and watch. It's go-

## Austin County 4-H Roundup

ing to be a lot of fun! If you have questions regarding what you can do, do not hesitate to contact the office. Please visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017-Texas-4-H-Roundup-Guide.pdf> for additional information.

**All clubs are encouraged to use this event as their club meeting for the month of March.**

County Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th, at O'Bryant Intermediate School in Bellville.

As soon as details are confirmed, information packets will be sent out and posted on the website.

All 4-Hers must complete the entry form for registration. Registration forms are due in the County Extension Office by Monday, February 27, 2017. An entry form has been attached for your convenience.

Contact the extension office if you have any questions!

## Austin County 4-H Photography Contest

### 2017 Categories

Animal – Domestic  
Animal – Wildlife  
Catch All  
Details and Macro  
Digital Darkroom  
Dominant Color  
Elements of Design  
Food  
Marine/Aquatic  
Nature and Landscape  
Night Photography  
People  
Plant/Flora  
Story Board  
Theme—Reflections

The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs.

Objectives include:

- To develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing and awareness
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as meaningful communication in their lives

- To provide photography project showcase opportunities for senior 4-H members

- To continue to share the message of 4-H

- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program

To review the categories and complete descriptions please visit - [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Texas4H\\_Photo\\_Rules.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Texas4H_Photo_Rules.pdf).

Photos will need to be uploaded to Shutterfly by



**Wednesday, February 1, 2017.** A county packet will be posted on our website with further instructions.

An awards program will be held in conjunction with the Austin County 4-H Council meeting on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.**



The 4-H Fashion Show is designed for 4-H members to showcase their skills in buying and construction. You will create a clothing or fashion item, turn in paperwork explaining your item, complete an interview with a panel of judges and, last but not least, model the outfit on the runway.

4-H Fashion Show at the county level is an activity open to all 4-H members who have completed a clothing project. This opportunity will also be open to Clover Kids (5-8 years of age).

## Austin County 4-H Fashion Show

Senior 4-H member's categories in construction are: Everyday Living, ReFashion, Semi-Formal to Formal, and Theatre/Costume. Buying categories are: Business/Interview Attire, Fantastic Fashions under \$25, Semi-Formal to Formal, Special Interest.

Junior /Intermediate Construction categories are: Everyday Living, ReFashion, Dressy and Special Interest. Buying categories are: Everyday Living, Fantastic Fashions under \$25, Dressy and Special Interest.

The following categories will be available for Clover Kids in the buying and construction categories: Everyday Living, Fantastic Fashions under \$25, Dressy and Special Interest.

All Clover Kids will be recognized for their participation.

The last area 4-Hers can participate in is

the 4-H Storyboard Contest. The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's idea. It includes original illustrations, flats and more to promote the current years design brief. The 2017 design brief will be "Inspired by Music".

Our County Fashion Show will be held on **Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.** Deadline to register for the fashion show is Thursday, February 9, 2017.

A county packet will be posted on our website soon. Please review the packet for further information on each show and a description of the Storyboard Design Brief for the year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the extension office!



## 4-H Opportunity Scholarships

The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Program.



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Well over 200 academically-competitive scholarships will be awarded in the 2017 Texas 4-H Scholarship Program ranging in amounts from \$3000 to \$20,000.\* No scholarship recipient whose award is based on this application process will receive less than \$3000.\*

The deadline to submit this application to the County Extension office is **January 27, 2017.**

Please be sure you go to the county website and find the attachments for scholarship information and the application. Give yourself enough time to complete the application in full and get it turned in before the deadline! If you need ANY help, contact the extension office.

*\*To prepare for college and the scholarship application process, high schoolers are reminded to take the SAT or ACT test and go online to fill out a FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.gov>*

## Train Like a Champion Livestock Clinic Series

Join us for the Fourth Annual Train Like a Champion Livestock Clinic Series! It will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2016 at the Blinn College Rankin Center in Brenham. Please see the attached flyer for all the details. Cost is FREE for 4-H members and \$10.00/per non 4-H member. Come learn about your current project or a project you may have an interest for!



## 4-H Food Challenge Practice

On Tuesday, November 29th, seven Austin County 4-Hers participated in a mock Food Show and Food Challenge competition. The youth are preparing for the District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge contest scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> in La Grange, Texas. The theme for this year's activities is entitled "Family Favorites" which will place emphasis on the importance of family mealtime. The theme will also allow participants the opportunity to explore many aspects of food preparation, food safety, creative recipes and more. Austin County will have a total of three teams participating in Food Challenge and four youth participating in Food Show.

If you are interested in participating in the Foods & Nutrition project in Austin County 4-H, please contact the extension office at (979) 865-2072.

Picture ID—Front Row: Lydia Huebner, Andie Eckermann, Katelyn Krenek  
Back Row – Blake Makowsky, Sarah Kaase, Madison Makowsky, Elizabeth Eckelberg

## Major Livestock Show Information

For those of you participating in the 2017 Texas Major Livestock Shows, I want to wish each of you the best of luck! I will be seeing you all around at the different shows and talking with you ahead of time to distribute passes as they come in, so be sure you are watching for notification emails/phone calls! Also, all major stock show website links are located on the website!





# TRAIN LIKE A CHAMPION



## MULTI SPECIES LIVESTOCK CLINIC

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH  
BLINN COLLEGE RANKIN BLDG  
1409 OLD MILL CREEK RD. BRENHAM, TX**



**FREE CLINIC WITH DOOR PRIZES  
AWARDED AT EACH SESSION**

**9 am - 11 am  
Hogs**

**Speaker, Jason Hodde  
Hodde Farms**

**9 am - 10 am  
Poultry**

**Speaker, Dr. Craig Coufal  
TAMU Ext. Poultry Specialist**

**10 am - 11 am  
Rabbits**

**Speaker, Caroline Wright**

**11 am - 1 pm  
Cattle**

**Speaker, Scott Willey  
TAMU Ext. Agent, Fayette Co.**

**1 pm - 3pm  
Sheep and Goats**

**Speaker, Charles Seely  
TAMU Ext. Agent, Washington Co.**

**Topics Covered: Facilities, Selection, Daily Management Health,  
Feeding and Nutrition, Showmanship and More.**

**Animals Not Needed**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

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