



Austin County 4-H Family Newsletter

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May's Hottest Headlines:



Get Involved!

4-Hers interested in applying for 2013-2014 County Council officer positions be sure to submit your completed application to the Extension Office by July 10, 2013. The form can be found on our county website (<http://austin.agrilife.org>). Please contact me 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 website.



- RecordBooks are due to the Extension Office by 5pm on June 21.



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 21st.
- Star Award Interviews will be held on July 8th 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 8th to hold a video interview.



Websites:

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



District 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 II 4-H council to hold an annual meeting to conduct needed business for the year and to elect officers.

District II Leadership Lab will be held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, June 17-19, 2013. The cost of the lab is \$165 for 4-H members and \$135 for adult chaperones.

However, 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.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, May 29th on 4-H Connect.

Please visit the district II website for more specifics on the camp.

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

Junior Leader Lab

Junior Leader Lab is an annual camp that the District II 4-H hosts on Rockport Beach. This camp is for ages 8-13 and a wide variety of life skills is demonstrated through various activities! All specifics can be found on the district website.

Visit the district website for registration instructions.

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





Up Coming Dates

May:

29- Deadline to register for District Leadership Lab

June:

10-14 - State Round Up- College Station, TX

17-19 - Leadership Lab- Brownwood, TX

21-22-District Horse Show-Edna, TX

21-Recordbooks / Star Awards Apps Due to Extension Office

26-Major Show Steer Validation

26- State Fair Sheep/Goat Validation

26- Deadline to register for Junior Leader Lab

July:

6- ACF Swine Tag in

8- Star Award Interviews

10- Council Officer Intent to Run forms due

13- ACF Sheep/Goat & Swine Tag in

9-Jr. Leadership Lab-Rockport, TX

18-PLA Meeting/Council Meeting

23-24-Prestige Leadership Conference-2013-2014 (Council Officers mandatory)

County Council & PLA Elections

County Council as well as Parents Leaders Association will be holding their next meeting on **July 18th** at 7pm (location to follow). If you plan on running for a County Council Position, you must fill out an application, located on the county website (<http://austin.agrilife.org>) and submit the completed copy to the Extension office by 5 pm on July 10th. Specifics as to who may apply to be a council office are located on the application.

Austin County 4-H Council and Parents/Leaders Association meet once every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November). These meetings are a great way to stay involved with all of the events that are going on in the program. You do not have to be a council delegate to attend the meetings, ALL 4-H members and parents are welcome to attend! Refreshments, games, door prizes, and many other exciting things take place at our meetings!

Come make new friends!

Keep an eye out for upcoming flyers!





4-H Stars

Ag in the Classroom



The annual Ag in the Classroom event sponsored by the Austin County Farm Bureau was held on Monday, April 29th. Ross Janish (left) was awarded the Outstanding Group Leader Award for representing the Austin County 4-H. Congratulations to Ross! Thank you to all of the other 4-H volunteers!

- Madison Holle
- Megan Holle
- Gabby Eskew

- Tyler Gardner
- Walker Eskew
- Harley Gardner
- Rebecca Noska
- Claire Wingo
- Kacey Dirba
- Hanna Krueger
- Bailey Blezinger
- Wyatt Blezinger



Livestock Judging

The Austin County 4-H Livestock Judging teams have completed the season with a lot of success! At the district contest held on Saturday, April 20th the junior team placed 3rd overall, the intermediate team placed 4th overall and the senior team placed 3rd overall advancing them to the state competition! Wish the team good luck as they compete on June 12th in College Station!

Pictured: (left to right)

Back row: Hunter Spacek, Jordan Murray, Emily Martin, Conner Neumann, Walker Eskew

Front Row: Canute Janish, Gabby Eskew, Faith Martin, Hunter Schumann, Gabriel Janish, Kari Engeling, Lainey Graves, and Jillian June



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