



# Austin County 4-H Newsletter

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Pictured above is the newly elected 2013-2014 Council Officer team at the 2013 Austin County 4-H Banquet. Congratulations!

Pictured Left to Right: Hunter Spacek (3<sup>rd</sup> VP), Walker Eskew (Pres.), Conner Neumann (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Kyle Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Jordan Murray (Sec.), Bailey Blezinger (Treas.), Hudson Ham (Rep.), Gabby Eskew (Parl.), and Scott Jones (Advisor)

### Major Show Broiler Orders

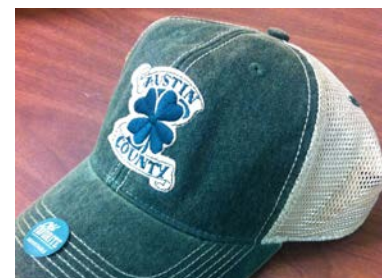
If you are planning on showing broilers at the 2014 Texas Major Shows (Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, & Star of Texas) please be sure that you have submitted your order by Wednesday, September 11, 2013 to the extension office. The order forms can be picked up at the extension office and these forms have all of the information in regards to how many birds are required to be ordered. The birds will be delivered in January. Please contact the extension office for more information and to pick up an order form.

### Livestock Judging

Livestock Judging practices will begin on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in livestock judging please attend this first meeting to learn more! Livestock judging consists of evaluating and placing animals situated in a class of four. It is a good opportunity to learn more about livestock, interact with other 4-H members in your county, and develop a skill set that will benefit you for the rest of your 4-H career!!! Contact your extension agent for more information.

### 4-H Hat Fundraiser

We are currently selling Austin County 4-H hats as a fundraiser! If you are interested in supporting the program and purchasing a hat, please contact the extension office. They are \$15 a piece! We have 4 color choices!



## 4-H Pledge:

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

## 4-H Motto:

To make the best better!

## 4-H Prayer:

Help me, Oh Lord, to live so that the world will be a little better because Thou didst make me.

## *Austin County Fair*

As most of you know, the Austin County Fair will kick off on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 and will continue through that entire week, ending on Sunday, October 13, 2013. Please refer to your 2013 Junior Livestock Rule Book for more information in regards to move in dates, weigh in times, show dates, times, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your group project leader!

## *One Day 4-H*

One day 4-H is being held on October 12, 2013. As most of you know, this is the Saturday of the Austin County Fair, therefore we will be doing a "Green Out 4-H" Event. With this, we ask that everyone wear a green 4-H shirt to support your county 4-H program, and the organization as a whole! What can 4-H do for YOU?

If you do not have a 4-H shirt, contact me. We will also be handing out promotional 4-H items! Feel free to volunteer!

## *Hamburger Stand Clean up*

We will be having a cleanup day at the fairgrounds for the hamburger stand. We will be doing this on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 5 pm at the fairgrounds (hamburger stand). Please ensure that you come and help! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your club manager!

## *LPG Drive Thru Dinner Fundraiser*

We are selling tickets for the Livestock Project Group Drive Thru Dinner Fundraiser! The drive thru will be held on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets may be purchased at the extension office until Sept. 13th. We encourage 4-Hers to sell tickets within their community to help raise funds for the 4-H Program! For more information contact the extension office!

## *Council/PLA Meeting*

The next council meeting and PLA meeting will be held on November 7, 2013. Council members please do not forget the incentive tickets! The more council meetings you attend, the better your chance is at winning a tablet at the end of the 4-H year! Also, the club with the most attendance will be provided a pizza party! Be looking for more information in regards to this meeting closer to time!

## *County Food Show*

Austin County 4-H Food Show will be held on November 4, 2013 at the extension office. County Food Show packets will be going out VERY SOON! If you are interested in competing at the county food show, please ensure that your paperwork is turned in to the extension office no later than Monday, October 28th.

## *Major Show Entry Night*

Major show entry night will be on November 6, 2013 from 6pm-8pm at the extension office. If you validated an animal for the 2014 Texas majors, please ensure that you attend this meeting, so that you can fill out your entries for those specific shows!

## *2013-2014 4-H Enrollment*

The new 4-H started on September 1, 2013. Therefore, you must re-enroll on 4-H connect in order to continue/begin membership within the Austin County 4-H program. The 4-H connect website is [www.texas.4honline.com](http://www.texas.4honline.com). You must either edit or create a new profile. Enrollment dues are \$20 until October 31, 2012 in which they will increase to \$25. Be sure you re-register not only to ensure your membership for the 13-14 year, but you must be re-enrolled in order to participate in this year's fair. Also, you will not receive email updates if you have not re-enrolled!

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### Major Show Swine Tag Orders

If you are planning on exhibiting swine at the 2014 Major Shows, you must order tags! The tag orders are due in the extension office no later than Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. For an order form or more information please contact the extension office! Tags are \$10 a piece and payment is due upon placing your order.

### S.A.L.E Calf Scramble

If you are interested in participating in the 2014 San Antonio Livestock Exposition Calf Scramble, please contact the extension office for specific requirements and an entry form. These forms must be turned back into the office completed and notarized by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Calendar of Events

We are working on coming out with a full calendar of events for the 2013-2014 4-H year in order to help you stay up to date! Information in regards to the events on the calendar will be sent out accordingly in due time as usual. Club meeting dates, project meetings, summer day camps, and a few other regularly scheduled events will not be included. Please be looking for this resource soon!



Above is a picture of officers within the local clubs here in Austin County. They attended the multi-county club officer training and gained some very valuable skills to bring back to their local clubs!

Pictured to the right is a group of Junior Showmanship Rabbit participants at our annual showmanship show held in August. Congratulations to all of the exhibitors on a job well done!

