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District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge

On Saturday, January 6th, thirteen Austin County 4-Hers participated in the District 11 Food Show and Food Challenge competition in Victoria, Texas. The theme for this year's activities is entitled "Fresh from the Farm" which places emphasis on the importance of family mealtime. The theme allows the participants the opportunity to explore many aspects of food preparation, food safety, creative recipes and more. Team "Southern Style" (Maddison Diezi, Samantha Diezi and Sophia Vykukal) placed 3rd overall and Team "Food Squad" (Jacie Menefee, Katelyn Krennek, Maggie Davoody and Brily Helms) placed 3rd overall in the Jr/Intermediate Food Challenge Division. At the Food Show, the following youth received blue placement awards for their fantastic participation (Blake Makowsky, Madison Makowsky, Makayla Makowsky, Jillian Edwards, Silas Edwards, and Lexi Higgins). Congratulations to all of the mentioned participants and we hope you continue to grow and glow through 4-H!



WESTERN NATIONAL ROUNDUP

JANUARY 4-7 2018, DENVER COLORADO



More than 1000 youth from more than 33 states including Alberta, Canada, attended the Western National Roundup during January 4-7, 2018, in Denver, CO. The Conference, now in its 98th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show. This year's theme of "Unmask the Superhero in YOU" was aimed at helping participants gain confidence to help them create unique experiences for both themselves and others and to thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA. Austin County 4-H would like to salute our 4-Hers for their outstanding performance at the Western National Roundup Livestock Quiz Bowl. Austin County was Reserve Grand Champion! These outstanding 4-

Hers represented Texas in a fine manner. The team received the honor to participate by competing at the 2017 Texas 4-H Roundup competition in College Station during the month of June. The team consisted of Faith Martin, Hunter Spacek, William Diezi and Gabby Eskew. The team was coached by Dena Janish and she was assisted by Dan Diezi. Competitions such as this allow youth participants the opportunity to develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Austin County's team was sponsored by the Austin County 4-H Parent Leaders Association. Please join us in congratulating them for this tremendous honor. They dedicated numerous days and hours to studying in preparation for the event. Hats off to their coaches for taking them to the big show and for all their hard work! It truly paid off! We also want to thank the parents for the support they gave to this endeavor. Good job and well done!



Austin County Fashion Show

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textiles project: knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, poise in front of others and personal

presentation skills. 4-H Fashion Show at the county level is an activity that is 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). Senior 4-H member 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, and 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 purpose of the Fashion Storyboard contest is to give 4-H members an opportunity to create a storyboard of their original design. It also provides the members an opportunity to gain knowledge of the career responsibilities of a fashion designer and illustrator, enhance creativity and originality, and develop visual communication skills based on the design brief. The 2018 design brief will be "Fashion Design to the Rescue". Wham! Pow! Bam! Take a cue from the superheroes or villains found in cartoons, movies, etc. to create your own original design. Whether your inspiration comes from a person with phenomenal powers fighting for noble causes, their masked sidekick, or a criminal archenemy wreaking havoc on humanity, let their colorful and flashy costumes, valorous heroism, and superhuman traits be the stimulus to your blueprint to rescuing the world of fashion.

The County Fashion Show will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at the Extension Office at 6:00pm. Deadline to register for the Fashion Show is Friday, February 16, 2018. A county packet is posted on our website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office!

Austin County 4-H Roundup

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 going 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/2018_TXRU_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 Monday, March 5th, at the O'Bryant Intermediate School in Bellville. Registration will begin at 6:00pm with competitions starting at 6:30pm. Registration information will also be 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 26, 2018. An entry form can be found at <https://austin.agrilife.org>. You may also contact the Extension Office and we can send one to you.

2018 Beekeeping Essay Contest



The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. has announced their 2018 Essay Topic. This year's Topic is "What's So Super About the Super Organism in the Honey Bee?"

4-Hers do not have to have a bee project to participate in the essay contest. A member from our Texas 4-H Program has been the National Champion the past two years. Let's try to keep the streak going!

You can see past winner's essays by visiting the following website and clicking on 4H Essays tab at the top of their page.

<http://preservationofhoneybees.org/>

Essays will be uploaded at no fee on 4-H Connect using the "2018 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest" event. Deadline to submit is Sunday, February 18th. Winners will be announced the week of March 5th. Please call if you have questions.

2018 Summer 4-H Camps



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Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, Texas




Camp	Arrival/Departure	Price: Youth/Adult
4-H Fishing Camp	June 29, 2pm- June 22, 2 pm	\$220/\$110
Wildlife Adventure	July 1, 2pm- July 5, 11am	\$280/\$140
Horizons: Robotics Adventure	July 1, 2pm- July 5, 11 am	\$280/\$140
Vet Science Adventure	July 1, 2pm- July 5, 11am	\$280/\$140
Woodworking Adventure	July 1, 2pm- July 5, 11 am	\$280/\$140
Mission Possible Mentor Training	July 1, 10am- July 2, 2pm	\$125
Mission Possible	July 2, 2pm- July 4, 3pm	\$175/\$100
County Camp I	July 5, 2pm- July 7, 11am	\$180/\$90
County Camp II	July 9, 2pm- July 11, 11am	\$180/\$90
County Camp III- Outdoor Adventure	July 11, 2pm- July 13, 11am	\$180/\$90
Prime Time I	July 18, 2pm- July 18, 10am	\$230/\$115
Prime Time II	July 18, 2pm- July 21, 10am	\$230/\$115

- 3rd Grade and up
- All camp enrollment is based on grade in 2018-2019 school year
- 4-H membership is NOT required
- Pay deposit by June 14th or pay full amount
- Late fee 10%

All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect Prior to camp.
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Youth Wildlife Conservation Camp

Applications are now open for the Wildlife Conservation Camp sponsored by the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society. Applications can be completed by visiting <http://www.wildlifecamptx.org/>. Complete camp details can also be found on that webpage. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2018. Space is limited so encourage your 4-H members to explore and apply soon for this hands-on, broad experience surveying and learning about the habitats of Texas, the wildlife we live with, and the management techniques and careers encompassing our wildlife.

Youth and Safety Day

Due to school calendars, the 2018 Safety Day has been moved up to March 8th at the Austin County Fairgrounds. As usual, we need eighteen high school 4-Hers to assist with serving as tour guides for the event. This day is always a success because of your help. If you can serve as a tour guide for Safety Day, please RSVP with the County Extension Office by Friday, February 16th. Lunch

will be provided for you that day. Please call if you have questions.

College Prep 101

Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension are excited to announce a joint programming effort focused for youth and parents wanting to learn more about preparing for college. This first workshop will be held on Monday, February 19, 2018 on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX. The workshop will focus on the basics of planning for college including admission tests, academic requirements, major/degree selection, and financial aid. The workshop will focus on youth in the 8th grade and older. The workshop is free, but is limited to the first 50 youth and adults that register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/college-prep-101-workshop-series-2018-tickets-39970600141>. This would be a great opportunity to take advantage of with your children.



MISSION POSSIBLE MENTORS
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YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED 8TH GRADE IN 2018

Attend the In-Service Training
July 1 @ 10 am
July 2 @ 11:30

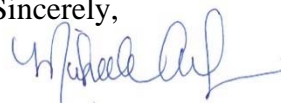
Volunteer to assist campers
with and without disabilities
July 2-4, 2018

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