4-H IN BASTROP COUNTY

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL THE CEO (County Extension Office)

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TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

4-H Sportfishing Project Leader Training

Guadalupe bass – State Fish of Texas

Registration opens this week for this project training which is open to any adult currently enrolled as a 4-H volunteer and any Senior age 4-H member (9th-12th grade).

Date: April 21, 2018; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lake Bastrop South Shore Park, 375 South Shore Road, Bastrop, Texas, 78602
More details on the park are found at https://www.lcra.org/parks/Pages/lake-bastrop-south-shore-park.aspx.

Registration: 4-H Connect (https://texas.4honline.com)
Registration dates: March 9 – April 8, 2018
Cost is $25 per registrant.

Training: The training will include classroom education and hands on exercises including fishing and water activities. Training topics will include basic fishing skills, aquatic ecology, fish biology and habitat, gear and tackle, curriculum and resources, and more. All registrants 18 years of age and older will also be eligible to become certified Texas Parks and Wildlife Angler Education Instructors.

Lodging: Lodging is on your own. Cabins, RV sites, and camping sites are available at the park by reservation. Contact the park through the website above. Additional camping may be available at the Lake Bastrop North Shore Park, Bastrop State Park, Buescher State Park, and other facilities in the area. Hotels are abundant in the area within 5 miles.

More details will be mailed to each registrant following the close of registration. Contact the 4-H Natural Resources Program with any questions.

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This is right here in our county! Don't miss it!

Attention livestock exhibitors:

If you plan to show a market steer or heifer at major shows in 2019, or if you plan to show lambs, goats or hogs at the 2018 State Fair, ear tag orders are due April 13 to the Extension Office. Payment of $20 per tag is due at time of ordering. Validation will be held in late June.

2018 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:
Texas A&M University July 16-19, 2018 Cost: $250
Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University July 23-26, 2018 Cost: $250
Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

1. Applicant goes to: http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3O9MuXE8KeGj1sh
2. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
3. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
4. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per university
5. Applications are due June 1, 2018
6. Applicants will be notified by June 15, 2018 regarding application result

Smithville Livestock Show Mandatory Workdays- March 25 & April 8

Smithville Livestock Show exhibitors must attend the mandatory set up and workday on **Sunday, March 25** at 2 p.m., and again on **Sunday, April 8** at 2 p.m. Failure to participate in set up and cleanup activities will result in a fine of $100 to the exhibitor, which will be deducted from the exhibitor's check.

Bastrop Area Livestock Show Open Meeting March 26

If you have suggestions for improvement, questions or concerns about the 2018 Bastrop Area Livestock Show, the Show Board is hosting an open meeting at the Show Barn at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, March 26**. Please come and make your suggestions to help improve the livestock show.

Did you know, there are contest opportunities that are OPEN to ALL Intermediate and Senior 4-H members? You do not have to qualify at a District event to be a part of Texas 4-H Roundup!!

The following contests are open to all 4-H members who are in the 6th – 12th grades as of the September 1, 2017 school year.

- Agriculture Product Identification
- Archery
- Discover Scientific Method Research Poster
- Entomology Identification
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Hippology
- Invitational Livestock Judging
- Invitational Meat Judging and Identification
- Livestock Skill-a-thon
- Photography Judging
- Poultry Judging
- Soil Judging
- Swine Quiz Bowl
- Robotics Challenge
- Vet Science Skill-a-thon
- Wildlife Challenge

For more information about these contest, visit the Texas 4-H Roundup page at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/ and click on the various contest rules and guidelines

Smithville Livestock Show and Sale

Smithville Livestock Show is **April 7** at 8 a.m. at Riverbend Park if you'd like to go out and watch the show or support youth making the sale at 4 p.m.

Bastrop Area Livestock Show Thank You Notes Due April 16

Each exhibitor must submit a thank you letter to **buyers within a buyer's group as designated by buyer's form** and turn in the original letters to his / her Agriculture Instructor or County Extension Agent by **April 15, 2018 (or next school day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday) along with an addressed, stamped, and sealed envelope to each buyer.** *Thank you notes to buyers must be turned in by this date, or a fine of fifty dollars ($50.00) will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium check*. *Thank you notes must be received before exhibitors receive their premium check.* Premium money will not be disbursed during the show, but will be available at the Extension Office after all sale proceeds are received from buyers. *If all monies from buyers are not received by the Livestock Show Treasurer, exhibitors will only be paid the amount of money received for their animal.* Premium checks must be cashed within ninety days from the date posted. Premium checks will not be available until the end of May at the Extension office..

State Fair Lamb, Goat and Hog Tag Orders Due

If you plan to show market lambs, goats or hogs at the 2018 State Fair in Dallas, ear tag orders are due **April 13** to the Extension Office. Tags are $20 each until April 13, or $30 each after the deadline. Lamb, Goat and Hog validation will be held in late June.

2018 Horse Validation for District and State 4-H Horse Show Participation

Horse Validation is now open on 4-H Connect. Instructions for families are available on https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/ . As in years past, the cost for validation is $10 per horse from March 1st through April 15th, $20 per horse from April 16th through May 1st and a late fee has been added of $250 per horse from May 2nd through May 5th. There will be absolutely no validations accepted after May 5th.

The District Horse Show is open to any 4-H member who has validated their horse by May 1 of the current 4-H year. The District Horse Show includes all qualifying events. In order for a 4-H member to advance to the State Horse Show in a division, the 4-H member must compete in at least one class in that division at the District Horse Show. There are no open classes offered at the District 10 4-H Horse Show.

2015-2016 District Horse Show Information:

Date: June 20-21, 2018

Location: Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center

(1042 Event Center Drive, Dipping Springs, TX 78620)