**Deaf Smith County 4-H News – May 18, 2016**

**District 1** [**LEADER LAB & COUNCIL ELECTIONS**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/Leadership_Lab_letter-2016.pdf) **– THURSDAY, JUNE 16 – HIGH PLAINS RETREAT CENTER**

**Register for Leader Lab on 4-H Connect before June 10; Apply to run for Council** [**officer elections**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-17-District-Officer-App.pdf) **by June 6 (including application form, resume, two letters of recommendation and a school photo.)**

The 2016 Leadership Lab will be held June 16th at the High Plains Retreat Center. Activities will include the 2016-2017 District 1 Officer Elections, educational and recreational activities, a dance, leadership initiatives, and much more! Afternoon and evening activities are organized for the entire group to promote teamwork and fun. Older youth can spend the night.

Council officer election forms and instructions are at: <http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-17-District-Officer-App.pdf>

[**RECORD BOOKS**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/) **DUE FOR COUNTY REVIEW: FRIDAY, JUNE 3; Final deadline for District judging June 27**

Call the office if you need help with your book.

**4-H FAMILY OUTING TO PALO DURO CANYON – SATURDAY, JUNE 18**

*Here's an opportunity to learn about geo-caching, and then find a real geo-cache in the “Grand Canyon of Texas.” This event is open to all Deaf Smith County 4-Hers and their families as a fun, learning nature experience.* ***We need a head count by May 31, so please RSVP by replying to this message or calling 364-3573. All children must be accompanied by an adult.***

Be at the entry gates to Palo Duro Canyon State Park **no later than 8:20 a.m.** to enter the park as a 4-H group. We will meet with a park guide at the Lone Star Interpretive Theater for training on geo-caching and perform a quick practice. Then, it's on to a trail to find one of the park's real geo-cache locations. We'll finish up well before noon, before the park gets too hot. Then, we can have lunch in the canyon.

[**DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-Photography-Workshop-Letter.pdf) **– THURSDAY, JULY 14 – Amarillo Botanical Gardens**

**Register on 4-H Connect June 1-July 8.**

Bring your camera, walking shoes and enthusiasm for photography to this workshop scheduled from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on July 14. Training, photo opportunities and lunch will be provided.

[**DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-4-H-District-Photography-Contest-Letter-Revised.pdf) **– Open to all 4-H members, grades 3-12**

**Submit photo entries July 1-21 on 4-H Connect.**

Enter up to 3 photos. Quality award ribbons to be given. *Best of Show* winning photos will be featured on district website. All contestants have a chance of winning a GoPro.

**4-H SUMMER CAMPS**

The Texas 4-H Conference Center at Brownwood is gearing up for Summer Camps in June-July. These camps include a Color Run, Water games, arts & crafts, dancing, archery, fishing, swimming, team challenges, bucket drums, camp kayaking, a challenge course and more. The local Parents Association helps with a portion of camp fees. An adult chaperone is required for each gender of camper.  Camp dates and ages are included in the calendar below. For more information, call the County office, 364-3573.

**4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADORS**

The Livestock Ambassador program has been developing agricultural leaders and advocates for 8 years now. New for 2016, we are excited to include West Texas A&M University in partnership with Texas Tech University to conduct the Panhandle 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course. Ambassador candidates will split time between the two universities to gain a better understanding of agriculture in the Texas Panhandle.

***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 and animal production
* Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
* Top 25% class rank

***Application Process:***

* Applicant goes to <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0PYpO9DjXaYnpFb>
  + Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
  + CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
* A selection committee will review the applications and accept **25** participants per university
* Applications are due **June 1, 2016**. Applicants will be notified by **June 17, 2016** regarding application result

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

**TUESDAY, MAY 17 – Shooting Sports Practice at Hereford Gun Club, 6 p.m. (Weather permitting)**

**FRIDAY, MAY 20 – DEADLINE to submit bills for** [**Texas 4-H Congress**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/) **(9th-12th graders only)  [Online submissions are being accepted until May 20, 2016.](https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form162/form_login.html) Call the office for examples.**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24 – Shooting Sports Practice at Hereford Gun Club, 6 p.m. (Weather permitting)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24 – HHS Senior Awards Assembly**

**WEDNESDAY, May 25 – County Council postponed to June 1**

**FRIDAY, MAY 27 – HHS Commencement**

**MONDAY, MAY 30 – Memorial Day; County offices closed**

**TUESDAY, MAY 31 – Shooting Sports Practice at Hereford Gun Club, 6 p.m. (Weather permitting)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 31 – DEADLINE to register for** [**Texas 4-H Congress**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/)

**TUESDAY, MAY 31 – DEADLINE to sign up for family outing to Palo Duro Canyon (June 18)**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 – DEADLINE: Apply for 4-H Livestock Ambassador**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 – County Council for all 4-H members, 5:30 p.m.**

**JUNE 5-7 –** [**Howard County Lamb Camp**](http://www.howardcollege.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=997) **in Big Spring**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4 – Hereford Trap Shoot at Hereford Gun Club; Volunteers needed to help!!!**

**MONDAY, JUNE 6 – DEADLINE: Submit application packet to run for District/State Council**

**JUNE 6-10 –** [**Texas 4-H Roundup**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/) **in College Station – 9th-12th graders**

           Wednesday, June 8 – Consumer Decision, Scholar recognition

Thursday, June 9 – Educational Presentations, Scholar recognition

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10 – DEADLINE: Register on 4-H Connect for District Leader Lab (June 16)**

**JUNE 12-14 –** [**Howard County Goat Camp**](http://www.howardcollege.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=997) **in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office**

**JUNE 16-17 – District Leader Lab and Officer Elections @ High Plains Retreat Center**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18 – County 4-H Family Outing to Palo Duro Canyon (Call 364-3573 to sign up by May 31)**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24 – District Horse Show @ Amarillo Range Riders arena**

**JUNE 27-30 – POWER Camp at Aspendale, NM**

**JUNE 27-JULY 1 – Horizons Camp for 4th-8th grades in** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JUNE 27- JULY 1 – County Camps, all ages, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 1-21 – Enter photos in the District Photography Contest through 4-H Connect**

**JULY 5-8 – Livestock Ambassador Short Course for ages 14-18 at Texas Tech & WTAMU, Cost $200**

**JULY 6-8 – Mission Possible for special needs youth at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**THURSDAY, JULY 7 – District Record Book Judging**

**JULY 8-9 – District Trap Shoot at Amarillo Gun Range**

**FRIDAY, JULY 8 – DEADLINE: Register on 4-H Connect for District Photography Workshop (July 14)**

**JULY 11-13 – Beginner Shooting Sports Camp I at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 11-14 – Prime Time Extreme, 8th-11th grades, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 13-15 – Beginner Shooting Sports Camp II at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**THURSDAY, JULY 14 – District Photography Workshop at Botanical Gardens, Amarillo, 9:30a.m.-2 p.m.**

**FRIDAY, JULY 15 – TCFA Fed Beef Challenge day to deliver steers to Amarillo Livestock Auction for check-in by noon**

**JULY 17-20 –** [**State 4-H Congress**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress) **in Austin**

**JULY 17-23 – Texas Shooting Sports Games in San Antonio**

**JULY 17-20 – Prime Time I Camp, 5th-8th grades, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**TUESDAY, JULY 19 – DEADLINE: TCFA Fed Beef Challenge Record Books due by 5 p.m.**

**JULY 20-23 – Prime Time II Camp, 2nd-5th grades, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 24-30 – Texas 4-H Horse Show in Abilene**

**JULY 25-27 – Fishing Camp, 3rd-12th grade, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**FRIDAY, JULY 29 – TCFA Fed Beef Challenge, WTAMU**

**Unless otherwise noted, all local 4-H activities are at the offices of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, located at 903 E. 14th St., Hereford**

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