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4-H News

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Dear Texas 4-H Families:

Thank you for being an integral part of the largest youth development program in Texas, and the largest 4-H Program in the world. Texas is proud to boast the largest 4-H membership enrollment, total 4-H participation, and the largest 4-H volunteer base in the United States.

PARTICIPATION FEE

Changes are happening in 2011-2012 pertaining to 4-H members (youth) registration! Effective with the 2011-12 registration period all youth members will be required to pay a $20.00 participation fee for any membership up to October 31, and a $25.00 fee from November 1st to the completion of the 2011-12 4-H year. Therefore, in order to take advantage of the lower participation fee and make sure your enrollment is active, all 4-H families should act now and get enrolled by October 31st! Participation fee and event registration payment options are credit card, e-check if you enter your membership on 4-H Connect.

NOTICE (Discount Deadline): If you would like the Extension to enter you on 4-H Connect and qualify for the discount you ***must have cash or check*** for the amount written to County 4-H Club on or before Tuesday, October 18th.

ALL (NEW AND RETURNING) 4-H MEMBERS will need to complete:

1. 4-H membership form and Media Release Form (Forms will be in the office, at 4-H meetings, and county website (Check page 5 for website addresses)
2. Registered on 4-H Connect
3. JOIN THE FUN!!!!

RECRUITMENT/PROJECT FAIR

SPECIAL SIGN-UP NIGHT

It is time to get started on a new 4-H year.

DELTA 4-H CLUB: Tuesday, Sept. 6th
6:00 PM Delta Civic Center

FRANKLIN 4-H CLUB: Tuesday, Sept. 13th
6:00 PM Airport

Leadership/Promotional Opportunity: If you would like to set up a project display, contact the Extension Office.

WHAT IS 4-H CONNECT?

- The **OFFICIAL** Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program database for ENROLLED 4-H members and volunteers.
- A secured database that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Councils.

FOR NEW 4-H MEMBERS

- You will be required to set up a family profile on 4-H Connect, the on-line Texas 4-H Enrollment and Event registration program. The website can be found at www.texas4-h.org, then click on the "Join 4-H/Event Registration" link.
- Once a family profile is setup, you will then add individual youth and adult profiles *(members) in your family profiles. You must have either a youth or family profile entered for your registration to be reviewed and accepted.
- **ONLY SET UP (1) PROFILE PER FAMILY!**
- At any time if you lose your e-mail or password, contact your Extension office for assistance---**DO NOT SET UP ANOTHER FAMILY or MEMBER PROFILE!**
- An active membership WILL NOT be granted until participation fees have been paid.

FOR RETURNING 4-H MEMBERS

- DO NOT establish another family or member profile on 4-H CONNECT if you already have one in the system.
- When you access your profile to re-enroll **REVIEW YOUR PROFILE VERY CAREFULLY**. Incorrect information can create problems for you, your family, and the Extension Office when trying to communicate, acquiring school absences, etc.
- **IF YOUR ENROLLMENT IS NOT IN 4-H CONNECT YOU ARE NOT A TEXAS 4-H MEMBER!!!!!**
- An active membership WILL NOT be granted until participation fees have been paid.
- If you lose your email or password contact the Extension Office for assistance in resetting the account. **Creation of a new profile will result in charging of additional participation fees.**

OFFICER TRAINING

Delta 4-H Officers met on August 3rd and Franklin 4-H Officers met on August 11th. Officers have planned a FUN and EXCITING 4-H year!

They will be calling on many of you to assist with different projects and tasks.

TEXAS TECH RANGE MANAGEMENT CAMP

Both **Angela and Shelby Scholta** attended this year's range camp. They spent a very busy and fun week learning more than they ever thought possible about agriculture and range management. They also had the opportunity to stay in the luxurious screen shelter accommodations provided at the camp. These two did an excellent job and received many awards at the camp. We look forward to them leading the Delta 4-H Range Project into the next year. We need to thank the local **Delta County Soil and Water Conservation District and Holt Tractor in Sulphur Springs** for sponsoring this year's camp participants. We really appreciate their support.

BAKE SALE

The Delta 4-H Club recently made almost $300.00 at a bake sale.
We really needed the money to get our accounts caught-up.
Thanks, to everyone that brought baked goods
and to all those that helped at the sale.

COUNTRYFEST

WHEN: SATURDAY, October 8
WHERE: Mount Vernon Downtown and Behind the Extension Office
WHAT: Pony Rides Fund Raiser and Silent Auction.

WHAT CAN I DO?????

We need to start collecting for the silent auction. If you need a donation request letter to take to a business, please contact the Extension Office. You can bring auction items to the Extension Office.

We will need lots of help at the pony rides this year. Mrs. Debby and I are getting too old to do that much walking.

WILDFLOWER SEED SALES

The Delta 4-H will need some help in the next couple of weeks to prepare wildflower seeds to be sold at Chigger-fest. We will be making small mud pies and inserting the seed into these. I know many of you think you are too old to make mud pies, but you are never too old for mud pies.
We will have more information soon.

CHIGGERFEST

Get out the ***OFF!*** Chigger-fest is back. This year's Chigger-fest will be **Saturday, October 15th**. Please make plans to come and help at the 4-H booth, we will be selling baked goods, drinks and wildflower mud pies.

WANTED! LOOKING FOR LEADERS!

I know everyone is very busy and time is short, but we are in need of volunteers to help with some of the 4-H projects. We try not to take too much of your time and you will be making a real difference to the youth. If you are interested or know someone that might be interested please stop and visit with us at the recruitment meeting or give us a call. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST , FOOD & NUTRITION, HORSE AND BEEF QUIZ BOWLS

When: December 3, 2011

Where: Commerce, TX

What: *THESE CONTESTS ARE FUN. You do not have to own an animal to participate and you learn a lot. Since everyone is so busy, we will try to work around everyone's schedule and keep extra work to a minimum. We hope to send teams from each county.*

Please let us know if you are interested.

NEW AND EXISTING PROJECTS

Along with our existing projects we have some new and exciting projects to offer. These include:

- **Fashion and fashion storyboard**
- **Range management**
- **Educational presentation**
- **Share the Fun**

We hope there will be interest in these project areas. Our leaders and officers have also been working hard to improve some of the long standing projects offered in the counties. If you have an idea or interest in a new project let us know.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This is an important aspect of 4-H. We can help make our communities a better place to live, while giving back to our communities for their support of our programs.

Many Delta 4-H youth recently worked on the **Delta County Rose Garden**.

Both clubs officers and leaders have many community service events planned for the coming year.

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

Franklin 4-H'ers have been busy this summer with horse competitions. The **District Horse Show** (June 21-22, 2011) was held in Sulphur Springs with 22 other counties. **Hannah Penny** placed 1st and **Baukje Talsma** placed 3rd in the Yearling Longe Line Futurity. **Lyndi Starr** placed 2nd in the 2-year old Pleasure Futurity. **Amanda Anderson** won the Overall High Point for the Stock Horse Division, 3rd in Reining, 2nd in Working Cow Horse, 3rd in Stock Horse Trail and 1st in Team Penning. Franklin & Delta County 4H clubs (**Amanda Anderson** and **Hannah Penny** of Franklin County and **Joshua Berry** of Delta County) combined efforts and put together the winning run in Team Penning.

SHOT

Amanda and **Lyndi** also competed at the **Stock Horse of Texas (SHOT)** (July 16, 2011). **Amanda** earned high Point Overall in Novice and showed in Reining, Working Cow Horse, Ranch Horse Trail and Ranch Horse Pleasure. **Lyndi** placed 3rd in Youth Ranch Horse Trail and 10th in Youth Ranch Horse Pleasure.

STATE HORSE SHOW

The **State 4H Horse Show was held in Abilene** (July 23-30, 2011)**. Amanda** made the finals in Stock Horse Trail out of 105 exhibitors! She also showed in Reining and Working-cow Horse. **Lyndi** showed in the 2-year old Pleasure Futurity, placing 7th overall from combined scores in Pleasure and Individual Pattern Work. **Hannah** placed 6th in the Yearling Longe Line Futurity. **Joshua** competed in Cutting, Reining, Working-cow Horse and Ranch Trail. **Amanda** and **Hannah** also teamed-up with **Joshua** to make the finals in the team penning. They almost won the whole thing, but had an extra calf get over in the finals. Not bad considering they were never able to practice. This was the most contestants we have ever sent to the State Show and we hope to have more next year.

HORSE PROJECT

Many thanks to **Debby Plantinga,**
dedicated Franklin County Horse Leader,
for all of her volunteer hours.

She has spent countless hours working with the youth
of Franklin County whether they were getting ready
to compete at some event or just wanting to learn to trail ride better.

She also spent long hours volunteering at the State Show in Abilene.
We are very lucky to have such a dedicated leader.

THANKS, DEBBY!

4-H WEBSITES

Check out these website. You might even find a picture of YOU!

Delta: http://delta-tx.tamu.edu/
District: http://d44-h.tamu.edu/
Franklin: http://franklin-tx.tamu.edu/
State: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/

LIVESTOCK SHOWS & SCRAMBLES

Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show-Ft. Worth (Jan 13-Feb 4)
San Antonio Livestock Show-San Antonio- (Feb 9-26)
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo-Houston (Feb. 28-March 18)
STAR of Texas –Austin (March 9-24)

There are many calf scrambles throughout the state each year. A calf scramble is an event for FFA and 4-H youth, you actually go out into the arena at one of the major rodeos and catch a calf. If you do catch a calf, you are given money to help go toward the purchase of your own show calf. We will try to keep you posted on entry dates and deadlines as we get them. Be sure to let us know if you are interested in competing in a calf scramble this year.

*If you **THINK YOU MIGHT BE** interested in **calf scrambles or showing** at the majors, you **MUST** contact the Extension office by **September 21st.***

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

TUESDAY, October 11, 2011
FREE Tickets
to the State Fair of Texas
For 3rd Annual **Ag. Awareness Day**
are available!
Contact the Extension Office if you are interested,
so we can order tickets.

State Fair of Texas September 30-October 23

QUALITY COUNTS

If you plan to enter any of the major shows you must have Quality Counts verification. The web-site for the training and testing is located at http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/. Please call either office if you need assistance.

SHOOTING SPORTS

The coaches are working on the yearly schedule right now and will have more information soon.

There will be **required** safety training sometime in September or early October. We will be offering some new events this year.

OBESITY AWARENESS WEEK

The second week in September is **Obesity Awareness Week**.

Too many Americans are overweight or obese. Weighing too much can lead to many health problems such as diabetes and heart disease. I would like to encourage you to:

- Increase your physical activity
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Drink milk and limit soda and other high calorie beverages.

If you plan to be in the Food & Nutrition project this would be an activity you could record.

WANTED! RECYCLE

Thank you so much for those who have recycled .
Please don't throw your cartridges away. **RECYCLE!**
4-H is collecting old cartridges from printers or copiers.
It does not matter the size, brand or style.
You can bring them to meetings or
you can drop off your cartridges at the Extension Office.
We would appreciate your help!

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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Extension Disaster Education Network

September is National Preparedness Month! This awareness month is sponsored by the Ready Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps and the Ad Council. NPM is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. **You can contact the Extension office for more information. You can also visit READY KIDS on line. http://www.ready.gov/kids/home.html**

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.
The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

September

September 3-Go Rodeo Parade
September 5-Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed
September 6-Delta 4-H Recruitment/Project Fair
September 11-Grandparent Day
September 13-Franklin 4-H Recruitment/Project Fair
September TBA-District 4 4-HFall Meeting-Dallas
September 21-Major Livestock Interest Notification to Mike

BOLD: DUE DATES

October

October 2-8-National 4-H Week
October 4-Delta 4-H Meeting
October 8-CountryFest-Pony Rides & Silent Auction (Franklin)
October 10-Office Closed; Columbus Day
October 11-Franklin 4-H Meeting
October 15-ChiggerFest (Delta)

November

November 1-Delta 4-H Meeting
November 8-Franklin 4-H Meeting
November 9-4-H Connect Registration Deadline for
Consumer Decision Making,
Beef, Horse and Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowls