

4-H Spotlight

December 2016



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December

- 3 - County Food Show 10 a.m. at Senior Citizens Center
- 9 - Dash for Cash Project Clinic – lambs, goats, steers, heifers
- 10 - Dash for Cash Show
- 12 - County Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. Athens Bowling Center
- 23 - 26 – Extension Office Closed

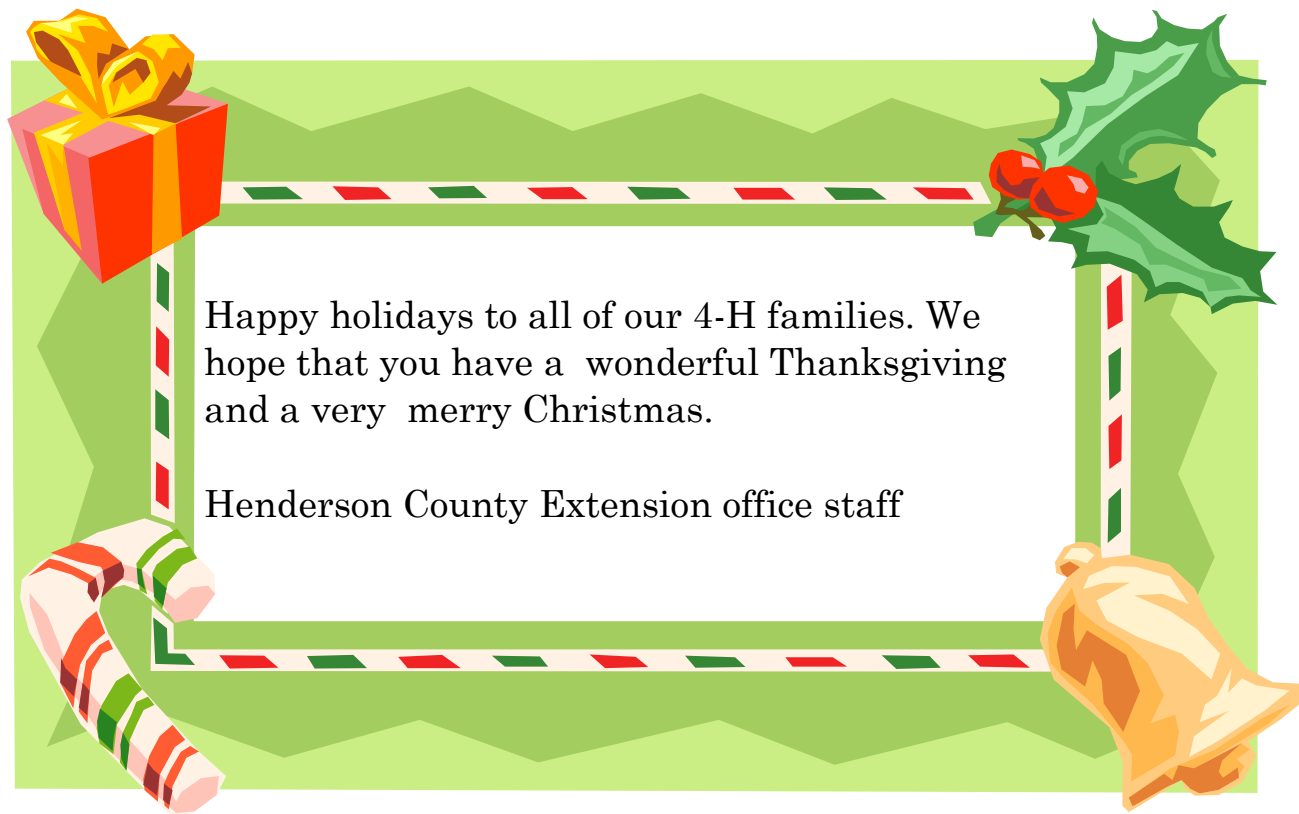
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January

- 2 - Extension office closed
- 12 - County Fashion Show 6:30 p.m. at Extension Office
- 13 - District Food Show Online entry deadline
- 14 - HCLS Market Swine Validation at Fairgrounds
- 16 - Project Workshop Day (Photography, Public Speaking)
- 16 - Extension office closed
- 23 - District Fashion Show online entry deadline
- 23 - ALPA and Council meetings 7:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
- 26 - State 4-H Scholarships due to Extension office

Special points of interest:

- *Livestock Shows*
- *Important Dates*
- *HCLS Dates*
- *Shooting Sports Coach Training*
- *Community Service*



Local News and Activities



HENDERSON COUNTY
4-H COUNCIL & ADULT LEADERS GROUP

Christmas Bowling Party!

DECEMBER 12, 2016

6:30 - 8:30 PM	ATHENS BOWLING CENTER
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RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 7th!
*We will have some Holiday treats to share, but please
bring money if you would like other concessions.*





HCLS Important Dates to Remember

- **January 7th**—County Swine Validation
- **February 1st**—HCLS Queen and Princess applications due
- **March 6th** —HCLS club entries due (your entries must be turned in to your club leader prior to this date—please check with your club leader) for project show and breeding animal entries.
- **March 18th**– County market Rabbit Validation
- **April 3rd—8th** — Henderson County Livestock Show

Visit www.hclsathens.com for a complete list of rules and entry forms.

Need help with your 4-H project?

Please do not hesitate to call the Extension office at 903-675-6130. Whether you have an animal project, food, clothing, etc. we want to help you do your best.

Community Service Opportunities

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Saturday, December 10th
Walmart in Athens

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| 9-10 a.m. | Happy Days 4-H |
| 10-11 a.m. | Clover Kids |
| 11-12 p.m. | Cross Roads 4-H |
| 12-1 p.m. | Cross Roads 4-H |
| 1-2 p.m. | East Texas Young Riders |
| 2-3 p.m. | HCWC |
| 3-4 p.m. | |
| 4-5 p.m. | |

Help Needed

We still need clubs to sign up for time slots. Please call the Extension office or email Angela if you can help.



Athens Fire Department Toy Sort
Date and Time to be Announced
Watch for updates via email..
City of Athens Training building
(corner of S. Prairieville and Park St. next to the Fire Station)

Henderson County 4-H will be assisting the Athens Fire Department with the Toys for Tots toy sort again this year.

2016 - 2017 SERVICE PROJECT

SUPPORT YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS

How to Donate

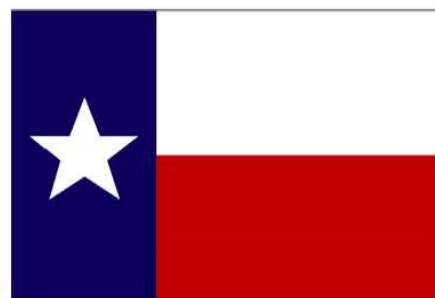
- From November 2016 through Texas 4-H Roundup in June 2017, Texas 4-H Council challenges all 4-H members and families to the First Responders Fund.
- 4-H clubs can collect donations, have a bake sale or other event
- Collect package items from schools

**Reporting Link for
Individuals & Groups:**
<https://goo.gl/forms/HoQrJMfhHfmPrMRU2>



November 2016 - June 2017

Firemen, Policemen, Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) are there to help during the most trying times in anyone's life. It is difficult physically, mentally, and especially emotionally. It is for these reasons we want to show support for these people by providing needed care packages for first responders throughout the state of Texas.



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District & State Events

REFASHION RETREAT

JANUARY 13-15

TEXAS 4-H CENTER-BROWNWOOD, TX

This weekend-long retreat open to junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members features educational sessions conducted by the Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board and 4-H agents and specialists. They will be conducting hands-on educational workshops related to the 4-H Clothing and Textiles Project. The highlight of the retreat is for 4-H members to use their consumer buying skills to purchase items from a local thrift store and then refurbish them into a new garment, which they will model in a style show the last morning of the retreat.

Each youth member must be accompanied by an adult. One adult may chaperone multiple kids. All adults must enroll as a 4-H volunteer have a verified background check and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.

Cost: \$120 for youth
\$90 for adults

Early bird registration closes on December 26th. Registration then goes up 5% and closes on January 6th.

To register, go to texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.





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TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!!!

National 4-H Conference * March 25-30, 2017

WHAT IS NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE?

National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. If you want to strengthen your leadership and/or citizenship projects, this is an excellent opportunity.

National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

As the sponsor for this conference, the National 4-H Headquarters--located within Families, 4-H, and Nutrition at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)--is charged with sharing the recommendations that emerge from the conference with the Secretary of Agriculture, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programs. Each delegate chooses an important societal topic to discuss in a roundtable situation with other delegates. From the roundtable discussion, the groups prepare a briefing to present to federal stakeholders. This experiential approach ensures that the conference is a meaningful experience for the youth and adult participants. Social activities in the evening, tours of Monuments and Museums and cultural entertainment round out the conference.

For a true youth view of the National Conference experience, please see the quotes on the next page!

LOCATION:

The 2017 National 4-H Conference will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. The Center is located in a quiet, 12-acre campus-like setting in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and one mile from the nation's Capitol, making it the perfect gateway to Washington, D.C.'s leaders, monuments and museums. The Conference Center is operated by the National 4-H Council. To read more interesting history on the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, visit http://www.4hcenter.org/center_history.html. Delegates will also have the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and the offices of Congressman and Federal Offices.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The National 4-H Conference requires youth who are focused and committed to working during the Conference and in their state. The Texas delegation will consist of 10-20 youth delegates, who will be required to engage in pre- and post conference work and participate in all scheduled conference activities. The minimum age requirement for a Texas youth delegate is 15 years old (must be by January 1, 2017). The maximum age for a Texas youth delegate is 18.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications must be submitted online and certified through 4HCONNECT by December 15, 2016. Choose '2017 National 4-H Conference'. A fee is NOT required to complete the application. County Extension Office personnel will certify the application, so please communicate with your Extension Agent of your intent to apply. Final selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the online application; you may be contacted for a telephone interview. The final selection of delegates will be announced on, or before, January 13, 2017. Please refer to the Application/Nomination for 4-H Recognition Form (4-H 3-2.041) to help you complete the online application. This form is available from the Library Tab of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program website (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>) under Achievement & Recognition Certificates.

COST:

The delegate's share of registration, adult chaperone registration, lodging, airfare, meals, and transportation costs is \$2,000.00. This registration fee will be due on February 1, 2017 payable through 4-H Connect.

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Take Care of Texas and Waste Management of Texas, Inc. invite students to submit a 30-second video public service announcement that portrays positive ways Texans can help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, or reduce waste. Three 9th-12th grade students with the best videos will be awarded scholarship funds; 1st place - \$2,500, 2nd place - \$1,500, and 3rd place - \$500. Three 6th-8th grade students with the best videos will be awarded GoPros cameras with accessories.

The contest closes Dec. 16, 2016. The videos will then go through three rounds of judging, including a public voting period from Jan. 11 – 25, 2017. More contest details are available at <http://takecareoftexas.org/teens/video-contest> .

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TEXAS 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Deadline Friday, January 27, 2017

Submit Electronically via Texas 4-H Connect :
 Event : State – 2017 Beekeeping Essay Contest

Winners will be announced the week of February 20, 2017



The 2017 Essay Topic has been announced by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

This year’s topic is *“How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?”*

AWARDS:

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners from Texas 4-H:

- 1st Place: \$300.00
- 2nd Place: \$200.00
- 3rd Place: \$100.00

Rules and forms can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology> .

Upcoming Livestock Shows (flyers at Extension office)

Dash for Cash Winter Classic
Saturday, December 10th
Athens, Texas

Entry Fee: Cattle: \$25 Goats/Lambs \$20
No late fees. Blow and Go.

Check in heifers 6-8 a.m.
Check in steers 6-10 a.m.
Check in goats and lambs 6-9 a.m.

Heifers, Steer, Market Goats, and Market Lambs. For more information contact 903-286-4974 or pick up a flyer from the Extension office.

Winter Classic
December 3-4, 2016
Kaufman County Fairgrounds

Heifers, Steers, Swine, Lambs and Goats

For more information, contact Kip Curry, Sr. at 254-592-3915 or visit www.ctxjackpotseries.com .

Kaufman Winter Klassic Jackpot Show
Saturday, January 7, 2017
Kaufman County Fairgrounds

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, Pigs

Entry Fee: \$25
Registration 7-9:00 a.m.

For more info, call Emily Reynolds 972-935-7045.

Rick Hirsch Memorial Livestock Show
Saturday, January 14, 2017
East Texas State Fairgrounds

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, Pigs

Cattle: \$40 (2 rings) Goats, Lambs, Pigs: \$20
Registration 7-9:00 a.m.

For more information, call Aaron Low at 903-683-5416.

Dash for Cash Showmanship Clinic
Sponsored by the 4-H Adult Leader Council

Friday, December 9, 2016
Henderson County Fairpark Complex,
Athens

\$6 per person, includes meal
Pay at the door.
Check in: 5-6 p.m.

Clinic for beef, sheep, and goat projects. Bring your animal project. Stalls and pens will be available. Stay for the Dash for Cash on Saturday. Topics include showmanship, feeding, fitting, nutrition, and show preparation. For more information contact the Extension office at 903-675-6130.

**Branded by Christ Coverall Classic
Jackpot Show and Clinics**
Saturday, January 7, 2017
Jacksonville, TX

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, Pigs

Cattle: \$25 Goats, Lambs, Pigs: \$20
Registration 7-9:00 a.m.

For more information, call Brian Kinney 903-721-3347.