



Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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The Big Apple Experience

Howdy 4-H Families,

Two weeks ago the Jim Wells County 4-H Traveling Clovers took our adventure to New York City after waiting and planning for two years. This was such an amazing experience, not only for the 4-H'ers but the parents and adults that went along. The life lessons and memories that were learned are invaluable. I do think that it took a few days once we got there for the shock to wear off. The shock of so many people living and working on this island that is New York City. Everyone had their own favorite parts of the trip but I loved walking the Brooklyn Bridge, 1.1 mile each way, and the 911 Museum. To think we watched this unfold on TV, the museum was so well done and it was such a moving experience to be there. All in all, my Fitbit said we walked 55 miles for the week which I think was pretty good for taking the subway pretty often. Ask some of the Traveling Clovers what their favorite part of the trip was.

If you have any project questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Barbie Wymore
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Thank You Corner

Thank you to Lilly Rodriguez, Jenney Karasek, and Jaye Lynn Watson for judging at the District 12 4-H Record Book Judging.

Thanks to Eddie Tijerina for helping to chaperone the Healthy Lifestyles Road Trip where we toured peach orchards, some state parks, climbed Enchanted Rock, and Wildseed Farms.



Leadership Quote of the Month

“We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we’re curious, and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

- Walt Disney

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State Lamb, Goat, and Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation Tags

If you are planning on exhibiting lambs, goats, or breeding sheep and goats at the major livestock shows (San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, Austin, etc.) you will need to order validation tags. Tags are \$20 each. Tags must be pre-paid, NO PHONE ORDERS. No extra tags will be ordered. The deadline to order these tags is Thursday, August 24. Any tags ordered after the 24th will be \$35 each. The absolute last day any tags will be ordered is October 13. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Heifer Validations for Major Livestock Shows

4-H and FFA Heifer Exhibitors who will be exhibiting at the major livestock shows, we need a count to order UIN's for the heifers by Friday, September 15 (validation fees will be collected on October 16. Validation fee will be \$20 and will be conducted on Monday, October 16th, from 4-6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. You will need to bring your original papers with you for us to scan or you can scan the papers in color and email to b-wymore@tamu.edu. All heifers that will be shown at majors must be brought to validations but if the heifers have already been validated for majors in their show career, they will not need to be revalidated. Please get all of your registration papers in process for the heifers now so that you will have them by the validation date of October 16th.

Annual 4-H Awards Night—

“Celebrate Our Superheroes”

The Annual Jim Wells County 4-H Awards Night



“Celebrate Our Superheroes ” will be held on Sunday, August 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Home Economics Building at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds. All 4-H families are invited to attend for fellowship and celebrate the accomplishments of Jim Wells County 4-H'ers.

At the awards night, 4-H'ers will be recognized for their participation, 4-H slide show of year's activities, outstanding 4 -H awards will be presented, club leaders will be recognized, and incentive program awards given to 4-H'ers earning those awards.

A potluck dinner will be served. Each family is asked to bring a **HOMEMADE** main dish **and a** vegetable or dessert. Please plan to arrive with your dish **BEFORE 5** because we will kick-off the night at 5 with the program.

Come join us for fellowship and celebrate 4-H'ers for all of their successes throughout the 2016-17 4-H year. All 4-H families are invited and bring a friend or other family members.

State 4-H Horse Show Results

Congratulations to Taylor Gunn and Matthew Garcia for their participation in the 2017 State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene. Taylor placed 6th in her Halter class. Way to represent Jim Wells County Matthew and Taylor.



Annual 4-H Enrollment for 2017-18

We kick off the 2017-2018 4-H year on August 15 on 4-H Connect even though I realize most 4-H clubs will have met by then. However, this is the magical date that 4-H Connect changes over to the new year. The website address again is: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html> All 4-H'ers and leaders will need to re-enroll in 4-H at this time as the enrollment status will no longer state "Active" but go to "Inactive." You will need to login to your account and update your profile information. If a family is new and has not created a 4-H family profile, they must complete one. When registering, 4-H'ers will be required to pay a \$20 membership fee and this fee will be paid online on 4-H Connect. The fee must be paid by credit card.

The only way that we will have a record of a youth being a 4-H member in Jim Wells County is by the completion of the enrollment process on-line. **Enrollments need to be completed by September 15 for those showing in the Fair.** If a youth is not enrolled, we can not check grades or eligibility; therefore, can not show as a 4-H member. The September 15 deadline includes all 4-H'ers showing livestock projects, home economics projects, shop projects, and those participating in the Queen's Contest.

Jim Wells County 4-H parents or adults who serve as leaders or club managers must also enroll at this time. Also, any adult who has interaction with 4-H'ers, including checking 4-H'ers projects, coaching 4-H youth or providing assistance with the club or project they must enroll as a 4-H leader and go thru the 4-H background screening. Adults will pay a \$10 fee and this will be used for volunteer screening.

4-H'ers who are just entering the 3rd grade this school year, will need to wait to enroll on 4 -H Connect until September 1 If youth do not wait until September 1, 4-H Connect calculates their birthdate and grade wrong for showing purposes.

Everyone must re-enroll in August, no matter when joining in 2016-17. You can log in to your family profile at any time but the key is that enrollment status must have ACTIVE.

Congratulations Emily

Emily Kalinec received a \$1000 scholarship from the Texas Bobwhite Brigade. Emily was a cadet at the Brigade last year and came back as an Assistant Leader this summer. Way to go Emily!!

State Fair of Texas Ag Product ID Contest

If anyone is interested in participating in the State Fair of Texas Ag Product ID Contest, the fee is \$10 per person and must be paid by August 15. The contest will be held on Monday, October 9. With that in mind, several of us are leaving on Friday, October 6, in order to attend the ceremony in which Trevor Martinez receives his Award from TSC for the Good Neighbor Essay. 4-H'ers can meet me us in Dallas or go with us on the 6th; however, we will need parent assistance in transporting 4-H'ers.

4-H Open House and Enrollment Night

Stop by the County Extension Office as we kick-off the new 4-H year with an Open House and Enrollment Night on Wednesday, August 16 from 4-6 p.m. at the County Extension Office. Invite your friends, stop by to see project visits, and meet with 4-H leadership teams. The community is welcome to come by and see projects 4-H has to offer. Computers will be available so that everyone can begin the 4-H enrollment process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office. This is a great time for 4-H clubs to do a science board display of their club activities and the uniqueness of their club.

Flyers for 4-H Open House will be emailed next week.

Jim Wells County Fair Entries

During your August 4-H club meetings, all 4-H'ers will receive their entry cards and fair memberships. Please don't forget to contact your club manager if you miss your August 4-H club meeting. **All entries must be turned in to their own 4-H club manager and are not accepted at the County Extension Office.** Pay close attention to the instructions given to you by your club manager when filling out the summary forms. **Both sides of the summary sheet must be completely filled out and make sure the current school is listed as eligibility and attendance letters will be based on summary forms.** It is NOT the responsibility of the club manager to call to remind 4-H'ers and parents to turn in their entries. All entries must be turned in to their club managers no later than August 25 or the entry deadline they set at the club meeting prior to this date. Please remember that a 4-H'er may only exhibit 3 market entries per division.

The Fair entry deadline is for all entries for the Jim Wells County Fair: animal projects, home economics division, shop project entries cards, and Fair Queens Pageant (Queen entries are due in the Fair Office).

All entry fees must be in the form of money order or cash. No personal checks will be accepted for entry fees. Checks will be accepted for Fair membership as 4-H'ers can sell these to businesses or other individuals.

Please talk to your club manager or call the County Extension Office if you have any questions but please do not wait until the last minute.

Jim Wells County Fair Queen's Contest

In February, the Jim Wells County Fair Queen's Contest packets were emailed out to the 4-H membership in case anyone is thinking about running this year. If you need a hard copy of the packet, you may come by the Extension Office or the Fair Office. Everything is due on Friday, August 25, by 5:00 pm to the Fair Office.

Jim Wells County Fair Scholarships

Attention Seniors, Class of 2018.....please make sure that you pick-up a set of scholarship applications from your 4-H Club Manager at the August meeting. Scholarships available are: Virginia Starr Scholarship, John L Williams Memorial Scholarship, and the Jim Wells County Fair Scholarship. Forms can also be picked up at the County Extension Office or Fair Office.

Foods and Nutrition Project Workshop

September is around the corner and that is when our County Food Show and Food Challenge Contests are held. The event will be held on Saturday, September 30th. To start preparing 4-H'ers for the contests, we will have a Foods and Nutrition Project Workshop from 2-5 p.m. at the Merchant's Building at the Fairgrounds. Some of the fun activities we will work on are: food safety, knife safety, key cooking terms, My-Plate, and some other fun cooking twists. Come join us for some Fun, Experiential Learning. If you plan on attending, you will need to RSVP for the workshop by Thursday, August 24.



Important Changes to 2017-18 Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines

Here are a few changes to the 2017-18 Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines:

“Consistent with UIL rules, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted a 3 school week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (ie from a public school to home, public to private, public to public, private to home, private to private, home to public, or home to private) before the 4-H member is eligible for extra curricular activity.

District 4-H Record Book Results

Congratulations to the 4-H’ers who completed their record books compete this year. Results are:

Junior

Adam Tijerina, Science, Engineering & Technology, Blue Ribbon

Chelsea Munoz, Poultry, Red Ribbon

Emma Lane, Consumer Education, Blue Ribbon

Rayegan Lane, Gardening/Horticulture, Blue Ribbon

Kinleigh Carr, Clothing and Textiles, Blue Ribbon

Intermediate

Mikayla Hesseltine, Photography, Blue Ribbon

Makayla Rodriguez, Consumer Education, Red Ribbon

Trevor Martinez, Poultry, Blue Ribbon

Emily Kalinec, Clothing and Textiles, Blue Ribbon

Avery Mata, Swine, Blue Ribbon

Austin Chapa, Foods and Nutrition, Blue Ribbon

Senior

Kendall Karasek, Wildlife and Fisheries, 2nd place

Elise Hesseltine, Natural Resources, 1st Place

Erin Gallagher, Rabbit, 1st Place

Kyleigh Carr, Foods and Nutrition, 1st Place

Ryan Lopez, Poultry, 3rd Place

Taylor Gunn, Horse, 1st Place

Rachel Gallagher, Gardening/Horticulture, 1st Place

Sebastian Chapa, Shooting Sports, Participation

Home Economics

Entries

Rules and entry forms for the Home Economics Division at the Jim Wells County Fair are available for you to pick up at the County Extension Office or can be downloaded from the Jim Wells County Extension website. Entries may include: baked goods, photos, arts and crafts, etc. Entry forms and recipes on the appropriate form are due in the County Extension Office by Friday, August 25. Entries can be turned in prior to the 25th .

Please pick-up a complete list of rules prior to completing your projects. Mary will also be emailing a list to all 4-H families and they will also be available on the 4-H Connect homepage when logging in.



In Support of the 4-H Club Motto:

“To Make the Best Better”

I Pledge

My Head to Clearer Thinking

My Heart to Greater Loyalty

My Hands to Larger Service

And My Health to Better Living

**For my club, my Community, my Country
and my world.**



This is for reference so that all 4-H’ers learn for the 4-H club meeting opening ceremonies.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

August 13—Jim Wells County 4-H Awards Night

August 26—4-H 101 and 201 (A little bit of learning for the new 4-H family and the seasoned 4-H family)

September 23—Showmanship Clinic (cattle, swine, sheep, and goats for certain will be covered and bring your projects)

September 23-24—District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop

September 30—Jim Wells County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge

October 1-7—National 4-H Week

October 7—One Day 4-H

October 23-28—JWC Fair

November 18—District 12 4-H Food Show/Food Challenge

November 19—District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making

Major Change for District 12 4-H

Archery Match

The date is moving to the Fall and not June for the District 12 4-H Archery Match. Archery Match will be December 9 in Benavides. Thank you to everyone who filled out those surveys at the District Match, the voices were heard.



District 12 4-H Horse Show

Congratulations to Taylor Gunn, Matthew Garcia, and Isaiah Garcia for participating in the District 12 4-H Horse Show. Taylor Gunn was awarded Champion Supreme Champion Showman, Champion Qualifying Division, Champion Mare, 1st place Showmanship at Halter, 1st place Hunter Under Saddle, 1st place Equitation Over Fences, 1st place Open Jumping. Matthew Garcia was 1st place Gelding 4 and Under, 3rd place Showmanship at Halter, Reserve Champion Gelding. Isaiah Garcia was 4th place Geldings 5 and Over.





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Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program



Coach's Certification Workshop

September 23-24, 2017 – Carrizo Springs, Texas

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program has scheduled a workshop just for **you**. Volunteers with an interest in working with youth to help them develop personal responsibility and other life skills can become trained and certified coaches within the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports program by attending this workshop. In addition to teaching valuable life skills, coaches work with youth to teach good marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, conservation ethics, and more.

The workshop is conducted by nationally certified instructors and provides in-depth training on working with youth through the shooting sports program. Coaches can become certified in *Archery*, *Shotgun*, *Pistol*, or *Rifle*. *Participate as: Adult Coach (21 yrs. ↑, Asst. Coach (18-20yrs), Youth Asst. Coach (14-18yrs). Restrictions apply.*

For more information about other workshops, calendar of events and other information about 4-H Shooting Sports in Texas, visit the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports>

Registration: Opens – Sep. 1 and Closes Sep. 12
(call for late registration...restrictions apply)

Registration Fee: Candidates \$150 per person by Sep. 12

Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Carrizo Springs, Texas
Dimmit County Conference Center
539 Industrial Blvd., Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834

Registration fees cover program costs, training materials, some meals, shirt, and certification credentials.

Contact:

Mr. Luis Saldaña, Extension Program Specialist – 4-H Youth Development, District 12 Office, Workshop Site Coordinator (956-968-5581) L-saldana@tamu.edu

Register on 4-H Connect

<http://texas.4honline.com>

In order to register, you must be a Registered/Screened/Approved 4-H Volunteer on 4-H Connect. Contact your county Extension agent for assistance.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Luis Saldaña at 956-968-5581 by September 15th