



# 4-H NEWS LEE COUNTY

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## 4-H at County Show



The Lee County 4-H program had 255 entries submitted to the 2016 Lee County Junior Livestock Show. These entries represented 161 4-H exhibitors. The largest areas of entries were Market Hogs (63), Market Goats (33), Regular Cakes (33) and Commercial Open Heifers (26).

Lee County 4-H'ers earned 6 Grand Champions and 7 Reserve Championships.

The average age of 4-H exhibitors was 12 years. The highest number of exhibitors were the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, with 24 from each grade. There were 15 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, the first year a 4-H'er is eligible to exhibit.

The LCJLS Appreciate Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 15, at the Sons of Herman Hall in Giddings. Each 4-H family is asked to bring a dessert. The dinner begins at 5 pm. Sale checks will be presented at this event.

LCJLS Annual meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 6:30 pm. Directors up for re-election will be determined at this meeting.

Congratulations to all the 4-H exhibitors. It is the hope of the Extension office that everyone enjoyed their time at the Show and are looking forward to competing again next year.

## District 9 Virtual Fishing Contest

The District 9 Virtual Fishing Contest will be held April 15-17. District 9 4-H will once again be hosting a Virtual Fishing Tournament.

But wait! This time you must register ahead of time via 4-HCONNECT.

Fish can be caught from any lake, river or pond (with landowner's consent). Both **BASS** and **CATFISH** can be included in the catch. This is a "catch and release" tournament.

Any participants, 17 years old or older, must have a current fishing license.

The District 9 Fishing Contest organizers are once again guaranteeing a total prize package of at least \$500 to be distributed among the winners. But with a \$10 registration fee for all participants, we think we can make the prizes EVEN BETTER!

You will be given a "common item" to display with your fish as you post your

picture to the D9 4-H Facebook page. However, them item will not be identified until the night before the contest starts.

The "common item" will be posted to the "**District 9 4-H**" Facebook page. You **must** measure your fish on a "Check It Stick" brand ruler or a similar device where the measurements can be clearly and easily seen in the uploaded photo. Refer to the attached flyer for an example of the measurement photo.

The measurement photo **must** be readable in the uploaded photo. It's advisable to take multiple photos and post the best.

You are allowed to catch as many fish as possible. Your top Bass/Catfish (based on length) will be used for the tournament.

For all the details, read the flyer closely on the D9 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/District-9-4-H-124617790919576/?fref=ts>

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## Youth Range Workshop

Join participants from across Texas, June 26 – July 1, at the Texas Tech University Campus in Junction, Texas for the nation's longest running natural resources workshop for youth.

At the Texas Section Society for Range Management (TSSRM) Youth Range Workshop, participants gain useful knowledge and skills in the areas of ecology, inventory practices, management and evaluation of resources. Experts from across the state are recruited to teach the participants in fields ranging from watershed management, to prescribed burning, to soil health, and many areas in between.

Additionally, youth are trained in the areas of public speaking, advocacy, and leadership, so that they are armed with the knowledge they need to effectively educate others in the area of rangeland management, regardless of the career path they ultimately choose. The workshop is open to youth who are 14-18 years old, and have complet-

ed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but have not graduated from high school.

The workshop is \$350 and includes all meals, lodging, and educational materials needed during the week.

Participants are encouraged to seek out sponsorships from various sources, including soil and water conservation districts or local ranches, and are then asked to go back after the workshop to present what they learned to those sponsors.

Applications can be found at <http://www.texasglc.org/media/1070/youth-range-workshop-app.pdf> and you're encouraged to "like" the Facebook page to check out pictures from previous year's workshops!

<https://www.facebook.com/TSSRMYouthRangeWorkshop/>

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact: Hoyt Seidensticker (210)414-6603; Jenny Pluhar (806) 679-8729; or Paul Loeffler, (432)386-3101.

## Horse Validation Information

As a reminder, Horse Validations are required for **ALL** horses shown at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows. Horses must be owned and validated by the 4-H member, their parents, grandparents, legal guardian or sibling by May 1.

A horse that has been validated in a previous year, must be re-validated (and paid) in the current year, if it is to be shown. Validations are conducted on 4-

H CONNECT, and requires an "active" 4-H membership.

The validation of multiple horses is encouraged, so the 4-H member has options, in case of an unforeseen accident, injury or death of one of the horses.

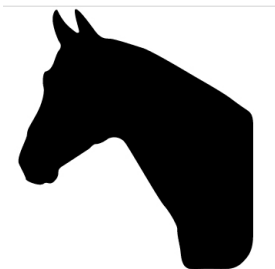
### Horse Validation Dates

March 1 - April 15 — \$10/horse

April 16 - May 1 — \$20/horse

May 1 is the absolute deadline for validation of horses.

The instructions for families have been uploaded to the website for State 4-H Horse Show information: [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2012/04/16\\_HorseValidationInstructions\\_Families.pdf](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2012/04/16_HorseValidationInstructions_Families.pdf)



## Summer Camps

Lee County 4-H will be attending **COUNTY CAMP I** at the Texas 4-H Center, in Brownwood, Texas, on June 27-29. Both Agents will be attending this Camp.

County Camp, for Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, is a residential camp featuring traditional camp experiences, such as:

- kayaking
- shooting sports (archery & shotgun)
- challenge course
- environmental education
- arts and crafts
- fishing
- dancing
- team challenges
- swimming
- and lots more ... ..

Camp is \$180 per youth. Early Bird registration extends through June 13. There will be a 5% increase on late registrations.

Register online at:

[texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)

Payment requires a credit/debit card. It is strongly suggested that when registering you use a desktop/laptop computer, rather than a cell phone.

When registering for County Camp, select **COUNTY CAMP I**, June 27-29. There are three different camps entitled County Camp. Select **COUNTY CAMP I**.

### PRIME TIME

If you'd prefer something more age specific, **PRIME TIME** is especially designed for younger youth with opportunities to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others. Three night/four day event and covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care service, facility and programming fees.

Membership in 4-H is NOT a requirement to participate in camp. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis until the camp is filled.

Grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> — Prime Time I; July 17-20

Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> — Prime Time II; July 20-23

# Summer 4-H Activities & Connections

## Horizons

Horizons is a camp featuring different 4-H project programs. Each participant will select from one of the five programs offered. This year's projects include.

**Robotics:** This science based program will provide youth with activities in constructing a robot, programming a robot and how to use sensors in robots. If you have keen interest in science and technology, this is the project for you.

**Leather and Lacing:** Join the team for an in-depth, hands-on introduction to the art of leather working. Campers will receive step-by-step instruction on the use of leather tools, carving designs, stamping, coloring stitching and lacing. Participants will go through the process of making their very own tooled/carved and hand stitched leather belt of their own creative style.

**Food Challenge:** The Food Challenge project teaches 4-H'ers how to prepare nutritious and safe meals and snacks. Participants will learn to identify and prepare a dish, then present it to the judges.

**Wildlife:** it is a week of outdoor experience to raise awareness about conservation of our natural resources, nature appreciation of wildlife and teach stewardship. It will include hands on wildlife activities, kayaking, hiking and much more.

**Cardboard Camp:** This new program combines everyone's favorite building material with medieval times. Participants will build castles, armor and weapons before storming other team's forts. Take your arts and crafts to the next level with potions, team crests and more!

Horizons is \$280/youth, if registered by June 12. To register, go to <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

## State Dog Show

The State 4-H Dog Show will be held July 8-10, at the Bell County Expo Center, in Belton, Texas. The costs varies based on events the 4-H member enters. For more information about this year's Dog Show, visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/dogshow/>

## District Leadership Lab

Leadership Lab will be held June 28-30 in Galveston, for 4-H members entering High School through 19 years old. Leadership lab prepares teen leaders for the leadership roles in their County 4-H Program, through workshops and activities. Individuals will build team skills and network with other 4-H Team Leaders from across District 9.

Each evening is a themed dance which allows for costumes. Many kids may just want to dress up, though many wear summer clothes.

Lee County Parent Volunteers Association will off-set a portion of the cost of registration. **Registration deadline is May 15.** Registration is \$255 and will cover two nights of lodging, all meals, program activities, insurance, curriculum and T-Shirt. The attire is school appropriate (casual).

## Poultry Institute

The U.S. Poultry and Egg Association, in conjunction with the Texas A&M Poultry Science Department and the Aggie Leadership Council sponsor the TAMU Poultry Institute for Youth. The Institute is held every summer on the Texas A&M campus.

The purpose of this program is to give high school students a chance to learn about the poultry industry through hands-on activities. The participants will have the opportunity to meet Texas A&M staff as well as leaders from the poultry industry. A portion of the Institute will consist of hands-on experience by working directly with poultry as well as visiting poultry facilities.

### Eligibility:

1. Attendees must be a high school junior or senior in the following school year, or a college freshman;
2. Have an interest in poultry;
3. Willing to interact with other individuals/groups about the poultry industry;
4. Interest in meeting with individuals from Texas A&M

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University and the poultry industry.

## **Cost:**

A registration fee of \$50 will be required for each participant that is selected to attend the Institute. This fee is to be paid upon acceptance to the program. Registration fees will be paid online once students receive their acceptance packets. Do not send money with the application. All other expenses, except transportation to and from College Station, will be covered by the sponsorship of the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association.

## **Applications & Selection Process:**

Applications are available and may be submitted through mail, email (Lesley.Gleason@tamu.edu), or fax. Participants will be selected by members of the Texas A&M University Poultry Institute Staff. Eligible participants will be selected on the basis of their applications and supporting documents.

For additional questions regarding the Poultry Institute for Youth, please contact either Lesley Gleason (Lesley.Gleason@tamu.edu) or Allison Noll (Allison.Moore@tamu.edu).

## **Instructional Horse Show**

Interested in gaining more knowledge about your horse project in these areas:

- Showmanship
- Western Horsemanship
- Western Riding
- Western Trail
- Hunt Seat Equitation
- Working Cow Horse
- Stock Horse Pleasure

An Instructional Horse Show will be conducted on Monday, June 20, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. The Instructional Show is open to any 4-H member. The fee is \$50 and includes any or all of the above classes. Entries are due on 4-H CONNECT by May 22.

While the Instructional Show is held the opening day of

the District Horse Show, participants do not have to be registered in the District Horse Show to be eligible for the Instructional Show.

However, if there is a possibility you may wish to participate in the District Horse Show, your horse must be validated by May 1. Horse Validation information can be found on Page Two of this newsletter. After the Instructional Show should you decide to enter the District Horse Show, registration late fees will be waived.

Call the Extension office should you have any questions.

## **Veterinary Science Summer Camp**

Do you have an interest in Veterinary Science? The goal of the Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camp, June 6 through June 9, is to provide experiential learning opportunities for students participating in the Veterinary Science Certification Program (VSCP).

Students will learn and practice clinical skills on large and small animals, while under the supervision of a veterinarian. Students may earn 33 of the 78 skills hours required for the VSCP certification process.

Vet Science Camp is open to 4-H members, 11 - 18 years old, who did **NOT** attend last year. Register through 4-H CONNECT under 2016 4-H Roundup. Registration opens April 15 and continues through May 20.

Camp is limited to the first 20 members who register. (Preference will be given to students participating in an organized veterinary science program.)

Participants will complete in the Veterinary Science Skill-a-Thon on Thursday, June 9, during State Roundup. Skill-a-Thon is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-h member can gain through his/her involvement in a Veterinary Science project.

Cost is \$150 (which includes room, meals, materials and Texas 4-H Roundup registration fee).

Additional information is available at:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>