

# **Swisher County 4-H Times**

January, 2017

# Welcome to the 2016-17 4-H Year

It is that time of year for 4-H enrollment. New and returning 4-H members and adults can start enrolling for the 2016-17 4-H year. Participation fees will remain the same for youth members in 2016-17, which are: November 1st to end of 4-H year - \$25.

Go to 4-H Connect at:

https://texas.4honline.com/Login.aspx? 4079444C6D387A6E595A2F6F3D to enroll. (Remember if you are re-enrolling please just update your profile. DO NOT Create a new profile.) You must pay by credit/debit card. DO NOT choose county check.

### **County Stock Show** 1st Year 4-H Exhibitor Award

Selection of the 1st year 4-H Exhibitor Award is based on project forms and observations made by the award sponsor. One 1st year 4-H Exhibitor award will be given per year. Project forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, January 13, 2017

# **Concession Stand Major Fund Raising Event** for Entire 4-H Program

The Stock Show Concession Stand is the major fund raising event for the entire 4-H program. The proceeds from the concession stand provides awards, ribbons, and helps pay expenses for the Achievement Banquet, Roundup, Clothing Workshop, Food Show, County Camp, and other 4-H Activities. Since all 4-H members benefit from these funds, each 4-H family is asked to support this effort by working in the concession stand and/or providing the assigned food. Your cooperation on behalf of the 4-H youth is appreciated. If you have extra time during the holidays you might want to make an extra batch of cookies or brownies to put in the freezer for the concession stand. Everyone's assistance is greatly appreciated. Watch for the work schedule in the mail the 1st week of January.

# STOCK SHOW INFORMATION

Below is the schedule for the local and county stock shows. If you have any questions please contact your club manager or the Extension office.

4:00 p.m.

**Happy Local Show** Check In January 13, 2017: by 5:00 p.m. at the Happy Community Center.

January 14, 2017: 10:00 a.m.—Steers followed by Lambs, Goats and Swine.

**Kress Local Show** Check In January 13, 2017: Check in by 5:00 p.m. January 14, 2017: 9:30 a.m. Goats, Lambs, Steers, Heifers and Pee Wee Pig Show. Lunch Break followed by the

Swine judging.

**Tulia Local Show** Check In January 13, 2017: Check in by 5:00 p.m.

January 14, 2017: 8:00 a.m. Lambs, Goats, Steers, Heifers and Swine.

County Stock Show Set-up Saturday, January 7, 1 pm **County Show Barns** 

Commercial Project meeting January 9 in Meeting Room at 6 pm.

# **Swisher County Stock Show**

January 14-17, 2017

## Saturday, January 14, 2017

5:00 p.m.	All animals (except Commercial Projects and Rabbits)
	must be in the barn (or as soon as your local show is
	finished)
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#### 5:00 p.m. Weigh steers and check heifer papers

#### Sunday, January 15, 2017 7:00 a.m. Weigh, classify, and sift barrows, goats and lambs

	(Animals must be classified when weighed)
9:00 a.m.	Deadline for Commercial Records to be turned in and
	Commercial animals to be in place
1:00 p.m.	Heifer and Steer Show
3:00 p.m.	Commercial Contestant Interviews
3:00 p.m.	Check in and weigh rabbits

Rabbit Show or immediately following Steer Show

	<u> Monday, January 16, 2017</u>
8:00 a.m.	Lamb Show
10:30 a.m.	Goat Show-or immediately following Lamb Show
1:00 p.m.	Swine Show-or immediately following Goat Show
	Tuesday, January 17, 2017
5:30 p.m.	Buyers Appreciation Supper
6:15 p.m.	All Champion Exhibitors and Senior (12th Grade)

Exhibitors be at the swine holding area for line up 6:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards, Parade of Champions

Livestock Auction Sale 7:00 p.m.

Presentation of awards All Breed and Reserve Breed Champions will be in the Parade of Champions.

# 4-H Club meetings

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Kress 4-H Club Meeting Program/Snacks: Vancil and Wheeler/ Goss families Monday, January 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Methodist Fellowship Hall

Happy 4-H Club Meeting Community Center

Monday, January 9, 6 pm Program/ Refreshments: Shelbie Martin Community Service: CW Johnson

Town & Country Club Meeting

Monday, January, 23

Annex Meeting Room

7:00 pm

Inspiration: Ember Reed

Program: Reyna Wells

Community Service: Fleece Blankets

Snack: Chambree Clawson/Eastwood

Family



## Teen Retreat, January 6-8 Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood, TX

Teen Retreat is a fun, educational program for kids in grades 8-12. This year's program features these workshops: Vet Science, Gardening, Healthy Living, Leadership and more!

To sign up, go to texas4hcenter.tamu.edu. Cost is \$120 for youth.

# GEAR Robotics 2016 TIMEWARP GEAR

#### Get Excited About robotics

Robotics challenge teams are being created for 3rd-8th grades in our area. Robotics provides an exciting hands-on LEGO robotics challenge to elementary and middle school students with no participation fee with the goal of increasing interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. The GEAR competition runs from eight weeks. If you are interested please call the Swisher AgriLife Extension office at 995-3721 to sign up.

# Robotics Project Kickoff/ Organizational Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2017 6:30 p.m. Annex Meeting Room 310 West Broadway Tulia

# Academic Eligibility for 4-H Events Contest and Stock Shows

In order to participate in 4-H Contests and stock shows, you <u>must</u> be academically eligible, just like for UIL events, school sports, etc.. Below are the procedures that the Extension Office will follow to make sure 4-H members are eligible to participate in events:

# 4-H Events where members will be missing school:

If 4-H members will be missing school to attend a 4-H event, contest or stock show, the Extension Office will send a letter to the school, to check that students are eligible to participate. The letter will have the general date range for the event. It is the PARENT/ CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY to take a note to school (or complete a pre-arranged absence form) stating the exact dates the child will miss school. (With stock shows and fairs, it is impossible for our office to know the exact dates everyone will be out of school. Please help us keep the Swisher County 4-H program in good standing with the schools by communicating with them on when a child will be out for a 4-H event.)

# 4-H Events where members will NOT be missing school:

For an event where a 4-H member will not be missing school, members will be required to submit a copy of their most current report card to the Extension Office **BEFORE participating in the event.** 

# Major Stock Shows Travel Meeting

January 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Annex Meeting Room

# Stock Show Meeting Review/Ideas

January 19 at 7 pm to make our Stock Show the Best Parents we need you! Annex Meeting Room

## 2017 D-2 4-H Spring Events

Duds to Dazzle:

April 8-tenative April 20

Fashion Show: April 20

Fashion Story-board: April 20

Horse Judging: Livestock Judg-April 21 ing: April 21

Photography: Archery: April 27 May 13

Educational Presentations: May 15May 15 (tentative)

Entomology: May 15(tentative)

Public Speaking May 15
May 15 (tentative)

(tentative)

Rifle:

#### **Major Show Hotels**

If you have not reserved rooms at hotels in cities that you will be showing in, please do this! If you need advice on where to get rooms, please call John.

# Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles

# **Duds to Dazzle**

Friday, January 13, 2017
Texas 4-H Conference Center
Lake Brownwood, TX
10 a.m.-2 p.m./Lunch Provided
County Extension Agents and
4-H Adult Leaders
\$25 Registration Fee/Deadline
Monday, January 2, 2017
Register via 4-H Connect
"2016 DWD Explore
Brownwood Training"

# "Community Service" Support Your First Responders

"Support Your First Responders" has been selected by 2016/17 Texas 4-H Council to be the statewide service project. A google form has been created so that they are able to track participation in this effort. https://goo.gl/forms/HoQrJMfhHfmPrMRU2. All information should be reported by May 31, 2017. These results will be compiled and showcased the impact of this effort during Texas 4-H Roundup. A Flickr account will be set up as well so you are able to upload photos highlighting various events.

### 4-H Day at the Capitol

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
4-H CONNECT Registration
will open at 12 noon on
January 9, 2017
and close

January 27, 2017
Cost per participant: \$30.00 (includes lunch and t-shirt)
EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017
Estimated Start Time: 8:30 am
Estimated Finish Time: 4:00 pm
Event limited to the first
250 youth/50 adult
(registration is non-refundable

or transferable!)

#### 4-H Rifle/Pistol Family Camp at the Texas 4-H Center

The Texas 4-H Center is excited to host a brand new weekend long family camp focused on rifle and pistol January 20-22. This program is designed as an introduction to the Rifle and Pistol projects within Texas 4-H. No experience is necessary but please remember that any youth wanting to participate in shooting sports competition later on will need a certified coach to take them. This camp is family style, meaning that each youth registrant must have an adult attending with the. One adult may chaperone multiple youth. Any adult attending 4-H Rifle/Pistol Family camp must be currently enrolled in 4-H Connect as a volunteer with a completed background check and Child Protection Training.

#### Memorials

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Town & Country 4-H Club
In memory of Don Hall
Clifteen and Jody White
Swisher 4-H Adult Leaders
In memory of Cindy Carothers
Rickie and Lavon Stark

# **D-2 Photography Contest**

The photos will be submitted electronically during registration on 4-H Connect, April 7-21. Entry Fee: \$10 + \$3 (each additional entry).

- Resolution and Size
- Photo must be print quality resolution (300dpi).
- Size: Must be 8X10" (portrait) or 10X8"(landscape)
- Size: Photo may not be larger than 5,120KB (5MB)
- Photo Format must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .gif.
- Contest is for 1st place winners from County Contest

#### **Got Text?**

The Extension Office will be using REMIND to send **text message updates** about information. To sign up for Swisher County 4-H notifications, please visit https://remind.com/join/swishe or text @ **swishe** to 806-730-2385. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

#### 4-H Club Meetings

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Normal club schedules are:

Kress 4-H Club meets every 1st Monday in the month in the Methodist Fellowship Hall

at 7:00 p.m.

Happy 4-H Club meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Happy Community Center at 6:00 p.m..

Town & Country Club meets the fourth Monday of the month in the Annex Meeting Room at 7:00 pm



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### Sandhills Stock Show 2017 **Heifers**

Arrival:

Wednesday, Jan 4 noon to Thursday Jan 5, noon

Weight Cards: Thursday, Jan 5

Checkin

**Show: Friday,** Jan 6, 1:00 pm

#### Goats

**Arrival:** 

Thursday, January 5, Noon -4:30 pm

Weight Cards: -

Show: Friday, January 6, 1:00 pm

#### Lambs

Arrival:

Friday, January 6, 1:00 pm –5:00 pm

Weight Cards:

Friday, January 6, 6:00 pm

**Saturday,** January 7, 8:00 am

#### **Steers**

**Arrival:** 

Wednesday, January 4, 12 Noon-Friday, January 6, 9:00 am

Weight Cards:

Friday, January 6, 10:00 am Weigh & Classify-Outback Arena Show:

Saturday, January 7, 8:00 am

#### Star of Texas Stock Show/Austin 2017 Lamb/Goats

Arrival:

Saturday, March 18, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Sunday, March 19, 9:00 am -Goats 9:00 am -Lambs

**Pigs** 

Arrival:

Monday, March 20, 9:00 am-2:00 pm Show:

Tuesday, March 21, 9:00 am Duroc, OPB-Dark, OPB-White, Hamp Wednesday, March 22 8:00 am

York, Cross

### **Steers**

Arrival:

Tuesday, March 14, 9:00 am-2:00 pm Check in/Classification:

Monday, March 14, 4:00 pm Monday, March 14

Show:

Wednesday, March 15, 9:00 am

British, Shorthorn, Brahman, ABC, and AOB, Black

Thursday, March 16, 9:00 am AOB Other Color

Ft. Worth Schedule 2017

#### Lambs

Arrival:

Wednesday, Jan 25, 8 a.m. to Thursday, Jan, 26, 6 p.m.

Weight cards: Friday, Jan 27–10:30am SHOWS: Saturday, Jan 28 8:00 a.m. Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Southdown,

Sunday, January 29 8:00 a.m., Medium Wool

#### Goats

**Arrival**:

Wednesday, January 25 8 a.m. to Thursday, January, 26, 6 p.m. Weigh: Friday, January 27 noon SHOWS: Saturday, Jan 28 10 a.m. Light and Medium

Sunday January 29, 10 a.m. Heavy Weight

#### Steers

Arrival:

Tuesday, January 31,7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Classifying of Jr. Steers Wednesday, February 1, 8:00 a.m.,

Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn and American Crossbreds

Weight: for European Crossbreds and other breeds Wed. 10:00 a.m.

SHOWS: Thursday, February 2 8:00 a.m.

Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Shorthorn, American Crossbred Light Weight European Crossbred

Friday, February 3 8:00 a.m.

Medium and Heavy Wt. European Crossbred

#### Pigs

Arrival:

Monday, January 30, 3:00 p.m. through Wednesday, February 1, 9 a.m. Weight: Wednesday, February 1 10 a.m. SHOWS: Thursday, February 2, 8 a.m. Black OPB, Duroc, Hamp, White OPB Friday, February 3, 8 a.m. York, Crossbreds

Star of Texas cont'd

# Heifers

**Arrival:** 

Shorthorn

Saturday, March 11, 7:00am-12:00noon Show:

Sunday, March 12, 9:00 am

East: Beefmaster, Brahman, Brangus West: Charolais, Limousin, Maine-Anjoy, Simmental, ORB

Monday, March 13, 9:00 am

East: Rcostsfed Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ARB

West: Angus, Hereford, Red Angus,

San Angelo Stock Show 2017

Saturday, February 4

6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Goats, Arrival/In Place

Saturday, February 4

3 p.m. Weight Cards

Sunday, February 5

8 a.m. SHOW

Saturday, February 4

6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lambs, Arrival/In Place

Saturday, February 4 4 p.m. Weight Cards

Sunday, February 5, 8 am, FW, FWX,

**Dorper Show** 

Monday, February 6

8 a.m. /SHOW 8 a.m. SD, MW/SHOW

Monday, February 6

8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Steers, Arrival/In Place

5 p.m. Weight Cards

Tuesday, February 7 9 a.m. All Breeds SHOW

Thursday, February 9, 8 a.m.

Heifers/Barn Opens

Thursday, February 9, 8 am

Angus, Beefmaster, Limousin, Santa Gertrudis/Papers Due

Friday, February 10, 8am

ARB, Brangus, Chianina, ORB

Saturday, February 11, 3pm

Angus, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Simmental Weight Cards

Thursday, February 9, 10 am

Angus Beefmaster, Limousin, Santa Gertrudis

Friday, February 10, 6 pm

ARB Brangus, Chianina, ORB

Saturday, February 11, 6 pm

Hereford, Maine Anjou, Red Angus,

Shorthorn & Simmental

**SHOW** 

Friday, February 10, 1 pm

Ring A: Angus & Limousin

Ring B: Beefmaster & Santa Gertrudis

Saturday, February 11, 8 am

Ring A: Brangus, ARB & Chinina

Ring B: ORB

Sunday, February 12, 8 am

Ring A: Shorthorn & Red Angus

Ring B: Hereford, Maine Anjou & Sim-

mental **Pigs** 

Arrival

Tuesday, February 14, 6 am to 4 pm Weight Cards

Tuesday, February 14, 5 pm

Wednesday, February 15, 8 am

Hamp, Cross Thursday, February 16, 8 am

Duroc, WOPB, BOPB, York

#### SanAntonio Schedule 2017 **Junior Wether Dams** Lambs

Arrival:

Tuesday, February 14, 3 a.m. to noon Unloading begins 6 am Tuesday

Check in: Tuesday, February 14, 8 am to 3:00 pm-Kiosk

SHOWS: Wednesday, February 15, 8 a.m. Southdown, FW, FW Cross SHOW-Thursday, February 16, 8 a.m.

Medium Wool

**Heifers** 

Arrival:

Tuesday, February 14, 3 a.m. t- noon unloading begins at 5 a.m on Tuesday Check in:

Wednesday, February 15, 8 a.m.—noon SHOWS: 8 a.m. Thursday, February 16 North: Brahman, Red Brangus, Short-

horn, Limousin, Charolais

South: ORB, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis,

Simmental

Friday February 17, 8 a.m.

North: Beefmaster, Red Angus, Brangus,

Maine-Anjou

South: ARB, Hereford, Angus, Chiani-

na Goats Arrival:

Tuesday, Feb 14, 3 a.m. to noon

Unloading begin at 6 a.m on Tuesday.

Check in: Kiosk

Tuesday, Feb 14, 8 am -3 p.m.

**SHOWS:** 

Wednesday February 15, 9 a.m.

**Division I, Division II** 

Thursday, February 16, 9 a.m.

**Division III, Division IV** 

**Pigs** 

Pigs Group 1

Arrival:

Saturday, February 18, 10 p.m.—7 a.m. Berkshire, Dark Cross, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spot

Unloading begins at 1 a.m.

Weight:

Saturday, February 18, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Berkshire, Dark Cross, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spot

SHOWS: Sunday, February 19, 7 a.m.

Berkshire, Spot, Hamp

Monday, February 20, 7 a.m.

Duroc, Poland China, Dark Cross

Pigs Group 2

Tuesday, February 21, 2:00 a.m. - Noon Chester White, Crossbred, Landrace, Yorkshire-Unloading begins at 5:00 a.m.

Weight:

Tuesday, February 21, 7 am -3 pm Chester White, Crossbred, Landrace, York-

Show: Wednesday, February 22, 7 am Chester White, Yorkshire, Landrace, Crossbred class 85-90

San Antonio schedule cont'd Steers

Monday, February 20, 7 am -Tuesday, February 21, 5 a.m. Unloading begins 10

Kiosk Check in: 8:00 am.-3:00 pm.

**Tuesday February 21** 

Wednesday, February 22, 8:00 am.,

Simmental, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Red Angus, Angus, Hereford,

Thursday, February 23, 8:00 a.m., Charolais, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Brangus, Brahman, ABC, Red Cross.

Friday, February 24, 8:00 a.m.

Black Cross, Other Cross

2017 Houston Stock Show **Breeding Rabbits** 

**Arrival:** 

Friday, March 10 (must be in place at NRG Arena Gate5)

Show:

Saturday, March 11, 8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 12, 8:00 a.m.

Lambs and Goats

Arrival:

Wednesday, March 15, 3:00 am—

11:00 am (must be in place by Airport Blvd by 11 am)

Weight Cards:

Wednesday, March 15, 8:00 am-1:30 pm

Show:

Thursday, March 16, 8:00am Opening Ceremony

**8:30:** (No list this year. This is what showed 2 years ago) Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Southdown.

Friday, March 17, 8:00 am

(No list this year. This is what showed 2 yrs ago) Medium Wool

Heifers

Arrival:

Thursday, March 16, 2:00 am -noon KIOSK breed cards deposited during check in

Show:

Friday, March 17, 10:00 am

East: Charolais, ORB, Red Angus, West: Brangus, Grey Brahman, Red Brahman

Saturday, March 18, 8:00 am

East: Main Anjou, Simmental, Polled Hereford, Angus, ARB

West: Beefmaster, Hereford, Chianina, Limousin

> **Pigs** Wave 1

Arrival:

Saturday, March 18, 3:00am-11:00

Berk, Dark Cross, Duroc, Hamp, Poland China, Spotted

Houston Show cont'd

Weight Cards:

Saturday, March 18, 8:00 am-1:30 pm KIOSK by 1:30 pm. Weight cards deposited

during check-in.

Show: Sunday, March 19, 8am Classify & Show

Show A: Duroc, Hamp Poland China

Monday, March 20, 8:00 am Show B: Berk, spotted, Dark Cross

Wave 2

Arrival: Tuesday, March 21, 4:00 am-11:00 am

York, Chester White & OPB and Other Crossbred

Weight Cards:

Tuesday, March 21, 8:00 am-1:30 pm

KIOSK, by 1:30 pm Weight cards deposited during check-in

Show:

Wednesday, March 22 Classify & Show

Show C: York, Chester White & OPB, Light

Weight Other Crossbred

Thursday, March 23, 8:00 am

Show D: Other Crossbred

Steers

Monday, March 20, 4:00 am-noon

(Must be in place at Airport Blvd by Noon)

Weight Cards:

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 am

Classify, Sift and Weight Card Turn In

Show:

Wednesday, March 22, 8:00 am.

Maine Anjou, Simmental, Charolais, Angus, Red Angus, Hereford, polled Hereford, Shorthorn

Thursday, March 23, 8:00 am

Black Cross, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Brahman, Simbrah, ABC

Friday, March 24, 8:00 am Other Cross, Limousin, Red Cross

**Scholarship for Current/Past Exhibitors** at the Houston LivestockShow and Rodeo

\* 30 new \$20,000 will be awarded in 2017.

\* To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, an applicant must be a graduating high school senior attending a public school in Texas, a US Citizen and Texas Resident, and planning to attend college in Texas.

\* Applicants must also participate as an HLSR exhibitor in one of the 17 eligible shows in both 2017 and one of the previous three years' shows.

\*Eligible Shows: All Breed Youth HorseShow, Cutting (AQHA/NCHA), Donkey and Mule, Paint Horse, Palomino, Quarter Horse, Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show, Junior Breeding Gilt Show, Junior Breeding Sheep Show, Junior Commercial Steer Contest, Junior Dairy Cattle Show, Junior Market Barrow Show, Junior Market Broiler Show, Junior Market Goat Show, Junior Market Lamb Show, Junior Market Steer Show, Junior Market Turkey Show.

\* Deadline for applying: February 6, 2017

# **Photography Categories for 2017**

**Category Description** 

0.429	Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples.
PEOPLE	Examples include: Kids & Family, Models/Fashion, Sports

	Focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wild throughout the country and
ANIMALS-	world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.
WILDLIFE	Examples include: Deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, etc.
ANIMALS – DOMESTIC	Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.  Examples include: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Duck(domestic use), Hamsters
MARINE/AQUATIC	Photos of any living organism that routinely lives or eats in the water; in bodies of either fresh or ocean (salt) water.  Examples include: Fish, stingrays, whales, starfish, etc.
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN	Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter.  ****Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations.  Examples include: Perspective, Line, Pattern
DETAILS & MACRO	The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenes, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.  Examples include: detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up - anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include flowers, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.
PLANT/FLORA	Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.  Examples include: a rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc
THEME The theme is "Reflections".	A photo shot off any natural or artificial reflective surface. A well-executed shot can show perfect symmetry or a slightly distorted shot.  Examples include: Photos could be from a lake, a window pane, a mirror, or a polished/waxed car.
NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY	Photos taken outdoors between dusk and dawn. Generally these photos are achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure. This category can include any subject as the focus should be on the skill and technique used to acquire the photograph.  Examples include: buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, etc.
FOOD	Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.  Examples: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings,  Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.
DOMINANT COLOR	Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc.  Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.
CATCH-ALL	Category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. This includes such photos as still-life, motion-blur, Polaroid transfers, SX-70 images, hand colored photos.  Examples include: Polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, long exposure zoomed images, and painting with light.
STORYBOARD	A storyboard is one digital entry that contains three photos and minimal text that tells a story. The story should be easily understood by the viewer.  Example include: Three images depicting the blooming of a rose bud at different stages, with the title of "Beginning of Beauty".



# 2017 TEXAS 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

4-H CONNECT Registration will open at 12 noon on JANUARY 9, 2017 and close

**JANUARY 27, 2017** 

Cost per participant:

\$30.00

(includes lunch and t-shirt)

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

Date:

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Estimated Start Time: 8:30 am Estimated Finish Time: 4:00 pm

Event limited to the first

# 250 youth/50 adult

(registration is non-refundable or transferable!)

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will once again host 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. This event is designed as a citizenship experience for 4-H members of all ages to learn more about the state legislative process, as well as meet their state representative and senator through an office visit.

Because this event is held during the legislative session and other organizations/groups are at the capitol on the same day, the number of participants (youth and adults) must be limited. The event will open for registrations on January 9, 2017 at 12 noon and will remain open until January 27, 2017 or until the event is filled. (In 2015, the event did fill up within the first 24 hours of being open). 4-H Day at the Capitol is open to the first 250 youth and 50 adults registering for the event.

#### Other facts about the day that you should consider before registering:

- This event does occur during the legislative session, therefore, the event schedule may change from what is published and even distributed the day of the event. Changes to the overall schedule as well as House and Senate member visits will be occurring throughout the day and the 4-H Program will do our best to maintain the most up-to-date schedule changes through email and text messaging.
- We request patience of all our 4-H members, parents, and County Extension Agents during the event due to the fast pace of the event. This includes not just schedule changes, but cancellation of office visits or locations of visits.
- For those parents who do not get registered for the event, but their 4-H member did, they are welcome to attend and join in on the gallery and office visits, but due to space, the welcome assembly in the auditorium and the lunch will be limited to only registered individuals. The capitol does have a cafeteria located close to the room where the event lunch will be served.
- 4-H members attending the event maybe separated from their parents for periods of time when they are in the welcoming assembly or on office visits, please be assured it is the priority of the 4-H Program that each youth member is safe and comfortable in their participation of the event at all times.
- Each registered participant will receive a long-sleeved t-shirt, therefore the dress is casual-nice (pressed blue jeans or khaki pants/skirt, casual shoes not tennis shoes). The t-shirt will be distributed at check-in and youth will have time to change prior to the event starting.
- A detailed information packet will be sent to each registered participant approximately a week before the event with an updated schedule, parking information and other logistical information.





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