



**April 2011**



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### 4-H Club Meetings

**April 4<sup>th</sup>– Hood County Young Riders, 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>- K9's & Kids 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. for Rally-Obedience-Showmanship Classes and Regular Business Meeting  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 starting at 6:30 p.m. at 5110 N. Gate Rd in Granbury (Paws 2 Play) Agility Class will be on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>- Tolar 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Tolar Fire Hall**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>- Shooting Sports 4-H Club, 5:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>- Lipan 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Lipan Community Center**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>– Lake Granbury Community 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m. at the Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>– Cornerstone 4-H Club, 3:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Christian Academy**



### 4-H Participation Fee

Change is part of life and as we go through our lives things will always be changing and evolving. For 4-H part of this change will begin on September 1, 2011. 4-H will now have an annual participation fee of \$20 for each 4-H'er. I set in on a conference call today and Dr. Chris Boleman put it this way, "It is \$1.67 worth of investment each month for the future of our youth". That is the equivalent of 1 drink at the Sonic. I have included a 1 page letter in this newsletter that gives more information. I know there will be many questions. Please do me two favors:

1. Let me know when you have a question and I will try to get us an answer.
2. If we have a 4-H'er who truly wants to be in 4-H and can't afford the \$20 have them contact me or you can let me know. We will do everything we can to make sure everyone has a chance to benefit from 4-H.

## **4-H FCS Task Force Meeting**

For those parents, leaders and youth interested in Foods & Nutrition, Fashion and other 4-H FCS events we will meet on May 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will look at planning Summer Food Camp and other workshops.

## **County Stock Show Checks**

We have received the county stock show checks if you have delivered your plaque and turned in thank you notes you may come by the Extension Office and pick up check.

## **4-H End of Year Party**

The 4-H end of year party will take place on May 16, 2011 at the HCLRA Reunion Grounds. We will have hotdogs games and lots of fun. The party will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP your attendance by May 11, 2011.

## **E-Mail Addresses**

If you would like to receive 4-H e-mail updates, reminders, and the 4-H newsletter via e-mail call the Extension Office at (817)579-3280 or e-mail Marty at: [m-vahlenkamp@tamu.edu](mailto:m-vahlenkamp@tamu.edu)

## **Google Calendar Update**

We have added the 2011 4-H Dates to the Google calendar. Many of these District and State Dates are tentative right now. We will continue to update these as we get more information. If your club wants to put meeting information on the calendar let us know and we will add the information.

## **Livestock & Project News**

### **Livestock Raisers Association**

The HCLRA meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at the fairgrounds. We need more 4-H families to get involved with this group. They make the rules for the county show, up-keep the facilities and provide us a place and opportunity to show our projects. Next meeting is April 21, 2011.



## **Horse Validation**

If you are thinking about showing your horse at the District or State Horse Show you must validate your horse by April 29, 2011. To validate your horse you must complete the validation form and turn in a copy of the registration papers. If your horse is not registered you will need to fill out the grade horse certificate. The cost of validation is \$10.00 per horse. If you have any questions give us a call. Forms can be picked up at the office or on the web at

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>



## **Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

Please turn in your tabs for our county wide community service at the end of the year party on May 16, 2011.

## **4-H Council Community Service**

The 4-H Council voted again to make collecting coke tabs the Hood County 4-H Fall Community Service Project. What you do is collect tabs from aluminum cans. You can turn in your tabs at your club meetings or bring them by the office. Later this year we will arrange to deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House. They will recycle them and raise money for their charities. If you have any questions contact your 4-H council representative. 4-H'ers were very successful last year in this project and we hope to collect even more coke tabs this year for this worthy charity.

## **District 4-H Leadership Lab**

For those of you that are 13 or older mark your calendar for June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Our annual District 8 Leadership Lab will take place in Brownwood at the Texas 4-H Center. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to make friends from across the district. I want to challenge you to have 10 Hood County 4-H'ers attend. If you are interested in going let us know at the Extension Office so we can put you on the list.



## **4-H Barking Bash**

**May 14, 2011**

The Bell county 4-H Barking Buddy's Dog Club is sponsoring the 4-H Barking Bash in Belton at 9:00am - 2:00pm, Check in begins at 8:30am \$30 for 4-H members, \$15 for adults

Entry Deadline: April 18, 2011 Event will include: Animal Photography (bring your cameras), Canine Good Citizenship practice and Testing, Costume Contest, Service Dog demonstration, Rally Training workshop. Entry forms and more information can be found by going to:

<http://agriflife.org/bell4h/projects/dog-project/>

For more information about this event contact the Extension Office.

## **Spring 2011 Dog Show**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

On Saturday & Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the Triple Crown Dog Academy on 200 County Road 197 in Hutto, TX the Happy Tails 4-H Dog Club will host their 2011 Spring Dog Show. For an entry form and the rules please contact the Extension Office.

## **2011 Pork Leadership Camp For Texas & Iowa 4-H Students**

June 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Sponsored by:

**Texas Pork Producers Association, Iowa Pork Producers Council and Texas AgriLife Extension**

This is a unique opportunity for 4-H'ers that have been enrolled during the 2011-2012 school year as high school juniors or seniors and have an interest in swine projects and want to get to know more about the pork industry. The camp is a traveling bus tour with visits at key industry locations for twenty-four (24) students and the chaperons. Twelve (12) students will be selected from Texas and twelve (12) from Iowa. This Leadership Camp is held to give participants an in-depth look at the pork industry through special tours and hands-on learning activities and to develop leadership skills to enable them to be effective spokespersons for the pork industry. If you are a 4-H'er that is interested in the 2011 Pork Leadership Camp please contact the Extension Office for more information.

## **4-H Statewide Photography Workshop**

**June 17-18, 2011**

Spend a couple extra days after Texas 4-H Roundup and join us for the 4-H Statewide Photography Workshop! Learn new and basic photography techniques at the Statewide Photography Workshop! The second day will be a field trip to the antique tractor fairgrounds where we will take pictures of tractors, old buildings, people in

costume, and horses.

June 17th: 8:45am- 4:00pm (Check in: 8:00-8:45am)

June 18th: 8:30am- 12:00pm (Check in: 8:00-8:30am)

\$20 for youth and adults

Entry Deadline: June 6, 2011

<http://agriflife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/> For more information contact the Extension Office.

## **Record Book Workshop**

On April 11, 2011 I will be giving a Record Book Workshop at the K'9's & Kids Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you want to know more about Record Books be sure and attend this meeting it is open to all 4-H Clubs.

## **4-H Record Books**

Be sure to record the information and take the photographs you will need for your Record Book as you are working on projects - whether they are animal projects, food and nutrition, etc. You will need community service and leadership, too. So volunteer to lead the pledge or set up for a 4-H club or project meeting or coordinate a community service project. Deadline for turning in Record Books this year is June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Question of the Month:** What is the website to the Texas 4-H Center?

**Last Month's Question:** How many 4-H'ers does it take to make a team for the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge?

**The answer:** It takes two 4-H'ers to make up a team for the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge.

**Congratulations to Emily Brite for the correct answer!**

## **Outdoor Challenge Workshop Scheduled**

Are you interested in the outdoors? Maybe a little rifle, archery, sport fishing, camping? Well, now Texas 4-H is offering an exciting, fun-filled, hands-on contest where you get to show off the outdoor skills you have! It's called the **Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge!** This event is conducted in the summer in teams of two. You compete in the areas of rifle, shotgun, archery, sport fishing, swimming, canoeing, camping, outdoor living skills, orienteering, identification of wildlife and natural resources, outdoor safety all while enhancing your teamwork and decision-making skills!

We will be hosting a workshop to learn about these events and to talk about the contest structure and some team strategies. The workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 6:30 p.m.** at the Hood County Extension Office. For any questions and to RSVP by Friday, April 8 by calling 817-579-3280. It should be fun, so plan to attend!

**April Classic**  
**Wichita County**  
**4-H Shooting Sports**  
**April 16, 2011**

On Saturday, April 16, 2011 the Wichita County 4-H Shooting Sports is hosting a District Warm-Up Shoot. Shooters can register for Trap or Skeet or both. For more information contact the Extension Office.

**Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports**  
**Scholarship 2011**

Daisy Manufacturing is once again offering the Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship for 2011. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2011.

The qualifications for scholarship consideration include:

1. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA from high school
  2. Three years participation in 4-H shooting sports
  3. Recommendation of HS counselor or principal
  4. Recommendation of 4-H coach or equivalent who is not a relative
  5. Scholarship would be payable to any two-year or four-year accredited Jr. College, College or University
  6. Application would require a 250 - 500 word essay about how participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and for life.
  7. Certified copy of high school transcript.
  8. Scholarship money would be available in the second semester of the freshman year and can be used for books, housing, and or college fees.
  9. The scholarship of \$500.00 will be awarded at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational each year.
- For more information or application form contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

**2011 YOUTH RANGE WORKSHOP**

**June 19 - June 24, 2011**  
**Texas Tech University Campus**  
**Junction, Texas**

To recognize outstanding youth, develop leadership, rub shoulders with professionals and provide a stimulating but in-depth educational experience and training for youth interested in practical range, ranch, and natural resource management. For more information on expenses for meals, lodging and supplies for the week-long workshop contact the Extension Office.



**District 8 4-H**  
**Scholarship**

If you are a graduating senior check out the District 8 4-H Scholarships at <http://d84-H.tamu.edu> and click on scholarships. The Texas AgriLife Extension 4-H scholarship deadline is May 5, 2011.

**Quote of the Month:**

“Creative ideas reside in people’s minds but are trapped by fear or rejection. Create a judgment-free environment and you’ll unleash a torrent of creativity”.

-Alex Osborne\_

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