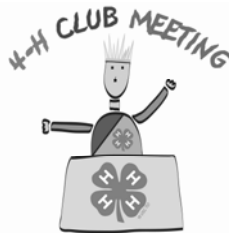




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4-H Club Meetings

August 2nd - Hood County Young Riders, 7:00 p.m. at the Reunion Fair Grounds

August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th - K9's & Kids 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. for Rally-Obedience-Showmanship Classes and Regular Business Meeting August 1, 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.

Tolar 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings

Shooting Sports 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings

Lake Granbury Community 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings

Lipan 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings

Cornerstone 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings



4-H County Awards Dinner

The annual 4-H Banquet will be on Thursday, August 11th starting at 6:30 p.m. This year's banquet will be held at the Granbury Church of Christ located across from the high school. All 4-H'ers who participate in a county, district or state 4-H event will be recognized. Please RSVP by August 2nd to reserve your spot at this year's banquet.



4-H Re-enrollment

Each year we will reenroll for 4-H starting on September 1, 2011. This year the process will be different. We will use the 4-H Connect online enrollment process, the web address is <http://texas.4honline.com>. If you were in 4-H this year you already have a profile. **DO NOT SET UP A PROFILE.** When you get to the login page enter your e-mail that you put on your 4-H

enrollment form then click "*I forgot my password*" it will send you a password and then you can log into your profile. Please do this between now and August. When you reenroll you will have to pay the \$20 participation fee. Please pay this with a credit card or e-check. **Please DO NOT** select to pay with county check. If you have any questions please let me know.

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.

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 with Dr. Chris Boleman the 4-H Youth Development Program Director and he 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.

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

Congratulations!!

State Dog Show July 8th – 10th, 2011

Congratulations to all the Hood County 4-H'ers that participated in the 2011 4-H State Dog Show held in Bell County Expo Center in Belton Texas. The K9s and Kids 4-H'ers that entered the contest did a great job! Jade Reneau received first place in her class, 2nd in obedience and 5th place in rally. Marc Kaake received first place in class confirmation, second place in Rally, second place in obedience and tenth place in showmanship. G Angela Pickett won first place in rally, third place in obedience, second place in confirmation and second place in showmanship. Ranishia Pickett, Marc Kaake and G Angela Pickett also won second place in Drill Team. Again congratulations for a job well done!!

Congratulations!!

Record Books

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers that entered a Record Book for 2011. This year we had fourteen 4-H'ers who entered their Record Books.

Emily Brite – 1st Place in County & 1st Place in District

Ty Robertson – 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Carson Becker - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Colten Bison - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Marc Kaake - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Ranishia Pickett – 2nd Place in County

G'Angela Pickett - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Sam Spradlin - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Madison Miller - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Jade Reneau - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Austin Barkley - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Maddison Smith - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Mattie Jenkins - 1st Place in County and advanced to District

Nelle Jenkins – 2nd Place in County

District Photography Contest

The District Photography Contest will be coming up in September. I have not got the details yet, but pictures will be due around mid September. More information will be sent out by e-mail and in the September newsletter.



Children's Garden School

Mark your calendar for August 9, 2011. The Master Gardeners will be hosting their annual "Children's Garden School". The school is open to youth ages 7 years old to 11 years old. There will be a \$10.00 charge and must RSVP by Friday, August 5th by calling the Extension Office at (817) 579-3280.



Children's H₂O Camp

If you want to have fun, cool off and learn about H₂O come to the Water Camp on August 8, 2011. The camp is open to 4-H'ers age 9 years old and up. During the camp you will learn about how big a role H₂O plays in our lives. You will also learn about conserving H₂O. Be sure to bring clothes that you don't mind getting wet. Cost will be \$10.00 and the camp will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. To sign up please call the Extension Office at (817) 579-3280.

Livestock & Project News

Stock Show Projects

If you need help finding a project for this year's show season please give me a call. I will be glad to help.

State Fair and Heart of Texas Fair Entries

If you validated animals for the State Fair or plan to enter the Heart of Texas Fair you need to come by the office and complete entries by August 17, 2011.

Major Show Sheep and Goat Tags

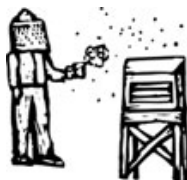
It is time to order validation tags for the 2012 Major Shows. If you plan to show sheep, goats or pigs at shows such as Fort Worth, Houston etc. you need to order your tags by August 25th. The cost for the tags will be \$10.

Quality Counts for Major Stock Shows

Starting in 2012 if you want to exhibit a livestock project at the Major Stock Shows you must have passed a Quality Counts text. To do this go to <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu> click on verification and then click take the test. Once you are there click the 4-H tab. You will enter your information and take the test. Once you pass with an 80% score you will get a number that we will have to submit at entry time. If you have any questions give me a call.

Livestock Raisers Association

The HCLRA meets on the 3rd 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 August 18, 2011.



Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. is sponsoring the national 2012 4-H essay contest. Williamson and Collin County Bee Keepers Associations are sponsoring the Texas 4-H beekeeping essay contest. The contest is open to all active 4-H club members, who have not previously placed nationally. The deadline for entries to be in (not post marked) the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Office is January 13, 2012.

National Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners:

- 1st Place: \$750.00
- 2nd Place: \$500.00
- 3rd Place: \$250.00

Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

Texas Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners

- 1st Place: \$100.00
- 2nd Place: \$75.00
- 3rd Place: \$50.00

TOPIC:

For the 2012 essay contest, the **essay topic is: "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community"**

For contest rules, guidelines and certification forms contact the Extension Office at (817) 579-3280.

Question of the Month: What is the website for 4-H Connect?

Last month's question was not answered so the question of the month will be the same as the July newsletter.

Quote of the Month:

"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy."

-Norman Vincent Peale-

Marty Vahlenkamp
CEA-AG
Hood County

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