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4-H Club Meetings

June 6th, Hood County Young Riders, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Maddison Smith's Home, 1905 Knox Rd. Tolar, TX

June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - K9's & Kids
4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. for Rally-Obedience-Showmanship Classes and Regular Business Meeting
June 13th, 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

Lipan 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings

Lake Granbury Community 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings

Cornerstone 4-H Club, No Summer Meetings



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 10th, 2011.

4-H Officer Training

If you were elected to a 4-H Office for the next year or you want to learn more about being a 4-H Officer, mark July 19th on your calendar. We will have our officer training from 10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We need you to RSVP by calling the Extension Office by July 12th.

4-H Awards

4-H Awards Applications will be due on June 10, 2011. Interviews will take place on June 13, 2011 starting at 1:30 pm. There are a number of awards. For Applications go to our web site <http://hood-tx.tamu.edu>, look under publications and select 4-H Award Forms. These applications are short and easy to fill out awards available are: 4-H All Star Award, 4-H Honor Roll Member, 4-H Letterman Award, 4-H Rookie Award, Gold Star Award, I Dare You Award, Gold Spur Award and Silver Spur.

4-H Awards & Recognition Task Force

We need parents, leaders and 4-H'ers to help plan the annual Awards & Recognition Banquet. We will be meeting on Monday, June 6th, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please come and help out.

4th of July 4-H Fundraiser

We need help parking cars on July 4, 2011. We need 6 to 8 4-H'ers and adults from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Please call and sign up to help. These fundraisers help pay for things such as the Christmas party, end of the year party, clippers Awards Banquet and more.

4-H Food Camp

Mark the date for June 27th – 28th, 2011 for the Hood County 4-H Food Camp. The planning group is busy making plans and getting everything ready. This is a great activity that is a ton of fun. This year's food camp will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be lots of hands on activities, team presentations and a food challenge on the second day. The Food Camp is limited to 20 4-H'ers. If you would like to participate the cost is \$10.00 and you will need to come by the office and sign up by June 22, 2011.

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.

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

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.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the K9s and Kids 4-H Club. On Saturday April 16, 2011, K9s and Kids members competed in the Tarrant County Dog Show. It was the first show for Jessica Nickel, Daniel Van Randen, and Christopher Van Randen. Marc Kaake took Best in Show and placed second in class for showmanship. Ranishia Pickett placed fourth in class in showmanship. Daniel Van Randen placed third in class for confirmation and fifth in class for showmanship. Jessica Nickel competed well in confirmation and obedience. Cristopher Van Randen is a clover kid and showed well in confirmation and showmanship.

Livestock & Project News

Validation Dates

The date for steer validation has been set for Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Steer validations will be held in Tolar at 7:00 a.m. and at the Granbury Ag Barn at 9:30 a.m. State fair validation will take place on June 28th at 8:30 a.m. at the Lipan Ag Shop.

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 June 15, 2011.

Question of the Month: What year did 4-H begin in Texas?

Last Month's Question: How much will 4-H participation fee cost next year?

The answer: The fee for each person to participate in 4-H will be \$20. **Congratulations to Emily Brite for the correct answer!**

2011 Texas 4-H Golf Challenge

A two-day event that focuses on three main program areas:

- **Rules and Etiquette of Golf- Used to reflect the qualities taught to 4-Hers through the six pillars of character.**

- **Golf Course/Turf Grass Management- Looks at research based information on how turf grass can be managed and importance of in managing and maintaining golf courses and career opportunities present in these fields.**

- **Sports Nutrition Curriculum- Developed to teach youth in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades the importance of nutrients, calculating needs based upon physical activity, the importance of maintaining hydration, eating to maximize athletic performance, the dangers of drugs and alcohol, identifying fad diets, and facts and fiction on supplements.**

Who: • Any youth between 11 - 18 (do not have to be enrolled in 4-H)

• Birthdays Sept. 1, 1996 - Sept. 1, 1990

Where: • Texas A&M Golf Course- College Station, Texas

When: • June 20-21, 2011

- Day 1: Workshops, golf pro clinic, evening social with dinner

- Day 2: 18 hole Golf Challenge

*no overnight accommodations will be provided

Cost: • \$120 per team

* Must register as a team to participate

Registration: • Opens on 4-H Connect April 1 (www.texas4h.org and click on "register for an event")

More information on contest can be found at:

http://texas4h.tamu.edu/youth/golf_challenge/index_youth_golf.php

For more information contact the Extension Office.

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://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/>

For more information contact the Extension Office.

Quote of the Month:

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

-Winston Churchill-

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