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USEFUL WEBSITES

Gillespie County	http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu
Texas 4-H	http://texas4-H.tamu.edu
Texas 4-H Center	http://texas4H-ctr.tamu.edu
USDA for Kids	http://www.usda.gov/news/usdakids
Gillespie 4-H Blog	http://gillespie4h.blogspot.com/

GILLESPIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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February 2012

SHOOTING SPORTS

BB GUN PRACTICE

Practices have already started. There are two times that are being offered to practice. Please check with Sammy Segner for the time you should attend. All shooters must have safety goggles (or glasses) and an old sleeping bag or mat to lie on is suggested. If you have any questions, contact Sammy Segner at (830)997-5369 or (830)997-2559.

BB GUN COUNTY MATCH

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012
Time: 8:30am
Place: Gillespie County Fairgrounds

SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

All applications are available in our office as well as on our website – http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu > Publications > Scholarships. Please let Micah or Shea know if you need any assistance and be sure you plan your time wisely while completing your applications!

SAN ANGELO SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark deadline: May 1, 2012
Application: www.sanangelorodeo.com

Eligibility requirements and applications are available online. You may also pick up an application and list of requirements at the Extension Office.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark deadline: March 1, 2012
Application: www.bigtex.com

You can check out the website for applications and requirements and more information. You are able to either print off an application or complete it within the form online.

TEXAS FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark Deadline: March 19, 2012
Application: www.txfb.org

There are several available scholarships for graduating seniors and for those attending college. Please visit the website for applications and requirements. All applications are in Word and may be typed in to or printed off and handwritten.

EEA SCHOLARSHIPS

Gillespie County EEA Scholarship will be due on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Come by the Extension Office or visit the county website to download an application. The District EEA Scholarships will also be due and the application is a 4-H Record Book and transcript. If you have any questions, please contact Shea at the Extension Office.

DAISY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Daisy Manufacturing is once again offering the Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship for 2012. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2012. Please come by the Extension Office for a copy of the application or visit our website.

HILDEBRAND SCHOLARSHIP

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will present a $16,000 college scholarship to a Junior Market Lamb Show exhibitor in memory of Mrs. Ruth Hildebrand. The scholarship is given to honor Mrs. Hildebrand's unselfish personal devotion and contributions to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and to all the youth who exhibit there. All applications must be submitted online at www.rodeohouston.com → About Us → Education and Scholarships. Come by the Extension Office for complete details.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

SAN ANTONIO EXHIBITORS

All exhibitors going to San Antonio…. Please Note!!! **NO SHAVINGS MAY BE BROUGHT ONTO THE GROUNDS!!** Shavings will be provided in your stall/pen.

POULTRY PROCESSING

If you are looking for a place to process your poultry (chickens and turkeys), you may contact the Hausmann's who have processed 4-H and FFA poultry projects for many others in the area. Contact: Lloyd and Patricia Hausmann at (830)336-2968 or (210)771-8809.

THANK YOU NOTES FOR BUYERS

A list of buyers from the 2012 GCYLS is not available yet. We usually receive a full list of buyers around Spring Break. No thank you notes will be accepted until we receive this list.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Academically ineligible exhibitors will NOT be allowed to show their animals at ANY livestock show. This means No Pass, No Show!!! This includes ALL livestock shows. The animal may not be shown by anyone!!! *Please be aware that 4-H is recognized by the schools as an extracurricular activity and high school students may be subject to random drug testing as per school policy.*

LIVESTOCK SHOW PASSES

We have exhibitor passes and car passes at the Extension Office for the following shows: Fort Worth, San Antonio, and San Angelo. Please come by and pick these up. *If passes are not picked up prior to the departure from the fairgrounds, all passes will be sent with Micah and Brad.*

CLIPPERS AND SCALES

Sets of clippers and scales are available for your use to prepare your projects for show. They are available on a first come, first serve basis. Do not remove any equipment unless you have checked them out from Extension Office. Please call ahead to see when and what is available. This equipment is here for you to use.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT NOTE

Livestock shows are now in full swing. You need to evaluate where you are with your projects. Please take some time to evaluate your situation. If you need help in any way, just give Micah or Brad a call.

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

FASHION SHOW/WORKDAY FOR JUNIORS & INTERMEDIATES

Date: Friday, June 22, 2012 Extension Office
County Deadline: Monday, June 7, 2012 by 5pm
District Show: Monday, July 16, 2012 Fredericksburg, TX

GARMENT CATEGORIES:
Junior & Intermediate:
Separates, Ensembles, Dresses/Jumpers or Specialty/Formal

Remember there are two divisions: Construction & Buying!

Please let Shea know if you are interested in participating or if you need help starting your project. Paperwork will be available at a later date at the Extension Office.

FASHION SHOW FOR SENIORS

Verbal Commitment: Wednesday, February 15, 2012
County Entry Deadline: Monday, March 19, 2012
County Show: Tuesday, March 27, 2012
District Show: Saturday, April 21, 2012 Comfort ISD, Comfort

GARMENT CATEGORIES:
Senior:
Casual, Dressy, Formal or Specialty

Remember there are two divisions: Construction & Buying!

Please let Shea know if you are interested in participating or if you need help starting your project. Paperwork is available online at http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php.

FASHION STORYBOARD COMPETITION

Deadline: Seniors – Wednesday, March 28th
Jrs/Int – Friday, June 22nd

The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying of original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as, additional materials (such as photos from the internet or magazines, paper, fabric swatches, patterns, etc.) that have influenced the unique design. The senior Fashion Storyboard competition will be held in conjunction with the District 4-H Roundup held on April 21, 2012 in Comfort. The junior and intermediate Fashion Storyboard competition will be held in conjunction with the District 10 Fashion Show held on Monday, July 16, 2012. Come by the Extension Office for more information.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 @ 6pm
Place: Gillespie County Extension Office

Attention Club Presidents and Council Delegates! Your club has elected you to represent them at a county level. This means you are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the County 4-H Council Meetings. This meeting is open to any 4-H member to attend. You do not have to be a delegate or even an officer to attend. (It's just that Delegates and Presidents are the only ones that can vote!) *We will be electing new officers, deciding on a banquet theme, and selecting award recipients.*

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about if you're interested in being a member of the County Council. This is a great leadership position to place on scholarship applications and resumes. It will also teach you some great leadership skills and you can have FUN! To run for an office, you must complete the Council Officer Candidate Form and return it by **Friday, April 13th by 5pm to the Extension Office**. Forms are available at the Office or on our county website. Remember…write neatly on your forms because voting delegates will have a copy of it to review during elections!

4-H ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 @ 7pm
Place: Gillespie County Extension Office

The Adult Leaders Association of Gillespie County is open to any adult or volunteer with interest in bettering the Gillespie County 4-H Program. Please come and check it out! **ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS** are encouraged to attend.

PHOTOGRAPHY

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The District 4-H Photography Contest will be judged on **Saturday, March 21st** in conjunction with the District 10 4-H Roundup and Fashion Show. All entries must be postmarked by March 9, 2012. The registration process for the contest will be online at 4-H Connect (http://texs4-h.tamu.edu →4-H Connect) from February 27th – March 9th. Now is the time to start taking pictures!! You can view a complete copy of the rules on the District 10 website at http://d104-h.tamu.edu/agent-resources/.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

LAMB CAMP

Dates: June 10-12, 2012
Sponsored by: Howard College
Cost: $85.00
Age: at least 9 or entering the 3rd grade

Topics include: selection, health and management, feeding, exercising, washing and shearing, classifying and showmanship. This is a great chance to learn about lambs and have a great time doing it! ***ONLY the first 200 paid entries will be accepted!*** More information and registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

GOAT CAMP

Dates: June 3-5, 2012
Sponsored by: Howard College
Cost: $85.00
Age: at least 9 or entering the 3rd grade

Topics include: selection, health and management, feeding, exercising, washing and shearing and showmanship. This is a great chance to learn about lambs and have a great time doing it! ***ONLY the first 200 paid entries will be accepted!*** More information and registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

TEXAS BRIGADES

The Texas Brigades is a wildlife and leadership development program. Each camp is 4 ½ days and is for high school students. The camps are designed to teach life skills and increase knowledge of wildlife and habitat management. It is fun and exciting! Anyone 13-17 years old is eligible to apply. Application deadline is March 15, 2012. If you are interested, call the Extension Office for an application or visit www.texasbrigades.org to apply online. Scholarships are available.

Dates for 2012:
South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Uvalde – June 3-7
Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman – June 16-20
South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Campbellton – June 24-28
Bass Brigade, Santa Anna – July 9-13
North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany – July 15-19
Waterfowl Brigade, Tennessee Colony – July 22-26

Mark Your Calendar

There are many more camps and workshops available this upcoming summer.

- Dist 10 Leadership Lab – June 26-29
- MASH camp – June 27-29
- Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge – June 30-July 1
- Prime Time Session I grades 5-8 – July 22-25
- Prime Time Session II grades 2-5 – July 25-28
- Aggieland Lamb Camp – July 20-22
- Aggieland Goat Camp – July 27-29

OTHER 4-H NEWS

JUDGING CONTEST DATES

Judging contests are just around the corner! Mark your calendars now!

- Feb. 18th – Consumer Judging Contest at SALE
- Mar. 21st – Dist. Photography Contest
- Apr. 18th – Meats Judging Contest
- Apr. 28th – Livestock Judging Contest

GILLESPIE COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRTS

T he Gillespie County 4-H Adult Leaders is holding a county 4-H t-shirt design contest! Let your creative come out! All entries must be turned in no later than 5pm on Friday, April 15th. Come by the Extension Office for a design form or visit our website at http://gillespie.agrilife.org → Publications → 4-H.

OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS AND 4-H NIGHT WITH THE SPURS

The San Antonio Spurs have done it again! They are sponsoring an Operation: Military Kids and 4-H Night with the Spurs on Monday, March 12th at the AT&T Center at 7:30pm. They have extended an exclusive package to 4-H members across the state. The package includes a Spurs ticket, a FREE hot dog, FREE chips, a FREE soda and special recognition for all OMK and 4-H members in attendance! Also, you will be able to have a post-game group picture on the SPURS court after the game! What a deal! The packages are available at the following prices: $15, $30, $8. All orders must be paid for by Monday, October 18th. GO SPURS GO! ! !

TEXAS 4-H GOLF CHALLENGE

Love the game of golf? Take advantage of a three-day event that will include work with Texas A&M faculty and staff, expert instruction from professionals in the Turf Grass Management and Sports Nutrition areas, and also instruction on golf fundamentals. Registration is on 4-H Connect from February 1 – March 30. The cost is $250 which includes hotel stay, meals, transportation, instruction and a t-shirt. This event is open to 4-H members and non-4-H members between the ages of 11-18. Please check out the website for more information.
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/golf_challenge/index_youth_golf.php

RABIES CLINIC

The Doss 4-H club is sponsoring a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, February 4th from 2-4pm at the Doss Community Center. The Clinic will be conducted by the Hill Country Veterinary Clinic and will have 4-H members on hand to help.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Cave Creek – Will be meeting on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!

Doss – Will be meeting on Saturday, February 4th after the rabies clinic.

Heritage – Will be meeting on Monday, February 20th at 4:30pm at the Extension Office.

St. Mary's – Club officers need to be there at 6:30pm.

Brad Roeder
CEA – Ag & NR

Shea Nebgen
CEA – FCS

Micah Walker
CEA – 4-H & YD

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 DUE : 4-H & EEA scholarships	2	3	4 Rabies Clinis 2-4pm @ Doss Community Center Doss 4-H mtg to follow
5	6 Live Oak 4-H 7pm	7 Cave Creek 4-H 6:30pm St. Mary's 4-H 7pm Stonewall 4-H 7pm Willow Creek 4-H 6:30pm	8 Country Creek 4-H 6pm Harper 4-H 6:30pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Cross Mtn 4-H 7pm 	15 Headwaters 4-H 6:30pm	16 Wrede 4-H 6pm	17	18
19	20 Heritage 4-H 4:30pm 	21	22	23	24	25 Country BB Gun Match @ fairgrounds
26	27 Hill Country 4-H 6:30pm	28	29			