



GILLESPIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

Gillespie County 4-H members will be electing County Council Officers for the 2016-2017 4-H year during the Council meeting on Monday, April 18th. If you will be of high-school-age for the 2016-2017 school year and are interested in running for a position (President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter, Parliamentarian, or 2 Council Delegate Positions), then you will need to complete the 2016-2017 County Council Officer Application and submit it to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on **Monday, April 11th**. Applications can be submitted in person or by email and can be found by visiting <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > County Council.

County Council officers are required to attend District 10 Leadership Lab, which is scheduled for June 22-24, 2016 in Brownwood. County Council officers are also required to participate in county council officer training, club officer training, and four council meetings each year.

Some of the duties for the council positions are described below:

- President** – attend District 10 officer meetings, preside over and plan council meetings, organize other council officers before events, represent the 4H program at various events throughout the year
- Vice President** – step in for president if president is absent, plan a game or activity during council meetings, and coordinate meals for council meetings
- Secretary** – keep minutes for council meetings, conduct meeting roll call
- Reporter** – take pictures throughout the year to develop slide presentation for annual awards banquet
- Parliamentarian** -keep order at meetings
- Council Delegates** – serve as voting delegates at District 10 officer meetings



DISTRICT ROUNDUP CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES

Get a team together or prepare something as an individual and attend District 10 Roundup on Saturday, April 30th in Lockhart. **Contest registrations will need to be completed starting March 28th through Monday, April 4th on 4-H Connect (<http://texas.4honline.com>).** Gillespie 4-H Adult Leaders will cover contest registration fees, so please enter "4H Check" as your payment option. District Roundup Contests include: Beef Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking, Share The Fun, Horse Quiz Bowl, Educational Presentations, and Discover Science Method Poster Contest. A description of each event is in the following paragraphs.

DISTRICT ROUNDUP AGE DIVISIONS

- Junior: 3rd – 5th graders
- Intermediate: 6th-8th graders
- Senior: 9th-12th graders (has not surpassed their 18th birthday as of August 31, 2015)



DISCOVER SCIENCE METHOD POSTER CONTEST

The Discover Scientific Method Research Poster Contest is designed to help youth identify a question or problem, and then focus learning and solving the problem using the scientific method in the following project areas:

- Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science
- Environmental Science/Chemistry/Earth Sciences
 - Animal Science
 - Plant and Soil Science
 - Engineering/Physics
- Consumer Product Testing

Topics can cover any field as long as it is research oriented, and may include humanities or social sciences that meet the research criteria. The County Extension Agent or their designee will document and certify all projects. For more information on this contest, please refer to the Discover Science Method Poster

Contest guide at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015-2016-Discover-Science-Method-Final.pdf>



EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Use something that you have completed for a school project, part of the robotics project, or something that you have a personal interest in...

Group or individual presentations that involve 1 to 5 members. All members will need to have a role in the presentation. Visual graphics are encouraged and LCD projectors and computers will be available. The time limit for Educational Presentations is 12 minutes for presentation and 9 minutes for set up/take down. Educational Presentations in each category will compete against each other for the Sweepstakes medals. One Sweepstakes Award will be awarded in each contest room for each age group. Categories include: Beef, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Open-Agriculture, Open-General, Open-FCS, Health, Horse, Promote 4-H, Safety & Injury Prevention, Sheep and/or Goats.



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public Speaking is an individual contest. No team entries. No props, visual aids, or audio/video recordings are permitted. The time limit for public speaking presentations is 5-7 minutes. The topic should relate to current events related to youth.



SHARE THE FUN

What is Share The Fun? Share the Fun is a very broad contest where members can showcase their talents. From singing to dancing to skits to playing a musical instrument to reciting poetry to promoting 4-H, any and all of these talents can be a Share The Fun Presentation.

Individuals or groups up to 9 members can participate. Categories include: Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routines, Dramedy, Musical/Instrumental, Poetry/Prose, Solo/Band Performance, and Vocal. For a more detailed description of each category, see page 7 of the document titled "2016 Share the Fun Letter & Guidelines" on our website: <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Contests.



BEEF & HORSE QUIZ BOWLS

Teams for Quiz Bowls will consist of 3 or 4 member teams who compete in a jeopardy-style contest to test their knowledge level of a particular subject. There are no individual entries for Quiz Bowl. Put a team together and start preparing!

The Texas 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl preparation materials can be found at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/?s=Beef+Quiz+Bowl>.

The Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl preparation materials can be found at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horse/>.

SHOOTING SPORTS



GILLESPIE 4H ARCHERY PROJECT - OUTDOOR DAY

When: Saturday, April 9th

Where: Bow Pros Archery & Outdoors located at 10046 Hwy. 290 towards Stonewall

Time: Registration begins at 8:00am; shooting begins at 9:00am; activities should wrap up by 3:00pm

What: Special event for youth participating in the Gillespie 4H archery project with a 3D competition and clout

**hamburger meal will be available on site for registered youth participants at no cost; all other meals will be \$5.00/person



TEXAS SHOOTING SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

When: Saturday, April 16th

Where: Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX
Texas Shooting Sports Extravaganza, the "Beginners Shooting Sports Match", is available for registration for all First and Second year shooters in all disciplines! It will be held at the 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood Texas on April 16th 2016. See <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/> for more info.

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PLEASANT HILL – ROCKY CREEK COMMUNITY CLUB ARCHER'S CUP

When: Saturday, April 16th

Where: Pleasant Hill – Rocky Community Club (7 miles West of Johnson City on Hwy .290)

Cost: no fee for juniors

What: Junior's Practice and Competition Course

Any local youngster is welcome to come to the Archer's Cup and shoot a few rounds on the practice course. There will be awards given to the top archers on the junior's competition course which will consist of targets at 7, 12, and 16 yards. Please sign up by contacting Robert Adams at 512-922-9532 or by email to rob.adams007@gmail.com.



STATE 4-H INDOOR ARCHERY MATCH

There is still time to sign up for one of the other two locations if any 4-H archer is interested. The locations will be Ft. Stockton and Graham, Texas. The Fort Stockton Match will be April 8-9 and the Graham location will be April 22-23. See <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016-Texas-4H-Indoor-Archery-Match-Information.pdf> for more information.



GLEN ROSE 4-H 3-D INDOOR ARCHERY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday, April 16th

Where: Somervell County Expo Center in Glen Rose, TX
8:00 am Check-In & Equipment Safety Check, 9:00 am Competition Begins for all Youth divisions. Adult Jack Pot (50 % Pay Out) will start immediately following the Youth Awards \$25 Registration Fee per bow, 20 Target 3D Course 1 arrow @ varying yardages for all ages (per 4H rules) Total of 20 arrows will be shot for this tournament. Bounce outs- must be mutually agreed with your group or it is considered a miss. NO CROSSBOWS ALLOWED! Rules are set forth by the Glen Rose 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and those of the Tournament Director will be followed. Please mark your arrows for identification purposes. Tournament information packet and registration form can be found on our website: <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Shooting Sports



Cooke County 4-H 3-D Archery Tournament

When: May 28, 2016

Where: Gainesville, TX

2016 Cooke County 3-D Archery Tournament information packet and registration form can be found on our website: <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Shooting Sports. Adult class is limited to coaches, parents, and/or guardians of 4-H members. Outdoor 10 Target 3D Course 1 arrow @ varying yardages for all ages (per 4H rules) and 5 Field Target 4 arrows per target. Total of 30 arrows will be shot for this tournament.

HORSE



HORSE VALIDATION

Deadline to validate a horse for the Horse project or the District Horse Show is April 15th, 2016. We have instructions available on our website:

<http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Horse.



CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H ANNUAL SPRING HORSE SHOW

When: April 16, 2016

Location: Callahan Co. Sheriff Posse Arena in Baird, TX

Adult and youth events. Visit

<http://callahan.agrilife.org/publications/4h/> for full information and entry forms.



TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H & OPEN HORSE SHOW

When: May 20-21st

Where: Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, TX

3rd-12th graders can participate. For event flyer visit our website:

<http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Horse

HUNTING & WILDLIFE



HACKAMORE INVITATIONAL RANGE & PASTURE PLANT ID AND RANGE EVALUATION CONTEST

When: Saturday, April 9th

Location: 44 Farms near Cameron, TX

Registration Deadline: by April 1, 2016

Ages: 3rd - 12th grade

The high point senior individual in each contest will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. If you have a Plant ID or Range Evaluation Team, come join us at the contests and be a part of the educational training provided by Dr. Barron Rector, Associate Professor and Extension Range Specialist.

The contests are open to all 4-H and FFA members throughout the State. Contact Carly Jenkins for informational flyer and registration form.



KERR COUNTY 4-H GRASS ID, RANGE JUDGING, WOOL & MOHAIR JUDGING INVITATIONAL CONTESTS

When: Saturday, May 7th

Where: Kerr County Youth Event Center

Ages: 3rd - 12th graders (Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Teams)

Times: Grass ID - 9:00am, Range Judging - 9:00am, Wool & Mohair - 1:00pm

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Put a team of 3-4 together or compete as an individual. There is no limit to the number of teams or individuals who can compete from each county. No early registration required.



FAMILY FISHING DAY

When: April 23, 2016

Where: Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Lodging: \$30.00 per person

Register by visiting the Texas 4-H Conference Center website: <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu> or click on the "sign up" button on the Texas 4-H Conference Center Facebook page.

Join us for Family Fishing Day at the Texas 4-H Center! The day will begin with a short lecture about safety and tips. We will then eat as a group before heading to the lakeside and fishing the rest of the day. Registration is only \$30 a person and lodging is available afterwards if desired.

Participants need to bring a rod and reel, bait and tackle, and bedding if you plan to stay at the Texas 4-H Center overnight.



ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The Gillespie County 4-H program and the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service supports the Texas Education Code requirements to be labelled as an official "extracurricular activity".

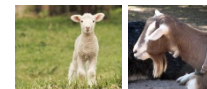
Please keep in mind that in all 4-H competitive events 4-H members must be eligible to compete. This applies regardless of the day or time during the week the event is held. Eligibility requirements apply to all 4-H members whether they are enrolled in public, private or home school. Eligibility is determined by the school, not the county Extension agent. Parents should address questions about a student's eligibility to the school.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

If you want for Taylor Osborn or Brad Roeder to come and look at your livestock projects, call the Extension Office and set up an appointment.



2016 STATE FAIR LAMB & GOAT TAGS

Deadline: Friday, April 15th

Cost: \$10.00/tag

If you are planning on showing a lamb or goat at the 2016 State Fair of Texas in Dallas next fall, you must validate each animal.

Tags must be ordered by the above deadline, and we will announce the validation date at a later time. The State Fair of Texas will be September 30th - October 23th. Rules, guidelines, and complete show schedules can be found by visiting

<http://bigtex.com/>.



ORDER STEER VALIDATION TAGS

Deadline: Friday, April 15, 2016

Cost: \$10 each

For those interested in showing steers, validation tags must be ordered and payment must be received by Friday, April 15th at 5:00pm. TAGS WILL NOT BE ORDERED WITHOUT PAYMENT.



HEIFER VALIDATION ORDERS FOR FALL 2016 SHOWS OR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Deadline to order validation paperwork is Friday, April 15th.

Validation will take place sometime in June, but we must order your validation materials now.

If you are planning to show a heifer at a major stock show, then that heifer must be validated. Also, if a heifer has been validated previously, and the ownership has changed, then it must be re-validated. If you are planning to show a heifer that has been previously validated and the ownership has not changed, then she will NOT need to be validated again.



2016 STATE FAIR SWINE TAGS

Deadline: Friday, April 22nd

Cost: \$10.00/tag

If you are planning on showing a swine at the 2016 State Fair of Texas in Dallas next fall, you must validate each animal. Tags must be ordered by the above deadline, and we will announce the validation date at a later time. The State Fair of Texas will be September 30th – October 23th. Rules, guidelines, and complete show schedules can be found by visiting <http://bigtex.com/>.



GILLESPIE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW BUYERS LISTS – THANK YOU NOTES

Buyer's lists from the 2016 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show are now available. All 4H members who sold an animal at the GCYLS auction will need to write thank you's to their buyers. You can get a copy of your buyer's list from the Extension Office. We have also been informed that buyer's lists for Harper area participants have been brought to the Harper area for distribution.

What do I need to do once I pick up my buyer's list?

- 1) Write a thank you note to each buyer on your list (unless it has been crossed out by hand)
- 2) Bring completed thank you notes in unsealed, stamped envelopes and we will check to make sure that a note has been written for each buyer on your list
- 3) Pick up your GCYLS sale check. The Stock Show Board has not released these checks to our office yet, but we will notify you whenever we receive them. It might be several more weeks before the checks will be delivered to our office.

*You can bring thank you notes before we have the checks, or you may bring them whenever the checks have arrived at our office.

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LIVESTOCK SHOW BUYERS LISTS & CHECKS

We have the following materials from the livestock shows:

Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show – buyer's lists
Hill Country District Junior Livestock Shows – buyer's lists, floor checks, * auction checks (* auction checks need thank you notes)
Kerr County Youth Livestock Show – buyer's lists and checks
San Angelo Livestock Show – floor checks, prize money checks, placing checks (San Angelo will mail premium checks directly to exhibitor's homes)



2016 HILL COUNTRY YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW & SALE

Entry Deadline: April 4, 2016 to Mason County Extension Office

Heifer validation will take place on April 16th, 2016

Palpation forms due to Mason County Extension Office on September 12, 2016

Expenses Form / Recordbooks are due September 26, 2016

Show and Sale will be Thursday, October 6, 2016

For complete rules & guidelines and required forms, visit <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > Youth Heifer Show & Sale



MARKET POULTRY PRODUCTION & SELECTION WORKSHOP

When: May 7, 2016

Where: Location: Thomas G. Hildebrand, DVM '56 Equine Complex in College Station, TX

Time: 8:30 – 3:00pm.

Register Online: <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>

\$60.00 per person or family

This workshop provides an excellent opportunity to "hear the experts" and work alongside Texas' major poultry judges. Educational activities include in-depth discussion on: brooding, management, sanitation and feeding programs and selection and processing methods for broilers, turkeys and roasters. Also "hands on" practice in early culling and selecting, handling your birds during the show and "putting together" show pens. For more information, please contact Dr. Greg Archer (garcher@poultry.tamu.edu or 979-845-4319).

Onsite Registration: opens at 8 AM.

Onsite or Late (after 4/27/16) registration – \$90 per person or family

CLOTHING & TEXTILES



DISTRICT FASHION SHOW REGISTRATION

When: Friday, April 29th, 2016

Where: First Baptist Church, Lockhart, TX

Entry paperwork deadline: March 31st by 5:00pm to the Extension Office

Registration Deadline: March 28th - Monday, April 4th on 4-H Connect
(<http://texas.4honline.com>)

Separate deadlines will apply for entry paperwork – these deadline will come from Shea Nebgen

Gillespie 4-H Adult Leaders will cover contest registration fees, so please enter "4H Check" as your payment option. District Fashion Show Contests Include: Fashion Show, Textiles Show, Fashion Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle, and Natural Fibers Contest.

FASHION SHOW AGE DIVISIONS

Junior: 3rd – 5th graders

Intermediate: 6th-8th graders

Senior: 9th-12th graders (has not surpassed their 18th birthday as of August 31, 2015)



FASHION SHOW

District Show: April 29, 2016

NOTE: You don't have to know how to sew or be a girl to participate!!!! For example, someone could enter their hunting gear, rock climbing harness, dance costume, or welding attire in the special interest category. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textiles project: knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, poise in front of others and personal presentation skills. For rules and guidelines see <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/>

Construction Categories

***NEW** - junior and intermediate 4-H'ers only have to construct one item of their attire, not both pieces

- Everyday Living
- ReFashion
- Semi-Formal to Formal
- Theatre/Costume

Buying Categories

- Business/Interview Attire
- Fantastic Fashions under \$25
- Semi-Formal to Formal
- Special Interest

***New this year:** All narratives for the Fashion Show will be a part of the online registration process.



FASHION STORYBOARD COMPETITION

Submission Deadline: March 31st to the Gillespie County Extension Office

District Contest Date: April 29, 2016 (boards are judged prior to contest)
The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. 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. It also provides the members an opportunity to gain knowledge of the career responsibilities of a fashion designer and illustrator, enhance creativity and originality, and develop visual communication skills. The design theme for this year's Fashion Storyboard is to create something that will go viral on social media. For rules and guidelines see <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/>.

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TEXTILES CONTEST – COUNTY ONLY CONTEST
*****NEW THIS YEAR – item submission deadline is March 31st to the Extension Office. Items will be judged prior to the show this year!**

District Contest: April 29, 2016 (will be judged prior to contest date)

This contest is a district level contest only. Participants will be divided into the three age groups: Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. Each 4-H member may enter one item in each of the 6 categories for a maximum of six (6) entries per person.

- May enter any item constructed from fabric or textile material (ex: crochet, needlework). Entries may be garments that are not entered in the Fashion Show.
 - May enter any item constructed as an accessory to a garment.
 - May be constructed from a pattern, a kit, or be an original design.
 - Each participant is limited to one single item per entry division
 - Must have been made within the current year: May 1, 2015 to District Contest April 29, 2016
 - Any 4-H member that participated in their County 4-H Clothing & Textile project is eligible to participate
- 4-H member must attach 1 entry card per item. Entry divisions are jewelry, household item, kitchen item, accessory item, embellished item, and holiday textile item.



DUDS TO DAZZLE – TEAM EVENT

District Contest: April 29, 2016

Teams will have 3 to 5 members. The concept behind the contest is taking something old and making a new and fashionable product from it with only the supplies provided to you at the contest. This should be a lot of fun for the budding seamstress. This hands-on contest gives 4-Hers the chance to shine as each team works to create a new product from an existing item using only their sewing supply kit, sewing closet and their previous sewing and design skills. For rules and guidelines see <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/>.



QUILT CHALLENGE

Online registration deadline through 4-H Connect: April 15, 2016
Mailed Deadline is May 2, 2016

The State 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board is holding their annual quilt challenge. The rules are available on the website below. Any age 4-H members may participate in this great project. Visit <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/> for guidelines, score sheet, and report form. If you have any other questions, please contact Shea at (830)997-3452.



Natural Fiber Contest – Senior Only Contest

The Fashion Show Natural Fiber Contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned related to Cotton and Wool/Mohair. It also recognizes 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool and mohair. For rules and guidelines see <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/>.



Trashion Show

The Trashion Show provides an opportunity for 4-H members to use their design skills to create and exhibit a recycled/reused garment created from items that would otherwise be thrown in the trash. 4-H teams will submit a video application. All videos must be submitted by uploading to YouTube by the April 1, 2016, deadline. A team of judges will evaluate the entries, and the top 10 entries will be asked to compete in the Trashion Show Invitational event. The teams chosen will go through an interview process and model their garment in the Fashion Show at Texas 4-H Roundup. For rules and guidelines, entry forms, and example score sheets, please visit <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/>.



RECIPE RALLY

Online entry deadline: April 1, 2016

Although invitational, the Recipe Rally does require some pre-qualification prior to Texas 4-H Roundup. This is an opportunity for intermediates and seniors to work individually or in pairs to submit a video of them demonstrating the preparation of a recipe. All recipes should tie to the theme, "Picnic Perfect." Among the entries submitted, four finalists will be selected to be a part of the cooking demonstrations that will take place at Texas 4-H Roundup. A one-page overview of the project can be found on our website: <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Food & Nutrition.

PHOTOGRAPHY



2016 District 10 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Registration is April 1 – April 15th, 2016 on 4-H Connect
 Cost: \$5.00 per person (select 4H check as payment option because Gillespie 4-H Adult Leaders will cover registration fees)
 Ages: 3rd – 12th graders

Each 4-H member can enter up to three photos; all three photos cannot be in the same category and will need to be in three different categories. Photos must have been taken by the 4-H member between March 20, 2015 and April 15, 2016. Please review the rules and guidelines on our website for sizing formats, proper labeling instructions, and category descriptions. Photos will be judged by June 1, 2016 and results will be posted on the District 10 4-H website by June 6th, 2016.

Rules and guidelines can be found on our website <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4-H > Contests.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL – NEXT MEETING

Date: Monday, April 18th

Time: 6:00pm

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

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Meetings. This meeting is open to any 4-H member to attend. (It's just that Delegates and Presidents are the only ones that can vote!)



COUNTY ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

Date: Monday, April 18th

Time: 7:00pm

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. District Roundup participants will be giving presentations and performances, so we would encourage as many people to attend as possible.



TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS

When: July 17-20 in Austin, TX

All Texas 4-H members between grades 9-12 are invited to participate in the 2016 Texas 4-H Congress. This hands-on learning experience allows 4-H members to write, present, debate, and decide the fate of legislative issues affecting our state.

4-H Members can participate as a member of the House of Representatives, Senate, Press Corps, or as a Lobbyist.

Each 4-H member attending Texas 4-H Congress is required to submit a legislative bill, but ALL 4-H members, any age, can submit a bill for consideration. This is a great way for 4-H members to participate in the citizenship project and learn more about the Texas legislative process.

Legislative bills can be submitted online between January 1st to May 20th, 2016 to texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/
 Applications for 4-H members wanting to be considered for the Press Corps or Lobbyist Team should complete an application on 4-H Connect between February 15-March 31, 2016.

Texas 4-H Congress Registration will open between **May 1st – May 31st, 2016.**

To learn more about Texas 4-H Congress and how to participate visit: texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/



NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program held annually in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Texas 4-H members apply **March 1 through April 15** on 4-H Connect and are required to have two reference letters, one of which should be from a County Extension Agent. There is no fee to apply. Selected applicants will be notified of an interview date during Texas 4-H Roundup (if attending, otherwise it will be completed by phone). Once the delegation is selected, the participation fee is \$1,500 and covers Congress registration (includes most meals), roundtrip airfare, ground transportation in Atlanta, lodging at the Hyatt Regency, educational tours, States lunch, state photograph, trading pins and commemorative shirt. Delegates are responsible for getting to and from selected airport, luggage fees (\$25 per bag each way), spending money for souvenirs, and meals while traveling to and from Atlanta.

Youth must be in grades 9-12 at the time of the event, November 24-29, 2016. For more information, please visit <http://national4-hcongress.com/>



SUMMER INBOUND EXCHANGE PROGRAM – BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Delegates arrive to DFW on July 21st, 2016 and will depart August 19th

Youth ages 11-15 from Japan visit the United States for a 4-week immersion homestay. To host a delegate, a family must have a youth of the same gender and similar age. If no children at home, families can host an adult chaperone. Delegates have varying degrees of English speaking skills, and the family is only asked to provide a bed and three meals a day; there are no expectations for 'entertaining the guest.'

Apply to host by completing application at

<http://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/hostfamily/index.html>.

OTHER 4-H NEWS



4-H HAS TALENT CONTEST

Deadline to submit is April 1, 2016

4-H Has Talent gives youth the opportunity to showcase their talent in front of fellow 4-H members at Texas 4-H Roundup. Individuals will submit a YouTube video of their talent and have the chance to be selected by a panel of judges to perform at Texas 4-H Roundup. If selected, 4-H members will perform at the Tuesday night assembly. The audience will vote for the winner via text messaging just like on American Idol or America's Got Talent.

Videos must be uploaded to YouTube and made public for viewing,

Maximum Length: 5 minutes, Links must be submitted online

at <https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/4HHasTalent/index.html>,

Submissions must be appropriate for 4-H youth, Intermediate and Senior aged 4-H members are allowed to participate in this contest,

Teams may be one age category or a combination of both intermediates and seniors, An individual and/or team (max seven members) may only submit one video, Five finalists will be selected by an expert panel of judges, The five finalists will perform during Texas 4-H Roundup on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 during the evening assembly, After all performances, the audience will have the opportunity to vote via text messages to select the winner, Top two entries selected at Roundup will win cash awards



TEXAS 4-H STATEWIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT – ELI'S FUND

Eli, a bomb-sniffing military working dog was assigned to US Lance Cpl. Colton Rusk. In December 2010, Lance Cpl. Rusk was killed by sniper fire in Afghanistan. Eli, ever faithful to his handler, was left depressed and alone. He would not leave Lance Cpl. Rusk's cot at the base for several weeks. In February 2011, Lance Cpl. Rusk's family in South Texas was allowed to adopt Eli. The College of Veterinary Medicine has pledged to cover all of Eli's veterinary care for the rest of his life. The CVM

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established Eli's Fund as a source of financial support for active duty service men and women, medically retired veterans' service animals and retired military animals.

Therefore, Texas 4-H has set a goal of raising \$15,000 for this cause. Through June 2016, Texas 4-H Council challenges all 4-H members and families to financially donate to Eli's fund. 4-H clubs can collect donations, have a bake sale, a car wash, or other event; the collected funds would then be donated online to <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/giving/opportunities/elis-fund>. The Moore Family from Corpus Christi has made a \$5000 Eli's Fund Challenge Award available. These funds will be disbursed in the amount of \$2500, \$1500, and \$1000 respectively to the top 3 counties raising funds for this effort.



Lone Star Cattlemen is doing a raffle for a 2016 Jeep Wrangler and a 2016 Kawasaki Brute Force 4-wheeler. Each organization (ex. 4-H club) who sells raffle tickets will receive 25% of the proceeds from the tickets sales, so this is one way to raise money for your 4-H club. Tickets are available now for 4-H members to sell, and the raffle drawing will be in March. Please contact Shawn Lehne at shawn@lehneconstruction.com for tickets.

LSC is an organization that strives to support youth involved in livestock shows and county fair youth auctions to pursue higher education. This has been a very successful fundraiser for our county clubs as the LSC Foundation wrote checks totaling over \$1,500 to Gillespie County 4-H clubs in 2015. The Lone Star Cattleman Foundation also attended the 2016 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Auction where they purchased youth livestock projects, giving special attention to the members who sold raffle tickets. This year they spent over \$7,800 on Gillespie County participants! They will also be in attendance at Rodeo Austin's Youth Livestock Auction purchasing animals from those 4-Hers who help sell raffle tickets.

The UPS Store

FREDERICKSBURG UPS STORE OFFERS DISCOUNT TO GILLESPIE COUNTY 4H MEMBERS

The UPS Store will offer FREE copies to ALL Gillespie County 4-H youth that can show a valid and current 4-H Grows Membership card at the counter. This is for color and B&W copies only, for any school related material (homework, projects, reports, etc). The first set of copies (color or B&W) are free of charge. If the student has an error and needs to reprint their copies, the cost 50% of the store fees. This offer is good for ANY SIZE color or B&W copies.

The student MUST show their membership card in order to receive the discount. They can bring the file in on a thumb drive or they can email the copies to store4964@theupsstore.com if they would like to save some time. This is effective immediately and will expire June 1st, 2016.

If you do not currently have your membership card, please check with your club managers to see if he/she has a card for you. If the club managers are out of membership cards, then they will contact the Extension Office to request more membership cards.

USDA Now Accepting Applications for 1890 National Scholars Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for the 1890 National Scholars Program that awards scholarships to students to attend one of 19 land-grant colleges and universities and pursue a degree in the field of agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or other related disciplines.

Awardees are required to compete for appropriate employment immediately after graduation and if selected, commit to at least one year of service to USDA for each year of financial assistance provided. The scholars program provides full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board each year for up to four years. The program is available to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college and rising college sophomores and juniors. **Deadline to apply is April 11, 2016.** For more information and application, please visit <http://www.outreach.usda.gov/education/1890/>

SCHOLARSHIPS

A listing of scholarship opportunities is listed on our website: <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> > 4H > Awards & Scholarships > Scholarships.

2016 Daisy 4-H Scholarship

Deadline: April 1, 2016

The application and instructions can be found by visiting the National 4H Shooting Sports website: http://www.4-hshootingssports.org/state_contacts.php. Our state contact is:

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SAN ANGELO SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark deadline: April 1, 2016

Application: <http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/get-involved/scholarship>

Eligibility requirements and application are available on the San Angelo Stock Show website.



TEXAS 4-H EVENTS

The announcements in this section are taken directly from the Texas 4-H and Youth Development office's "Texas 4-H Standard" monthly newsletter. The entire publication can be found by visiting their website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/news>.

April 2016



Submit your video story about how 4-H has changed you and you may be featured at a national 4-H meeting!

As part of the NAE4-HA Conference that the Texas and Louisiana Associations of Extension 4-H Agents are hosting this October in New Orleans, we are asking for video testimonials from our 4-H youth. The testimonials would include members thoughts about 4-H and how it has impacted them. Videos need to be no longer than 2 minutes and recorded in highest quality possible. Submit your video via email to Toby Lepley at t-lepley@tamu.edu and be sure to include your first name, last name, age, and county in the body of your email, and attach your video testimonials as an attachment. Videos must be submitted by May 16th. Below are a few prompts for your testimonial:

4-H Is...

4-H Provides...

Through 4-H I Have Learned...

My 4-H Role Model Is ___ Because ___...

My Favorite 4-H Experience Is...

4-H Has Helped Me...



2016 4-H ROUND-UP NATIONAL ANTHEM COMPETITION

Deadline for submission is May 2, 2016

Submissions must be uploaded to

<https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/NationalAnthem/index.html>

- All submissions MUST BE POSTED TO YouTube (All links made public).
- Entries may be submitted on an individual basis or as a group.
 - Groups cannot be made up of more than four (4) members. Three individuals/teams will be selected to perform one at each assembly held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
 - Individuals/teams will be announced May 9, 2016.
- Open to all 4-H members grades 3 - 12 (based on September 1, 2015 4-H Year).
- 4-H member does not have to be a contest participant of Texas 4-H Roundup.
- YouTube Video must be of the individual or group (up to four 4-H members) singing the National Anthem.
 - Singing must be in a capella style (no music).
- If selected to sing during Texas 4-H Roundup, performance will be done a capella.
 - Videos will be evaluated by a panel of judges with music experience.
- If selected to sing participants must be registered on 4-H Connect.
 - Roundup staff will be selecting the nights that the individuals/groups will be performing.



ITEMS NEEDED AT STATE 4-H ROUNDUP FOR SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction has been conducted at Texas 4-H Roundup the past few years and it was coordinated by the Texas 4-H Foundation. This year, the silent auction has been moved over to TAE4-HA and this will allow for the association to raise money for the 2016 NAE4-HA Conference that we are co-hosting with Louisiana in October.

We are asking for help from individuals, 4-H clubs, counties, local businesses, and district associations in help securing items for this year's silent auction. If you are interested, please contact Cory Hundl (cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu) by Friday, May 13, 2016.



TEXAS 4-H ALLIANCE WITH LA QUINTA INNS & SUITES

Texas 4-H supporters receive a 15% discount at La Quinta hotels nationwide. The Texas 4-H Alliance Program benefits the youth of 4H! "TX4H Youth Discount" is available nationwide for business and leisure travel. When booking a reservation refer to the "TX4H Youth Discount". "TX4H Youth Discount" can be obtained by calling the hotel directly, using the La Quinta toll free reservation line at 800.531.5900, or by booking online at www.lq.com/TX4H using the established "TX4H" discount promotional code. In addition to the 15% discount,* La Quinta will donate 9% of the revenue earned through this alliance to the Texas 4-H Foundation for its support of Texas 4-H and youth development efforts.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

We will be releasing a separate newsletter in the future that will list camps, workshops, and programs offered by the Texas 4-H program and other organizations who offer camps on various agricultural, family & consumer sciences, shooting sports, and technology and engineering topics.

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April 2016

Mark
your
Calendar

- April 4th** – deadline to register for Beef Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, Fashion Show – Duds to Dazzle, Storyboard, Textile, Natural Fiber, Discover Science Method Poster Contest, Educational Presentation, Public Speaking, & Share The Fun District Roundup Contests
- April 4th** - Deadline to enter Hill Country Youth Commercial Heifer Show & Sale
- April 9th** – Outdoor Day at Bow Pro's Archery & Outdoors for archery participants
- April 11th** – deadline to apply for a Gillespie 4H Council Officer Position
- April 15th** – State Fair Lamb & Goat Validation Order Deadline
- April 15th** – Steer Validation Order Deadline
- April 15th** – online Horse validation deadline
- April 15th** – deadline to enter a photo online in 4-H Connect for District Photography Contest
- April 18th** – County Council & Adult Leaders Meetings



4-H Club news

- St. Mary's** - will be meeting on Tuesday April 5th
- Willow Creek** - will meet at the Extension Office on Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30 for our monthly meeting. Don't forget to bring your canned food items.
- Wrede** - will meet on April 11 at 6pm at extension office then walk over to Heritage Place to play games with residents there.
Election of officers will be in May
- *If your club is not listed, contact your club managers for monthly meeting announcements.**

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife provide equal opportunities in programs, education and employment, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.