



March, 2013

TransCanada DONATES \$200,000 TO TEXAS 4-H PROGRAM



The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is excited to announce a new sponsorship from the TransCanada Corporation. This four-year commitment in the amount of \$200,000 over a four-year period is to support leadership development activities for the state's future leaders. The funds will support opportunities for youths to develop leadership skills while attending the biannual Texas 4-H Congress event and participating in One Day 4-H activities.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, a check will be presented to Jim Reeves, executive director, Texas 4-H Foundation, Dr. Chris Boleman, the State 4-H Program Leader, and Joel Cowley, a 4-H Foundation trustee, during the junior commercial steer competition at Reliant Arena's Sales Pavilion.

"This multi-year commitment of support being offered to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program by the TransCanada Corporation reflects TransCanada's appreciation for, and endorsement of, the continued efforts of the 105-year-old Texas 4-H movement that has helped develop thousands of young Texas leaders who have contributed to our state and our country," said Reeves. "Both organizations share a sincere passion for building stronger family units and thriving communities within this state and are willing to invest in any effort that works toward accomplishing these goals."

For TransCanada, the donation is another opportunity to invest in the communities where the company operates.

"We're pleased to support these important programs that will provide the opportunity for Texas 4-H Club members to learn valuable growth and leadership development skills," said Lee Hobbs, senior vice president and general manager of TransCanada's U.S. Pipelines operations in Houston. "Supporting the communities where we live and work is a key priority for TransCanada, and we look forward to helping to develop these leaders of tomorrow."



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TWEET UP ON FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT

March 21, 2013



The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will host a "Tweet-Up" on Twitter on March 21, 2013 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. This "tweet-up" will use twitter and to join the conversation, just tag each of your posts with the hash tag of #TX4HCONVO. Using this hash tag as you post will then let everyone know your questions and thoughts and we can respond back. Courtney Dodd will lead this Twitter to answer any question about changes in the Food Show, Food Challenge, or the Food & Nutrition Program.

4-H HAS TALENT

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The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce this year's 2013 4-H Has Talent Competition. The Texas 4-H Has Talent Competition has grown tremendously over the last three years. We are looking for another great year of acts and excitement at Roundup. Deadline for entries is April 1st. <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>



TEXAS 4-H GOLF CHALLENGE CAMP

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The Texas 4-H Golf Challenge Camp is back in 2013! Youth will not want to miss out on this fun and educational experience. This year's camp will provide youth the opportunity to receive professional golf instruction, gain insightful knowledge on turf grass management, sports nutrition, and the rules and etiquette of golf. The Texas 4-H Golf Challenge Camp will serve as an excellent opportunity to prepare youth for each of the Regional and State Golf Challenges being held in 2013. The camp will be held April 26-28th in College Station and the cost to attend this year's event will be \$225. This includes all meals, lodging, and professional instruction. Registration is open but, limited to the first 30 Intermediate and Senior aged youth. Registration will open on 4-H Connect March 1st and close April 17th. Do not miss out on this fun filled weekend! For more information contact Dr. Kyle Merten at kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu



TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE



TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

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Do you love the great outdoors? Are you up for a fun, physical and mental challenge? If so, mark your calendars for June 29-30, 2013 for the 5th annual Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge to be held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood.

Grab a friend. Learn, practice, and train to compete in a series of ten outdoor events, and then join us in June to test your knowledge and skills at the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge!

Registration will open on 4-H Connect in April. Check out the web page for contest rules and more details: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/outdoor>

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES INVITATIONAL

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The classes and resources for the 2013 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest are now available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles. Previous contest classes are also posted on the web site. The contest is held during Texas 4-H Roundup and is open to intermediate and senior 4-H members. Youth may compete as teams or individuals.



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volunteers needed!



2013 4-H VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

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The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program is pleased to announce plans for the 2013 4-H Volunteer Conference! Mark your calendars – and share the date with others – for July 12th – 14th in Plano, Texas. The conference will offer another pre-conference workshop on the afternoon of Friday, July 12th, with the conference officially kicking off that evening. Saturday and Sunday will be filled with a variety of educational workshops. Workshop proposal submissions will open in mid-March. As conference plans are finalized and details are set, more information will be provided on the volunteer conference webpage: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference.

TEXAS 4-H VETERINARY SCIENCE SKILLATHON

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Are YOU in the 4-H Veterinary Science project and like a little friendly competition??

Then the Texas 4-H Invitational Veterinary Science Skillathon is for YOU!! Apply to participate today! Postmark your completed application by Monday, April 1, 2013. The contest will be held during Texas 4-H Roundup on Thursday, June 13, 2013 in College Station.

This is an exciting, hands-on contest for youth in the Vet Science project to showcase their skills in a little friendly competition! It is an Invitational contest for Intermediate and Senior age 4-H members who meet the minimum requirements (see application). It is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-H member can gain through his or her involvement in a Veterinary Science project. There are four components to the contest.

- Written Exam – to test subject matter knowledge
- Skills Exam – to test hands-on or experiential learning (and it's FUN, too!)
- Quiz Round – think on your feet to gain (or lose) points
- Communication – share your knowledge with others and practice your public speaking skills

Applications and complete guidelines can be found on the Texas 4-H Roundup webpage in the Resources-Contest section: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>

2013 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15TH!

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The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce the 2013 award nomination process for our volunteers, Extension employees, and supporters through the 2013 Texas 4-H Volunteer Recognition Program. The complete packet which includes all award descriptions and the submission process can be found on-line at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recognition#volunteer>.

ALL award applications will be submitted on-line through the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website. The application submission process is currently open and will end on March 15th, 2013. Any Extension employee, 4-H member and/or volunteer may make nominations for the awards. Therefore, County Extension Agents are encouraged to share this information with co-workers, volunteers and 4-H members. Self-nomination is discouraged.

PRIOR HONOREES



A list of prior award winners is available on the Texas 4-H Website. Please review this list to ensure the person you are nominating has not been honored with the award previously. An award can only be presented one-time to an individual and/or supporter.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

Nomination Application Submission Dates: March 15, 2013

Notification to Award Winners: April 1, 2013 to April 15, 2013



		<h3>4-H Day @ Fuddruckers</h3> <p>Dine at any of the Fuddruckers below and Fuddruckers will donate 15% of sales to the 4-H Fuddruckers Scholarship fund, with a portion benefiting your local 4-H program.</p>		<h3>2012-2013 4-H Days</h3> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sept. 8</td> <td>Oct. 23</td> <td>Nov. 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec. 18</td> <td>Jan. 22</td> <td>Feb. 19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr. 23</td> <td>May 21</td> <td>Jun. - Roundup Wk</td> </tr> </table>		Sept. 8	Oct. 23	Nov. 20	Dec. 18	Jan. 22	Feb. 19	Apr. 23	May 21	Jun. - Roundup Wk	
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NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS! A 4-H EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

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National 4-H Congress is the flagship leadership and citizenship event of the National 4-H Program held annually in Atlanta, Georgia during the month of November. Approximately 1,000 4-H members from across the country participate in this event designed to enhance a members 4-H experience. 4-H members who attend this event have the opportunity to gain valuable leadership, citizenship, and culture experiences which are not available on the local or state level. This five day experiences allows 4-H members to meet new friends from Texas and the other 45 states that participate, while participating in a workshops ranging from Pilates to making your own science slime! General session's feature guest speakers providing motivation, laughter, and sometimes tears as you hear their passionate stories and experiences. The nights are filled with excitement from a international night where 4-H members cross the globe with new food and entertainment from the 4-H members of Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

In addition to all the great leadership 4-H member's gain at the event, they also give back through the community service projects and experiences they have in the greater Atlanta area.

The 2013 event will be Thursday, November 28th through Tuesday, December 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta in Georgia. The cost to attend this once in a lifetime event is \$1,400 which includes hotel, airline from state meeting airport, event registration, and majority of meals during the event. Registration will open on 4-H Connect February 11th and close April 16th. For more information please contact Dr. Kyle Merten at kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu or visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.



Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association Announces Alliance Opportunity for ALL Counties

The Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association is here to assist all 254 Counties across Texas with raising funds for their local 4-H programs. All your county has to have are 4-H Alumni and Friends of 4-H within your county lines to be a part of this new fund raising endeavor !!

Beginning August 15 - May 31, 2013, the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association will be hosting "Roundup Former 4-H'ers and Supporters Across Texas" membership drive. A significant portion of the funds raised through this campaign will be returned to the local 4-H Club or County 4-H Program by the Friends and Alumni Association.

Recruitment materials will be made available on the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni website or you can email Jana Barrett to have them sent to you direct. The membership drive materials will include talking points about the efforts of the Association, a membership information flier and F&A Membership recruitment forms.

The County and/or local 4-H Club portion of Memberships sold will be as follows:

- ~ Lifetime Membership (\$50 donated to County and/or Club)
- ~ Annual Membership (\$10 donated to County and/or Club)
- ~ Collegiate Membership (\$5 donated to County and/or Club)

The individual 4-H member recruiting "F&A Memberships" will be allowed to designate their portion of the funds to their specific local 4-H club (subject to verification of club charter by the State 4-H office and notification to the county), their local County 4-H Program, or split the funds between both their Club and their County 4-H Program.

The 4-H membership recruiter will receive credit for both new and current members. If current members "join" within this time, their membership renewal date will be extended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jana Barrett at 979-845-1213 or jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu.



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TAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING

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Bullying is an issue youth across America are dealing with on a daily basis! Teens and adolescent youth are constantly being faced with challenges that can affect them mentally, emotionally, and physically! Take A Stand was created to help youth better identify bullying and learn how to deal with it effectively.

Take A Stand offers fun and innovative lessons and activities on Conflict Resolution & Bullying, Communication, Etiquette, Teamwork, and Cultural Awareness. These lessons offer a variety of ways to learn about antibullying techniques along with other cultures.

Take A Stand is available for grades 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12! The curriculum is available from your local county extension agent or can be found at the AgriLife Bookstore at agrilifebookstore.org

2013 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2013. GET YOUR SNAP ON TODAY.

ANDERSON BEAN SUPPORTS LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Jana Barrett, jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

Thanks to Anderson Bean Boot Company for your support of the Texas 4-H Foundation. A pair of AB Full Quill Ostrich boots served as Lot #1 in the San Antonio Livestock Show's All Breed Bull Sale held February 13. Ledbetter Charolais from Lockhart, TX was the winning bidder at \$2,000 which will benefit the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program.



In photo L to R: Steven Kahla from Anderson Bean, Family representatives from Ledbetter Charolais, and Shelby James, Kaitlyn Pittman and Gabe Jennings, Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors

TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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Are you a horse enthusiast? Do you consider yourself a leader among your peers? Do you want to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Do you want to take your 4-H horse project to the next level? Accept the challenge and apply to become a Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador!



The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador program is designed as an in-depth learning experience for selected youth to represent the equine industry in Texas. The 2013 training will be held in Gainesville on August 11-15. Training includes a short-course experience in the most heavily populated horse industry area of Texas. During this five-day training, more than 30 hours of rigorous instruction by industry professionals, university faculty, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Specialists, and County Extension Agents cover topics such as leadership, career development, horse care and training philosophies and Horse Industry advocacy.

The online application will be active between March 1 and April 30. The link will be posted on the program's page linked below. An "Ambassador Packet" containing eligibility requirements, details about the training, and application process can be downloaded from this page as well. Limited space is available, so take the time to submit a quality application, and then get back to horsing around! <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/equine>

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OPPORTUNITY TO EARN MONEY FOR YOUR LOCAL 4-H PROGRAM

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The Texas 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce they will host the "I Support the Clover" Silent Auction during the 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup. In an effort to support county 4-H programs, the Texas 4-H Foundation Board would like provide an opportunity for county 4-H programs to earn funds from the event.

The Top 10 items donated by County 4-H Programs receiving the highest bid amounts, as compared to the other county donated items, will be awarded as follows:

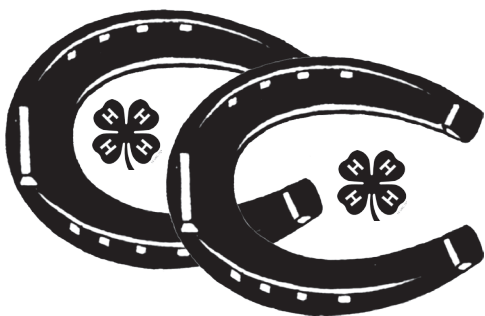
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- First Place 100%
- Second Place 75%
- Third through Six Place 50%
- Sixth through Tenth Place 25%

Visit our website at <http://texas4hfoundation.org/silentauction/> to download the item donation forms. We ask that you complete this form, and submit it along with any additional supporting materials for the items your county plans to donate (ie. brochure from hunt, specs from electronic items, etc). We ask that your county notify us no later than Friday, April 5th with the information regarding the donated item(s), photo of the item(s), etc. All items need to be shipped to the Texas 4-H Foundation Office by Friday, May 24th. If you chose to bring the item(s) to Roundup, note that the Foundation plans to open the Auction Tables on Monday during the Scholarship Assembly. The sooner your item goes on display the more time for bidding.

We look forward to having a great selection of county donated items to add to the list of items our Texas 4-H Foundation Trustees are gathering for the event. Proceeds from the auction will be used for State-wide 4-H Program Support efforts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jana Barrett at 979-845-1213 or jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu.



TEXAS 4-H HORSE VALIDATION STARTS MARCH 1ST ON 4-H CONNECT

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The 2013 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Process will start on March 1st on 4-H CONNECT and run through April 15th at a cost of \$10.00 per horse. From April 16th to May 1st the cost increases \$20.00 per horse. Validation is required for all horses that may be entered into either district or state horse shows. For those horses validated last year in 4-H CONNECT, you will need to re-activate and pay for validation. New horses you will need to provide photos of each side, and front, as well as a pdf copy of registration papers (if registered). For more information and to download instructions for validating horse, go to this link: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show>

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4-H CONFERENCE CENTER SUMMER STAFF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Mark Carroll, jmcarroll@ag.tamu.edu

Do you want a summer job where you can play with kids, swim, dance, and have fun while gaining valuable leadership experience? Consider applying for a Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff position. The 4-H Conference Center provides an opportunity for you to work in an atmosphere where you will not only impact the lives of young people, but also learn a lot about yourself and make life-long friends. Each position provides valuable leadership training, work experience, fun and profit for individuals who truly desire to be part of a positive summer experience for over 2,500 youth. Requirements of applicants:

- Successful completion of one year of college or other work by June 1, 2013
- Be enthusiastic, creative, hardworking and dependable
- Be able to get along with others and work as a team
- Be available* May 20— July 31.

If are interested in being a part of the summer staff at the 4-H Center, please visit our website at: <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu> to fill out an application.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY DORPER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS RELEASE

The Texas Hill Country Dorper Sheep Association again will award two college scholarships this fall in memory of one of the state's pioneers in the Dorper sheep industry.

The scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, are open to any Texas resident. One will be awarded to a high school senior graduating this spring and the other to a college student who will be at least a junior in any Texas college or university this fall.

Scholarship requirements include involvement in agriculture, and especially the Dorper sheep industry in Texas. Applicants with agriculture-related majors in college will be given special consideration.

The scholarships were launched in 2012 in memory of Brad Bernhard, who died of cancer at the age of 48 in 2011. Bernhard, who lived in Fredericksburg, was one of the original founders of the THCDA and one of the earliest owners of Dorper sheep in Texas.

Dorpers and White Dorpers are hair sheep developed in South Africa in the 1930s as a breed that would thrive in a low-rainfall environment and produce a high-quality carcass. The THCDA was organized in 2007 to promote Dorper and White Dorper sheep in Texas.

Deadline for applications to be received is April 15, 2013. Applicants may complete a scholarship application form online or find out more about the two scholarships by going to the THCDA website at thcdorperassociation.com.

For more information, interested students may contact THCDA scholarship committee chairman Garett von Netzer at 830-997-3210 or gvnppb@gmail.com or scholarship committee liaison Connie Bernhard at 830-864-4695 or at bernhardranch@ctesc.net.

MISSION POSSIBLE 4-H MENTORS A LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Darlene Locke, dlocke@ag.tamu.edu

Description: Youth ages 14 - 18 (as of June 1, 2013) who would like to serve alongside Texas 4-H Center Counselors, Program Assistants and Adult Volunteers to provide a safe and fun camp experience for all.

A minimum of (10) ten 4-H Mentors will be selected to assist with Mission Possible, July 8 — 10, a camp for youth with and without disabilities.

4-H Mentors reside in the dorms & participate in all camp activities. As a Mentor, they may be asked to work individually with a camper needing special attention or with the entire group. Mentors will shadow the 4-H Conference Center Counselor and be available to assist in whatever capacity that is needed.

Mission Possible! is a unique camping experience for all youth; special effort is made to recruit youth with special needs.

Mentor Registration fee: (includes meals & lodging July 7* — July 10) \$80

Application Process: This leadership opportunity is open to all current 4-H members, ages 14-18 (as of June 1, 2013). To be considered as a 4-H Mentor, individuals must complete the enclosed application form and return to the Texas 4-H Conference Center by March 15, 2013.

Please DO NOT register and pay the \$80 fee until notified. *In-Service Training: all selected to serve as mentors will be required to participate in an in-service training July 7 2:00 p.m through July 8 11:30 a.m. at the 4-H Conference Center. There may also be information presented on-line before the camp, to help prepare mentors for their role.

To download more information and the application, please visit the Texas 4-H Conference Center website at: texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.

MASH CAMP

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Are you a young person interested in the career fields of safety, health, or medicine? Then you need to attend the 3rd annual MASH Camp hosted by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program on June 24-26, 2013 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

This career focused camp allows for youth to work side-by-side with professionals in the areas of medical, athletic, and emergency first-responders in hands-on activities to experience the day-to-day life of learning and doing. Registration for this camp is limited and more information as well as registration dates will be released in mid-March. For more information visit the Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles




 The header features a large American flag on the left side. To the right, the text "4-H" is displayed in a large, white, bold font. Next to it is a green four-leaf clover with white "H" symbols on each leaf. Below "4-H", the words "MILITARY UPDATES" are written in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

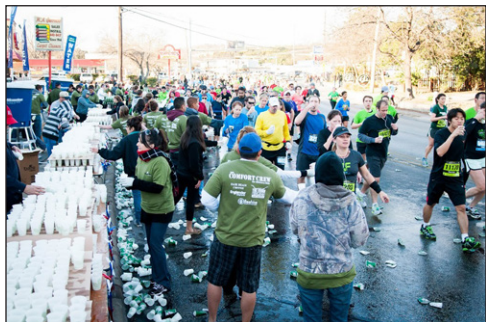
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MILITARY UPDATES

AUSTIN MARATHON

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On February 17th at 5:30 am, Operation: Military Kids, along with several other school and military based organizations drove to Austin to help support The Comfort Crew at their water stop along the marathon route. The Comfort Crew is a military youth organization that travels around the world to help support and comfort all military kids; they were one of 26 charities that the Austin Marathon chose to sponsor and raise money for. OMK has been lucky enough to partner with them for many occasions with great results and this time was no exception! At water stop #5, which was at the 6.8 mile marker, over 80 volunteers helped to set up Gatorade and water for the passing runners. The Speak Out for Military Kids group in Georgetown, Texas had a presence at the water stop in the form of banners they made during February's meeting for their community service project. The banners were a great way to show the over 14,000 runners that passed by that OMK and the SOMK group supported them! OMK was proud to be a part of such a large event, and will be looking forward to participating in it again!



9TH ANNUAL MCCASA (MILITARY CHILD, CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT) WALK

Will be held at Kelly Park on Ft. Bliss, April 13th from 10am to 2pm. This wonderful fun-filled event is designed to celebrate military children and their sacrifices and bring awareness to domestic violence and sexual assault for all our families. The event kicks off with a walk and will have fun activities and information booths available. The event is open to the community that serves our active duty military, civilian employees, reserves and the entire El Paso community.

Contact Sharon Brown for more information:

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Army Community Service
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TECH WIZARDS ROBOTICS CLINIC

The Bronco Youth Center, Ft. Hood, Texas, and Texas Military 4-H Tech Wizards hosted a two-day robotics clinic. In attendance at the event were 67 youth and 11 parents. The clinic aided the youth in becoming familiar with the Lego NXT kits. Youth and their parents had the opportunity to build a robot together. Some projects that were completed were catapults, bumper car, ball hunter, flipping gymnast, rattlesnake, and many more.



Some special guests also attended the clinic on Friday. Leigh Frishman from ShadeTree Mechanics, Inc. attended the event and brought along 2 robots in which the youth had the opportunity to drive and have a one on one with its builder. Also, a Star Wars Storm Trooper made an appearance. The youth and their families had the opportunity to have their picture taken with the Storm Trooper.



This clinic was a good opportunity for youth around Fort Hood to become introduced to Lego Robotics. They were able to learn the basics and see a finished project. In addition, many of the youth that attended the clinic have shown interest in joining the Bronco Tech Wizards 4-H Club.



MILAM YAC BLOCK PARTY

On April 20th Milam YAC will be hosting their annual block party event for the military community on Ft. Bliss. The event will be held at the center from 10am to 2pm and will feature several displays from the military community, information booths and games and activities for the kids. This event is free to the public and open to everyone. The event is held in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

Contact Johanna Ashcroft at Milam YAC for more information.

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4-H Natural Resources Program Updates

Stay up to date on all your Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program information! The Shooting Sports project, Sportfishing project, Wildlife project, Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) project, Outdoor Challenge and more!

- Visit the Website: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/natural>
- For detailed project area and event information, event rules, and event procedures, please visit our project area webpages via the "Natural Resources Program Links" box at upper right of the Natural Resources Program home page. Project area pages include: "Shooting Sports Website" and a "Shooting Sports Events & Event Results" page, "Outdoor Challenge Website", "Wildlife Website", "Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) Website", and "Sportfishing Website".
- Look at the Calendar: Share your 4-H Natural Resources related events and see State 4-H Natural Resources Program events and other invitational events. Follow the links from the Natural Resources Program home page to the calendar and the calendar sharing instructions (how to post your own events). Note: to see the calendar in a list view rather than by week or month, click "Agenda" in the upper right corner of the calendar screen.
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- Have questions or problems with registration? Email us at: tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Shooting Sports Extravaganza is for beginner shooters, requiring only basic knowledge of safety, rules and format. The emphasis is on fun and exploring new shooting activities, so shooters are encouraged to try new event as time permits. Qualification is not required. Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza will be held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood. Registration is open on 4-H Connect February 18 – March 17, 2013

2012-2013 IMPORTANT RULES & PROCEDURES, EVENT SYNOPSIS, AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Welcome to the 2012-2013 4-H year! We've created a comprehensive document to help you with all the basics you will need to know for 2012-2013 4-H Natural Resources Program events and activities. In it you will find: overviews of Important Rules & Procedures, brief descriptions of many of the events and activities that the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program has to offer, and a Schedule of Events by month. Please note in the Schedule that all dates are subject to change and some dates/locations are still being finalized. As details are finalized updates will be announced and posted in this document, on the blog, on Facebook, and on the website! Check the date in the upper left corner to ensure you are using the most current version of this document! You can find links to the document on the blog, on Facebook, and on the website!

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS STATE GAMES

If you haven't seen the earlier postings, the State Games will be divided into two weeks this year. The first week, July 15-20, will hold the Archery and Shotgun events in San Antonio. The second week, July 22-27, will hold the Hunting & Wildlife, Pistol, Muzzle Loading, and Rifle events in Baird (Callahan County). Registration will open on 4-H Connect in May.

TROUBLE REGISTERING??

Remember--for all Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Events--if you wish to attend but are having trouble registering for an event or are experiencing circumstances that make you unable to get registered prior to the deadline, don't wait! Contact our office NOW (prior to the deadline) to discuss possible alternate registration arrangements! Email us at: tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu and we'll be happy to help!

Be sure to see the website, blog, facebook, or the document referenced above for more information and registration deadlines for other upcoming events!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2013

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| 7-9 &
15-16 | Shooting Sports Indoor Archery Match-Graham & Bay City, TX
Match Dates:
March 15-16: Graham
March 7-9: Bay City
<i>Registration is closed.</i> |
| 9 | Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo WHEP Contest
T&M Ranch, Richmond
<i>Registration is closed.</i> |
| 22 | East Region Shooting Sports Coach Training (Tyler)
Registration Open 4-H Connect |
| 23-24 | North Region Shooting Sports Coach Training-Wichita Falls
Registration Open January 28-February 24, 2013 on 4-H Connect \$120/Coach or Assistant Coach Candidate.
\$0 Extension Employee
Late Registration February 25 - March 3, 2013 (\$200) |

April 2013

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| 20 | Shooting Sports Extravaganza
Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood, TX
Registration Open February 18 to March 17 on 4-H Connect \$20/Participant
Late Registration March 18-24 \$40/Participant |
| 10 | Wildlife Challenge Registration opens with 4-H Roundup
Registration on 4-H Connect |
| 14 | Postal League Matches End |
| 15 | State Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest Registration opens on 4-H Connect |
| 15 | Junior Olympic Shotgun Camp
Registration opens on 4-H Connect |
| 19 | East Region Shooting Sports Coach Training in Tyler
Registration Closes |
| 20-26 | East Region Shooting Sports Coach Training in Tyler Late Registration |
| 30 | Postal League Matches On-line
Scores submission due
<i>Link to be posted soon</i> |

May 2013

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| 8-19 | East Region Shooting Sports Coach Training in Tyler
<i>Registration in March and April</i> |
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NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 3

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

EXPERIENCE

LEADERSHIP
SERVICE

LEARNING

IN A NEW EXCITING WAY WITH MORE THAN
950 4-H MEMBERS FROM ACROSS
THE UNITED STATES.

DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS APRIL 16, 2013



*My time at
National 4-H
Congress made
me reflect on
how great it is to
serve others and
how important
it is, to be a part
of something
bigger than
myself! Being*

*a part of 4-H, the largest youth
organization in the world, has
challenged me as an individual
and as a productive citizen
in our society and as I said
before, my time spent at the
2011 and 2012 National 4-H
Congress "put the icing on the
cake" for my 4-H career and I
wouldn't trade the things that I
learned or the people that I met
for the world. I would highly
recommend National 4-H
Congress to anyone, it is one of
those things that you will never
regret and remember forever!*

*Landon Woods
Hale County 4-H*

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CAMP
CORRAL

TEXAS 4-H SUPPORTS MILITARY FAMILIES

WHAT IS CAMP CORRAL?

It is an exciting week of fun outdoor activities for the children of wounded, disabled or fallen soldiers. Camp Corral is sponsored by Golden Corral Restaurants as a way of saying "thank you" to these young people for the sacrifices they and their families have made.

WHY 4-H?

The Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood will host Camp Corral July 14-19, 2013. The camp is free for the participants, their only expense is getting to and from camp.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Texas 4-H Council invites you to collect Gift Cards for these families. The cards will be distributed upon their arrival at camp.

- Cards should be valued from \$5—\$20
- Recommended vendors
 - VISA, Mastercard
 - Walmart, Target, Academy
 - Golden Corral, McDonalds, Wendy's, Sonic, Subway, Chili's, Olive Garden
- Keep in mind, the families come from all over the state, major chain type vendors are preferred.

**COLLECT YOUR CARDS AND BRING THEM TO TEXAS 4-H
ROUNDUP IN COLLEGE STATION! THE DISTRICT WHO COLLECTS
THE GREATEST VALUE OF CARDS WILL BE RECOGNIZED WITH
A SPECIAL GIFT!**

LET'S GO

CAMPING!

FUN, ADVENTURE, AND FRIENDS

Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood, TX

Be part of the fun this summer with your friends at the Texas 4-H Conference Center! Sign up and experience hands-on adventures on Lake Brownwood!

To register, go to: Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu

- All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in the spring, 2013.
- 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp.
- Registration program allows for:
 - pre-ordering of t-shirts
 - sending messages to friends encouraging them to sign up for same camp.
 - pay a deposit by June 13th or full amount for July camps.
 - discount fee if you register for July camps before June 13th!

CAMP (Grade Completed)	ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE	REGISTRATION FEE (Youth/Adult)
Horizons Grades 4-8	June 4th - 2 pm June 8th - 10:30 am	\$275 / \$130
County Camp I	July 1st - 2 pm July 3rd - 11 am	\$175 / \$80
Mission Possible Mentor Training	July 7th - 2 pm July 8th - 2 pm	\$80
Mission Possible	July 8th - 2 pm July 10th - 10 am	\$175 / \$80
County Camp II	July 8th - 2 pm July 10th - 11 am	\$175 / \$80
County Camp III	July 10th - 2 pm July 13th - 2 pm	\$225 / \$105
Camp Corral	July 14th - 2 pm July 19th - 11 am	military youth only
Prime Time I Grades 5th - 8th	July 21st - 2 pm July 24th - 10 am	\$225 / \$105
Prime Time II Grades 2nd - 5th	July 24th - 2 pm July 27th 10 am	\$225 / \$105



TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER WALL OF FAME



Your donation of \$15.00 =
one 4"x4" wall tile

*BE A PART
OF
HISTORY!*

**Add your photo to the
Texas 4-H Conference Center
WALL OF FAME!**

Send a photo representing you or your 4-H Experience; or honor a county Extension Agent or Volunteer. The photo will be permanently attached to the tile. All photo tiles will be encased in a frame, creating a 'mural effect', and displayed in a prominent place in the Conference Center. Each framed unit will have a separate "legend" describing each tile within that unit.

- \$15.00 per tile
- JPEG image (640 X 480 pixel minimum size)
- Identify individuals in the photo
- Email to: Texas4-HCenter@ag.tamu.edu
- Or Mail to: Darlene Locke
Texas 4-H Conference Center
5600 FM 3021
Brownwood TX 76801
- Methods of Payment: Cashier's check - Visa - MasterCard
Credit Card information should include:
Credit Card Number – 3-digit security code from back of card – Billing Zip Code