



Victoria County 4-H Family Newsletter



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May's Hottest Headlines:

HOWDY!

I am very excited to be in Victoria County and look forward to meeting each and everyone of you! It is obvious that Victoria County has great involvement from both the parent volunteers and the members. I would just like to thank each and everyone of the volunteers and the ladies in the office who have been working diligently in the absence of an agent. You are all great assets to our county and the 4-H members are lucky to have you!

We have many competitions that have been going on. In the month of April we have had District 11 Round Up, Consumer Decision Making, Shooting Sports, and Livestock Judging competitors. Congratulations to all of the competitors on a job well done!!

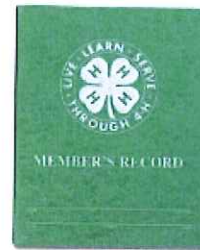
School is almost out and many deadlines, camps, and competitions are beginning to fill the calendar for everyone's summer entertainment. Many of the county camps, as well as prime time are open to be registered for by the deadline in June. This summer we also have the 2012 Texas 4-H Congress. The deadline for congress is May 9th. See the details for all of the summer fun under Summer Programs.

Again, I look forward to meeting everyone! Thank you all so much for being so welcoming to me as I get started here in Victoria County!

Alyssa Smith
County Extension Agent
4-H and Youth Development

Record Books

The 4-H Record Book process for 2012 has changed.—no more 'one size fits all'. The book formats are now more age appropriate and split into three levels: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. Monday, May 14th there will be a training available to all who wish to attend. The training will be at 5:30pm at the Extension Office. There are also training videos available online at www.4hreports.com. **Completion of a 4-H Record Book earns you a project pin in your main project.** Members who complete a Record Book are also eligible to advance to District and State Record Book contests and apply for annual 4-H awards. Record Books will continue to be printed and placed in binders for submission and judging. **Books are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 P.M. Friday, June 8th.**



Get Involved!

4-Hers interested in applying for 2012-2013 County Council officer positions be sure to submit your completed application to the Extension Office by May 11th!

Websites:

- Texas 4-H: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>
- District 11 4-H: <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>
- Victoria County: <http://victoria.agrilife.org>

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For additional project information, visit us online at <http://victoria-tx.tamu.edu>. Contact information as well as online resources are available for your use!



May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Deadline for 2012 4-H Congress Participants-Email Alyssa	10	11 State 4H Round Up Deadline on Connect County Council Applica- tions due to Extension Office by 5 P.M.	12
13	14 Record Book Training at 5:30 PM	15 ALA/County Council Meeting- ELECTIONS! At 5:30PM VLS @ 7:30 PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Leadership Lab Deadline on Connect Memorial Day Holiday observed—Extension Office closed	29	30	31		

Meeting Notice:



4-H Adult Leaders Assoc. and County Youth Council meetings will be **Tuesday, May 15th**. The meetings will **begin at 5:30 p.m.** at the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center. All Clubs are asked to send representatives to serve as voting members on various issues that affect the county 4-H program. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and participate!

Thanks to the Victoria County Farm Bureau for sponsoring this edition of the 4-H Newsletter





Summer Programs

2012 Texas 4-H Congress

This year Victoria County has the opportunity to send some of our 4-Hers to the State Congress! Congress will be held July 15-18, 2012. Congress is open to 4-H members who are ages 15-18 as of the time of the event. Those members who are interested, and serious, about going to congress should send an email to Alysa.Smith@ag.tamu.edu by 5 p.m. on May 9, 2012. This is a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis. Spots are limited! **IF**, you have participated in 4-H Congress before and you are still of age, you may go to Congress again as a "Lobbyist" or part of the "Press Corp." Both of these jobs are exciting and great learning experiences. If this is your first year to go you will get the opportunity to be a "House" or "Senate" member! Please feel free to contact the Extension Office with any questions you may have regarding the 2012 4-H Congress.

2012 Summer Camps

- Visit the Texas 4-H Center website for information on all the opportunities available this summer. County Camp, Camp Corral, Mission Possible, and Prime Time are just some of the fun opportunities.
- Their website is Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu
- All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in 2012 and 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp! Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.



Summer Camps

- July 3-7 Horizons! – *NEW for 2012*. This is a project focused camp for youth who have completed grades 4-8.
- July 9-11 County Camp I
- July 11-14 County Camp II
- July 22-25 Prime Time I (grades 5-8)
- July 22-23 Mentor Training, Mission Possible
- July 23-25 Mission Possible
- July 25-28 Prime Time II (grades 2-5)

Registration Deadline: June 14th/Fees due by June 23rd.

Club Reminders

Club Managers be sure to e-file the 990N IRS form for your club by **May 15th**. This is the same process as last year. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions. Be sure to return a copy of your confirmation of filing to the Extension Office.



4-H families who want to enroll for 4-H for the 2012-2013 year MUST wait until after September 1, 2012 to update your profile and submit re-enrollment. Any re-enrollment submitted before September 1 will be inactive.

Pork Leadership Camp

June 3-8, 2012

This is a unique opportunity for youth with an interest in swine projects and want to get to know more about the pork industry. The camp is a traveling bus tour with visits at key industry locations. It starts in Perryton, TX and ends in College Station, TX. Participants will be given an in-depth look at the pork industry through special tours and hands-on learning activities. To be eligible to apply students must be high school juniors, seniors, or this year's graduates. Applications and more information is available at the Extension Office.

Club Scrapbooks

June 8th

Managers,
Club Scrapbooks are due **June 8th no later than 5 pm** to the Extension Office. Can't wait to see the great things your clubs have done this year!!!



4-H Volunteer Conference Registration

Now Open!

Registration for the 2012 4-H Volunteer Conference is now open on 4-H CONNECT. Regular registration rates will be available through June 22nd.

The conference is scheduled for July 27-29 in San Antonio. New this year will be a pre-conference workshop offered on Friday, July 27th, from 1:00 to 4:30 pm at the Region 20 Education Service Center. The conference will highlight the basics of 4-H, facilitating club meetings, management tools through 4-H CONNECT, web resources and tools, in addition to hearing from a panel of club managers. Register now! This pre-conference workshop is limited to the first 30 people that sign up!

The conference will officially kick-off on Friday evening with a dinner, keynote address and 4-H program update. Saturday and Sunday will offer volunteers more than 40 educational workshops that focus on various projects and opportunities.

Don't let your volunteers miss out on this opportunity! More information is available at: texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference or by contacting Courtney Dodd at cfodd@ag.tamu.edu, 979-845-6533.



July 9-10, 2012

Victoria, Texas Victoria Country Club

A two day golf experience for youth ages 11-18!

- Workshops, golf professional clinic, evening social, & 18 hole Golf Challenge
- Registration is \$180 / team (must register individually as a 3 person team at \$60 each) and includes 18 holes of golf, 2 catered meals, & professional instruction
- Register on 4-H Connect: May 1- June 25, 2012
- **Contact:**
 Kyle Merten at
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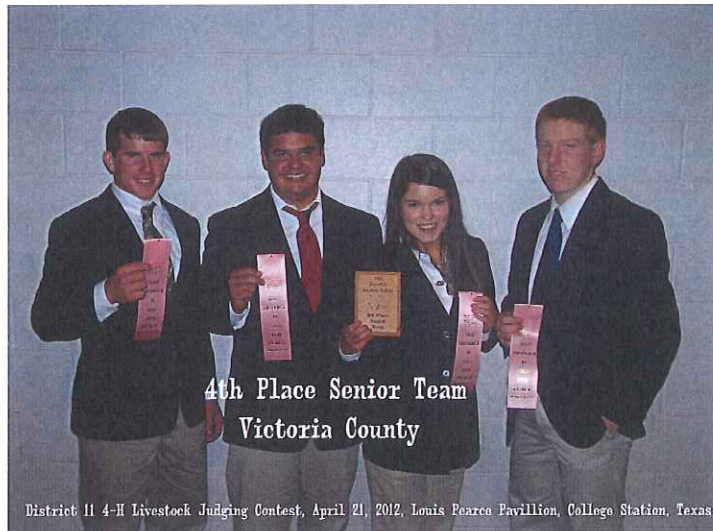




1st Place Intermediate Team
Victoria County

District 11 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, April 21, 2012, Louis Pearce Pavillion, College Station, Texas

The Livestock Judging Team rounded out a great season at the District 11 Livestock Judging Contest. Our Intermediate Team took home 1st Place and our Senior team took home 4th place in their respective Divisions! Among those Cody Bishop was High Point Individual, receiving a trophy buckle, followed by Seth Garrett in the 7th place Intermediate high point individual position. In the senior division Allan Parsons ranked 5th place high point individual! **Congrats to all the livestock judges on a great season!**



4th Place Senior Team
Victoria County

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Congratulations to 4-H member Kyle Barringer for advancing to the Interview Stage of the 2012 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship! **GOOD LUCK KYLE!**