



August - September, 2012

Welcome to the 2012-13 Texas 4-H Year!

It is that time of year for your 4-H enrollment to go inactive and to start re-enrolling for the 2012-13 Texas 4-H year. The 2011-12 year has come to an end and a special thanks goes out to all the 4-H members, volunteers, parents, county Extension Agents, and county support staff that helped make it a great year. It was truly a year for many firsts in our 4-H and youth development program, from participation fees, to Texas 4-H Roundup in Lubbock, to horse validation being on-line. Regardless of the changes, we all continued to make 4-H in Texas the largest and best 4-H program in the country.

As we kick-off the 2012-13 4-H year, a couple of significant changes will be happening to 4-H on the management side. While many of these changes will not directly affect the youth members of our program, the changes will impact every club structure, and our adult volunteers. Here are some of the highlights of the 2012-13 4-H year changes:

- **Club Chartering.** Because of oversight changes at the national level for 4-H and Youth Development, each state has moved forward with a strategy to ensure oversight of their 4-H clubs. Therefore, starting on September 1, 2012, all 4-H Clubs in Texas are now subordinates of Texas 4-H, Inc. This new entity provides a federal IRS tax-exempt status for fully chartered and recognized clubs. Due to Texas 4-H, Inc, all club managers will need to work closely with their County Extension Agents to ensure all requirements for chartering have been met and submitted by October 31, 2012. Because of the new standards, all 4-H clubs for the 2012-2013 year must be fully chartered and recognized as an active club by October 31, 2012. Additional information will be provided to all county Extension Agents in September at district trainings concerning the new chartering process and requirements.
- **Child Protection Training.** Many of us have seen the news of unfortunate situations in which young people have been taken advantage of. In Texas, the last legislative session resulted in Senate Bill 1414 being passed and signed into law, requiring adults who work with youth in camp or over-night program settings to be trained on how to identify and properly report such incidents. As the largest youth development program in Texas, 4-H is committed to ensuring the proper training of our volunteers so we can continue a safe and healthy environment for our youth members. In the coming months, County Extension Agents will be working with adult volunteers in assessing their need to be trained through the Child Protection Program. The training can be completed on-line through 4-H CONNECT and takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete.
- **Texas AgriLife Extension Service changing to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.** We are the same great agency, just with a new name! During the August Texas A&M System Board of Regents meeting, the regents voted to include "A&M" in the names of those agencies under the Texas A&M System. Effective September 1, 2012 you will see this change occurring.



We look forward to continuing the growth and success of our 4-H program in Texas. While the new changes in management and training will affect some of us, it continues to allow the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program to have some of the most positive, well-trained volunteers working with our youth across this state. Thanks to all our 4-H members and volunteers for their service and involvement in the largest youth program in Texas!



TWEETUP WITH 4-H ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 @ 7 PM

Join Texas 4-H on Twitter for the first TEXAS 4-H TWEETUP on *September 4th, at 7:00 pm*. Join in a twitter conversation with Dr. Chris Boleman, Program Director using Twitter and the hash tag of #TX4HCONVO. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, receive updates, and hear the latest going on in Texas 4-H.



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DR. MARTHA COUCH TO BE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL 4-H HALL OF FAME

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Dr. Martha Couch, Associate Director for the 4-H and Youth Development program from 1997 to 2008 has been named as one of the inductees into the National 4-H Hall of Fame for 2012.

Martha Couch was born in the West Texas town of Big Spring. She was raised on a dry-land cotton farm and, from a young age, learned a great deal about agriculture and rural living. She joined her community 4-H club in the 50's and as her success grew in 4-H, she realized the positive effects 4-H was having on her and her family. She was an accomplished youth leader and award winner in 4-H including a trip to National 4-H Congress, the Texas 4-H Gold Star Award (highest award presented in Texas 4-H), as well as many trips and opportunities to district and state events and experiences.

Because of the opportunities Dr. Couch experienced as a 4-H member and the impact she could have on others, she focused her education towards a career of Extension work. Dr. Couch obtained her B.S. degree in Home Economics in 1972, a M.S. degree in Family Studies in 1976, and a Ph.D. of Home Economics in 1980, all from Texas Tech University. Her research focused on the importance of leadership skill development for 4-H youth and volunteers. Upon completion of her bachelor's, she began a thirty-six year career with Texas AgriLife Extension Service starting in 1972. While working as a County Extension Agent – Home Economics in Gaines County, she discovered her calling to the 4-H and youth development side of Extension. In 1975, she was promoted to the role of Extension 4-H and Youth Development Specialist for the Texas panhandle districts, and later promoted to the District Extension Administrator in Amarillo. In 1997, she was named Associate Director for 4-H and Youth Development – a position she held until her retirement in 2008. During her Extension career, Dr. Couch has been recognized for her dedication and commitment to the youth of Texas through countless awards including being selected as a Texas Tech University Distinguished Alumni and Texas AgriLife Extension Service Superior Service Award Winner for Administration.

Dr. Couch's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be on Friday, October 12, 2012 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will be assembling a book of congratulatory letters for Dr. Couch. Please send your letters, cards, and notes to the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program c/o Toby Lepley, at 4180 State Hwy 6 South, College Station, TX 77845 by October 8, 2012.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and 4-H Welcomes New Agency Director

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Effective September 1, 2012, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will have a new name and a new director for the agency. Dr. Doug Steele has been named sole finalist for the position by the Texas A&M System board of regents during their August meeting.



Dr. Steele, a former Texas 4-H member from the panhandle, joins the agency as its leader, the same agency he started his Extension career in 1981 as an Assistant County Extension Agent for agriculture and natural resources. Dr. Steele went on to serve as a 4-H specialist in Texas before leaving for Purdue University where he served as a 4-H specialist for four years. In 1997, Dr. Steele was named as assistant director and state 4-H program leader in Colorado, until moving to Montana in 2004 as the vice provost and director of Extension. Prior to coming back to Texas on September 1st, Dr. Steele has been serving as vice-president for external relations and director of Extension since 2010.

Texas 4-H welcomes Dr. Steele back to Texas and we are looking forward to his leadership for our agency and our 4-H program.



Texas 4-H Holiday Tree Ornament Collection

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The State 4-H Office has a new tree and we want to decorate with 4-H ornaments from across Texas! Each 4-H club and/or county is invited to mail a unique holiday ornament that can be placed on the tree highlighting something special about your 4-H club, county program, or project group.

Ornament(s) can be handmade, purchase and customized, or be a representation of your county. However, we ask that you please make sure they have a secure way to hang on a tree, and it has a small, but readable, tag stating the name of the club/county who is donating it. The tree will be decorated the last week of November, so we ask that you ship your ornament to the Texas 4-H Office, c/o Ornament Collection, 4180 State Hwy 6 South, College Station, TX 77845 by November 20, 2012.

Once all the ornaments are on the tree, we will publish photos on the Texas 4-H website as well as feature some of the more unique one's in the December Texas 4-H Standard newsletter.



Texas 4-H Golf Challenge Swing Camp

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With the success of the Texas 4-H Golf Challenge over the past three years, Texas 4-H is excited to announce a new opportunity related to the Golf Challenge. The first ever Golf Challenge Swing Camp will be hosted October 27th and 28th in College Station (course TBD). This hands on camp will begin Saturday, October 27th at 9 am and conclude Sunday, October 28th at noon.

The camp will provide 4-Hers of all ages the opportunity to work with golf professionals on swing fundamentals (putting, chipping, pitching, iron play, trouble shots), situational golf play, and proper fitness and nutrition related to golf. Golf professionals include former Assistant Texas A&M University Women's Golf Coach, Texas A&M University Golf Course Professional, and Texas A&M Ph.D. Graduate Students focusing on sports nutrition. The camp will be limited to the first 30 youth signed up and will focus heavily on one on one instruction.

Registration will open on 4-H Connect September 4th and close October 15th. The cost of the camp will be \$150 and includes professional instruction, instructional materials, access to golf facilities, and lunch on October 27th. Lodging and transportation is not included. Do not miss out on this great opportunity to work with top golf professionals!

2013 Texas 4-H Roundup Logo and Theme Contest

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Submissions are now being accepted for the 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup Logo and Theme Contest. After three years of successful submissions Texas 4-H is excited to see what new and innovative ideas are out there for 2013. Submission deadline for entries is September 21, 2012. For more information please check out the Roundup website.

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>



2012-13 Healthy Lifestyle Advisory Board Applications Now Being Accepted

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4-H members, volunteers and county Extension Agents are invited to submit an application to serve on the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board. The board provides youth and adults an opportunity to help guide and expand the 4-H healthy lifestyles program. Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2012 and must be accompanied by a letter of support. The application and more information is available at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.



Brazos Valley Fair Food Challenge

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The first-ever Brazos Valley Fair will be held September 6-9, 2012 in Bryan. As a part of the fair, a Food Challenge contest will be offered on Saturday, September 8th at 9:00 am. The registration fee for each team (3-5 members per team) is \$25. The registration deadline is August 30th. More information can be found at BrazosValleyFair.com or by calling 979-823-3976.

Stop Bullying Video Challenge

Bullying can affect everyone- those who are bullied, those who bully, and those who witness bullying. The Federal Partners for Bullying Prevention is a workgroup comprised of 9 departments, with 34 offices within those 9 departments. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Federal Partners are launching this video challenge to help prevent and end bullying in schools and communities across the nation.

This challenge invites youth ages 13-18 to create a 30 to 60 second video that will inform and motivate youth to prevent bullying, and that promotes an environment where kindness and respect for others matters. Make your video creative, informative, smart, and entertaining! The focus should be on how youth can be more than a bystander, rather than a video that solely explains why bullying is wrong. Review the judging criteria for this challenge to learn how the winning videos will be selected.

The goal of the contest is to create an impact through accepting videos that demonstrate:

- Peer-to-peer communication
- Positive messaging, and
- Promotion of the www.stopbullying.gov website.

For more information about the contest before the October 10, 2012 deadline visit the website at: <http://stopbullying.challenge.gov/>

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Texas State Preservation Photography Contest for Texas 4-H and FFA Members

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STATE PRESERVATION BOARD

The Texas State Preservation Board in partnership with the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program are pleased to present an annual photography contest for members of the Texas 4-H and FFA Programs. This photography contest allows 4-H and FFA members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos.

A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in January 2013 before the opening of the Legislative Session. Selected photographs will feature a place card with the photographer's name, city, and age. Photos will remain on display for one year in the Agriculture Museum.

The deadline for entering the contest on-line is October 15, 2012 and will be done through the Texas 4-H website, texas4-h.tamu.edu. For more information and rules & guidelines, go to the Texas 4-H photography website at: http://texas4h-tamu.edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2012/08/2012_SPB_Photo_Contest.pdf

2012-2013 Technology Team Applications Now Being Accepted

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Applications for the 2012-2013 Texas 4-H Technology Team are being accepted until September 30, 2012 (deadline extended). The team is looking for both youth and adults that have a desire to learn more about technology and how technology can be taught, used, and implemented in 4-H across Texas. Youth members must be 14 years of age on August 31, 2012, and all adults applying must be active, screened volunteers of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.

Applications and more information about the Texas 4-H Technology Team can be found on the Tech Team website at txtech.org.



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 jbarrett@ag.tamu.edu.





**Are YOU Ready to
Make a Difference in one day?**

The 2013 one day 4-H event will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012. The purpose of one day 4-H is for the 4-H members in Texas to be involved in a community service in their community and/or county. The service project can be done as an individual or as a group/club, and can be as large as you want it or as small as you want it! We just want Texas 4-H members out making a difference in one day!

For more information about one day 4-H including resources for conducting, marketing, and advertising your one day 4-H project can be found on the website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday>.

Once you have you decided on your project for October 13, 2012 make sure you sign-up! This allows the Texas 4-H Office to know what all great service projects are happening and also helps us let the media know in case they want to come and highlight your service project.

In the past three years more than 28,000 4-H members have reached more than 750,000 people through one day 4-H projects. How can you **MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE DAY?**

Texas 4-H Night

at the Ballpark

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Texas 4-H Night at the Ballpark

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The 2012 Texas 4-H Night at the Ballpark has been set for September 15, 2012. Again this year the Texas Rangers is offering 4-H the opportunity to raise money for their local county program. The game is the Texas Rangers v Seattle Mariners. Counties can earn \$2.85/ticket sold. Commerative t-shirts will be offered again this year, sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau. Begin spreading the word now via newsletters and social media. Order deadline is August 31st. Last year the 4-H program sold almost 1,000 tickets for the event, let's hit the 1,000 plus mark this year. This should be an exciting game as the Rangers will be into the pennant race at this time. A person does not have to be a member of 4-H to take advantage of these ticket deals, but by purchasing through this program they will be supporting your local county's 4-H.

You can find the order form on the Texas 4-H Foundation's website at <http://texas4hfoundation.org/alliances/rangerbaseball/> For more information you can contact Jana Barrett at 979-845-1213 or jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu.

SEE INFORMATION FLYER INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER

Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture Essay Contest Deadline: September 15!!

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Are you Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture?

As a member of Texas 4-H, your answer is probably YES! However, there are those who do not share your enthusiasm or may just not know how agriculture impacts their lives.

The purpose of "Good for the Soul: Texas Ag Proud Stories from Texas Proud People" is to allow Texas 4-H and Texas FFA Members to tell their story about agriculture. It is simply an opportunity for these young people to provide their story about the importance of Texas Agriculture and what it means to them. It can be a personal, local, regional, historical, or any other kind of story they want to tell that promotes Texas agriculture. As long as the story is 1,500 words or less, it can be entered into the contest.



Who is eligible?

Any current Texas FFA or Texas 4-H member.

When is the deadline for submission?

By September 15, 2012

Where do you enter?

<http://www.texasproudoftexasag.org>



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State Fair of Texas - Agricultural Product Identification Contest

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The Texas Agricultural Product Identification Contest will be held at the Texas State Fair on October 9 at 10:00 a.m. The entry deadline is September 6. Entry forms can be found here: <http://www.bigtex.com/sft/LiveStock/documents/JuniorContestApplicationB.pdf>

For more information on this contest please visit this link: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/agriculture_products

State Fair of Texas - Quality Counts Photography Contest

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The State Fair of Texas Quality Counts Photography Contest is created for Texas 4-H and FFA members to demonstrate visually their perceptions and views of Texas Agriculture and what it means to be a responsible steward of this industry.

Contest categories include:

- Texas Livestock
- Texas Agriculture
- Best Practices of Animal Husbandry
- Youth Helping Youth
- Texas Youth Show Ring

Deadline is approaching fast! All photos must be submitted on-line through the State Fair of Texas by September 6, 2012. For more information on the contest, go to the State Fair of Texas youth contest page at: <http://www.bigtex.com/sft/LiveStock/Contests.asp>

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Anderson Bean Announces 10% Discount Opportunity for Members and Volunteers

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Anderson Bean Boot Company through their new alliance contract with the Texas 4-H Foundation, is now offering a 10% discount on their complete line of Anderson Bean, Horse Power, Macie Bean and Anderson Bean Kids Boots to all members of Texas 4-H, the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association, Volunteers (registered in 4-H Connect), and county agents who are members of one of the professional extension associations. Certificates will be made available on 4-H Connect for all 4-H members and screened volunteers, once approved, which can be downloaded. The Association related membership certificates will be provided direct to the members upon membership renewal. The certificate would need to be presented at the participating retailer to receive the discount. A member can print and use the discount certificate as many times as they would like during the promotional period. Currently not all Anderson Bean retailers are accepting the certificates. The following retailers are currently participating in the promotion: Dollar Western Wear, The Mule Barn, National Roper's Supply, South Texas Tack and Teskey's. Information on how to contact these locations is provided on the certificate. As additional retailers are added, we will update the list. Anderson Bean Boot Company has a limited number of the Texas 4-H boots still remaining and those can be ordered as well through the participating retailers. If you have any questions regarding this new membership benefit, please contact Jana Barrett at the Texas 4-H Foundation office 979-845-1213 or jbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

Junior Leadership Retreat 2012

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The Texas 4-H Conference Center will be hosting the Texas 4-H Junior Leadership Retreat November 9-11, 2012 at Lake Brownwood. The program will focus on leadership, team building, new 4-H projects, community service and much more.

The goal of the retreat is to empower youth with skills they need to become leaders in their community clubs and county programs. Texas 4-H State Council members will provide leadership for this program and mentor the younger 4-H members. Council members will conduct five concurrent workshops to introduce and strengthen your knowledge and skills in the 4-H program. It is a weekend retreat for learning, sharing and fun.

The retreat is open to junior and intermediate age 4-H members. Participants must be under 14 years of age. Youth registration is \$105 and \$70 for adult chaperones. For registration information visit: texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

National 4-H Week

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Texas 4-H your movement
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National 4-H Week, October 7-13, 2012

Join Texas 4-H in celebrating the 2012 National 4-H Week, October 7th to 13th. To help promote the occasion at the club and county level, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will be releasing the 2012 National 4-H Week - Texas Packet, on or before September 1st. The packet will include the following resources:

- News releases
- Social media icons and graphics
- Newspaper advertisements
- Program/Banquet shells/covers
- Commissioner Court & City Council Proclamations
- Ideas for seven days of celebrating
- One day 4-H information
- Information on National 4-H Science Day
- Graphics and logos for marketing/promotion

TELL US ABOUT YOUR 4-H MOVEMENT...YOUR 4-H STORY

Go to the website below and tell us about how 4-H has changed you, made you the person you are today, what special thing do you get from being a 4-H member or a volunteer! As a parent what positive change have you seen in your kids as members of 4-H! *Who knows, your story maybe featured in new marketing pieces! Upload a photo so we can put a photo with your great story!*

<http://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form15/index.html>



4-H Military Happenings

Round Rock Express Camp

Kayla Boynton

Operation: Military Kids and its partners were invited out to the Round Rock Express Dell Diamond field to participate in a one day baseball camp. Groups participating were from the Texas Army National Guard, Williamson County 4-H and Community Council of Greater Dallas. The 29 youth were invited down to the field to meet the coaches and players.

After introductions lessons began on the field. Coaches and players assisted in teaching the group how to throw and catch along with an introduction to the different types of pitches.

The kids then participated in their own baseball game on the field, and got a tour of the field. The group went back to the Williamson County Extension Office where they enjoyed lunch, healthy eating lessons, and mini Olympics. The day concluded with a free ticket to an Express Baseball game.



Texas Navy Adventure Camp

The Texas Navy Adventure Camp was held June 18th – 21st in Austin, Texas. There were thirteen campers and two adult volunteers who traveled from Virginia and California. The first day was a “getting to know you” session with the Comfort Crew for Military Kids and the first of three community service projects; filling backpacks with school supplies. The second day started with touring the University of Texas campus as well as the Mechanical Engineering, Fine Arts, and Naval Departments. The day’s community service project was to assemble children’s bikes that would be given away later in the evening to military children. The Iron Chef Project and bike presentation concluded the day. Day three of the camp started with zip-lining in Spicewood and archery and shooting sports in Round Rock led by the Williamson County Shooting Sports Club. After the day’s adventures, the campers had another session with the Comfort Crew. They finished off the evening with their last community service project of making tie-blankets to be given to wounded veterans. The last day of camp was spent in Round Rock at the Military 4-H Sport Fishing Camp until they departed to go home.



East Fort Worth 4-H Club Supports Our Military Families

The 957th Army Reserve Unit out of Grand Prairie hosted their first ever Family Day on Sunday August 5th. Family days are used as a resource for our military families to connect with each other and community resources. The Segovia and Aviles Families along with Operation: Military Kids came out to promote 4-H and support the youth at this exciting day. The sixty youth that attended the family day from the 957th experienced just a few of the exciting things that 4-H has to offer, from making Gak to creating their very own Dirt Person.

Military 4-H Sport Fishing Camp

The Texas Military 4-H Sport Fishing Camp took place on June 21st at Mr. John Tyler’s property in Round Rock, Texas, which he graciously reserved to Military 4-H for the day’s activities. The day started with registration, introduction of groups and volunteers present and opening remarks made by David Wright, Extension Program Specialist/Military 4-H Liaison. The first set of rotations consisted of “Construction” of the fishing poles that the attendees were going to be using. Knot tying was led by the Georgetown Boy Scouts, and taught the kids how to tie various types of knots that would be practical for use in tying fishing line.



Backyard Bass, coordinated by the Master Naturalists of Temple, Texas, allowed each participant to hone their casting skills by casting out “hooks” on a tarp, and “catching” the fish that were laid out for them. The last rotation of the morning was the City of Round Rock Recycling station that educated the participants on what can and cannot be recycled.

The afternoon set of stations started with a Fly Fishing demonstration led by the Living Waters Group of Round Rock. After fly fishing the kids went to the Water Conservation station coordinated by Jessica Woods of the City of Round Rock, which described how water can be absorbed and filtered by different soil. The final station of the afternoon was Fire Starting which was led by the Georgetown Boy Scouts.



Thank you East Fort Worth 4-H Club for supporting our military Families. Skye, America, Robert John, Afton, and Wyatt Segovia Olivia, Diego, and Zeke Aviles

TEXAS 4-H

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

FOUNDATION BIG LEAGUE EVENT

at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington



MARINERS vs. RANGERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – 7:05 P.M.

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To view seating diagram, visit: texasrangers.com

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TEXAS 4-H NIGHT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

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	GRAND TOTAL _____

For every advance ticket purchased, a \$3 donation will be made to the Texas 4-H Youth Programs and Education fund.

GREEN-OUT T-SHIRTS Include # of desired shirts in space(s) provided.

Size: Youth SM _____ Youth MED _____ Youth LG _____ Adult SM _____
 Adult MED _____ Adult LG _____ Adult XL _____ Adult XXL _____

T-Shirts are sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County & Member Name: _____

Phone: (D) _____ (E) _____

E-mail: _____

Payment Method: (Checks payable to Texas Rangers)

Check #: _____ [] Visa [] MC [] Amex [] Disc [] Diners

Card #: _____ Exp: _____

MAIL COMPLETED ORDER FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Texas Rangers, Attn: 4-H, 1000 Ballpark Way, Ste. 400, Arlington, TX 76011,
FAX ORDER TO 817-273-5180, **CALL** 817-273-5257, **OR EMAIL** dengland@texasrangers.com.

All orders are subject to a \$3 service charge. Tickets are subject to availability. *Shirts will be available for pick up one hour prior to first pitch through the end of the second inning at the promotions window located in Vandergriff Plaza.

ONE DAY 4-H Kick Off Event

Friday, October 12 at 7:30pm



AT&T Center
Spurs vs. Denver



Come celebrate with us as we kick-off the One Day 4-H Event, supporting Operation: Military Kids! Don't Miss the Post-Game Free Throws on the Spurs Court! Each ticket comes with a Food Voucher (Hot Dog, Chips & 1 drink)!

Free
Throws!

OPERATION:
Military Kids

Food
Voucher!

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Lower Level Seats:

of seats _____ X \$50 = \$ _____

Fan Zone Seats:

of seats _____ X \$30 = \$ _____

of seats _____ X \$15 = \$ _____

* Everyone 24 months and older needs a ticket

* Purchases are Non-Refundable

* Please Mail All Forms to Address Below



Visa

Amex

Card Number: _____

MC

Disc

Exp. Date: _____ Sec Code: _____

Check

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check Number: _____

This agreement is non-cancelable and non-refundable

DEADLINE To Receive Orders is: Friday Sep 31st

For more information, Please contact Sarah Neatherton at (210) 444.5618 or email

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