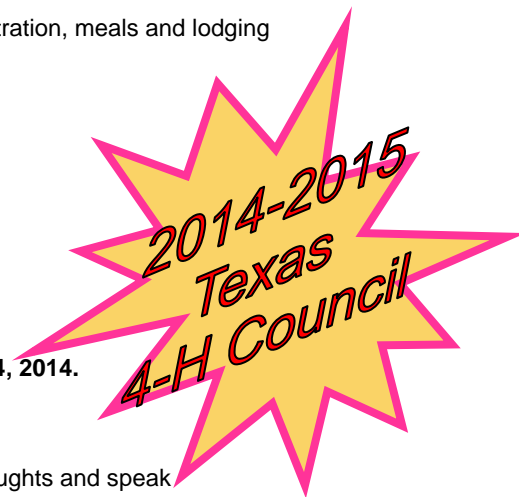


Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements

This internal communication document is to be provided annually to all Texas 4-H members in advance of district officer elections for representation on the Texas 4-H Council.

1. Texas 4-H Council membership is open to all youth, irrespective of race, color, disability, sex, religion, or national origin. Representation may consist of three delegates from each District 4-H Council selected at the District level according to state/district guidelines. One of the delegates should represent a diverse population.
2. Council members must:
 - reach their 16th birthday and
 - must not have reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31st of the calendar year in which they are installed on the Texas 4-H Council.
3. Delegates shall be eligible to attain and hold membership on the Texas 4-H Council for only one year.
4. Texas 4-H Council membership only occurs after participation and completion of the entire Texas 4-H Council Workshop scheduled for **July 21-24, 2014 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood.** (\$300 approximate registration fee plus travel) **If an elected district delegate is unable to participate in the entire workshop, they forfeit their space on the Texas 4-H Council to another District delegate.** They will still retain their elected district office.
5. There are specific events/activities/meetings that are required of the (6) elected officers (President; 1st VP; 2nd VP; Secretary; Public Relations; Health and Safety) and encouraged for all members: *(some dates are tentative and subject to change)*
 - State Fair of Texas Honor Awards (**September 26-28, 2014 –Dallas**) -1 night lodging expense
 - Junior Leadership Retreat (**November 7-9, 2014 –TX 4-H Conference Center**) -registration cost at Center
 - January Planning Meeting (**January 9-11, 2015 –TX 4-H Conference Center**) -registration cost at Center
 - Texas 4-H Roundup (**June 8-12, 2015 –College Station**) -registration, meals and lodging
6. **Officer Positions:**
 - Executive Committee**
 - President
 - First Vice-President
 - Second Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Public Relations Officer
 - Health and Safety Officer
7. **Officer Election Process:**
 - Officers shall be elected at the Texas 4-H Council Workshop **July 21-24, 2014.**
 - Officer campaigning is not allowed.
 - Nominations are by ballot.
 - A majority constitutes an election.
 - Candidates are given a topic and have two minutes to prepare their thoughts and speak before the group.



I have read and understand this document and a copy of the Texas 4-H Council Standing Rules.

4-H Member Signature

Date

County Extension Agent Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

District 4-H Specialist Signature

Date

2014-2015 Texas 4-H Council Schedule of Events

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides Texas 4-H Council a number of opportunities to be ambassadors for the program. Texas 4-H Council members are held to a high standard of excellence which should be demonstrated by their participation in these events and activities.

Council Requirements: The following events are opportunities and some requirements that are available for all Texas 4-H Council members beginning July 21, 2014 and ending August 31, 2015. Each section will list and explain requirements for attending council related events. Additional officer expectations are noted with an asterisk (*). Members **NOT** meeting the requirements listed below will be reviewed and could be removed from Texas 4-H Council by their Advisors and the 4-H Program Director. Please note other meetings/events may arise throughout the year where 4-H Council participation is needed.

Event	Date	Location
The following events are required for all members.		
Texas 4-H Council Workshop and Training	July 21-24, 2014	Brownwood
January Planning Meeting/Teen Retreat*	January 9-11, 2015	Brownwood
Texas 4-H Roundup*	June 8-12, 2015	College Station
Event	Date	Location
Participation in one of the following events is required.		
State Fair of Texas*	September 26-28, 2014	Dallas
Junior Leader Retreat	November 7-9, 2014	Brownwood
San Antonio Livestock Exhibition Youth Day	February 7, 2015	San Antonio
Event	Date	Location
Participation in a minimum of two of the following Centras is required.		
October Centra	TBD	Online
December Centra	TBD	Online
February Centra	TBD	Online
March Centra	TBD	Online
April Centra	TBD	Online
May Centra	TBD	Online

*Officers must be in attendance

Delegate Initials: _____

Frequently Asked Questions:

Above all, it is important to communicate ahead of time with all of your advisors if you have a scheduling conflict. We realize you have multiple obligations and we are much more willing to excuse absences if they are communicated in a professional and timely manner. These conflicts will be managed and excused by advisors on a case-by-case basis. However, here are some questions we often receive and the answers you will be provided when asked.

Q: "I have a county show/athletic event (basketball tournament) on the same weekend as the January Planning Meeting/Teen Retreat."

Advisor Answer: "All State Council OFFICERS must attend the entire weekend of the January Planning Meeting/Teen Retreat. All 4-H Council Members are expected to attend; however, if individuals cannot it will be handled on a case-by-case basis if it is communicated in advance."

Q: "I will be late attending Roundup the day council is expected to arrive (usually the Saturday prior) because of high school graduation occurring on Saturday morning."

Advisor Answer: "Please arrive as soon as possible and work individually with advisors to confirm your schedule."

Q: "I will be late attending Roundup the day council is expected to arrive (usually the Saturday prior) because of high school graduation parties/project graduations/etc occurring that weekend."

Advisor Answer: "You will be expected to arrive as scheduled with the rest of council."

Q: "I will be late attending Roundup/Congress the day council is expected to arrive (usually the Saturday prior) because I will be practicing and travelling with my judging team."

Advisor Answer: "You will be expected to arrive as scheduled with the rest of council."

Q: "I will be late attending Roundup/Congress the day council is expected to arrive (usually the Saturday prior) because I am ill."

Advisor Answer: "You will be expected to arrive ASAP after you recover with a doctor's excuse."

Q: "Are Texas 4-H Council officers (ex. President as Texas Governor) automatically selected to hold leadership positions at Texas 4-H Congress?"

Advisor Answer: "No, selection for this position is based upon exhibited leadership throughout the year."

Q: "What does 'removed from Texas 4-H Council mean?'"

Advisor Answer: "This means that council members will not be allowed to participate in Texas 4-H Roundup/Texas 4-H Congress. They will also relinquish any leadership roles and responsibilities associated with Texas 4-H Council."

I have read the information listed above and I am aware that I may be dismissed from Texas 4-H Council for not meeting the specified requirements.

Council Delegate Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature