





DISTRICT 8 4-H LEADERSHIP LAB

Participant Information

- OBJECTIVE:** To prepare teen leaders from the 21 counties in District 8 for leadership roles. These roles might be at the county level, or county committees, or their clubs. The hope is that participants will take information back from Lab and share it with members back in their counties. Lab is set up to be enjoyable and fun, but there is work too. Many workshops are set up that will require concentration and serious participation. Speeches are delivered for officer elections. The eligible age is 13-19 years of age. We work and we play. Play time is set up with activities that build team work skills and camaraderie in the district.
- 4-H CONNECT REGISTRATION:** May 1-31, 2015 at midnight
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>, then click on 4-H Connect
Do not wait until the last minute!!
- DATES & TIME:** Wednesday, June 24 – Friday, June 26, 2015
Arrive at 1:00 pm on Wednesday
Adjourn at 10:30 am on Friday
- LOCATION:** Texas 4-H Conference Center
5600 FM 3021
Brownwood, TX 76801
Phone: 325-784-5482
Fax: 325-784-6486
<http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/>
- COST:** \$235 per participant
This includes insurance, lodging, meals and snacks beginning with supper on Wednesday and ending with breakfast on Friday. Counties will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Brownwood and meals while traveling.
- WHO CAN ATTEND:**  All District 8 4-H Council officers plus representatives from each county. All participants must have **completed the 8th grade** to attend Leadership Lab.
- HEALTH & RELEASE FORMS:** Every participant, youth and adults, will need to complete a Health and Release form packet. Forms are included in this letter and will be able to be downloaded from 4-H Connect.
-  **NEW THIS YEAR!!** *The completed, signed forms will need to be **scanned as a pdf and uploaded** to 4-H Connect during the registration process. Please note: The forms require a copy of the participant's **insurance card**.*
- Each chaperone will be required to have one copy of these forms with them while traveling.**

WHAT TO BRING:

- Pillow, sheets, light blanket, towels, wash cloths, personal items
- Swimsuit (for any lake and pool activities at camp)
- Water shoes or old tennis shoes for the lake (must have a strap/back)
- Comfortable, casual clothes for workshops, dances
- No flip flops or other backless sandals are allowed during the dance. They must be close-toed shoes.
- Sturdy shoes for active games
- A light jacket or sweater is also recommended, as the classrooms may be cool.

CHALLENGE COURSE:**NEW THIS YEAR!**

We will be on the Challenge Course! Be sure you pack comfortable clothing that is easy to move in, as well as study tennis shoes to be active while participating.

BANQUET:

We will be having a banquet. Attire can range from “Sunday best” to “formal.” Gentlemen are asked to wear nice dress slacks with a collared shirt, and a coat and tie. Ladies are asked to wear dresses, dress slacks, skirts, and/or blouses. Formals are acceptable, but please remember to stay within a reasonable dress code. Spaghetti straps are ok for the banquet only; however, strapless and low cut backs should be covered with a shawl or wrap. Denim clothing and athletic/tennis shoes are discouraged.

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Fireworks, ropes, roping dummies, water balloons, water guns, silly string, etc.
- Expensive jewelry/accessories
- Excessive food/drinks and gum

DRESS CODE:

Please remind 4-H members that 4-H Conference Center Dress Code will be in effect:

- Items not allowed: tops with spaghetti straps, halter type tops, shirts that reveal the midriff, excessively loose fitting pants or jeans, short shorts or skirts, clothing advertising or referencing alcohol, drugs, violence or having sexual content.
- Two-piece swimsuits are allowed, but should adequately cover all body parts.
- No caps, cowboy hats, or sunglasses in the buildings.

PARENT HANDBOOK:

Detailed information about dress code, behavior expectations, emergency contact information for parents, etc. can found in the Parent Handbook:

<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/parent-resources-good-stuff/>

SCHEDULE:

A tentative schedule is enclosed, however it is subject to change. During your free-time, the following recreational opportunities will be available: Volleyball, Ping Pong, Softball, Tennis, Basketball, Swimming and a variety of other games.

DANCE THEMES:

The theme for the 2015 District 8 Leadership Lab is “What’s Your Claim to 4-H Fame?” All costumes must be appropriate within dress code. If inappropriate, you will be asked to change clothes.

Wednesday – TBA

Thursday – TBA

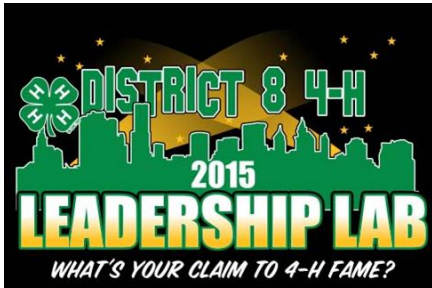
OFFICER ELECTIONS:

One of the major events of Leadership Lab will be the election of officers for the District 8 4-H Council. Refer to the standing rules for eligibility. **Council Officer Applications are due to the District Office by May 31, 2015 (postmarked).** Refer to the separate officer election letter for further details. That information can be found on the District 8 4-H Council Officer page:

<http://d84-h.tamu.edu/district-4-h-council/>



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June 24-26, 2015

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



Wednesday, June 24, 2015

1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lobby	Registration
1:30pm – 2:00 pm	Moore County Room	Officer Candidate Orientation Meeting
2:00pm – 3:15pm	Auditorium	Welcome & Orientation (Officer intro skit, divide into teams)
3:15pm – 4:15pm	Auditorium	Keynote Speaker
4:15pm – 4:45pm		Concurrent Session 1
4:45pm – 5:15pm		Concurrent Session 2
5:15pm – 6:15pm		Free Time (Swim/Archery)
6:15pm – 7:15pm	Flag Poles	Flag Lowering & Dinner
6:25pm	Moore County Room	Chaperone Meeting
7:15pm – 7:45pm		Concurrent Session 3
7:45pm – 8:15pm		Concurrent Session 4
8:15pm – 8:45pm		Concurrent Session 5
8:45pm – 11:00pm	Auditorium	Dance
11:00pm	Auditorium	Vespers
11:30pm	In Dorms	In Dorms
12:00 Midnight	In Dorms	Lights Out

Thursday, June 25, 2015

7:15am	Flag Poles	Flag Raising & Breakfast
8:15am – 8:30am	Auditorium	General Assembly
8:30am – 12:30 pm		Challenge Course
12:30 pm		Lunch
1:30pm – 2:00pm		Concurrent Session 6
2:15pm – 5:00pm	Auditorium	Business Meeting & Officer Elections
5:00pm – 6:30pm		Banquet Preparation/Free Time
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Auditorium	Banquet (Formal/Sunday Dress attire)
8:30pm – 11:30pm	Auditorium	Dance
11:30pm	Auditorium	Vespers
11:45pm	In Dorms	In Dorms
12:00 Midnight	In Dorms	Lights Out

Friday, June 26, 2015

7:30am	Flag Poles	Flag Raising, Campus Sweep, & Breakfast
8:30am	Auditorium	Camp Photo
9:00am	Auditorium	Closing Session
10:30am		Have a safe trip home!