



DISTRICT 8 4-H SURGE

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 May 7-25, 2018 at midnight
REGISTRATION: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>, then click on 4-H Connect

Registration will be limited to the first 175 youth that sign up (not including District 8 4-H Council officers). A waiting list will be maintained to add participants if additional space is available.

DATES & TIME: Sunday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 27, 2018
 Arrive no earlier than 1:00 pm on Sunday
 Adjourn at 11:30 am on Wednesday

LOCATION: T Bar M Resort & Conference Center
 2549 Texas 46
 New Braunfels, TX 78132
 830-625-7738
<http://www.tbarm.com/>

Schlitterbahn (a one-day trip on Tuesday)
 400 N Liberty Avenue
 New Braunfels, TX 78130
<http://www.schlitterbahn.com/>

COST: \$275 per participant
 This includes insurance, lodging, Schlitterbahn ticket, meals and snacks beginning with supper on Sunday and ending with breakfast on Wednesday. (Lunch will be provided at Schlitterbahn.) Counties will be responsible for their own transportation to and from T Bar M 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 SURGE.

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.

*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:**
- Swimsuit (for Schlitterbahn and pool activities at camp)
 - Water shoes for walking at Schlitterbahn
 - Cash for snacks and souvenirs at Schlitterbahn and T Bar M
 - Comfortable, casual clothes for workshops, dances
 - Sturdy shoes (that can get messy) for active games
 - A light jacket or sweater is also recommended, as the classrooms may be cool.
- NO BANQUET:** There will NOT be a banquet this year.
- 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.
- 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 2018 District 8 SURGE is “Nacho Average Leader.” All costumes must be appropriate within dress code. If inappropriate, you will be asked to change clothes.
- Sunday – Favorite Fiesta Fashions – Prize to be awarded!
- OFFICER ELECTIONS:** One of the major events of SURGE 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 25, 2017.** 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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 Schedule**

Sunday, June 24, 2018

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Registration
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Buttercup	Officer Candidate Orientation Meeting
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Welcome & Orientation
		Meet the Candidates through “Your Turn to Lead”
5:00 pm	Buttercup	Chaperone Meeting
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm		Cleanup and Free Time
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Flag Ceremony & Dinner
7:15 pm – 8:30 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Messy Games in Color Groups
8:45 pm – 11:00 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Dance
11:00 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Vespers
11:30 pm	In Rooms	In Rooms
12:00 Midnight	In Rooms	Lights Out

Monday, June 25, 2018

7:15 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	Flag Ceremony & Breakfast
8:15 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	General Assembly & Travel to Service Sites
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Service Sites	#District84HServes the Community
11:00 am – 12:00 pm		Return to T Bar M & Clean Up
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Lunch
1:15 pm – 5:15 pm		Concurrent Workshops

<i>Room</i>	Enhancing Your 4-H Club <i>Texas Sage Ballroom</i>	Super Session! <i>Buttercup</i>	Etiquette and more! <i>Bluebonnet</i>
<i>Led by:</i>	<i>County Extension Agents</i>	<i>Council Officers</i>	<i>Guest Speaker</i>
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Workshop Group A & B	Workshop Group C	Workshop Group D
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm		Workshop Group D	Workshop Group C
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Workshop Groups C & D	Workshop Group A	Workshop Group B
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm		Workshop Group B	Workshop Group A

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm		Fit to Lead Break
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm		Officer Candidate Speeches
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Dinner
7:15 pm – 9:00 pm		Officer Candidate Speeches
9:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Dance
11:30 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Vespers
11:45pm	In Rooms	In Rooms
12:00 Midnight	In Rooms	Lights Out

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

7:45 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	Flag Ceremony & Breakfast
8:45 am – 9:00 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	General Assembly
9:00 am		Load Buses to Schlitterbahn
12:30 pm		Boxed lunch provided at Schlitterbahn
4:30 pm		Bus Groups 1 & 2 return to T Bar M
5:15 pm		Bus Groups 3 & 4 return to T Bar M
6:00 pm	Texas Sage Ballroom	Dinner
7:30 pm		Dance
10:00 pm		Vespers
10:30 pm	In Rooms	In Rooms
11:00 pm	In Rooms	Lights Out

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

7:15 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	Flag Ceremony & Breakfast
8:15 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	Officer Elections & Installation
10:30 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	Camp Photo
11:00 am	Texas Sage Ballroom	Closing Session
11:30 am		Have a safe trip home!