**DISTRICT 8 4-H SURGE**

*Participant Information*

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| **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 SURGE and share it with members back in their counties. SURGE 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. 4-H members in grades 8-12 (of the current 4-H year) are eligible to attend. 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 4-22, 2020 at midnight<https://texas.4honline.com/>  |
| **DATES & TIME:**  | Wednesday, June 17 through Friday, June 19, 2020**Arrive no earlier than 3:00 pm on Wednesday**Adjourn at 11:30 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:**  | $215 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 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.** |
| **SERVICE PROJECT:** | Bring items to donate to the 4-H Center (cards, dominoes, board games, volley balls, etc.) As we get closer, we will get a “wish list” of items from the 4-H Center.  |
| **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
* Items for service project.
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| **WHAT NOT TO BRING:**  | * Fireworks, ropes, roping dummies, water balloons, water guns, silly string, etc.
* Expensive jewelry/accessories
* Excessive food/drinks and gum
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| **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.
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| **PARENT HANDBOOK:** | Detailed information about dress code, behavior expectations, emergency contact information for parents, etc. can found in the Parent Handbook: <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/parent-handbook/>  |
| **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 2020 District 8 SURGE is “Going All in on 4-H!” following a Vegas theme. All costumes must be appropriate within dress code. If inappropriate, you will be asked to change clothes.Thursday – “A Night on the Town” We will have a semi-formal dance, so feel free to dress for the occasion! Think, a night out in glamour.  |
| **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 22, 2020.** 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 – June 17-19, 2020*

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

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| 3:00pm-3:45pm | Cafeteria  | Registration |
| 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm | Moore County Room | Officer Candidate Orientation Meeting |
| 4:00 pm –4:30 pm | Auditorium | Welcome & Orientation  |
| 4:30-5:30 | Auditorium | Meet the Candidates through “Your Turn to Lead” |
| 4:30 pm | Moore County Room | Chaperone Meeting  |
| 5:30-6:30 | Auditorium | Messy Games in Groups |
| 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Flag Poles | Flag Ceremony & Dinner |
| 7:30-8:45 | Auditorium | Guest Speaker “Falling into Failure”  |
| 9:15 pm – 11:00 pm | Auditorium | Dance  |
| 11:00 pm | Auditorium | Vespers |
| 11:30 pm | In Rooms | In Rooms |
| 12:00 Midnight | In Rooms | Lights Out |

**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

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| 7:15 AM | Flag Poles | Flag Ceremony & Breakfast |
| 8:15 AM | Auditorium | Morning Meeting & Gear Up for the Day  |
|  | **Zumba** | **BallroomDancing** |
| **RoomLed By:**  | **Auditorium***Callie Henly* | **Porch***Aggie Wranglers* |
| 9:00 am-9:45am | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |
| 9:45 am -10:30 am | Workshop Group B | Workshop Group A |
| 10:30 am-11:15am | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |
| 11:15-12:00 | Workshop Group D | Workshop Group C |
|  | **Telling yourStory** | **The STEMinator** | **Juggling Life** | **Zombie Apocalypse** |
| **RoomLed By:**  | **Lodge***Council* | **Moore County***Council* | **Rec Room***Noah Cromean* | **Cafeteria***Council* |
| 9:00 am-9:20am | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |  |  |
| 9:20 am-9:40am |  | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |  |
| 9:40 am-10:00am |  |  | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |
| 10:00 am-10:20am | Workshop Group D |  |  | Workshop Group C |
| 10:30 am-10:50 am | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |  |  |
| 10:50 am-11:10 am |  | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |  |
| 11:10 am-11:30 am |  |  | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |
| 11:30 am-11:50am | Workshop Group B |  |  | Workshop Group A |
|  | **Grilling 101** | **Challenge Course** |
| **RoomLed By:**  | **Porch***County Agent Team* | **Tennis Courts***Summer Staff* |
| 1:30 pm-2:15 pm | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |
| 2:15 pm-3:00 pm | Workshop Group B | Workshop Group A |
| 3:00 pm-3:45 pm | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |
| 3:45 pm-4:30 pm | Workshop Group D | Workshop Group C |
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|  | **Communications** | **Leadership**  | **Teamwork** | **Problem Solving** |
| **RoomLed By:**  | **Rec Room***County Agent Team* | **Moore County***County Agent Team* | **Auditorium***County Agent Team* | **Cafeteria***County Agent Team* |
| 1:30 pm-1:50 pm | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |  |  |
| 1:50 pm-2:10pm |  | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |  |
| 2:10 pm-2:30 pm |  |  | Workshop Group C | Workshop Group D |
| 2:30 pm-2:50 pm | Workshop Group D |  |  | Workshop Group C |
| 2:50 pm-3:10 pm | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |  |  |
| 3:10 pm-3:30 pm |  | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |  |
| 3:30 pm-3:50 pm |  |  | Workshop Group A | Workshop Group B |
| 3:50 pm-4:10 pm | Workshop Group B |  |  | Workshop Group A |
| 4:30 pm – 6:15 pm |  | Free Time (Pool open) |
| 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm | Auditorium | Flag Ceremony & Dinner |
| 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm | Auditorium | Meet the Candidates (Speeches & Impromptu questions) |
| 9:00 pm – 11:30 pm | Auditorium | Dance |
| 11:30 PM | Auditorium | Vespers |
| 11:45 PM | In Dorms | In Dorms |
| 12:00 midnight | In Dorms | Lights Out |

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**Friday, June 19, 2020**

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| 7:15 am | Flag Poles | Flag Ceremony & Breakfast |
| 8:15 am | Auditorium | Officer Elections & Installation  |
| 10:30 am-11:00 am | Auditorium | Camp Photo, Closing Session |
| 11:30 am |  | Have a safe trip home! |