

## 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 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 teamwork skills and camaraderie in the district.
- 4-H CONNECT REGISTRATION:** May 3-21, 2021 at midnight  
<https://texas.4honline.com/>
- DATES & TIME:** Tuesday, June 22, through Thursday, June 24, 2021  
**Arrive no earlier than 1:00 pm on Tuesday.**  
 Adjourn at 11:30 am on Thursday.
- LOCATION:** Camp Buckner  
 3835 FM2342  
 Burnet, TX 78611  
[\(512\) 756-7540](tel:(512)756-7540)  
<https://www.buckner.org/camp-buckner>
- COST:** \$240 per participant  
 This includes insurance, lodging, meals, and snacks beginning with supper on Tuesday and ending with breakfast on Friday. Counties will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Burnet 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Online.
- The completed, signed forms will need to be **scanned as a pdf and uploaded** to 4-H Online 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:** We will be collecting items for Camp Buckner and the families they serve. A full list of items will be sent out as we get closer to camp.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- Pillow, sheets, light blanket, towels, wash cloths, personal items
- Swimsuit (for any lake and pool activities at camp \*\*must be appropriate and cover all body parts)
- 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.
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

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

**DRESS CODE:** Please remind 4-H members that the 4-H 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.

**PARENT HANDBOOK:** Detailed information about dress code, behavior expectations, emergency contact information for parents, etc. can found in the Parent Handbook: *We will follow this dress code for our camp.*  
<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 2021 District 8 SURGE is “Stoke the 4-H Flame!” following a camping theme. All costumes must be appropriate within dress code. If inappropriate, you will be asked to change clothes.

\*There are no official dance themes. We will host the dance one night outside. Please be prepared for that.

**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 on 4-H Online by May 21, 2021.** 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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