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Newsletter of Victoria County 4-H Program

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texas4-h.tamu.edu

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https://texas.4honline.com

News and Announcements

4-H Ambassador Programs:

Ambassadors are 4-H members who serve in leadership roles to promote 4-H to other youth, community leaders, and volunteers. They also receive professional development tools to help prepare for scholarships and interviews. This year there are two applications. The Senior Ambassador Program that targets SENIOR LEVEL 4-H members and the Junior Ambassador Program that targets INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 4-H members.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY *May 19th* AND INTERVEWS ARE SET FOR *May 25th* STARTING AT 4:30PM. Please dress appropriately.

4-H Awards:

The year-end 4-H awards are open to all 4-H members who meet the criteria and have completed a record book for the 2016-2017 year. The awards application can be turned in with the 4-Her's record book.

Bronze / Silver / Gold Star
First Year 4-Her
William Danforth I Dare You Award

Additional Awards:

The following awards do NOT require the submission of a 4-H record book, but have different criteria to apply (see each application for specific criteria):

Caring Heart Award
Karen Obsta-Wendel Award

Washington D.C Trip

Victoria Co. 4-H is headed to our nation's capitol the week of July 4th, 2018 (*not 2017*). 4-6 participants who are incoming *8th grade through 11th grade* will be selected from applications. Lodging will be at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. Eligibility Requirements: Active 4-H member in good standing with club/county; in good standing with your school and passing grades at the end of the year.

ALL AWARDS AND D.C. TRIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE *JUNE 12th* by 5pm. INTERVIEWS ARE SET FOR *JUNE 28TH* STARTING AT 9AM. PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY. INFORMATION AND FORMS AND CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:

http://agrilife.org/victoria4h/4-h-publications-forms/applications/

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Scholarship Reminders for Seniors

Graduating seniors are reminded of the various scholarship applications available. If you would like someone to review your applications and make suggestions prior to the due date, please feel free to contact the Extension office. Please pay special attention to the requirements of each scholarship and deadline for submissions.

- **South Texas Farm and Ranch Show**—Due April 7th

  http://www.southtexasfarmandranchshow.com/scholarships.html
- **Victoria County 4-H Adult Leaders Association—**Due April 10th
- **Victoria County Farm Bureau**—Due April 18th
- **Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District** – Due May 1st

Scholarship opportunities are usually emailed directly to graduating seniors via the email associated with 4-H Connect. If you are a graduating senior and you have not been getting those emails, please update the email for the family 4-H Connect profile.

Major Stock Shows Updates

ATTENTION MAJOR SHOW EXHIBITORS

Please call the Extension Office **by April 10th** with the number of validation tags you need for any of the following:

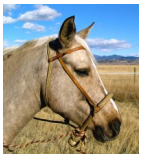
- ◊ Steers for ANY major show of 2017-18 season
- ◊ State Fair of Texas hogs (fall 2017)
- ◊ State Fair of Texas and Heart of Texas heifers (fall 2017)
- ◊ State Fair of Texas and Heart of Texas lambs and goats (fall 2017)

STEER/LAMB/GOAT TAGS = **$15** ***(late tags $30)***

SWINE TAGS = **$21** ***(late tags $36)***

HEIFER UINs = **$15**

Project Updates



District Horse Show is going to be BEFORE YRA

June 13-14

2017 Texas 4-H Horse Validation

NEW FOR 2017
ALL EXISTING HORSES MUST BE REVISED & EDITED DUE TO CHANGES IN THE FIELDS

Required Paperwork

- Registration Papers (if registered)
- Pictures (left, right, front)

April 1 - April 15 $10
April 16-May 1 $20

http://texas.4honline.com

Project Summary Forms are DUE to Extension Office Friday, April 21st. Project Completion Certificates will be distributed at your May club meeting. The 2-page Project Summary form can be found on our county 4-H website. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

It's not too early to be thinking about 4-H Record Books!

Why is it important to keep a record of your 4-H activities? Because, by recording your activities you can remember all the fun you have had and set future goals! It can also be a valuable tool to help you apply for **college scholarships.** Visit the record book website at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/

Here you will find all of the forms for your specific age group. Record Books will be due at the county level on Monday, June 12th. Remember, if you plan to apply for a county award, you must turn in a record book with your awards application on June 12th.

Are you looking for ways to prepare easy, nutritious, and economical meals for your family?

Join us for a Dinner Tonight Cooking class where you will learn to prepare easy, nutritious, cost efficient meals for your family

MAY 9, 2017
DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM
DEMONSTRATIONS BEGIN: 6:00 PM

Emerging Technology Center
7403 Lone Tree Rd. Victoria, Texas

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS
By County Extension Agents from Calhoun, Dewitt, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria counties
Featuring local Chef James Canter of Guerrilla Gourmet

Early Bird Registration: $15
Registration after April 17: $20
Late Registration from May 1 – May 7: $30
Register online at *agriliferegister.tamu.edu*
Or call Texas A&M AgriLife Conference Services – 979-845-2604
For additional information, call Victoria County Extension Office – 361-575-4581

HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS

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HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS

JOIN the Healthy South Texas YOUTH AMBASSADOR program

WHY BE A YOUTH AMBASSADOR...

- TO SERVE AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCATE;
- ASSIST COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO THE YOUTH COMPONENTS OF HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS;
- SERVE AS A LEADER TO IMPLEMENT THE FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 PROGRAM IN LOCAL SCHOOLS;
- BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SKILLED IN THE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES SUBJECT MATTER;
- COORDINATE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE BETTER HEALTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Who? You!

- Youth must be at least 9th grade students at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Membership open to all regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin and disability.
- Ambassadors will serve a two-year term, with terms beginning in the later Spring/Summer prior to the start of the school year.
- Ambassadors may serve consecutive terms but must re-apply if they wish to renew membership.
- Ambassadors are required to participate in an ambassador training.
- Ambassadors are expected to attend all face-to-face and online meetings as well as complete the plans and submit reports as required.
- Complete and report 50 hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service projects per year.
- Any costs associated with participating in ambassador trainings and/or meetings, including travel, registration fees, ambassador shirt, etc., are the responsibility of each individual ambassador.

What will Youth Ambassadors do? Endless options! A few include:

- Coordinate school Walk Across Texas programs and provide assistance with kick-off and celebration events!
- Introduce Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! to elementary schools in your community!
- Serve as a health and nutrition advocate by speaking to groups, participating in health fairs, or volunteering with county Extension agent programs!
- Demonstrate the smoothie bike during school assemblies, health fairs, or community events!
- Be a disease detective and determine the most critical health needs in your community!

HOW CAN I APPLY

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2017.
APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED BY A SELECTION COMMITTEE AND YOUTH ARE NOTIFIED FOLLOWING SELECTION.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION | HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Calendar

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 *STFRS Scholarship DUE* D11 SPRING SPECTACULAR	8
9	10 **Fall major show tag orders DUE** *ALA Scholarship DUE*	11	12	13	14 Extension Office Closed Good Friday Easter	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 **District 4-H Livestock Judging**
23	24	25	26 TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN STARTS	27	28	29 **District 4-H Rifle Match**

Up Coming Events

May

12 **Ambassador Applications DUE**

25 **Ambassador Interviews starting @ 4:30pm**