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**let's go
let's grow**

Making Texas 4-H Stronger... Together

Let's Go, Let's Grow - What Is It All About?

Many parents and volunteers might have seen the new initiative under way in Texas 4-H called "Let's Go, Let's Grow" and wondering what it is all about and if it affects their involvement in 4-H. The new initiative involves everyone, from the county Extension staff, to parents, volunteers, and 4-H members. It is about all of us, as the largest youth development program, coming together to involve more youth in our 4-H clubs, training our volunteers so they can be the best prepared leaders for our youth, and promoting 4-H in a way that everyone knows we are a premiere youth development program in Texas.

Below are five main points for 4-H families to know about the Let's Go, Let's Grow initiative.

1. **It's about growing the 4-H Program at the local level.** 4-H is a grassroots program and is the strongest at the local/club level. Let's Go, Let's Grow allows for greater flexibility for county Extension agents to work with volunteers in creating more opportunities, increase 4-H excitement, and provide more training experiences to leaders.
2. **Focus on what the kids want!** Using past project involvement numbers for the top ten projects, the 4-H Program is committed to providing new and up-to-date resources for our volunteers to use in teaching and guiding educational experiences.
3. **Leader Empowerment!** Over the next year, county Extension agents will be recruiting and training adult volunteers to have a significant role in teaching and leading projects and clubs.
4. **Promoting our Program!** Texas 4-H has made a significant investment in marketing our program in the 13-14 year. Starting in September 2013, every 4-H member will be receiving their own Texas 4-H membership card when they become active in the program. Additionally, clubs are receiving yard signs to place in their community encouraging youth to sign up, and our county offices are receiving some postcards.
5. **It Takes Everyone!** Texas 4-H is the best organization for youth to learn life skills. We need the help of every adult leader, parent, and Extension employee to spread the word about Texas 4-H.

***What can you do to help promote,
build, and grow Texas 4-H?***

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

**2014 TEXAS 4-H DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST DETAILS
ANNOUNCED**

Dr. Kyle Merten, kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

The 2014 Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will once again be held in conjunction with the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Dairy Judging Contest. It is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, 2014 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Cattle Arena.

The contest will be open to senior Texas 4-H members. There will not be a qualifying contest required at the District level. There will not be a state-level contest for Juniors or Intermediates. However, they are welcome to participate in the Fort Worth and/or possible District-level contests.

Senior 4-H teams wishing to compete in the Texas 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will need to register through BOTH Fort Worth Stock & Rodeo AND through 4-H Connect. There will be no onsite registration.

More details (including deadlines, entry fees, rules, etc.) will be shared once the Fort Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo Premium Book is available this fall.

If you have any questions, please contact Derrick Bruton, Laura Huebinger, or Kyle Merten.

**4-H HEALTHY LIFESTYLES ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATIONS
NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Courtney Dodd, cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu

The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board is accepting applications for new members. 4-H members, volunteers and county Extension agents are invited to submit an application to serve on the board, which provides youth and adults an opportunity to help guide and expand the 4-H healthy lifestyles program. Applications will be accepted until October 1, 2013 and must be accompanied by a letter of support. The application and more information is available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.

**JOIN IN FOR THE FINAL SCREENING AT THE 2013 JUNIOR
LEADERSHIP CAMP**

Mark Carroll, jmcarroll@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas 4-H State Council would like to invite 4-H members age 9-14 to the 2013 Junior Leadership "The Final Screening" at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Texas. The retreat is scheduled for November 8-10.

This year's retreat will feature workshops in 5 different areas. They include vet science, leadership, bullying & inclusion, "trashion show" and archery. Each workshop will be tied to a movie theme.

While this is learning retreat, the main ingredient underlying the whole weekend is a sense of fun. The State 4-H Council members take pride in showcasing their creativity which will become apparent at the Saturday Night Theme Dance. They're asking participants to come dressed as their favorite movie character. All the council members plan to be in costume, so it should prove to be fun for everyone.

Individual registration is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Online registration will open September 2nd at: <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.



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RABBIT JUDGES CONFERENCE TRAINING FOR LEADERS AND AGENTS

Laura Huebinger, lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu

Mid-Tex Rabbit Breeders and Bell County 4-H will be co-sponsoring a Rabbit Judges Conference on October 26, 2013 at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton. This will be a very good training for agents, leaders, teachers, etc. to meet and be a part of the Judges Conference. The organizing committee is committed to helping 4-H and FFA leaders, teachers and agents in becoming more familiar with the rabbit project, sources of rabbits and further promote the project area. See the attached flyer for more details. Please RSVP to Lyle Zoeller (County Extension Agent-Ag/NR in Bell County) at: l-zoeller@tamu.edu. Please also direct any questions to Lyle.

Schedule is as follows:

7-10 am Judges Conference –All invited
 10 am Breed Specialty Clubs meet individually
 A show with estimated 1500 rabbits (youth and open)
 Any time – one on one with rabbit leaders from the Mid-Tex area.

Please help promote this to other agents, teachers, and any project leaders that are out there helping our youth with rabbit projects. It is one of the Top 10 4-H projects across the state annually! (See information piece in back of newsletter)

BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST FOR 2014

Dr. Kyle Merten, kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

Entry for the 2014 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest is now available. This year's theme is "Beekeeping in Colonial Times." For a complete list of rules and guidelines please visit the following website http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_entomology/beekeeping All entries should be submitted electronically to Kyle Merten (kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu) no later than January 10, 2014.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST

Amy Dromgoole, amy.dromgoole@tamu.edu

The Texas Agriculture Product Identification Contest will be held in Dallas on October 8 at 9:00. Registration information can be found here: <http://www.bigtex.com/sft/LiveStock/Contests.asp>. All 4-H members are welcome to register online with an entry fee of \$10 per team. The deadline is Sunday, September 15th. Please contact the State Fair of Texas at 214-421-8723 or Amy Dromgoole at amy.dromgoole@tamu.edu for more information.

2014 ROUNDUP THEME CONTEST WANTS YOU!!!!

Dr. Kyle Merten, kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup Theme Contest. Participants will either prepare a speech or essay telling us about your theme. Texas 4-H will then adapt your theme and implement it into all aspects of Roundup. Essay or video must be submitted via email to Kyle Merten at kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu. Any videos must be uploaded to YouTube (Max: 2 min) and essays must be no less than 100 words. All submissions should be emailed no later than September 25, 2013.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST

Amy Dromgoole, amy.dromgoole@tamu.edu

Get Involved in the Future of Agriculture! October 8, 2013

Agriculture is changing...from herd management to supply chains, one thing is obvious, this isn't your grand father's farm anymore. Technology is shaping the future of agriculture, join us for Ag-Awareness Day to learn how technology and agriculture are improving our lives.

Order your tickets from the State Fair of Texas today! 4-H Clubs can participate in the canned food drive (at Gate 11), AgriQuest, and a College and Community Fair!

For more information visit BigTex.Com > Livestock > Ag Awareness Day



2015 TEXAS 4-H GLOBAL EXPERIENCE TOUR

July 1 to July 12, 2015 to

Austria, Germany, and Switzerland

Eligible Youth

Texas 4-H members who are at **least 14 years of age** (no exceptions) if traveling with parent and 15 if traveling without parent on the travel date!

Trip Includes

- Round-trip flights on major carriers from departure city of Dallas, Texas
- Comfortable motorcoach
- 10 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time Tour Director
- 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides
- 4 sightseeing tours led by your tour director
- 3 walking tours
- Entrances to:
 - Schönbrunn Palace
 - Dachau
 - Neuschwanstein Castle
 - Heidelberg Castle wine barrel
 - Rhine River cruise
 - Cologne Cathedral
 - Beethoven House
 - Museum of German History

Price Information

This is a trip of a lifetime and if register by September 30, 2013 you lock in the price listed in this information!!!

Program Price for youth:	\$3535
Early Enrollment Discount:	\$-200
(available until September 30, 2013)	
Weekend Supplement:	\$ 35
All-Inclusive Coverage Plan:	\$ 155
Mount Pilatus:	\$ 85
 Adult Supplement	 \$ 425
 Total Price	
\$3610 for Students or \$168 per month	
\$4035 for Adults or \$188 per month	

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Fly overnight to Austria

Day 2: Vienna

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport
- Take a walking tour of Vienna
- Enjoy a wiener schnitzel dinner

Day 3: Vienna

- Take a guided tour of Vienna
- Visit Schönbrunn Palace
- Time to explore on your own or
- Optional: Viennese waltz dancing

Day 4: Salzburg • Munich

- Travel to Salzburg
- Take a walking tour of Salzburg
- Continue on to Munich

Day 5: Munich

- Take a guided tour of Munich
- Visit Dachau
- Take a walking tour of Munich

Day 6: Neuschwanstein • Tyrol

- Visit Neuschwanstein Castle
- Travel to the Tyrol region

Day 7: Liechtenstein • Lucerne

- Travel to the Lucerne region
- Make a stop in Liechtenstein

Day 8: Lucerne

- Take a tour of Lucerne
- Time to explore on your own or
- Optional: Mount Pilatus
- Optional: Swiss Folklore Event

Day 9: Heidelberg

- Travel via the Rhine Falls and the Black Forest to Heidelberg
- Take a tour of Heidelberg
- Visit the Heidelberg Castle wine barrel

Day 10: Rhineland

- Travel to the Rhineland
- Enjoy a Rhine River cruise (April-October)
- Take a tour of Koblenz

Day 11: Rhineland

- Visit Cologne Cathedral
- Visit Beethoven House
- Visit the Museum of German History

Day 12: Depart for home

To Enroll in this trip, go to:

www.eftours.com/1455621NW

For more information contact:

Charla Bading, c-bading@tamu.edu / 210.416.3447

4-H CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

OJJDP and the National 4-H Council gave four Military Youth from Fort Hood, Texas the experience of a lifetime!

Four youth, from Fort Hood, Texas, got the week of a lifetime as they were given the opportunity to participate in 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus. The youth were able to participate in the 4-H National Mentoring Capstone through funds provided by OJJDP and the National 4-H Council. The four youth participate in the National Mentoring Program – Tech Wizards at the Fort Hood Army Installation. The program is funded by OJJDP and provides at-risk and underserved youth to work with a mentor in coordination with 4-H STEM related programs. Throughout the week at CWF, the youth were able to participate in workshops on mentoring, meet professionals and government employees who have benefited from positive mentoring relationships, as well as tour the beautiful city of Washington D.C.

During the week, the four youth had the opportunity to participate in various workshops on topics such as congressional issues, bill writing, action planning, as well as peer mentoring. The youth also had the opportunity to participate in committees throughout the week.

The week was jam packed with history, government issues, and fun! One of the most rewarding experiences of the week was seeing the youth grow as individuals and American citizens throughout the week. The youth were able to open up and see new things they had never seen before. They made new friends and took on leadership roles they had never taken before.

TEXAS MILITARY 4-H & CLEARWATER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATER BOOTCAMP

On August 21, 2013 Texas Military 4-H and Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District hosted Water Bootcamp at Muskogee School Age Care on Fort Hood, Texas. Fort Hood Army Child, Youth and School Services youth ages 3-5th grade were invited to attend the camp.

53 youth attended the camp and volunteers from Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, Texas Military 4-H, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Central Texas Mast Naturalists provided the programs for the day. Activities of the day included: Edible Aquifers, Incredible Water Journey, The Blue Planet, Water Jeopardy, Wetland Metaphor and Molecules in Motion. Throughout the day youth learned about water conservation, the water cycle, the affects of pollution and contaminants to our water, wetland habitations and water molecules.

Water is a very important natural resource to the world around us, the youth will take what they learned and help to preserve it for the generations to come.

EL PASO LEADERSHIP CAMP

Leadership is learned through life's lessons and from others. The 2013 MYAC Youth Leadership Camp served to do just that. By taking young people with strong leadership skills and giving them the opportunity to mentor others and share their knowledge and skills.

Camp was held August 12th through 16th on Ft. Bliss and was comprised of 33 Army youth that earned the opportunity to participate. Milam YAC's advanced leadership youth served as mentor's, team leaders and Junior Advisors through the entire camp. They also stepped up and assisted staff with daily operations.

The camp was not only held on Ft. Bliss but youth and staff had the full experience as they stayed in the Army Barracks and ate their meals in the Ft. Bliss Dining Facilities. Attendees gained their leadership skills and knowledge through a series of fun and challenging activities. The youth attended the Ft. Bliss Leadership training course and worked their way through the Confidence Course as well as being challenged with skeet shooting, laser tag, indoor swimming activities, paintball, bowling and survival training. They also went to the flight line at Biggs Army Airfield to learn a little about what they do.

Through the various activities, team building exercises and times to share their highs and lows in the evening the youth experienced an amazing level of bonding throughout the camp. Staff and youth had such a wonderful experience through this camp that Milam YAC staff plan to have the camp again next year and invite a wider range of youth from various garrisons and the National Guard and Reserve.

ARMY RESERVE MAD SCIENCE CAMP

The 4th ESC along with the 300th Sustainment Brigade hosted a Mad Science Camp in Grand Prairie for youth ages 4-14. With the help of Operation: Military Kids, Prairie View A&M 4-H, and Ellis County 4-H Robotics Team the youth were treated to a very exciting day full of experiments and hands on activities. Youth participated in a series of activities and programs, such as: mysterious mud, sinkers and floaters, flower power and making ice cream in a bag. The day concluded with a robotics workshop that was hosted by the Ellis County 4-H Robotics Team. Youth learned how to build Lego robots and programmed their robots to follow simple commands. This was a great introduction to getting the youth interested in the high tech world of robotics.



TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY RULES AND GUIDELINES RELEASED

Toby Lepley, t-lepley@tamu.edu

The 2014 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Guidelines are now available online at:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography_contest.

This year's theme category is "What's Your Why?" This category allows 4-H members to capture photos of why they are in Texas 4-H. It could be photos of friends in 4-H, projects, leadership activities, community service experiences, or anything that tells the story of why they love 4-H!

TEXAS STATE PRESERVATION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST FOR 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS

Toby Lepley, t-lepley@tamu.edu

The Texas State Preservation Board in partnership with the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program are pleased to present an annual photography contest for members of the Texas 4-H and FFA Programs. This photography contest allows 4-H and FFA members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos.

A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in January 2014. Selected photographs will feature a place card with the photographer's name, city, and age. Photos will remain on display for one year in the Agriculture Museum.

The deadline for entering the contest on-line is October 15, 2013 and will be done through the Texas 4-H website, texas4-h.tamu.edu. For more information and rules & guidelines, go to the Texas 4-H photography website.

LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING ANNOUNCING IN THE OCTOBER TEXAS 4-H STANDARD ABOUT A NEW PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST IN 2014!

STRIPE'S CONVENIENCE STORES MOBILE CLOVER CAMPAIGN SEPTEMBER 2 - 15

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and Stripes Convenience Stores will begin the fourth year of their 4-H fundraising alliance in conjunction with Stripes Convenience Stores in Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Stripes store customers may participate by stopping in at one of 570 store locations throughout the three states and buying a 4-H clover cutout or 'mobile' for one dollar. Those who purchase a clover receive a coupon for a free 12 oz. Slush Monkey and receive special buy-one-get-one-free pricing on a Monkey Loco Candy.

Funds are used to benefit 4-H locally in Texas, and in the past have been used to help counties with their leadership training efforts, to help youth attend leadership camps and present workshops, purchase needed equipment, pay registration expenses for 4-H contest participation, and to support a variety of additional 4-H programs and activities. This year, participating stores include ALL Stripes locations throughout Texas, including the Rio Grande Valley area and newly opened stores within the state.

The Friends & Alumni Association will be again hosting the Facebook Photo Contest tied to the Stripes Campaign. The theme of the message will be "4-H THANKS Stripes". The county offices or clubs can submit the photo(s) via email to jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu. Title your email "Mobile Clover Photo Contest Entry" and include in the body of the message the County name, 4-H club, and store location.

Photos must be submitted via email by September 15th at 11:59 pm. Photos will be loaded to the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Facebook page on Monday, September 16th. Voting will begin that morning and end on Monday, September 23 at 11:59 pm. Submit pictures taken at your local Stripes store showing how 4-H appreciates Stripes and thanks them for their support of 4-H locally. Be sure and proudly display 4-H in your photo, either through clothing, signage or displays.

Winning photo(s) will be selected based on highest number of individual likes and comments. A person's like/comment will only count once even if they make multiple comments regarding the photo. The comment/like will count only from the official photo posted to the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni FB page. If you share the photo on your personal page to recruit votes, make sure they like the official post on the Friends & Alumni FB page not that which is posted on your personal wall. Winners will be announced on Facebook on or around September 24. Prizes will be awarded to the county 4-H program for 1st place: \$100, 2nd place: \$75, 3rd place: \$50



**HELP TOMORROW'S LEADERS
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September 2-15, 2013 at ALL locations



TEXAS 4-H MEMBERS, ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Texas 4-H members, how are you going to make a difference on Saturday, October 12, 2013? From the smallest project of mowing the lawn of a neighbor to hosting a 5K run/walk, it is 4-H's day to shine by giving back to our communities.

Every 4-H member in Texas is encouraged to take part and make a difference in some community service project. You can organize something by yourself or as a group, just make the difference.

The One Day 4-H website has great resources to help you plan and conduct your service project. Don't forget to sign your project up so you can be eligible for prizes after One Day is complete.

Show your Pride! Order your One Day t-shirt for \$3.80 by September 25th. Thanks to our great sponsorship from TransCanada, each 4-H member

can show their pride in making the difference across Texas by wearing a One Day 4-H t-shirt. All shirts have to be ordered by September in order for delivery by the day of the event. Shirts are ordered on line at: www.barefootathletics.com/cof. Once at the website, enter the code: COF41241.

Reminders for One Day 4-H 2013

Deadline for Registering One Day Projects
Deadline for Ordering One Day T-Shirts
One Day 4-H
Deadline for Reporting One Day Results

September 20, 2013
September 26, 2013
October 12, 2013
November 1, 2013

texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday





TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION NEWS AND UPDATES



FALL TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER PROMOTION

The fall 2013 4-H Paper Clover Campaign will take place October 9 through October 20, 2013. Shoppers at TSC store locations will have the opportunity to support 4-H by choosing to purchase paper clovers for a \$1 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development activities within the county where the stores are located.

In just four years, across 48 states, the TSC 4-H Paper Clover Campaign has provided more than \$2 million to 4-H across the country. All proceeds raised directly benefit 4-H, with 70 percent of funds being returned to state and local 4-H programs. The effort has provided direct support for local camps, after-school programs and other activities, and has granted scholarships to these events that youth can explore their interests in everything from animal science to robotics.

“Our Paper Clover efforts are one of the key ways our stores can give back to the community,” said John Wendler, senior vice president of Marketing for Tractor Supply Company. “By providing

essential funding for hundreds of thousands of 4-H young people, we are able to support local organizations that are important to both our customers and our Team Members. We’re proud to help improve the many communities in which we have stores through our partnership with 4-H. That is what Tractor Supply is all about.”

Once again, funds donated during the national campaign will be tracked online and recorded by state and by store. Visit www.tractorsupply.com/4-H, for more information on the fall 2013 4-H Paper Clover Campaign and to view the donation tracker.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLUBS

Little Caesars Pizza Kits

JoAnna Howell

JoAnna.Howell@pizzakit.com

www.PizzaKit.com

TEXAS 4-H CASH BONUS OFFER

Sell 100-249 Kits and get a \$50 bonus. Sell 250 or more kits and they'll double it to \$100.

When contacting JoAnna mention Bonus

Code: TX4H13

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Plants for Profits

Dwight Garretson

Dwight@parksbrothers.com

<http://www.plantsforprofitsfundraiser.com/>

Ask about the Fall Mum and Winter Poinsettia Fundraising Opportunity

Old Coach is Nutz

Roy (aka Coach) & Meredith

coach@oldcoachisnutz.com

<http://www.oldcoachisnutz.com>

Your group can earn 50 percent of the profit on every item sold!



TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW ALLIANCE

BIG GAME GEAR

The Texas 4-H Foundation is excited to announce a new alliance member for the Texas 4-H Alliance Program, Big Game Gear. Big Game Gear is located in Hallettsville, TX. According to their website, the company's passions include the outdoors, giving back to the community, and creating American jobs. Big Game Gear has developed a company that is a combination of this. BigGameGear.com is the vision that has become reality. Great quality products, fair prices, and a unique business model which focuses on supporting organizations seeking ongoing funding. Big Game Gear will donate 10% of the retail price (excluding shipping, taxes, and gift card purchased) for any qualifying purchase made at www.BigGameGear.com. Customers should use the "TEXAS4H" code at the checkout on the website to take advantage of this offer.

4-H OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS TEXAS

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION BIG LEAGUE EVENT

at *Rangers Ballpark in Arlington*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
7:05 PM**



**15% DISCOUNT FOR 4-H FAMILIES & FRIENDS AT
ALL TEXAS LA QUINTA HOTELS**

Use the "TX4H" booking code.

Closest location to the ballpark:

825 N Watson Rd. Arlington, TX 76011
817-640-4142

To view seating diagram, visit: texasrangers.com

TEXAS 4-H DAY | Saturday, September 28, 2013

Please indicate the quantity you would like to purchase.

All You Can Eat Porch (Reg. \$8)	x 151 =	Total \$
Lexus Club Terrace (Reg. \$6)	x 30 =	Total \$
Upper Reserved (Reg. \$2)	x 18 =	Total \$
Service Fee \$ 3.00		
GRAND TOTAL \$		

For every advance ticket purchased, a \$3 donation will be made to
the Texas 4-H Youth Programs and Education fund.

American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

District IV Judges Conference - Double Open/Youth Show



Co-Sponsored by Mid-Tex Rabbit Breeders and Bell County 4-H

We are hosting unique learning opportunity for Extension Agents, FFA instructors, Rabbit Project Leaders and exhibitors. ARBA judges conferences are open to the public and designed in providing the participants the same information judges receive in the selection and placing of rabbits at the shows. There will be several state specialty club in attendance who can provide additional information to answer additional questions about various breeds of rabbits. This will be an excellent opportunity to make contact with breeders who will be in attendance.

Topics to be covered

Handling and Posing, Meat pen Selection

Breeds Covered

Californian, New Zealand, Netherland Dwarf, Holland Lop, Satins, Mini Satins, Mini Rex and others to be announced

Double Youth / Double Open Show—Sponsored by Mid-Tex RBA

Judges/Speakers: Todd Naragon (Huntington, IN), Scott Rodriguez (Cheyenne, WY), Leann McKinney (Monticello, IN), Cheryl Blackman (Navasota, TX) and Frank Farrow (Lufkin, TX), Loyd Morgan Jr (Temple, TX), Amy Mersiosky (Belton, TX)

This will be a late entry show

There will also be several specialty club shows (Californians, Angoras and several others to be announced)

Equipment dealers will be there to meet all your equipment needs for a successful rabbit project.

Purina representatives will be there to answer your feed and feeding questions

For more info:

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Belton, Texas 76513
Phone: (254) 933-5305
Email: dmersio@hultr.com

Lyle Zoeller, Extension Agent
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Belton, Texas 76513
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Email: lzoeller@tamu.edu


Helping the Youth of Bell and Surrounding
counties in raising better rabbits



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Check #: _____ ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Amex ☐ Disc ☐ Diners
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Arlington, TX 76011, or call 817-273-5180 or 817-273-5257 or denoland@texasrangers.com.
Tickets are subject to availability and a service fee.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS HAPPENINGS



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
AG-AWARENESS DAY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

GET INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE.

ORDER TICKETS TODAY!

Order Tickets online before September 15, 2013.
An email confirmation will be sent upon verification.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Please submit one ticket request per County (4-H) or Chapter (FFCLA or FFA).
- Ticket requests will be granted up to 20% over the County/Chapter's previous year's paid membership.

REGISTRATION & AGRIQUEST

- **8:00 AM - REGISTRATION** – Gate 11 Adjacent to Food Drive
 - o Club/Chapter Registration
 - o AgriQuest Packet pickup
- **11:15 AM – AgriQuest Packet Turn In** – Hall of State Stage
 - o Register for Individual Prize Drawings with completed packet turn in

CANNED FOOD DRIVE


- **8:00 AM - FOOD DRIVE DROP OFF** - Gate 11
 - o Drop off behind police stand - middle of parking lot
 - o NOTE: Clubs/Chapters bringing 100 pounds of food (or more) will receive a commemorative gift for each attendee (while supplies last)
- **12:00 PM – AWARD PRESENTATION** - Hall of State Stage

COLLEGE & COMMODITY FAIR

- **8:00 AM** - Poultry Science Building
 - o Learn how to get involved in agriculture today.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

- **12:00 PM PRESENTATIONS** - Hall of State Stage
 - o Food Drive
 - o AgriQuest



For more information visit
BIGTEX.COM > LIVESTOCK > AG AWARENESS DAY

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Poultry Showmanship Competition



WHAT IS SHOWMANSHIP?

Poultry Showmanship is a contest in which young men and women in Texas 4-H and FFA clubs have an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of poultry as well as their ability to carry, examine, and position their bird in the cage for a judge. The breeding or quality of the bird does not count, but its cleanliness, condition, freedom from parasites, health, and vigor are important. In other words, the contestants will be scored mainly on what they know and how well they cared for the birds.

ELIGIBILITY:

Poultry Showmanship is open to registered Texas 4-H & FFA members. All participants must comply with the 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Members Guide (Michigan State University Extension Publication 4-H 1520) Regulations, which can be found at: http://4hansie.msu.edu/uploads/resources/4H1520_4HPoultrySMG.pdf
More information can be found at: <http://www.3ag.purdue.edu/courses/perry/Documents/4-H/Youth%20Poultry%20Showmanship%20Guide.pdf>

COOPING OF BIRDS & HEALTH REGULATIONS:

Poultry Showmanship entries must comply with all the rules and regulations of the State Fair of Texas Pan American Livestock Exposition Open Standard Bred Poultry Show. The State Fair of Texas Poultry Show has been designated as an intrastate show for Texas Exhibitors only, the sole requirement for Texas exhibitors is that they furnish copies of their NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) test forms, or have the necessary paperwork documenting a negative P-T test within 30 days of exhibition.

Please note that your birds MUST be tested for P-T prior to the show. State testers will not be available to blood-test birds at the show. Most participants in north or east Texas can call Monty Fitzgerald at (940) 736-4204, or email him at mtfzgerald@vtmd.tamu.edu to arrange for the test. The test is free unless you want the P-T certification to exhibit out of state, which will incur a \$25.00 fee.

The State Fair of Texas general show catalog, available online at www.bigtex.com, contains many of the details about exhibiting your poultry at the fair. The entry form on the reverse side, plus the completed copy of your P-T testing certificate, are all that you need to enter the showmanship competition.

EVENT DATE	ENTRY DEADLINE	IN PLACE DEADLINE	RELEASE TIME
Sunday, October 13, 2013, 10:00 a.m.	Saturday, September 28, 2013	Friday, October 11, 6:00 p.m.	Sunday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.

Please mail entry to:

Sam Brush
1009 Hillview Drive
Keller, Texas 76248

For additional information call:

Lu Ann Shank
(214) 870-3726

Get information on how to join 4-H:


www.Texas4-H.tamu.edu

In Dallas County contact:

Tamara McGoughy
(214) 904-3061
tdmcgoughy@ag.tamu.edu

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Texas 4-H has over 2,500 "Join 4-H" Yard Signs across the state this year and we want to see them! We want to see them so much we are having a contest!



Between now and October 31st, take a photo of your club's Join 4-H Yard Sign and post it to Twitter or Facebook using the hash tag of #4hsign.



The most unique and creative sign photo will win a special prize for their club and a mention in the December edition of the Texas 4-H Standard Newsletter.

Photos must be of signs in appropriate and lawful locations, and must not reflect any damage to sign, property, or people!

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