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Making Texas 4-H Stronger Together

# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

*Join Texas 4-H as we celebrate the 2013 National 4-H Week. This week is about stepping out into your community and sharing the word about 4-H. From meeting with your county commissioners court, to hosting events at community events and county fairs, we hope that each of your activities are tremendous successes!*

*On Saturday, October 12, 2013 we will celebrate the 5th anniversary of One Day 4-H. Based on all indications it will be the largest one day of community service we have hosted! Currently more than 440 community service projects have been registered with close to 17,000 4-H members and volunteers indicated to assist. This is tremendous and what a huge difference our program will be making across the state this week.*



## POST YOUR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK AND ONE DAY 4-H PHOTOS!

We want to see your National 4-H Week and One Day 4-H photos. Go to either Facebook or Twitter and post your photos. Make sure you tag them as #tx4hweek. Tell all your friends to tag their's as well.

Do you have awesome One Day 4-H Photos? If you do and if they are high resolution photos upload them to the One Day 4-H website ([texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday)). Who knows - you may win a prize!!!!



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

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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.

Please note the deadlines of:

- December 1, 2013 to Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show
- January 3, 2014 on 4-H Connect

Details have been emailed to all County Extension Agents and offices and will be posted soon on the Texas 4-H website on the Roundup page at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>. If you have any questions, please contact Derrick Bruton, Laura Huebinger, or Kyle Merten.

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

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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 a 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>.

**RE-FASHION RETREAT AT THE TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER**

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Join us for the first Re-Fashion Retreat at the Texas 4-H Conference Center December 13-15. The retreat features educational sessions conducted by the Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles youth advisory board members, fashion industry leaders and extension staff.

They will be conducting hands-on educational workshops. This new program will focus on increasing your knowledge and skills in the "Trashion Show" and a re-fashioning project. Don't miss out on a weekend full of fun and exciting activities.

The retreat is designated for 4-H members ages 8 & up. Individual registration is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Each county sending 4-H youth to the retreat must also provide adult chaperones for the weekend.

Online registration begins October 7th at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.



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## RABBIT JUDGES CONFERENCE TRAINING FOR LEADERS AND AGENTS

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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](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.

## SHARE THE FUN NEW ACTING CATEGORY

*Laura Huebinger, lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu*

Do you have a special talent like singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or acting? Then the Share-The-Fun contest may be just for you! A NEW acting category has been added this year called DRAMEDY! Here is the category description: A dramedy (also known as a comedy-drama or comedic drama) is an act that combines elements of comedy and drama, having both humorous and sometimes serious content. Acts cannot incorporate 4-H related material or theme. (Otherwise, it would be categorized as Celebrate 4-H.) Skits can be currently available scripts, original material, or a combination of the two. Humor and creativity are encouraged, but the degradation of any individual or organization is not permitted. May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines, but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance.

The other six categories remain the same: Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routines, Poetry/Prose, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band Performance, and Vocal. Check out the Roundup page on the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> to find the full listing of state rules. Check with your County Extension Agent and/or District 4-H Specialist for any county or district specific guidelines. Good luck!

## RECIPE RALLY LET'S GET COOKIN'

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In the 4-H Recipe Rally, intermediate and senior 4-H members are challenged with selecting, creating, and/or altering a recipe and submitting a video. The video highlights the 4-H member(s) demonstrating the preparation of the receipt while also highlighting nutrients, food safety practices, serving size and cost analysis, as well as their inspiration for selection or creation of the recipe. For 2014, youth may enter as an individual or a team. The theme for the 2014 contest is Breakfast. More information is available at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy\\_lifestyles](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles).

## VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

*Dr. Courtney Dodd, cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu*

The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program will be hosting a VIRTUAL volunteer conference throughout the 2013-14 year. The conference will kick-off with online trainings in November, scheduled for Thursday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 12th. Any volunteer can participate in any of the one-hour, web-based workshops offered throughout the day and evening. For more information, and a listing and description of the workshops, visit: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer\\_conference](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference).

## VOLUNTEER REPORTING IS NOW AVAILABLE

*Dr. Courtney Dodd, cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu*

Volunteers are doing great things in the 4-H program! In order to assess the impact volunteers are making, it is important for county Extension Agents to know the great things volunteers are doing to make a difference in the lives of youth. The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program has two reporting options for volunteers to use. To learn more about the reporting options and access the online reporting systems, visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteerres>.

## 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP RETREAT AT THE TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER

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4-H members ages 13-19 will have an opportunity to hone their 4-H project skills during several programs at the Teen Leadership Retreat to be held Jan. 10-12 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood.

The Teen Leadership Retreat will have 4-H volunteers, 4-H specialists and college professors conducting hands-on educational workshops with 4-H members from throughout the state. The retreat will begin with registration at 7 p.m. Jan. 10, followed by general orientation at 9 p.m., then an adult chaperone orientation at 9:30 p.m.

The retreat will include 5 different educational workshops on January 11th and the day's activities will conclude with an evening dance. The retreat will finish up the weekends activities at 10 am on Sunday, January 12th.

Individual registration is \$115 for youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. The fees include two-nights lodging, four meals, snacks and program fees. Each county sending 4-H youth to the retreat must also provide adult chaperones for the weekend.

Online registration begins November 1st at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>.

## NATIONAL 4-H CENTER LOOKING FOR PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

Do you know a 4-H'er who has a passion for government, history, political science, working with youth, public speaking, or leadership? If so, encourage them to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center!

Application deadlines are approaching soon and we want to give 4-H alumni and collegiate 4-Hers an opportunity to make a difference during their spring or summer semester. Our PAs will be touching the lives of thousands of middle and high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for our Wonders of Washington (WOW) or Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program in Washington, D.C.

The Wonders of Washington program gives young people the chance to explore, develop, and refine the skills necessary to become outstanding citizens and leaders in their home communities. Using the living classroom of Washington, D.C., Program Assistants teach about the history of our nation, its various leaders, and how youth can put their skills of leadership and citizenship into use when they return home.

Citizenship Washington Focus gives 4-H'ers the opportunity to strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level. Program Assistants will lead 1,500+ 4-H'ers at Citizenship Washington Focus. By facilitating hands-on activities, simulations, and tours of various monuments and memorials, 4-H participants discover what citizenship means to them and develop action plans to make a difference in their communities. CWF Program Assistants help create, develop, and facilitate curriculum to be used during the 2014 program.

We are looking for individuals with a high school diploma (preferably some college experience) and a passion for one of the following areas: youth development, hospitality, teaching, history, politics, or leadership. If you know a college student looking for an internship or credit towards graduation, please share this email.

View the job descriptions for more information and application materials. If you have any questions, please contact JaQuan Bryant, Youth Program Specialist at [JBryant@4HCenter.org](mailto:JBryant@4HCenter.org).





## 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE

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The Military 4-H program joined in the 9/11 Day of Service movement this year. 9/11 Day of Service was created to provide a positive way to forever remember and pay tribute to the 9/11 victims, honor those that rose to service in response to the attacks, and remind people of the importance of working more closely together in peace to improve our world. The Military 4-H program wanted to do something special this year and decided to make 100 fleece blankets for wounded soldiers and veterans across the state.

Over 200 youth from 4-H clubs, Child, Youth and School Services and Auxiliaries all came together to make these blankets of love.

The blankets will be distributed over the next few weeks to Fisher House San Antonio, Fisher House Fort Hood, DeBakey Veteran's Hospital in Houston, Wounded Warriors Day Center on Ft. Bliss and the El Paso Veterans Hospital.

"The youth really had fun and enjoyed doing this activity especially knowing they would be going to wounded soldiers. Thanks for extending this community service project to us."

- Keshia Gray, High Chaparral

"As the Travis County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development, I had the opportunity to explain to whom the blankets would be presented to and talk about Fisher House. The kids were talking amongst themselves and one of the youth who had come in later and missed the explanation, and asked why the blankets were being made and without hesitation, one of the 10 year olds said, "We are making them to put a smile on their face."

-Cory Talley Travis County 4-H and Youth Development Agent



## TELL ME A STORY

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On Saturday, September 14th the TXMF Child and Youth Program hosted their "Story Time" event for their National Guard families. As the youth gathered around guest speaker, COL Michael Dietz, they were enchanted with the story of "Wild About Books," in which a librarian brings her "bookmobile" to the zoo so that all the animals could check out fun and educational books.

The purpose of this event is to promote daily reading and reading together as a family. After the story was read, families snacked on animal crackers, zebra cakes, jungle cookies and punch. As they made their way back to their tables, each child received a box, paint, markers, glue and pieces of cardboard so they could start creating their own bookmobile.

The event definitely promoted family togetherness, as all families worked together to create their own unique bookmobile. Each child went home with a copy of "Wild About Books," an animal bookmark, a calendar to keep track of how many books they read by the end of December 2013, and lastly their fabulous bookmobiles!



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

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### DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15, 2013

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](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu). For more information and rules & guidelines, go to the Texas 4-H photography website.

### TAKE THE NATIONAL ROCKETRY CHALLENGE!

It's time to form your own rocket team and learn to fly. Registration is now open for the 2014 Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC), the world's largest rocket contest where students compete for \$60,000 in prizes and scholarships. Participation is open to the first 1000 teams who register by December 1, 2013.

The 4-H team from Georgetown, Texas won first place in TARC this year and also won in the international competition in Paris to become the world champions! 4-H has always done well in TARC and had six teams make it to the finals with Mundfordville, Kentucky coming in seventh and Michigan's Deford Dazzlers finishing fourteenth nationally. The other 4-H teams attending were groups from Jamestown, NC, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA and Clayton, MO.

The 2014 challenge is to design, build and launch a model rocket containing two raw eggs that reaches an altitude of 825 feet, stays aloft for 48 to 50 seconds, and returns the eggs unbroken by parachute. The team's qualification entry flight must be launched by March 31, 2014. If your score is one of the 100 best, you will be invited to compete for a share of the prize package in the national fly-off on May 10, 2014 in Manassas, Virginia.

Students in grades 7-12 in any U.S. school or non-profit youth organization are eligible to compete. About 7,000 students from across the country take part in the event each year, and since TARC's first contest in 2003 over 60,000 students have taken the challenge. Your group can do it, too.

Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) sponsors the contest with the National Association of Rocketry (NAR), the Defense Department, and AIA member companies. NAR <http://nar.org/> is a 4-H partner and specifically invites 4-H groups to try rocketry and get into TARC.

This rocket contest gives future engineers the opportunity to demonstrate their math and science skills by designing a real aerospace product. To download the TARC Handbook, rules and registration form to get started with your 4-H Rocketry Team, visit Team America Rocketry Challenge. <http://www.rocketcontest.org/>

### TEXAS 4-H INTRODUCES INVITATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CONTEST

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Are you ready to demonstrate your skills in selecting the best 4-H photograph? Well get ready because at the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup intermediate and senior 4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in the Photography Judging Contest. Just a like consumer decision making, or livestock judging, participants will have six classes of photographs to evaluate and place into the correct order! In addition to the placing classes, 4-H members will have a couple of problems classes to evaluate and judge as well.

Are you nervous? Don't be! Go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photographyjudging> for the photography judging contest rules, powerpoints on how to judge, and other great resources for how to set-up and score a contest. Additionally, there are forty sets of practice classes that you can use to train yourself and your teams.

The state-wide contest will be held on Tuesday (June 10, 2014) of Texas 4-H Roundup. For more information about Texas 4-H Roundup and the contests available, visit the event website.



## 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATES

### SHOOTING SPORTS TEXAS TEAM APPLICATIONS

Shooting Sports Texas Team Applications are available on 4-H Connect. Instructions for applying are found on the Shooting Sports webpage (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports>). Select or scroll down to 'National Invitational and Texas Teams' and view the linked pdf file. 4-H members, 14 years of age or older as of September 1, 2013, are eligible to apply as long as they meet the required qualifications. Applications are due by Thursday, October 24, 2013.

### MAJOR STOCK SHOW EVENTS WITH NATURAL RESOURCE CONTEST

Check with your local County Extension Office for registration details. More information can be found on each Show's website.

San Antonio Livestock Show (<http://www.sarodeo.com/livestock-show/s.a.l.e.-junior-shoot-out>) –

- Junior Shoot Skeet Match, February 6-8, 2014
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (<http://www.rodeohouston.com/>) –
- Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot Event, February 27 - March 1, 2014
- Wildlife Habitat Education Contest, March 15, 2014

### STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL NATURAL RESOURCES EVENTS

Project descriptions, event information, and much more can be found on our website: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/natural>. You will find links from this page to all 4-H Natural Resources Program Area projects (Shooting Sports, Outdoor Challenge, Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP), Sportfishing, & Wildlife).

New information is always posted first on our two social media sites. Check these out and subscribe to each so that information comes to you; Blog – <http://tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com>; Facebook – [www.facebook.com/naturalresources](http://www.facebook.com/naturalresources).

Check out the 4-H Natural Resources Program Calendar and share your county or club Natural Resources/Outdoor/Shooting Events, if the event includes participation from other county 4-Hers & leaders. It is accessible from our website along with the instructions for sharing events on that calendar.

Use the general email address to contact us: [tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu](mailto:tx4hnaturalresources@tamu.edu). Be sure to contact us as soon as you have an issue with any registration and give us time to help you.

## UPCOMING NATURAL RESOURCES EVENTS/TRAININGS

Mark your calendars! All of these events have registration open in 2013. No late registrations accepted.

EVENT	DATE	HOW TO SIGN UP	REGISTRATION DATES
District 9 Shooting Sports Coach Training <i>Conroe, Texas</i>	November 9-10, 2013	4-H CONNECT	Open until October 18, 2013
Muzzleloading Shooting Sports Coach Training <i>Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood</i>	November 16-17, 2013	4-H CONNECT	September 26, 2013 to October 24, 2013
Practice Wildlife Habitat Education Practice Contest <i>Grayson County</i>	November 23, 2013	4-H CONNECT	October 3, 2013 to October 31, 2013
Practice Wildlife Habitat Education Practice Contest <i>Brazos County</i>	January 18, 2014	4-H CONNECT	November 28, 2013 to January 7, 2014
Archery Camp <i>Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood</i>	January 24-26, 2014	4-H CONNECT	December 5, 2013 to January 9, 2014
East Region Shooting Sports Coach Training <i>Tyler, Texas</i>	January 25-26, 2014	4-H CONNECT	December 5, 2013 to January 9, 2014
Hunting and Wildlife Leader/Coach Training <i>College Station, Texas</i>	February 1-2, 2014	4-H CONNECT	December 12, 2013 to January 9, 2014
Hunting and Wildlife Leader/Coach Training <i>Monahans, Texas</i>	February 8-9, 2014	4-H CONNECT	December 19, 2013 to January 16, 2014

## TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AND EQUINE AMBASSADORS ADD SIGNATURE SPONSORS

Billy Zanolini, wfzanolini@ag.tamu.edu

Texas 4-H recently completed the 2013 Texas 4-H Livestock and Equine Ambassador Short Courses. Our staff is really excited about what this year will bring and we are looking forward to working with the new classes of elite Texas 4-H youth. In total, 99 students were trained for these high-level leadership positions. Because of the programs' positive impact on communities, unique leadership development model and increasing recognition-many companies have stepped forward to support the effort. Here are the program successes.

- As a group, the ambassadors have contacted 231,303 people over the course of the year.
- The economic value of service from the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors is estimated to be \$88,277.72 to the state.
- We feel that our programs are instilling leadership skills that will benefit the youth involved for the rest of their lives.
- The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program has entered year two; training 45 students.
- After completing this year's courses, we have successfully trained 263 students.
- Positive reports of student achievement from our partner universities have become the norm. Livestock Ambassadors are leading student organizations, serving in critical student worker positions, staff for elected officials, national champions in competitive events, serving as ambassadors for his/her university, coordinating educational programs and mentoring new students.
- In 2013, Texas 4-H offered: Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses at Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University, Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Advocacy Academy at Texas Tech University and the Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Training in Gainesville, TX.

Investment from supporters is critical to the success of these leadership development experiences. Texas 4-H-Youth Livestock and Agriculture is honored to enter an alliance developing the future leaders in agriculture.



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# 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](http://www.tractorsupply.com/4-H), for more information on the fall 2013 4-H Paper Clover Campaign and to view the donation tracker.

## TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

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The 2014 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application is now available at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships>. Texas 4-H Opportunity scholarship can be applied for by any high school senior who has been an active Texas 4-H member for the past three of four years, a Texas resident, and a US citizen. Applicants must be planning on attending a Texas College or University to be considered for a scholarship.

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program provides scholarships in four different categories. Each scholarship category has its own requirements and criteria. It is up to the applicant to make sure that he/she clearly understands the requirements and completes the application in order to be considered.

- Baccalaureate Scholarships - for students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science (BS) or Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from an accredited Texas College or University.
- Technical Certification Scholarships - for students who wish to pursue technical certification in a recognized and approved major/course of study and from an approved Texas accredited college listed in the scholarship packet.
- Collegiate Scholarships – designated for former Texas 4-H members who have been graduated from high school for at least one year, and completed a minimum of 30 hours of college credit at a grade point average of at least 2.7. Some collegiate scholarships contain other award criteria. (See separate application and instructions).
- Courageous Heart Scholarships – scholarships awarded to Texas 4-H members pursuing either a Baccalaureate or Technical degree that have overcome extreme obstacles related to medical, family, and/or education and remained an active member in both 4-H and school.

See the requirements related to each of these scholarships. The deadline for scholarships to be turned in to the county Extension Office will be set by each county office.

# Volunteer Reporting

As a volunteer with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, you are our partner in ensuring the highest quality educational programming is taking place for our young people. Therefore, it is important that we gather information from you, our volunteers, on what activities you are leading such as club meetings, workshops, project trainings, project visits, fund raisers, community service, etc.

To make the process of reporting as easy as possible for our volunteers, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program has developed two options for reporting numbers. One method is through the Texas 4-H Volunteer Resource website, the other through the 4-H CONNECT system. You may use whichever system works best for you, which could be a combination of both; however, we ask that you please do not report the same numbers into both systems.

Because these numbers are significant in sharing with stakeholders the outstanding work our volunteers are accomplishing, you are asked to report your numbers in a timely method. A good rule to follow would be within 5 days of your meeting, workshop, or event.

To help you decide the best option to use, below is some information for each system:

## Texas 4-H Volunteer Resource Website

- Anyone can report to this system, regardless if you are a screened and/or designated club manager/project leader.
- System does not require a login.
- To report, go to:  
[texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteerres](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteerres).
- Once at the site, go to the section called "Volunteer Reporting."
- Beside "4-H Volunteer Reporting," click the link. This will take you directly to the on-line reporting system.

## Texas 4-H CONNECT System

- To report using the 4-H CONNECT system, a volunteer must have access to their 4-H club(s).
- This includes your County Extension Office providing both access to your club(s) and the passwords for the club(s).
- To report, go to:  
[texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteerres](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteerres).
- Once at the site, go to the section called "Volunteer Reporting." Select the link to the 4-H CONNECT system.
- Log into your family and once in the family profile, log into your club.
- Once in your 4-H Club area, you will click on the "Meeting Attendance" icon.
- Complete all applicable information for the club meeting and/or project training completed.

## On-Line Video Help

To help our volunteers, we have also developed two step-by-step videos, one for each process. These videos can be viewed at [texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteerres](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteerres).



# ARE YOU ...

## 4-H STRONG

Join Texas 4-H on November 7 and November 12 as we pump up our Volunteers to be 4-H Strong through a series of Virtual Volunteer workshops.

Workshops will be conducted via TTVN Web Meeting. A complete schedule of workshops and times are listed below. For workshop descriptions, instructions on how to participate, and any updates, visit the Volunteer Conference website at:

[texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer\\_conference](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2013

Time	Topic	Presenter
11:30 am	Invitational Contests	Kyle Merten
11:30 am	Teen Retreat	Mark Carroll
12:30 pm	Clothing & Textiles	Angela McCorkle
12:30 pm	Consumer Decision Making	L. Saldana & A. Hart
7:00 pm	4-H Program Update	Chris Boleman
7:30 pm	Tax filing	Chris Boleman
7:30 pm	Shooting Sports Opportunities	Larry Hysmith
8:30 pm	Preparing to Apply for 4-H Scholarships	Toby Lepley
8:30 pm	Ag Product ID	Amy Dromgoole

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

Time	Topic	Presenter
11:30 am	Tax filing	Chris Boleman
11:30 am	Preparing to Apply for 4-H Scholarships	Toby Lepley
11:30 am	Quiz Bowls	Kevin Chilek
12:30 pm	Ag Product ID	Amy Dromgoole
12:30 pm	Shooting Sports Opportunities	Larry Hysmith
12:30 pm	Volunteer Award Opportunities	Toby Lepley
7:00 pm	4-H Program Update	Chris Boleman
7:30 pm	Clothing & Textiles	Angela McCorkle
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*Senior 4-H & FFA Members Are  
YOU ready for a chance at a  
**\$10,000 scholarship?***

**2014**

**SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO**

**FOOD CHALLENGE  
CONTEST**

*Contest Date:*

*Thursday, February 6th*

*San Antonio*

*4-H members  
compete as  
individuals!*

**San  
Antonio**  
**Stock Show & Rodeo®**

*Show your skills  
in foods & nutrition  
and have some fun!*

*Deadline for Entry: December 1, 2013*



let's go  
let's grow

Making Texas 4-H Stronger . . . Together

Here's Your Sign

No, Really its a Contest!!



*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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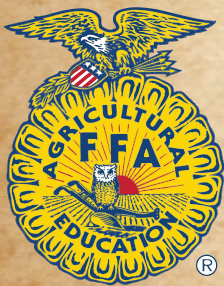
# 2014 NATIONAL BEEF QUIZ BOWL

4-H and FFA members from across the state are invited to participate in the 3rd Annual National Beef Quiz Bowl hosted by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Teams have the opportunity to further the livestock and beef industry through this exciting hands-on game show style competition testing the knowledge and skills of the youth competitors.



For more information about the contest and resources, visit:  
[agrilife.org/beefquiz](http://agrilife.org/beefquiz)



**Entry Deadline:**  
**December 1, 2013**

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**MARCH 7, 2014**