

ANDREWS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Next 4-H Meeting April 11th 4-H Club Officer Nominations

Our 4-H Club will meet Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Please

make plans to attend as we will be taking final nominations for next year's club officers and sweethearts. Elections for officer positions will be held in May. A list of club officer duties is included in this newsletter, so please read through them to determine if you would like to run for any of the positions. Nominating and electing officers are important parts of club business. Much of the success of the club depends on the officers we elect.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL:

- 1 CLOTHING PROJECTS
DUE TO COUNTY OFFICE
- 1 FASHION STORYBOARDS
DUE TO COUNTY OFFICE
- 2 D6 DUDS TO DAZZLE
COMPETITION @ RANKIN
- 9 D6 RIFLE CONTEST @
MONAHANS
- 11 GENERAL 4-H MEETING
@ 6:30PM
- 15 DEADLINE FOR STATE
PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRY
ON 4-H CONNECT
- 18 EAR TAG ORDER DEAD-
LINE FOR MAJOR STEER
AND STATE FAIR
- 20 D6 WOOL JUDGING
COMPETITION @ SAN
ANGELO
- 28 ALA MEETING AT NOON

MAY:

- 1 HORSE VALIDATION
DEADLINE
- 7 DISTRICT ROUNDUP @
FORT STOCKTON
- 9 GENERAL 4-H MEETING
@ 6:30PM
- 26 ALA MEETING AT
NOON

Community Service- Bring and Plant Flowers

For our April community service project please bring a small flower plant. We will plant them in the front area of the Extension Office following the meeting. The flower bed is a shaded area with easy access to water. Any small colorful flower plant should work. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



District 4-H Round Up May 7th @ Fort Stockton

The 2016 District 6 4-H Round Up will be held on Saturday, May 7th in Fort Stockton. Round Up contests include: Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Entomology Identification, Share the Fun, Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, and Discover Scientific Method Research Poster Contest. Entry deadline is April 22nd on 4-H Connect. The Photography and Craft projects have been moved to be held in August. If you are interested in competing in any of these contests contact the Extension Office at 432-524-1421. For more information go to: <http://d64-h.tamu.edu>



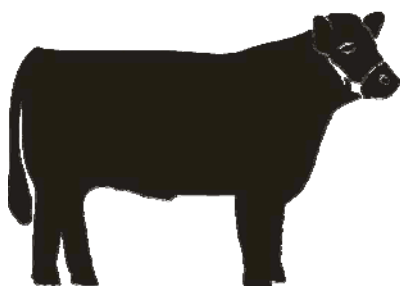
Ear Tag Order for 2016 State Fair of Texas

Time is fast approaching to make decisions on how many ear tags you will need for the upcoming 2016 State Fair of Texas (lambs, goats and barrows). The deadline for ordering tags is Monday, April 18th. Please call or come by the Extension Office anytime Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm (closed 12-1 for lunch). Cost is \$10 per tag.



2016-2017 Major Steer Validation

It's time to plan for the 2016-2017 Texas 4-H /FFA Steer Validation Program. If you are planning on showing steers at any of the major shows in Texas (Odessa, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin or Dallas) then you will need to order tags for validation. The deadline to order steer tags is Monday April 18, 2016. Cost for ear tag is \$10 per tag. Checks must accompany orders and should be made payable to Andrews County Junior Livestock Association (ACJLA). Since refunds cannot be given, please order the number of tags as accurately as possible. If you are unsure of the number of tags needed, order a few extra to be safe. All major



livestock shows require all 4-H and FFA steers to be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation Program and identified appropriately with an official Texas steer tag, nose print, hair sample and tattoo. All Andrews County steers will be validated in June. Please note this is only a validation of ownership. This is not an entry to a show. County and Major show entries will be made separately. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.

4-H Horse Validation Program

Horse validation is now open on 4-H Connect. If you validate between March 1st-April 15th the cost is \$10 per horse. From April 16th-May 1st the cost is \$20 per horse. If you plan on participating in District or State Horse competition, you will need to complete validation by the May 1st deadline. The District Horse Show will take place on June 20-21 in Fort Stockton and the State Horse Show will take place on July 23-30 in Abilene. If you need assistance, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421



Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Application Deadline May 1st

The Equine Ambassador Program is a special opportunity for advanced 4-Hers to develop their leadership skills to become future leaders in their county 4-H horse program and in the horse industry. Opportunities for growth and development through demonstrations, hands-on learning, leadership training, and fun activities are all part of this rewarding experience!

The program is set for June 26-30, 2016 at the Lone Oak Retreat in Gainesville, TX.

More information and the application can be accessed at:

<http://texasyouthlivestock.com/equine-ambassadors/>

The deadline to apply is May 1st. If there are any questions, contact the Ext. Office at 524-1421.

Shooting Sports News

The Andrews Shooting Sports project is open to youth in grades 3-12. Email and text reminders are sent out each week with information on meeting and practice times. If you haven't signed up for the shooting sports text reminder yet, be sure to text "@5c812" to 81010. Also, call our office if you would like to be added to our shooting sports group on facebook. For more information on the Shooting Sports project call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



Midland County Whizbang April 30th



Midland County 4-H is hosting a Whizbang shooting competition on Saturday, April 30th at the Midland Shooters Association Shotgun Range, located at 5911 South FM 1788. There will be a morning and afternoon rotation with 50 targets each for skeet, trap and whizbang. Cost is \$95 per entry. Buckles for HOA and HAA will be awarded in each age division. For more information or registration forms please call the Ext Office at 524-1421.

Adult Leaders Association Scholarship

ALA Scholarship applications are available for pick up at the Extension Office. An application will be mailed to each senior with an active profile on 4-H Connect. You may also call the Extension Office for an electronic copy. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by May 1st. Please note that you must also submit a letter of recommendation and a school transcript in order for your application to be complete. All 4-H Seniors who have completed two 4-H projects and have been an active member for a minimum of 2 years are eligible to apply. Good luck to all!! For more information, please call the Extension Office at 432-524-1421.

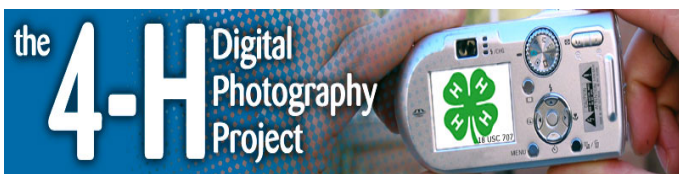


PHOTO CATEGORIES:

Animals– Domestic	Animals– Wildlife
Catch-All	Details & Macro
Digital Darkroom	Dominant Color
Elements of Design	Food
Marine/Aquatic	Nature & Landscape
Night Photography	People
Plant/Flora	Storyboard
Theme– 4-H Ribbons, Awards & Recognition	

4-H Photography Things to Remember...

State photography entries are due by **April 15th** on 4-H Connect. This is open to senior age group only (9th-12th grade)

Photos for the County competition are due to the Extension Office by June 24th. This is open to 3rd-12th grade.

Top 3 photos per age group at the County level will qualify for District competition and must register on 4-H Connect by July 29th.

The Extension Office will have a printer and photo paper available to print your photos during the week of Spring Break from 8am-4pm.

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign

The Andrews Tractor Supply will launch the 2016 Spring 4-H Paper Clover Campaign on April 13th. Shoppers at the Andrews TSC store will have the opportunity to support the Andrews 4-H



Club 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 program activities in Andrews.

County Camp II July 7-9, 2014 in Brownwood

Registration is now open for County Camp II that will take place in Brownwood June 29-July 1, 2016. Youth ages 9-18 are encouraged to attend this 2 night/ 3day camp. The cost is \$180 if you register by June 13th. Campers will experience team-building and communication skills development through their participation in programs such as Challenge Course activities, water games, rifle, archery, arts, swimming, dance, color run, and environmental education. For more information on County Camp and other camps offered this summer, please visit

<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu> or call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



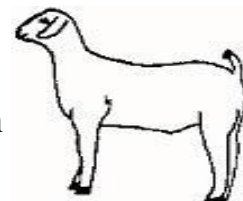
*** If you child participated in this year's 4-H fundraiser and completed 2 4-H projects, he/she will be eligible to receive a \$100 reimbursement for any summer camp registration fee. Reimbursements will be given upon return from the camp.**

Howard College Lamb & Goat Camp

Big plans are being made for the 2016 Howard College Lamb & Goat Camp. Lamb camp will be June 5th, 6th & 7th and Goat camp will be June 12th, 13th & 14th in Big Spring. Remember that only the first 200 paid entries will be accepted for each camp, so get your entries in early! Cost



for the camp is \$85 per person which includes 3 meals and a camp t-shirt or cap. Participants need to make their own hotel reservations. The County Extension Office has entry information if you would like to know more or need an entry form.



2015 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

The 2016 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School will take place on June 19-23 at the Tarleton State University Challenge Arena. Participation is open to all districts in the state, with applications being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis with first priority to those boys and girls who are 12 years of age or older. The cost of the school is \$425 for the week. This will include group insurance, meals, lodging, stall rent for one horse and will cove the cost of practice calves used in the teaching process.

Adult chaperones will be charged \$175 to attend. If chaperone is bringing a horse add \$25 for stall fee. For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 524-1421.



4-H CLUB OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Presiding as a club officer requires leadership skills and commitment to the club. Each elected member will receive a 4-H Club Officer Handbook that will give a detailed description of each position and will give samples of meeting formats and forms that are needed to have successful club meetings. Elected members will also have help from ALA Leaders and Extension Agents.

So go ahead, take a chance and run for office! GOOD LUCK!!

President: (9th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) preside at all club meetings using basic parliamentary procedures; remember that good club meetings should have inspiration (5-10 min– motto, pledge, song), business (15 min– roll call, minutes, committee reports), program (15-20 min– talks, demonstrations) and recreation (30 min– games, refreshments).

1st Vice President: (9th-12 grade, must be in 2 or more 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) assist the president; preside at meetings in the absence of the president; serve as president if the president leaves the club or resigns his office; serve as a host to any guest speakers of your club meetings; introduce any guest speakers at the meeting and give some information about what the speaker will discuss.

2nd Vice President: (6th-12 grade, must be in 2 or more 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) assist the president and vice-president; preside at meetings in the absence of the president and vice-president; in charge of recreation planning of games.

Secretary: (6th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) call roll and check attendance; read minutes from the last meeting; keep complete and accurate minutes of all meetings; write letters for the club.

Treasurer: (6th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) give reports of the club's financial condition at each meeting; report on profits of any fundraisers the club has; keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures of club funds.

Reporter: (6th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) submit interesting reports and pictures of club activities to local newspaper, radio and television stations; report club news to the Extension Office to be included in the 4-H newsletter.

4-H CLUB OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

CONTINUED...

Council Delegate: (6th-12th grade, currently active in 4-H and strong desire to serve) organize radio spots to promote 4-H; attend other city wide meetings that could benefit our club and report back; make presentations about the 4-H Club at other city wide meetings.

Community Service Chair: (3rd-6th grade, active in 4-H and strong desire to serve) research community service needs for Andrews County, propose and help plan 4 community service projects to fit the needs of our community.

Health & Safety Officer: (3rd-6th grade, active in 4-H and strong desire to serve) provide a 5 minute presentation on health and/or safety at each of the 4-H meetings.

Song Leader: (3rd-12th grade; currently active in 4-H and strong desire to lead) come up with a list of songs to sing for each meeting, or a playlist of songs to play as guests arrive and during recreation of meetings; in charge of pledge and motto.

Junior Sweetheart: (3rd-5th grade) present awards to members at 4-H functions and events; represent and promote Andrews County 4-H Club at local radio station and in the community.

Intermediate Sweetheart: (6th-8th grade) present awards to members at 4-H functions and events; represent and promote Andrews County 4-H Club at local radio station and in the community.

Senior Sweetheart: (9th-12th grade) present awards to members at 4-H functions and events; represent and promote Andrews County 4-H Club at local radio station and in the community.