

AUSTIN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

December 2012

January Council & Parents/Leaders Association Meeting

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!!!

The next Council & Parents/Leaders Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 7pm at the Woodmen of the World- Texas Youth Camp located at 5193 Texas 36 in Bellville. This exciting meeting will be hosted by Woodmen of the World agent Sonya Brown. Not only will you be able to come and learn more about what is going on within the county with the 4-H program, you will also be able to listen in on a program discussing how parents can start a Roth IRA to make money for their chil-

dren's college! Also, dinner will be served, door prizes (iPods, gift cards, iTunes gift cards!) will be given out, and incentive tickets will be DOUBLED for your chance to win a VISA gift card at the end of the year!!!

It is always exciting when a local group/organization helps out the youth in our program, for example hosting a council meeting; I hope we can repay them by having a HUGE attendance at this meeting! There is something for EVERYONE to learn!

4-H Members, use this opportunity to invite a friend to join 4-H!

Please RSVP by Dec. 26 to the extension office.



Local 4-H Members working together to come up with new ideas for programming within their local clubs!!!

Train Like a Champion Livestock Clinic Series

Join us for the first annual Train Like a Champion Livestock Clinic Series! It will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2013 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham. 10am-12pm will be a swine workshop led by Mr. Brice

Mund. 1-3pm will be a sheep/goat workshop led by Dr. Billy Zanolini, and concluding the clinic will be a cattle workshop led by Mr. Shane Jennings from 3-5pm. Topics to be discussed include nutrition, feeding programs,

grooming, basic care, show preparation, and much more!!!

Cost is FREE for 4-H members, and \$10.00/per non 4-H



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4-H Opportunity Scholarships

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholar-

ship through the Texas 4-H Program.

The deadline to submit this application to the County Extension office is **February 1, 2013.**

Please be sure you go to the county website and find the attachments for scholarship information and the application. Give your-

self enough time to complete the application in full and get it turned in before the deadline! If you need ANY help, contact the extension office.

**To prepare for college and the scholarship application process, high schoolers are reminded to take the SAT or ACT test and go online to fill out a FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.gov>*



Austin County Clothing & Textiles Project

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textiles project: knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, poise in front of others and personal presentation skills.

Our County Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2013 here at the extension office. Deadline to register for the fashion show is **Tuesday, February 26, 2013.**

A county packet will be posted on our website soon. Please take a look and if you're interested and fill out an entry form! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the extension office!



Austin County 4-H Roundup



4-Her's, County Round-Up is just around the corner! Come out and share your talent! This competition is the perfect opportunity for singing, dancing, poetry, acting, public speaking and so much more. Who knows..... you might be the next "American Idol" so please don't miss this fantastic event.

County Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at **Selman Elementary School in Sealy, TX.** Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the **gym** and the contest will begin

promptly at 6:30 p.m. 4-Hers will be directed as to where their contest will be conducted on the campus. All 4-Hers must complete the entry form for registration. Registration forms are due in the County Extension Office by **Thursday, February 28, 2013,** and can be found on the county website shortly.

Contact the extension office if you have any questions!

Photography

The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and process of photographs. Objectives include:

- To develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.

- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication in their lives.

- To provide photography project showcase opportunity for senior 4-H members

- To continue to share the message of 4-H.

- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

Our County photography contest will be conducted

online. All photos must be submitted by **Friday, February 15, 2013**. The photos will be judged by a panel of judges, and an awards ceremony will be held on Monday, March 4, 2013.

Please visit the county website to view the informational packet and learn how to upload your pictures. This will be available shortly.



Major Show Broiler Pick Up



For those of you that ordered major show broilers the pick up dates are as follows:

San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo– January 11, 2013

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo/ Star of Texas– January 23, 2013

I will be getting with those of you who ordered broilers closer to time to discuss pick up time, etc. The birds can be picked up at the extension office!



Major Livestock Show Information

For those of you participating in the 2013 Texas Major Livestock Shows, I want to wish each of you the *best of luck!*

I will be seeing you all around at the different shows and talking with you ahead of time to distribute passes as they come in, so be sure you are watching for notification emails/phone calls!

Also, all major stock show website links are located on the website!

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I am so excited about what the Austin County 4-H program has to offer for the new 2012-2013 year!!!

Be sure you are attending your local and county meetings and keeping up to date with your project's dates and deadlines!!!

Encourage your friends to join 4-H so they can have just as much fun as you are! All they have to do is enroll on 4-H Connect, and attend the meetings.

Don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!



4-H Stars



Austin County's FIRST EVER Food Challenge team consisting of Lillian Hohlt, Ryland Brau, Emily Shupak, and Faith Martin competed at the 2012 District 11 Food Challenge competition this year. The kids had a blast and can't wait to participate next year!



Pictured above (Left to Right): Emily Shupak, Faith Martin, Ryland Brau, and Lillian Hohlt

Also, Congratulations to our local county food show participants on a job well done!

- Madison Makowsky
- Sarah Mahlmann
- Lucy Mahlamann