

The Duval Message

Duval County 4-H

March 2010



April Showers.... Bring May Flowers!



Hello everyone. If you would be interested in learning more about recordbooks, please contact our office and we will be happy to assist you in putting a recordbook together. If you are an officer in any of the 4-H clubs, we would like for you to consider attending Leadership Camp. Thanks to all who assisted at the District 12 4-H Rifle Match at the Duval County Park,

*Thank You,
Sam Gavito*

2010 4-H RECORDBOOK JUDGING

The 2010 D12 4-H Recordbook Judging will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at Texas A&M Health Science Center located at 2101 South McColl Rd. in McAllen. On-site registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a brief orientation at 10:00 a.m. and judging immediately after.

Entries and Registration: Each county may submit one recordbook per category per age division. The County Extension Agent that serves as the 4-H Coordinator is required to submit their county's list of recordbooks by **June 29, 2010**.

Resources:

Record keeping and recordbook resources can be found on the Texas 4-H Website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordbooks/index_youth_recordbooks.php. In addition, the Personal Information Page and Report Form are available as fill-in forms in Adobe Acrobat, MS Word and WordPerfect and can be downloaded from the District 12 4-H website at <http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/recordbooks.html>.

38th Annual Summer Horsemanship School Program Summer of 2010



For 38 consecutive years, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, as part of the Texas A&M University System, has trained and sent instructors to various counties across Texas. The program has played a vital role in the improvement in riding abilities and general knowledge of the participants, advancing leadership and communication skills of the instructors and developing a network of positive relationships throughout the 254 counties in the state. The success of the summer horsemanship schools is largely due to the genuine interest and commitment to help people improve and succeed, regardless of their level of experience.

The Two-Day Horsemanship School Program will be held in San Diego at the Arnoldo Lopez residence on Tuesday, June 15th and Wednesday, June 16th, 2010.

These schools are designed as day schools with instruction from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call the office to reserve your slot as soon as possible as space is limited. The fee will be \$60 for the 2-day event.

To RSVP, please contact:

Duval County Extension Agent Sam Gavito at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591 or 361-207-1160

2010 DISTRICT 12 4-H HORSE SHOW

The District 12 4-H Horse Show will be held Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds located in Robstown.

All exhibitors must fulfill the following requirements before they register for this event:

- All horses have been validated
- All futurity horse nominations have been completed and submitted.
- All grade horse certifications have been completed and submitted.

If you plan on registering for this event please contact us so that we can give you the horse project packet. Please call our office at 361-256-4591.

District 12 4-H Horse Show Registration Process:

- Registration will be online through 4-H CONNECT and will require certification at the county and district level.
- Individual online registration will open on April 21st and continue through May 21, 2010. Late registration will require a \$30 late fee and will end on June 10th. No refunds will be given to a county or individual. No registrations will be accepted after the June 3rd deadline.
- Stall reservations must be made on 4-H CONNECT. Stall fees are \$15/stall and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.
- The entry summary certification form is to be completed and forwarded to the District Office by May 21, 2010.

Participants must bring the following to the District Show:

- Current EIA (Coggins) test documentation which shows that the horse has tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia.
- Registration Papers or Grade Horse Identification & Certification Form.

County Offices should have on file:

- Horse Project Validation Information and copies of registration papers/grade horse identification & certification forms.
- Signed Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless Agreement.

The District 12 4-H Horse Show will be conducted in accordance with the Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book which can be accessed from the TAMU Animal Science website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu>. The rulebook is revised annually and **it is the responsibility of 4-H Horse project members, leaders, and parents to be familiar with the rules, 4-H Horse Program Objectives and 4-H Horse Show Philosophy Statement.**

Community Service Project: Each county is asked to bring two horse-related items valued at \$15.00 each to the D12 4-H Horse Show for a "Chance Auction". Please see attached flyer for more information.

Texas 4-H Horse Show Registration Process: The 2010 Texas 4-H Horse Show will be held July 24-31, 2010 in Abilene. All 4-H members who wish to participate in any Qualifying Show in Abilene must first attend the District 12 4-H Horse Show to become eligible. However, participation in Open/Invitational events in Abilene does not require participation in the District 12 4-H Horse Show. The registration process is explained below:

- All state entry forms must be received in the District 12 office by June 19th.
- Forms must have all appropriate signatures (member, parent/guardian, agent)
- Online registration/payment must be complete by June 22nd.

Questions about the 2010 District 12 4-H Horse Show can be directed to the planning committee co-chairs, Marcel Valdez (830-374-2883) or George L. Gonzalez (956-721-2626)

2010 DISTRICT 12 4-H LEADERSHIP LAB

District 12 4-H Leadership Lab will be held June 21-24, 2010 at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Leadership Lab is open to all 4-H'ers who participate in 4-H clubs, ENP, curriculum enrichment and other 4-H activities. On site registration is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 21 and the program will end on Thursday, June 24 by noon.

1. **Registration Fees & Deadline:** The total cost for Leadership Lab is \$140.00 per person (this is for room, meals, and program costs). ALL participants attending District 12 4-H Leadership Lab must register online through 4-H CONNECT. Registration instructions are included in this packet. All entries will be certified by the county and district office. There is no specific quota on how many can attend from your county. Individual online registration will open immediately through the **deadline of May 31, 2010**. A late registration fee of \$25.00 will be assessed to anyone registering after May 31st. Late registrations will be accepted through June 7th, there will be no registration allowed after that date or on-site. Substitutions allowed up to the date of late registration (June 7th). No refunds will be given.
2. **Age Eligibility:** All youth must be at least 12 years of age by June 1, 2010 in order to attend Leadership Lab. All 4-H'ers attending Lab must turn in the following forms at the registration desk at TAMU- Kingsville upon check-in.
 - a. TAMUK Participant Waiver, Indemnification & Medical Treatment Authorization Form
 - b. 4-H Participant Waiver, Indemnification & Medical Treatment Authorization Form
 - c. Health Statement
 - d. 4-H Code of Conduct/Consequences of Misbehavior
3. **District 12 4-H Council Officers** and event planning committee members should plan on arriving early Monday, June 21 by 8:30 a.m. Council officers must register online but they will not be charged the registration fee due to the leadership role they will play at this event.
4. **CEA's and Chaperones:** Adult leaders, parents, and agents will need to fill out both the TAMUK and 4-H Participant Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Forms and turn them in at registration. Each county will need to have one male and one female chaperone for every eight (8) youth of the same gender and must stay overnight. All adult volunteers, leaders, parents and agents registered will be serving as chaperones throughout the duration of Leadership Lab and are expected to stay at the camp facilities.
5. **Theme:** With suggestions from the District 12 4-H Council officers, the theme for Lab this year will be *"Make It Your Life!!"*
6. **T-Shirt Design Contest:** District 12 4-H'ers who are eligible to attend Lab are encouraged to submit their design creation focusing on this year's theme. The deadline for submitting entries is May 20th. The award for the winning entry is a complimentary registration for Leadership Lab (\$140 value) payable to the respective county 4-H program.
7. **Community Service Project:** The district council will be conducting a community service project to support our troops which will take place during a concurrent session at Lab. Each participant is asked to bring two cards (with envelopes) to Leadership Lab. We will be creating thank you notes for U.S. soldiers who are currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.
8. **Items to Bring:** Those attending Lab should bring the following items:
 - Signed youth/adult forms
 - Linens (towels, sheets, pillows, sleeping bags, etc.)
 - Comfortable shoes, clothes and swim wear
 - Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, sunblock, etc.)
 - Alarm clock (optional)
 - Two cards (with envelopes) as mentioned above in Item #7
 - Snacks/refreshments, etc. if they choose.
9. **D12 4-H Council Meeting:** We will be having a council meeting on the first day of Lab, Monday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. This Meeting will count towards eligibility if a 4-H'er is running for a council office. Youth not attending Leadership Lab and wishing to participate in the council meeting that morning are invited and welcome at that time. We will be sending an announcement letter and agenda for the council meeting closer to the event date.

We are continuing to offer the District 12 4-H Spirit T-Shirt which can be purchased by participants when they register for this event on 4-H CONNECT. They will be delivered at the event along with your camp t-shirt.

The first-ever 2010-2011 District 12 4-H Calendar can also be ordered by participants as they register for this event. This 13-month calendar features select photos from the winning entries at the 2010 District 12 4-H Photography Contest!! Pre-press orders will ship August 1st.