

The Duval Message

Duval County 4-H

August 2009

Hello everyone. Well, it's finally here. The beginning of the 2009-2010 4-H year. As of August 1st 4-H CONNECT is open for registration. In this newsletter, we have included instructions for new and previous members of the Duval County 4-H Club. As always, if you need any help or have any questions please come by the office at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591.

Sam Gavito



Welcome to Texas 4-H! Here's how to get started!

Enroll in 4-H

To enroll in a Texas 4-H club, you must register online using the 4-H Connect management system. You will need a computer, internet access, and a Mozilla web browser.

1. Open your Mozilla internet browser. If you do not have Mozilla, please download it free from www.mozilla.com.
2. Go to <https://texas.4honline.com>.
3. Click "I need to setup a profile".
4. Select your county from the drop down menu.
5. Fill in the fields marked Email, Confirm Email, Last Name and create a password you will remember.
6. Select "Family" on the Role drop down menu.
7. Click "Create Login".
8. Follow the on-screen prompts to register your family and all family members involved in a 4-H club as a member or volunteer (including adults). Fields marked in bold are required.
9. Register each member in all projects or groups they participate in or wish to join in the future.
10. If you are a youth, your registration will be submitted to your county extension office, where an agent will review your application. If you have to make any corrections, they will contact you by e-mail. Once complete and correct, the agent will approve your enrollment. If you are an adult volunteer, your registration will be sent to the Youth Protection Standards Office for screening if you have not been screened, or are due for three year review. Once you are screened and approved, your registration will be returned back to your county extension office, where an agent will review and accept your application.

Tip: Do not hit your browser's "Back" button while within the 4-H Connect system!

Questions about 4-H Connect? Contact your club manager or county extension office at 361-256-4591

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Welcome Back to Texas 4-H! If you have already been in 4-H, Here's how to get started!

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5. Select "Family" on the Role drop down menu.
6. Click "Login".

Enrollment status will be "Inactive"

7. Click "Edit" next to child's name
8. Click "Enroll 2009-2010"

Review your Profile information

Remember to update your grade and also your contact information if it has changed

9. Click "Continue"
10. Add projects
11. Click "Continue"
12. Click "Submit Enrollment"

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IMPORTANT!

2010 DUVAL COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES

The San Diego Rotary Club Board of Directors has made some changes to the 2010 Duval County General Rules.

These changes are emphasized in *bold and italicized*.

For example: Did you know that the Kiddie Show Rules have changed?

Kiddie Livestock entries are limited to Swine, Goat, and Beef Calf and must not be older than 90 days at show time.

Kiddie Swine...120 Pounds Maximum

Kiddie Goats...60 Pounds Maximum

Kiddie Beef Calf...300 Pounds Maximum

AND

EXHIBITOR QUALIFICATIONS: Fair participants as exhibitors must belong to one or more of the following organizations in Duval County *and may only exhibit in one county.*

To view these changes and many others, please visit the Duval County website at:

<http://duval-tx.tamu.edu>

At the top of the page you will click on **Publications** then click on

Junior Livestock Show Management then click on **2010 Duval County Fair Auction General Rules.**

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your Club Managers and they will have a copy of the General Rules.

Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb & Goat Validation Program

Time is fast approaching for each of you to make decisions on how many ear tags you will be needing for the 2010 Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb & Goat Validation Programs. This is for *major shows* like San Antonio, Houston, etc. **The DEADLINE for ordering tags will be Thursday, August 27, 2009 (by NOON).** Tags will cost \$9.00 each. Since refunds cannot be given, please order the number of tags as accurately as possible.

If you have any questions or to order tags, please contact our office at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591.



The Duval County 4-H is planning to form a Shooting Sports Team. In order to do this, we are asking adult volunteers to become Shooting Sports Leaders or Coaches. We will be unable to make this happen without your help.

**4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
LEADER/COACHES WORKSHOP**

Hebbronville, Texas
Friday, September 11th (1:00 pm)
to
Saturday, September 12th (11:00 pm)

Shooting project consists of:
Archery, .22 Rifle, or Shotgun

Fee is \$110
Includes meals served on the site
Lodging on your own

Please call our office for more information on the shooting sports project and for your registration forms at 361-256-4591.

Attention!
Duval County Club Managers

It is the beginning of the 2009-2010 4-H year. It is very important that we have a Duval County Club Manager's meeting to discuss the upcoming year. Please contact me, as soon as possible, so that we can set up a date and time that we can meet. You can come by my office at the Benavides Civic Center or you can call the office at 361-256-4591 or my cell at 361-207-1160.



2009 SHOW PIG SHORTCOURSE

August 22, 2009
Guadalupe County Fairgrounds
Seguin, Texas

SELECTION – NUTRITION – HEALTH FACILITIES – SHOW PREPARATION

The Seguin Swine Breeders are proud to present to you a group of widely respected pork producers and swine industry professionals as speakers. If a swine project is in your future, this clinic will cover all the various aspects of selecting, feeding, and showing a pig.

Schedule of Events

8:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	“Welcome” – Chuck Real
9:05 a.m.	“Facilities” – Dr. Jodi Sterle
9:35 a.m.	“Feeding & Nutrition For Today’s Showpig” – Jeff Langemeier
10:05 a.m.	“Gilt Management, Breed Characteristics & Classification” – Chuck Real
10:40 a.m.	Break – Commercial Exhibits Open
11:00 a.m.	“What You Need in Your Health Care Toolbox” – Kurt Kelso, Chuck Real
11:45 a.m.	“Show Ethics and Pork Quality Assurance” – Dr. Jodi Sterle
12:15 p.m.	Lunch – Commercial Exhibits Open
12:45 p.m.	“Showmanship and Show Pig Management –
1:45 p.m.	“Show Pig Selection Tips” – Chuck Real, Dr. Jodi Sterle, Kurt Kelso
3:00 p.m.	Closing

Registration Fee - \$15.00 per person (included noon meal)
Registration Deadline – Wednesday, August 19, 2009
Late Registration - \$20.00 per person

Make checks payable to: Seguin Swine Breeders

Pigs used in selection program will be offered for sale by private treaty
For Registration Form or further information regarding shortcourse or commercial exhibit space,
contact Jeff Hanselka at (830) 379-1972