

The Duval Message

Duval County 4-H

March 2009

Hello Everyone. Congratulations! to all Duval County 4-H members who participated in the San Diego County Fair and the Freer County Fair. We had a great turn-out at both fairs and as always I am very proud of each of you. I also wanted to say "Thank You" to the parents for your support with your child's animal projects. I am looking forward to next year's county fairs, but the 4-H year is still not over. There are many other programs and projects coming soon, so join the fun!

Sam Gavito

District 12 4-H Photography Contest



District 12 will be hosting its annual 4-H Photography Contest for **Junior and Intermediate 4-H members only**. We will be following the 2008-2009 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Guidelines which are currently available on the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

Registration, Fees and Deadline:

Each 4-H'er entering photos for the District 12 4-H Photography Contest must register online through 4-H CONNECT. The registration fee will be \$5.00 per photo entry. Online registration will open **January 12th through March 24, 2009**. Detailed registration instructions are posted on the District 12 4-H website at <http://d124-h.tamu.edu>. No late entries will be accepted. No refunds will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct.

2009 District 12 4-H Leadership Lab

T-Shirt Design Contest

ATTENTION: District 12 4-H'ers who are eligible to attend Leadership Lab Everybody could be wearing YOUR design creation at our upcoming camp in summer! So get creative and submit your entry TODAY!



Please follow the guidelines below for creating the t-shirt design:

1. Must include the official 4-H Clover.
2. Must include the title and theme of the event:
2009 District 12 4-H Leadership Lab
"Often Imitated, Never Duplicated"
4. Design should be single color (text and image).
5. Maximum of 960x960 pixels, should be no larger than 10" x 10".
6. Must be submitted as an electronic version only in either of the following formats: JPEG, GIF or TIFF.
7. Single entries only, no group entries will be accepted.
8. Deadline is Monday, May 20, 2009.
9. Submit by e-mailing directly to: D124h@ag.tamu.edu
Please include your name and county on the e-mail.

Winner will receive one complimentary (non-transferrable) registration for District 12 4-H Leadership Lab payable to their respective county 4-H program.



ANNOUNCEMENT!

~ SECOND NOTICE ~

The Duval County Extension office will soon be going paperless. Newsletters will no longer be mailed out every month. Instead, newsletters will be posted in the Duval County Extension website. Also available on our website are numerous publications, events, links and newsletters. The website is designed to make it easier for individuals to access information needed. Individuals who do not have access to a computer, please contact our office and we will mail a copy to you, otherwise, please visit our website at www.duval-tx.tamu.edu.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to visit our office at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591.



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2009 DISTRICT 12 4-H FASHION SHOW

The District 12 4-H Fashion Show will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2009** at **Texas A&M University in Kingsville**.

Each 4-H'er participating must register online through 4-HCONNECT. There will be a registration fee of **\$8.00 per person** (contestants only). Registration will open February 1 through the deadline of **April, 7, 2009**. No refunds will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct.

There is a big change this year in the structure of age and categories that affects the Juniors and Intermediates only. This year there will not be individual-age divisions (e.g. 8 year olds, 9 year olds...). Instead 4-h'ers will be divided into Junior (8-10 yrs.) and intermediate (11-13 yrs.) like all other district contests. The second part of this change splits combined categories within each division. For example, Casual/Specialty will no longer be grouped together. For additional details, please contact our office at 361-256-4591.

District 12 4-H Horse Show Saturday, June 20, 2009 Robstown, Texas

The District 12 4-H Horse Show will be held Saturday, June 20, 2009 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

Questions about any of these items should be directed to Dr. Brett Scott, Extension Horse Specialist, (979)845-1562, bdscott@ag.tamu.edu. All this information can be found on the Animal Science website, <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/>
D-12 4-H Horse Show Registration Process:

- Registration will be on-line through 4-H CONNECT and will require certification at the county and district level. Detailed registration instructions are enclosed in the Horse Show packet.
- Individual on-line registration will open on April 1st and continue through May 27th, 2009. Late registration will require a \$30 late fee and will end on June 3rd. 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 \$20/stall and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.

For more information and questions please contact our office at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591.

2009 DISTRICT 12 4-H ROUNDUP

Contest and Registration Information:

- Registration will be on-line through 4-H CONNECT and will require certification at the county and district level.
- The registration fee will be **\$10 per person per contest**. There will be a \$3.00 fee which will be added to Senior registrations ONLY. This is in support of State 4-H Roundup.
- **Multi District Horse Judging Contest**
(Group A, Contest #6) will be held on April 4, 2009 at Texas A&M University in College Station. Individual on-line registration will open on February 16 through the deadline of March 19.
- **Multi District Judging Contests**
(Group A, Contests #4,7,8,9,13, and 14) will be held on May 2, 2009 at Texas A&M University in College Station. Individual on-line registration will open on February 16 through the deadline of April 14.
- **D12 4-H Roundup - All Other Contests**
will be held on May 9, 2009 at the South Texas College Nursing and Allied Health Center, located at 1101 E. Vermont in McAllen. Individual on-line registration will open on February 16 through the deadline of April 14.

Age Eligibility: Age division for all contests will follow the Texas 4-H age categories of Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors. Age division should be determined based on their age on August 31, 2008. Any 4-H'er who meets the minimum 4-H age requirements may participate in district contests.

37th annual summer horsemanship school program

For 36 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 Freer at the Adrian Perez residence on Monday, June 15th and Tuesday, June 16th, 2009. These schools are designed as day schools with instruction from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will be taking 15 children. Please call the office to reserve your slot as soon as possible. The fee will be \$60.00 for the 2-day event.

For any questions concerning this, please feel free to contact Sam Gavito at the Benavides Civic Center or call 361-256-4591 or 361-701-1049. You may also contact Adrian Perez at 361-207-0180.



2009 District 12 4-H LEADERSHIP LAB

District 12 4-H Leadership Lab will be held June 22-25, 2009 at Methodist Camp Thicket in Weslaco. 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 22 and the program will end on Thursday, June 25 by noon.

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 Leadership Lab must register online through 4-H CONNECT. All entries will be certified by the county and district office. There is no specific quota on how many can attend. Individual online registration will open immediately through the **deadline of May 27, 2009**. A late registration fee of \$25.00 will be assessed to anyone registering after May 27th. Late registrations will be accepted through June 3rd, there will be no registration allowed after that date or on-site. Substitutions allowed up to the date of late registration (June 3rd). No refunds will be given.

Age Eligibility: All youth must be at least 12 years of age by June 1, 2009 in order to attend Leadership Lab. All 4-H'ers attending Lab must turn in the following forms at the registration desk at Camp Thicket in Weslaco upon check-in.

- Release, Waiver and Authorization for Medical Treatment
- 4-H Code of Conduct/Consequences of Misbehavior

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Sunday, June 21

3:00 p.m. Planning Committee and D12 4-H Council Officer's Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Review Schedule

Monday, June 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast for Officers
10:00 a.m. REGISTRATION BEGINS
 10:30 a.m. District 12 4-H Council Meeting
 12:00 noon Lunch (provided)
 1:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies and Orientation (Rules, Schedule, Directions)
 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. General Session (Guest Speakers)
 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Mixers and Ice Breakers
 3:00 – 4:50 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 4:50 – 5:50 p.m. Return to Rooms (Get ready for dinner and dance)
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:30 p.m. Dance (Theme: Blast from the Past)
 10:30 p.m. Vespers
 11:00 p.m. In rooms and lights out

Tuesday, June 23

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. Planned Recreational Activities
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (includes break)
 4:00 p.m. Planned Recreational Activities
 5:00 p.m. Return to Rooms (Get ready for dinner and dance)
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Dance (Theme: Flash to the Future)
 11:00 p.m. Vespers
 11:30 p.m. In rooms and lights out

Wednesday, June 24

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. Planned Recreational Activities
 12:00 noon Lunch
 1:00 – 3:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (includes break)
 4:00 p.m. Planned Recreational Activities
 5:00 p.m. Return to Rooms (Get ready for dinner and dance)
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Dance (Theme: Video Games)
 11:00 p.m. Vespers
 11:30 p.m. In rooms and lights out

Thursday, June 25

8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 8:45 a.m. General Assembly (Guest Speaker, Awards and Closing Remarks)
 12:00 noon Clean up rooms and check out. Have a safe trip home!

Planned Concurrent Sessions

1. Western/Swing Dance
2. Basic Etiquette
3. Parliamentary Procedure
4. Share-the-Fun Skit Planning
5. Scavenger Hunt Part I –
GIS (Geographical Information Systems)
6. Scavenger Hunt Part II –
GPS (Global Positioning Systems)

Planned Recreational Activities

1. Utilities
2. Frozen
3. Human Bingo
4. Obstacle Course
5. Circuit Training