4-H Opportunities

END-OF-YEAR TRIP

During the 2011-2012 year, thirty-nine 4-H members qualified to go on the end-of-year trip to Fort Davis, Texas. The students qualified by attending four club or project meetings, participating in one district contest and completing one community service activity throughout the year. On May 26-27, students and chaperones visited the McDonald Observatory, Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center and historic Fort Davis. They stayed at the Prude Guest Ranch and enjoyed swimming and pizza there.

A trip to San Antonio is planned for mid-June 2013 for those students who qualify. The qualification process is the same as last year. The trip is for members in 3rd – 12th grades. Now is the time to join 4-H and become active to earn a trip to San Antonio!

4-H PROJECTS

A 4-H project is a fun, hands-on learning experience where members learn skills they will use all their lives. What kind of skills? Here in Terry County, in addition to livestock, our most popular projects include archery, food & nutrition, dairy foods judging, photography, horse judging, clothing & textiles, public speaking, and Share-The-Fun (talent show).

Students in Kindergarten – 2nd grade are considered Clover Buds and can participate in most projects at the county level. Students in 3rd – 12th grade can complete projects and participate in county and district-level contests.

Spring semester projects include

Archery, Food Challenge, Photography, and Clothing & Textiles.

While the District Archery Meet will be held in the spring, project meetings are starting now. Students and parents must attend two orientation meetings to participate in the shooting practice which will be in November. The first meeting will cover safety and the second will cover equipment. Meetings will be held from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 and 30, at the Coleman Park Party House.

In the Food Challenge project, teams of 4-5 members have 40 minutes to make a dish, calculate the cost per serving, research the nutritional value, and clean their work area…all without a recipe!

We will have project meetings to teach photography skills, but pictures taken even now can be entered in the spring photography contest. Start clicking!

Clothing & Textiles activities include sewing, purchasing and/or designing clothes.

This is just a very brief overview of what is available in 4-H! Please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Terry County, 637-4060, for more information.

Fall semester projects and contests include the following:

Project	Contest	Date
Food & Nutrition	County Food Show	Sun., Oct. 21
Dairy Foods Judging	Dairy Foods Judging	Sat., Dec. 1 (Lubbock)
Consumer Decision Making	Consumer Decision Making	Sat., Dec. 1 (Lubbock)
Swine	Swine Skill-a-Thon	Sat., Dec. 1 (Lubbock)
Meats Judging	Meats Judging	Sat., Dec. 1 (Lubbock)

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