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4-H Newsletter

September 2007

Hello, 4-H Families,

Well, you're all back in the "school" mode and hopefully settling down into a new routine. Now it's time to make plans for the new 4-H year that started September 1st. There are lots of exciting things coming up in 4-H and we know you're going to want to get involved in many of them. Some of these are mentioned in this newsletter, so read it carefully, make note of all deadlines, and mark your calendars.

Have you re-enrolled in your 4-H Club for the 2007-2008 4-H year? If not, ask your leader for an enrollment form or come by the Extension office and get one. Everyone has to fill out a new form each year to be current.

We hope you are as excited as we are about the upcoming 4-H year. We look forward to seeing you and working with you this Fall.

Sincerely,

Brock Fry

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CEA-AG/NR

Paulette Cooper

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EA-CEP 4-H/CD

and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meets this 2nd Tuesday of September. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. We need **ALL** Council members, future youth leaders and adult leaders to attend. This is a very important meeting. We will be making decisions about 4-H Week, and other current issues.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

The first week of October is National 4-H Week. We will be making plans at the Council meeting September 11 for celebrating 4-H Week. Bring your good ideas to the meeting next Tuesday.

4-H COUNTY AWARDS BANQUET

Will be on October 4, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at Kelly Park. You will want to attend and see if you are an award winner and cheer those on who have given great volunteer service. The awards banquet also is a time for new officers to take there places and new leadership is born. The Banquet is free we want for you to attend. We had State Representative Steven Frost as the key note speaker last year and will have a great speaker this year as well.

STATE FAIR ANNOUNCES YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY

Youth Leadership Day will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007 in the Cotton Bowl at the Texas State Fair. The program will include a food drive competition between 4-H, FFA and FCCLA (Family and Consumer participants. The North Texas Food Bank will be on hand to accept the food donations. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place clubs/chapters from each organization.

Leadership Day activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. SHARP, and will include a welcome from State Fair dignitaries, a film on the new Jumbotron scoreboard, and an exciting featured speaker. After the program, attendees will be led through the Food and Fiber Building where each one can experience Texas Agriculture and receive a goodie bag.

If your club wants to attend this special day at the Fair, let the agents know at once, as the tickets must be ordered before September 12th, and all tickets for 4-H must be ordered at the same time.

Y.E.S. CAMP

Y.E.S. (Youth Experiencing Success) Camp for junior-age (8-13 yrs) 4-H'ers will be held November 9-10, 2007 at Lakeview Assembly Camp in Palestine. The cost of the camp will be sponsored by the Marion County 4-H Program. This years theme is Pirates and if you have a pirate at home that can participate, do it. It is a highly recommended fall camp. This camp promotes character, citizenship, health and ethics.

SPECIAL PROJECT

Youth interested in working in a special Youth In Governance community project sponsored through USDA and the Cooperative Extension Program should contact Mrs. Cooper at the Extension Office to sign up. The nature of the project will be announced later. This will be identified by the participants themselves. A former project was the GIS Mapping Program conducted last summer. Deadline for sign-up is September 28, 2007.

FOODS WORKSHOP AND COUNTY FOOD SHOW

This year the Foods Workshop and County Food Show will be held in December. That may seem far into the future but it will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar for December 1st for the Workshop and December 15th for the Food Show.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

We are planning a County 4-H Photography Contest this year in December. Mark your calendar for December 17th and watch for more information later.

COUNTY, DISTRICT, STATE CALENDAR

Attached is a copy of the 4-H events happening this year. Choose events you want to be involved with and get started.

MARION COUNTY FAIR

For those involved with animal, food, quilt, art and photo competitions. You will enter your project into the fair that morning around 8 A.M. 4-H members you are responsible for setting up this years fair so come early around 7:30 A.M. This years fair is shaping up to be the best ever. For the animal projects a NEW show pen has been made. The fair will have music, antique tractors, karate, the woodlands, fun for all ages. If you would like to enter the fair this year give us a call and tell us the category you want to be placed in. It is too late for animal projects as we just handed out all the chickens for the fair. If you are interested in having an art, welding, craft, cooking or any other project let the Extension office know. 903-665-2421.