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4-H Newsletter

August 2007

Hello, 4-H Family,

Summer is in full swing right now, but vacation is almost over. The 4-H year is winding down to a close and we have a lot of things to think about and plan for, as the new 4-H year is just around the corner.

Congratulations to Vanessa, Marion, Adam and Eva for turning in record books for judging in the senior division. Did you know junior and intermediate 4-H'ers can turn in memory books? These are much like scrapbooks, and can be built on to be turned in as senior record books in the future.

Gold Star Awards

The Gold Star award is the highest award given in 4-H. To be a Gold Star winner, a 4-H'er must have completed several projects and turned in a record book. If you are interested in being a Gold Star candidate for Marion County, come by the office and talk to the agents. Gold Star applications are due August 17, 2007.



County Council meeting will be held August 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Kelly Park Community Center. All Council delegates should be present for this meeting. Officers for the new 4-H year will be elected at this meeting.

National 4-H Club Week is celebrated the first week in October. Plans will be made at the Council meeting for celebrating this occasion in Marion County. The **Awards Banquet** will also be planned.



Poultry Project

If you haven't signed up for the poultry project yet, call or come by the Extension office right away. The chicks will be ordered in mid-August and picked up by August 31st. Get your pens ready and sign up by **August 15th**.



Rural Youth Award

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition has long been a supporter of the 4-H Program and one avenue where they provide recognition to 4-H members is through the Rural Youth Awards, presented for the past 52 years. This honor {Space} has been limited to specific districts in the southern and western parts of our state, but this year, **they are going statewide to solicit applications for the Rural Youth Award.** Below are the rules for applying for this award.



Rules

- Youth who apply must be 16 years old and a high school junior as of 8/31/2007.
- Youth must have been an active 4-H member for at least 3 years prior to applying for the award.
- Youth must plan to enroll in a degree plan that is on the SALE scholarship approved list of majors to be eligible for this award. (List available at Extension office.)
- Youth must be a Texas resident and plan to attend an accredited Texas college or university.
- Youth must be present at the SALE Rural Youth Banquet to receive the award. A

total of 20 honorees and 10 alternates will be selected. Once the date of the Rural Youth Banquet is confirmed, the honorees will be notified of the date. In the event that an honoree is unable to fulfill the commitment to attend on that specific date, an alternate will be contacted to fill that slot.

- Youth and their parents will assume all expenses associated with travel to and from the SALE Rural Youth Banquet. The honoree and one parent will be guests of SALE for the banquet. All other guests attending with the honoree will be required to pay for their banquet ticket.

Texas youth involved in 4-H and FFA may apply for this award through only one organization, not both. Applications can be obtained at the County Extension Office.

Applications must be postmarked by September 15, 2007 and sent to:

Cheryl Newberry, Extension Program Specialist-4H, P. O. Box 1849, Uvalde, TX 78802-1849.

We're really looking forward to seeing you again and getting back on track after the summer break.

Sincerely,

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