



Marion

County Extension Office

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4-H Newsletter November 2012

Dear 4-H'ers, Parents and Leaders,

The Marion County Extension Office wishes you the most wonderful holiday's as they are quickly approaching. It's hard to believe another year is coming to an end, but the good news is a new 4-H year has begun. If you haven't registered for 4-H please don't delay, go online to <http://texas.4honline.com> and register now, Remember if you haven't registered online you are not a 4-H member.

If you don't have a computer or internet access at home you are welcome to come into the Extension Office and register during office hours.

Sincerely,

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Online Record Keeping System

<http://www.4hreports.com>

Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Record book. In an effort to update the current record book system, it has been recommended and requested by many members, parents, and Extension staff that the Texas 4-H recordkeeping system (record books) be available as an online data entry system that easily allows for updates, editing, and printing.

Objectives:

- (1) Provide online system for 4-H members to document project activities, leadership, and community service, awards, and other 4-H project learning experiences.
- (2) Provide a secure data site to allow members to transition their 4-H recordkeeping to an online format that is easy to edit and update as activities and events occur.

Highlights:

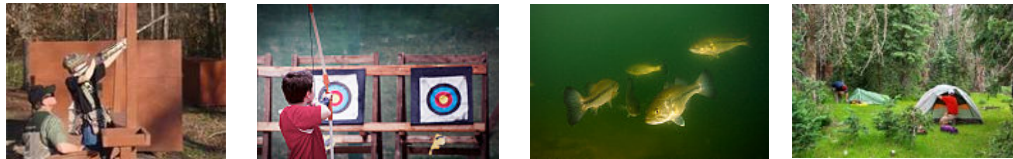
- (1) Three levels for record book: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
- (2) Forms may be completed through online entry system (www.4hreports.com) or may be downloaded from the Texas 4-H website.
- (3) Reference to 4-H objectives in the report form no longer required
- (4) Photo captions no longer required
- (5) Resume for seniors no longer required
- (6) Training material (both print and short video series) will be available to Counties for local training

For more information, contact your the Extension office. @ 903-665-2421

Marion County 4-H Clubs 2012-2013



Jefferson Bass Assassin's 4-H Club is back for another 4-H season. If you are a high school student and love sports-fishing this is a great way to have a blast, and compete locally with some of the best in our area. Sign up, gear up, and most of all keep your grades up to be eligible to compete in the 2013 Texas High School Bass Championships. For more information about this club or to sign up contact the Marion County Extension Office @ 903-665-2421.



Jefferson Great Outdoors 4-H Club is a new club that might interest a lot of youth ranging from age 9-15 who love being outdoors. This club has incorporated shooting, fishing, & camping. The members of this club plan to learn and master outdoor living, and survival skills. If you want more information or want to join this club contact the Marion County Extension Office @ 903-665-2421



A Clover Kids Club this club is for ages 5-8 and it is a wonderful way to introduce your children to 4-H Youth & Development. The club was formed under the Jefferson Great Outdoors club, which meets each month at 6 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The Clover kids start off each meeting by participating in The Pledge of Allegiance, and the 4-H Pledge along with the JGO club. Then they break away into another room to do arts and crafts, or other planned activities. The Clover Kids club was formed by Jessica Copeland and couple of other mothers joined in to help. In this club a parent is ask to stay and help assist with the program and help with clean up. This club does not require a registration fee since its members are too young to compete, although they do pay \$1 in dues each week to help with cost for material. For more information on this club contact Jessica Copeland @ 903-601-0064



Shutter 4-H Club is another new club formed this year. Two local photographers have teamed up to help our local youth experience the world through their camera lens. Learn how to preserve life's special moments, And how to save and display your photos in an award winning way. If you have always wanted to learn the art of being a great photographer, this is the perfect club for you. For more information on this club or to join, please contact the Marion County Extension Office @ 903-665-2421



Back to Earth 4-H Club this is a new club formed in the Smithland area, they meet @ 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Community Center, 3410 MCR Jefferson, Texas. For more information about this club or to join please contact Arleana Burns @ 903-665-8543 or the Marion County Extension Office @ 903-665-2421.



The Christmas parade is on December 15th this year, and some of our clubs are making plans to enter a club float and try to win the prize money for the best float.

The Marion County Fair was a great success this year with all the great food and exciting things to do.

All of our 4-H'ers who raised and entered chickens this year were a big hit with all the buyers. Jessica Moore took 1st place, 2nd place was taken by Patrick Dreesen, and 3rd place went to Clay Schelling. All our 4-H youth entries took home a nice prize for their hard work. All our 4-H'ers would like to extend a special thanks to everyone in our community who came out the fair to support the Marion County 4-H Youth & Development Program.

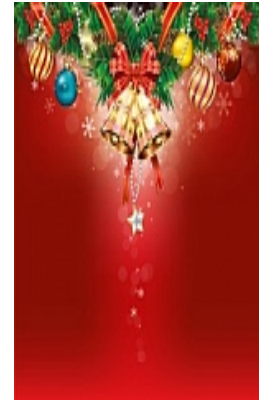


The Jefferson Great Outdoors 4-H Club set up a booth and sold smores, snow cones, and drinks to raise funds for their club. Mission accomplished! Their tasty goodies were a huge success with the crowd and they raised funds to support outdoor activities.

The pig chase was exciting as always, winners in the chase were age 5-8 Hunter Moore, age 9-11 Jeremy Williams and age 12-14 Mariah Williams.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS COMING

Christmas is right around the corner, and everyone will soon be busy with all the shopping, baking, and preparing all those favorite holiday dishes. Like many of you, I have always looked forward to this time of year. Christmas carols, movies, lights, decorated trees, and getting all the family together, and all the nice gifts. But there is one tradition treasured above all, recipe swapping with family and friends, so here are a few gathered and passed down through the years.



No Cook Divinity: Combine ½ cup boiling water, 1 tsp vanilla, 1/3 cup corn syrup Mix on high speed until stiff peaks about 5 min. transfer into large bowl and using low speed blend in 1-16oz box powdered sugar, stir in 1 cup chopped nuts. Drop by tsp full On wax paper when outside firm turn over, dry at least 12 hrs and store in airtight cont.

Red Hot Jello

1 small box of strawberry jello
Place 1 bag of red hots candy in 1 ½ cups
and water boil to dissolve candy
Then use 1 cup of red hot water in the jello
stir to dissolve jello
Instead of cold water add 1 cup of cold applesauce
Pour into molding dish and let set overnight
Wa'La a new tasty dessert

Peanut Butter Pie

Bake 1 graham cracker crust until it turns just a little darker

Then set in refrigerator to cool

Mix together:

1 cup crunchy or smooth peanut butter

¼ cup evaporated milk (Can Cream)

1 8 oz. cream cheese

1 cup powdered sugar

1 8oz. bowl cool whip

Pour into cooled crust and let set 4 hours

Eggnog Tube Cake

1 yellow cake mix

1 3.9 oz. package vanilla pudding mix

4 eggs

1 cup eggnog

¼ cup canola oil

1 ½ tsp ground nutmeg

2 tsp rum extract

Beat on med speed 3 min. then bake in well greased Bundt or tube pan

Bake at 350 until toothpick test clean.

Glaze:

1 cup powdered sugar

¼ tsp rum extract

3 or 4 tsp eggnog to get a drizzle consistency



Merry Christmas! May your homes be filled with joy, laughter, and many wonderful blessings during this Holiday Season!

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