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Dear 4-Her's, Parents and Leaders,

The Marion County Extension Office would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the people who have joined Marion County 4-H Youth and Development as club members or volunteers. Marion County 4-H could not flourish without the interest of dedicated people in our community who want to see our youth grow and develop into leaders for our community, our country, and our world. We would also like to encourage you to invite others to take part in 4-H, this can be done by going online to http://texas.4honline.com to register.

If you have any questions, would like our assistance with registration, or need contact information for any of the clubs listed below please call The Marion County Extension Office @ 903-665-2421.

- (1) JBA "Jefferson Bass Assassin's" 4-H Club Sportsfishing
(2) JGO "Jefferson Great Outdoors" 4-H Club Fishing, Camping, and Shooting Sports
(3) JGO "Clover Kids" 4-H Club Experiencing 4-H (ages 5-8)
(4) Shutter "Photo" 4-H Club The Art of Photography
(5) BTE "Back To Earth" 4-H Club Growing-Healthy Lifestyles

Sincerely,

Brock Fry

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CEA-AG/NR/4H

Agriculture & Natural Resources * Family & Consumer Sciences 4-H & Youth Development * Community Development
Educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. A member of the Texas A&M University System and its statewide Agriculture Program.

4-H TRADITIONS



The 4-H Clover Emblem and Pledge Explained

The first 4-H emblem was a three-leaf clover, introduced sometime between 1907 and 1908. The three "H's" represented head, heart and hands. In 1911, at a meeting of club leaders in Washington, a fourth "H" representing health was added and the current 4-H four-leaf clover emblem was approved. It is protected by the U.S. Congress.

The 4-H pledge was worded by Otis Hall, Kansas state 4-H leader. It was approved at the first National 4-H Club Camp in 1927 in Washington, D.C. The words "my world" were added to the pledge in 1973. Their addition is the only change ever made to the 4-H pledge.

HEAD stands for clearer thinking and decision-making. Knowledge that is useful throughout life.

HEART stands for greater loyalty, strong personal values, positive self concept, concern for others.

HANDS stands for larger service, workforce preparedness, useful skills, science and technology literacy.

HEALTH stands for better living, healthy lifestyles.

4-H Pledge



4-H Motto



Consumer Decision Making (District)

Registration Due Date: January 4, 2013

Event Date is January 22, 2013 in Overton, Texas

We have several youth participating in this event, Jessica Moore, Sarah Jones, and Clay Schelling.

Here are the results and photos.

Food/Nutrition Extravaganza

Registration Due Date: January 23, 2013--- Event Date: February 2, 2013

Register on 4-H Connect

Food Show (1) Nutrition Quiz Bowl (2) Food Challenge (3) Ag Product ID (4)

For more information on this Event please call The Extension Office @ 903-665-2421

or go online <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> scroll down to Resources and click on the 2013 Roundup Guide.

Shooting Sports-Rifle

County Competition: Time and Date to be announced

District registration date March 27, 2013

Event date is April 13, 2013 In Trinity County –Time to be announced

If you plan to compete in the shooting sports events you must enter in County, & District competition in order to be eligible for the State Competition.

Fashion Show

Registration Due Date: April 10, 2013

Event Date: April 27, 2013

[Register on 4-H Connect](#)

Fashion show is not only for the girls, So come on guys get on board and display that camo, or other sports outfits. To learn more about this event and how to get registered call us at The Marion County Extension Office @ 903-665-2421

Photography County | District | Texas 4-H Roundup

County Registration Due Date is February 8, 2013

District registration due date is February 15th 2013 entry deadline: electronic photos must be in the district office by this date. [Register on 4-H Connect](#). The Event date is April 27th 2013.

Please remember photos will not be returned prior to the state photography deadline and this is not a state qualifying event.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Photography contest will be displayed during the 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup and is only open to senior age 4-H members that have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday before August 31, 2012, Participants must have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1993 and ending August 31, 1998. All photographs must have been taken between January 1st 2013 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time in only one category to the state photography contest. A fee of \$10.00 per photograph must be paid for each entry, please discuss fee with your Marion County Agent at the time you bring photos in for review. Remember all registrations must be submitted on [4-H CONNECT by midnight April 15th, 2013](#).

For complete Photography contest rules and guidelines, please go to the following website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> scroll down to Resources and click on the 2013 Roundup Guide.

Texas 4-H RoundUp County | District | State

County Round Up will be held at the Kellyville Community Center April 18, 2013 at 6 pm

Please be sure to let us know what category you wish to enter.

Texas 4-H Roundup is a qualifying and invitational event for youth between the ages of 11 and 18 that have successfully placed in a qualifying event at the district level or signed up to compete in an invitational event at the state level. County and district Roundup's are open to all 4-H members from ages 9 to 18. Texas 4-H Roundup includes approximately 50 different contests and workshops that test 4-H members on life skills in such attributes are decision making, public speaking, organization, and working with others. These contests include such things as Fashion Show, Food Show, an assortment of judging contests, and educational presentations.

Location and Dates

The 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup will be held in College Station, Texas on the campus of Texas A&M University from June 10th to June 14th, 2013. For more information on Texas 4-H Roundup please go online to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> scroll down to Resources and click on the 2013 Roundup Guide.

The Marion County/Jefferson Christmas Parade

Several Marion County 4-H Clubs participated in the Christmas Parade this year.

Jefferson Great Outdoors 4-H Club, JGO Clover Kids, and the Shutter 4-H Club.

Putting the float together was a lot of hard work, but everyone had a lot of fun helping.

Everyone went home with green glitter glistening in their hair, on hands, and cloths each evening.

4-H was well reconized as we passed along the crowded streets of the parade route.

What a thrilling experince to hear our name called out among the crowds of people, and over a loud speaker by the anouncer as we passed.

4-H Clubs are still going strong in Marion County.

We have signed up new members since the parade, and plan to keep reaching out to more of our local youth. Keep spreading the word to everyone you know.

The Finished Project:



Jefferson Bass Assassin's

Tournament Photos and Stats from November 26th 2012





Team Members:	Weight:	Points:
Jacob Keith & Ryan Gibbons	12.43	23.43
Jacob Kendrick & Jaylon Stanley	9.31	20.31
Dillon Williams & Zack Plunket	8.97	19.97
Jacob Laster & Blane Ansley	3.96	14.96

Skeeter boat tour at Plano Marine out of Longview, TX





RECORDBOOK KEEPING

Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have those records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Recordbook. The primary purposes of completing a Recordbook are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.

Remember, recordkeeping is a major part of the 4-H learning experience. Maintaining and turning in a record book is critical when applying for 4-H awards. If you don't feel you know exactly how to keep these records, please attend the workshop on June 12th at the Marion County Extension Office. Time will be announced at a later date.

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference will be held in Washington, DC

Date: March 23-28

The registration due date will be announced at a later date.

4-H Has Talent!

Deadline for Submission: April 1, 2013

Do you have what it takes to be a star? Have you always pictured yourself performing on the Big Stage? Then 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup 4-H Has Talent Competition is for you!! So sing a song, do a dance, tell a joke or just do something unusual! Get the chance to show your skills on stage in front of nearly 4,000 fellow 4-H'ers, parents/volunteers, and 4-H faculty.

How to get involved

- Submissions must be uploaded to YouTube (all links made public).
- Submissions must be appropriate for 4-H youth.
- A 4-H member may only participate on one team/entry.
- Intermediate and Senior aged 4-H members are allowed to participate in this activity.
- Teams maybe one age category or a combination of both intermediates and seniors.
- An individual and/or team (max 7 members) may only submit one video.
- 5 finalists will be selected by a expert panel of judges.
- Those 5 finalists will then have the opportunity to perform on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at the Tuesday night assembly at Reed Arena at Texas A&M University.
- After all finalists are finished performing, the audience will have the opportunity to vote via text messaging to select their winner.
- Top two entries selected at Roundup will win cash awards.

Submission Guidelines

- Videos must be uploaded to YouTube
- Maximum Length: 5 minutes
- Links must be submitted via e-mail to Kyle Merten at kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

Please include in your email the following:

- Name of group/act
- Names of each participant and age
- County representing
- Contact person
- Following information for contact:
 - Address
 - City/State/Zip
 - Phone
 - E-mail

