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The most important lessons 4-H taught me have nothing to do with livestock

Crane 4-H News

4-H Kick-off

4-H Kick-off will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crane Exhibition Building.

We would love to see you at our 2016 4-H Kick-off! Come play games, eat hamburgers, learn about and sign up for 4-H, but most of all, have FUN! We are here to help you get signed up for 4-H and get you into a project that you are interested in! Any child who is 8 years old and in the 3rd Grade is eligible to sign up for the 2017 4-H year. 4-H is an excellent program where youth learn skills beyond those taught in school. The 4-H program is known for turning out successful leaders due to the respect, responsibility, teamwork, and social skills that they learn in 4-H. Additionally, 4-H gives kids an opportunity to get their hands dirty as they build life skills and work on projects such as cooking, robotics, public speaking, livestock and many more!

Hopefully you have received your green 4-H bag at school. Take a few minutes to fill out the enrollment from and bring it with you to the Kick-off.

How to Enroll

Each 4-H member and leader must re-enroll every year. You can enroll now.

Enrollment can be completed one of four ways:

1). At Kickoff

2). Online at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu and then select 4-H Connect and enter your information. If you can't remember you password, give us at call at the Extension office and we can help you.

3). Stop by the Extension office and we will be glad to help you.

4). Return the enrollment form you receive in your green 4-H bag to the Extension office.

Enrollment fee is $20 per 4-H member until October 31, 2016. Thereafter it will increase to $25.

Leader registration fees are covered by the Crane 4-H Club.

Look What's New: 4-H Remind

You can now follow us on remind. Just text @crane4 to the number 81010 or email crane4@mail.remind .com. This will allow us here in the office to send reminders and updates in relation to 4-H to keep you all informed and up to date!

Things to Remember

4-H Kickoff	Sept 13th
Enroll in 4-H	TODAY
Sign up to be a Volunteer	TODAY
Shooting Sports Leader Certification	Sept. 26th

I love 4-H

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District 6 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Training

The District 6 4-H Shooting Sports Coach's Training will be held October 22-23 at the District Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center in Fort Stockton. Registration for this event is open from September 26 – October 7 on 4-H Connect. If you need help registering, please contact the office.

In order to be a shooting sports coach, you must be 21 years or older and you must be a 4-H screened volunteer. As you complete your 4-H leader enrollment in 4-H Connect, Texas A&M will conduct a background check. Upon completion of that back ground check, you will then be able to register for this event.

An assistant coach must be 14-20 years of age and be a screen volunteer. If you are under 18 years old, you must be accompanied to the training by a certified coach or another adult attending the training.

WHAT TO BRING

Make sure you bring writing materials and extra paper for notes. **Eye protection** (shooting glasses or goggles) are mandatory for all offered disciplines as is **ear protection** (plugs or muffs). Make sure you wear appropriate comfortable clothing including **closed toe shoes and a jacket (layer).** You are also recommended to bring a **folding chair, snacks, and drinks**. All other equipment will be supplied for the rifle and pistol disciplines.

If you have any questions or need help registering for the event, don't hesitate to contact the extension office!

Do you need help finding pigs for the 2017 season?

Contact the Crane Extension Office at 558-3522, tell us how many you need, and what you are looking for. If you would like us to purchase and pick-up your animal, we will get in touch with you on the price of the animal, make a check out for that amount and bring it to the office ***BEFORE*** we leave to pick up animals. If we have not received payment prior to departure, we will not purchase your pig. If your animal costs less than anticipated, we will bring you change. If there are several animals and several kids, we will randomly assign animals upon arrival. If you would like to go with us to pick out your pig and pay for him, that pig you chose will by yours for the 2017 show season! We look forward to hearing from you!

Permian Basin Fair and State Fair

Permian Basin Fair

Permian Basin Fair Schedule:

September 9 – Sheep/Goat and Steer/Heifer check-in
September 10 – Goat Show
September 11 – Lamb, Steer and Heifer Show
September 16- Swine check-in
September 17- Swine Show

Clinics @ the Permian Basin Fair

Permian Basin Cattle Clinic 102

When: September 10th, 2016 at 2:00 PM
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Barn C
Come learn about how to prepare your steer/heifer for the show ring and how to care for them while at the show!

Permian Basin Sheep and Goat Clinic 101

When: September 10, 2016 at 6:00PM
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Barn E
Come learn how to select, feed, and care for your sheep and goat project to ensure that it is as show ready as it can be come show time!

Permian Basin Hog Clinic 101

When: September 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Barn E
Come learn how to select, feed, and care for your hog project to ensure that it is as ready as possible!

NOTE: All Permian Basin clinics are held in conjunction with the Permian Basin fair. There is not a fee for attending the clinic, no animals are to be brought to the clinic, and you do not have to be a part of the fair to attend.

How to become a certified volunteer

Go to 4-H Connect: https://texas.4honline.com/

•Build a profile or log on to your 4-H account. We can help you with the password and email address if you don't remember it.

•Take required trainings which will be listed in 4-H Connect

•Submit this information

•The state will conduct a background check

•Pass the background check – The state will approve you on their level

Once you have state approval, they will send your profile back to the Crane office and we will approve you

•You are then cleared to travel and work with 4-H kids outside of your own on 4-H projects, contests, and clubs.

Why become a 4-H Certified Volunteer?

A 4-H Club is only as good as it's volunteers. It really does take an army to have a successful 4-H Club. By becoming a certified volunteer, you have the chance to travel and work with kids in the community to help the grow, learn, and develop skills past those taught in school. This gives you an opportunity to become active in the community and touch the lives of the children in the community. Remember that they are our future!

We need adult volunteers to mentor 4-H youth, lead local clubs, and run events. No experience necessary – we'll train you! But you must be at least 18 years old – or 21 years old to chaperone overnight trips – and pass a criminal background check. Based on your specific role, we'll let you know what level of training you may need, such as completion of Child Protection Training.

You decide the level of involvement that fits your skills and schedule, such as:

Lead community clubs, school-based or after-school programs and camp settings

Serve as chaperone, board member, event judge or camp counselor.

Create community service opportunities for youth in your area

Work with other adults to create fun and exciting programs

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