



MEDINA COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

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LAMB & GOAT VALIDATION TAGS

The Lamb & Goat validation tag order forms are included in this newsletter. Please complete your tag order form and return it along with your payment to the Extension office by **Monday, August 15th**. A pre-paid tagging fee must accompany validation tag orders for all livestock.

CALF SCRAMBLERS

Anyone interested in participating in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Livestock Exposition or the Star of Texas-Austin calf scramble need to contact the Extension office at 830-741-6180 **no later than Monday, August 15th**. Participants must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2012 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.

* Must have reached their 14th birthday for the Houston show.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES

Exhibitors interested in exhibiting validated cattle or swine projects at the State Fair need to enter those projects between August 1st through the 20th during office hours at the Extension office. Contact Jason Ott 830.741.6180 for more information.



4-H HORSE NEWS

The Medina County Horse Club will continue to meet weekly during the summer however, the exact day is to be determined. You will be notified prior to the meetings. If you have questions contact Sha Nolan at 931-7773 or redchile777@gmail.com.

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

Congratulations to Sarah and Donna Dowel on participating in the District Horse Show held in Seguin Sarah was:

7th Place in Barrels
8th Place in Stakes

TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP

Texas 4-H Roundup is a week long event in June where 4-H members from all over Texas meet in College Station to compete at the state level and receive college scholarships. During this event, 4-H members and leaders also have a great opportunity to enjoy educational workshops, concerts and community service activities. Medina County 4-H is proud of the senior 4-H members that advanced and participated in the 2010 Texas 4-H Roundup competitions and activities.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl - Congratulations to the following participants - Marissa Kovalich, Bayler Mechler and Linda Ohlhausen

Fashion Show - Natural Fiber - Cotton
2nd Place - Lana Franceschini

State Indoor Rifle Match -
3rd Place Team -Jacob Musick, Kyle Muennink,
Miranda Musick and Trenton Warwas

Healthy Lifestyles Invitational -
2nd Place Team - Lana Franceschini, Brandi Haliscak,
Amanda Ornelas, Micah Waechter

We would also like to Congratulate Lana Franceschini on receiving a \$16,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo as well as Club Manager Melinda DeCock on receiving the "Salute To Excellence Award! "

Congratulations to all Medina County 4-H'ers and coaches for a successful year!

ANIMALS FOR SALE LAMBS, GOATS, PIGS, RABBITS

Breeder lists are available at the Extension office. We also receive flyers on upcoming sales.



What is one day in the life of a person? For some it can be a difference in their life of having

something to eat, it could be having the blood for a car wreck or transfusion, or it could be just having someone to talk to. One day does make a difference to thousands in our state! On **Saturday, October 8, 2011** the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will host it's 3rd annual day of community service, **one day 4-H 2011**. Before your 4-H club wraps up for the summer, form a committee and gather ideas for how you can make a difference on October 8th.

DOODLE FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK CONTEST

One lucky Texas 4-H member has the chance to win a \$100.00 gift card and have his/her art work displayed on the Texas 4-H Homepage during National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2011. This 4-H contest is open to all active Texas 4-H members. Basically, 4-H members can either hand draw or computer draw a doodle featuring 4-H in either a general manner or a program/project. Top doodles will be placed on the Texas 4-H Website on September 1st with a link to a judging site to vote on your favorite doodle. To download the details and an entry form go to:

http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102776233283-139/Nat_4H_Week_Doodl

2011 TEXAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS GAMES

Registration for the 2011 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Games is active on 4-H Connect (texas.4honline.com). The games are open to Texas 4-Hers of all ages who participate in a 4-H shooting sports project in their local area. The games will be held on July 18-23 in San Antonio at the National Shooting Complex. Information about the 2011 games and registration instructions can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports web page at: <http://texas4-H.tamu.edu/youth/shootingsportsindex.php>

4-H FOUNDATION ALLIANCES

La Quinta offers 4-H discounts, keep this in mind when making hotel reservations for summer events. Receive a **15% discount** on rooms through direct reservations by calling the hotel direct, calling the toll free reservation line at 1-800-531-5900, or online at www.lq.com. Please mention the "TX4H" promotional code when making reservations.

4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECT CHANGES

Medina County Livestock Show -

1. A standard entry deadline of December 15th for all species was created.

- a. This means entry fees will no longer be due at validation. Exhibitors will work with agents and ASI to enter show.
- b. You will still need to pay for validation tags prior to the validation event.
- c. You must be entered to show

2. Heifer classes will not be preset.

3. Commercial Heifers will have to pay a pen nomination fee of \$20 in addition to an entry fee of \$20.

- a. Prize money will be awarded to top pens in 2012 in addition to proceeds from going through the heifer auction.

4. Students involved in UIL competitions at the area or state level are allowed to miss the auction without penalty.

All Major Shows -

Moving forward into the 2011-2012 Major Show Season, Quality Counts Verification will be a part of the process for entry in all major shows. This means youth exhibitors will need to demonstrate their knowledge of the Six Pillars of Character and the Eight Core Concepts presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. Quality Counts verification is now active and ready to be used! To do this, they will need to pass an online test on the website (<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>) and acquire a Quality Counts verification number.

Things you need to know about verification:

- *2012 - All Major Livestock Shows in Texas will require Quality Counts verification at the time of entry - This means youth will need to be verified prior to entry in the fall of 2011.
- * A verification number is obtained by answering 80% of the questions correctly on an online test.

Please Note -

1. This verification number will be as important to the entry process as your social security number is!!!! Without it you cannot enter the show and you will not be able to participate in that show.
2. There is a Jr. And Sr. version of the test. If you are a Jr. you will have to become verified as a Jr. and again once you become a Sr.
3. Quality Counts Trainings will be offered in the fall to help you pass the test. But you will have to go online and take the test on your own

Sale - Please note the 2012 Tentative Livestock Show Dates, there are schedule changes for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo for the 2012 event. The dates have been pushed back due to conflicts with the Spurs schedule...Please mark these dates on your 2012 calendar, Feb. 8th - 26th.

MEGA MEETING - August 27, 2011

Palo Alto College, San Antonio

District 10 Project Development Committees— Each committee sponsors an educational workshop and conduct a business meeting to elect new officers and discuss events and activities for the coming year. The Project Committees are encouraged to coordinate some learning experience during the 4-H year related to their project areas.

Volunteer Workshops — The District Volunteer Leaders Association provides leadership planning these workshops and recruiting speakers. Workshops focus on a variety of 4-H projects, contests, and 4-H management topics.

District 4-H Council Business Meeting — The District 4-H Council Officers will conduct a business meeting and coordinate training for District 4-H Council delegates and any other youth who wish to participate in the meeting.

District VLAT Business Meeting — The District VLAT Officers will conduct the annual business meeting of the association.

Who should attend? — EVERYONE!!! The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, parents, and Extension agents. There's something for everyone so plan to register and attend!

Schedule for the day: Mega Meeting will be a morning/afternoon event this year. Lunch will be provided for all participants! This schedule will allow 4-H members and adults to network and participate in quality educational sessions as well as stay up to date on business happening in the District 4-H Council VLAT. Palo Alto College is sponsoring the event. Below is the schedule for the day.

- 9:00-9:45** Registration - College Student Center
- 9:45-1:30** VLAT Silent Auction - College Student Center
- 9:45-10:15** General Session and instructions for the day College Student Center
- 10:15-12:15** Project Development Committee Training/Workshops at various departments across campus
- 10:30-12:15** 4-H Volunteer Leader Training - Concurrent sessions will be offered.

Volunteers will be able to attend two - 45 minute sessions during the 1 ½ hour time period. (Brazos Building)

1. Risk Management, Fundraising and More - Courtney Dodd, State 4-H Office
2. Service Learning: Taking Community Service To The Next Level - Dr. Toby Lepley, State 4-H Specialist
3. Science, Engineering and Technology: Integrating SET into all 4-H Projects - Greg Myles, Bexar County
4. Quiz Bowls, Skill-A-Thons and Invitational, Oh My! - Richard Parrish, Hays County
5. How to take 4-H beyond the local level - Laurinda Boyd and Roy Walston, Kerr County

12:15-1:30 Lunch - College Student Center

1:30-3:30 4-H Council Business Meeting - College Student Center

VLAT Business Meeting - Brazos Building — Room 200

3:30 - Clean up & depart for home

To register contact Debby Bodenchuk at 830.741.6180 or dgbodenchuk@aq.tamu.edu. A registration fee of \$20 includes lunch.

THE TEXAS 4-H TECHNOLOGY TEAM IS LOOKING FOR YOU!



Applications are now available for the Texas 4-H Technology Team on their website located at:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/leadership/techteam/index-techteam.php>

4-H members between the ages of 14-18 (and collegiate members) may apply for membership. The Texas 4-H Technology Team focuses on the many ways that technology can be implemented into 4-H. The team conducts trainings for others, provides support to state-level events, and travels throughout the United States to participate in other 4-H experiences and opportunities. Application deadline is September 1, 2011.

BECOME A JUNIOR HEALTH EDUCATOR

(See attached flyer for more information !!)

COMAL COUNTY SHOTGUN INVITATIONAL

July 16th & 17th 7:30 am
National Shooting Complex - San Antonio

Events: Skeet, Trap, 5-Stand, Sporting Clays and
Parent Shooting Clays

For additional information and to register contact
Rosemary Williams at: comal4hshoot@yahoo.com or call
210-651-5946.

CONTEST REIMBURSEMENTS

4-H members and leaders participating in certain 4-H events and/or trainings have the opportunity to request reimbursement of entry fees. 4-H members and leaders must submit a reimbursement request form **with the entry fee receipt** to the Medina County 4-H Finance Committee for review and approval of reimbursements.

The finance committee meets twice a year to review these requests and submit for approval and payments. The reimbursement request form is included in this newsletter with the '09-'10 budget guidelines. **August 1st is the next and final deadline date for submitting reimbursement forms for 2010-2011 contests.**

ATTENTION:

NEWLY ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS

Mark your calendar.....**Thursday, July 28th** for the annual Club Officer training! More info for this event will be included in your invitations.

TEXAS 4-H AGE AND YEAR

Texas 4-H activities and events are open to enrolled members between the ages of:

9 and 18 on August 31, 2009 or

8 and in 3rd grade and 18 on August 31, 2009

Age Divisions of 4-H Contestants

Senior: youth between ages of 14 and 18 on
August 31, 2009

Intermediate: youth between ages of 11 and 13 on
August 31, 2009

Junior: youth between ages of 9 (or 8 and in the
3rd grade) and 10 on August 31, 2009



4-H MEETING ATTENDANCE

The attendance rule requires that you attend at least 50% of your club meetings to be eligible for 4-H contests. This includes the Medina County Junior Livestock Show.

Attendance is counted on a 12 month basis, starting the month after each event occurs. You will be allowed to attend no more than two 4-H meetings at a 4-H club in which you are not enrolled.

New 4-H member's attendance will be counted starting with the month of their enrollment. They are also required to attend 50% of the regular club meetings thereafter to be eligible for contests or stock shows.

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ACTIVE Life

Junior Health Educator

Empowering Youth to Become Peer Leaders!

What is the Junior Health Educator Program?

The Junior Health Educator training and certificate program was co-created by ACTIVE Life Movement and the Coastal Area Health Education Center and is offered to anyone 18 years and under. It is offered in English, and soon to be Spanish.

This simple and easy-to-complete free, online training was modeled after the formal, adult Community Health Worker program and has been modified to ultimately equip youth with the tools, skills, and knowledge needed to become grass roots advocates for health among their peers and in their community.

Besides being an excellent resume builder, by becoming a Junior Health Educator, certified participants will experience what it's like to work in the field of health promotion, begin developing essential individual skills and begin networking for higher education and a career.

What Will Youth Learn?

The training is a series of eight interactive online videos and tests that are accompanied by a workbook. The lessons can be completed at any pace and once completed, participants receive their certificate.

Lesson topics are:

- + **Interpersonal Skills**
- + **Communication Skills**
- + **Capacity-building Skills**
- + **Teaching Skills**
- + **Basic Health Knowledge**
- + **Service Coordination Skills**
- + **Advocacy Skills**
- + **Organizational Skills**

Watch our promotional video at

www.activelifeHQ.org/junior_health_educator

How To Take the Training

To begin, create a FREE TeamAL profile through the ACTIVE Life website and then visit "My Account" and the "Training" tab.

Questions?

Contact Kate Bouwkamp, Manager of Young Leaders for Healthy Change.
Email: Kate@activelifeHQ.org or Phone: (512) 533-9555 (x 303)

About ACTIVE Life

ACTIVE Life is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to organizing a movement for healthy change. It brings people and places together to create healthier, more ACTIVE communities.
Learn more at www.activelifeHQ.org.

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LAMB VALIDATION TAG ORDER - DUE Monday, AUGUST 15TH



Name _____ Grade__ School_____ 4-H Club_____

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Name _____ Grade__ School_____ 4-H Club_____

Address _____ Phone #_____

Lamb Tags _____ X \$8 each = \$_____

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

Make check payable to: MCJLS. Mail or bring this form along with your payment to:
Medina County Extension Office, 1506 Avenue M, Hondo, Texas 78861



GOAT VALIDATION TAG ORDER - DUE Monday, AUGUST 15TH

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