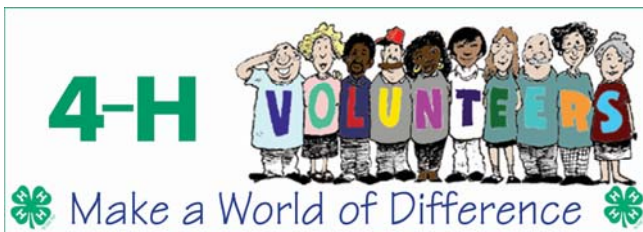




San Patricio County 4-H Club Manager Connector

First Edition



The hope is for this newsletter is to help aid the club manager to run a fantastic 4-H Club in San Patricio County. If you have any ideas or questions, please let the office know.



One day 4-H is one day for all the 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to step out into their communities and county and say “thank you” by giving back for them more than 103 years of support to 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is what ever each 4-H members, club, or county 4-H Program wants it to be. It could be as simple as picking up trash and mowing the lawn for senior citizens to elaborate as hosting a 5K Walk/Run and raising money for a cause. In 2012, One day 4-H will be October 13th.

September/
October
2012

Important Dates:

- September 11: A&H Show Ear Tag Deadline
- September 18: Food & Nutrition Leader Training
- September 19: Beef Workout
- October 1: Club's Financial Status Report & Club Charter Due
- October 3: Major Show Broiler Deadline
- October 4: A&H Show Roaster & Broiler Deadline
- October 9: Pen of 3 Heifer Show Tag Deadline
- October 13: One Day 4-H
- October 13: Pen of 3 Heifer Show Validation
- October 20: Lamb & Goat Validation
- November 13: Major Show Sign Up
- November 14: County Food Show
- November 19, 20, 21: Hog Validation



4-H Food & Nutrition Leader Training

Now is the time to start thinking about your food and nutrition project. If anyone (adults or teen leaders) is interested in leading a project workshop, please let me know.

A few upcoming events:

- *Adult & Teen Leader Training - Sept. 18*
- *County Food Show - Nov. 14 - paperwork will be due October*
- *District Food Show - Dec. 1 - Wharton County Fairgrounds*

Food & Nutrition Leader Training

September 18, 2012
6:00 pm
Extension Office

Any adult volunteer or teen leader interested in the Food & Nutrition Project should attend.

COASTAL BEND CLASSIC

Youth Livestock Clinics and Shows

Registration is at the following website:

<http://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/coastal-bend-classic/>

All Texas 4-H and FFA members are invited to participate in the 3rd annual Coastal Bend Classic.

Date: Saturday,
December 1, 2012

Location: San Patricio County
Fairgrounds, Sinton, TX

Entry/Registration

Deadline: Online Registration is requested by November 19, 2012. After November 19, participants must register on-site the day of the event.

The first 100 youth pre-registered will receive a free CBC t-shirt.

Registration

Fee: \$15 per youth by Nov 19
\$20 per youth after Nov 19
PARENTS ATTEND FOR FREE!
One-time registration fee allows for unlimited number of entries in the afternoon shows.

Volunteer Background Check and Orientation Course

To protect our 4-H members, the Texas 4-H Program administers an adult screening program. This screening is conducted every 3 years. All adults who will be working directly with youth (other than their own children) must complete the adult registration form on 4-H Connect to be screened.

Once their registration has been approved from the State office, then we can certify those adults as San Patricio County volunteers. Only those adults who have been screened and cleared through YPS will have the privilege of working with 4-H members. There is a \$10 fee for each adult who will

be screened. Checks need to be made out to San Patricio 4-H Council and mailed to the Extension Office. Once a check has been received by the office, the office will mail off for the screening to be completed.

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The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program is pleased to announce the availability of an online orientation course for 4-H volunteers. Orientation is only one step in the process of managing volunteers, but a very important one. The orientation step is key to getting the best and most from your volunteers. In fact, it is best to never assume that your volunteers fully understand Extension and the 4-H program and the roles they play to support its mission.

The goal of this course is to provide volunteers with an understanding of the organizational structure of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service

and how the 4-H program operates. It also helps volunteers recognize their roles and responsibilities within the structure and program. Specifically, the course provides information on the following:

An overview of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service

- 4-H 101: Facts about 4-H
- An overview of the various methods of participation available in the 4-H program
- Volunteer qualifications, roles in which volunteers may serve

and the responsibilities associated with each role

- A list of various resources for 4-H volunteers
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The course is available online at: <http://campus.extension.org> and can be completed within one hour. If a volunteer cannot complete the orientation in one sitting, they do have the capabilities to come back to it at a later time. Once the course is complete, volunteers may print off a completion certificate.



Club Manager Spotlight

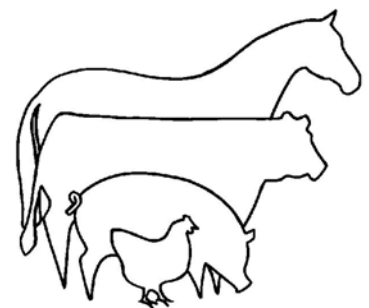
In this section we will be spotlighting a different club manager. Please fill out the enclosed information sheet so that we can get ALL THE GOODS on all of y'all.

Please let us know of any unique activities that you are doing for your club or that your club has planned for the future. This is your chance to really let yourself and your club shine!

We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill

Validation Schedule for 2013 Livestock Shows

- CARCASS STEERS:** TBA
- REGISTERED HEIFERS:** Papers must be in the exhibitor's name before Nov. 1st
- NON-REGISTERED HEIFERS:** October 20
- PEN of 3 HEIFERS:** October 13
- GOATS:** October 20 8:00 - 10:00 am
- SHEEP:** October 20 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- HOGS:** November 19, 20, 21
- Rabbits:** TBA
- Horse:** 90 days prior to show



TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

San Patricio County
219 N. Vineyard
Sinton, Texas 78387

Return Service Requested

DATED 4-H INFORMATION

Please deliver between
September 6-10, 2012



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Arredondo'.

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Check It Out! Club Ed Website! <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/adults/clubed/index.html>

CLUB ED was developed as a resource for club officers and club managers to gather ideas, management information, ceremonies, inspirations, program ideas, and other great club resources.

CLUB ED is organized month by month in order to make it easier for information gathering. In each month you will find the following pieces of information:

- Club Activities
- Club Managers Checklist
- Community Service Activities
- Flag Ceremonies

- Ice Breakers
- Parent Opportunities
- Program Ideas
- Officer Installation Ceremonies

October: Program Idea

Recordbooks are usually focused upon in the spring. However, many 4-H parents say they wish they knew what is necessary to complete a recordbook prior to a couple months before the due date. So, October is a great time to have a program on record keeping skills. Have a 4-H club leader, or teen leader, give a presentation on how to keep records, the different

methods involved, and what records need to be kept for the purposes of completing a 4-H Recordbook.

Since National 4-H Week is celebrated this month, have some 4-H members present their illustrated talk from the "promote 4-H" category. It is okay if the presentation they use was one they competed with the previous year! Invite a county 4-H Ambassador to your 4-H club meeting and have them give a 4-H promotion presentation.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any of the mentioned activities, are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office eight days before all programs for assistance.

Extension 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 Commissioner Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Club Manager Spotlight

Information Sheet

Name: _____

Hometown: _____

4-H Club: _____

4-H Alumni? Yes No What County? _____

Family: _____

Favorite thing about 4-H: _____

Best advice ever received: _____

What is unique about your club: _____

What community service projects is your club involved in: _____

Anything else you would like to tell about yourself or your club:
