



Hamilton County



Hamilton County 4-H



2012 Changes to Major Stock Shows

4-H and FFA have been involved in character education for more than 100 years. Quality Counts is our way of showcasing this character education and at the same time showing our commitment to producing a safe and wholesome live-stock product for the consumer.

Verification of Quality Counts is a natural extension of this effort to demonstrate that 4-H and FFA youth have a base knowledge of the principles of quality assurance and good moral character.

Major Stock Shows in Texas are now requiring that a youth exhibitor demonstrate this base knowledge by taking the online Quality Counts Verification test and obtaining a Verification Number. This will be required for all 4-H & FFA exhibitors starting with the 2012 show season (this fall's State Fair and HOT Fair are optional). Before entering for a Major Stock Show you will be required to take and pass this exam. Don't worry too much the test maybe taken multiple times to insure passing. Chelsea will be hosting quality counts programs at your 4-H meetings you may want to attend prior to taking the exam. If you have any questions or need to stop into the extension office to take the exam, please do not hesitate to call or come by.

This can be accomplished through this web site!

<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/verification/>

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Officer & Club Managers Training

Officer Training is a very important event! When you ran for office, you were obligating yourself to do the best job in your position for your club, so we expect all officers to attend to help plan the very best 4-H year possible for their club! This training will be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Hamilton starting at 3p.m. on Monday, August 8. Supper will be provided!!

Club managers Training will begin at 5:30p.m. at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Hamilton on Monday, August 8. All club managers and assistants are required to attend managers' training. So we look forward to seeing you at this meeting. Bring ideas to help make the "best better", for your club and Hamilton County 4-H.

4-H Awards Banquet

You and your family are invited to the
Hamilton County
4-H Awards Banquet!

Friday, August 12th at 6:30 p.m.
Hico Junior High Cafeteria
801 Tiger Road Hico, Texas

We will award Recordbook winners, Clover Kids, Achievement Award pins,
Project Club Awards, Special Awards,
as well as our Outstanding 4-H'ers and Leader Awards.

Meal will be furnished

Attire for the banquet is dressy casual
Dresses and slacks are appropriate
No shorts or T-shirts please



Summer Camps Recap

During June, Hamilton County 4-H Member Jordan Crouch traveled to the Texas 4-H Center outside Brownwood, Texas for the District 8 4-H Leadership Lab Camp. This three day/two night camp was filled with leadership training, team challenges and fellowship.



This past month Hamilton County 4-H Members Emilee Jackson, of the Hico 4-H Club, and Brice Boyd, of the Super Stars 4-H Club, traveled to the Lakeside Methodist Camp outside Palestine, Texas for the Southeast District 8 4-H County Camp. This camp is hosted by ten neighboring counties and is the largest county camp of its kind in the state. The 284 campers at this year's camp learned leadership development, participated in team challenges and fellowshiped with one another.



If you're interested in attending camp during the Summer 2012, keep an eye on your newsletter for deadline dates, or contact the extension office.



Everyone really enjoyed a wide variety of activities at the Youth Days with "Messy Science Day," "Team Challenge," and "Call of the Wild." We tried some new dishes like rice-crust Quiche and some old faithful like individual pizzas and banana pudding. We did quiz bowls, scavenger hunts, shot off rockets, and played with gerbils, rabbits, and rats! A special thanks goes out to the planning efforts of Faith Massingill, Alyssa Bottlinger, and the Rogers for Day I, to Brice Boyd, Aaron Herrin and Nathanael Hunter for Day II, and to the Hico club headed up by Jordan Crouch for Day III. Thanks so much also to all of the older kids who attended to act as leaders and role models at this event. You all really made a difference and made the event loads of fun!

4-H Summer Youth Days



Did You Know?

The official 4-H colors are green and white. The white symbolizes purity. The green, nature's most common color, represents life, springtime & youth.

District 8 Horse Show Results



During June 2011, Hamilton County 4-H Members traveled to Belton to compete in the 2011 Texas AgriLife Extension District 8 4-H Horse Show. Kristen Massingill, I SPY 4-H member, placed second in Grade Geldings and placed tenth in Stakes. Faith Massingill, ISPY 4-H member, placed second in Futurity Yearling Halter Fillies.

Everyone did a great job!

Be sure to checkout the District 8 4-H Website to see a list of all activities going on in District 8.

<http://d84-h.tamu.edu/>

County & District 8 4-H Photography Contest



Photography contest is fast approaching so start collecting your photos now!

We will let you know further details as soon as possible.



New 4-H Year Enrollment

Beginning August 1st, youth and 4-H volunteers can begin signing up for the 2011-2012 4-H year on 4-H Connect. As mentioned in previous newsletters, this year for the first time, 4-H will have an enrollment fee. If you sign up before October 31, the cost is only \$20; after that time, it will be \$25, BUT there is one more way to save money. At the end of the 4-H year, simply fill out an Achievement Form and score at least 25 points on it (that is really just minimal involvement in 4-H) and you will be presented with \$10 back at the Awards Banquet at the end of the year. Therefore with early enrollment, the cost to join 4-H will only be \$10! This is really a bargain considering all the benefits one can get through 4-H. There are so many opportunities to get involved in community service, leadership, or all kinds of activities from science experiments to the latest technology to raising a pig!

4-H is AMAZING!



There is no cost for enrolling Clover Kids (Kindergarten through 2nd grade) or enrolling as a volunteer. (If you need a volunteer screening to become a volunteer, Hamilton 4-H will pay for the screening.) We really need as many adults and parents to volunteer to help in big ways like being club managers, but also in small ways like driving kids to contests or bringing refreshments. All parents are encouraged to help in whatever way they can.

If you have any questions about enrollment, either call the office or if you would rather fill out a paper enrollment form, come by the office to get one.



Take Me Out To The Ballgame

Are you a Texas Rangers baseball fan? If so, on Saturday, August 27, 2011 the Texas Rangers play the Angels at 7:05pm. Cost for the ticket is \$14.00 (Upper Reserved). If you are interested in going, let Chelsea know by August 12 in order to receive a "Green Out" t-shirt for all 4-H participants. PreGame Concert featuring MercyMe

begins at 5p.m. on the North Lawn.

The Rangers have teamed up with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation to raise money for Texas 4-H—that's you!



Photo Courtesy





Water Park Trip

All 4-Hers and their families are invited!

Date: Saturday—Aug 13, 2011

Time: 3:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

Meet at the Extension office or 3:45 P.M. at the Waterpark

Pizza to follow.

Free to all current 4-H members.

Family members will have to pay their way.

Call if you need to be picked up or need a ride.



Did You Know?

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.

Community Service Day



Tuesday August 9, 2011— We will meet at Honey Creek in Hico at **9:30 A.M.** After lunch we will travel to Hamilton's Dove Hill Care Center. That is all the information we have at this time. We will send out an email with more details next week.

Stock Show Season Is Upon Us!

The State Fair of Texas entry deadline is **August 16, 2011**. For more information or entry forms contact the Extension office or go to www.bigtex.com.

The Heart of Texas Fair in Waco entry deadline is **September 8, 2011**. The HOT fair is a non-terminal show with excellent prize money and is a good show for young exhibitors to be introduced to the show ring. For more information or entry forms please come by the extension office.



DATES TO REMEMBER



August

8/8 4-H Club Mangers & Officers Training
 8/9 4-H Volunteer Day in Hamilton County
 8/12 4-H Awards Banquet in Hico, Texas
 8/13 4-H Water Park Trip—Stephenville
 8/16 State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Entries Due to Ext. Office
 8/26 2012 Major Lamb/Goat Tag Orders Due to Ext. Office
 8/26 2012 Major Swine Tag Orders Due to Extension Office

September

9/5 Extension Office Closed—Holiday
 9/8 Heart of Texas Fair (Waco)— Entries Due to Office
 9/16 County Photography Entries Due in Extension Office
 9/30-10/23 State Fair of Texas (Dallas)

October

9/30-10/23 State Fair of Texas (Dallas)
 10/2-8 National 4-H Week
 10/8 One Day 4-H
 10/7-15 Heart of Texas Fair (Waco)
 10/7-15 D8 Photography Winners on Display at HOT Fair
 10/24 Gold Star Awards Banquet—Baylor University (Waco)

November

11/11 Extension Office Closed—Holiday
 11/12-13 Holiday Classic (Belton)
 11/23 District 8 Food Challenge/Food Show (Belton)
 11/24-25 Extension Office Closed—Holiday
 County Food Challenge—Time & Date TBA
 Major Show Sign-Up Night (Extension Office)

Dates Subject to Change*

4-H Clubs for 2011—2012

Hico Club— Manager, Becky Crum—796-

4095

Super Stars Club— Manager, Charlette Boyd-386-4982

Shooting Sports Club—Manager, Andrea Watson-796-2356

I Spy—Manager, Faith Massingill-386-8494

Meet the Teachers (Hico & Hamilton)

We are not sure of MEET THE TEACHERS nights. It was discussed at Council that this is a great community service for 4-H to help with get some visibility. We need some youth to take charge of setting up a display at these events. Let us know if you need 4-H handouts, freebies. Please let us know if you can help with either of these events.



Livestock Tag Orders

**Major Show Lamb & Goat Tag for 2012 Show
 \$8.00/tag**

**Major Show Swine Tag Orders for 2012 Show
 \$8.00/tag**

**ORDERS & MONEY DUE TO EXTENSION
 OFFICE PRIOR TO AUGUST 26 DEADLINE**

For more information on any of the items in this newsletter, please contact the Hamilton County AgriLife Extension Office at 254-386-3919 or hamilton-tx@tamu.edu.



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