

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Hays County Commissioners Court

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Request forms are due in Microsoft Word Format via email by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

AGENDA ITEM

Hays County Leadership Advisory Board would like to recognize our 4-H program.

ITEM TYPE

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

MEETING DATE

August 13, 2013

AMOUNT REQUIRED

LINE ITEM NUMBER

AUDITOR USE ONLY

AUDITOR COMMENTS:

PURCHASING GUIDELINES FOLLOWED: N/A

AUDITOR REVIEW: N/A

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SUMMARY



2012-13 Hays County 4-H Youth Development Report

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. 2012-13 has been a busy year for Hays County 4-H!! A total of 4,601 youth (duplications removed) have benefitted from 4-H and youth educational efforts, led by 500 youth and adult volunteer leaders. The paid staff includes County Extension Agents Richard Parrish and Laura Petty, Youth Program Assistant Lana Franceschini and Office Manager Bari Conley.

4-H Clubs

- ✓ 413 youth enrolled in 9 4-H clubs in Hays County this year
- ✓ Members are age 9-19, and some clubs also offer Clover Kids for youth age 5-8
- ✓ Clubs meet monthly for business meetings, educational programs, and recreation, and to conduct community service activities
- ✓ Clubs are led by officers elected from the youth membership
- ✓ 185 screened and cleared 4-H adult volunteer leaders who provide guidance and support to these 4-H members
- ✓ Beyond monthly 4-H meetings, members are involved in a variety of projects, some of the most popular of which are:
 - livestock projects such as goat, rabbit, swine and horse
 - food and nutrition
 - shooting sports
 - photography
- ✓ During their projects, 4-H members participate in learning experiences, teach and lead others, provide community service, and exhibit their project work



Hays County Well-Represented at District and State Levels

- ☞ 50+ local 4-H members participated in various district 4-H contests and activities
- ☞ 32 4-H recordbooks were submitted this year, 22 of which qualified for district, and Eamon Decker and Madison Hawkins' books advanced to state judging where they placed 7th and 8th, respectively
- ☞ Mikayla Wenzel served as an officer on the 2012-13 District 4-H Council
- ☞ Texas 4-H Roundup:
 - Mikayla Wenzel received a \$1,000 Texas 4-H Foundation scholarship
 - Madison Hawkins and Makenna Hawkins participated in the Invitational Ag Product ID contest in which Madison tied for 1st in the senior division
 - Madison Hawkins placed 1st in the Promote 4-H category of Educational Presentations
 - Brittany Krenek and Kaitlyn Eben earned several awards for photos competing in the Texas 4-H Photo contest
 - Mrs. Lois LaCaze was honored with the Texas 4-H Leader Legacy Award, one of only two that are presented annually to 4-H volunteers with more than 20 years of service
 - Arielle Wortham was selected and sang the National Anthem during the Tuesday evening assembly

- ☞ Texas 4-H Horse Show: Katherine Daniel, Kaitlyn Eben, Ella Gohlke, Kate McCallick, Taya Schiening, Cassandra Twining and Olivia Twining; Kaitlyn, Ella, Taya, and Cassandra all placed within the top 15
- ☞ Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Games: Cole Bangs, Kordell Drake, and Cole Ritchie; Cole R. had three top 10 placings
- ☞ Texas 4-H Dog Show: Rebekah McDaniel brought home two top 10 awards
- ☞ National 4-H Conference: Mikayla Wenzel was selected and participated in this outstanding youth leadership and citizenship seminar

School Enrichment and Special Interest

- ✓ Compared to 4-H club involvement, school enrichment programs are short-term experiences led by classroom teachers
- ✓ 4,159 youth ranging from kindergarten through 12th grade being involved in a variety of 4-H curriculum enrichment activities including:
 - The Hatching in the Classroom program was conducted at 17 schools, teaching 2,170 youth about embryology and life cycles
 - The Health & Safety Day was provided in conjunction with Hays CISD to enable 605 4th grade students to recognize potential hazards and promote safe practices
 - 4-H₂O water education programs were conducted at 7 schools helped 595 students better understand the water cycle and aquifers as well as how they can protect and conserve water
 - Hays County Extension partnered with Farm Bureau for the Ag Fair to teach 446 4th graders in San Marcos how agriculture impacts their daily lives
 - High School Financial Planning Program taught 229 Lehman High School students about managing their personal finances
 - The Soil program helped 124 students better understand the importance of soil, how soil is made and how easily we can lose our soil
 - The KidzAnts program taught 114 students about the history, biology and habitat of red imported fire ants
 - The “Fun with Food” and “Food and Fitness” programs at Bowie and Mendez Elementary Schools’ (San Marcos) Afterschool Clubs to increase 29 students’ knowledge related to nutrition and health
- ✓ A variety of “one-shot” programs has also been provided for schools, libraries and other youth programs. Staff has utilized KidzAnts, 4-H₂O and Eco-bots and Wired for Wind, National Youth Science Day projects, to reach an additional 300+ youth.



For more information about 4-H and youth programs in Hays County:

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