

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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TO: All CEA's – 4-H, ANR, FCS, 1890 Agents

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SUBJECT: 2015 Leadership Lab

District 5 4-H Leadership Lab will be held June 23 – 25, 2015. The event will be held at the Collin County Adventure Camp, 1180 Houston Street, Anna, Texas 75409. All participants must pay the registration fee in advance of the event. Agents assigned to assist with Lab are listed below and registration expenses for these agents will be covered.

Ryan Merrel	Alyssa Puckett
Willie Arnwine	Sarah Bolt
Corey Hicks	Ashley Pellerin
Aaron Sumrall	Kate Pittack

Lab will be new and exciting again this year with a focus on a variety of projects. Participants will continue to learn through educational and fun workshops which will be utilizing the facilities of the Collin County Adventure Camp and opportunities in McKinney. Members will choose a “focus of learning” and participate in that focused track during Lab. We will be hosting Lab with District 4 again this year but are also including members of District 3. Encourage your members to come ready to have a great camp experience!

Cost

There will be a \$130.00 fee per 4-H member participating in Leadership Lab. Council officers will pay only \$70.00 per person. No fees will be charged for assigned Lab staff members. All fees must be submitted either through 4-H Connect or mailed to the Texas 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 11020, College Station, Texas 77842. Assigned staff members do not need to register via Connect. I already have your name on the list!

Registration

No reimbursements will be made after registration has been confirmed. However, substitutions of the same gender may be made at any time. All changes will be made through the District Office. The 4-H Connect registration process will be open until May 31 with the cost of \$130.00 and will remain open until June 2 with the cost of \$176.00.

All delegates must designate their preference of educational track by ranking the various tracks in the appropriate place in Connect. The following tracks will be offered and will need to be ranked by participants when they are registering. We will do our best to assign the first choice but as sessions fill we will move campers to their second and third choices as needed. If certain sessions do not have the registration needed to make a good experience, those sessions will not be offered and campers will be assigned to other choices.

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Journey Around the World	clothing food citizenship customs
Healthy Lifestyles	dance lessons food exercise
Leadership	etiquette/professionalism citizenship public speaking ParliPro
Agriculture	advocacy/ambassador programs livestock showing/ownership social media judging/ exhibiting

Quotas

What is a quota?!?! Counties are encouraged to send everyone interested in learning leadership while having fun. We encourage a diverse group of youth from each county.

Required Forms

The forms that each delegate will need to submit on arrival are attached for your convenience and can also be found on the District web page.

- 1 copy – Code of Conduct
- 1 copy – Consequences of Misbehavior
- 1 copy – Hold Harmless Agreement
- 2 copies – Health and Safety Statement
 - One copy submitted at registration; the second copy is kept by the agent for travel purposes.)

District Council Election

The District 4-H Council officer election will be held during Leadership Lab. 4-H members running for an office must meet certain eligibility requirements, submit the officer training registration via 4-H Connect, and submit the appropriate forms to reach the District office by June 12, 2015. Along with the application form a leadership history will be required and scored. There will also be an on-site interview conducted which will be scored. These scores along with the popular vote will be used to select the 2015-2016 District 4-H Council officers.

All interested candidates must submit the attached forms (both are two page forms):

- 4-H Council Officer Application/Nomination form
- Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements and Contract

What To Bring

Casual, camp-type clothing will be appropriate for 4-H members and agents. We would expect the group to wear suitable clothes that will reflect a favorable 4-H image at all times. Any clothing that shows too much skin is not acceptable (i.e. short-shorts or exposed undergarments are considered inappropriate). Lab officials will make the final decisions concerning whether or not certain clothing is allowed.

Closed-toe shoes (not sandals or flip-flops) are not mandated but may be better suited for some of the workshops. All campers are asked to plan accordingly.

Linens are not provided at camp. Everyone should bring their own bedding including sheets (need to be twin size) and blankets, if desired. A sleeping bag would work too. Campers should also bring a pillow, towels, washcloths, water bottle and toiletry articles. Participants should remember to pack a flashlight, sun screen, and insect repellants. In the tentative agenda, there is a scheduled time for swimming. Participants will want to bring a swim suit and towel just in case this holds.

Departure Time From Lab

June 25 – 10:30 a.m. Parents and/or agents should be ready to pick up delegates and luggage at this time.

2015-2016 District Officer Training

The newly elected officers will be staying an additional night for training and planning. Since the energy and excitement will be high, we have learned that this is a good time to get the initial work done for the new 4-H year. Officer candidates will need to register for this experience via 4-H Connect. The training is required of all officers. The cost for this opportunity is \$50. Training will be complete by noon on June 26 so delegates need to have a plan in place for transportation.

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