

Taylor County 4-H Newsletter



Upcoming Events



Calendar of Events

February

- 02 GroundHog Day
- 06 Deadline to enter Consumer Decision
- Making Contest
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 16 Robotics Meeting
- 19 President's Day
- 23 Deadline to enter County Duds to Dazzle
- 26 County 4-H Meeting @5:30 p.m.

"Never dull your shine for somebody else"

Tyra Banks

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February Family Fun Activities



WALK THE DOG EVERY DAY

DIY BIRD FEEDERS

TAKE A WINTER HIKE

CELEBRATE PRESIDENT'S DAY

WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT

MAKE V-TINE'S DAY CARDS

GO ICE SKATING

TRY STARGAZING

HAVE A FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

MAKE BROWNIES

WATCH THE SUPER BOWL

MAKE HOMEMADE CHILI

DO A 1000 PIECE JIGSAW PUZZLE

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OBJECTIVES

Demonstrate skill in making decisions based on facts.

Apply knowledge & experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations.

Experience making choices among selected marketplace options.

Develop & strengthen reasoning ability in consumer skills.

Demonstrate ability to organize thoughts & express them in a clear, confident manner.

Do you like to shop? Learn how to save money while shopping in the consumer decision making project. You'll learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research. You will also improve your: Money management skills, Smart purchasing skills and Decision-making skills.

Making consumer decisions can be confusing! We are overwhelmed by the number of consumer choices available to us in the marketplace. In the supermarket alone, there are thousands of goods to choose from. This project will help you become an informed consumer and a smarter shopper. You will learn how to decide which goods and services best meet your needs. You will learn a fail-proof process for making wise consumer decisions.

Many people don't know how important it is to be a 'smart shopper.

Good consumer skills can help you get more for your money. This is called increasing your purchasing power. You can increase your purchasing power in at least three ways when you are a smart shopper:

- **Buy the same product or service for less money
- **Buy more goods and services with the same amount of money
- **Buy a better quality product for the same amount of money.

 The quality of a product can be determined by the way it is put together, what materials are used, and how well it is made.

 In most cases, better quality goods will last longer than lower quality goods.

Be a part of this project and you too can become a smart shopper.

Deadline to enter County Contest is February 6th!

Consumer Decision Making Website



Texas 4-H Robotics Project

Project Description

The Texas 4-H Robotics project engages youth in the dynamic world of robotics, fostering innovation and critical thinking as they design, build, and program machines to tackle real-world challenges.

In the 4-H Robotics project, members will learn a variety of skills related to robotics, coding, and engineering. Some specific skills they may learn include: robotics design, problem-solving, teamwork, and presentation skills. Overall, the 4-H Robotics project offers a comprehensive learning experience that prepares youth for future careers in STEM fields, while also teaching them valuable life skills.

Basic

- Introduction to basic robotics components (sensors, actuators, controllers).
- Understanding the principles of mechanical design.
- Basic programming for robot movements using block-based languages.
- Introduction to simple robotic tasks (e.g., line following, obstacle avoidance).
- Familiarization with popular robotics platforms like LEGO Mindstorms.

Intermediate

- · Intermediate mechanical design and kinematics.
- · Exploration of more complex sensors and their integration
- Introduction to robotic arms and their applications.
- Programming robots using languages like Python or Java.
- Designing robots for specific tasks or challenges (e.g., mazinavigation).
- Basics of robot communication and wireless control.

Advanced

- Development of multi-robot systems
- Advanced programming for autonomous navigation and decision-making.
- Understanding of human-robot interaction and its ethical implications.
- Exploration of cutting-edge robotics fields like soft robotics and bio-inspired robots.
- Advanced robot simulations and real-world testing.

What is Duds to Dazzle

It's a contest where teams of youth are given a textile to repurpose using only the items in their sewing kits and Craft closet, and their knowledge and skills learned in the

4-H Clothing & Textiles Project.

- · Teams of 3 to 4 members
- · A textile that is no longer usable for its original purpose
- · 60 minutes to construct/repurpose into a new item
- · Using their sewing kits and a supply closet
- Prepare a presentation on the new items created.

Contest Objectives

- Allow participants to exhibit knowledge and skills gained through their 4-H Clothing & Textiles Project by designing, constructing and presenting a finished product.
- Allow participants learning opportunities
- Promote Teamwork
- Help 4-H'ers gain experience in public speaking
- Provide leadership opportunities for young people
- Assist youth in gaining an appreciation for recycling textiles.





Duds to Dazzle Guide



Let your creative juices flow at 4-H Refashion Retreat



MARCH 1-3, 2024



TEXAS 4-H CENTER



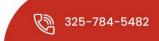
REGISTRATION

Youth registration - \$170 Every youth needs a to have an adult chaperone attending



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Register Here



Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp

presented by



Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

April 26-28, 2024





* Open to 6th - 8th grade students *

Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER. Make new friends and lasting memories!

Registration open February 5 - April 5 on the Texas 4-H @ https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/

Check-in: Friday, April 26 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Pick-up: Sunday, April 28 11:00 am

Cost: \$210 per camper (includes 2 nights dorm

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Adult Chaperones Needed. (Chaperones may attend free of charge but must register and be approved Texas 4-H Adult Volunteers.)

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Camp activities are led by Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors and Texas 4-H Conference Center staff. Activities will include:

- · Water Fair
- Fishing
- KayakingSeining
- Water model building
- High ropes course
- Dance & games
- · & much more!



The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides resources, means and opportunities for youth to learn, lead and teach others about water, www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com

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2024 Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp

Stock Season is HERE!

Taylor County 4-H members have been hard at work with their livestock projects! Members have competed at the Taylor County Livestock Show and the Fort Worth Livestock Show. Next up are San Angelo and San Antonio followed by Houston and Austin. Good Luck to everyone competing.



TCLS Results

Taylor County 4-H

District Food Ghallenge Results

Senior Teams

Incredible Edibles San Angelo 3rd Place District 7 2nd Place Payton McMurtrey, Daisy Smith, & Hylan Atwood

Mean Cuisine San Angelo 4th Place District 7 2nd Place Larsyn Allen, Adalyn Galovich, Rustyn Ross & Hailey Odom

Intermediate Teams

Cookaneers San Angelo 7th Place District 7 6th Place Eli Pitts, Tyler Callaway, Corbin Callaway, & Keeva Gollihar

Country Cookers San Angelo 8th Place District 7 6th Place Beau Ross, Cash Rutland, Carson Vaughn, & William Zambrano

Fly'n Taters San Angelo 4th Place District 7 3rd Place Clayton Callaway, Paige Vendegna, Ever Fewell, & Caroline Branson

Spice Girls San Angelo 9th Place District 7 7th Place Klaire Horner, Clara Propst, Riley Lemons, & Gail Rutland

Junior Teams

Flour Girls San Angelo 4th Place District 7 4th Place Kennedy Horner, Lyza Wood, Sutton Carpenter & Sawyer Carpenter

Look Good Cooks San Angelo 3th Place District 7 3rd Place
AmyKay Blair, Mattie Lemons, Addi Kate Scott & Mattis Solis

Prickly Pear Chefs San Angelo 4th Place District 7 3rd Place Callie Estes, Eva Pitts, Phoebe Branson, & Scarlett Vendegna



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