



# DENTON COUNTY 4-H FORECAST

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## Keeping Up in 2004

### Feb 2

Extension Conference Room  
Ambassador Meeting 6:30 pm  
4H Council 7:00 pm  
Adult Leaders & Club Mgr 7 pm

### March 5-7

Scrapbook Retreat, Brownwood

### March 30 - April 4

DCLA Youth Fair

### July 7-9

4-H County Camp, Brownwood

### July 12-16

L.E.A.P. Outdoor Adventure

### July 21-24

Prime Time 1 & 2, Brownwood

### July 26-31

SpecTra, Brownwood

## HORSE SHOWS

### April 17

### Rain Date May 8

### County Horse Show

### June 16-17

District Horse Show

Location: TBA

### July 26-30

State Horse Show

## STOCK SHOW DATES

Ft Worth Stock Show -

Jan 22 - Feb 7, 2004

[www.fwstockshowrodeo.com](http://www.fwstockshowrodeo.com)

San Antonio Stock Show -

Feb 7 - 21, 2004

[www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

San Angelo Stock Show -

Feb 20 - 29, 2004

[www.sanangelo.com](http://www.sanangelo.com)

Houston Stock Show -

Feb 25 - March 16, 2004

[www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

## SpecTra '04

July 26-31, 2004. 4H Members who have turned 14-18 may register for SpecTra. No younger than 14 or older than 18 on July 26, 2004.

Cost is \$275 for youth. Adult volunteers may register to assist with chaperoning at a reduced rate of \$211.

Participants: Jessica Larimer, Rebecca Acrey, Kristy Van Der Walt, Ashleigh Van Der Walt, Jayde Rodgers, Joanna Pace,

### **Meredith Gosnell**

Our reservation list will be mailed at the end of April, 2004.

## Prime Time '04

July 21-24, 2004

Total cost is \$160.

Prime Time #1 - no younger than 12 and no older than 13 on July 18, 2004

Prime Time #2 - no younger than 9 and completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and no older than 11 on July 21-24, 2004.

## L.E.A.P. Outdoor

**Adventure Camp '04** - July 12 - 16, 2004, Cost is \$200 per person.

This four night, five day camp will feature a two day float trip on the Colorado River. The camp will start at the 4-H Center with rock climbing. The team will then leave for three exciting days camping and floating on the Colorado River from Austin to Bastrop. Camp is limited to 15

participants chosen through an application process.

## Scrapbook Retreat

**March 5-7, 2004, Brownwood Center, small fee may be applied.**

From the novice to the advanced, everyone will enjoy a fun weekend of gabbing and scrapping. A mini-mester workshop.

**Deadline is Feb 1.**

## Texas 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl

Texas 4-H Quiz Bowl Guide is available on line at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/publications/index.htm>

## DCLA Has a New Address

for Mailing Entries:

DCLA Youth Fair

P O Box 428

Sanger TX 76266



## Making the Royal Choices

All Clubs need to elect their Queen and Princess Candidates. Youth Fair Queen and Princess Press Conference will be Monday, March 1, 2004, 7:00 pm, Extension Conference Room.

## Denton County 4-H's Habitat for Humanity Project



Denton County 4-H will be raising \$50,000 to build a house for Habitat for Humanity of Denton County.

Yes, this is a large project. However, if we set our goals and work together we will achieve it.

This project is open to all who want to help do something great! We need your contribution small or large. This house will always be known as the House that Denton County 4-H built.

If you have questions please call me or the Extension office 940-349- 2884

or  
Meredith Gosnell 940-240-0129  
or  
Rebecca Acrey at 817-439-4503.

## Argyle 4-H Club is a Hive of Excitement

The Beekeeping essay contest is coming up. Essay Entries must be postmarked by January 31, 2004.

Sarah Kornfield, the 2004 Texas Honey Queen, will talk to members of the Argyle 4-H Club about hobbyist beekeeping and the impact of beekeeping in Texas agriculture beginning at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 3, at Argyle United Methodist Church. Kornfield will bring a demonstration hive as part of her talk.



Her appearance is sponsored by the Texas Beekeeping Association. The event is free and open to the public and honey-inspired refreshments will be served.

## Benefits of Parent Participation



Through research and experience, active parent/supporting adult participation has proved to have positive effects on 4-H, 4-H clubs/groups and 4-H members. These benefits are:

### *It is important to the 4-H member.*

- ⌠ Studies found that boys and girls do better 4-H work when parents show their interest not only by words but by deeds.
- ⌠ When parents/supporting adults participate in the 4-H program, the 4-H member gains support, confidence, assurance and a feeling of security that he might not have otherwise.

### *It is important to the 4-H parent/supporting adult.*

- ⌠ Extending a helping or encouraging hand to a boy or girl is one of the finest ways parents/supporting adults can express affection to their children or to other youth.
- ⌠ 4-H is a family affair, offering parents/supporting adults many opportunities to participate in a program where both child and adult may become involved in

common interests and strengthen family unity.

- ⌠ 4-H provides a means for contributing to the community.

### *It is important to the 4-H program.*

- ⌠ When parental support is positive, the chances are good for a club/group to become stronger, larger and more active.
- ⌠ In clubs/groups where parental support is good, individual club/group members receive more personal attention and guidance from leaders and parents/supporting adults.
- ⌠ Club/group activities and events will develop and expand with the added support of parents/supporting adults. 4-H has a positive influence on the lives of thousands of boys and girls. This happens only when parents/supporting adults care enough to share their time, efforts and talents.

Denton County 4-H needs parents and adult leaders to help us reach our goals. If you are interested in helping with a project (or know of someone who is) call the Extension Office at 940-349-2884.



## 2004 TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Materials are in the Extension Office for these scholarships that are available to graduating seniors or college students who are, or were active 4-H'ers. Applications may also be found on line at:

<http://texas4-H.tamu.edu/foundation/findhome.html>.



### NO PASS NO PLAY

**Remember, as a 4-H member, you must be academically eligible to**

**participate in all 4-H activities. Keep those grades up!**

**Also please do not assume that if you are going to miss a day of school due to a 4-H extracurricular event, that we have sent an excuse letter to the school. It is your responsibility to let us know what days you will be gone. You also must check with your teachers and schools so you know that you can make up work and know their policy on absences before you plan on missing a day.**

## Helping 4-H Grow

February 27-29, 2004  
Texas 4-H Center  
Brownwood



This training is open to 4-H teen leaders (age 14-19), adult volunteers, and 4-H parents.

Workshop topics include:

- High School Financial Planning Program
- Financial Champions
- Consumer Decision Making Contest
- Consumer Critter Crew
- Youth Entrepreneurial Curricula
- Dance to the Rhythm of 4-H
- Safe Communities Traffic Safety
- Texas Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Course
- Healthy Home
- Children's Literacy Mentor Project
- Building Resilient Children
- 4H and Older Adults
- Investigating Water
- Water Conservation in the Home
- Energy Conservation Resources
- Accessible Living Homes
- Textiles
- 4-H Fabric and Fashion Design
- Learning to Sew

Registration information is available on line at:

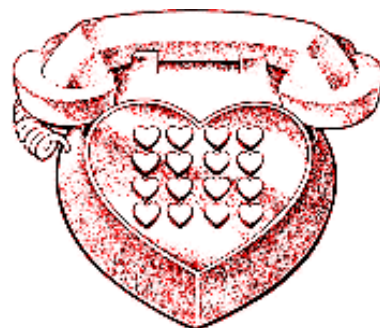
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/hg4h/index.htm>.

Registration deadline is Jan. 27, 2004.

## International Youth Leadership Exchange

Participant fee is \$300 plus spending money. Information is due to 4-H Office on January 22, 2004. Proposal is due to Dan James by Feb 2, 2004.

We just called to say



**Happy  
Valentine's Day**

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