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We have a new QR code for our 4-H webpage. Try it out! Great for sharing with new or prospective members.

## Fun in the Sun! Southeast District 8 County Camp



Limestone County Extension agents and 4-Hers at County Camp



Last day of camp: 4-Her's strike a pose for 4-H!

Fun  
in the  
Sun!



This year's Southeast District 8 County Camp that was held on July 10-12<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview Methodist Camp in Palestine was very successful. Over 260+ 4-Hers attended the camp. This year's theme was "Fun in the Sun". 4-Hers attended several workshops led by teen leaders. Some of the workshops included: drama, dance, shooting sports, show animals, and cooking.

We would like to thank everyone that participated and helped make this year's camp fun and exciting.

## Major Show Lamb/Goat Tag Orders

If you are planning on showing a market lamb, breeding sheep, or market goat at the **2016** major shows; then you need to order major show tags for these animals by **August 21, 2015** to the Extension Office. Tags will cost \$11 each for market tags and \$7.50 for a breeding sheep tag. State Fair lambs and goats will have to be re-validated for the 2016 Winter/Spring Major Shows.

Validation will take place in October from 4-7 p.m. at the Groesbeck Ag Barn.

## State Fair of Texas Entry Deadline

If you are planning on going to show at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, entries will be due to the Extension Office by **Monday, August 17, 2015**. Remember, if you are showing a market animal, it had to be validated at the June validations and you must complete the Quality Counts testing online!

The Quality Counts website is at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>. Click on **Verification** and then take the test.

## H.O.T FAIR

The Heart O' Texas Fair is coming up right around the corner in Waco, TX and the livestock entry deadline will be **September 11, 2015** to the County Extension office. This show has an excellent scholarship program and its just down the road in Waco and is a great opportunity to get your animals out into a show ring situation. Come see David or Wanda and sign up soon. Also, they have a calf scramble program for those of you needing some extra funds for animals! Remember, you complete the online Quality Counts test to receive your certification number for any of the big shows now!!

**The LCFA County Show checks for 4-H are at the Extension Office.** Please stop by and pick up your check if you have completed the process to do so.

The Extension Office still has a few people that have not picked up their LCFA-FCS Bake Sale money and we still have several Thank You Lists that have not been picked up yet. Please check with the Extension Office to see if you have money or a list to pick up.

**Please bring your LCFA Thank You List with your thank you notes when you bring them to the Extension Office. We do not have copies of all the lists to verify your thank you notes.**

Also, I still have some individual pictures that were ordered at the County Show from Latresa Lane that have not been picked up.

**Congratulations to Madison Melasky for placing 4th at the State 4-H Horse Show in the Cutting Divi-**

**4-H Recordbook Workshop  
Especially for Beginners**

August 6, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

Limestone County Courthouse  
(meeting room G-13 on the ground floor)

Program given by:

\* 4-H members who competed on the County & District levels

\* Adult leaders who have judged on the District & State levels

Learn what [doing a recordbook](#) can [do for you!](#)

Please bring a flash drive to download the form, paper, pencils & pens

**RSVP to Wanda at (254) 729-5314 so we will have hand-outs for everyone**

**2015 Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games**

**We had five 4-H members compete in July at the State Games in Archery. Those entered were Marshall Melasky, Aidan Roark, Brendan Roark, Jimmy Owens and Roy Owens.**

**Limestone County came away with 5 medals. Marshall Melasky placed 5th in both Clout and 3-D in the Junior age division with compound aided bow. Brendan Roark placed 4th in Clout for the Senior 1 age division with compound aided bow and Jimmy Owens placed 5th in both Field and 3-D for the Senior 2 age division with compound aided bow.**

**All Limestone County archers did well and we congratulate each of them.**



**2015**

## 4-H Year Enrollment 2015-2016

Please remember—you have to join 4-H every year to stay a 4-H member! Sign up starting August 15, 2015.

Be sure to fill out your green enrollment form and turn it in to your club manager or to Miss Wanda in the Extension Office. Remember that the participation fee is only \$20 before November 1. October 30th is the county deadline to have your green form & payment in to the Extension Office in order to meet the LCFA deadline of November 1 for show eligibility.

*Note—Clover Kids do not pay a participation fee—the fee only applies to bonafide 4-H members who are at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade.*

### August

- 8/06 Recordbook Workshop at 6:00 pm in the Courthouse Ground Floor Meeting Room (G-13)
- 8/15 Early enrollment for 4-H starts
- 8/17 Deadline to turn in entries for the State Fair of Texas
- 8/21 Deadline to order Major Show Lamb & Goat tags

### September

- 9/01 New 4-H Year Begins
- 9/11 Deadline to turn in entries for the H.O.T. Fair
- 9/28-10/2 State Fair of Texas at Dallas
- TBD Order Major Show Swine Tags

### October

- 10/8-17 H.O.T. Fair at Waco
- TBD Major Show Lamb & Goat Validation

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