



# 4-H Spotlight

December 2017



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## December

- 2 - County Food Show 10 a.m. at Appraisal District
- 8 - Dash for Cash Project Clinic – lambs, goats, steers, heifers
- 9 - Dash for Cash Show
- 11 - County Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. Athens Bowling Center
- 22 - 25 – Extension Office Closed

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## January

- 1 - Extension office closed
- 6 - HCLS Market Swine Validation at Fairgrounds
- 12 - District Food Show Online entry deadline
- 15 - Extension office closed
- 22 - Council & Leadership meetings 6:30 p.m Senior Citizens Center
- 26 - State 4-H Scholarships due to Extension office

### Special points of interest:

- *Livestock Shows*
- *Important Dates*
- *HCLS Dates*
- *Community Service*
- *Upcoming Camps*



Local News and Activities



**HENDERSON COUNTY 4-H**

**HOLIDAY  
BOWLING  
PARTY!**

**Monday, December 11th, 2017  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Athens Bowling Center  
900 W Corsicana Street  
Athens, TX**

**Must RSVP to Kate @ [kate.pittack@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kate.pittack@ag.tamu.edu) or call  
903.675.6130 by Monday, December 4th!**

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## HCLS Important Dates to Remember

- **January 6th**—County Swine Validation
- **February 1st**—HCLS Queen and Princess applications due
- **February 24th** - County market Rabbit Validation
- **March 1st** —HCLS club entries due (your entries must be turned in to your club leader prior to this date—please check with your club leader) for project show and breeding animal entries.
- **March 19-24** —Henderson County Livestock Show

Visit [www.hclsathens.com](http://www.hclsathens.com) for a complete list of rules and entry forms.

### Need help with your 4-H project?

Please do not hesitate to call the Extension office at 903-675-6130. Whether you have an animal project, food, clothing, etc. we want to help you do your best.

## Community Service Opportunities



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH  
ATHENS

9-10 a.m. - Happy Days 4-H  
10-11 a.m. - Timber Trails 4-H  
11-12 a.m. - Horizon 4-H  
12-1 p.m. Shotgun Sports  
1-2 p.m. - East Texas Young Riders  
2-3 p.m. - Cross Roads 4-H









You're invited to the

Toys for Tots  
Toy Sort

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 16th at the Cain  
Center Gym (915 S Palestine St, Athens, TX)

Henderson County 4-H will be sorting and bagging  
toys for the Toys for Tots program.

Contact Kate Marshall @ [kate.pittack@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kate.pittack@ag.tamu.edu) for more info/questions!



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# District & State Events

## Teen Leadership Retreat



**January 5-7 2018**

**Texas 4-H Center  
Lake Brownwood, Texas**

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This program is designed for 4-H youth serving in a leadership role in the Texas 4-H Program. County council and club officers, will gain knowledge in a variety of leadership topics taught by 4-H Specialists and Agents.

### Sessions Include

- Survival guide to turning 18
- Leadership in Community Service
- 4-H Advocacy
- Team Building

4-H members in grades 8-12

Registration fees:

Early Bird- November 1- December 22

Youth \$120 Adults \$90

Register online at [texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)

Late fee 10%

We will be participating in a community service project for the local Good Samaritan Ministries. More information will be sent in an email after registration!

Dance Theme: Hawaiian Luau

Any adult attending must be registered on 4-H connect, complete an online Child Protection Training, and submit a background check via 4-H Connect

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# ReFashion Retreat

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February 9-11, 2018

Texas 4-H Center  
Lake Brownwood, Texas



- Open to all 4-H members
- Sessions led by the 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board, agents, and specialists
- Hands on workshops
- Youth purchase items from a local thrift store and refurbish them

## Registration:

November 1st, 2017- January 26th, 2018

Youth \$120 Adults \$90

Late fee 10%

Go to:

[texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)

**Each youth member must be accompanied by an adult.** All adults must enroll as a 4-H volunteer have a verified background check and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.

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# Youth Hunter Education Camp

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**January 19th-21st, 2018**

Texas 4-H Center  
Lake Brownwood, Texas



**Come learn about hunting and a hunter's role in wildlife conservation.**

- In this camp you will learn hunter safety, hunting responsibility, and hunting laws and ethics
- The camp is interactive with live fire sessions. All equipment provided
- This camp is designed to follow the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunter Education Certification curriculum.
- All participants will be able to receive their basic Hunter Education Certification by attending the camp and completing the course requirements, which includes a final written exam.
- Each registrant for the camp will receive additional information concerning the camp and the Hunter Education Certification registration process
- This camp is open for 4-H Members from 9 to 15 years of age

Led by: Larry Hysmith- Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Leader  
Denise Harmel-Garza- Program Coordinator, Texas 4-H

This is a family style program, meaning a parent will attend along with their kids and learn the same knowledge and skills. Lodging is also family style, with all family members staying in the same room. One adult may accompany multiple youth in the same family.

Hotel Style lodging is available on a first come first serve basis.

All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect Prior to camp.

Registration for the course is online at [texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)

Cost for youth and adults is \$290 through January 5, 2018

Late fee 10% January 6-15, 2018

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# Upcoming Livestock Shows (flyers at Extension office)

**Dash for Cash Winter Classic**  
Saturday, December 9th  
Athens, Texas

Entry Fee: Cattle: \$25    Goats/Lambs \$20  
No late fees. Blow and Go.

Check in heifers 6-5 a.m.  
Check in steers 6-10 a..m  
Check in goats and lambs 6-9 a.m.

Heifers, Steer, Market Goats, and Market Lambs. For more information contact 903-286-4974 or pick up a flyer from the Extension office.

**Kaufman County Livestock Show**  
Saturday, December 16, 2017  
Kaufman, TX

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, Swine

\$25 entry fee  
Registration 7-9 a.m.

For more information, call Emily Reynolds  
972-935-7045.

**Lamb and Goat Clinic**  
Sunday, December 17th  
2:00 p.m.  
Lindale ISD Ag Barn

Free to Attend

Topics cover include selection, feeding, health and nutrition, facilities, drug policies, and showmanship. Bring your animal for hands on learning opportunities. Buckles awarded to showmanship winners

For more information, contact Skyler Shively at 903-780-5017.

**Dash for Cash Showmanship Clinic**  
Sponsored by the 4-H Adult Leader Council  
Friday, December 8 2017  
Henderson County Fairpark Complex, Athens

\$8 per person, includes meal  
Pay at the door.  
Check in: 5-6 p.m.

Clinic for beef, sheep, and goat projects. Bring your animal project. Stalls and pens will be available. Stay for the Dash for Cash on Saturday. Topics include showmanship, feeding, fitting, nutrition, and show preparation. For more information contact the Extension office at 903-675-6130.

**Swine Jackpot Show**  
January 13th  
Kaufman County Fairgrounds

Check-in from 7-8:30 a.m.  
Weight Cards due at 8:30 a.m.

\$5 Showmanship  
\$25 per head Ring A  
\$35 per head Ring B

For more information, call the Kaufman County 4-H office at 972-932-9069

**Branded by Christ Coverall Classic  
Jackpot Show and Clinics**  
Saturday, January 6, 2018  
Jacksonville, TX

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, Pigs

Cattle: \$25    Goats, Lambs, Pigs: \$20  
Registration 7-9:00 a.m.

For more information, call Brian Kinney  
903-721-3347.

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