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One of the things I like best about my job is that I get to do new things regularly. Next week I am heading to Austin for Texas 4-H Congress. Much like it sounds, 4-H Congress is an event where 4-H youth get to experience Texas Government in real-time!

Texas 4-H Congress is a mock legislative event that allows the young people of Texas to experience and learn first-hand the legislative bill process. This process can include gaining knowledge of what laws and regulations are currently in place, and those laws that would help make Texas a better place to live. The strength of the event comes from the quality of the bills that are submitted for consideration by the 4-H members. Therefore, 4-H members are encouraged to plan ahead, research, and prepare for the event.

Any 4-H member, regardless of age or planning on attending Texas 4-H Congress, must submit a legislative bill for consideration. Participation in the bill writing exercise allows 4-H members the opportunity to become engaged in the legislative process and the 4-H citizenship project. 4-H members attending Texas 4-H Congress are required to submit at least one bill (this includes Texas 4-H Council, Tech Team, etc) prior to their registration to the event being accepted.

I will be serving as an advisor/chaperone for our District 5 delegates that are attending. Justin Jones, one of our senior 4-H members, will be helping facilitate portions of the event in his role as a State 4-H Council member. I am excited to attend and learn more about the event and hopefully I'll be able to recruit some 4-Her's from Henderson County to attend in 2020 when the event will be held again.

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