

Leon County

4-H

2011-2012

Awards

Packet

Revised August 2011

Important Dates To Remember

First Monday in June - 5 PM---Recordbooks Due to the Leon
County Extension Office

Recordbooks will be judged the first full week of June and books will be available for pick-up the second week of June. Books advancing to District will need to be returned to the Leon County Extension Office no later than the last Friday in June.

July 20, 2012 - 7 PM---Leon County 4-H Awards Program
First Baptist Church, Centerville
RSVP by 5 PM July 16, 2012 to the Leon
County Extension Office at 903-536-2531.

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The following information was taken from page 3 of the
2011-2012 Texas 4-H Rules & Guidelines

Texas 4-H Age Categories:

- o Junior Ages: *8 and in the 3rd grade, 9 & 10*
Birth dates between: *Sept 1, 2000 – Aug 31, 2003*
- o Intermediate Ages: *11 to 13*
Birth dates between: *Sept 1, 1997 – Aug 31, 2000*
- o Senior Ages: *14 to 18*
Birth dates between: *Sept 1, 1992 – Aug 31, 1997*

Texas 4-H Recordbooks will be online this year!

LOCATION & RESOURCES

<http://www.4hreports.com>

**AVAILABLE FOR USE STARTING
OCTOBER 15, 2011**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Three levels of recordbooks: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- Forms may be completed through online entry system (www.4hreports.com) or may be downloaded from the Texas 4-H website
- Reference to 4-H objectives in the report form no longer required
- Photo captions no longer required
- Resume for Seniors no longer required
- Training material (both print and short video series) will be available to Counties for local training

Recordbook Categories

(taken from the 2011-2012 Texas 4-H Clover)

- Aquatic Science
- Beef
- Citizenship & Civic Education
- Clothing & Textiles
- Communication & Expressive Arts Open Category
- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Consumer & Family Science Open Category *(includes, but is not limited to, such projects as Personal Financial Planning)*
- Consumer Education
- Dairy
- Energy Management
- Entomology
- Environmental Sciences Open Category *(includes, but is not limited to, such projects as Composting and Recycling, Give Water a Hand, Outdoor Education, Three R's of Trash)*
- Family Life
- Food & Nutrition
- Forestry
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat
- Health
- Healthy Lifestyles Open Category *(includes, but is not limited to, such projects as Fire Prevention and Safety, It's Up To Me, On Your Own, Pace Setters--Crime Prevention, Toothfully Speaking)*
- Horse
- Housing & Home Environment
- Leadership
- Personal Development/Leadership Open Category *(includes, but is not limited to, such projects as 4-H After School, Texans Building Character, Exploring 4-H, Me, Inc.—workforce preparation, Talking with TJ)*
- Photography
- Plant & Soil Science
- Plants and Animals Open Category *(includes, but is not limited to, such projects as AG in the Classroom, Small Animals, Exotic Wildlife)*
- Poultry
- Public Speaking
- Rabbit
- Range Management
- Recreation
- Safety
- Science & Technology Open Category *(includes, but is not limited to, such projects as Aerospace, Automotive, Bicycle, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Meat Science, Small Engines, Wood Science)*
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Swine
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife & Fisheries

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. Counties have award quotas based on the number of senior 4-H members. The award is presented to the most deserving young people without regard to sex. The following are minimum requirements that must be met.

Leon County 4-H Gold Star Award Criteria

1. Leon County will award up to two (2) County Gold Star Awards or up to the allotted number by the District. Each winner will receive a garment bag. The County will recognize a finalist from each club and they will receive a plaque.
2. All eligible applicants must be a Senior (14-18) 4-H'er in the current application year and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.
3. The 4-H member must submit an awards program Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award. Recordbooks are due by 5 PM, the First Monday of June, at the Leon County Extension Office. (A copy of the Recordbook forms are included in this packet or it can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>).
4. The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas:
 - a. Method demonstrations/4-H presentations contests
 - b. Citizenship activities
 - c. Projects
 - d. Project exhibits
 - e. Camps
 - f. Leadership Lab
 - g. Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers)
 - h. Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc)

NOTE: The requirements for projects and activities do not all have to be completed in the current year. They may have been accomplished over the entire period of time the person has been in the program. The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Examples are working with or counseling junior 4-H members; participating in community service projects (individual, group, or club); and motivating other 4-H members through participation in demonstrations, projects and/or exhibits.

Leon County 4-H Silver Star Award Criteria

1. Leon County will award one (1) County Silver Star Award. The winner will receive a duffle bag. The County will recognize a finalist from each club and they will receive a plaque.
2. All eligible applicants must be an Intermediate (11, 12 or 13) 4-H'er in the current application year.
3. The 4-H member must submit an awards program Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award. Recordbooks are due by 5 PM, the first Monday of June at the Leon County Extension Office. (A copy of the Recordbook forms are included in this packet or it can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>).
4. A 4-H'er may only receive the Silver Star award one time in his or her 4-H career.

Leon County Bronze Star Award Criteria

1. Leon County will award one (1) County Bronze Star Award. The winner will receive a duffle bag or comparable item. The County will recognize a finalist from each club and they will receive a plaque.
2. All eligible applicants must be a Junior (8 and in 3rd grade, 9, or 10 years old) 4-H'er in the current application year.
3. The 4-H member must submit an awards program Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award. Recordbooks are due by 5 PM, the First Monday of June, at the Leon County Extension Office. (A copy of the Recordbook forms are included in this packet or it can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>).
4. A 4-H'er may only receive the Bronze Star award one time in his or her 4-H career.

Leon County Rookie Award

1. Leon County will award one (1) County Rookie Award. The winner will receive a Belt Buckle. The County will recognize a finalist from each club and they will receive a plaque.
2. All eligible applicants must be a 1st year 4-H'er in the current application year.
3. The 4-H member must submit a Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award. The Recordbook is due by 5 PM, the First Monday of June, at the Leon County Extension Office. (A copy of the Recordbook is included in this packet or it can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>).
4. A 4-H'er may only receive the Rookie award one time in his or her 4-H career.

Project Award

1. Leon County will award a Project Award to each 4-H member that submits a completed Recordbook. The winner will receive a project pin.
2. The 4-H member must submit an awards program Recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award. Recordbooks are due by 5 PM, the First Monday of June, at the Leon County Extension Office. (A copy of the Recordbook is included in this packet or they can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>).

Beyond County Level Awards

1. Leon County will recognize all 4-H'ers who compete in 4-H events beyond the county level. Members will be awarded a bag or similar item.

Recordbook Awards

1. Leon County will recognize all 4-H members who complete a Recordbook for the current 4-H year. Members will receive a ribbon indicating placing for the category in which the Recordbook was entered.
2. Recordbooks are due to the Leon County Extension Office by 5 PM, the First Monday of June.

Courage to Change Award

The Courage to Change Award is an award in honor of Mr. Dick Wallrath and the commitment he makes to Texas 4-H, and more importantly, Leon County 4-H members. This award will be given to the Leon County 4-H Council member who has shown the most growth and improvement in leadership, and will be voted upon by fellow County Council members.

Elaine Starnes Leadership Award

The Elaine Starnes Leadership Award is in memory of Mrs. Elaine Starnes, a devoted 4-H volunteer of over 30 years. This award will be given to the Leon County 4-H Council President.

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