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Subject: 4-H Club Manager Minute: October 2020, Vol. 1
Attachments: Bastrop County 4-H Council Bylaws - FINAL - updated 2020-10-06.pdf; 2020-10-06 Council Meeting Notes.pdf; Guidelines for Conducting Adult and 4-H Meetings - Programs and Events 9-2-2020.pdf; Screening Letter - COVID-19 - FILLABLE (updated 2020-09-20).pdf; 4-H Club Preparedness Plan - COVID-19 - FILLABLE (updated 2020-09-22).pdf; Bastrop County 4-H In-Person Meeting Protocols & Forms Packet (updated 2020-09-22).pdf; 2020 TSC_Fall_QandA (1) (1).pdf

Hey all, Happy Wednesday!!

I wanted to pass on a few updates to you to share with your club members and help with planning some of your activities. We are trying to keep up with all of the virtual happenings and requirements going on this year. It's been a little overwhelming to say the least! Typically, we've been sending out Club Manager email about every other month – we are going to try to work on a monthly email so we can do a little better at staying in touch with you and your club's needs. With that in mind, if y'all have any ideas on resources or information that would help you during this time, please let us know. We want to make sure that we are supporting you and passing on information that is helpful.

On that note, please see the information below, with corresponding attachments as needed and let us know if you have any questions!

Updates/opportunities we're posting this week:

- Smithville Livestock Show just released its updated rules and dates for the year
- Our FCH Ambassadors are putting together a Virtual Food & Nutrition Project Series that starts on 10/20/20
- We've been working to post most of these events to the website on the calendar – they should start showing up there at the end of this week: <https://bastrop.agrilife.org/calendar/>

County Council Meetings & Updates:

- Please see the attached copy of the County 4-H Council Bylaws that were approved and updated at the Council meeting last night
- Our County Council Meetings are still happening virtually this year – all youth are welcome to attend them, they simply have to RSVP by completing and emailing a copy of the [virtual waiver](#) to me at MLMickelson@ag.tamu.edu; this is a great opportunity to attend a Council meeting for their awards applications, recordbooks, to see what the other clubs are up to, and so on
- Agendas and minutes have been posted to the website on the youth leadership page: <https://bastrop.agrilife.org/youth-leadership-groups/>
- Future meetings are from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, December 1, 2020
 - Tuesday, February 2, 2021
 - Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – Officer Elections (*Officer applications will be due by March 15th*)

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign Updates:

- The Paper Clover Campaign is scheduled to run from October 7-18 this year - 90% of the funds from this campaign come back to our County 4-H program and are used for our leadership activities and county camps.

- Due to COVID, stores are not allowing members and clubs to solicit in store. I have attached an FAQ that will help answer any questions regarding what is "allowed", but because of this, stores will have more in-store signage, especially at registers, to help us push the campaign.
- Shoppers will also be allowed to donate online if they are shopping on the website:
<https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>
- **We encourage clubs to create their own promo items like poster boards or some sort of display to have placed inside the store.** You will have to work with your local store on getting your items on display. Our suggestions would be to use pictures of activities that counties have used previous funds for, members participating in activities, etc. but that is totally up to you and your clubs! **Get creative since we are not physically in stores and be sure to send Mellanie a picture to post on our social media!**
- If you would like to use the promo images provided by National, you can find those here: <https://4-h.org/professionals/marketing-resources/paper-clover-toolkit/>
- Also, HUGE shoutout to two of our very own Texas 4-H members! Their story is listed on the National 4-H TSC Campaign Page! Check them out here: <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h> Congrats Devin and Kelsey!

COVID-19 Meeting Guidance for 4-H Clubs Updates:

- Attached are the updated guidelines that changed towards the end of September – I apologize for not getting them to you a little earlier
- The main change that has taken place are some updates to the verbiage in the COVID-19 screening letter and that the capacity for indoor spaces has increased to 75%
- If you need help with hosting online meetings or activities at this time, please let me know!

Thank you all for being there for our kids, and thank you for all that you do! We hope you have a great week!

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