



Take The Lead with Teen Leadership Connection 4-H

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The Agent's Corner


Welcome to a new Teen Leadership Connection,(TLC) 4-H year. It is now time to start planning for your TLC 4-H Clubs and TLC 4-H Club activities. Each month you will receive a TLC 4-H newsletter for your review with insight on what's going on in the TLC 4-H program. The TLC 4-H newsletters will be disseminated to TLC leaders and members each month.



Screening has become an official part of the 4-H program, therefore, all 4-H volunteers must complete the yellow volunteer application form, and new volunteers must pay a \$10.00 screening fee along with the yellow form. The \$10.00 screening fee per person will be used to conduct background checks on each TLC 4-H volunteer leader as required by National 4-H. Remember, each month I will continue to provide you with timely information in regards to upcoming events, programs, and activities sponsored by the TLC 4-H program in this newsletter.



**TLC Calendar
Deadlines
2006**



4-H Club Installation Ceremonies
-4-H club installation ceremonies, **August - November**
- 4-H agent club site visits - all year long, give me a call!

28th or 30th of each month
- TLC FYI's due

TLC Monthly Report Forms
-Due 30th of each month

4-H Youth Issues Advisory Board Meeting
-January 7, 2006

CEP Annual Awards Program
- January 12, 2006

Choices Retreat Abstinence Program for youth 10-18
- March 31- April 2 in Huntsville, Texas

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Planning to attend the Choices Retreat Abstinence Retreat in Huntsville, Texas, March 31- April 2? Apply today for scholarship! 20 scholarships at the cost of \$50 are available and will cover your transportation, room and board for three days. All you pay is \$15. \$25 for registration. Call Patrice at 467-6575 to register. See the Choices application form inside this newsletter!

The Choices Abstinence Retreat is designed to help teens, ages 10-18, improve health habits and develop a greater understanding of abstinence education.

If you plan to attend this retreat all interested youth and their parents must attend the Choices Orientation meeting scheduled for March 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Claude Community Center at 2805 E. Commerce 78203.

Choices Abstinence Retreat Scholarships Available!

ANNUAL CEP AWARDS CEREMONY FOR ALL TLC 4-H CLUBS, LEADERS & LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS!!!!

The date for the Annual CEP awards program is scheduled for January 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be held at the Fair Oaks Country Club located at 7900 Fair Oaks, San Antonio, Texas. Each Club member and leader will receive a personal invitation to attend this wonderful fiesta dinner and awards banquet. Once you receive your invitation please call, and let me know if you plan to attend. We need to know how many people will be in attendance. You don't have to wait to receive your invitation to RSVP. You can call me at 467-6575 to let me know now if you plan to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there!

College Scholarship Opportunities Available for Graduating Seniors! Check out the table below & apply early:

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Forms available at</u>	<u>Contact</u>
SALE CEP PVAMU	To the County office Apr 7 th	Call County Extension Office	Patrice Barnes 467-6575
Texas 4-H Foundation	To the County office Feb 6 th	http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/ click on 4-H and then click on scholarships	Shane Browning 467-6575
USDA 1890	To USDA by Jan. 15 th	http://1890scholars.hips.program.usda.gov	Carl Butler 202-205-2693
MLK Jr.	To the City of S.A. by Feb. 16 th	www.sanantonio.gov/mlk	MLK Commission 207-6543

TLC 4-H Report Forms (Needed from all 4-H Clubs)

TLC 4-H club report forms are very important to the TLC 4-H Program. TLC volunteer leaders are asked to complete this form each month. This form serves as a means for 4-H to measure the success of the TLC 4-H program in Bexar County. It also indicates to us what your club is doing. Some of this information is included in the TLC 4-H monthly newsletter. It is vital to the 4-H agent's monthly reports. It also enables us to share with our financial supporter the successes of our programs. Please take the time to complete the TLC 4-H monthly report forms each month. These forms were provided to you in your TLC 4-H Charter/Registration Club Packets you received during the annual TLC 4-H training. These forms should be submitted to the Extension Office by the 30th of each month.

Volunteer Hour Forms(Needed from all Volunteers)

The volunteer hour forms are very important to the TLC 4-H program. TLC volunteer leaders and 4-H board members are asked to complete this form each month. This form serves as a means for 4-H to count the volunteer hours that our volunteers provide to our programs each month. It enables us to share with our financial supporters the successes of our programs. Please complete the form and turn it into me by the 30th of each month. Call Pam if you need more forms. She can fax or mail them to you. Feel free to duplicate them. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

4-H Club FYI's, Articles & Club Pictures

4-H club FYI's are articles your clubs send us about news or exciting things going on in your club. We would love to display this good news in our monthly TLC 4-H newsletter. If your club is conducting a fund raiser, won an award, or received funding, key us in so we can share it with all of the other clubs. Also, send us pictures to accompany your articles. We will attach them to your article for the FYI Corner.



San Antonio Metroplex Youth Issues Advisory Board

Each year TLC 4-H invites new members, youth and adults to join the board. If you have an interest and concern about issues facing youth within the community, this board is the place for you. The members meet on Saturdays at the **Dorie Miller Community Center, 2802 Martin Luther King Dr., Bldg., 2, San Antonio, Texas 78220 from 9:00 a.m.--11:00:00 a.m.**

All members and potential members are sent formal meeting notices each month. Contact Patrice Barnes at 210-467-6575 if you would like to join.

4-H Youth Issues Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

<u>4-H Board Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dates 2005-2006		
January 7	9:00 a.m.	Dorie Miller
March 4	9:00 a.m.	Dorie Miller
May 13	9:00 a.m.	Dorie Miller

T-TEEM 4-H Youth City Wide Program

Principal, Mr. Hakeem Salaam and students of Shekinah Radiance Academy adopted the challenge of forming the new subcommittee of the 4-H Youth Issues Advisory Board's T-TEEM program. Two educators from Radiance, Mr. Grady Morris and Mr. Burns serve as leaders and advisors to this group of teens who intend to develop a plan to host a youth entrepreneurial conference/trade show. This event will be opened city wide to all youth from ages eight and in the third grade to 19 years of age. We are in the process of planning this event. Any 4-Her, 4-H leader, youth agency or local schools are eligible to join this committee. The students of Shekinah Radiance Academy welcome you to this new and exciting committee. Call Mr. B. the committee advisor at 545-4415 if you would like to join.



FOCUS ON FAMILY

The Importance of Showing Appreciation

By: Family First Staff

According to Josh McDowell, "When we express appreciation to young people, we give them a sense of significance." And this appreciation is one of the cornerstones of connecting to our children.

McDowell goes on to state that: "Our acceptance of young people tells them that their *being* matters. Expressing our appreciation to them says that their *doing* matters too. Appreciation gives people a sense of significance -- feeling that they are valued and that their accomplishments do make a difference to someone."

McDowell encourages parents to show appreciation for their children not only for the sake of their children's self-esteem, but for improving discipline in the home, as well. He says, "The more you praise your young people for what they are doing right, the less you have to criticize and discipline them for doing something wrong."

Many parents struggle with finding the right words to say or knowing what to praise. McDowell says, "It isn't a matter of not being able to find things to appreciate about your kids; it's about *disciplining yourself to speak up and tell your kids what you see* -- to give them honest praise for their effort." He offers several practical examples:

"Thank you for getting your homework done on time."

"I appreciate it when you take your dirty dishes to the sink after we eat."

"Thank you for putting the car in the garage for me without being asked."

"I appreciate you for spending time with your little sister when you wanted to be out with your friends."

However, McDowell throws in a bit of caution. "Unless your young people are absolutely convinced that you accept them for who they are, your praise and appreciation can become manipulative. Appreciation without acceptance may prompt a student to relate to you on a performance basis." While giving praise is necessary to your child's well-being, make sure they also feel secure and accepted for who they are. They need to know you will love them whether they succeed or not.

This article is based on the book, The Disconnected Generation, by Josh McDowell.

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