All Texas 4-H members between grades 9th and 12th are invited to participate in the 2016 Texas 4-H Congress, July 17 to 20 at the Texas State Capitol. This ‘hands-on’ learning experience allows 4-H members to write, present, debate, and decide the fate of legislative issues affecting our state.

4-H members can participate as a member of the House of Representatives, Senate, Press Corp, or as a Lobbyists.

Each 4-H member attending Texas 4-H Congress is required to submit a legislative bill, but ALL 4-H members, any age, can submit a bill for consideration. This is a great way for 4-H members to participate in the citizenship project and learn more about the Texas legislative process.

Legislative Bills can be submitted online between January 1st to May 20, 2016 at: texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/

Applications for 4-H members wanting to be considered for the Press Corp or Lobbyist Team should complete an application on 4-H CONNECT between February 15 to March 31, 2016

Texas 4-H Congress Registration will be open between May 1 to May 31, 2016

To learn more about Texas 4-H Congress and how to participate visit: texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/
The Lifelong Impact of 4-H Book Available for Your Christmas Stockings

Are you looking for a Christmas present for that special 4-H family? The Texas A&M University Press is offering a 20% December Discount for all 4-H and Friends of 4-H for the The Lifelong Impact of 4-H. To take advantage of this offer, go to the TAMU Book Store, order the book, and during the checkout process enter the promotional code of: 2A
Summer Inbound Exchange Program
Become a Host Family

- Youth ages 11-15 from Japan visit the United States for a 4-week immersion homestay.
- To host a delegate, must have a youth of the same gender and similar age.
- If no children/youth at home, family can host an adult Chaperon.
- Delegates have varying degrees of English speaking skills.
- Expenses—the family is only asked to provide a bed and three meals a day. There are no expectations for ‘entertaining the guest.’

2016 Dates
Delegates arrive at DFW July 21
With Host Families: July 22 — August 18
Delegates depart August 19

Summer Outbound Exchange Program
Travel abroad!

- Texas 4-H members ages 14-18 travel to Japan for 4-week immersion homestay with Japanese family.
- Living with a family to gain perspective of a family member, not simply a tourist.
- Also attend a 4 day/3-night Labo Camp with host.
- Apply by February 1, 2016
- May 15, full payment due; approximately $4,200 includes RT airfare from Dallas to Japan, other transportation expenses in Japan
- Does not include passport or personal spending money
- July 13 to August 11, 2016

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Eli’s Fund
A Memorial for Lance Corporal Colton Rusk and Eli, his service dog

November 2015 – June 2016
Eli, a bomb-sniffing military working dog was assigned to US Lance Cpl. Colton Rusk. In December, 2010, Lance Cpl. Rusk was killed by sniper fire in Afghanistan. Eli, ever faithful to his handler was left depressed and alone. He would not leave Lance Cpl. Rusk’s cot at the base for several weeks. In February 2011 Lance Cpl. Rusk’s family in South Texas was allowed to adopt Eli. The Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation (College of Veterinary Medicine, CVM) has pledged to cover all of Eli’s veterinary care for the rest of his life. The CVM established Eli’s Fund as a source of financial support for active duty service men and women, medically retired veterans' service animals and retired military animals.

Goal: $15,000

How to Donate

- From November 2015 through Texas 4-H Roundup in June 2016, Texas 4-H Council challenges all 4-H members and families to financially donate to Eli’s Fund.
- 4-H clubs can collect donations, have a bake sale, a car wash or other event; the collected funds would then be donated online
http://vetmed.tamu.edu/giving/opportunities/elis-fund

To read more about Lance Cpl. Rusk and Eli

- Tell others about Eli’s Fund and encourage them to donate.
- To track the donations made on behalf of Texas 4-H, in the Additional comments or instructions box of the online donation form include: #Texas4H and your County
- All donations go directly to the Texas A&M Foundation. A minimum $25 donation is required.
- To GIVE NOW, you can scan the QR Code

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2016 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

2016 Essay Topic: “Bees and Pollination. How important is it?”

Deadline for entry: January 8, 2016

For a complete copy of rules and guidelines visit: texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/

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