



# Talking Points

Proudly serving as the voice of Texans who believe in the value of the Texas 4-H Program since 1996.

## Why become a Member?

Each year, 4-H touches the lives of more than one million children through their 4-H participation in local clubs, special interest groups, school enrichment programs, nutrition programs, and outdoor adventures.

Your decision to join the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association is one of the best opportunities to show your support of 4-H, the programs provided, the county agents hard work, and the values instilled in today's youth.

## Why become a member of the Texas 4-H Friends & Alumni Association

- We see to it that worthy 4-H programs gain financial support for the accomplishment of their goals through county grants.
- We provide scholarships for 4-H members to attend camp and other 4-H opportunities
- We provide college scholarships for outstanding 4-H members.
- We help acquaint the general public with 4-H and its purposes and speak to groups to promote 4-H.
- We provide a network for members keeping them informed about 4-H programs across Texas & legislation that could affect the future of Texas 4-H.
- We serve as mentors for current 4-H members sharing with them some of our own 4-H experiences we enjoyed while an active member

## Who can become a member?

**EVERYONE!!!** You do not have to be an alumni of the 4-H program to be a member of the association. If you believe in 4-H and what this program provides our young people, then you are a "FRIEND" of 4-H.

## 4-H Friends & Alumni Association giving back

- 2005 became a part of the 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program. Awarded to-date \$16,800 in scholarships to Technical and Collegiate students
- 2006 began the "Leadership Experience Scholarship Program. Awarded over \$6,000 in travel scholarships for students needing financial assistance to attend Texas 4-H Roundup and Texas 4-H Congress. The grants were \$100 stipends.
- 2007 started the "Texas 4-H Program Grant Support" fund. Awarded to-date \$20,500 in grants to county 4-H programs across Texas.
- 2010 organized the first ever Texas 4-H Roundup Trade Show. Funds raised from this effort were donated back to Texas 4-H Roundup to assist with deferring the cost of attending the premier state event.
- 2010 began the 4-H Friends & Alumni Alliance program giving 4-H clubs and their counties