

District 11 4-H Crossroads
November 19-21, 2010
Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi

EVENT INFORMATION

Crossroads is a three day/two night career development and youth leadership program to involve 14-19 year olds (as of November 19, 2010) in various projects that will expose them to various career and higher education opportunities.

EVENT DETAILS

In 2010, District 11 4-H Crossroads will be held at Holiday Inn Emerald Beach at 1102 South Shoreline Drive in Corpus Christi, TX.

A copy of the tentative schedule is attached.

EVENT FEE

The cost for Crossroads is \$120.00 for 4-H members and \$90.00 for adult leaders and county Extension agents. **No refunds will be given!**

Payment for Crossroads may be made by personal e-check, county/club check or credit card. The District Office will NOT receive any registration payments for Crossroads. All registration fees (paid by check) must be sent to the Texas 4-H Foundation at the following address:

Texas 4-H Foundation
P.O. Box 11020
College Station, TX 77842-1020

All checks should be made payable to: "Texas 4-H Foundation - District 11." In the memo line, please write "Crossroads."

SUBSTITUTION POLICY

Substitutions will be allowed up to one week prior to the event. All substitutions must be submitted to the district office in writing by the county Extension agent. Substitutions may ONLY be made boy for boy and girl for girl. However, there is no guarantee that the substitute will get the workshops wanted; he/she will most likely be placed in the workshops assigned to the original delegate he/she is replacing.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Participants (youth, adults and county Extension agents) must register for District 11 4-H Crossroads on 4-H CONNECT (online registration system). **The registration will be open from 12:00 a.m. on Monday, October 4 thru 12:00 Midnight on Monday, October 25.** 4-H members, leaders and county Extension agents may submit an entry at any time during this registration period.

County Extension Agents must "certify" all entries on 4-H CONNECT within two business days following the registration deadline. Failure to do so will result in the registration being rejected.

CROSSROADS CHECK-IN/ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Each 4-H member must be checked in and checked out by an adult. Once a 4-H member has checked into Crossroads, he/she must stay until the conclusion of the event. There will be no early departures, or leaving and returning later. And remember: NO 4-H member can drive to Crossroads on his/her own.

Registration is 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19. All required paperwork must be turned in at check-in. The absolute deadline to arrive on Friday is 12:00 midnight. If a 4-H member has a valid reason to not arrive on Friday (i.e. playoff football game), he/she may arrive on Saturday. However, Saturday arrivals must be checked in by 8:00 a.m. Workshops will not be delayed for late arrivals. All Saturday arrivals must be validated by the 4-H member's respective County Extension Agent. The closing assembly on Sunday, November 21, will conclude by 10:00 a.m.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Individuals who require an auxiliary service or accommodation in order to participate in Crossroads need to indicate so and provide an explanation of accommodation(s) needed when registering on 4-H CONNECT. Any additional explanation that needs to be provided can be done by calling the District 11 Office at 361/265-9203 by the registration deadline.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Crossroads is restricted to youth ages 14 thru 19 as of November 19, 2010.

ADULT CHAPERONES

Each adult attending Crossroads is also asked to provide transportation to and from the workshop to which he/she is assigned. A copy of each adult's proof of auto insurance may be requested by event organizers.

The District 11 Guidelines, adopted 12-16-1997, will be followed for this event. The minimum standards of the policy state:

“If a county has four (4) or more 4-H members attending, the county must send an adult of either gender. When the number of 4-H participants exceeds 8, the adult to member ratio is 1 to 8. Example: If a county sends 12 members, they must send two chaperones. 4-H members opposite the gender of the county adult chaperone must be assigned to an adult chaperone of their gender. Assignments must be by the member's county Extension agent. This assignment must then be sent in writing to the District Office five days prior to the event. This letter must state the event, the member's name(s), and the name of the adult chaperone (or agent) from another county that will accept responsibility for the member(s). The assigned adult should be asked before the letter is written.

If there are three (3) or less participants from a county, without an adult chaperone attending, the members must be assigned to adult chaperones by the member's county Extension agent. 4-H members must be assigned to adult chaperones of their gender. Assignments must be made by the member's county Extension agent. This assignment must then be sent in writing to the District Office five (5) days prior to the event. This letter must state the event, the member's name(s), and the name of the adult chaperone (or agent) from another county that will accept responsibility for the member(s). The assigned adult chaperone should be asked before the letter is written.”

TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of each county to provide transportation for participants to and from Crossroads. **No 4-H member may drive him-/herself to Crossroads.**

Transportation to and from workshops will be provided by adult leaders and county Extension agents. Each adult attending Crossroads is also asked to provide transportation to and from the workshop to which he/she is assigned. A copy of each adult's proof of auto insurance may be requested.

T-SHIRTS

When registering, all participants (youth and adults) need to indicate the size and color of t-shirt preferred. The t-shirts will be distributed at Crossroads registration/check-in. All participants (youth and adults) should plan to wear the t-shirt on Saturday of Crossroads.

DRESS CODE

Dress for Crossroads is casual, but neat. Conventional shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. Items of clothing advertising alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or drugs or that have vulgar, offensive messages are not appropriate. Tank tops, halter tops or tops with spaghetti straps are not appropriate for girls at Lab. See-through or muscle shirts are not appropriate for boys at Lab. Hats and caps are not appropriate inside buildings.

WHAT TO BRING

All participants (youth and adults) will be housed in hotel rooms this year. Youth will be 4 per room and adults will be 2 per room. Therefore, each participant must bring:

- Pillow (optional)
- Toiletries and personal items
- Light jacket or sweater and/or rain gear (depending upon the weather forecast for the weekend)
- Close-toe shoes (i.e. tennis shoes)
- Flashlight

Please do not bring valuable electronic equipment.

Crossroad participants may bring snacks. However, please keep them to a minimum; they must be kept secure to prevent ants and rodents. Snacks will be provided during the dance on Saturday night.

Do not bring items such as water guns, water sling shots, shaving cream (except for personal use), etc. If you are caught with these materials, disciplinary action will be taken.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Each participant (youth AND adults, including CEAs) is required to turn in the following forms at Crossroads Check-in. The forms are available on the District 11 4-H website.

- Waiver and Indemnification Agreement and Medical Treatment Authorization
- Health Statement

Each youth participant agreed to the Code of Conduct and Consequences of Misbehavior form when enrolling in 4-H for the 2010-2011 4-H year on 4-H Connect. This Code of Conduct policy will be followed during Crossroads.

Each adult leader attending Crossroads must also be a registered volunteer and have completed a criminal background check through the Youth Protection Standards, or an approved screening entity.

CROSSROADS WORKSHOPS

There will be six workshops offered at Crossroads this year. When registering, all youth and leaders need to select which workshop they prefer to attend, ranking them 1-5. The committee will work to honor workshop preferences; however, it is not a guarantee that you will get your first choice. The workshops are:

Aquatic/Marine Science - Participate in an excursion on the Karma, a floating classroom. The group will take a boat ride out into the bay and learn about aquatic life and career opportunities in marine science. After lunch, the group will visit a local redbfish hatchery and learn about research behind improving the breeding of redbfish.

Engineering/Petro Chemical - learn about career and degree opportunities from two local colleges that have outstanding engineering degree programs. Participate in a fun activity related to the petro chemical industry led the local engineering students club at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

Sports Management - Learn about the awesome sports management program at TAMU-CC. Tour the facilities and learn about career opportunities. Next, visit with the staff of the Corpus Christi Ice Rays, the local minor league ice hockey team in Corpus.

Culinary Arts - behind the scenes tour of the HEB Plus, learning how they create many culinary delights. This group will also visit the very popular Del Mar College Culinary Arts department and learn some tricks of the trade. Possible stop at a high class restaurant to hear from a top rated chef.

Energy (wind, solar, electric) - visit and tour the newly installed wind farm in San Patricio County. Learn how they harness the wind to create energy. Also hear from a local electric company on what and how the electric company operates. Explore alternate forms of energy using solar panels to power homes and businesses.

Medical/Health Sciences - visit TAMU-CC and learn about a variety of degree programs in health sciences. Also tour a local children's hospital and learn about the many career opportunities within the health care system.

ADDITIONAL COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS

Some counties have been assigned to conduct flag ceremonies or evening vespers. Please review the attached agenda to see what counties were assigned. County Extension Agents should work with Crossroads participants to fulfill their assignment.