

District 11 4-H Leadership Lab
June 19-21, 2017
McKinney Roughs Nature Park – Cedar Creek, TX

NEW for 2017:

- **District Council officers have voted to assign dorms by color groups not by county to encourage networking amongst other counties.**

EVENT INFORMATION

Leadership Lab is a three-day/two-night leadership training for 4-H youth. It is designed to equip participants with programs that can be replicated in the county and to allow the District 11 4-H Council to hold an annual meeting to conduct needed business for the year and to elect officers.

EVENT DETAILS

District 11 4-H Leadership Lab will be held at McKinney Roughs Nature Park in Cedar Creek, Texas. A copy of the tentative schedule is attached.

THEME

The theme for Leadership Lab 2017 is "[Dive into 4-H!](#)" Lab activities will be coordinated around this theme.

EVENT FEE

The cost for Leadership Lab is \$200.00 for 4-H members, and \$165.00 for adult leaders and County Extension Agents. **No refunds will be given; however, substitutions are allowed!**

EVENT REGISTRATION

All Leadership Lab participants, chaperones, and agents **MUST** register on **4-H CONNECT between Saturday, April 15 and Friday, June 2**. The registration will be open through midnight on June 2. 4-H members may submit an entry at any time during this registration period. Late registration will be allowed from June 3 through midnight June 9 for an additional \$25.00.

County Extension Agents must "certify" all entries on 4-H CONNECT within 2 business days following the registration deadline.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Leadership Lab is restricted to youth ages 13 through 17 as of June 1, 2017. Graduated seniors will be allowed to attend.

ADULT CHAPERONES

Chaperone Policy will be STRICTLY enforced. Counties will be required to send chaperones with their youth.

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 (5) 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

Transportation to and from the camp facilities will not be provided. Counties will arrange transportation for their youth.

T-SHIRTS

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

DRESS CODE

Dress for Leadership Lab 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 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. Two piece swimsuits for females are not allowed. If a youth brings one, they will be forced to wear a dark colored t-shirt to cover the mid-riff.

WHAT TO BRING

All participants (youth and adults) will be housed in dorm facilities. Therefore, each participant must bring a pillow, sheets, towels, washcloths, shower shoes, and any personal items needed. Participants are also encouraged to bring a light blanket, as well as a light jacket or sweater, as the classrooms and dorms may be cool.

Bring clothes and shoes for active sports, swim suits, water shoes, outdoor recreation and nightly dances. Bring tennis shoes, boots or some other closed toe shoes. Due to Center regulations, **NO FLIP FLOPS MAY BE WORN DURING DANCES. A 'Sunday' outfit is needed for the Banquet.**

Please do not bring valuable electronic equipment.

Lab participants may bring snacks. However, they must be kept secure to prevent ants and rodents.

Do not bring items such as water guns, water sling shots, shaving cream (except for personal use), etc. If any 4-H member is caught with these materials, disciplinary action will be taken.

Youth will have the opportunity to participate in team building activities on the ropes course. Tennis shoes or closed toe shoes are a requirement.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Each participant (youth AND adults, including CEAs) is required to fill out the following forms:

- 4-H Connect Health Form - Waiver and Indemnification Agreement and Medical Treatment Authorization
- McKinney Roughs Nature Park LCRA Release from Liability Form

County Extension offices are encouraged to print a set from 4-H Connect or have them filled out for traveling purposes.

Each youth participant must also have completed a "Consequences of Misbehavior" form when enrolling in 4-H for the 2016-2017 4-H year. Counties should have a copy of this form on file; however, it is not required to present a copy at Leadership Lab check-in. This Code of Conduct policy will be followed during Leadership Lab.

Each adult leader attending Leadership Lab must also be a registered volunteer and have completed a criminal background check through the Youth Protection Standards, or an approved screening entity. It is the responsibility of County Extension Agents to ensure volunteer have been appropriately screened. Each leader will need to complete the child protection training on 4-H Connect.