Purpose

The purpose of Junior Lab is:

- To provide a district-level leadership training experience for younger 4-H members.
- To provide an opportunity for District 4-H Council Officers and members to demonstrate their leadership skills.
- To provide a wholesome, yet educational, experience through cultural offerings, craft activities and social interaction.
- Rotate throughout the district annually to focus on natural resources or other unique features of counties within District 11.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015
Location: Matagorda Bay Nature Park, 6430 FM 2031 Matagorda, TX 77457

Additional information about the facilities can be found at the following website: http://www.lcra.org/parks/developed-parks/pages/matagorda-bay-nature-park.aspx.

Cost:
- $30.00 registration fee for ALL youth participants
- $20.00 registration fee for adults, parents, agents, and teen leaders wanting to order a Junior Lab t-shirt.
- $5.00 registration fee for adults, parents, agents, and teen leaders NOT wanting a t-shirt.

All adults, agents, and District Council Teen Leaders are also asked to register on 4-H Connect, regardless if they want to order a shirt or not.

Late Registration will be available June 20 – June 26, 2015 for an additional $25.

No refunds will be given!

Registration

Registration for this event will be conducted online via 4-H CONNECT. The online registration will open on May 8 and remain open until June 19, 2015. All registrations must be certified at the county level. Late Registration will be available June 20 – June 30, 2015 for an additional $25. A tshirt cannot be guaranteed for late registrants.

Schedule

Arrival and registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the program kicking off with a welcome and overview at 10:00 a.m. The day’s events will conclude at 4:00 p.m. The day’s complete schedule is attached.
Workshops

Junior Lab participants will participate in a variety of fun, hands-on and educational workshops. The workshops will be:

- Seining
- Marine Life Scavenger Hunt
- Kayaking
- FISHING!
- Team building

Eligibility

All 4-H members age 9 through 13, as of May 31, 2015, are invited to participate in Junior Lab. Older 4-H members may also participate and serve as a group leader (see next section).

Teen Leaders

District Council 4-H members (District Officers & voting delegates from each county) may register and serve as group leaders for the day. If wishing to serve in this capacity, 4-H members need to indicate so when registering. District Council members are those members currently serving during the 2014-2015 4-H year or newly elected 2015-2016 officers. Teen Leaders will be limited to the first 10 who sign up on 4-H Connect. Priority will be given to District 11 Council Officers.

Transportation

It is the responsibility of the county and/or parents to provide transportation for its participants to and from Junior Lab. No 4-H member may drive him/herself.

What to Bring

Participants are reminded to wear sunscreen and bring a hat. It is guaranteed to be hot! Also, t-shirts will be given to each participant and we ask that each participant wear his/her t-shirt throughout the day’s activities. Water coolers will also be available on-site; however, youth may also bring their own water bottles. Several of the workshops will be wet and wild. Feel free to wear a swimsuit under your clothes, just make sure it is appropriate for a 4-H function. Participants should dress cool and comfortable within the 4-H dress code guidelines.

Required Forms

All participants must also complete the medical form and waiver and indemnification form on their 4-H connect profile. County Extension agents are expected to print a copy for travel purposes.