

**District 11 4-H Crossroads  
November 22-24, 2013  
Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade**

### **Event Information**

Crossroads is a three day/two night career development and youth leadership program to involve 13-18 year olds (as of November 22, 2013) in various projects that will expose them to various career and higher education opportunities.

### **Event Details**

In 2013, District 11 4-H Crossroads will be held at the Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade((9821 Colonnade BLVD, San Antonio TX 78230). A copy of the tentative schedule is attached.

### **Event Fee**

The cost for Crossroads is \$150.00 for 4-H members and \$110.00 for adult leaders and county Extension agents. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed from October 26 – November 18. **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, P O Box 11020, College Station, Texas 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 (on-line registration system). **The registration will be open from 12:00 a.m. on Monday, September 9, through 12:00 midnight on Friday, 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 may 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 unless granted prior approval from your County Office and the District Office.

Registration is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22. 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 approved by the 4-H member's respective County Extension Agent. The closing assembly on Sunday, November 24, 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 13 through 18 as of November 22, 2013.

## **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 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 made 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. 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.

**Child Protection Training** – All volunteers will be required to take and pass with 100% completion the Child Protection Training on 4-H Connect in order to chaperone District 11 Crossroads.

### **Transportation**

It is the responsibility of each county to provide transportation for participants to and from Crossroads. If a youth drives to any district function, the keys will be picked up by their county agent or district specialist and returned at the completion of the event. This is to ensure the safety of all youth involved at the event. We strongly encourage youth to travel to a district function with an adult.

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 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 has vulgar, offensive messages are not appropriate. Tank tops, halter tops or tops with spaghetti straps are not appropriate for girls at Crossroads. See-through or muscle shirts are not appropriate for boys at Crossroads. Hats and caps are not appropriate inside buildings.

### **What to Bring**

All participants (youth and adults) will be housed in hotel rooms. Youth will be four (4) per room and adults will be two (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)
- Closed toe shoes (i.e. tennis shoes)
- Flashlight

Please do not bring valuable electronic equipment.

Crossroad participants may bring snacks. 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 2013-2014 4-H year on 4-H CONNECT. This Code of Conduct policy will be followed during Crossroads.

### **Crossroads Workshops**

There will be four workshops offered at Crossroads this year. When registering, all youth and leaders need to select which workshop they prefer to attending, ranking them 1-4. The committee will work to honor workshop preferences; however, it is not a guarantee that you will get your first choice. The workshops are:

**Science & Technology** – Participants will have a chance to see firsthand what the Scientific Research Industry is all about! They will visit with Southwest Research Institute representatives and see what career opportunities the fields of engineering, technology, and physics has in store!!!

**Marketing/Advertising** - With District 11 Crossroads moving to San Antonio, there is now a lot of chances for this session to meet with some major companies to get a behind the scenes look into marketing and advertising. Some of the major corporations that are based out of San Antonio include: Spurs, Whataburger, HEB, and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. This session will include tours and information given by some of these major advertising companies. If you are considering a degree in Business, Agri-Business, Marketing, Advertising, or any other business related degrees, this would be a great opportunity to see the promotional side of the business industry.

**Medical** – Participants will have the chance to visit with medical professionals as well as get a first-hand look at the medical field. We will listen to a presentation on the requirements of gaining employment in the different areas of medicine and the career opportunities. A tour is in the works however the reservations are not yet secured.

**Livestock/Horse** – Come explore your dreams in the livestock arena! Career opportunities outside the traditional livestock & ranching community are always available! We will take a look at equine science and how Retama park keeps their horses in shape!