

**District 11 4-H Crossroads
November 9-11, 2017
Quality Inn & Suites, Huntsville, TX**

Event Information

Crossroads is a three day/two night career development and youth leadership program to involve 8th - 12th grade youth in various projects that will expose them to various career and higher education opportunities.

Event Details

In 2017, District 11 4-H Crossroads will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites, Huntsville TX (631 I-45 S, Huntsville, TX 77340). A copy of the tentative schedule is attached.

Event Fee

Registration will be from September 18 to October 13, 2017. The cost for Crossroads is \$175.00 for 4-H members and \$175.00 for adult leaders and County Extension Agents. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed from October 14 – November 3 for youth participants. Late registrants may not receive a tshirt. **No refunds will be given!**

Payment for Crossroads may be made by 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 Office.

County Club checks should follow transfer procedures to remit payment.

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 18 through 12:00 midnight on Friday, October 13.** 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 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9. The absolute deadline to arrive on Thursday is 12:00 midnight. **The District 4-H Specialist must be notified in writing of a late arrival.** If a 4-H member has a valid reason to not arrive on Thursday (i.e. playoff football game), he/she may arrive on Friday. However, Friday arrivals must be checked in by 8:00 a.m. Workshops will not be delayed for late arrivals. All Friday arrivals must be approved by the 4-H member's respective County Extension Agent.

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 in 8th to 12th grade as of November 9, 2017.

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.

Adult chaperones will be asked to complete the Youth Protection training on 4-H Connect prior to arrival.

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.

Transportation

It is the responsibility of each county to provide transportation for participants to and from Crossroads. 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 Friday 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)

Please do not bring valuable electronic equipment.

Crossroad participants may bring snacks.

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 on 4-H Connect. They are available on the Health Form tab of your profile.

- Waiver and indemnification Agreement and Medical Treatment Authorization (4-H Connect)
- Health Statement - Hard copy needed
- Authorization for Dispensing Medication (if applicable) – Hard copy needed

Each youth participant agreed to the Code of Conduct and Consequences of Misbehavior form when enrolling in 4-H for the 2017-2018 4-H year on 4-H CONNECT. This Code of Conduct policy will be followed during Crossroads.

Crossroads Workshops

There will be three tracks offered at Crossroads this year. All educational tracks are being hosted by the College of Agriculture at Sam Houston State University. When registering, all youth need to select which track they prefer to attend. All tracks are guaranteed to be hands on.

The tracks are:

- Animal Science/Ag Business – Come explore the world of animal science and ag business! What is more hands on than animal organ dissection? Get hands on with topics such as Anatomy and Physiology, Wildlife and Meat and Food Science. You will also get the opportunity to develop a marketing plan and project price trends.
- Ag Engineering Technology/Floral Design –Want to learn what Aquaponics is and how farming fish and plants work together? During this session, you will get the chance to design and make your own floral arrangement. It doesn't end there. See how SHSU professors incorporate Ag Engineering to create your own metal art.
- Ag Communications/ Ag Marketing & Sales – Have a knack with people? Want to be on camera? Choose Ag Communication to get behind a green screen and shoot your own radio broadcast and anchor a TV news show. Find out how you can also develop a computer generated marketing plan.

Evening Entertainment

Youth will be given two options for Friday evening entertainment.

- SHSU College Rodeo will be performing/competing in Conroe. As a group we have been invited to attend. This is guaranteed to be a ton of fun!
- Kat Club – The Kat Club is the gathering place for SHSU students. They have 2 big screen TV's, pool tables, Wii, arcade games and much more. This is the perfect option if you want to just chill. They will even play music and let you dance!

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