



What's News

April 2023



We are now accepting applications for Young Commissioners class of 2023. I will be sending you a link to the on-line application, but don't wait to start inviting everyone you know to our April & May meetings. As you know we are open to anyone who will be entering 8th-11th grade in the 2023/24 school year. You can bring a guest for the April meeting, but everyone is asked to bring at least one person to our May meeting. We are going to have 15 spots open this year so make sure to invite people you think will not only benefit from Young Commissioners, but who will help Young Commissioners remain the 4H Club of the Year.

We need new recruits if we want to continue to grow.

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Jocelyn Gomez
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Sally Cabrera
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Nikki Ragland

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2023/24 BOARD



Want to get more out of your time with Young Commissioners? Have a say it what the club does? It's time to start thinking about running for an office on the Board of Directors for the 2023-24 YC year. In order to run you must

have been a YC for at least a year (all current YC qualify). You must be able to attend monthly general & board meetings. You must be able to represent Young Commissioners at all County, District and State 4H Events. See page 6 for officers duties/responsibilities. Let Ms. Cindy know if you are interested in running and what office before the May meeting. All candidates will be announced at the May meeting. You can start campaigning then. Election Day is June 20th. Early voting will open June 12th.

**BE A VOICE
NOT AN ECHO**



YOU MISSED A GREAT TEEN RETREAT

Sally Cabrera

Teen retreat has always been one of my favorite district 4-H events and this year's Western retreat was no different. Young Commissioners Isaac Alvarado and Malia Williams, as well as myself, were able to attend this year's event. Teen retreat is an overnight event when 4Hers campaign and are elected as district officers for the upcoming year. Last year I campaigned and was elected as secretary/treasurer of the South Central District. With this I got to plan this year's Teen Retreat. Though the primary goal of Teen Retreat is to elect the upcoming officers, there are many other activities that go on during the weekend. The day of arrival is packed full of activities as well as fun and informational workshops. Teen Retreat is held in Camp Millstone which is a large campground rich with history and fun activities. Another main event that happens during this time is the Spirit Stick Competition. Whichever county earns the most spirit stick points during the duration of the event brings home the coveted spirit stick to house in the extension office. Unfortunately Lee County was unable to win the spirit stick this year but I think we might have a chance for next year's Teen Retreat. After opening we did two team building activities which were 4H jeopardy and making leather bracelets. Then we split off into workshop sessions. There were five alternating workshop sessions. I delegated the scrapbooking and paper making workshops but we also offered natural dyes, ropes course, resume building and pig ear tagging. After the workshop session we did a candidate Q&A where you could ask questions to the officer candidates. It was very interesting to see the variety of answers and the different personalities of each candidate. I loved working with my officer team because each one brought such different and unique perspectives to the table. After listening to the candidates, each county comes together to tally up their votes. These votes are tallied up by the current district officers and are to be announced after the highlight of the evening, the dance. Since this year's Teen Retreat theme was "Riding the 4H frontier", our dance was western themed. I enjoyed dressing up in flannel and a cowboy hat and spending the night with my friends. But the night isn't over yet. At the end of the night everyone gathers around the classic campfire where the current officers say their goodbyes and the new officers are announced. This has always been one of my favorite parts of Teen Retreat because I love hearing about everyone's experiences and when I was an upcoming officer I could not wait until I had those experiences of my own. After an eventful night, the next morning is spent cleaning up the camp trails for our community service project. This helped the camp staff prepare for the upcoming summer season by cleaning up the cabin trails. Being a district officer is an opportunity I *highly recommend to anyone who's up to the challenge. Teen Retreat will always hold a special place in my heart and I am glad to have been able to work with my team to create the events we did. All in all I think this year's Teen Retreat was quite a weekend and I cannot wait to see what our upcoming officers have planned for next year.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

April 1st Corn Hole Tournament for Partnership for Children and Families
9:30am at the Mann Center

Farmers Market will be starting up again this month. Contact Ms. Pam if you are interested in volunteering.

4H News

County Activity Night



It's your time to speak! May 2nd, 6:00pm. You pick the topic and decide whether you want to do a speech or presentation. Have your speech ready for our April 6th meeting and you can practice in front of the group! Make sure to go to your 4H on-line account and register for County Night. All YC are asked to participate.

Do you have a talent you would like to show off? Then sign up for 4H Entertains. You will perform at County Night. Just go to your 4H on-line account to sign up.



YC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL/MAY

April

6th —4:30-6:30pm—General Meeting
Extension Center

May

4th—4:30-6:30—Recruiting Social
Extension Center

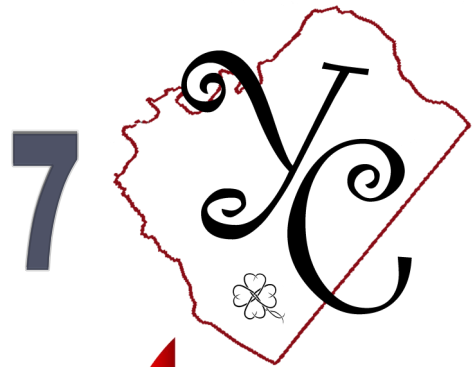
April Holidays

1st—April Fools Day
2nd—National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day
3rd—National Chocolate Mousse Day
5th-National Deep Dish Pizza Day/
National Walking Day
6th-National Caramel Popcorn Day
7th-Good Friday/National Burrito Day
9th— Easter
10th-National Cinnamon Roll Day
National Siblings Day
11th-National Pet Day
12th-National Grilled Cheese Day
13th-National Scrabble Day
National Volunteer Day
17th-Patriots Day
18th-National Animal Cracker Day
19th-National Wear your PJs to work day
National Hang Out Day
20th-National High 5 Day

21st-National Chocolate Covered Cashews Day
22nd-National Jelly Bean Day
23rd-National Picnic Day/Take a Chance Day
24th-National Pigs in a Blanket Day
25th-National Telephone Day
26th-National Pretzel Day/Kids & Pets Day
27th-National Tell a Story Day
Take your Daughters & Sons to Work Day
28th-National Blueberry Pie Day/ Arbor Day
29th-Independent Book Store Day
30th-National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day
National Bugs Bunny Day
National Oatmeal Cookie Day

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Isabella Derr-12th
Nikki Ragland - 29th



VOTE

It's time to update our look. At the April meeting we will work on a new motto for Young Commissioners and we will get a new logo. **Please send me your vote by text or email** for the logo you like best before the April meeting and it will be announced at the meeting.

Also start thinking of a new motto for our club. Bring your ideas to the April meeting. Our current motto is *Preparing for the future...today.*

Young Commissioner General Meeting March 2, 2023

Attendance: Addy, Jeanne, Jocelyn, Nikki

4H Pledge: Jeanne Pledge Of Allegiance: Jocelyn

Treasure Report for February

Month Starting Balance: 1259.61

Income: \$306.00

Expenses: 90.00 Month:

Ending Balance: \$1475.61

4H News

Everyone should be enrolled on 4H on-line

Asked who was going to Teen Retreat, no one present is going

Volunteers Needed for concessions at the Manns Center March 23rd.

Pam is still accepting ideas for Lee County 4H flag, needs to be submitted by April 1st

County Activity Night: May 2nd

Everyone is expected to participate in County night.

Have your topic and at least an outline to present at the April meeting

If you are interested in going on to the District competition let Ms. Cindy know

Recruiting

You can start bringing recruits to the April meeting, but everyone should bring at least one potential recruit to the May meeting.

Ask at school, clubs, friends, family We will have a google form application, Jocelyn will make a QR code for this

Nikki is working on a e-flyer for getting our info out. When it is finished she will make a postcard with QR code on it to give out so people can have our info.

Planning

April Meeting

April will be a regular meeting, but we encourage you to bring your friends

All current YC will give their County Night Presentations or Speech. If you don't have one you will get a topic to talk about. March's newsletter has the categories, if you don't have it email Ms. Cindy for a copy.

May Meeting

This meeting will be a social. Everyone should bring at least 1 new recruit. We will have snacks. We will do interviews with the new recruits and teambuilding activities.

Summer Program

Went over tentative schedule

All current YC are encouraged to attend as many days as they can

2022 YCs will do a presentation at the graduation lunch

Parents will be invited, but they will have to pay