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MEMO TO: COUNTY 4-H COORDINATORS

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SUBJECT: County Camp '09 Registration Procedures

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\*\*\* DEADLINE TO RESERVE SPACE FOR A PARTICULAR CAMP SESSION IS **MARCH 6, 2009** \*\*\*

\*\*\* DEPOSITS ARE **NOT** A PART OF REGISTRATION \*\*\*

\*\*\* **FULL PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD, E-CHECK OR CLUB/COUNTY CHECK IS REQUIRED UPON REGISTRATION VIA 4-H CONNECT** \*\*\*\*

**What is County Camp?** County Camp allows counties to send youth of all ages (9-18) to camp at the 4-H Conference Center at one time. Whereas Prime Time is age specific, County Camp is for all ages. County groups are housed together in the dorms (by gender) unless it is specified differently on the registration form. If you would like the youth from your county “spread out”, please let us know ahead of time. Our goal is to fill the 4-H Conference Center to capacity each of the sessions of County Camp. Therefore, counties are to designate which session they want to attend and how many participants they will bring. Final registration will be completed on 4-H Connect.

Campers will experience team-building and communication skills development through their participation in programs such as Challenge Course activities, canoeing, rifle, archery, drama, swimming, dance, and sportfishing.

**When is County Camp and what is the registration fee?** The following sessions will be offered.

Session	Date (arrival and departure time)	Youth fee	Adult fee
I*	July 1 (1:00 p.m.) - July 3 ( <b>3:00 p.m.</b> )	\$165	\$85
II	July 6 (1:00 p.m.) - July 8 (11:00 a.m.)	\$155	\$75
III	July 8 (1:00 p.m.) - July 10 (11:00 a.m.)	\$155	\$75
IV	July 13 (3:00 p.m.) - July 16 (11:00 a.m.)	\$205	\$100

\* **County Camp Session I**, July 1-3 will have **two program tracks and goes till 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3**. Youth ages 9-13 will follow the traditional County Camp schedule. Youth registered for County Camp I that are 14 and older, will participate in **Teen Extreme Camp**, with focused activities in Outdoor Education, Outdoor Living Skills and Aquatics. Participants will enjoy developing leadership and personal skills on the Challenge Course and a mini-adventure in the kayaks! Archery and Rifle will be taken to a new level! Don't miss out, teens, this camp is just for you!

**Registration Procedure** – Reserve spaces now; Final Registration will be conducted on 4-H Connect.

		DATE DUE
Step 1	Complete the enclosed County Reservation Request Application indicating the <b>session</b> and <b>total</b> number of slots (either male or female) desired.	March 6, 2009
Step 2	Receive notification from the 4-H Conference Center confirming date selected and number of slots available.	March 20, 2009
Step 3	Counties advertise camping opportunity and secure participants.	
Step 4	Individuals and/or Counties register participants on 4-H Connect and send payment to Texas 4-H Foundation.	March 21 - June 12
<b>NOTE</b>	Any requests for refunds must be done 1 week (7 days) prior to first day of session. \$75 will be retained by the 4-H Conference Center. Refunds will be made only after all camp sessions are completed.	
<b>NOTE</b>	NEW IN 2009!!! COUNTIES OR INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SEND A DEPOSIT. THE FULL AMOUNT WILL BE PAID TO THE 4-H FOUNDATION UPON REGISTRATION THROUGH 4-H CONNECT (STEP 4 ABOVE).	

**Who May Attend** County Camp participants are defined as a youth who has completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and are 9 years old through age 18. Clover Kids (ages 5-8) or other youth under age 9 will not be allowed to register for County Camp.

**Chaperoning Information** The 4-H Conference Center is committed to the appropriate ratio of youth to adult chaperones for every youth group. The required ratio is 1 adult chaperone for every 8 youth of the same gender. **COUNTIES THAT DO NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT CHAPERONES (PER GENDER) WILL BE ASSESSED A FEE OF \$90 (PER GENDER)**. We are also committed to the Youth Protection Standards of the Texas 4-H Program. All chaperones should be enrolled on a Volunteer Registration Form and qualified through the Youth Protection Standards program.

Chaperones from your county are required to:

- ▶ Be at least 21 years of age.
- ▶ Have completed a Volunteer Registration Form and be qualified through the Youth Protection Standards program.
- ▶ Supervise 4-H'ers during all scheduled activities and free time.
- ▶ Stay in dorms at night to chaperone youth.
- ▶ Actively participate in all activities and encourage all participants to become involved.
- ▶ Assist Summer Staff if help is requested.
- ▶ Be alert to health needs and special problems of participants.
- ▶ Supervise cleaning of dorms and grounds upon departure.
- ▶ Provide a completed Adult Health History Form and other forms as required.

**County Camp offers a number of benefits for County programs:**

- ✓ An environment where all participants, youth and adult, can have fun and experience a positive atmosphere.
- ✓ A program where everyone can participate and learn by doing.
- ✓ College-age Program Assistants and Counselors who carefully plan and conduct each session. Summer Staff are hired annually and bring new and exciting activities and a fresh outlook to the program.
- ✓ Opportunities for participants to get involved in leadership opportunities by participating in flag ceremonies, KP duty, and other activities.
- ✓ An opportunity to meet and make new friends with 4-H members from across the State!

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning this registration procedure.

xc: Dr. Bonnie McGee  
District Extension Administrators

Mr. Kyle Smith  
County Extension Directors

Texas 4-H Faculty

**4-H Conference Center**  
**County Camp '09**

COUNTY RESERVATION REQUEST APPLICATION

County: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

The following County Camp sessions will be offered for 2009 at the 4-H Conference Center. Counties interested in securing a reservation should rank (1 through 4) their preference of session and indicate the total number of slots (male or female) desired, keeping in mind the 1:8 adult to youth ratio.

*Reservation request applications are due in the 4-H Conference Center office by March 6, 2009. Counties will receive confirmation of the date and number of slots reserved by March 20, 2009. Dates will be assigned on a first come first served basis, please try to be as realistic as possible.*

Rank in order of preference the following sessions (1=first choice, 2=second choice, etc.)

Rank	Date	Total Number of Slots Desired		Registration Fee	
		Male	Female	Youth	Adult
	July 1-3 *			\$165	\$85
	July 6-8			\$155	\$75
	July 8-10			\$155	\$75
	July 13-16 **			\$205	\$100

\* two concurrent program tracks: traditional program for campers ages 9-13; Teen Extreme, ages 14+

\*\* long session, 3 nights 4 days

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ County is requesting a reservation for "County Camp '09". I understand that confirmation of session assignment and available slots will be provided by the 4-H Conference Center by March 20, 2009 so that advertising and registration can be completed. I also understand that final registration will be submitted on 4-H Connect between the dates of March 21 - June 12, 2009 either by individuals or by the county and that all payments are sent to the Texas 4-H Foundation by June 12. Requests for refunds must be received in writing one week (7 days) prior to the camp session, \$75 per registration will be retained by the 4-H Conference Center. **COUNTIES OR INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SEND IN DEPOSITS FOR COUNTY CAMP 2009.**

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Agent's name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

FAX TO 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER BY MARCH 6, 2009 325/784-6486 OR RETURN BY E-MAIL