

SpecTra '09

Special Training in
Spectacular Tradition



Monday July 27– Friday, July 31
Ages 14-18

SpecTra has much to offer 4-H'ers across the State! The objective of **SpecTra** is for youth to enhance project knowledge, explore careers, expand leadership skills, and strengthen their self-image. It's about "life after high school"!

Approximately 17 hours of intensive training in one project area provides the foundation of the **SpecTra** program. Participants also have opportunities for professional development, recreation and leisure during the evening to make new friends and visit with old ones while "building their resume". The final activity of the week is the "Gala" which provides participants an opportunity to experience a formal event and reflect on the week's activities.

[Register on-line at 4-H Connect. Please go to http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/) All registrations must be approved by the County Extension Office, so don't wait till the last minute!

Schedule

SpecTra '09 begins **Monday, July 27 and concludes Friday, July 31, 2009**. Participants are to arrive on Monday, 11:00 a.m.— noon. **Lunch will be served**. Departure is Friday at noon, following a brunch and closing assembly.



Registration

Registration will be on-line via 4-H Connect. <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> *Participants must be no younger than 14 and not yet 18 as of July 27, 2009. Participants must still be enrolled in High School for the Fall Semester, 2009.*

Youth registration is \$300 and includes 12 meals, program fees, lodging, the Gala banquet and commemorative t-shirt. All registrations must be approved by the County Extension Office, so please register early. Payments must be in the form of credit card, e-check or 4-H club/county check and sent to the Texas 4-H Foundation. Personal checks are not accepted.

A total of seven educational project areas will be offered. Participants must rank their 1st and 2nd preference on the registration form. **Workshop assignments will be made on a first come—first serve basis after March 1**. Participation on the Media Team is through an application process; youth must have participated in SpecTra in a previous year. The team will spend their time documenting SpecTra activities for daily pod casts.

Refunds will only be given if cancellation is received within seven days of the start of camp, a \$75 cancellation fee will be assessed on all refunds.

[Opportunities for Adult Volunteers](#)

Adult volunteers may also be a part of the *SpecTra* experience. Chaperones are an important part of the program and we need your help! Register to serve as an adult volunteer and pay a **discounted registration fee, \$220.**

Adult volunteers will assist in a project area, coordinate activities as needed and chaperone youth in the dorms.

Interested volunteers and parents should follow the same registration procedure and submit registration via the 4-H Connect on-line registration system.



[Session Highlights](#)

Agriculture and Natural Resources This session is for youth interested in exploring the world of animal agriculture. We'll take a real-world approach by providing hands-on activities and tours. Learn about production animal agriculture, ethics, meat science, veterinary science, and others...all while having fun! Past activities included tours, quiz bowls, Quality Counts, working in a meats lab, livestock handling practices, and so much more!

Outdoor Education Take a glimpse into the world of the outdoor recreation enthusiast/professional. Participate in a variety of traditional and "out of the box" outdoor recreation activities, while learning about outdoor safety, survival, and stewardship. Also, visit with professionals and learn about potential careers in a field where our work IS playing outside!

Creative Leadership To be creative is to be able think outside the box and expand thinking beyond the comfortable and familiar. Participants will experience numerous leadership styles and techniques which will enhance their abilities to provide leadership back in their counties. Communication and public speaking are also an important component of leadership. Participants will practice their leadership skills through various opportunities to facilitate and lead activities.

Man's Best Friend This session is for youth interested in a career working with dogs and other small animals. Go behind the scenes and learn about animal investigations, become familiar with animal welfare organizations around the globe, and how you can help animals in your community. Discover a career in dog training or as an animal control officer by speaking with professionals; also learn how to prepare your own pets in case of a natural disaster.

Financial Literacy Money, dough, moolah, rhino, spondulicks, bucks, cheddar, bank, mad cash, benjamins, c-note, flow, funds or whatever you call it today, you need to know how to use it. This track will focus on real life money. Are you interested in buying a car, investing, saving money for college, consumer purchases or learning about credit cards? At the end of the track participants will get to share what they learned by producing YouTube type videos.

Culinary Arts The Craft of Cooking and the Art of Eating. Culinary Arts play an integral part in our everyday and celebrated lives. Join the Culinary Arts team as we explore the world of food, various cuisines, food styling, food safety, culinary careers and specialty cooking through hands-on activities and tours.

Floriculture From landscaping to floral design, homecoming mums to container gardening, the careers are unlimited! Learn the basics of floral design and landscaping. Assist with developing the Gala decorations. Get your green thumb in gear and expand your knowledge in making our surroundings beautiful.

EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT...

Media Team Want to be "behind the scenes and working?" Those selected for the Media Team must have participated in *SpecTra* at least one year and complete the application on 4-H Connect. Five to eight persons will be selected, please note on your 4-H Connect application the workshop you would like to attend, if not selected for the Media Team. This year, the Media team is responsible for documenting *SpecTra* activities through pod casts and other media outlets.

SpecTra evenings will be dedicated to college and/or workforce preparation. Monday night is fun and games. Tuesday and Wednesday workshops will include budgeting, etiquette, interviewing skills, preparing applications and resumes and networking with college recruiters.

SPECTRA '09

MONDAY July 27

10:00 a.m.	Project Instructor Orientation (Session Coordinators)
11:00 a.m.	Youth Participant Registration
12:00	Lunch
1:30	Opening Assembly - Auditorium
2:30	Project Orientation
5:45	Flag Lowering followed by Dinner
	Group Picture – Wear SpecTra '09 T-shirts; line up immediately following dinner
7:15	Team Building activities followed by Dance & Recreation
11:00	Ceremonial - Auditorium
11:30	In Dorms

TUESDAY July 28

7:20 a.m.	Flag Raising Ceremony followed by Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00	Project Training (Meet in same place daily unless instructed otherwise)
12:00	Lunch
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Project Training
4:30 - 5:30	Swim Test
	Free Time - Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, etc.
5:50	Flag Lowering Ceremony followed by Dinner
7:15	Personal and Professional Development followed by Dance & Recreation
11:00	Ceremonial – Auditorium
11:30	In Dorms

WEDNESDAY July 29

7:20 a.m.	Flag Raising Ceremony followed by Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00	Project Training (Meet in same place daily unless instructed otherwise)
12:00	Lunch
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Project Training
4:30 - 5:30	Swim Test
	Free Time - Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, etc.
5:50	Flag Lowering Ceremony followed by Dinner
7:15	Personal and Professional Development followed by Dance & Recreation
11:00	Ceremonial – Auditorium
11:30	In Dorms

THURSDAY July 30

7:20 a.m.	Flag Raising Ceremony followed by Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00	Project Training (Meet in same place daily unless instructed otherwise)
12:00	Lunch
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Project Training
6:00	Gala Reception and Dinner
	The Gala Farewell Dance
12:00	Ceremonial
12:30	In Dorms

FRIDAY July 31

9:00 a.m.	Flag Raising followed by Brunch
10:30	Campus Sweep and Dorm Clean-up
11:00	Closing Assembly - Auditorium
	Depart for Home – Be Safe!!!

PLEASE NOTE!

**SpecTra will only be offered on odd years, effective with SpecTra '09.
There will NOT be a SpecTra Camp in 2010. See ya in 2011!**