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MEMO TO: District 3 County Extension Staff

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SUBJECT: Teen Leadership Lab

District Teen Leadership Lab will be held June 13-15, 2016 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center at Lake Brownwood.

PROGRAM – The theme this year is “Christmas in June” There will be workshops and activities dealing with Leadership, Public Speaking, Business Meeting Basics, Career and Technology, Personal Leadership Development, and of course DANCING!

And what would the holidays be without friends and family?!? For one evening District 3 is hosting a state wide Dance open to any 4-H member grades 8 – 12. See attached flyer for more details.

COST – The cost will be $165 per 4-H member and $125 for adult chaperones. This includes three meals, two snacks, two night’s lodging, limited accident insurance, a resource fee, facilities fee, program items, and a camp shirt.

REGISTRATION – Registration will be open on 4-H Connect from May 1 – June 1, 2016. There will be three registration options:

- Participant
- Officer Candidate
- Chaperone – CEA

All District 3 counties should have two youth register as a “voting delegate.” Please indicate this on your registration. Delegate roll will be called at the beginning of elections based on 4-H Connect registration. Please have delegates indicate this so your county has voting privileges. Counties will be encouraged to have a caucus after speeches and before elections to insure the voting delegates hear the wish of the people.

ARRIVAL – 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Monday, June 13th. Youth will need to eat lunch on your own prior to arriving at the camp facility. The lab will conclude on Wednesday, June 15th, at approximately 11:00 A.M.

T-SHIRTS – T-shirts will be included as part of the registration fee. T-shirt sizes will be requested for all 4-H members, agents and chaperones when registering on 4-H Connect.

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QUOTA – Counties can send as many youth to Lab as they wish.

DRESS – Dress casual! Bring clothes and shoes for active sports, recreation and **nightly dance**. (No flip flops during dance.) Please counsel your 4-H members about bringing appropriate clothing and swimwear (Girls – no spaghetti strap tops, skimpy bikinis or tops, etc. Boys - no biking shorts, Speedos, etc.) *There will not be a banquet.*

WHAT TO BRING - Linens (towels, pillow, pillowcases, and sheets for a twin size bed), blankets, toiletries, shower shoes, swim suit, beach towel, water shoes, sun screen, etc.

**PAPERWORK TO BE Turned IN AT REGISTRATION**
- Code of Conduct / Consequences of Misbehavior* – 2 Copies
- Texas 4-H Conference Center Forms - Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form* – 2 Copies

*Youth will need to travel with the (2) two sets of documents to Teen Leader Lab. One (1) set of forms will be turned in at registration. The second set is for traveling home. District 3 will not return forms to youth / CEA when camp is over. If families previously completed the needed forms on their 4-H Connect profile, youth can print (2) copies to bring with them; one for travel and one to be turned in at camp registration.

DORMITORY ASSIGNMENTS – Youth from counties may be mixed in dorms. Counties may not all be together with specified chaperone so plan accordingly when packing, etc.

TRANSPORTATION – Each county will be responsible for arranging their transportation. Coordination between counties is highly encouraged.

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE:
- Grades 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 as of August 31, 2015
- Enrolled in 4-H
- Interested in or involved in leadership roles
- Have a 4-H project
- Willing to take part in all phases of Teen Leadership Lab
- Willing to assume leadership rolls after they return home
- Willing to share experiences and material with others

CHAPERONES – Agents with assignments for Teen Leadership Lab will be expected to attend. Agent assignments will be sent at a later date. Texas 4-H requires the ratio of 1 chaperone per 8 youth. If your county group has male and female participants, you need to have a male and female agent assigned to them. Please work with youth to indicate the appropriate chaperone at the time of registration.

Those attending the Christmas in June Dinner & Dance will be required to provide their own chaperone.
OFFICER ELECTIONS – Applications and officer information can be found on 4-H Connect as well as in this packet. **Officer applications are due to the District Office on or before May 20th**

**Newly elected District 3 Council Delegates will be required to attend an officer retreat immediately following camp - June 15-16, 2016** This officer training/retreat will allow newly elected officers time to get to know each other, and experience team building activities as well as other leadership components. We will also be getting a jump start on the 4-H planning year that newly elected officers will be responsible for. If running for an office, please understand that you are also committing to attending this retreat. There will be a cost of **$85.00 for the retreat** that each officer will be responsible for paying. More details will follow once we have received your application on May 1, 2015.

If running for District Office also serves on State Council - the 2016 - 2017 Texas 4-H Council Workshop is scheduled for July 25-28, 2016 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center.