

Senior Leadership Lab and Officer Elections

Who is ready to explore the Pineywoods and find your leadership niche in 4-H?

District 5 is super excited to announce their 4-H Senior Leadership Lab which will be held June 22-24, 2022 in Lindale at the Timberline Baptist Camp with hands-on activities involving drones, STEM, and water! The theme is “Building Your Brand” and discovering your WHY as a 4-H member in District 5. Sessions on presentation skills, telling your story, leadership, and teamwork will be provided. Zip line, paddle board, canoe, swimming, waterslides, and archery are scheduled fun in the sun events!

What is Lab?

- Senior Leadership Lab is held annually in June for 4-H members who are in or are entering 9th grade (14 years minimum) through high school including those just graduated seniors.
- The event is designed to prepare District 5 4-H members for various leadership roles at the county, district, and state levels.
- Participants gain valuable project knowledge and skills they can take home and implement in their local county 4-H program.
- By combining work and play, activities are designed to explore creativity in leadership roles, enhance teambuilding skills, and develop communication and public speaking skills.
- Members are encouraged to attend and participate in the District 5 4-H Council business meeting as well as be involved in the selection of the officer team for the next 4-H year.
- Encourage your members to come ready to have a great camp experience!



Cost

- There will be a \$150 fee per 4-H member participating in Leadership Lab.
- 2021-2022 Council officers will pay \$75 per person.
- All fees must be submitted through 4HOnline.
- Fees include activities, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and lodging.
- No fees will be charged for assigned agents assisting with Lab.
- Assigned agents do not need to register as your name is already on the list!

Registration

- No reimbursements will be made after registration has been approved. However, substitutions of the same gender may be made at any time.
- All changes will be made through the District Office.
- Please note that confirmations will not be made until late in the registration process so that changes, if needed, can be made.

- The 4HOnline registration process will be open May 9th and close June 1st with the fee of \$150.00 and will remain open until June 6th with the late registration cost of \$200.00.
- Spaces are limited to 60 youth participants.

Special Accommodations

Any participant who requires auxiliary aids or special accommodations must contact the District office at least 2 weeks before the camp or note such needs when registering on 4HOnline.

Required Forms

The following five forms located on 4HOnline are required for youth participation and are required for registration to be considered complete:

1. Camp & Enrichment Program Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment form
2. Health and Safety Statement form
3. Parent Guardian Authorization, Waiver, and Consent for Self-Administration of Prescription Medication – Participants 15 years of age or older form
4. Authorization to Dispense Medication form
5. Parent Guardian Authorization, Waiver, and Consent for Over-the-Counter Medication form (this form also includes sunscreen use).

ALL forms must be signed by a parent/guardian and completed. If your child does not have prescribed medicine to be dispensed (form #4) or is under 15 years of age, and is, therefore not eligible to self-medicate (form #3); then provide your child's name on the form and write NONE.

Transportation

Parents or other volunteer leaders are responsible for transporting campers to and from camp in Lindale.

What to Bring

- Casual, camp-type clothing will be appropriate for 4-H members and agents. We would expect the group to wear suitable clothes that will always reflect a favorable 4-H image. Any clothing that shows too much skin is not acceptable (i.e. short-shorts or exposed undergarments are considered inappropriate). Lab officials will make the final decisions concerning whether certain clothing is allowed.

- See list of items to bring below:

✓	Item	✓	Item
	3 complete changes of casual clothes (4-H t-shirts, shorts/skirts/pants are recommended)		Sunscreen
	Swimming attire*		Hat
	Closed toe shoes**		Insect repellent
	Shoes that can get wet		Snacks
	Trash bag for wet clothes		Reusable water bottle with name
	Beach towel		Toiletry items
	Running for election? Casual attire – bring a 4-H t-shirt to wear during speeches		Phone and charger (optional)
	2-3 facemasks, if desired		Twin size bedding Towels and washcloth

- *Swimming will be provided. Shorts, jean shorts, cut offs are permitted. Females electing to participate in swimming must wear a modest **one-piece** bathing suit or shorts and a shirt. Suits that expose the midriff, lower back, buttocks will need to be left at home.
- **We will be participating in some hiking activities and closed toe shoes are **required**.

Lodging

Youth and adult chaperones will be staying in dorm-style cabins with twin size bunkbeds. Bed linens/sleep bag and towels will need to be brought by each camper.

Code of Conduct

Youth will be expected to follow the 4-H Youth Code of Conduct (see attached). In the event, the code of conduct is not followed, parent/guardian will be contacted and expected to pick-up their child at designated time to be determined by 4-H Specialist.

Tentative Program Schedule (More details to be released)

June 22nd – Day 1 of Camp

- 3:00 to 4:00 pm – check-in at Timberline Baptist Camp
 - 15363 FM 849, Lindale, Texas 75771
- Team building activities: Building Your Brand
- Officer elections
- Dinner
- S'mores around the campfire



June 24th – Day 2 of Camp

- Breakfast
- Leadership Lab Sessions: Water, Drones, and STEM
- Lunch
- Camp activities: pool, water slide, canoe, paddle board, archery, zip line fun
- Dinner
- Camp fire and reflection

June 25th – Day 3 of Camp

- Breakfast
- Telling Your Story and Presentation Skills
- Lunch
- Pick-up by 1:00 p.m. at Timberline Baptist Camp

District Council Election

- The District 4-H Council officer election will be held during Leadership Lab. 4-H members running for an office must meet certain eligibility requirements and submit the appropriate forms to reach the **District office by June 13, 2022** (see attached).
- Along with the application form, a leadership history will be required and scored.
- There will also be a virtual interview scheduled and conducted the week before camp which will be scored.
- These scores along with the popular vote will be used to select the 2022-2023 District 4-H Council officers.
- All interested candidates must submit the attached forms (both are two-page forms):
 - 4-H Council Officer Application/Nomination form
 - Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements and Contract
- Each candidate must bring to camp for display, a campaign poster with an attached headshot (does not need to be a professional picture).
- Complete information regarding election procedures is attached.

**Join your 2021-2022 District 5
Council Officers in
“Building Your Brand” in 4-H**

