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## Holiday Season

The holidays are sneaking up fast! Doesn't it seem like just a few weeks ago that we were showing at the fair and preparing for State?? To us in the 4-H club, the end of the year is a time for reflection and wrapping things up. We will wrap up our 4-H year and we will wrap up Year-End awards too! Please read on for news about incentives AND the news you've been waiting for, the officers for 2012. Also, especially during this time of year, please think of those less fortunate than us and give your time or money if you can.

## November 4-H Meeting

November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Victory Baptist Church will be our meeting. Our new officers for 2012 will officially take over. They are: **President – Emily Mann, Vice President – Cheyanne Shrock, Secretary – Stephanie Williamson, Treasurer – Miranda McGuire, Reporter – Ari Getts, Recorder – Cierra Ferren and Sentinel – Austin Richard.** Congratulations to all of you, I look forward to working with you as a group and I hope you all will do your best to be good representatives of our club. At this meeting, we need to decide on a charity to donate to. Please be thinking about any that you want to support. This decision is up to you, the 4-Her's. The other important thing we need to do is take orders for incentive awards. Pam Richard will be there and she knows how much each of you have to spend.

## Cookie Dough

No word yet on when delivery will be. Once we find out, I will e-mail the date and time to everyone and it will be posted on our website as well. If you sold cookie dough, we really could use help sorting it when it arrives. Please let Emily or Keith know if you will be able to help. I have a few helpers written down, but we could use a few more.

## Incentive Points

Pam and I did our best at figuring points for this years incentive awards. However, not all the incentive slips and attendance records were able to be found. I think we have been generous in the amount we have given everyone. With that being said, if you have any questions, please ask me or Pam. Pam will be calling and e-mailing everyone with the amount of money they have to spend. She will also be at the November meeting taking orders. If you want your gifts by the Christmas party, we really need your order by the meeting. As a reminder, you can order from Rod's, Schneider's, State Line Tack and the 4-H catalog. We will try to have all of those catalogs. If you have any, please bring them to the meeting with you so everyone can browse through them. Mini 4-Her's will get a special gift at the Christmas party.

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm at the block building at the fairgrounds. We will decorate cookies starting at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm and awards at 8 pm. Sugar cookies will be provided for decorating. Each FAMILY should bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to go in our cookie boxes. We pass these boxes out to all the people who help to make our club successful throughout the year. Along with pizza, we will have a carry-in meal. Plates, napkins, silverware and drinks will be provided, bring a dish to share. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting if you know what you would like to pitch in.

## Horse of the Year

Kelly has informed me that the deadline for the Horse of the Year application will be in March. Kayla Yunk's horse, April, will be our representative this year. If you would like to know why she was chosen, you can talk to her and she will tell you all the accomplishments that April has achieved in their 4-H career and how she was able to have April as her own horse.

## 2012 Event Dates

I will make sure these dates get on our website ([www.howardcountyhorse.com](http://www.howardcountyhorse.com)) as soon as possible. This list will grow so keep reviewing it to make sure you don't miss anything.

Christmas Party	December 2	4-H Meeting	May 10
4-H Meeting	February 9	4-H Show Day 1	July 7
4-H Meeting	March 8	4-H Show Day 2	July 14
Tack Swap/Silent Auction	March 10	State Fair	August 3 – 19
4-H Meeting	April 12	Open Show	August 25

## Horse Bowl, Hippology & Judging Team

If anyone is interested in joining any of these teams, please let Emily know. These meetings don't start until January, but we need to get a contact list together.