**District 9 4-H Leadership Adventure Guidelines**  
**June 28-30, 2016**  
**Texas A&M Galveston**

**EVENT INFORMATION**  
Leadership Adventure is a three-day, two-night leadership training for 4-H youth. Leadership Adventure is designed to prepare District 9 4-H members for various leadership roles at the county, district, and state level. Participants gain valuable 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 team building skills, and develop communication and public speaking skills.

**LOCATION**  
District 9 4-H Leadership Adventure will be held at Texas A&M Galveston in Galveston, Texas.

**THEME**  
The theme for Leadership Adventure 2016 is “Lead-YOUR-Ship!” Activities will be coordinated around this theme.

**COST**  
$255.00/person for 4-H members, adult leaders, and county Extension agents. **No refunds will be given.** The cost covers lodging, meals, a t-shirt, and activity fees (unless otherwise indicated). Counties are responsible for transportation to and from Leadership Adventure facilities.

**REGISTRATION**  
All participants, chaperones, and agents MUST register on 4-H CONNECT ([https://texas.4honline.com/](https://texas.4honline.com/)) by May 30, 2016. Late registration will be accepted June 1 through June 16 for an additional $50.00.

**AGE REQUIREMENT**  
All senior aged youth (grades 9th - 12th as of August 31, 2015) may participate, including graduating 2016 seniors. Youth that have completed the 8th grade as of Leadership Adventure dates may also participate.

**DRESS CODE**  
Attire for Leadership Adventure is casual but 4-H appropriate. Items not allowed: *tops with spaghetti straps, halter type tops, shirts that reveal the midriff, excessively loose fitting pants or jeans, short shorts or skirts, clothing advertising or referencing alcohol, drugs, violence or having sexual content. *Two-piece swimsuits are allowed, but should adequately cover all body parts.
**WHAT TO BRING**

- Bedding (pillow, sheets, and blankets), towels, washcloths, shower shoes, and any personal items needed. *All participants (youth and adults) will be housed in dorm facilities.*
- Clothes and shoes for active sports, swimsuits, water shoes, outdoor recreation and nightly dances.
- Light jacket or sweater in case of inclement weather or cold classrooms.
- Tennis shoes, boots or some other closed toe shoes that can get WET and DIRTY.
- Beach towel, sunscreen, hat, and mosquito spray
- *Please do not bring valuable electronic equipment.*

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Each participant (youth AND adults, including CEAs) is required to bring the following forms with them to Leadership Adventure:

- Release, Waiver, and Authorization for Medical Treatment
- Health Statement
- Code of Conduct
  - Consequences of Misbehavior
- Camps Liability Waiver

*Forms should be completely filled out, including ALL SIGNATURES*

County Extension offices are encouraged to print a set from 4-H Connect or have them filled out for traveling purposes.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS**

- Elections will be conducted at Leadership Adventures on Thursday, June 30, 2016
- All nominees must complete and submit the officer nomination form (application), through their County Extension office, to the District Office by 5 p.m. May 30, 2016.
- Criteria for District 9 4-H Council nomination is on the form; please note the eligibility, age and enrollment requirements
- Each County may submit only 3 candidates, and have only 2 voting delegates (if they have 2 or more participants attending Leadership Adventures)
- Everyone should be familiar with the District 9 Council By-laws.
- Any nominee running for a District officer is strongly encouraged to attend Pre-lab (June 17, 2016) to be considered as a teen leader during Leadership Adventures. Those running will be notified of location and time
- Nomination form and by-laws can be found on the D9 Council Officer website